



# THE BUGLE CALL


THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION

SPRING 2013

## FOUNDATION PLANS A SPRING FLING!

You won't want to miss this unique event! A Spring Fling with a focus on land preservation surrounding Wilson's Creek Battlefield will be held at the historic Ray House on May 16. The evening of food and entertainment, sponsored by the Wilson's Creek NB Foundation, will feature a fabulous dinner menu created by Chef James Clary, original Civil War period vignettes by Jon Herbert and the OTC players, tours of the Ray House with living historians, and music by local band the Loon Rangers. Topping off this special event will be a spectacular night cannon firing!

This is an opportunity to experience a one-of-a-kind evening on the Ray House hill above the battlefield, watching a beautiful sunset over the battlefield and soaking in the history of the Civil War. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting two Foundation projects that will help preserve the rural setting of this pristine battlefield for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

The cost for this wonderful event is only \$100 per person, and all proceeds will be used for the Foundation's land preservation efforts. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Foundation office at 417-864-3041 or go to [www.wilsonscreek.com/springfling](http://www.wilsonscreek.com/springfling) 

## LIBRARY PRESENTS 12-DAY CIVIL WAR PROGRAM THIS SUMMER

Marking the anniversary of Civil War turning points during the summer of 1863, the Springfield-Greene County Library District, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, WCNB Foundation, and several other partners will sponsor a 12-day series of programs and battle site tours from July 10 through 21.

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## BATTLEFIELD RECRUITS NEW VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield held its first ever Volunteer Recruitment Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day's activities began with a short video introducing the NPS Volunteer in Parks (VIP) program, followed by a brief presentation from the park volunteer coordinator. At that time the coordinator presented the specific volunteer needs for the 2013 spring and summer season, as identified by each division. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. visitors were encouraged to stop by several exhibit tables in the multi-purpose room to learn first-hand about the various opportunities from current volunteers. Those interested in signing up to volunteer were encouraged to stop at the registration/information table and visit further with the park volunteer coordinator.



During the course of the day, about 60 people attended the event, with 32 prospective volunteers completing applications. Currently, the applications are being reviewed by the various supervisors who will begin interviewing applicants shortly. Training for new volunteers will be scheduled in the near future.

Traditionally volunteer recruitment efforts at Wilson's Creek NB have taken place in the spring just prior to the spring school visitation. It has been suggested that perhaps a fall recruitment effort may also be needed.

People interested in volunteering at Wilson's Creek NB can fill out an application in the Visitor Center at any time. These applications will then be routed to the various supervisors, who decide whether a current need can be filled by the particular applicant. Applications are also available at <http://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/volunteer.htm> 

# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Craig Dunn



While there have been many days that would make you wonder, spring has finally come to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. If you take a trip through the park this month, you will find a world that is finally starting to turn green and is on the verge of becoming vibrant with color. The early spring wildflowers have al-

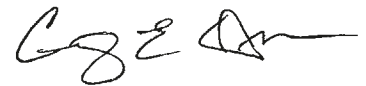
ready surfaced, and native blooming trees like redbuds and dogwoods are showing their eagerly anticipated buds. If these sights don't convince you that spring is here, take a moment to be still and listen as the birds and animals come alive with songs and chatter, knowing that warm weather is ahead of us.

The Foundation has planned several new events for 2013 that we are excited to share with you. In May we will be hosting a Spring Fling on the hill at the historic Ray House. The evening event will include dinner, period entertainment, tours of the house with living historians, music, night cannon firing, and most importantly, a focus on land preservation for the battlefield.

In addition, this fall we are hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bloody Hill Run through the park. It will include a 5-mile run on the Tour Road and a 1-mile fun run for all ages and levels of experience. We hope that this event will attract many who have never visited the battlefield and raise awareness about the treasure we have in Wilson's Creek. The last Wilson's Creek run took place in the 1970s before the Visitor Center was built, so this will be a special opportunity for people to visit the battlefield and enjoy a healthy activity in the beauty of the Ozarks outdoors.

Last but not least, don't forget the free Arts in the Park music performances taking place Saturday evenings in May on the Visitor Center lawn. Grab a lawn chair and come listen to some beautiful music from yesteryears with the family.

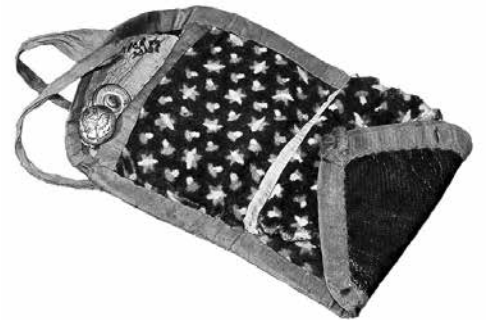
There's not a better time to come out to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield than right now. So tell your friends, bring your family, and we look forward to seeing you out at the park!



Craig Dunn, President



From reveille to taps, soldiers endured the daily round of roll calls, meals, drills, inspections, and fatigue duties. Throughout this tedious and seemingly endless routine, it was often the personal necessities sent or brought from home, or purchased from "sutlers" (licensed provisioners to the army) that made camp life tolerable. Many of these items were used for personal hygiene, grooming, and keeping uniforms in repair. The housewife, pictured here, contained needles, tread and buttons for repairing clothes.



Have any stories of local or historical interest relating to the Civil War? We're always on the lookout for new stories and unique images for *The Bugle Call*. Please send your newsletter contributions to:

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## The Mission of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation

To work in cooperation with and to support the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, a unit of the National Park Service and its staff. To further, by all proper and legitimate agencies and means, the acquisition of Civil War historical properties and materials especially those related to the Battle of Wilson's Creek, or usable in the interpretation of the Wilson's Creek battle. To be a friend of the park whose primary purpose is to support Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in a partnership through activities which may include fund-raising, volunteerism, education, advocacy, and research.

# Arts in the Park 2013!

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield presents its annual FREE concert series on the lawn in front of the Visitor Center.

May 4, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – **Holmes Brigade Minstrels** – Favorites for National Park Service events and reenactments, the Holmes Brigade is a small group of area musicians who recreate authentic historical musical experiences by giving the audience a glimpse of Civil War camp life.

May 11, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – **Potters Wheel** – This gospel group was born out of the desire to quit playing music for the world and start using their talents for the Lord. Three members of the group have been together for eleven years and have witnessed a great deal of blessings along the way.

May 18, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – **The Missouri State University Community Band** – This 45 member, all volunteer community band, a returning favorite here at the battlefield, will perform a variety of concert selections.

May 25, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – **High Strung** – Welcome back this bluegrass group from the Springfield-Branson area who started performing regularly at bluegrass festivals in 2004.

**Hope to see you at the battlefield for another great season of Arts in the Park!**



## Annual Ray House Jamboree

The Wilson's Creek NB Foundation's annual music jamboree at the historic Ray House will take place on **Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Come out and enjoy the view from the hilltop while you listen to local groups playing a variety of Civil War and old time Ozarks tunes on the Ray House porch.

*11:00 a.m. **The Back Porch Players** – the Stickley family performs Civil War and traditional music*

*12:00 p.m. **Rowan's Crossing** – Jennifer and James Bennett play and sing traditional Irish and Civil War tunes*

*1:00 p.m. **Playground** – old time music with Gail Morrissey on hammer dulcimer*

*2:00 p.m. **Ripplin' Creek** – traditional Ozarks music with Bill and Ann Riggs, Bill Wood, Mike Latshaw, Fred Keil, and Dennis McBride*

*3:00 p.m. **Ozark Mountain Dulcimers** – with Dennis Norwood*

Bring your lawn chairs and plan to stay a while. The Foundation will be serving period refreshments, Janet Caudillo will be doing hand spinning demonstrations, and the Ray House will be open for visitors. The event is free with regular battlefield admission of \$5 per person or \$10 for a carload. For more information, call the Foundation office at 417-864-3041.



1863," lectures and moving music will bring to life the surprising stories of the Indian Home Guards; the Battles of Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Honey Springs; Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; and music under the stars by Nashville's Granville Automatic.

The Library will also offer a window to history with bus tours of past the historic Battle of Springfield and Wilson's Creek Battle sites.

All events are free and open to the public. All programs will take place in the auditorium of the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave.; the concert will be on the Library Center patio.

## Turning Points Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, July 10:

7 p.m. Civil War Round Table presents "**Albert C. Ellithorpe, Union Colonel 1st Indian Home Guards,**" by Jane Johansson, associate professor at Rogers State University. Union Colonel Albert C. Ellithorpe served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Home Guards Regiment, a tri-racial unit comprised of whites, refugee Creek and Seminole Indians, and African-Americans. Johansson discusses the nature of warfare in the Trans-Mississippi, the role of Indian troops and the internal problems of the Army of the Frontier.

### Thursday, July 11:

7 p.m., "**Civil War in Indian Territory,**" by Ralph Jones, retired superintendent of Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site. The Battle of Honey Springs was the largest of 107 documented "hostile encounters" in the Indian Territory. Native troops from both armies also fought in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. In many cases the Indian Territory war truly was "brother against brother."

Friday, July 12: 7 p.m., "**Ulysses S. Grant, Vicksburg, and Freedom.**" Pam Sanfilippo, Historian and Education Director at Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site, discusses Grant's long Vicksburg campaign and the multiple views of freedom the capture of Vicksburg represented.

### Saturday, July 13:

10 a.m., **Driving Tour, of the Battle of Springfield.** Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.

2 p.m., "**It Haunts Me Night and Day,**" **The Baxter Springs Massacre,** by Matt Mathews, military historian at the U.S. Army's Combat Studies Institute. The slaughter at Baxter Springs, Kansas, on October 6, 1863, was one of the most heinous acts of the war, and yet the event has long remained a mystery. How did one of the most victorious Union generals in the trans-Mississippi succumb to such a calamity? How did he and others survive?

2-4:30 p.m. **Driving Tour, Battle of Wilson's Creek.** Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.

7 p.m., "**Vicksburg: Crucial to the Outcome,**" by Terry Winschell. A look at the military, political, and economic significance of Vicksburg and its connection to the vast Trans-Mississippi region. The retired Vicksburg National Military Park historian makes the case that Vicksburg was a city of great strategic significance during the Civil War and that its loss marked the doom of the Confederacy.

### Sunday, July 14:

2-4:30 p.m., **Driving Tour, Battle of Wilson's Creek.** Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.

### Monday, July 15:

7 p.m., "**Common Foe of Mankind: Guerrillas, Civilians, and the Nature of War in 1863,**" by Matt Stith, assistant professor of History at University of Texas at Tyler. This talk will explore the complex and often brutal guerrilla war in the Ozarks in 1863. The irregular war will be placed in the broader context of the social, cultural, racial, and natural environment exemplified by the region.

### Tuesday, July 16:

7 p.m., "**'Revenge Was the Watchword': The Lawrence Massacre, Order Number 11, and Guerrilla War in the Summer of 1863,**" by Dr. Jeremy Neely, Missouri State University history professor. The Lawrence Massacre of August 21, 1863, in which raiders under William C. Quantrill killed more than 170 men and boys, was one of the worst atrocities of the Civil War. Neely considers the origins of this incident and its place within the guerrilla war of western Missouri.

### Wednesday, July 17:

7 p.m., "**The Campaign to Take Little Rock, 1863,**" by Mark Christ, community outreach director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. In August and September 1863, some 12,000 Union troops from southeast Missouri and Helena, Ark., marched west to bring a fourth Confederate capital under Union control. A smaller but determined Rebel force braced to face them. The outcome of the campaign would determine control of the Arkansas River Valley and, in effect, the Department of the Trans-Mississippi.

### Thursday, July 18:

7 p.m., "**James Longstreet and the Gettysburg Controversy,**" by Dr. William Piston, Missouri State University history professor. The question of responsibility for the Confederate defeat at Gettysburg preoccupied Southern veterans after the war and has intrigued historians ever since. The greatest controversy centers on allegations of inaction and ineptitude on the part of James Longstreet, second-in-command to Robert E. Lee. The talk explores Longstreet and the manner in which debate about Longstreet has shaped our understanding of Gettysburg and the Civil War, itself.

### Friday, July 19:

6:30 p.m., "**Victor of Gettysburg: George Meade and Civil War History.**" Library Local History Associate Michael Price will discuss Union General George G. Meade at the Battle of Gettysburg. Despite winning the largest battle of the Civil War, Meade is often not rated among the war's greatest generals. Learn how Meade guided his army to victory over the seemingly invincible Robert E. Lee and why his reputation continues to suffer.

8 p.m. **Granville Automatic concert of Civil War music,** on the Library Center patio; in the auditorium if it rains.

### Saturday, July 20:

10 a.m.- 1 p.m., **Driving Tour, Battle of Wilson's Creek.** Tour attendees will also see a cannon firing demonstration at the battlefield. Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.

2 p.m., **Driving Tour, Battle of Springfield.** Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.

4 p.m., "**One by one the boys pass away: The Hospital Diary of Corporal William Miller, 75th Indiana Infantry,**" by Jeff Patrick, noted military historian and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield librarian. In early 1863, William Bluffton Miller of the 75th Indiana Infantry put aside his musket to serve as a hospital attendant in Gallatin, Tenn. He eventually rejoined his regiment, only to be seriously wounded later that year at the Battle of Chickamauga, Ga. Miller later returned to the ranks and survived the war. His detailed daily diary offers a unique "common soldier" perspective on life as both a caregiver and patient during the Civil War.

7 p.m., "**From Virginia to Missouri: The Civil War in 1863,**" by Dr. William Piston, Missouri State University history professor. While American fascination with Civil War in 1863 largely centers on Gettysburg, crucial events occurred elsewhere during that decisive year: U.S. Grant's well-known Vicksburg campaign in Mississippi; William S. Rosecrans's masterful but overlooked Tullahoma campaign in Tennessee; the great Confederate victory at Chickamauga in Georgia; and the South's development of a strategy of cavalry raids in Missouri. Dr. Piston will explore the major military events of 1863, placing them in the context of the Civil War's social and political developments.

### Sunday, July 21:

2 p.m., **Driving Tour, Battle of Springfield.** Meet at Library Center front door. Reservations required, call 882-0714.



# Superintendent's Corner

By Ted Hillmer

Dear Foundation Members,

I continue to be humbled to serve as Wilson's Creek NB Superintendent over the past nine years. It has been my honor to represent the park in our efforts to educate the greater Springfield community and our visitors about the history and importance of Wilson's Creek (Oaks Hills).

Working with the battlefield management team and the Board of Directors of the Foundation, we will accomplish great things in 2013. Here are the projects we have committed to work on for this year:

- Updating the Springfield Markers in the downtown Springfield area
- Supporting the Civil War lecture series in conjunction with the Springfield-Greene County Library District in July
- Continuing with the intercity summer youth program through other partnerships
- Developing a relationship with the College of the Ozarks

- Promoting the battlefield through the Spring Fling at the Ray House
- Coordinating the first annual fall run at the battlefield
- Assisting with the purchase of land within the approved extended boundary expansion
- Working with the USDA on a conservation easement near the Ray House

This is a Foundation that is very active, sets goals, and accomplishes its goals. If you want to be part of an active group that achieves goals, you should become a member of Wilson's Creek NB Foundation. Come join hands and let's work together to make the battlefield relevant to our society and to the greater Springfield area.

Ted Hillmer,  
Superintendent

## COMING THIS FALL!



Participants will receive a Technical t-shirt for the 5 mile run (while supplies last), cotton t-shirt for fun run, and a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Battle of Wilson's Creek book for first 500 participants. There will be Civil War living history activities, period refreshments, and the beautiful landscape of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

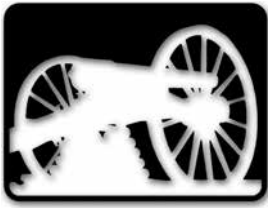
All proceeds will go to benefit Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

Take the challenge and conquer Bloody Hill!

For the first time at Wilson's Creek, the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation will be hosting a 5-Mile Timed Run along with a 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Watch for information, updates, and registration forms at

[www.wilsonscreek.com](http://www.wilsonscreek.com)



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## **Upcoming Events: at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield**

- May**
- 5 Free Arts in the Park Concert – *Red Bridge*, 7:00 PM at the Visitor Center
  - 12 Free Arts in the Park Concert – *Bob Hammons & Wildwood*, 7:00 PM at the Visitor Center
  - 19 Free Arts in the Park Concert – *Missouri State University Community Band*, 7:00 PM at the Visitor Center
  - 25 Free Arts in the Park Concert – *High Strung*, 7:00 PM at the Visitor Center
  - 25 Change to Summer Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 PM Visitor Center, 8:00 am - 9:00 PM Tour Road
- June**
- 1 “Ray House Jamboree” old time music program, 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at the Ray House (stop 2 on the tour road)
  - 8 The U.S. Soldier at Wilson's Creek (Firing Demonstrations), 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at stop number 5 on the Tour Road
  - 22 Artillery at Wilson's Creek (Firing Demonstrations), 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at stop number 5 on the Tour Road
- July**
- 6 Artillery at Wilson's Creek (Firing Demonstrations), 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at stop number 5 on the Tour Road
  - 20 Artillery at Wilson's Creek (Firing Demonstrations), 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at stop number 5 on the Tour Road
- August**
- 10 152nd Battle Anniversary Observance, 10-11 a.m. – No Entrance Fee
  - 10-11 The Southern Soldier at Wilson's Creek (Firing Demonstrations), 11:00 am - 4:00 PM at stop number 5 on the Tour Road

Note: All Small Arms and Artillery Firing Demonstrations are located at Tour Road Stop Number 5 (Sigel's Final Position).  
All programs are weather dependent and subject to availability of volunteer assistance. For more information,  
call (417) 732-2662 or visit the National Park Service Web Site at [www.nps.gov/wicr](http://www.nps.gov/wicr)