



**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI DAUGHTERS OF UNION  
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865**

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**President's Message**

Dear Sisters:

Thank you for the honor of serving as Missouri Department President, during the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

I would like to thank Past Department President Fran Black for her successful year and 2012 Convention in Springfield, MO. Fran, her officers and Tent #22 did a fantastic job. The tour of Carthage, Missouri was enlightening. Maggie Mae's Tea Room was unique.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend on June 7, 8, & 9, 2013 the MO Department Convention at the Comfort Inn, Macon, MO. Look for more Details in G.O. #2.

I still need a Musician if anyone is interested to play for the convention in Macon, MO. I would really appreciate it. Due to the unavailability of information on the National Officers or what went on at the Convention, we will put the information in the next issue.

Tent Presidents are: Tent 16, Donna Dasho, Tent 20 Sharleen Byrne, Tent 21 Gayle McCoy,  
Tent 22 Rose Jones and Tent 23 Ruth Maston.

If any of you have any information on what your Tent have been doing, we need information for the next G.O.

*In F. C. & L  
Marilyn Freeman*

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## Tent #22 Reports

### Tent No. 22 Wins Bessie L. Smith Award

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 was proud to be the recipient of the Bessie L. Smith Award, presented annually to a tent in recognition of a gain of seven or more new members in a year. The tent gained 17 new members during 2011. A certificate was presented to 2011 Tent No. 22 president, Sally McAlear, at the Missouri Department Convention, held in Springfield in June.

**Department President Fran Black presents Past Tent No. 22 President, Sally McAlear, with the Bessie L. Smith Award**

### Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 Dedicates Historical Marker at Phelps Grove Park in Springfield, Missouri

Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 dedicated a historical marker at Phelps Grove Park in Springfield on April 29. The marker honors the tent's namesake, Mary Whitney Phelps—who was a true heroine of the Civil War. Eight Phelps descendants, along with four spouses, travelled from six states to attend the historic event. The tent treated their honored guests to a reception at the Tower Club on April 28, followed by a tour of sites in the city connected to the historic Phelps name. The dedication was held the following day, attended by approximately 200 people. Civil War-era crafts were demonstrated, and musical entertainment was provided by Missouri State University's Brass & Sass before the program. Greetings were delivered by a number of government officials, and an appearance was made by "Mary Whitney Phelps" – portrayed by tent member, Rosemary Bane. The color guard was provided by the Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The wording of the marker is as follows:

**MARY WHITNEY PHELPS  
1812-1878**

Born to a sea captain in Portland, Maine, this energetic redhead was orphaned at a young age when her father died at sea and her mother died soon thereafter.

Mary wed John Smith Phelps, a young lawyer in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1837. The couple settled in Springfield, Missouri, the same year. During John's prolonged absences as a statesman, Mary bore the major responsibility for farm management and dedicated herself to operating local schools.

During the Civil War, Mary not only collected and transported supplies to Union armies at the battles of Wilson's

Creek and Pea Ridge, she also nursed wounded and dying soldiers. When she learned that General Nathaniel Lyon's body had been abandoned in Springfield, after the Battle of Wilson's Creek, she made arrangements for a coffin and concealed the body until relatives arrived from Connecticut to claim it.

In 1866, the United States Congress recognized Mary's services during the Civil War and awarded her \$20,000. She continued working with area orphanages and started a new school that ultimately served 250 orphaned children by 1868.

When the war ended, Mary became associated with the Confederate Burial Association. The association brought the remains of the Confederate soldiers who died at Wilson's Creek to a new Confederate Cemetery adjoining the Springfield National Cemetery. She also became a member of the National Woman Suffrage Association, serving as a vice president in 1869.

Mary Whitney Phelps is buried beside John in the Phelps' plot at Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri

**PLACED IN 2012 BY THE MARY WHITNEY PHELPS  
TENT NO. 22, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF  
THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865**

**Phelps descendants pose beside new marker honoring their ancestor**

Left-Right: Katharine Donnelley, Helena, MT; Montgomery Brookfield and Holly Brookfield, Haymarket, VA; Lisa Donnelley, Anchorage, AK; John Shevlin, Payson, AZ; Malcolm Montgomery, Scarsdale, NY; Ellen Kratzer Rose, New York, NY; and David Zogbaum, Newington, CT.



Article and photo submitted by Sally McAlear

**Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony Takes Place at Hazelwood Cemetery  
in Springfield, Missouri**



Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 held its annual Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony on May 19 at the grave of its namesake at Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri

**Attending the ceremony were (left-right): Margaret Maulin, Nancy Burfield, Evelyn Irvine, Rose Jones, and Marilyn Lucas**

## **Tent No. 22 Honors Real Daughter, Lorene Miller Meadows, at Annual Ancestor Memorial**



Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 was pleased to honor its Real Daughter, Lorene Miller Meadows, at their annual ancestor memorial – held on June 16 at Summit Baptist Church and Cemetery, just east of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. A number of Lorene’s family members were in attendance, some traveling from out of state. Fourteen tent members were also in attendance – many participating in the ceremony.

Lorene’s father was James Alexander Miller. He enlisted in the Civil War at the age of 17 and was captured by Confederates and imprisoned at the infamous Andersonville Prison. Lorene was his youngest child.

**Real Daughter, Lorene Miller Meadows, poses at the grave of her father, James Alexander Miller**

## **151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Ceremony of the Battle of Wilson’s Creek**

PDP Fran Black represented the Department of Missouri DUVCW at the 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Ceremony of the Battle



of Wilson’s Creek held at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, near Springfield, this past August 10. Superintendent Ted Hillmer had invited representatives from four Civil War groups to speak briefly about their organizations—their mission, accomplishments, and projects. Barbara Stevens, Missouri Division President, represented Daughters of the Confederate Veterans; Darrell Maples, Division Commander, and Mark Stuart, represented Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and Greg Wait, Commander of Phelps Camp, represented Sons of Union Veterans. The program also included remarks from Supt. Hillmer; Steve Ross, Past President, Wilson’s Creek NB Foundation; representatives of Senator Roy Blunt, Senator Claire McCaskill, and 7<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Billy Long; Connie Langum, Wilson’s Creek NB Historian; Tippe Emmott, 2012 Miss Missouri; and Lt. Gen. Marc E. Rogers, U.S. Air Force (Ret.). After the presentation of the Memorial wreath, Gary McKean played “Taps,” and Wilson’s Creek NB staff and volunteers fired the cannon.

**Fran Black PDP and Lt. General Marc E. Rogers, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) taken by Nancy Burfield.**

# EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED or NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT RESOLUTIONS

By Fran Black, PDP

Does your Tent have a suggestion for improving our Order, either at the Department level or National level, through a bylaws change or an addition to the bylaws? If so, the Tent will want to present that suggestion in the form of a resolution.

As defined by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR), a resolution is a motion that is put in writing because of its importance or because of its length or complexity.

Here are the steps for your Tent to follow to present a resolution:

1) According to the Missouri Department Officers' Handbook and Guidelines (the Red Folder), resolutions from Tents shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee **at least six (6) weeks prior to Department Convention**. That means if your Tent intends to present a resolution, it must begin work on the resolution well in advance of the deadline. If Department Convention is June 1<sup>st</sup>, your Tent's resolution has to be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee Chairman by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

2) A resolution can originate with an individual, but it is advisable to consult with members who can be of assistance in perfecting the resolution, and also with those members whose support will be needed for the adoption of the resolution.

3) A resolution **must be** presented to and approved by your Tent before it can move on to the Department Resolutions Committee. A cover letter should accompany the resolution stating the Tent's name and number and the date that the resolution was approved by the Tent. The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee should reject any resolution that has not been approved by a Tent.

4) A resolution may or may not have a preamble, which is a brief statement(s) of background or reasons for the resolution.

5) The following is a skeleton example from RONR and can serve as a guide:

Whereas, .....[text of the first preamble clause];  
Whereas, .....[text of the second preamble clause, if needed];  
Whereas,[text of the last preamble clause, if needed]; *Resolved*,  
That.....[stating action to be taken];  
*Resolved*, That.....[stating further action to be taken];  
*Resolved*, That.....[stating still further action to be taken].

6) If the resolution is proposing a change in bylaws, the current wording of the bylaws should be stated in the preamble, and the proposed change in wording should be stated in the resolution.

You can learn more about resolutions by reading RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 105-110. A good example of a resolution, which originated with Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22, and was approved at the Department level, and eventually by National, is printed in the March 2011 G.O.#2.