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# **The Hughes News**

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Brigadier General John T Hughes Camp # 614, SCV  
And  
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Independence, Missouri**



**Hughes Camp Sales and information booth set up at the Odessa Puddle Jumper days Festival. Thursday evening was slow as always, but we were pretty busy on Friday Night and Saturday. We made some money, and talked to a bunch of people!**



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Camp # 614

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## Message from Commander Sam Stanton

### Hello Compatriots and Friends,

I hope all are doing well and enjoying the cooler weather we get here and there lately.

The Camp set up it's booth at Odessa and thanks to all that helped run the booth. Sales were off some from last year in Odessa, but we still did pretty good and it was well worth the effort to be there.

Our next event to set up the booth will be September 11th –13th at the Holden Street Festival in Holden Missouri. That is usually a good event for us. Mark your calendars for that event and we

should do pretty good there.

In this news, we have a flyer for the Confederate Revival Event in October in Richmond Missouri. That is a Northwest Brigade event but open to any and all guest we can get there.

There is also a flyer for the Secession Day Dinner to be held October 18th at Osage Beach Missouri.

I do not know as of this writing who our speaker will be for this Thursdays camp meeting. But we're working on it!

See you all this Thursday, August 14th!

**Sam Stanton**  
**Commander Hughes Camp 614**



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## Camp Calendar

**August 14th 6:30 PM - Camp Meeting Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014** Our speaker this month will be, maybe Paul Petersen. Larry is applying pressure to him as we speak...

**Holden Street Festival September 11th –13th** More details to follow!

**Confederate Revival! October 4th, 2025.** Eagleton Civic Center, Richmond, Flyer attached!

**Secession Day Dinner, October 18th, 2025** Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO . Flyers and registration form attached!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

## What's been happening on the Western Front

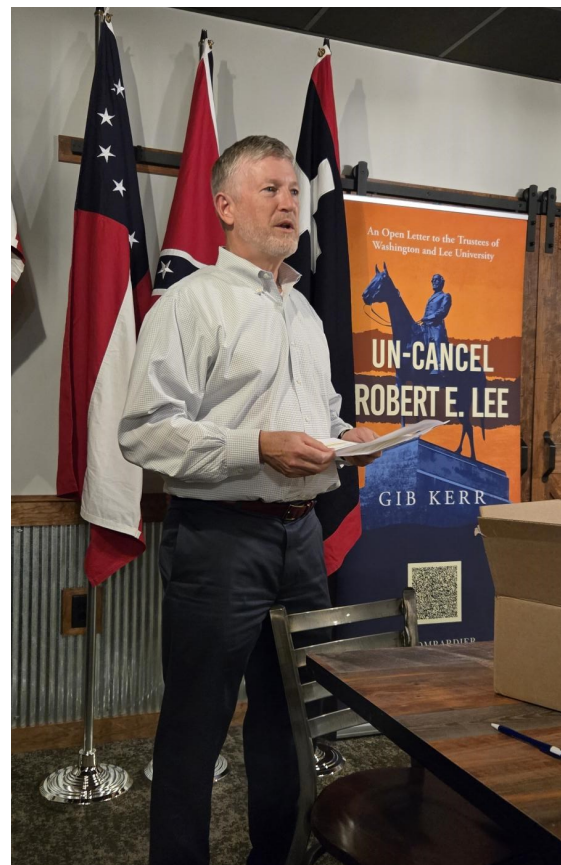
### Camp Meeting, July 10th...

In July, we had our newest member be our speaker! Might as well break them in right! ***Our Speaker was Everett Gibson Kerr (Gib Kerr)*** . Gib was/is a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and joined that when he went to college at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Lee, either created Kappa Alpha, or it was inspired by Lee.

When Gib attended Washington and Lee University, The Lee Chapel where Lee is buried was still called Lee Chapel, and Lee Chapel was honored and respected by the University. Now days, they call it something else, have covered some things up, and try to hide that Lee is buried there. So Gib is trying to change all that! He has written a book called **"Un-Cancel Robert E. Lee: An Open Letter to the Trustees of Washington and Lee University"**.

Gib has been giving Presentations to those in Power with Kappa Alpha, and gaining traction that the fraternity should emphasize Lee and his values, and teach Lee's principals to young men. But he's also been working with the Board of Trustees at Washington and Lee, and has that Board reconsidering some of it's recent positions.

Gib gave us some of Lee's history, told us about some of Lee's thoughts, writings and actions. But also holds firm that the qualities of Lee should be emulated by our Youth.



Gib did have some of his books for sale which some of us bought. I'm sure you can find it out there online for sale. It's a great book and you'll learn a lot about the efforts to Un-Cancel Lee.

***Many thanks to Gib for speaking to us, and welcome aboard with Hughes Camp Gib!***





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## **Boyd Chapter Commander Steve Ferguson**

### **Sorry to Report this News**

I know that all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our Boyd Chapter's most valuable members -- Someone Else.

Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be very difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever some project was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else can lead that project!"

Whenever there was a job to do or a meeting to attend or an event to plan one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it". It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest donors of time and energy in this chapter. Whenever there was a need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would make up the difference.

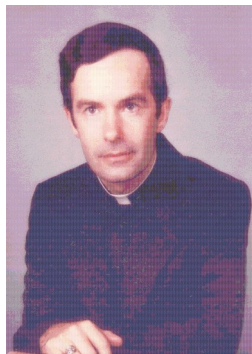
Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example for us to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

- Author Unknown -

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## Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus Richard W Rudd



All of us are experiencing constant change that is accelerating with each passing year. Solomon observed, "A generation goes, and a generation comes..." (Eccles. 1:4) Each generation changes reality; the world and life in it are what each successive generation makes. Generations come and go because "...it is

appointed for men to die once...' (Heb. 9:27) "For the living know that they will die, ... but the memory of them is lost." (Eccles. 9:5)

Scripture is replete with reminders of the transient nature of life in this world. David said, "Man is like a breath, his days are like a passing shadow." He lamented that we "...wither away like grass." (Ps. 144:4, 102:11) Job agreed and further stated, "As the cloud fades and vanishes...", so do our lives. (7:7,9) James tells us, "For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." (4:14) Solomon wrote, "There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be remembrance of later things yet to happen among those who come after." He repeated that "... there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten." (Eccles. 1:11, 2:16)

Against all of the odds we want to be remembered because God has instilled in us a desire for immortality. Some seek this through their children. But, as generations come and go, they become near genealogical statistics in the family tree to those who have never known them. Others seek immortality through some dramatic act that garners attention and fame only to become an impersonal footnote among the annals of history. After the assassination of JFK, November 22 was noted each year. Now, it is just another day. Recently, bells mournfully tolled for Pope Francis; approximately two weeks later, the same bells rang in celebration of Pope Leo as the memory of Francis fades into the past. Some seek to be remembered by erecting monuments that outlast the remembrance of the one they commemorate. St. Paul said that even though we speak eloquently and say great things, have prophetic powers, understand all mysteries and knowledge, remove mountains, give away our property through donations, or even

make self-sacrifices, "but have not love, (we) gain nothing." "Love never ends;" it is how we form lasting bonds and find immortality. (1 Cor. 13:1-3, 8)

Memories are developed and preserved by synapses that serve as the points of contact between adjacent neurons in the brain where nerve impulses are transmitted from one to another. The longer we remember, the stronger the synapses. Weak synapses result in forgetting. The length and depth of how we are remembered are determined by the bonds we form through shared experiences, whether life-fulfilling or life-threatening, with others, especially family and friends. In Christianity, it is through the communion of saints mentioned in the ancient creeds and recitation of the Litany of Saints. We form bonds with people who share the same social and political philosophies. Bonds are also geographical. We might live in the same neighborhood, have the same hometown, or be citizens of the same state or sectional region of the US. Those of us who reside in one of the states of the CSA and in the South can identify with each other. Nationality, be it of the USA or CSA, distinguishes us from others and unites us as one people. Today, more than ever since the end of the WBTS, our personal and collective identities are being attacked because of our religious beliefs, social and political philosophies, and locale in which we live. Due to our assailants' being devoid of love for those they disagree with, immortality through remembrance of our ancestors and ourselves is threatened by editing, revising, and rewriting both current events and history. Our monuments are being desecrated. We are being libeled and silenced by intimidation and censorship. Wherever we go, we leave fingerprints that can be used in court as forensic evidence verifying that we have passed that way. Eventually, our fingerprints are erased as if we had never been there. So it is with being forgotten; it is as if we had never existed.

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

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All of the Boyd Chapter members each have at least one, if not many, talents to move forward our chapter, society and order. Please think about what time or talent or resource that you have that will propel our chapter, society and order into the future. We owe this to our ancestors that gave so much for the Southern Cause!!! Your ancestor DID NOT ask or wait for Someone Else to do their part for the Cause!! Your ancestor stood up for the Cause!! We must also stand up for the Southern Cause and never rely on Someone Else.

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

May God bless America.

May God bless Dixie.

And may God bless our families.

**Steve Ferguson, Commander**

**Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter #236**

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

How do we preserve memories and find immortality? First, they are found in the hearts of those who know and love each other. Secondly, they are found in our relationships with God, "...for God is love..." "...and he who loves...knows God." "In this is the love of God...made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him." (I Jn. 4:7-10) "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." (Rom. 13:10) How is this accomplished? "Fear (love and respect) God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." (Eccles. 12:13)

***Fr Richard W Rudd***

**Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus**



**Hughes Camp Scholarship**  
**Open to all, get this to your kids and grandkids!**

**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.

Mail one copy to:     Larry Yeatman– Hughes Camp Adjutant  
                              5606 NE Antioch Rd  
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Inaugural  
**Confederate Revival Picnic**  
of the Northwest Brigade of the Missouri Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Saturday, October 4,  
2025

10am to 3pm  
Eagleton Civic Center  
1015 West Royle Street  
Richmond MO 64085

The speaker is Pastor John Weaver, Past Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and renowned historian.

Session 1 - The Biblical Philosophy of History  
Session 2 - Revival in the Southern Armies

A southern fashioned picnic  
lunch will be provided free of  
charge.

You are most encouraged to  
bring your bibles.  
No vendors will be allowed as  
this is a time to come and  
listen.

Please RSVP right away to:

Thomas McConnell  
33450 W 163<sup>RD</sup> St  
Lawson, MO 64062  
Modiv-chap@protonmail.com

*Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us forever? Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?* Psa 85: 4-6







## 36th Annual Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars

### Missouri Secession Day Dinner

**Saturday October 18th, 2025**

#### Questions or Inquiries

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#### **Location / Lodging**

Inn at Grand Glaize

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Osage Beach, MO 65065

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Room Rate \$92.00 a night+

local taxes Group Code

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#### **Registration**

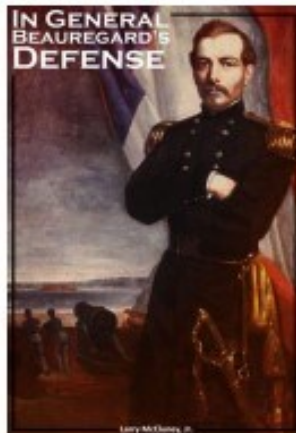
Individual - \$40.00

Couple (2 adults) - \$75.00

Children (under 12) - \$30.

All registrations include dinner and the third issue of a series of Secession Day challenge coins featuring General P.G.T. Beauregard

(coin pictured below)



### **Keynote Presentation** *SCV PCIC Larry McCluney, Jr.*

Larry Allen McCluney, Jr., is an Instructor of American History at Mississippi Delta Community College and an American Civil War Living Historian since 1995. Based in Greenwood, Mississippi, he is the author of numerous best selling books which have been the topic of historical debate among students and historians.

Additionally, McCluney is currently a member of the nonprofit organization Sons of Confederate Veterans for over 25 years and served as the 76th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

McCluney's publications have focused on political, intellectual, and social history of the American Civil War. His bestselling books are *The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust into the Delta* (Civil War Series) (2017) (ranked bestseller in Military Pictorial History, Reconstruction History of the U.S., and U.S. Civil War Confederate History) and *On to Vicksburg!: The Mississippi Central Railroad Campaign* (2019). His latest book is *In Defense of General Beauregard* (2022).

Larry McCluney has received many awards for historical preservation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy as well as numerous other awards. He was also chosen as the Mississippi's top American History teacher in 2014 by the Daughters of the American Revolution and was chosen for Who's Who Among America's Top Teachers on numerous occasions. visit his website at <https://larrymccluney.com/> and

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Beauregard1861/>







## Secession Day Dinner October 18, 2025

### Remembering the Anniversary of Missouri's Secession on October 31, 1861



*Hosted by the Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars.*

#### **Executive Council Meeting** **Saturday October 18, 3:00 PM**

*An Executive Council meeting will be held beginning at 3:00 PM in the Upper Terrace Room adjacent to the hotel lounge. Chapter Commanders or a Chapter designated representative are highly encouraged to attend.*

*A meeting agenda will be sent to each Chapter at least 30 days prior to the meeting.*

#### **Location and Lodging**

**Inn at Grand Glaize**  
**5142 Osage Beach Parkway**  
**Osage Beach, MO 65065**  
**1-800-348-4731**

**We have secured a room rate of  
\$92 plus tax.**

**Get your reservation in early.  
The group code is MOSB25**

**5:30 PM - Doors open for Social Hour**

**6:00 PM - Introductions and greetings, dinner to be served immediately following**

**Cost is \$40 per adult or \$75 per couple, Children under 12 are \$30 Registration deadline is October 11, 2025. PGT Beauregard Challenge coin included with each registration!**

Please use the following registration form to send in your reservation! For questions, call Commander Jon Trent at 417-353-5908 or email at [jtrent1@cougars.ccis.edu](mailto:jtrent1@cougars.ccis.edu) We hope to see you all there!

#### **2025 Missouri Secession Day Dinner Registration Form**

**Name and Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest names and titles** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Adult Individual Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$40.00 per person = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Adult Combo tickets** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$75.00 per combo = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of children under 12** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$30.00 per person = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

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