



# The Hughes News

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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots:**

Well, another year has come and gone. I hope all of you had a safe time during the past holidays. The year of 2011 was a very good year for our camp as I would think that our name is out there, and is now a well known around many Missouri historical organizations as well as veteran and fraternal organizations.



I think our camp will grow more and accomplish more tasks at hand in this new year of 2012.

Compatriot **Jerry Spencer** and his wife Trisha have been undergoing some trials with Jerry's health, so everyone remember Jerry in your prayers as he recuperates. Jerry's Bypass surgery at the VA hospital in Columbia went well and he is now at home. The Spencer's are good people and help out a lot with our camp and the many activities and events that we attend.

I finally talked to compatriot **B.J. Blackerby** the other night. He too has encountered some trials with his health. He is all right now and recuperating. I am glad that he is doing better and he also is a good man to have in our camp.

**Bob Capps** has also had a run of bad luck. He fell in October, tearing his rotator cuff and bicep in the right arm, and tearing his left rotator cuff and left knee. Needless to say, he's quite banged up and underwent surgery in November. Keep Bob in your prayers also.

Our camp is fortunate to have many good people in it from many organizations, so we should all remember that.

I have been working on a design for business cards for the camp, so it will be soon that every camp member will have these cards to give to possible new recruits as we run into them from time to time. The cards will have a picture of B/G John T. Hughes on them with camp website information, place and time of the meetings, and the charge on the back of the card.

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## Camp Calendar

**January 12th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting** Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. This month our speaker will be Camp Member **William Knight**. Bills topic will be: ***The War Between the States and it's Effect on our Politics and Government Today***" Bill will show us how the War changed our political system and what effect it has had on how the Federal Government is run. This should be good!

**January 14th, 2012 Lee Jackson Dinner, Osage Beach, Missouri.** See the flyer enclosed for complete details. Paul Petersen will be our speaker on Quantrill, even though our Camp has heard him speak lately, he will have a different twist with power point presentation this time. He should be great!

### ***Reenactment Events coming this year!***

**150th Shiloh, March 29-April 1** (a National event)

**Jefferson City, May 5th and 6th**

**Kingston, Mo June 1-3**

**Battle of Lone Jack August 18-19** (Lone Jack will have a full scale reenactment this year)



**Br. Gen. John T Hughes**

## What's been happening on the Western Front..

### **December 10th– Camp Christmas Party**

We had our annual Camp Christmas party in Missouri City this year again. We had a good crowd and all the food was great. Kurt Holland smoked the brisket for us and it was awesome. Billie Holland worked hard also to make sure all ran smoothly in the kitchen. Richard Rudd was there and enjoyed the egg nog. No, he did not get out of control!

We all mingled for a social hour more or less than ate dinner. After dinner Jim Beckner, who came dressed in his period Santa suit, gave us the history of Santa and how he was generally portrayed during the war time period. But he had pictures of how Santa has looked thru all the various periods of time. It was good stuff and as always, Jim did a great job. Thanks for putting on an entertaining show Jim!

After that, since we're all old or getting old, we got out of there in a timely fashion and we're home in time for the evening news!

Thanks to all who showed up and made the

dinner a success!



**Here's Bob Capps sporting his new sling. Bob, you've looked better! We'll nickname you the gun "slinger"!**



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Our guest speaker this upcoming meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> is one of our very own, compatriot William Knight. William has a wealth of knowledge on The War for Southern Independence both historically and politically, so try to make it to the meeting; you just might learn something new.

We are getting closer to erecting a historical marker in Independence where B/G John T. Hughes fell in the line of battle; hopefully we can get this task done by spring I would think. Let's all not forget about the Lee Jackson supper on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Missouri Division SCV reunion will be in March, keep your calendars marked for these events.

**Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,**

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**

### **Info on Lone Jack Battlefield and Historical Society**

Some of you have probably heard by now that the Lone Jack Historical Society has received a grant to help buy and preserve some of the battlefield. They also recently purchased the Cave Hotel, which is very cool. That's two major scores for the Society and kudos to them for their hard work and diligence. All this is going on right in our back yard. I've enclosed an application to either renew your Society dues or the join the society. If you think about it, this is really the only preserved anything to do with a battlefield in our area. So think about joining in with them to help complete the purchase of some of that battlefield! Larry

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# Lone Jack Historical Society

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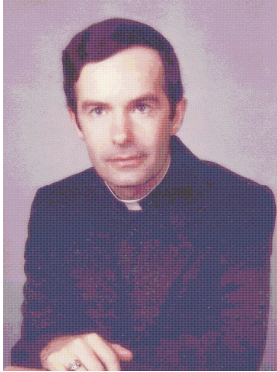
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## Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



The beginning of a new year is normally a time to assess the effects of past events in order to make resolutions for the future. For those of us who can remember, the decade of the 1960's was a watershed era. As a result of events that have transpired

since then, we find ourselves living on the same planet, but in a vastly different world. I recently made a list of many of those major events; the effects of them on life in America are revolutionary. Those who are born with normal vision consider those who are born blind to be handicapped. Yet, those who have never seen consider their situation normal. Many of us have seen another world and way of life and know the difference. What younger citizens accept as normal, older citizens chafe at the abnormality, tempted to yearn for the time when life was more civilized and we had more independence and privacy, more rights, and more honor.

Many books are written, presentations given, and reenactments performed depicting the glorious days of the Old South, the Confederacy, and the WBTS. Details of historical characters' lives and deeds are reiterated in impressive detail. But, how can knowing how many miles per bushel of oats Lee's horse got help us to improve the world we live in today? Failure to make the transition from the past to the present and demonstrate the practical application of historical facts to current conditions can leave one asking, "So?" We cannot regain lost freedom and honor solely through the historical deeds of others and we cannot return to and relive the past.

Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, John, Paul, and others traveled forward in time to see the future. Nobody ever traveled back in time to the past. Two attempts to do so ended in failure.

When adverse conditions seemed too challenging,

the Israelites glorified the past and yearned for "...when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full..." (Ex. 16:3) Desiring to return to the past, they said, "For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." (Ex. 14:12) With slavery a familiar way of life and freedom a new concept, they neglected to apply the lessons learned from the knowledge of how God secured their freedom from Pharaoh to solving the problems they faced in their new circumstances.

God sent to Sodom angels who warned Lot, "Flee for your life; do not look back..." (Gen. 19:17) "But Lot's wife behind him looked back..." perhaps due to apprehension of what lay ahead or affinity for what lay behind. For her, the consequences were fatal. Christ solemnly warns us, "Remember Lot's wife." (Lk. 17:32)

This new year comes with a multitude of problems and adversity that can be intimidating at times. We are advised, "Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this." (Eccles. 7:10) Knowledge is the accumulation of facts; wisdom is knowing how to use them. Anamnesis, a Greek term, means not only to remember, but to make the effects of past events active in the present. We do not honor our Confederate and Revolutionary forefathers by merely remembering. We honor them by applying the lessons they teach us to the task of discovering solutions to the problems we are confronted with in our age. Christ said, "Nobody who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk. 17:62) We are meant to be aliens to the past, sojourners in the present, and pilgrims to the future, continuing on the path where St. Paul's footsteps left off, "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (pressing) on toward the mark..." (Phil. 3:13)

*Fr. Richard Rudd*

*Hughes Camp Chaplain*



## Lt. Col. Yeatman to retire from Air Force

After 26 years of service in the US Air Force, Camp Member John Yeatman will be retiring as a Lt. Colonel. John entered the service on August 22nd, 1985 and will officially retire on February 12, 2012. That's really 26 1/2 years! John's last trip to Travis AFB will be this January 9th thru the 13th, and he'll be done!

John entered as an enlisted man and his first assignment was as a gunner on a B-52 at Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth, Texas. That was in the hay day of SAC and the cold war was still going strong. Every month him and his crew would stand what was called "Alert". They slept in a hooch beside their fully fueled and nuked up B-52 ready to scramble at a seconds notice to fly to Russia and send those commie bastards to hell! And of course, that would have been a one way trip for John and his crew, no coming back from that one most likely. So those we're stressful times for our Airmen. They would often be notified to scramble, get the jet spooled up, only to be told that was a drill. Think about that, not knowing if this was really the end or not!

During his time as an enlisted man John used his GI benefits to earn a bachelors degree from Texas Christian University in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. After graduating John applied for Officer Candidate School and Pilot Training. He was selected and did quite well at OCS and in Pilot Training.

Upon earning his wings, he was assigned to fly the KC-10 Extender, an air to air refueler. None of our bombers or fighters go anywhere without those tankers and the precious fuel. It was a great aircraft to get and he's been all over the world in those KC-10's. For years, John flew out of March AFB in California until that base was more or less shut down. He finished out his Air Force Career in the 79th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis AFB near Sacramento, CA.

Thru out the years he has deployed numerous times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as various other hotspots around the world and conflicts. He has earned a rack of medals, which I'm not sure what all exactly, but it's a bunch!

John has made great friends thru his time in the Air Force, but he's also anxious to retire. He's also a pilot for American Airlines and he's looking forward to only having one job and spending time working on our farm.

Congratulations to John on a great career serving our Country and on his retirement! *LTY*



KC-10 of the 79th ARS, Commanded by Lt. Col. John Yeatman. *"Fueling the Fight!"*



# 2012 Lee-Jackson Supper January 14th, 2012



**The Inn at Grand Glaize**

**5142 Highway 54**

**Osage Beach, Mo**

**573-348-4731**

(Just west of the Grand Glaize bridge on 54)

Our speaker this year is **Paul Petersen**, author of three books on Quantrill. Paul retired from the Marines after 26 years of service. He had noticed during his time in the Marines that Marine publications sometimes referred to Quantrill and the tactics Quantrill developed. In the current day service, Quantrill is considered the father of modern guerilla tactics. After retiring, Paul was intrigued by the differences of opinions on Quantrill depending on which side of the Missouri/Kansas border you were on. This led him to want to get the truth out about Quantrill, whatever the truth was. At Quantrill's re-internment in Higginsville in 1993, Paul promised Quantrill he would tell the truth about his feats. Come find out what Paul's research has found out!

There is a special SCV room rate for this event. Please mention that you are with the SCV for the Lee/Jackson Dinner when you call to receive the special room rate. **If you make reservations before December 31, the price is \$69 and after December 31, it is \$79.**

**Social Hour is at 6:00 PM and**

**Supper is at 6:30 PM**

**Cost is \$30.00 per person age 13 and up**

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**Deadline for reservation is:**

**January 7th, 2012**

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