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George Caleb Bingham's Order No. 11 painting

George Caleb Bingham was a unionist, but he protested Gen. Thomas Ewing's Order No. 11 that was issued on August 25th, 1863. He told Ewing that if he executed the order he would "make him infamous with my brush and pen". Note the red leggings of the Union soldiers. Last month's speaker Diane Rogers told us about this, and this month, Don Gilmore will tell us about who the Red Legs were.

Bingham said, "It is well-known that men were shot down in the very act of obeying the order, and their wagons and effects seized by their murderers. Large trains of wagons, extending over the prairies for miles in length, and moving Kansasward, were freighted with every description of household furniture and wearing apparel belonging to the exiled inhabitants. Dense columns of smoke arising in every direction marked the conflagrations of dwellings, many of the evidences of which are yet to be seen in the remains of seared and blackened chimneys, standing as melancholy monuments of a ruthless military despotism which spared neither age, sex, character, nor condition. There was neither aid nor protection afforded to the banished inhabitants by the heartless authority which expelled them from their rightful possessions. They crowded by hundreds upon the banks of the Missouri River, and were indebted to the charity of benevolent steamboat conductors for transportation to places of safety where friendly aid could be extended to them without danger to those who ventured to contribute it."



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Message From The Adjutant, Larry Yeatman

Confederate Patriots,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. I'm standing in for Commander Coffman per his request this month. He's having to work dusk to dawn right now and is managing a hog barn that houses 1800 pigs. He raises these pigs to about the age of 5 months, at which time they are shipped out to another facility where they finish fattening up for the butcher.



At that point, the process starts all over again at birth! While Jason is thankful to have the job and the money, the long hours are killing him and he doesn't have time except to work and sleep. Let's hope that gets better for him somehow and soon.

Thanks to the men that helped pick up trash for our adopt a highway program on Noland Rd. in Independence. **Present were Greg Anderson, George Baker, Jim Beckner and myself.** 4 guys can cover it pretty well. However, it's been too long since our last pick up, and we picked up 3-4 times the normal trash, so it took longer than normal.

Our signs are still up on Noland Rd. At the last meeting, we made a motion that if they were still up we'll continue the program, and if they were down due to lack of activity, we'd forget about it. Well, they were up so we will carry on. We're supposed to pick it up 6 times a year. We did it once last year. There's a new lady in charge at that city department, and it seems she may be a bit more of a stickler for keeping the schedule. So we better amp it up or she'll take them down!

Going forward, Jason has told me in no uncertain terms that he cannot fulfill his command duties **Continued on page 3...**

Hughes Camp would like to give a warm Southern Welcome to new member David W. Short. David recently transferred into our Camp from Shelby Camp. Welcome aboard David!

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Camp Calendar

February 12th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant 605 N Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054 816-254-9494* Our speaker this month will be **Donald L. Gilmore** who's subject will be: ***"The Red legs: the Dark Underbelly of the Union Army"*** You won't want to miss the speech by Don that will give you a lot facts about who the Redlegs were and what they did.

March 20th and 21st. Missouri Division Reunion Registration for the reunion is enclosed. You might jump on your hotel reservations, especially if you want non smoking rooms. Seems like those book up fast!



**Br. Gen. John T
Hughes**

What's been happening on the Western Front..

Gentleman,

We have a top flight speaker lined up in Don Gilmore for the upcoming February meeting. I hope we can have a good turnout for Don, and you won't want to miss him telling us about just how evil the Kansas Red legs were. This will be the same speech he gave at the Missouri Division Lee Jackson Dinner. For those of you that were there, you'll still pick up on something new that you didn't catch the first time. For those of you who will hear this for the first time, it's a Dynamite speech you'll want to hear! Let's show up in force for Don Gilmore!

January meeting...

We had a new member at the meeting, **David W. Short**. David moved to the KC area half recently and was in Shelby Camp down by Warrensburg, so David has transferred in to our Camp. Thanks and we're glad to have you in our Merry Banc David!

Our speaker was **Diane Rogers** and her topic was on her latest book, ***"Elizabeth's War"***. Elizabeth's War is what's called an Historical Fiction. The book is based on a real life lady, Elizabeth McFaren, and her 6 children who had to endure the hardships of Order No. 11. So the book is Elizabeth's story, all based on actual historical facts, but by being fiction, Diane is able to expand and embellish on what Elizabeth might have been thinking a speaking about during the ordeal.

Diane's Dad was from Tennessee and Southern, but Diane grew up in New Jersey hearing the normal northern propaganda about the war. Her

friends here such as Jim Beckner, Jay Jackson, etc influenced her and taught her the real reasons and yankee atrocities of the war. She now realizes the war was about States Rights, Politics, economics and Taxes.

Order No. 11 was retaliation for the burning of Lawrence and was issued for Gen. Ewing. But Lawrence was just retaliation for the Jayhawker burnings of Osceola, Dayton, Morristown, and the KC Jail collapse, just to name a few. When Order No. 11 was issued, all in the better part of 4 counties had to leave their homes. Even if you could prove you were loyal, you had to relocate to within a mile of a Yankee army post. So it affected everyone.

The book then focuses on Elizabeth's ordeal as she and her neighbor lady who had 8 kids, all had to make the trek to the area of Osceola, Mo, to try to find a new place to live. The march occurred starting Sept. 9th and was during a drought and hot period, so very little water along the way. Everyone had to leave with what they could carry, what they couldn't carry was stolen by the Jayhawkers and Redlegs, then the torch was laid to the rest and the homes, making this area the burnt district.

The road was hot and dusty, and they were raided by Militia, Jayhawkers and Redlegs the whole way, with no way to defend themselves from further theft. Find the book via Burnt District Book Co. or elsewhere, the book will probably make you plumb angry! *Larry Yeatman*



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with the way this new job is for him coupled with the fact he now lives 100 miles away. He has suggested that we should hold an election for a new Camp Commander.

The job description is: run the meetings, deal with the check book, motivate the Camp, be able to help run a booth at weekend events-how often is determined by you, attend executive council meetings for the Mo. Division, support the camp and it's activities.

Being retired would help with all that! If your retired, think about it. The young guys that are working are putting in 50 hours a week already, hard to get much more out of us!

We can discuss that more at the next meeting! It's not overly pressing- we have two Lt. Commanders, but need to think about it.

Larry Yeatman

John T. Hughes Camp 614 Adjutant



Diane Rogers at the January meeting giving her speech on Order No. 11 and "Elizabeth's War"

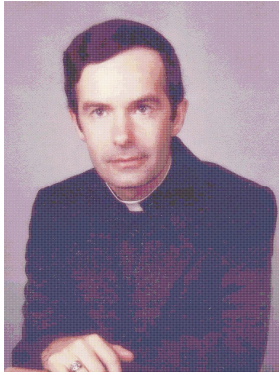
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Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



A story is told about a painting of a woman displayed for many years in a gallery in the Tuscan town of Lucignano. It was believed to be a *copia conforme* (original work of art) until the true original was discovered fifty-four years ago at Herculaneum near Naples. An archeologist from Tuscany had found the image in an ancient Roman fresco, commissioned an art

forgery in Naples to paint a copy, then passed off the copy as an original to increase the prestige of his hometown. Considering the copy to be a valuable work of art in its own right, the gallery continued to display it.

The demarcation separating reality from illusion can be difficult to discern. Artists, authors of historical and literary works, publishers, news reporters, corporate and political advertisers routinely blend facts and fiction and incorporate gaps and elisions into their creations, leaving us with the sometimes perilous task of struggling to determine the meaning and value of their works. If one becomes too infatuated as a result of either being deceived or seeing only what one wishes to see, a creation's meaning and value can be inflated so that the admirer risks suffering a loss. Or, as in the story of the Tuscan painting, it was asked what difference it made if the presumed original was discovered to be only a copy. Even the original is a mere copy of the woman it portrays. She is the only real original. The same could be said of DaVinci's *Mona Lisa* in the Louvre. All that really matters is not the artist's or author's actual creation, but how we perceive it. Its meaning and value become personal, subjective, and relative. Thus, we are asked to ignore the obvious-- the boundaries between originals and copies, dreams and reality, facts and fiction. If there are no absolutes or truths and all is relative and subjective, facts become mere data to be manipulated to suit one's agenda.

Just one of numerous current practical examples of this is the new health care law sometimes call BO Care. Jonathan Gruber of MIT and architect of the law, admitted in a recent interview that the law was intentionally written to confuse both Congress and the public so that potential supporters would read into it what they wanted to see. He said, "Lack of transparency (honesty) is a huge political advantage. Call it the stupidity of the

American voter...but that was really critical to getting it passed." A critical element was the bill's obfuscation of the fact that it was a tax. First, BO denied it, then it was argued before the Supreme Court that it was a tax and the court agreed. The law enacting BO Care originated in the Senate. The *Constitution* requires that all tax laws originate in the House. Why is this law not unconstitutional on the obvious face value of the facts? Of our world today, increasingly we find ourselves seriously posing the question Pilate mocking asked, "What is truth?" (Jn. 18:38)

Several years ago, researchers made a discovery regarding the effects of a placebo. Doctors had long thought a placebo's only effect was psychological. Now, scientists have amassed evidence that a placebo also has a physical effect. Expecting a benefit can influence the same neurological means of healing as the real medication. Conversely, Alzheimers can prevent one from expecting a positive result from a medication and it will not be as effective.

The power of ideas is a real force with which to be reckoned. Like the wind, ideas are unseen, yet the evidence of their existence is seen in the actions they motivate and the effects of those actions in the material world. Beliefs are even more real, for they are the products of the seeds of ideas we select by free will that are planted to become rooted in our mind as the arbiters of how we form our convictions on a given subject and determine what we think is true. Where we think we have found truth is where we ground our faith (trust). Faith enables the eye of the mind to visualize what the eye of the body cannot determine. All men live by faith, even atheists. The only difference is where one chooses to place their faith. To ideas, beliefs, and faith add imagination and the situation becomes more volatile. Imagination also deals with those mental images that are not physically present or experienced. It is the creative power of the mind to decompose ideas and recombine or rearrange them at will.

The concept of an idea being more than an immaterial abstract form is as old as Plato. He taught that the material world is an imperfect imitation of ideas, the most fundamental and highest forms of perfection and reality. Compare this with St. Paul, who wrote, "For now we see in a mirror (glass) dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully..." (I Cor. 13:12) In this life and world, alone we mortals can only

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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.

The Rest of the Story

The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 instigated hordes of Northern Abolitionists swarming into Kansas Territory to vote in the upcoming elections to make Kansas a free state. Their righteous fervor extended across the State line into Missouri as they preyed upon wealthy slave-owners. Whether young or old the Jayhawkers had no mercy as even elderly citizens were not exempt from Federal cruelty. Their slave stealing raids often resulted in murder, rape and pillage. One such episode of the Border Warfare is described in the following incident.

Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's adjutant, Captain William Gregg often told the story about one Jayhawker atrocity in particular. Gregg mentions an elderly citizen, Howell Lewis killed by Federals along the border. In 1856, a Negro slave had run away from Judge Howell Lewis of Saline County and escaped into Kansas. A reward of \$100 was offered for his return and he was finally captured. He was brought to Wellington, where his owner took charge of him. After eating dinner, Judge Lewis discovered that the Negro was missing again. A search was begun. One of the searchers was a stranger from New York named Horace G. Loring. Sometime later a slave woman belonging to Boone Majors said that the Negro was hiding in a barn in the rear of the hotel.

The Negro was asked who had helped him to hide and he pointed out Loring who had befriended him. There was considerable talk about lynching but Judge Lewis instead urged an informal jury trial. Judge Lewis, Gideon Flournoy, Richard Lee, James Renick, Walter Nutter and Nathan Crews were selected as jurymen and the trial took place in the lobby of the hotel. A verdict was soon reached and the accused was to be given forty lashes on the bare back. Kibbell Stoval administered the lashes. Loring soon left town.

In 1862, two men rode into Wellington from the west. In the advance guard was 2ndLt Horace G. Loring, Company K, of the 10th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment. In the middle of town the two men met Kibbell Stoval. Stoval was unarmed and started to run. He had gone two blocks and was trying to get over a fence when a bullet brought him down. He died almost instantly.

By this time the rest of the company were on the scene. A party of men then rode to the farm of Nathan Crews. Crews escaped death by being away from home but all his buildings were burned. They then went to the farm of Richard Young, a neighbor of Crews. Young was at home and met the same fate as Stoval.

The last victim was eighty-one year old Judge Howell Lewis, who had earlier pleaded for clemency towards Loring's criminal enterprise. For some reason, Lewis was brought back to town and shot to death in front of the local church.

Scenes such as these repeated themselves hundreds of times during the war. The only group who aided and served as a retaliatory force against such brutality were the guerrilla soldiers serving under Quantrill. Confederate General Sterling Price later testified that the Confederacy and the world would eventually learn about the murderous and uncivilized warfare, which the Jayhawkers themselves inaugurated, and "thus be able to appreciate their cowardly shrieks and howls when with a just retaliation the same "measure is meted out to them."

Article by: **Paul R. Petersen**

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strive to discern reality and truth from a distance, amid obscurity, and without freedom from error. The reality of perfection and truth does exist in another dimension; it is knowable and can be found in Christ Who said, "I am the... truth..." (Jn. 14:6) Plato believed it was man's responsibility to implement the ideals of ideas into this world. In his *Republic*, he delineated his plan for purging society and establishing a utopia. The Founding Fathers sought to build a better society in America. Our Confederate ancestors endeavored to do likewise. Each successive generation, not just different people but people motivated by different ideas, seeks to do the same. Although we always fall short of attaining perfection and the ideal, we have the responsibility to try, while knowing that only when Christ returns will there finally be Heaven on earth. For this reason Christ taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven." (Matt. 6:10) We are living in a unique era of history. The signs of our time are Christ assuring us that this prayer is soon to be answered. He promises, "Surely I am coming soon." (Rev. 22:20) To His promise every vigilant Christian responds, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Fr. Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain

Pictures from recent events



Cole Younger, left and Frank James at the Secession Day Dinner, portrayed by Dave Bears (left) and Gregg Higginbotham



Donald L. Gilmore at the Lee Jackson Dinner giving his speech about the Red Legs.

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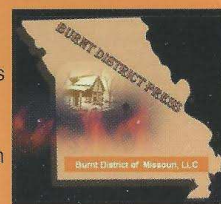
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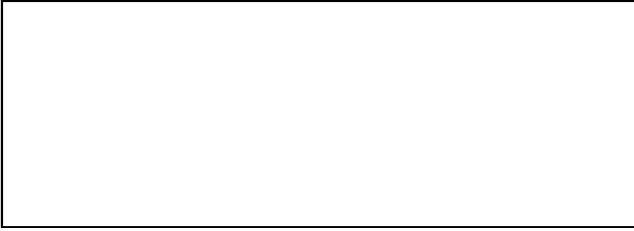
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