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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE OCTOBER MEETING?

The Clifton Cemetery program took the place of the October meeting (see later in this issue).

OFFICERS CALL!

It will soon be time to elect a new slate of officers for Phelps Camp. The proposed slate is as follows:

Camp Commander: Kirk Singleton
Senior Vice Commander: Jeff Patrick
Junior Vice Commander: Ed Krieser
Secretary: Michael Price
Treasurer: Kirk Singleton
Newsletter editor: Jeff Patrick

This slate (and any nominations from the floor) will be voted on at the December meeting.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

Phelps Camp meetings will now be held on the second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m., still in the Visitor Center of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

NOTE:

The effort to assist Wilson's Creek National Battlefield will take the place of the November meeting (see later in this issue).

We hope to see you there!



CLIFTON CEMETERY PROGRAM

Excellent weather greeted the men of Phelps Camp on Saturday, October 9 for the commemoration of the Clifton family at their cemetery in rural Webster County.

The event, hosted by the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, saw about 75 people gather to honor Nathan Clifton, a veteran of the American Revolution.

Members of that chapter, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Branson High School JROTC, state representatives, family members and Phelps Camp men honored both Nathan Clifton and his sons (four of whom served in the Union Army, and one died in service). Two of Union veteran sons are buried near their father.

The ceremony included remarks by Phelps Camp's Jeff Patrick, a color guard, and the firing of musket volleys.



WILSON'S CREEK REQUESTS HELP WITH ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

The battlefield has asked Phelps Camp to assist with placing luminaries on the Tour Road on Saturday, November 13, in lieu of our regular meeting.

Members should gather at the Visitor Center at 12 Noon. The work should be done by 3 p.m. Comfortable, warm clothes and footwear are recommended. Let's help the battlefield remember the 2,500 casualties of that day, and all those who have served our nation.

HISTORIC WEAPONS RANGE DAY



Members of Phelps Camp journeyed to the Singleton Ranch on Saturday, October 16 for the annual event known as Range Day.

Members fired a number of original and reproduction historic weapons, including the Spencer and Henry rifles, Maynard carbine, 2nd Model Allin conversion, M1853 Enfield rifle-musket, and several late 1860s and early 1870s revolvers.

Although members scored some hits “in the black,” several milk jugs and a 55-gallon drum were riddled by the accurate fire of camp members.

