

# The Hughes News

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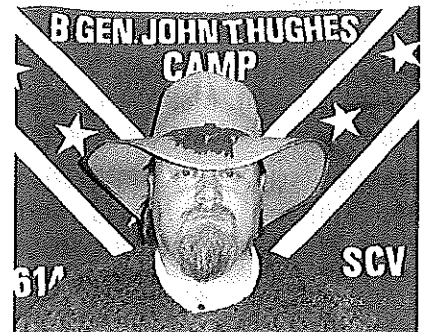
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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots:**

Camp member William Knight and I loaded up the camp recruitment equipment in the Caddy and went to Booneville on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. When we arrived at the reenactment site it was muddy and rainy. James J. Searcy camp was there from Columbia with Commander Loren Wayne Reynolds. Compatriot Mark Stuart, and others from that



camp greeted us and before we set up our recruitment tent, the wind picked up and we had to hold Searcy's camp recruitment tent down to keep it from blowing away into the next county. Even the Missouri National Guard boys helped in the endeavor. After that fracas, John T. Hughes camp set up, the weather calmed down, the sun came out, and hoards of people started showing up by the trailer load. Both Hughes and Searcy camps had the prime location of being at the entrance to the reenactment site. Everyone that entered saw our two recruitment tents first thing and were taking pictures. We handed out almost all of our brochures and sold a lot of merchandise. Mark Stuart represented the John R. Boyd Chapter 236 of the MOS&B. About 10:00 that morning, Commander Neil Block of the William T. Anderson camp showed up and helped out all day. All in all, it was a good successful event for the Hughes camp and all of the other camps representing the Missouri Division SCV. I would like to thank Gordon Fristoe, his wife Barbara, James Bradley, his wife Debbie and their family, and William Knight for setting aside the time to attend the event. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Patrick Cole and Adjutant Larry Yeatman of the Hughes camp were there too, but were busy trying to kill the invaders.

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*Hughes Camp would like to give a warm Southern Welcome to the following new Members, John Tunks, Ronald Guthrie, Sam Stanton, and Robert Capps (Bob Capps son) . Thanks for joining guys and we're glad to have you aboard!*

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## Camp Calendar

**July 14th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 E. Lexington Independence, Missouri 64050. Our speaker this month will be Paul Petersen, and his subject will be "Quantrill at Lawrence, the Untold Story".** You won't want to hear Paul on this subject, and we'll also be swearing in up to 3 new members!

**August 12th -14th, 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, Republic, Missouri.** Our Camp may want to join forces with McBride and Coffee Camp at this event, but this is also one should just come to and enjoy. This will be THE National Reenactment for the year, so guys should be there from all across the Country. This is your chance to see a National Reenactment in your own backyard, which may never happen again. This will be an epic event. Make your hotel reservations now, or at least plan on a day trip there, you won't be disappointed! See attached ad for ticket information!

**September 16,-18, 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, Lexington, Mo** This will be an epic reenactment also and we'll definitely set up a booth here. This is right in our backyard!



**Br. Gen. John T  
Hughes**

## What's been happening on the Western Front

**Camp Meeting, June 9th** In June we took a break from finding speakers, and just went around the room and had everyone give a brief story about one of their ancestors. It was amazing how many Confederate States were represented by the members we had there. We come from all over the South!

We also discussed what events we would set up shop at that are coming up. We've already been to Booneville and Waverly, and will for sure be at Lexington and probably Wilson's Creek. These are all good places to sell some of our Confederate Wares, raise some money, and spread the word. We did pretty well at Booneville and Waverly. Events like this are perfect for us, as the folks in attendance like and care about history and particularly the War.

In other news, George Baker has been back to the last 2 or 3 Camp Meetings after a long bout with heart issues. George, we're glad your up and running again and wish you the best in your continued recovery!

### Other Happenings...

There's been a lot of neat stuff going on in

Missouri this year, in connection with the Sesquicentennial, as 1861 was a big year in Missouri during the War. Is it possible Missouri had more major battles fought in 1861 than Virginia did? It would have to be close either way I would think. ***There's your homework assignment Camp, what state had the most battles fought in it in 1861? Email answers to larryyeatman@msn.com***

Here's a list of what major events have happened so far in Missouri this year to do with the War.

Missouri Division SCV Convention, March

150th Camp Jackson Reenactment, May (The Battle that started the war in Missouri)

Battle of Carthage 150th reenactment, May

Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, June 4

150th Battle of Booneville, June 17-19

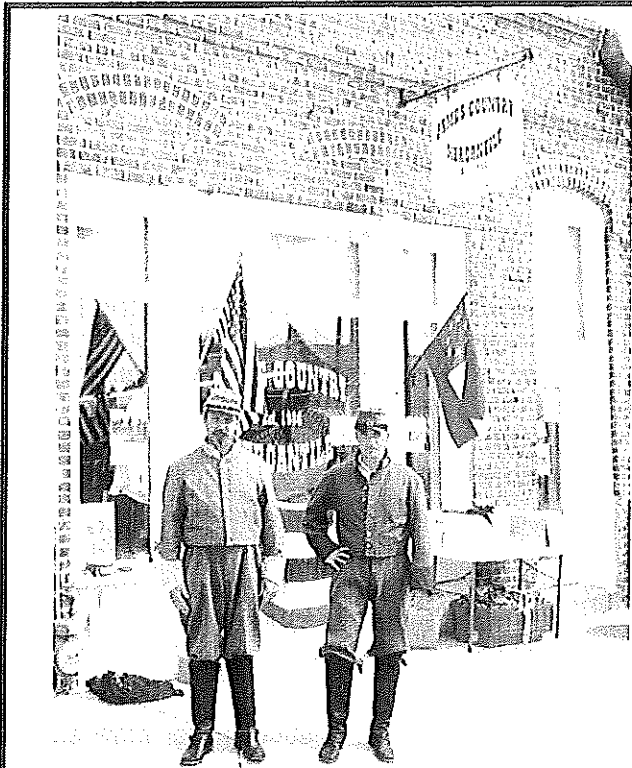
Gen J O Shelby Wedding Reenactment, Waverly, June

*Still to come*

150th Wilson's Creek

150th Lexington

That's quite a list if you think about it. Get out and support these events, lots of work has gone into them! Enjoy the Sesquicentennial, as most of us won't be around for the bicentennial events!



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### Commander Coffman continued...

Byron Botts (a confederate minded individual from Holt) and I loaded up the Caddy again with the camp recruitment equipment and went to Waverly on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> for the reenactment of General J.O. Shelby's wedding. When we arrived we did not set up the Hughes recruitment tent just yet. There was a storm moving in from the northwest. When it hit it rained like a cow peeing on a flat rock. We gathered for shelter under the Waverly city hall overhang. While we were standing there, Robbie Maupin was saying how big the Lexington reenactment is going to be come September. After the front went through, the sun came out and it was nice. We set up the recruitment tent and began to sell merchandise and hand out brochures. The Hughes camp did very well at Waverly. I would like to thank Gordon Fristoe, his wife Barbara, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Kurt Holland and his wife Billie for attending this event.

After these two events where Hughes camp was represented, we should get some new members I would hope. See you good men at the next meeting Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**

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**Salute!**



## 150th Anniversary Battle of Booneville, June 17,18,19

This was a neat event that happened here in Missouri. The City of Booneville really went all out to put on a well run event and honor their WBTS history. The event was held just southeast of town on the Dr. Avery Farm, which is ground that part of the battle took place on. The land is up high on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River, so we were safe from the raging Missouri flood waters.

There were a plenty of food vendors and Sutlers, such as James Country Mercantile, for the public to chose from. Sutler row, as it's called, was quite extensive. Hughes Camp along with Searcy Camp were able to set up sales and information booths at the north end of Sutler row, which was close to the battle-field. As Jason said in his column, we had a great location folks couldn't miss and we sold a bunch of our wares to raise some money. I think our booth goes over well at these reenactments, as the folks in attendance are interested in history. Some other events such as fall festivals etc, not all folks there are into history, they are there for other reasons, look at crafts, whatever. We still get our share of folks at those events, but not like we do at reenactments. We're a good fit for such a crowd!

This event was well attended by Reenactors from the region. Plenty to put on a good show for the crowd. Booneville estimated about 10,000 spectators per day filtered thru the event, which is pretty good. Each day a historically correct battle was fought which featured only infantry and very little artillery, as that's how it was in real life. But then right after the historically correct battle was fought, they featured another generic battle where we had tons of artillery and a bunch of cavalry. The cavalry boys really showed up for this event and put on a good show.

All in all, this was well run and promoted event that the public turned out for. A success for sure and a good way to commemorate our Missouri History.



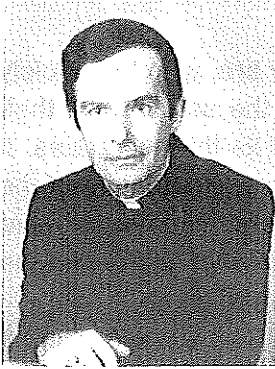
Hughes Camp and Searcy Camp from Columbia, Mo had their booths set up side by side. A lot of people stopped by to check us out!



The MSG Cavalry mixes it up with the Union Troops. The Union boys had sabers and the lightly armed, Missouri State Guard guys did not. The MSG guys left home with the weapons they had, which usually did not include a saber. So you can see in the back here a Union guy with a saber approaching a Guardsman with a pistol. I'd prefer the pistol! The saber was only worth a darn once you were out of ammo and was a measure of last resort.



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



This month we celebrate the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriate for the occasion, my hometown is named Liberty. Six presidents have visited here. According to an early local historian, Judge Woodson, the first was Jefferson Davis while serving as a young soldier in the U.S.

Army. Many early residents came up the river to settle here, some establishing hemp plantations. Just days after the fall of Ft. Sumter, Liberty citizens captured the federal arsenal here for the Confederacy. Later, Yankee troops briefly occupied Liberty, firing canon balls across town during their stay. The Stars and Bars flew over the old courthouse in the square until WWI. The youth who raised it was the same man who lowered it for the last time.

Once called Little Dixie, Liberty is a microcosmic example of what has happened to the old South. It is the same place, but not the same town. Some old landmarks still stand: the white-columned college hall overlooking the city that the Yankees used for their occupation headquarters; several buildings around the courthouse square; numerous homes, including Shadow Lawn, River View, Lightburne Hall, and two houses owned by Col. Routt who led the raid on the arsenal. Yet, in recent years change has made its mark either with the abrupt slashes of a saber or the intentional precision of a scalpel. Gone are the ridges cut into a hillside where locals dug in to defend their homes against invading troops. Gone are the Confederate flags, except for mine. Gone are the first-and-second-generation descendants of those Confederate citizens. New people, outsiders, now compose the majority of Liberty's residents. Most come not from the South and some hale from other countries. Church bells still ring from steeples on Sunday mornings to call the faithful to worship, but

fewer answer the call. It is the same place, but not the same town. It is still the South, but not the same Dixie.

Ratchet the preceding up to the national level and you have a current view of 21<sup>st</sup> century America. It is not the America I knew prior to 1960. The Founding Fathers would not recognize what they created in 1776. For example, gone is the presumption that the national government is the creation of the states. The states have been emasculated, neutered almost to states of impotence. Gone is the presumption that the right to life is the first and most basic right. Abortion has made its stand and euthanasia is sure to follow. Gone are state laws against miscegenation, gradually being replaced by legalized homosexual unions with the legalization of polygamy sure to follow. Gone are closed private lives and open public buildings. Fear and the prying of surveillance have opened our private lives to the public and closed our public buildings to the free and casual entry we took for granted only a few years ago. Gone is the presumption that America was founded as a Christian nation and our rights are the gift of God. This historical fact has become fodder for the buckshot of debate and victim for the poisoned darts of denial with government's claim as grantor of our rights sure to follow. The true goal of this change is not the separation of the Christian church from the state; it is the separation of the Christian faith from American civilization. My thoughts return to my hometown, Liberty.

Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, warned, "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God?" The Declaration of Independence makes clear the role of government in relation to our God-given liberties and rights. "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted..." **Continued on Page 6...**



### Fr. Richard W. Rudd continued...

The role of government is to protect our rights, not grant them.

The church is not a building in a geographical location. It is Christians, wherever they are, who trust solely in the crucified blood of the resurrected Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and the salvation of their souls. The Confederacy is no longer a nation limited to the geographical location of its thirteen states. It exists wherever men truly celebrate the Declaration of Independence, understand the original intent of the Constitution, and keep alive the spirit of liberty and the faith of the Founding Fathers. Today, we have fewer liberties to celebrate than we did only a few years ago. Unless we rekindle the spirit of liberty and the faith of the Founding Fathers, we will have even fewer liberties to celebrate in the years to come.

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

### Gen J O Shelby Wedding Reenactment, Waverly, Mo June 23, 24

Commander Coffman did the Hughes Camp show on the road to this event also. Several Camp Members took part in the reenactment of Gen. Shelby's wedding. There was also a small reenactment of various skirmish scenarios to entertain the crowd. Gen Shelby was portrayed by Robbie Maupin, who does a good Shelby impersonation. Robbie owns the Big River Ranch in Lexington. Big River will be hosting the Battle of Lexington Reenactment in September.



Look at these dapper fellows! The second from the left is new Member Sam Stanton, and in the center is Hughes Camp Lt. Commander Kurt Holland. Shelby as portrayed by Robbie Maupin is not in this photo.



Pictured above are Billie and Kurt Holland who were attendants in the wedding reenactment. Don't they make a fine looking couple!



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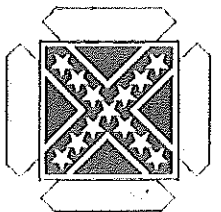
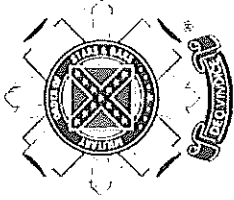
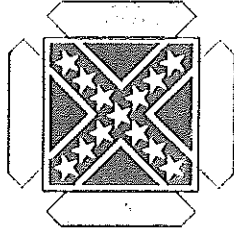
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