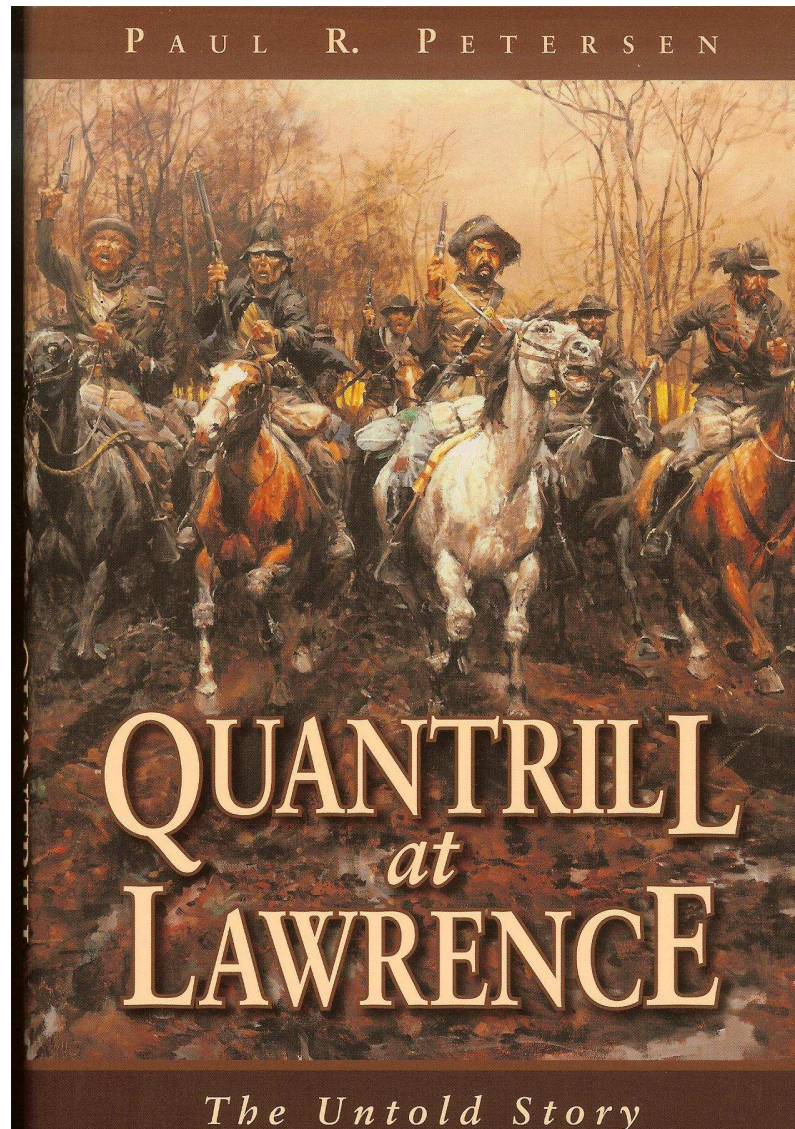


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August 21, 1863
150th Anniversary of Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence

This month marks the 150th Anniversary of Quantrill's raid on Lawrence. The raid was one of the greatest military feats of the war, penetrating over 40 miles undetected into enemy territory and sacking a heavily armed and fortified city, with very few losses to the Guerillas.



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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots:

I was asked in our last meeting to look up and research the proper way to have camp elections of new officers. This is what I found out about the process. Camps usually nominate new officers in either November or December of every other year depending upon a particular camp's individual constitution and bylaws.



The process usually begins with the selection of a nomination committee by the current commander in the third quarter of the year, prior to the beginning of the next term of office. The nominating committee should have a good knowledge of the current camp membership. As would be expected, the officers to be nominated should possess the skills and attributes noted in good leaders.

Attention should be paid to special skills and resources of the individual in asking him to serve. It is not required, however, that certain officer positions must be filled with those in that particular profession. After a slate of officers has been selected and they have agreed to run for election, the candidates are announced to the membership. During the process of seeking candidates, the general membership should be strongly encouraged to seek office and to run for the position for which they feel most qualified to serve.

Each individual running for office, particularly when there is more than one seeking the same ***Continued on page 3...***

Hughes Camp would like to give a warm Southern Welcome to our newest member, William F Greene IV, (Bill Greene's son!) Welcome aboard William!

Hughes Camp 2013 Winner of the Col. John Q. Burbridge Award, Best Camp

Commander Coffman, Winner of the 2013 Col Joseph C. Porter Award, for Outstanding Service. Most Valuable Division Member.

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Camp Calendar

August 8th, 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 **Carol Bohl** who is related to John Hunt Morgan and will give us a presentation on Morgan from a tour she recently did. Should be a good show! Carol is a former Cass County Historical Society Chairperson.

September 14-15 Battle of Marshall Mo reenactment, we will set up our camp booth at this event, come on out.

September 21-22 Jesse James Festival Parade. We will be in the parade and set up our booth and honor Jesse James!

September 28 Cannon Ball Festival, Holt, Missouri Once again, we'll set up our booth!

October 26th, 5:30 PM Secession Day Dinner Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Missouri. Registration form coming soon but mark your calendar! Our Speaker this year will be Jim Orebaugh of Edmond Oklahoma and his topic will be on his efforts to preserve Confederate Records and archives by working with then Senator Trent Lott. Trent Lott is a past Mississippi Division SCV Commander, very cool!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front..

June and July Camp news... Well guys, your editor slacked on you all and did not put out a July newsletter. Don't blame the mailman for the fact that you didn't receive it! Sorry, my schedule was jammed up in early July!

Annual Renewal dues-it's that time of year again! I've enclosed our dues notices in this newsletter along with a year end report. If you could, please take a minute now to write and return a check to me. As always, it's appreciated and our camp, division, and the SCV is doing a lot of good work to keep the true history of our Confederate Ancestors alive.

Kurt Holland lost his Grandfather in early July, Dr. Isham C Holland. Isham was a real Grandson and knew his Grandfather, Captain T C Holland. Isham was a wealth of knowledge for Kurt and the SCV and will be sorely missed. Isham lived a blessed life though, and was in his 90's. He was mentally fit and spry right up to his last days, which is rare. Kurt and Billie were both close to Isham and they will miss him very much. We're sorry for the Holland's loss.

In June our speaker was one of our newest members, **Thomas McConnell** and his subject was **"EM Bounds, Confederate Chaplain"**. Unfortunately, as the editor was AWOL at the July meeting, I do not have notes on that talk. But basically Bounds was a Methodist Pastor serving at a Church in Monticello Missouri at the beginning of the war. He was imprisoned along with other non combatants and held until prisoner exchanged, when he carried on as Confederate Chaplain.

We did swear in two new members at the June meeting, Charlie Edmondson and Thomas McConnell. Congratulations men!

Our July meeting speaker was Paul Petersen, and his subject was on Kate King, wife of William Quantrill. Paul told us about Kate's life before, during and after the war. He is assembling this information for an upcoming book. Kate is tough to research but it is apparently true that she did run a rather large brothel after the war! There are many false stories about her that Paul is working to correct.

Thanks for Thomas and Paul for speaking to us!



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Commander Coffman continued...

office, will be given an opportunity prior to the vote to address the membership stating why he is seeking the office and why he thinks he is the best candidate for the position. The election is normally held in December using Robert's Rules of Order procedures and the formal installation of the new officers is conducted the following January. Once the new officers have been installed, a report must be made to all echelons above the camp level.

We have new members coming into the camp it would seem every month now, so growth is good for the camp. We have three major events coming up in September. We have the battle reenactment in Marshall Missouri, the Jesse James Festival in Kearney Missouri, and the Cannonball Festival in Holt Missouri. I hope a lot of you men will help out at these events. I still have lots of camp merchandise to sell plus, the MOS&B has many more raffle tickets to sell from what they have told me. So you guys in the MOS&B should make these events too. Do not forget the Smith-Davis cemetery on Saturday August 3rd in Raytown Missouri, contact Jim Beckner at 816.916.5693 for more information. I will see some of you at the Smith-Davis event and the rest of you at the next meeting August 8th.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

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John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander

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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.

Lawrence Raid Sesquicentennial

This month we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the famous August 21, 1863 cavalry raid by Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's Missouri guerrillas on Lawrence, Kansas. It was declared to be the most daring light cavalry raid of the entire Civil War. Due to a recent book, *Quantrill at Lawrence* by noted author Paul R. Petersen we can now document what actually transpired on that memorable day. The raid was in part retaliation for the premeditated murder of five young Southern girls by Union authorities and for years of depredations caused by the Kansas Jayhawkers.

Before being enlightened by Petersen's diligent research former histories have perpetuated a false record of the Lawrence raid. For example previous Yankee writers have wanted us to believe that the people of Lawrence were all peaceful, unarmed citizens. Modern data bases and recently compiled historical records from both local and national repositories have indicated that almost all of the male citizens of Lawrence were either in the regular Union army or in the State's militia organization. Because the Kansas Provost Marshal's files were unfortunately destroyed during the raid a number of the victim's military records cannot be ascertained. Names without military designations can be assumed to have served in the local Kansas militia when records show that they were armed and drilled for that purpose.

Irresponsible writers have continuously asserted that Quantrill's Missouri raiders destroyed over 300 buildings in Lawrence on that fateful day. Extensive in-depth research, much of it provided by University of Kansas Professor Geo. M. McCleary, has proven that there were a total of 300 buildings comprising the town of Lawrence in August 1863. Only 86 of these buildings were destroyed by fire, half of those due to collateral damage from the adjoining buildings.

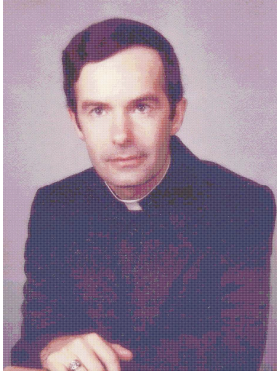
In their hatred of the guerrillas, the citizens of Lawrence, Kansas colluded to shift the blame off themselves for years of wanton plunder and pillaging and the murder of unarmed citizens and rape of women and Negro slaves in Missouri on their depredatory raids. What the citizens of Lawrence referred to as the camp of unarmed recruits first encountered by the guerrillas as the raid began is a complete misnomer. From statements taken by eyewitness accounts of Lawrence citizens the camp of recruits were all uniformed, armed, drilled and mustered into service for a new Kansas regiment. The ages of the recruits, many who had prior military experience, were several years older than the raiders they came into contact with.

The Free State Hotel in town was also another misnomer to wit, the hotel was used for military purposes and used as the headquarters for the militia. According to Richard Cordley, a militia member and a citizen of Lawrence, "Several companies used it as a barracks." In another glaring omission by Yankee writers is that the town also hosted five forts or earthen enclosures for the Lawrence militia. According to Cordley "These earth works were circular, and some of them one hundred feet in diameter. The largest was at the crossing of Massachusetts and Pinckney streets. It was built of hewn timbers, banked up with earth, and a deep trench dug all around it. It was five feet high." Another was at the crossing of Massachusetts and Henry streets. A third was near New Hampshire Street, north of Henry. Two others were west of Massachusetts Street, one of them on Kentucky Street commanding the ravine. The [fort] at Massachusetts and Henry streets was arranged for cannon. Each of these defenses was in charge of an officer, and had a contingent of troops assigned to its defense." Over two hundred soldiers could man each of these

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Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Note: Due to the failed adherence to the published schedule for the Confederate memorial ceremony at Higginsville, my remarks to have been delivered then were developed into the following article.

A priest noticed that a tree on the lawn of the rectory

appeared unhealthy. From a consultation with a horticulturist who conducted an examination, he learned that a fatal disease in the roots would eventually lead to cutting down and uprooting the tree. Trees not only provide shade and fruit, they memorialize people and symbolize nations. After the 9/11 Moslem attack on America, most of us are familiar with Jonathan Cahn's *The Harbinger*. A harbinger is a precursor or sign of a future event. In this case, it is a warning of God's impending judgement of a nation that rejects Him. Isaiah 9:10 reads that "...the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place." As the fig tree traditionally symbolizes Israel, after 9/11, the sycamore, also known as a fig mulberry or buttonwood tree, has come to symbolize America. Destroyed in the 9/11 attack, the sycamore was defiantly replaced with an Erez or Cedar tree. While the surrounding vegetation thrives, the Cedar is withering. Called a tree of hope, one must ask if that hope is in our own abilities or God's protection.

Each year, we gather to celebrate and memorialize our Confederate roots. Those roots are buried in the hollowed ground of cemeteries throughout the South. Each successive generation is the Erez tree and new hope of America. Each attack on our Confederate ancestors, their descendants, the Founding Fathers and principles on which America was established is a fatal disease threatening the roots of this nation. Like the Erez tree, America, under these persistent attacks, is withering.

The Apostle Jude in his epistle warns us of the events that will transpire in the last days. He writes that we will witness moral decay and the denial of Christ. He foretells of false teachers propagating

false doctrines and leaders who oppose truth. These seducers and counterfeits are not foreigners; they originate from among us. Jude calls them "...fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted..." (Jude 12) America as a nation is in jeopardy of being twice dead. Before 1776, America did not exist. With victory at the end of the Revolutionary War came life with the spirit of 1776. Today, the life the spirits of 1776 and 1861 infused into America is being threatened with what our ancestors would not have hesitated to call treason. America is in jeopardy of being uprooted by the winds of change and the judgement of God.

God judges us as individuals in the next life for the deeds we commit in this life. But, as history repeatedly records, God judges nations in this life. Those nations that honor God prosper; those that dishonor God suffer judgement. King Solomon petitioned God on behalf of the nation that He would hear and answer their prayers. In His response, God set three conditions for national blessing or judgement. "If My people who are called by My name (1) humble themselves, and (2) pray and seek My face, and (3) turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14)

just before Gen. Lee died, he uttered, "Strike the tent." A military expression, it was an order to move the camp. Lee knew he was about to move from this world to the next. For us who follow him, it is an order to move from one battle front to the next. In the military, messages are communicated by bugle; in the *Bible*, they are transmitted by trumpet or shofar. When the bugle or trumpet is blown, our Confederate ancestors hear Taps and a call to rest. We are to hear reveille and a call to awaken to vigilance and action. St. Paul instructed us "...not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited..." He said, "Let nobody deceive you..." (II Thess. 2:2-3) We "...must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience." (I Tim. 3:9) We "...must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that (we) may be able...to (defeat) those who contradict it." (Tit. 1:9)

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forts making over 1,000 men for defense while hundreds more were patrolling on horseback around the perimeter of the city.

Assuring a later generation of writers that Lawrence was indeed a military stronghold Richard Cordley goes on to state that, "Military companies were organized in Lawrence and in the country around about, and full preparations made for defense in case a conflict was forced upon them. Embankments were thrown up at exposed points and the town was put in position to stand a siege." One young woman who kept a hotel in town remembered the daily scene in Lawrence. "It looked strange to see the street paraded from morning to night by men in military array; to see them toil day and night throwing up entrenchments, to see them come in to their meals each with a gun in his hand, sometimes bringing it to the table." Kansas records also indicate that almost every man in town owned a Sharps carbine, the most modern and deadly weapon of its day.

Besides being a military town Lawrence was also widely known as the "citadel of stolen goods" and its citizens commonly referred to as "pirates of the prairie". Over \$20,000 worth of stolen goods were transported weekly to the mining camps further west. The entire town readily acquiesced in the receiving and selling of stolen property taken from Missouri. One guilt ridden citizen in Lawrence reported that an honest businessman could do well in Lawrence, as he would have no competition. Guerilla Captain William Gregg announced that the

raiders destroyed more Missouri property during their raid than they did of Kansas property.

Another widely false account perpetrated by the Yankees is the number of killed during the raid. Even contemporary accounts often refer to 300 people being killed. Robert S. Stevens who took an unofficial accounting of the dead recorded 133 names. Union General Thomas Ewing's official report recorded almost the exact number listing 140 dead. Captain Henry Palmer of the 11th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment listed 145 killed and Richard Cordley in his account, *Pioneer Days in Kansas*, listed 150 dead. Lawrence citizen Matthew Shaw wrote that there were 130 men killed in his personal memorandum book. With the archival of historical records and the development of modern databases now available it has been discovered that at least 40 percent of the victims in the Lawrence raid were in the Federal military with the rest being in the Kansas militia, proof that the claim the victims were unarmed peaceful citizens was nothing short of a lie.

Now with the truth finally published for the first time in 150 years the great Lawrence raid can in reality be commemorated in the spirit for which it took place: the daring of Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's brave soldiers in achieving a monumental victory against overpowering odds.

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Paul R. Petersen

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We honor our Confederate ancestors best by what we do each day, contending with the issues that challenge us in our time. May each annual memorial ceremony not be an end in itself, but a renewal and re-dedication of our true allegiance to America's original ideals and faith in the God of our Fathers.

Fr. Richard Rudd
Hughes Camp Chaplain



To the left new members Thomas McConnell (left) and Charlie Edmondson (right) were sworn in at the June meeting. Congratulations to both Tom and Charlie and we're glad to have you aboard!

Thomas's ancestor he honors on his SCV certificate is his Great Uncle **Private David William Herndon, Co. F, 5th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry**. David surrendered at the end of the war and died on March 9, 1894 and is buried in Anderson County, Kentucky. **Salute to David Herndon!**

Charlie is member Ken Edmondson's son who is in our Camp also. The ancestor Charlie honors on his SCV certificate is **Private William Franklin Edmondson, Co I, 9th Alabama Cavalry**. William survived the war and was paroled on May 18th, 1865. He is buried in Hamilton Texas. **Salute to William for his service also!**



To the left, Commander Coffman presents **Byron Botts** (left) and **Jimmy Dykes** (right) with their **Friends of the SCV Certificates**.

Both Byron and Jimmy have been long time friends and supporters of Hughes Camp. Jimmy has been pulling us on his float and tractor for years in parades and Byron has helped Jason man many a booth at festivals and events.

It's high time these good men are recognized for their good work and deeds! Congratulations to both Byron and Jimmy and we're excited to have you on board with our Merry Band of Brothers!