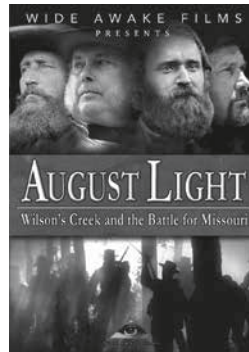


# THE BUGLE CALL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION FALL 2012/WINTER 2013

## AUGUST LIGHT WINS EMMY

Wide Awake Films' *August Light: Wilson's Creek and the Battle for Missouri* won the Mid-America Regional Emmy Award for Historical Documentary at a ceremony held at Kansas City's Midland Theatre. The film was also recently accepted for national PBS broadcast by the National Educational Telecommunications Association and will begin broadcasting on PBS affiliates across the United States.



Shot in High-Definition, *August Light* depicts the Battle of Wilson's Creek, the second major battle of the Civil War and the first west of the Mississippi River, which helped to determine the fate of Missouri. Wilson's Creek marked the beginning of four years of invading armies and ruthless guerilla warfare in Missouri, from St. Louis to modern-day Kansas City. Told through the experiences of individuals, both civilian and soldier, this story reveals a volatile mix of social and political differences -- and a deeply divided population.

Since beginning this project in 2007, Wide Awake Films has staged several large-scale shoots—some including up to 85 actors and re-enactors—on portions of the national park site where the Battle of Wilson's Creek was fought in 1861. Production on *August Light* began following Wide Awake Films' completion of a 28-minute video for the Visitor Center at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Funded by the Wilson's Creek Foundation, the interpretive film debuted in April of 2009.

Wide Awake Films concluded the documentary filming in November 2010, with a shoot in Kansas City's Historic City Market. In and amongst the City Market's 19th century architecture, the company paraded their camera crew, several horses, and more than thirty actors armed with muskets and dressed in authentic period costumes. Filming wrapped with a reenactment of the St. Louis Massacre of early 1861, during which a regiment of Northern soldiers fired on civilians in the city streets, killing 28 and wounding 75. The event significantly impacted popular opinion about the war and bitterly divided Missouri's residents. Civil War giants William Sherman and Ulysses S. Grant, who stood in the crowd that day, were portrayed by local Kansas City actors.

## EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD 150TH ANNIVERSARY


The Wilson's Creek Foundation will commemorate the Battle of Springfield's 150th anniversary on January 8, 2013, with a special program to be held on the Springfield public square. The noon event, which is open to the public, will feature remarks from special guests, a color guard, re-enactors, and a reception to be held in the History Museum also located on the square.

A highlight of the commemoration will be the unveiling of newly redesigned markers describing the 1863 battle. The markers, located in the downtown area and originally installed in the fall of 2000, were in need of a facelift and some revisions. The twelve markers identify locations significant to the battle, provide information about the personalities involved on each side, and explain tactics and strategy. Guests at the commemoration will be able to pick up a driving tour brochure with the locations of the twelve markers.

The 150th anniversary commemoration is a joint project of the Wilson's Creek Foundation and the Springfield/Greene County Library. While the Foundation has focused its attention on the marker project, the library has developed a web site with an interactive map and information about the battle ([www.springfield1863.org](http://www.springfield1863.org)), a series of lectures and special programs described below, and traveling exhibits about the Battle of Springfield and the Battle of Hartville during January and February. For more details, visit the Foundation web site at [www.wilsonscreek.com](http://www.wilsonscreek.com) or the Springfield-Greene County Library District web site at [www.thelibrary.org](http://www.thelibrary.org).

See *Battle of Springfield* on page 4

In its debut broadcast on Springfield's Ozark Public Television last year, *August Light* earned an extremely high index rating of 500+. Ratings for high-performing programs typically rate near the 195 index in the Springfield market, with an average rating of 100. In its second broadcast on Kansas City's KCPT, nearly 8,000 households tuned in.

To order a DVD of this excellent film, visit [www.wideawakefilms.com](http://www.wideawakefilms.com). 

DEDICATED TO THE SUPPORT OF WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

# WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Craig Dunn



Wow, what a privilege it is to be serving as President of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. Growing up only miles away from the battlefield, I can tell you that it is an absolute honor to serve in this capacity for such a worthy organization. Our past President Steve Ross did an outstanding job of leading us through the

150th Anniversary Reenactment, among other things, and I know I have some very big shoes to fill!

For over 60 years, this Foundation has been supported and served by a countless number of volunteers. Some have served as Board members, others have volunteered at numerous Foundation events, and many more have been there for the Foundation through their generous donations. The success that we have seen over the years at the battlefield is because of these people, and you are receiving this newsletter because you, too, are a valued partner of the Foundation.

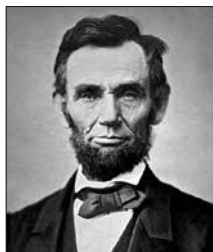
As we move into 2013, we are focused on continuing with our land preservation efforts, and we would also like to see more involvement with the WCNB Foundation. While land sales to developers have obviously slowed down over the last few years, it is only a matter of time before that trend reverses, which means that today is the perfect time to preserve even more of our precious battlegrounds. In addition, if we can increase membership in our organization, we will be able to make more people aware of the importance of protecting this special place. We are planning some new and exciting events for next year that will support these efforts. Look for more information about them in the coming months.

Again, what an honor to be in this position! I want to thank all of our past and present supporters who have made our national park what it is today, and I look forward to working with you over the next two years, as we continue to preserve our battlegrounds and educate the next generation about Wilson's Creek.

Craig Dunn, President



In November 1863, President Lincoln was invited to offer a "few appropriate remarks"



at the opening of a new Union cemetery at Gettysburg. Though Lincoln spoke just 269 words in his Gettysburg address, the main speaker, an orator from Massachusetts, spoke for nearly two hours.



A Thomas Nast illustration of a couple separated by war on Christmas Eve, from Harpers Weekly, January 1863

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:

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation  
Attn: Bugle Call Editor  
P.O. Box 8163  
Springfield, MO 65801  
FAX to: 417-864-7428  
E-mail: [info@wilsonscreek.com](mailto:info@wilsonscreek.com)

## 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.



---

---

## FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

---

---



Jerry Redfearn joined the Board of Directors of the Wilson's Creek NB Foundation in August of this year. A native of Springfield, he attended Central High and SMS (before it was Missouri State). Jerry spent 37 years in the auto parts business and owned Springfield Parts Warehouse for 15 years. He has worked with CRJ Commercial Group as a commercial realtor for the past 14 years and is currently semi-retired.

Jerry has one son, one daughter, and two grandsons. In his spare time he enjoys golf, traveling, and MSU athletics. Asked why he became involved with the Foundation, Jerry responded, "I have always had an interest in American history, especially the Battle of Wilson's Creek and its chapter in the Civil War. I look forward to being a productive member of the Board." We are very pleased to have Jerry join us in our efforts to preserve the battlefield and its resources.



Kathleen O'Dell worked as a newspaper journalist for 33 years before joining the Springfield-Greene County Library District as Community Relations Director in September 2009. After earning a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, her reporting career took her to the *Enterprise and Journal* in Beaumont, Texas, *USA Today*, and most recently the *Springfield News-Leader*.

Kathleen and her husband Jim live in Springfield, are longtime boaters on Table Rock Lake, and also love to hike, camp, and float along the Buffalo National River in Arkansas. They have two grown daughters, Katherine and Hannah O'Dell.

Kathleen's involvement with the battlefield stems from a life-long interest in Civil War history and a stirring tour of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield when she first moved to Springfield in 1977. As a *News-Leader* reporter she wrote stories "in character" from a Wilson's Creek battle reenactment, made living history presentations based on her fictionalized character for civic and local Civil War groups, and for a short period participated in reenactments in Missouri.

"Serving on the Battlefield Foundation feels like a natural way for me to honor the Union and Confederate soldiers who served or perished at Wilson's Creek and to do my part in preserving the battlefield so future generations have a place to connect with history and the souls who passed through there," Kathleen explained. We are very happy that Kathleen has agreed to join the Foundation Board.



Tom Fowler, III, is a third generation Springfieldian. Educated as a lawyer, he made banking his profession when he joined his father, Tom Fowler, Jr., at State Bank of Southwest Missouri more than a dozen years ago. He enjoys the challenges of his current position as Vice President and Loan Officer.

## 9th Annual Luminary Tour & Ray House Christmas



Mark your calendars for the Wilson's Creek Battlefield's Memorial Illumination on Saturday, December 8th, 2012. More than 2,500 candle luminaries will be placed on both sides of the 5-mile tour road loop to provide a tangible representation of the 2,539 casualties of the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

The evening will begin with a short program at 4:30 p.m. to honor veterans and thank the volunteers who prepared and placed the luminaries. The tour road will open for vehicles at 5:15 p.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. The Visitor Center book store will be open, and the Kickapoo High School Choir, led by Nathan Cornelius, will perform Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served by the Wilson's Creek Foundation. The historic Ray House will be decorated in 1860s Christmas style, with volunteers in period clothing describing life for the Ray family during the Civil War.

Admission for this event is **free**, as the battlefield's special gift to the greater Springfield area.

In 2011 Tom founded Christian Media Ministries, Inc. CMM helps Christians spread the Gospel using all forms of media. This year Tom and his wife Tina will celebrate 20 years of marriage. They have two daughters, Tara and Tess.

Tom has a deep respect for those who have served in the military throughout our country's history. He feels that it is an honor to join the Foundation Board of Directors because he is dedicated to preserving and protecting Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. We are delighted to have Tom as an enthusiastic supporter of the Foundation's goals and objectives. 📖

## BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, January 8, noon—**Battle of Springfield 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program and Marker Dedication** at Park Central Square in Springfield

*Additional events will be held at the Library Center,  
4653 S. Campbell Ave.*

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.—**“Quinine and Courage: Marmaduke’s Raid on Springfield,”** Dr. William Piston and John Rutherford

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.—**“Presidential Address: Emancipation and Slavery in Missouri,”** Fritz Klein brings Lincoln to life

Thursday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.—**“Artifacts from Wilson’s Creek Battlefield,”** Debra Wood and Alan Chilton

Friday, January 11, 6:30 p.m.—**“Racing to the Crossroads: The Battle of Hartville,”** Michael Price

Friday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.—**“On Slavery’s Border: Enslaved Families and Communities in Missouri, 1815-1865,”** Dr. Diane Mutti Burke

Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.—**Driving Tour of the Battle of Springfield,** John Rutherford. **To register, call 882-0714**

Saturday, January 12, 2 p.m.—**“Ride with the Devil”** film with scholarly discussion, Dr. Jeremy Neely

Saturday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.—**“Alf Bolin, Notorious Bushwhacker,”** Wayne Glenn

Saturday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.—**“John R. Kelso, Bushwhacker Hunter,”** Teresa Hernandez

Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.—**Driving Tour of Battle of Springfield.** **To register, call 882-0714.**

Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.—**The Holmes Brigade Minstrels** play Civil War camp music 🎶



## REPUBLIC STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THREATENED SPECIES AT BATTLEFIELD

Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield is home to a threatened species, the Missouri bladderpod, (*Lesquerella filiformis*). Recently, students from Republic High School, working with Heartland Inventory and Monitoring Network scientists, learned about the habitat requirements, lifecycle, and monitoring history of this tiny plant. Prior to visiting the battlefield, students had access to data that related management techniques to protect these rare populations with changes in population size and habitat conditions. They were also provided with literature about the ecology of this plant species.

Teachers asked the students to use the information provided to determine how to protect the fragile bladderpod population where it occurs in a limestone glade, while at the same time allowing visitor access to this historically significant portion of the park. Park managers must balance multiple needs, values, and priorities. Specifically, how do we protect fragile resources, while fulfilling the NPS mission of making resources available for the enjoyment of this and future generations?

The students visited the park in October to study bladderpod habitat and visit the historic marker where General Lyon was shot and killed in the battle. Following orientation and discussion, they hiked to the glade site. At this point, scientists demonstrated data collecting techniques and important habitat characteristics. Students also learned from the park ranger, resource manager, and superintendent about the historic significance of the site, ongoing landscape restoration efforts, including prescribed fire and cedar removal, and challenges of funding such activities.

Students were charged to propose a management plan that protects the bladderpod population and allows visitor access to the historic location, supporting their plan with data, site observations, and ecological understanding. Students next worked in teams and were assigned roles representing various stakeholders: park managers, park visitors, scientists, historians, etc. Students presented their individual and group recommendations to a mixed audience of visiting park staff, students, teachers, and school administrators at their school. This experience provided an excellent way for students to use their education in a real-world application.

For more information, you can view a local news video and report of the event online at [www.republictigerschools.com/2012/10/ap-biology-students-mix-science-and-history](http://www.republictigerschools.com/2012/10/ap-biology-students-mix-science-and-history).





# Superintendent's Corner

By Ted Hillmer

Dear Foundation Members,

As I gaze out into the park this morning, I see a heavy fog over the landscape, leaves still falling from the trees, a few stubborn leaves hanging on to the mighty oaks with all their strength, and several deer walking in the tall, damp grasses. Someone might read this and say it sounds like a "gloomy day!" No, quite the opposite, I see this as another day in the life of the battlefield, always changing and never the same. Before the more than 160,000 visitors who visit the battlefield on a yearly basis can enjoy a different view of the landscape at the battlefield, we have to pass through this early morning fog. You see, the afternoon temperatures will reach 71 degrees on the day before Thanksgiving, the day when we give thanks for all the blessings we have enjoyed throughout the year.

We are truly blessed to be living in a free county with so much to be thankful for. Every day I arise and believe I am the luckiest person on the planet! I have a job that many people only dream about. Working for the National Park Service is a dream come true for me. Could things be better? Yes, they could! However, every job brings good and bad (like the rain

falls on the just and the unjust), and working with people can sometimes be a challenge. But, all in all, after visiting other counties and coming back to the United States, I thank our forefathers for all the sacrifices they made to create this great county for us to enjoy and to preserve for the next generation.

Mark it on your Wilson's Creek Battlefield calendar this year to visit the park on a monthly basis, to experience it in all seasons. Don't buy that gift; buy something that will last. Come and take a walk at the battlefield and create your own special moments. This time next year you will forget the gifts you received from friends and family, but maybe you will remember that special walk when you observed the wild turkeys sitting on a split rail fence on a cold foggy morning.

Enjoy...Come and see us in 2013!

Ted Hillmer,  
Superintendent

---

---

## NEW MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTORS

---

---

These generous people and organizations have recently joined or contributed to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. Please join us in thanking them for their support of historical preservation!

John and Connie Alexander  
Brent and Linda Barnett  
Bass Pro Inc.  
Susan Beine  
Jeremy and Stacy Beller  
Matt and Melanie Blunt  
David Brigman  
Mary Burns  
Annie Busch  
David and Sandra Byrd  
Robert Capps  
Owen Case  
Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks  
Jim Cox  
Bill and Virginia Darr  
Craig Dunn  
Hadley and Jacqueline Ford  
Floyd Freiden  
John Gerdes  
David Goebel  
Donley and Patricia Granstra

Jack Hadsall  
Judd Harris  
Ted and Rachel Hillmer  
Dennis Hood  
Karen Horny  
John Houlehan  
Scott Hughes  
Warford and Jane Ann Johnson  
Jeremy and Heather Jones  
Robert and Barbara Kipfer  
Jane S. Lee  
Regina Leitle  
Richard and Faye Loeb  
Lesleigh Luttrell  
John Mayer  
Walter and Nancy McCrillis  
Tim Montgomery  
Larry Niederschulte  
Kathleen O'Dell  
Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper  
Mary McQueary

Lisa Meyer  
Dale Pilant  
Harry and Ellen Przekop  
John and Pat Purtell  
Jerry Redfearn  
Don and Sally Richardson  
William and Toni Roush  
Ruby Tuesday of Republic  
Michael Schroepel  
Richard and Rose Ann Splitter  
David Starbuck  
Tom Strong  
Clay Stuckey  
Ralph and Geraldine Thaemlitz  
Michael Trapasso  
Terry Tyndall  
John Vaughn  
Mark Whisler  
Jackie Williams  
Roger and Jackie Willman



Wilson's Creek  
National Battlefield  
Foundation

**P.O. Box 8163  
Springfield, MO 65801**

**Return Service Requested**



Be sure to like Wilson's  
Creek National Battlefield  
Foundation on Facebook!

**Visit our website!  
[www.wilsonscreek.com](http://www.wilsonscreek.com)**

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

### **November**

22 Thanksgiving Day (Visitor Center, Tour Road and all other battlefield property closed).

### **December**

8 9th Annual Luminary Tour & Ray House Christmas, 5:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. – Free Admission

24 Christmas Eve (Visitor Center, Tour Road and all other battlefield property closes at 12:00 p.m.).

25 Christmas Day (Visitor Center, Tour Road and all other battlefield property closed).

### **January**

1 New Year's Day (Visitor Center, Tour Road and all other battlefield property closed).

Note: 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)

We hope you can visit to the battlefield during the quiet winter season to explore the trails, travel the tour road, do a little family research in the Library or just enjoy the quiet of the park and its wildlife in the winter.

*Wishing You and Your  
Families...*



*a Bountiful Holiday  
Season!*