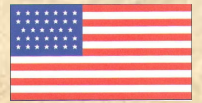


# The Union Defender

The Newsletter of Phelps Camp No. 66,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



## September 2019

### WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING?

“Wait a minute! What happened at the June meeting,” you may be asking. Recall that we could not hold our June meeting at Wilson’s Creek due to the fact that our usual meeting space was being used as a staging area for the packing of the park’s museum collection. That said, here’s what happened at the September meeting:

- 1) Members discussed Memorial Day activities (see later in this issue).
- 2) Members discussed Historic Range Day (also see later in this issue).
- 3) Camp Commander Clanton has indicated that he will not be interested in another term as camp commander due to on-going work commitments.
- 4) Members discussed the possible purchase of an original Civil War letter for donation to Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield.
- 5) Member Ed Krieser gave an update on the latest national encampment and handed out recruiting flyers.

### NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting of Phelps Camp will be our holiday dinner meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., location to be determined.**





## PARADE OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER IS ENORMOUS HIT ON MEMORIAL DAY

An estimated 1,200 people turned out to chat with Phelps Camp members portraying American soldiers from 1775-2019 at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield on Monday, May 27, 2019. Visitors began arriving before our displays were set, and continued until well past our stated closing time. Our thanks to all camp members who supported this event.





## **ANNUAL PHELPS CAMP “HISTORIC RANGE DAY”**

**Once again, thanks to the generosity of camp members Kirk Singleton and John Sutton, members of the camp will enjoy handling and live firing a number of reproduction and original U.S. military weapons—at targets!**

**Historic range day is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. at the Singleton farm. Directions are below:**

**From Billings, take HWY 14 West, to the Lawrence County line (jog in road). Continue 1/4 mile to road 1245, on right.**

**If you get to McKinley you've gone too far. Travel 1 mile on 1245 to house on left, number 13679.**

**If you get lost and need further directions, call Kirk's cell number at 848-6165.**

**Camp members may attend to observe and/or fire the weapons, and may come and go as they wish. The range will be supervised by John Sutton, former National Park Service black powder safety supervisor and instructor.**

**Those who attend may wish to bring hearing protection, water, and snacks.**



**John Sutton demonstrating the famous “Texas grip,” an actual firing stance taught by the U.S. Army during the Indian Wars.**

