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Our Booth today at the Richmond Mushroom Festival! In this photo is Sgt at Arms Tim Borron, Commander Sam Stanton, and Gary Mayden. Come on out tomorrow!



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Message from Commander Sam Stanton

Hello Compatriots and Friends,

As I write this, I am at the Richmond Mushroom Festival working our Hughes Camp Booth. We ran Larry off so he can finish this newsletter. We'll be here on Saturday May 3rd from 9 AM to 7 PM. Come on out to Richmond! We are on the northeast outside corner of the square on Thornton.

At the Missouri Division Reunion in April, Hughes Camp was awarded the John Newman Edwards award for best newsletter. Good job to all our contributors who write articles for our news!



Thomas McConnell, Missouri Division Chaplain, will be our speaker at the Camp meeting on May 8th. He will present a 1861 document that might be the reason the South lost the war. Hope to see you all there.

Next thing up will be Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, and the State Historic Site-the Confederate Cemetery. That will be on **June 7th**, which is a Saturday. **Event will start at 11 AM**, but get there before that, bring a lawn chair. We'll have our camp booth set up there. If you have a uniform and want to be in the color guard, let me know.

See you at the Camp meeting on May 8th!

Sam Stanton
Commander Hughes Camp 614

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Camp Calendar

May 8th 6:30 PM - Camp Meeting Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014 Thomas McConnell, Missouri Division Chaplain, who will be our speaker and preach some fire and brimstone!

May 1,2,3 Richmond Mushroom Festival Mark you calendar now to block off some time to help run the booth!

June 7th Confederate Memorial Day, Higginsville Missouri should start at about 11 AM. There will be a Missouri Division SCV executive council meeting immediately after the event in the Chapel.

August 7,8, 9 Odessa Puddle Jumper days. That date is still to be determined exactly, but we think that will be the dates of that festival. Start marking your calendar for that!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, April 10th...

In April, we had **Matt Knapp** as our speaker. His subject was "**Bill Wilson, the Real Josie Wales**"

Bill Wilson didn't ride with Quantrill, he was a bushwhacker from Phelps County in the Ozarks, near Rolla Missouri. He maybe rode with Hildebrand's Raiders some of the time.

Wilson waged a one man war on the Jayhawkers. He was known for his skill, clever tactics, marksmanship.

Unlike the movie, his family wasn't killed. He was from a well to do family that tried to stay neutral. They had owned slaves but freed them well before the war. But, some horses were stolen in the area, and the Jayhawkers blamed Bill and burned his farm.

Bill was 6'2", nice looking guy and good natured. He played a fiddle and was always wanted at parties and events. He often practiced shooting from horseback.

After being accused of horse theft, Yankee bodies started turning up everywhere around there. At one place he shot 4 Yankees on a road. Bill started supplying stolen horses to Quantrill's men. Legend is Bill killed dozens of Yankees.

There was a \$300 bounty on bushwhackers. So Bill took his wife and 2 kids to Texas. His wife was part Cherokee.

After the war, Bill sold a wagon full of apples and was paid in Greenbacks. Two Ex Confederates turned Bounty Hunters were keeping an eye on Bill. After the sale they followed Bill, and they killed him.

I presume they stole the Greenbacks in that process. Both men were convicted and hung in Sherman Texas. But Bill survived the entire war, just to end up being killed by two former Confederate Soldiers.

The movie Outlaw Josey Wales was based on a book by Forest Carter called "Gone to Texas" The movie was released in 1976 and Clint Eastwood said it's his finest work. Clint Eastwood does have a Confederate relative, James McCallahan out of Virginia, that ended up in Missouri. The Movie is preserved in the National Archives and has been deemed historically significant.

Thanks for the Great info Matt and for being our speaker!





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Boyd Chapter Commander Steve Ferguson

Nine (Lives Honored) Attend

Yes, you read that correctly!! Nine members of the Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter attended the 2025 SCV and MOS&B Missouri State Reunion in Rolla!! I would venture to say the most of any MOS&B chapter in the state!! The Boyd Chapter should be very PROUD of this achievement.

Thank you to: Larry Yeatman, Dwayne Holtzclaw, Lanny Dixon, Thomas McConnell, Sam Stanton, Matt Knapp, Mark Maxey, Scott Ferguson and Steve Ferguson. You nine not only made history, but you made the Boyd Chapter to be known as outstanding and you HONORED nine plus ancestors of the great Confederate States of America and the Southern Cause. It is such an honor to be a part of this extraordinary chapter!!!

One of the main events of the evening is the Candlelight Ancestor Honor Roll. It is always a very moving time as the names of all attendees' ancestors are SAID ALOUD and honored by their candlelight.

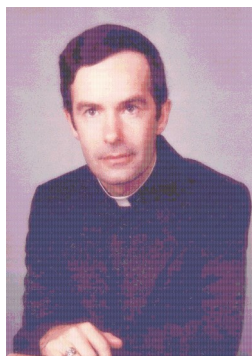
*This Southern light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This Southern light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This Southern light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.*

This reunion, as well as all previous reunions, was again very encouraging and refueling. It featured powerful educational and inspiring speakers as well as great meals. It is always uplifting to surround yourself with exceptional friends from around the state of Missouri as well as from adjoining states and to meet and make new acquaintances with like-minds. Missouri was greatly honored with many National officers of both organizations attending our reunion.

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Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus Richard W Rudd



In 2012, a crowd gathered at a music and arts festival to swing and gyrate along with the violent lyrics of "gangsta rap". The performance was given by Lesane Crooks, known by the pseudonym "Tupac", who appeared on the stage before his adoring fans. What made this performance unusual was that Crooks had been shot and

died in 1996, 16 years earlier. What the fans in the crowd viewed and reacted to was a hologram, a three-dimensional image formed by the manipulation of light waves. They knew Crooks was dead, but wanted to believe he was still performing and willingly acted in accordance with that belief.

It is said that seeing is believing, but what we choose to believe might not always be true. What we see, hear, and feel might not always be reality. False perceptions can originate from being told lies that violate our trust, permitting our own biases to enable us to sense what we choose, or following the crowd like sheep, accepting popular fads and prevailing points of view without questioning their veracity and verifying their factual basis.

In the past, sorcery or magic, from the Greek term *mageia*, and drugs, from the Greek term *pharmakeia* or pharmacy, were used to manipulate the mind and one's perception of reality. While the techniques have assumed modern methods, the mental deception they produce is the same and as old as time. The occult seeks to deal with metaphysical forces its practitioners believe govern physical elements to create the desired reality. Demonic activity is the real force at work. Practice of this has been discovered among American Indians, Africans, Sufi Moslems, Tibetan lamas, Zen Buddhists, Yoga, etc. Perhaps the oldest occult practices are associated with Hinduism, which teaches that the whole universe is an illusion created by the mind; one only needs to look within to the subconscious to discover one's real self and unleash latent unlimited potential psychic powers to create the truth and reality they choose.

Science and shamanism are merging. Once limited to dealing with physical laws pertaining to nature and the material world, scientists in Europe and America are incorporating metaphysics into science and saying that physical reality is a fabrication of the imagination and that the only

reality subsists in the thoughts of one's mind. Quantum mechanics is the mathematical system dealing with the behavior of atoms and molecules that compose matter. It is the study of the interaction of matter and radiation, energy in the form of light and heat sent out from the atoms and molecules that compose matter. Scientists are using their own terminology, but assigning occult meanings to the words. To state all of this scientific jargon bluntly, scientists are beginning to subscribe to the blasphemy that man, like God, supposedly has within himself the capability to create something out of nothing.

New Age philosophy is nothing more than Old Age occultism and it is pervasive like a disease permeating 21st century civilization. Many medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, theologians, educators, politicians, historians, even businessmen are either knowingly subscribing to or naively accepting this deception. Corporations train their employees, politicians fill their campaign rhetoric, educators indoctrinate students, and physicians believe health is just a state of mind. Theologians are reinterpreting scripture. God said, "Let Us make man in Our image..." (Gen. 1:26), meaning man is to be a mirror reflection of God's glory to the world. New Age occultism reinterprets this to mean man is a god. A mirror reflects the image of the one before it; the image does not become what it reflects. Man can only be a channel of God's power; he has no latent divine attributes within himself waiting to be discovered and utilized.

Socialism in economics and medicine is being advocated in spite of the obvious advantage of capitalism. Youth are being told that their gender is merely a state of mind, contrary to anatomy and obvious common sense. Some are even identifying with animals instead of fellow humans. Miscegenation is being promoted on the superficial lie that our racial identity is only defined by skin color, ignoring the indelible code in our DNA. Homosexual unions are labeled marriage, changing the definition of what constitutes a valid marriage. Of particular concern to patriotic Americans and Southerners in particular is that historians are editing history by rewriting or omitting the record. Moslem terrorists are praised as victims and antisemitism is rising in the US. America's forefathers are being labeled racists and today's citizens are being labeled as imperialists. Our Confederate ancestors are being maligned, their graves desecrated, monuments vandalized,

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The MOS&B Luncheon presentation, a first-person portrayal by Barnes M. Bradshaw entitled "Gratiot Street Prison and the life and times of Absalon Grimes", was masterful and impressive. The evening presentation of "The Immortal 600" by Mauriel Phillips Joslyn was very educational and was the theme of the reunion medal.

As always, the business meetings of both organizations were informative and productive. Items voted on, I am sure, will be explained and highlighted in upcoming Division and Society Newsletters.

This was a notable and significant reunion for the Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter in that it was the first reunion in which our new Boyd Chapter flag was officially displayed. It was a great privilege for the nine of us to have our flag on display in the meetings and programs along with all of the other camp and chapter flags.

One of the next major state events will be the 36th Annual Missouri Society MOS&B Missouri Secession Day Dinner. It will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Inn at Grand Glaize. Our keynote presentation will be given by SCV past Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. Remember his presentation will be about General P.G.T. Beauregard. This year's challenge coin will feature General Beauregard and be the 3rd in the series of four. More information will be forthcoming.

I thank you for the honor to serve as your Commander.

Remember to REFUEL your light!!!

Attend events and meetings - Come be a part of our OUTSTANDING organizations!!

God bless America.

God bless Dixie.

And God bless our families.

Steve Ferguson, Commander

Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter #236

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and the real reason for the WBTS twisted. All these things are being done believing that one only needs to visualize their desires; reality is just a state of mind.

Reality is under attack. Our world is being transformed into a hologram. New Age shamans are regressing to the past to recreate a world that never existed, fantasizing to fabricate a world in the present that does not exist, and projecting into the future a world they dream of constructing on the basis of myth. At the same time, we, the descendants of our Confederate ancestors, share a fate in common with Israelis and the church militant. We are "...strangers and exiles on the earth...seeking a homeland...a better country...a heavenly one..." (Heb. 11:13-16)" ...from whose shore no traveler returns..." (Hamlet, Act III) However, while we are in this world, we must fight to establish our place in it. But the world reminds us that we are not of it. We are surrounded by enemies whose intention is to eradicate us not only from the face of the earth, but from the record of history. We must recognize our enemy and be aware that "...we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..." (Eph. 6:12) that is upon us.

Fr Richard Rudd, Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus



Southern Cross of honor awarded to Isaac Flanery presented to Dennis Flanery.

In April, Isaac Flanery was posthumously awarded the Southern Cross of Honor. It was presented to his relative, Dennis Flanery. And that made the paper in the Holden area! Below is the newspaper article as well as photo we took of Dennis receiving the award from Commander Stanton. Salute to Isaac and Dennis Flanery!

Local Interest...

Flanery Ancestor Receives Posthumous Award



ANCESTRY AWARD... Dennis Flanery (left) receives posthumous award for ancestor Isaac Flanery, who served with distinction in the Civil War. Photo • Submitted

Isaac Flanery entered the Confederate States Army by service as a part of Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's Missouri Partisan Rangers during the fall of 1861. On the 12th day of August, 1862, he enlisted into the regular Confederate service as a private in William Clarke Quantrill's company in Colonel Upton B. Hays's Regiment of General Joseph Orville Shelby's Brigade sworn into the Confederate States Army by the Battle of Independence and the Battle of Westport and in Quantrill's winter campaign in Texas.

Awarded posthumously for having served with distinction until honorably discharged. The certificate read as follows:

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Brigadier General John T. Hughes Sons of Confederate Veterans Essay
Contest Rules

Essay subject: The Morrill Tariff as the Cause of the American Civil War

Contest is open to High School Juniors and Seniors who plan on attending college or a trade school after High School. Or to a student who is enlisting in a branch of the Military after high school.

Contest entries must be submitted typed double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font, on 8 ½" by 11" paper with 1" margins. Contest offered to High School Juniors or Seniors.

Essay Pages – The essay must:

Minimum of 800 and a maximum of 1,200 words (excluding title page, footnotes, bibliography page and biography. First page must include the Title. No applicant information on essay pages. No graphics, special covers or bindings are allowed. Essay must include a short applicant's autobiography, name, address and phone number.

Biography pages – The bibliography must:

Include a minimum of two references from either published works, encyclopedias or internet sources.

Judging: The essay will be judged for historical accuracy, clarity of thought, organization, grammar and spelling and the writer's summation and opinion of the topic.

Submission: Completed essays shall be submitted to the Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans or their designated representative on or before September 1, 2025.

Requirements: \$500 will be awarded for the winning essay. Winner will be required to accept the award at the monthly meeting of the Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp on the second Thursday of the month located at Zarda BBQ at 6:00 pm in Blue Springs the month following notification of winning the award. Winner will agree to read their winning essay at time of awarding prize. All essays will become the property of the Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp SCV. The winning essay may be submitted for publication in the Sons of Confederate Veterans newsletter. Applicants for the BGen John T. Hughes Essay agree that the decision of the judges is final and not subject for review.

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From the Desk of Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey

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Compatriots,

The Missouri Division SCV and the Missouri Society MOSB Reunion in Rolla, Missouri on April 11-12 was a success! Salute to the Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp 2344, of Rolla!

Our next Missouri Division Reunion will be held March 27-28, 2026 in Carthage, MO.

We were honored to have as special guests SCV Commander-in-Chief Donnie Kennedy, SCV Executive Director Adam Southern, and SCV National Membership Director Eric Previti. Those in attendance had the opportunity to hear from, and converse personally with, these National SCV personalities.

This year's Friday evening Commanders' reception featured something unique: banjo and guitar music presented by Robert Adelson from the James Morgan Utz Camp and Hank Roberts from the General John T. Hughes Camp. Hank received the Missouri Division "John Moloski Friend of the SCV" award for 2025. There was no program on Friday night. Just music, finger foods, and fellowship. It was relaxed and casual. We have received lots of positive feedback about that.

Saturday morning's Missouri Division SCV business meeting commenced with our Color Guard honoring Missouri Southern soldiers. 15 of our 18 Missouri Camps were represented at this year's meeting. The Division general membership present at the meeting voted to add two new brigades to our large state by splitting Missouri into quadrants – Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, and Southeast - while keeping the Central Brigade. This will help the Brigade Commanders by giving them a smaller geographical area, and thus fewer Camps, to oversee. The membership also approved an amendment to replace any money used in the future from the interest-bearing accounts, namely the money market account. The money market account is where Division life-time memberships go to generate interest to make up for the annual dues that would have otherwise been collected, as per the Division Constitution.

Both of the special speakers at the Reunion shared their stories about the brutality and cruelty humans inflict in war, including on their fellow Americans. Barns M. Bradshaw spoke at the MOSB Luncheon about "Gratiot Street Prison and the Life and Times of Absalon Grimes." Mauriel Phillips Joslyn presented "The Immortal 600" as the Saturday night supper speaker. Both speakers were entertaining and informative.

The Division awards and other presentations took up nearly the rest of Saturday evening. SCV Commander-in-Chief Donnie Kennedy assisted with this honorable task.

Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp 2344 was the recipient of the Colonel John Q. Burbridge Best Camp Award, as well as the Lindsay J. Whiteside Outstanding Recruitment Award. General Mosby M. Parsons Camp 718 was the recipient of the Major James R. Walton Graves Award. General John T. Hughes Camp 614 was the recipient of the John Newman Edwards Best Camp Newsletter Award. Missouri Division Adjutant, and compatriot of Major Thomas R. Livingston Camp 2327, Wes Franklin was presented the Colonel Joseph C. Porter Award, which is the highest award the Missouri Division gives to an individual member. Wes' commitment to the Cause is evident to the membership and his fellow Division officers. Compatriot Stan Myers from the General Mosby M. Parsons Camp 718 accepted a National SCV Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of his late wife, Beverly Myers. It was too little, too late, but we honored this fine lady the best we

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could. Stacie Cowell, wife of compatriot Dave Cowell, of Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp 2344, was also honored with a Missouri Division Certificate of Appreciation for all her work behind the scenes with both the Missouri Lee-Jackson Supper and the Missouri Reunion. Missouri Division Lt. Commander Rodney Neville was presented with a National SCV Distinguished Service Medal. Compatriot Danny Creason, of Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp 2344, was presented with a National SCV Heritage Defense Medal. Witnessing our dedicated members being recognized for their hard work is always uplifting.

Special thanks to Bradford Camp commander, Herb Turner, and Lt. Commander David Cowell, along with their entire Camp, for all their time and efforts in creating an enjoyable, memorable Reunion. Also, thanks to Missouri Division Adjutant Wes Franklin for the clerical work that brought us together, and compatriot Ron McBride, Commander of the General James H. McBride Camp 632, for capturing it in photos throughout the weekend. Huge thanks to Missouri Society MOSB Commander Jon Trent, who designed the neat and attractive Reunion Program, and the Reports book. Also, big thanks to compatriot Steve Ferguson, of the General John T. Hughes Camp 614, who gifted the Reunion medals to the event. I am probably leaving people out, and if so, I really do apologize. It takes a number of folks to put on a State Reunion. You know who you are, and you are appreciated!

Many thanks to the ladies who decorated and helped enhance our Reunion: Stacy and Alley Cowell, Charlene Turner, and all else. Our Division Chaplain, Thomas McConnell, honored the memory of our own who passed away in 2024. Thanks to everyone who made this another great shared reunion in Rolla, Missouri!

Liberty Battle Update

The National SCV General Executive Council has agreed to proceed with our appellate attorney Jonathan Sternberg's request to file a writ of prohibition in the Missouri Court of Appeals challenging the court order denying the SCV's claim and dismissing the SCV from the case. The National General Executive Council has also agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost to file the writ. This is in addition to the cost of appeal once a final judgement is rendered, should we be denied on the writ of prohibition. To do this, we as the Missouri Division are going to have to raise an extra \$3,000. However, there is also a chance we could be granted on the writ, which would mean the SCV is declared the owner of the property and allowed to defend, or at least being allowed to be a party in a jury trial. If denied, we will STILL appeal following the court's final judgement, expected early next year, no matter what. Either way, the Missouri Division will continue to stand on the principle that the SCV is the rightful owner of Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery in Liberty, where our gravemarker stands watch over our dead, as the legal heir of the United Confederate Veterans. More to follow. To make a donation to the Missouri Division's Legal Fund, contribute via Paypal at: <http://paypal.me/missouridivisionscv>. Please include a short note explaining what it is for. You can also send a check or money order, payable to "Missouri Division SCV", to Missouri Division Adjutant Wes Franklin, 12161 Norway Road, Neosho, MO 64850. Please state in the memo line what it is for. I hate asking for money from our members, but this is a long fight, and every dollar helps. Every day that monument in Liberty stands intact and undisturbed in any way at Fairview Cemetery is a victory. We will not yield an inch! This case is more than just about a single monument in a single cemetery in a single town. This is about the succession of United Confederate Veterans property to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and could have national and long lasting ramifications. That is why we MUST win this in the end, no matter how long it takes.

Confederate Calendar:

June 7 – Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Higginsville, MO. This is held at the Confederate cemetery there, where 800 of our veterans rest.

July 17-20 – National SCV Reunion in Houston, TX. Attend one National Reunion and you won't want to miss another. Details can be found at scv.org. Just click on the Reunion banner on the homepage.