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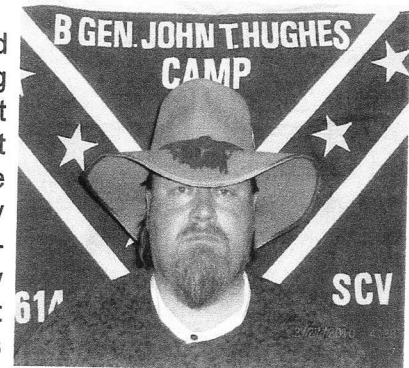
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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots:**

Festival and event season is around the corner again. I will be purchasing hats, flags, and other items to sell at these events. If you know of an event that we do not normally attend let me know about it. I look to be pretty busy this season going to events representing the camp and recruiting new members. All of you should at least try to attend some of these events as I can not do it all by myself.



Our camp is starting to grow again thankfully; the numbers fell a bit last fall because of the glorious economy. If you know someone that likes southern military history, you should at least encourage them to become friends of the SCV as we need all of the support we can get. Friends of the SCV is a program where an individual can pay a sum for the Confederate Veteran magazine, receive a pendant, sticker, and certificate. There are lots of southern sympathizers in and around our area, let them know about this program. It is a sure way of getting more support from an individual while we trace their family tree back to their Confederate ancestors.

Our camp is really making an impact on the web. We are starting to get more and more people interested in Southern history to the point where they want to join the SCV. James Bradley is responsible for all of this publicity. Next time you see James Bradley, let him know how much we all appreciate his efforts for the camp. He is one hell of a guy!

There is a new group that started here in our area called the Missouri Flaggers headed up by JM Herman of Odessa. You will be hearing more about him and his endeavors in the future. They all mean business when it comes to Heritage violations. I am glad JM Herman is in support of us as we all should too, be in support of his groups endeavors. Look for JM Herman joining our camp soon as I join his group.

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### Camp Calendar

**March 14th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting**  
***Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant***  
***605 N Sterling***  
***Sugar Creek, MO 64054***  
***816-254-9494***

Our Speaker this month will be John Moloski of the Burnt District Book Store. John is a sutler that sets his store up at reenactments across the Country.

**March 22, 23 Missouri Division SCV and Missouri Society MOSB Reunion.** If you haven't registered for the reunion yet, see last months Hughes News, I don't have the space to put the registration in this issue!

**April 27th 5PM Coffee Camp 13th Annual Confederate Heritage Dinner.** There speaker this year will be Pastor John Weaver, past National Chaplain of the SCV. You've read his articles in the Confederate Veteran Magazine. Registration Enclosed!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

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

#### February 13th, Hughes Camp Meeting

This was our first meeting at the new location. The restaurant and the food was plenty good, and they were very accommodating. The meeting room is nice and large but maybe a little dimly lit. We'll work on that aspect of it! But everyone was very nice there and I think glad to have us. It's small business owned so appreciative of the business. I hope we can get better attendance this month, buy some food from them, earn our free meeting room!

In February, we swore in 2 new members, Ken Wilde and Tim Borron. We also had a guest present, JM Herman, who is an SCV member in a Georgia Camp. JM relocated to our area here not too long ago from Georgia and might want to transfer into our Camp.

JM gave us a presentation on the SCV project he has undertaken. He was one of the SCV Flaggers, who go to places where atrocities against our Ancestors and Heritage are occurring. He comes together with other SCV flaggers to make our Confederate presence known. Recently, he went to

Memphis, TN, to protest the City Councils move to rename Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park, to some politically correct (really incorrect) names, such as Health Sciences Park. I believe they have even removed or will remove a new monument to Nathan Bedford Forrest in Forrest Park, which happens to be where Gen. Forrest is buried. Completely outrageous! JM has also gone to Lexington, VA, to protest that cities ban on Confederate Flags in public display. JM also runs flags up on poles where Confederate Flags have been removed. He says at \$3 each, why not, and they often stay there for several days until some wiseass government type notices and takes them down.

JM is traveling the country to protest these types of things that are happening every day. God Bless him in this endeavor. All of us have our strengths we can contribute to preserving our history. One person does this, another does that. That is what it takes. Find your nitch and run with it!

More inside on Ken Wilde and Tim Borron!



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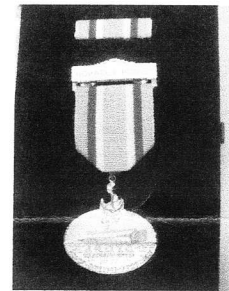
Do not forget about the Missouri Division SCV reunion on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Jefferson City and the Coffee Camp is having its Heritage supper on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. I am going to both events and you should too. See flyer for Coffee Camp Heritage Supper in this newsletter. See you all at the next meeting.

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

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**

Hughes Camp to present the HL Hunley award to JROTC Cadet Technical Sergeant Mikayla Hernandez. This is a National SCV award and we were contacted by Major Raddall, Lee's Summit High School West, JROTC Commander, who nominated SGT Hernandez. Award ceremony is April 9th at Lees Summit West High School.



## Our New Meeting Place!



**Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant**

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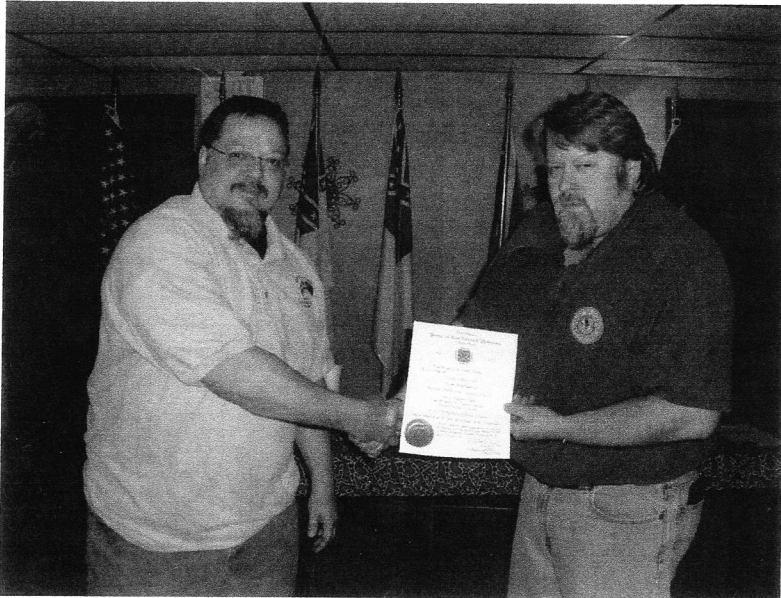
Ok guys, no excuses this month, we're back to our normal night, the second Thursday of the month. Let's show up, buy some dinner, and put our new place to good use. Our ranks were a little thin and I was hoping for a better showing for our first time at the new place. It was quite comfortable there, and they were very nice and friendly, and they have beer!

Come on out, check out the new place!



## Two new members added to the Hughes Camp Roster

In February we swore in new member, Ken Wilde, and presented a friends of the SCV Certificate to Tim Borron. Both men are energetic about supporting our heritage and are great at pitching in to help! Both are valuable additions to the Camp!



To the left is New Member **Kenneth (Ken) B. Wilde** being presented his SCV Certificate. Ken lives in Plattsburg and is an Electrician at the Ford Plant in Claycomo. The Ancestor that Ken honors on his SCV Certificate is his 4th Great Grandfather, **Private William L. Zachry, 47th Reg. Alabama Infantry**. William enlisted for a 3 year period or the duration of the war on April 7th, 1862 under Joseph Johnston. Unfortunately he died on July 21, 1862. The poor guy did not survive the great struggle for very long, as did many of our men. William is buried in Pine Mountain Cemetery in Harris County, Georgia.

Ken has been working for a while now to get signed up and you've probably seen him at our Christmas Party's and other events where we set our booth up.

Good job Ken and welcome aboard!



To the left is **Timothy (Tim) J. Borron**, as Commander Coffman presents Tim his Friends of the SCV certificate. We are working to find Tim a Confederate Ancestor or get his dots connected to a Confederate Soldier. Tim is currently joining as a friend of the SCV and is a modern day Confederate, believing in Constitutionally limited Federal Government and States Rights.

Tim is a Cost Estimator, Salesman and project Manager for Nichols Painting Company and lives in Buckner, MO. In the off season he drives an 18 wheeler transporting LP Gas.

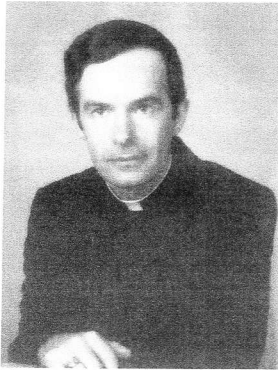
Tim is single, has two daughters ages 16 and 20, and one Grandchild.

You've probably seen Tim around at many of our meetings and events, wearing his hat with the Missouri Battle Flag on it!

We're glad you've joined our Merry Band



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



(A continuation of last month's article)

The importance of the election of 2012 was its confirmation that the election of 2008 signified that the nation is in the advanced stages of a transformation which threatens to redefine what it means to be an

American. Not since 1860 has the nation been so divided and polarized, from gridlock in Washington among politicians to severances of personal relationships between friends, neighbors, and family members. *The Wall Street Journal* recently reported in an article entitled "The Dating Game Gets Partisan, With Politics A Deal Breaker" that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a dating agency's clients exemplify the extent of divisiveness in America today. "People now say 'I don't even want to meet somebody who's from the other party,' even if it's somebody who's perfect in every other way." Soon after last November's election, petitions in all fifty states to secede had collected over one million names by the end of the month. Texas' petition had 117,000 and Missouri's 33,000 names.

There are no questions of life that are answered conclusively and incontrovertibly for all time. Each generation must reexamine and reevaluate for itself the decisions and conclusions of previous generations. Each of us must formulate our own philosophy of life which finds its expression in how we live. America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is divided between two philosophical points of view battling for dominance. One philosophy was influenced primarily by Charles Montesquieu (1689-1755) and John Locke (1632-1704) and adopted by our Founding Fathers. Locke and Montesquieu understood the flawed character of human nature and man's relationship with his Creator. They understood Jeremiah when he wrote, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt..." (Jer. 17:9) With them originated the ideas of inalienable rights granted by God, the sanctity of life, liberty, and private property, the harnessing of the central government with enumerated powers, the division of powers into the three branches of government, checks and balances on political power, and the

federal system of local, state, and national levels of government. Their ideas permeate our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

The rival philosophy, rejected by the Founding Fathers, is being resurrected by those who denigrate history, tradition, Christian values, and the Founding Fathers as outdated and obsolete. It finds its source in the ideas of men such as Plato (428-348 BC), a student of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle, Thomas More (1478-1535), and Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679). Its roots reach back to ancient Babel; it is man's attempt to build paradise on earth without dependence on or consideration of God. (Gen. 1) As Satan beguiled Adam to cede his God-given title to the earth (Gen. 3), this philosophy, gradually encroaching under the guise of social reform, entitlement programs, and protection from perceived threats, encourages Americans to cede their God-given rights for a life of conformity under an increasingly tyrannical central government in exchange for hope in a promise of peace and prosperity for all which is never realized. In the old west, some saloons offered free lunches to lure customers and sell more drinks. One unscrupulous bartender posted a sign above the bar reading, "Free Lunch Tomorrow." A customer saw the sign and returned the next day to discover there was no free lunch. When he inquired about the food, the bartender merely pointed to the sign. This quest for the ideal society and common good, as defined by the government, supercedes personal identity, family ties, and private property or the rewards derived from one's own labor. This is egalitarian socialism, demanding equality of results regardless of the amount of effort or degree of talent expended. In an abject denial of reality, all men are decreed equal and their natural differences dismissed as being the result of oppression and discrimination. In the pursuit of this mythical egalitarian paradise, the strong are lowered to the level of the weak and civilization regresses. Equality under tyranny and ignorance is preferred to inequality with freedom and truth. As Franklin said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety (One might also add prosperity.) deserve neither

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## Historians Corner, Paul R Petersen

Paul is the Author of *Quantrill of Missouri*, *Quantrill in Texas*, *Quantrill at Lawrence* and *Lost Souls of the Lost Township*. Petersen is a retired U.S. Marine Corps master sergeant and a highly decorated infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the William Clarke Quantrill Society, the James-Younger Gang Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Jackson County and Missouri State Historical Societies.

### The Blue Cut - Guerrilla Ambush Site

Urbanization has destroyed much of the recognizable Civil War sites in Missouri where once gallant Confederates battled the Federal invaders. Only the most devout researcher or historian can point to these places and recall the battles and bloodshed that marked these spots.

One such famous place was called the "Blue Cut" located on the Independence to Harrisonville road. The Independence-to-Harrisonville road ran north to south and offered two prime ambush sites. The first, the "Blue Cut" was six miles south of Independence on the Independence to Harrisonville road now named Lee's Summit road. Steep rock outcroppings lined each side of the cut making a good spot for the guerrillas to hide behind and fire upon any passing enemy soldiers. A telegraph line was strung along the roadway between the two towns, and the road also served to connect the stage lines which brought the news from as far away as St. Louis. The Little Blue River ran parallel to the road on the west. The surrounding terrain was wild, but some cultivation had begun in the bottomland, and here and there were some gristmills. The fertile valley and rolling hills marked an area that was superbly suited for hideaways and ambushes. Dense vegetation lay all along the riverbanks along with the line of rock outcroppings that inundated the surrounding hills.

The second site named "Manasseth Gap" was 15 miles from Independence also on the old Independence to Harrisonville road now known as 291 Highway. Urbanization and new highway developments have now erased this site. At this spot the road passed between two embankments. The cut was about fifty yards wide and thirty feet high with both sides lined with heavy woods. It offered both good observation and a good field of fire. The enemy would be helpless in the killing zone, but the guerrillas would be protected behind the terrain features.

After guerrilla Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's skirmish with the Federals at the Tate House on March 23, 1862 and the Clark House fight a week later, the Federals believed that Quantrill and his men were desperate and without horses. On both occasions the Federals had completely surrounded the guerrillas but they had bravely fought their way out of the Federal cordon. The Federals now considered themselves the hounds with the fox at bay. Federal Major Albert P. Peabody, Company D, of the 1st Missouri State Militia circulated a report that Quantrill's guerrillas were disorganized and on the run. He called for assistance from the other area outposts to bring in Quantrill and the remainder of his band. For this reason, the Federals concentrated in the Blue Hills of Jackson County with a vengeance.

The Missouri militia were held in the same vein as Kansas Jayhawkers. They were adept at plundering and murder on a vast scale. Given carte blanche to operate at will against the civilian community Peabody's forces scoured the countryside and exhibited a cruelty toward noncombatants unparalleled in history. Old men and young boys were murdered, women were raped, and homes went up in flames.

Feeling frustrated at being outgunned and outfoxed by the wily guerrilla chief, Peabody satisfied himself by burning every building of any Southern sympathizers living along the border. Union forces looking for Quantrill burned guerrilla Frank Smith's home in Blue Springs. As they were leaving the Smith home, they were fired on by the two Smith boys, who managed to kill at least two Federals. Half a mile away, Warren Welch and another guerrilla also fired on the Federals and killed six of them and one of their horses.

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Jeremiah Blythe, a local farmer and relative of guerrilla Cole Younger, owned a farm ten miles south of Independence on the old Independence to Harrisonville road. Here Younger had a camp on the east fork of the Little Blue River just across the valley of the Little Blue from the Reuben Harris farm. Peabody, now the commander at Independence, sent a scouting party of seventy-five men to find Younger or to get the residents to reveal where he might be found.

Blythe was warned that the Federals were coming. He kept away from his house that day, but the Union troops did find his wife and son, twelve-year-old Theodore at home. They took the boy to the barn and threatened to hang him if he did not tell them what they wanted to know. Young Blythe was not intimidated. He occupied them with conversation for several minutes until he saw an opportunity to escape back to the house. When he made a dash for the house, the Federals fired at him. Once inside he grabbed a pistol and made a mad run through the back door to the safety of some nearby timber but was mortally wounded before he could get through the yard and past the garden fence. He rolled himself over as the Federals rushed toward him, and he killed the first one to come near him. His second shot mortally wounded a second man, and his third shot wounded another. Before he could fire a fourth time, seventeen bullets pierced his body.

The Federals headed back to Independence. An old black man belonging to neighbor William Moore was on an errand at Blythe's house at the time and witnessed the bloody deed. Afraid for his life, he ran into the brush. There he came unawares upon Quantrill, Younger, William Haller, George Todd, and eleven other men. Noticing the great excitement of the black man, they coaxed the story from him. There was yet time for an ambush at the Blue Cut. Quantrill stationed men at each end of the passageway and some atop either side to guard the likely avenues of approach in case the enemy attempted to outflank them. The guerrillas lay on their bellies, behind the rocks or small trees with their weapons held at the ready. The enemy would be helpless in the killing zone, but the guerrillas would be protected behind the terrain features.

It seemed like an eternity before the enemy appeared. After a few minutes, tense, nervous muscles began to tighten. Weapons once locked firmly on target now began to weave perceptibly. Quantrill sensing their anxiousness spoke low in an almost inaudible whisper, "Steady boys! Get ready." Quantrill's calm, soothing voice brought them back on task. Steel muzzles inched forward and firmly locked on the arriving targets. On command, more than a dozen pistols, rifles, and shotguns belched leaden death on the unsuspecting soldiers in the bushy defile. Of the seventy-five Federals sent after Quantrill over sixty were killed while five were wounded and five barely managed to escape back to Independence. This fatal point of the Blue Cut was afterward known as the "Slaughter Pen."

Another fight occurred at the Blue Cut in June 1862. Lieutenant Cole Younger was ordered by Quantrill to take a detail of twenty-five men and ambush a detachment of Federals under twenty-one year old Captain William A. Long, Company A, 2nd Battalion, Missouri State Militia. Long was from Jackson County and had been a sergeant in Co B before becoming an officer. His unit had only recently been organized in Harrisonville during the spring of 1862. Younger had learned that among Long's men was a former guerrilla by the name of Shoat, who had enlisted under Quantrill a few months previously and then deserted, carrying with him valuable information. Younger was anxious to kill him.

At three o'clock in the afternoon of June 12, the unsuspecting Federals rode into the cut not realizing any danger. The guerrillas fought from the summit of the cut and it was therefore impossible for the Federals to reach them. After fifteen minutes of desperate fighting, the Federals broke and ran. Younger ordered a pursuit. Captain Long's horse was shot from under him and Shoat was shot in the back and died a few minutes later. The guerrillas took ten prisoners then released them on parole. The history of the 2nd Battalion, MSM, lists 3 officers and 48 enlisted men killed during the war of which twenty-seven were killed and wounded during this particular skirmish, while the guerrillas suffered the loss of only three men killed and five wounded.

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There has been much speculation and disagreement on the exact locations of the "Blue Cut" and "Manasseth Gap" but no other assumptions correspond completely with the postwar accounts of the guerrillas who fought there and with the terrain features that still exist today.

Ref: J. W. Buel, *The Border Outlaws*. Historical Pub. Co. 1881, pg 26-29, 43.  
Paul R. Petersen, *Quantrill of Missouri*, Cumberland House Pub.2003, pg 124.

**Article by Paul R. Petersen**



Here are photos of Blue Cut. I believe this is looking north. This location is about 2 miles south of 40 Highway on Lees Summit Rd. It's south of Space Center drive and north of Harding drive. Check it out on Google Maps or Earth. Still a good spot for an ambush! Photos courtesy of Paul Petersen.

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liberty nor safety (Nor is prosperity deserved.)” A man recently wrote in the editorial section of a newspaper, “I tire of all the anti-government rants and religious pandering.” He ridiculed those who hold the “...belief that people’s rights are granted, not by the government, but by ‘The Creator.’” He protested that our “...rights were eventually and compassionately granted by our government.” In a society dominated by this philosophy, man exists like a bird in a cage, protected from the cat, rationed enough to eat, singing for his keeper’s pleasure, but not free.

The Declaration of Independence states “...that all men are created equal...,” not that they are all created the same. We are created with the same inalienable rights, but born subject to variations in cultures and traditions, physical and psychological characteristics of heredity, degrees of ambition and courage, and qualities of talents and capabilities distributed according to God’s purpose and

wisdom. Nature promulgates diversity, not stereotypes and conformity. Neither is egalitarianism found in the Constitution. Section 1 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment speaks of “equal protection of the laws,” meaning all citizens are entitled to the same rights and protection. It was not until the 1960’s that the courts began to misapply this provision to impose forms of social, gender, and racial equality to achieve an artificial leveling of humanity never originally intended. One strategy to change America involves changing the meanings of words. Consequently, the Constitution is reinterpreted, history revised, and knowledge disseminated not as information to educate, but as propaganda to deceive and manipulate. If allowed to continue, the result, as somebody once said, will be that “... all the words we (speak mean) nothing and there (is) only the pulse of the blood and the twitch of the nerve...”

**(To be continued next month)**

**Fr. Richard Rudd, Hughes Camp Chaplain**



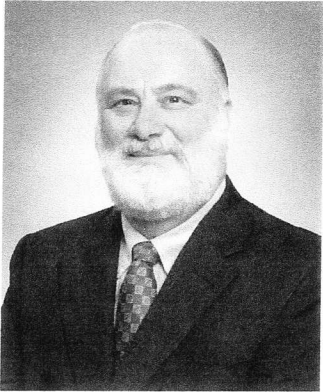
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Pastor John Weaver is a native of Georgia, and a graduate of Bob Jones University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and attended graduate school. Pastor Weaver is married, has four children and six grandchildren. He has been in the Christian ministry over 47 years and has helped plant several churches and Christian schools around the country. Pastor Weaver has traveled and continues to travel across America preaching and lecturing in churches, colleges and conferences. He has written three books: *The Christian and Civil Government*, *The Sovereignty of God and Civil Government*, and *The Biblical Truth Concerning God's Righteous Vengeance*. He has taught Southern history and American history in numerous conferences, youth camps, and churches.

Pastor Weaver served two terms as national chaplain for the SCV and is a member of the Manse Jolly Camp number 6.

John Weaver is an expositor of God's whole Word. His preaching style is in the tradition of those early American pastors whose pulpits were the cradle of America's Christian liberty.

**This evenings program will be "The Union's War against Women and Children." This deals a lot with MO plus the premeditated murder of women and children.**

The Confederate Heritage Dinner is on **Saturday, April 27th**. Fellowship starts at 5PM with the dinner following at 6 PM and Pastor Weaver's program at 7 PM.

**This is an RSVP so please send in your reservations no later than April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013.**

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