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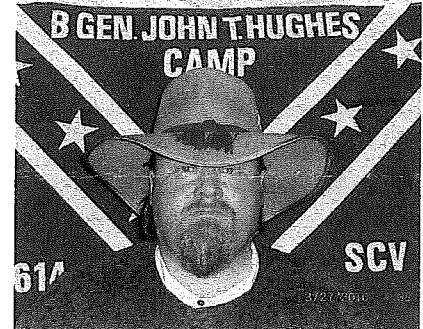
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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots:

As a reminder, it is that time of the year for renewal of dues in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, so please try to pay your dues by the end of August. **Your dues notice should be enclosed.** As always, thanks for your support of Hughes Camp.

Our next meeting will be on



August 09, 2012 at the Courthouse Exchange restaurant. The camp will not have a meeting in September because of all of the events that we are attending. In October and November the camp will be meeting at Ryan's at 1511 East 23rd Street in Independence. Hopefully our meeting at the first of year will be back at the Courthouse Exchange. They are doing a remodel and would think those four months or so would be time to complete that project.

If you are a member of the MOS&B/SCV, please come to the meeting and buy and or help sell raffle tickets for your organization. Boyd Chapter MOS&B is raffling off a black powder pistol and will donate the proceeds to Hughes Camp. Blank raffle tickets will be handed out by Larry Yeatman to MOS&B members for you to sell to friends and family.

August 18th and 19th is the Lone Jack reenactment. The camp will have a recruitment tent set up at this event both days. Saturday September 8th is the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Western Brigade Fall Muster. Hughes Camp needs to make a good showing for this event. Everyone should bring one dish of their choosing as this will be a potluck style event, this will be a family oriented event so no alcohol. MOS&B will bring their raffle tickets and I will bring the camp merchandise to this event to sell. September 15th and 16th is the Jesse James Festival in Kearney Missouri. Hughes Camp will be in the parade Saturday morning the 15th. The camp will also have a recruitment booth both days at the festival grounds. Elements of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry will be in the parade with us on their iron horses and others from different camps dressed in period clothing along with Southern Confederate Soldier reenactors will be in

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Camp Calendar

August 9th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W. Lexington, Independence, MO. Our speaker this month will be Jim Beckner who will give a new talk he has on Missouri Confederates who earned the Confederate Medal of Honor. Should be good stuff and new to us!

Battle of Lone Jack Augst 18-19 Recruiting and sales booth.

Sometime in October?-John T Hughes Historical marker dedication. Date not set yet! Just keep it in mind!

September 8th Missouri Division SCV Western Brigade Muster Rick Reed Farm near Osceola, Missouri. Should be fun!

Sept 15th 8:00 AM Jesse James Festival Parade We'll do the Parade and also set up a booth to spread the word and hawk some Confederate merchandise.

Reenactment Events coming this year!

Battle of Kirksville, August 4th, 5th

Battle of Lone Jack August 18-19



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front..

July 12th- Camp Meeting...

In July we had **Greg Higginbotham** as our speaker. Many Thanks to Greg for doing this for us on super short notice! We had a scheduling snafu on a speaker for July, and I literally called Greg on the morning of the meeting and he came thru for us!

Greg is always a great speaker and knows his stuff. You may remember from a prior presentation by Greg that he was present when they re-excavated Jesse James grave sometime after Jesse had been exhumed and moved to Kearney. Greg jokingly says he literally held Jesse James in his hand! Reason being is, much of Jesse including a .36bullet was left in the grave when he was first dug up. Greg held some of those remains. The bullet was probably the bullet Jesse was shot in the lung with at the end of the war, which was never extracted.

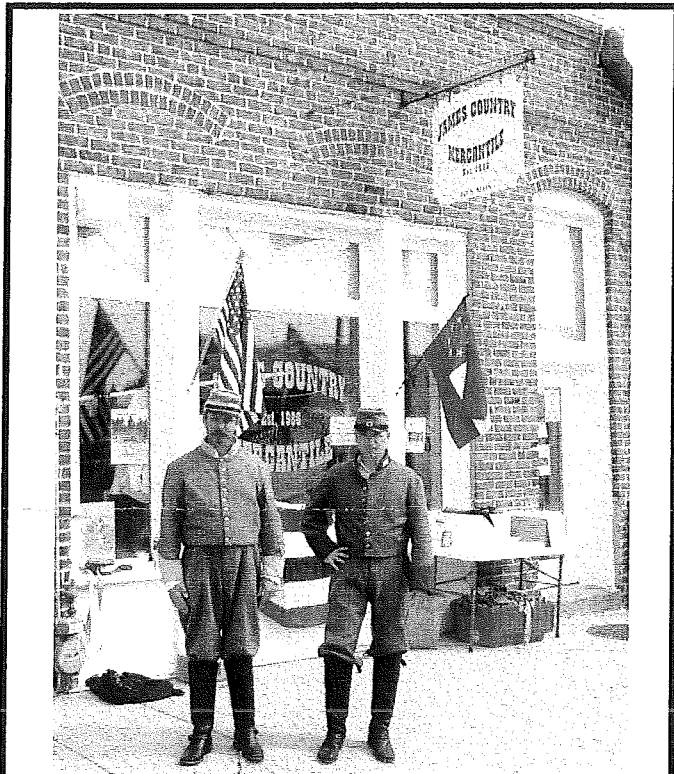
Anyway, Greg's topic this month was on Rations of Soldiers during the un civil war. He talked about the typical rations both armies were

issued, how they carried them, cooked them, etc. A couple of interesting things amongst others was that the armies quickly realized that most of the very young men soldiers had never cooked for themselves. Their moms had always done that for them. Some guys didn't have a clue what to do and would try to buddy up with those that did.

Also, hard tack, which is basically a hard cracker, also called hard bread was common in both armies. However, in 1918 the US Army issued Hard Tack to our AEF troops in Europe that was produced in the Civil War!

Something else, when these guys boiled coffee they had to use the water in their canteens. So they'd drink some of the coffee while hot then pour the left over coffee in their canteens and drink on it all day. Some guys said that was all that kept them going!

Thanks again to Greg Higginbotham!



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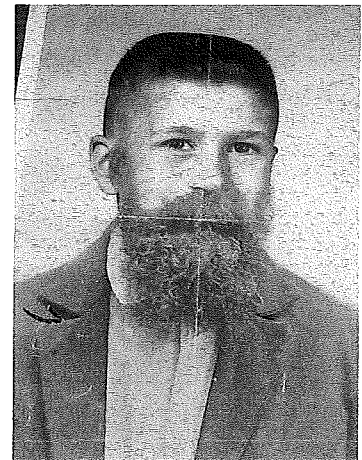
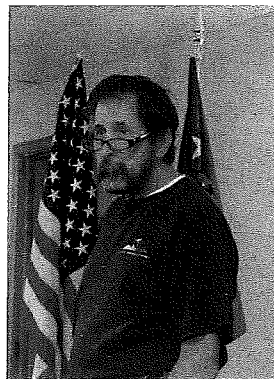
the parade also. This is a very big event and we need lots of camp members to help out with this endeavor. The camp will also be attending the 1st annual Outlaw Days in Richmond Missouri in September.

Lamoni Iowa is around the corner, figured I would go up there and recruit for a new SCV camp in Gentry County that is in the works. There are a lot of men up there with Southern ancestry, so if you know of anyone up around that area let them know about. The first weekend in October is Holt Cannonball Days. I will be setting up a recruitment booth at this event. I will have camp merchandise to sell at the meeting on the 12th so bring your wallet!

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

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John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander



Above left, Greg in action as our speaker, and above right, a picture of Greg when he was 10. Ok, a friend of Greg's photo shopped Greg's modern beard onto Greg's childhood photo! That's awesome!

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