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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots**

I regret to inform you all that Paul Petersen's wife Donna Petersen has passed away. Paul is a great friend to us all and an avid supporter of our camp. Pray for Paul and his family that they may endure this hard time. And continue to pray for Paul as he continues his recovery from Covid 19. While he is now at home, he is on oxygen for the next 2 months or so.



Festival Season is here. We will be attending at least one festival in the county of Lafayette in August. Maybe another in the county of Clay late this month. There is some talk about attending a regional tractor show in the County of Boone along with two other camps this year in September. Do not know yet what the outcome of this will be. I believe we should go as there will be lots of like-minded folks at this show. There are also fall festivals in the Counties of Clinton and Cass we can attend to. We will need lots of help at any festival we attend. If you are not afraid of Amero-Communist Reprobates you should help at these events. I know I will be carrying on the charge and attending these events as I affirmed an oath to do so.

I will be going to Higginsville this Saturday for Confederate Memorial Day. Hope to see come of you there, if not I will see you all at the next meeting where we have many items to discuss

Jason-Nathaniel: Coffman John T. Hughes Camp 614  
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## Camp Calendar

**June 10th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016.***

**June 5th 11:00 AM *Confederate Memorial Day*** Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Higginsville, MO. Sponsored by the Missouri Division UDC. This years event will be scaled back, no booths or anything. Bring a lawn chair and a sack lunch. Event should be over by about 1:30 PM.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

## What's been happening on the Western Front

### ***May 13 2021... Camp Meeting***

In May we had one of our own Camp members as our speaker, **Steve Ferguson**. Steve's subject was "***Battle of the Little Blue River: Prelude to Westport***" This is a subject near and dear to Steve's heart, as his family farm is on part of the Battle Field along the Little Blue River. He knows that portion of the Battlefield quite well as he's scouted around on it since he was a kid.

Along the northern boundary of the Ferguson Farm is what was the Old Lexington Rd, which had a bridge crossing over the Little Blue.

This Battle was all part of Prices 1864 raid into Missouri in an attempt to retake the State and drive the Yankees out. Price fought his way up the east side of the State at Pilot Knob with the goal of taking St. Louis, Pilot Knob cost him a lot though, so he gave up St Louis and headed to Jefferson City. Finding a strong garrison there, he turned towards Independence Missouri, going thru Lexington and fighting the 2nd Battle of Lexington. Which led him to the Little Blue River near what is now 24 highway a little west of 7 highway. Union General James Blunt was retreating ahead with Price in pursuit.

Blunt set up a line of defense on the east side of the river along the Old Lexington Rd. As a strong force of Confederates approached, Blunt was

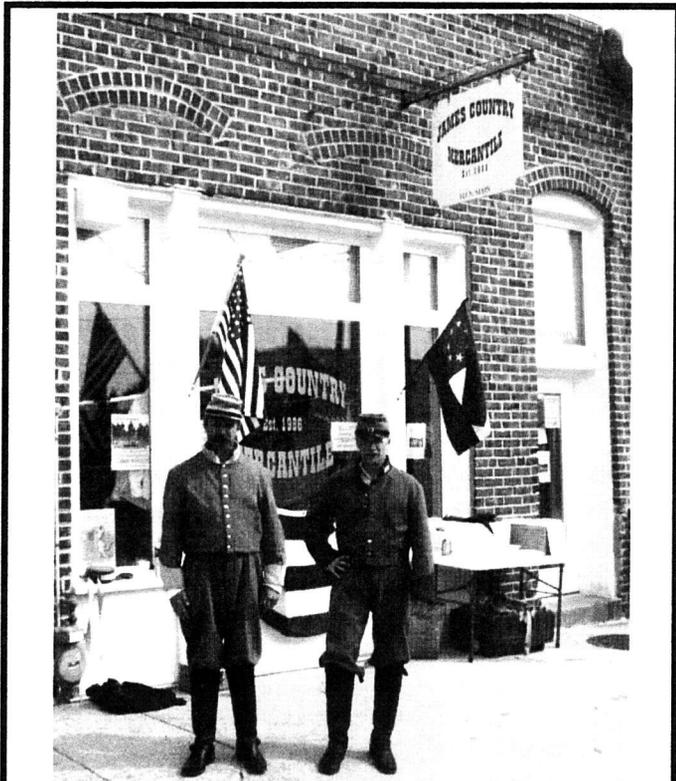
Ordered to the West side of the river. He left a rearguard to guard the bridge who had orders to burn the bridge when the Confederates got there. Blunt also covered the Fords across the river there. But Marmaduke sent men further south to another ford, and soon, the Confederates were swarming across the river. At that point the Yankees burned the bridge .

The Yankees were soon outflanked and withdrew to the Bluffs not far west of the River. At this point there were 2600 Feds with 15 cannon versus 5000 Confederates. Shelby pressed hard, and Fed Colonel Moonlight ordered his supply wagons with ammo withdrawn. The Battle raged, and by nightfall, the Yankees were on the west side of the Big Blue River, and Price was in Independence.

Steve's GG Grandfather John Hicks George and his 2 brothers, Hiram and Nathan, fought in that battle across the Ferguson Farm. Very cool.

On the Farm is a nice spring, when I look at that, I think, how many Confederates filled canteens out of that thing! One of the Ferguson Houses, sits on what's called Generals Bluff. Shelby, Marmaduke, Price etc, were able to be on the bluff and view the battlefield below them.

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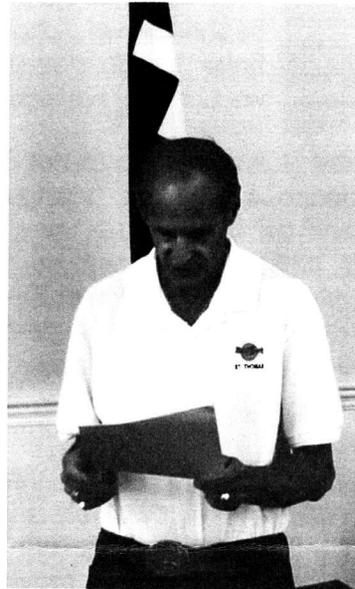
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Salute!

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The Fergusons not only own a very nice row crop farm, but a historic piece of Battlefield property also.

Many thanks to Steve for speaking to us about this neat history that took place on his family's land!



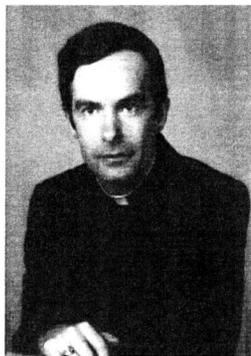
**Steve Ferguson in action!**

In other Camp news, the Camp voted to create an exploratory committee to host the 2023 Division and Society Reunion. The committee members are Jason, Tim Borrón, Kevin Lowe, Donnie Lawrence, Larry Yeatman and maybe Reed Simpson? I have bad notes!

Liberty Monument, Our Division Attorney, who is our Judge Advocate, has filed our response to Liberty that we own the property, providing evidence as to the chain of custody from McCarty Camp UCV, to the Missouri Division. We have good UCV bylaws that made the SCV their successor organization and leaving the UCV owned properties to the SCV or UDC. The city attorney asked our attorney for a couple of more docs which may not be possible to provide and aren't needed. But the city attorney said if he had those, in his view, the city's effort is dead. Keep your fingers crossed, and pray. LTY



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



In just a few weeks, we will observe July 4th and celebrate freedom. Most people value freedom, some even more than life. Patrick Henry made that choice clear during the American Revolution. Life is a sequence of choices. We have freedom regarding what we choose, not whether we

choose. There is no freedom to not choose. To neglect to choose is a choice. Yet, as valued as freedom is and as unavoidable as choices are, freedom has limits. We have no freedom of choice regarding some of the most basic things in life. We do not have the freedom to choose if or when we are born, our race, gender, native nationality and language, name, family, or economic status.

History is a record of civilizations that have advanced for a time, then grown soft or corrupt and digressed from the noble aspirations they once pursued. Old Testament history provides numerous examples. God saved Noah and his family and entrusted his descendants with repopulating the earth. (Gen. 8:17, 9:1) But men under the leadership of Nimrod, whose name means "we shall rebel," chose to disobey God and digressed. (Gen. 11:4) Consequently, God intervened to scatter man throughout the earth by developing numerous languages and three different races. The history of the nation of Israel is a continuous repetition of aspiration and digression. After the first generation entered the Promised Land with Joshua, the Israelites began to degenerate under the influence of the pagan Canaanites into the atrocities associated with Baal worship. (Jdg. 3) Israel's civilization reached a high point under David and Solomon, then succumbed to secular pagan influence. Irresponsible compromises, careless tolerance, and man's own political and economic goals replaced trust in God. (I Kg. 11) After being freed from slavery in Babylon, the books of Ezra and Nehemiah repeat the same story. Ezra read God's law to the people and they confessed their errors and repented. Nehemiah built a physical wall of defense around Jerusalem and a spiritual wall of protection around the people.

The New Testament and 2000 years of church history also tell a similar story. Christians, having to contend with the subversive overt attacks and subtle influence of secular paganism, have struggled to retain the purity of faith of the apostolic era. Our own personal lives are microcosms of the continuation of this struggle. As Christians, we resolve to live more faithfully, yet repeatedly fall short and digress into slavery to sin. That is why confession and repentance are staples of the Christian life. (I Jn. 1:9, 2:1)

By the actions of many, freedom is won. By the actions of a few, freedom is lost. A generation of Americans now lives without the experience or memory of what it was once like to be able to walk or drive down a street without being watched by cameras, to enter government buildings and military installations without having to navigate through security guards, metal detectors, and show proper identification. They do not remember when boarding a plane was as simple as purchasing a ticket and checking in your luggage, when students did not attend schools behind locked doors, and vital personal information was not collected and stored in data banks. Why? "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He Who now restrains it will do so until He is out of the way." (II Thess. 2:7) The Restrainer is the Holy Spirit Who speaks to each man as his conscience. When He is either not present or dominant in the lives of men, their "...consciences are seared..." (I Tim. 4:2) "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith..." (I Tim. 4:1) there will be "...a falling away..." (II Thess. 2:3) Consequently, "...every man (will do) what (is) right in his own eyes." (Jdg. 17:6) Indiscriminate tolerance, irrational relativism, and raging chaos will result in the loss of freedom.

The Illuminati derives its name from those who, as today's successors to its founders, choose to reject God, claim to be illuminated with superior knowledge and truth, and seek to impose their will on others. Christ said, "And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold." (Matt. 24:12) "God is love." (I Jn. 4:8) Christ said, "I am...the truth..." (Jn. 14:6) "and the truth will make you free." (Jn. 8:32) God created man in His image. (Gen. 1:26) Man reflects God's image when he possesses the disposition of love and defends

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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.

### Donna Lynn (Estes) Petersen



Donna Lynn (Estes) Petersen, 70, of Holden, Missouri, formerly of Raytown, Missouri, went to be with her personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, May 23, 2021, in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Donna was born on March 5, 1951, in Kansas City, Kansas, the daughter of Lindol Raymond Estes and Dorothy Maxine Kempf, who preceded her in death.

Donna shared a wonderful life together with her husband, Paul Robert Petersen for 50 years. She was a loving wife and mother. She adored her family and was immensely proud of each one of them. She attended church at New Life Fellowship in Holden, MO and was of the Southern Baptist Faith.

Donna is survived by her husband, Paul R. Petersen; three sons, Hans Jensen Petersen, Christian Petersen, Anton Jorgen Petersen; three daughters-in-law, Stephanie Kristine Petersen, Alexis Christine Petersen, Lynsey Faye Petersen; two brothers, Alan Estes, Rick Estes; one sister, Ronnie Bradley; seven grandchildren, Joseph, Grace, Joshua, Layla, Callie, Levi, and Amelia.

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Folks, this has been a terrible time for Paul Petersen and his family. Both Paul and Donna were in the hospital for weeks battling the covid. Paul seemed to do better in recovering, but Donna kept spiraling down hill. Paul was recently discharged from the hospital but was sent home with an oxygen tank he is now attached to pretty much. Poor Donna though, fought bravely but was unable to overcome the insidious disease. Donna did not fear death though as she had a strong relationship with her personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She is now surrounded by God's Love and is now healed.

Paul is lucky in the fact that two of his sons, live in houses on either side of Paul's House on their family land near Holden. His other son Jensen lives in Florida and is a minister. If you've seen some of the Petersen produced films about Quantrill etc, it is his son Jensen that did the video production for those films. All his kids our outstanding people.

Paul served his country bravely as a Marine thru Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. But he now has to battle the loss of half himself, Donna. Reach out to Paul, be his friend, offer any help he may need. And let's pray for him in his time of grief and for his full and complete recovery.

LTY



**Richard Rudd continued from page 4...**

truth. (I Cor. 13:4-6) When man chooses to damage his relationship with God, he damages his relationship with his fellow man. After the Fall in Eden, Adam and Eve's relationship suffered accusations. (Gen. 3:12) Cain killed Abel. (Gen. 4:8) And so, the reverberations of broken relationships pass down through history to the present.

American society, well into the first half of the 20th century, was predominantly Christian in its moral standards and was based on them for its way of life and very existence. As recent as 1956, Congress designated "In God We Trust" as the national motto. Imagine Congress doing that today! Freedom is spiritual, not tangible. The Founding Fathers understood the spiritual connection between Christianity and freedom. John Adams said, "It is religion and morality alone that can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand." He concluded, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of another." Noah Webster agreed, "(T)he Christian religion...is the basis, or rather the source of all genuine freedom in government...and I am persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of that religion have not a controlling influence." Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence, as if addressing today's Americans, said, "(W)ithout morals a republic cannot subsist...; they therefore who are decrying the Christian religion...are undermining the solid foundation of morals, the best security for the duration of free governments."

**Father Richard Rudd**  
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**General John Sappington Marmaduke.  
Marmaduke was present at the Battle of Little Blue River.  
See inside for the story!**