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Brigadier General John T Hughes Camp # 614, SCV
And
Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter # 236, MOS&B
Independence, Missouri**



Grave Marker in Block 174 of Fairview Cemetery, Before the plaque, and after. The Plaque listing the names of those buried there was added in 2020



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Message from Commander Sam Stanton

Compatriots and Friends,

I hope all are well. The election is over and could bring some positive results for us with the reconciliation monument at Arlington. And President Trump has stated he will revert our Army Forts back to their original names such as Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, etc. Let's all pray those things happen, and we may need to press for the restoration of such things.

We have many things coming up. The Camp meeting is this coming Thursday, November 14th, our speaker will be **Rick McPherson of Key Camp** in



Lenexa, KS. Rick's subject will be "*Turner Ashby, right hand man of Stonewall Jackson*". Rick has served many positions in Key Camp and is currently their Communications Director.

Liberty Court hearing is next Friday, November 15th at 9 AM we believe. Larry will send an email reminder. In this hearing, the Judge is making us prove that we have standing in the case, even though the prior judge has already ruled we have standing. Hard telling how this will turn out.

Wreaths Across America is on December 14th at 11:00 AM at the confederate Cemetery in Higginsville. See inside for info if you would like to sponsor wreaths to be placed. We need a color guard for this, pass the word.

Lee Jackson dinner will January 18th at 5 PM. This year it is in Carthage, Missouri. See inside for the flyer

See you all on Thursday!

Sam Stanton
Commander Hughes Camp 614

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Camp Calendar

November 14th 6:300 PM - Camp Meeting Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014 Our Speaker will be Rick McPherson, Communications Director of Key Camp, and his subject will be *“Turner Ashby, Right hand man of Stonewall Jackson”*

November 15th, 9:00 AM Court Hearing Division 4 courtroom, 11 South Water St, Liberty MO. In this hearing, we will be defending our right to have ‘Standing’ in the case. More Law Fare by the Liberty City Council regime.

December 14th, 11:00 AM Wreath Across America at the Confederate Cemetery in Higginsville. We need color guard members. And attendees. This is sponsored by the Missouri Division UDC

January 18th, 2025 Lee Jackson Dinner, Carthage MO, flyer enclosed



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What’s been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, October 10th...

In October, David Langston and Gieselle gave us updates on the Liberty Grave Marker Case.

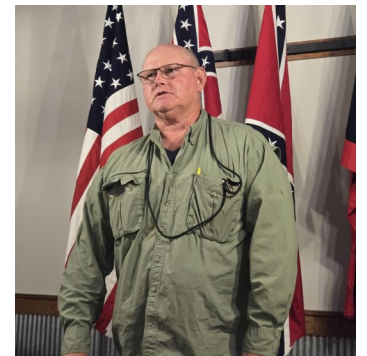
Gieselle started it off by giving us a recap of the last 4 plus years, and what all has transpired during this time. She also talked about the installation of the bronze plaque listing the names of those buried there. Gieselle found a supplier who made that up for us quick and shipped it to us, and we installed in October 31, 2020. Which is the anniversary of Missouri’s Secession from the Union!



David Langston then took over and gave us

a recap of what happened at the October 4th court hearing. Basically, in August, the Judge seemed like he does not want to give us a jury trial and that he isn’t positive we are the Successor owners of Block 174. So he ordered an Evidentiary hearing for October 4th for us to prove we are the rightful owners. Our Attorney showed up prepared to argue our ownership case. The Judge opened the day by saying We are gather to determine our Standing in this Case. Our attorney replied that, No, we are here to argue Ownership. The Judge was like, we’ll I guess I could have been more clear! Our attorney said, if we are owners, then by State law we do have Standing, and that the prior judge has already ruled we have standing. The Judge replied, that didn’t happen in my courtroom, you didn’t hear me say that! So basically, he’s throwing out the prior Judges ruling. Our attorney said he’s prepared to argue ownership but not Standing. The Judge said fine, we’re rescheduling of November 15th.

Thanks to Gieselle and David for bringing us up to speed!





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Boyd Chapter Commander Steve Ferguson

Growing, Honored and Humbled

I am again pleased to announce that our Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter of the MOS&B continues to grow. It was my honor to welcome Compatriot John Michael Swartz to the Boyd Chapter at our October meeting. Compatriot Swartz was approved on his ancestry lineage to Major General Gustavus Woodson Smith of the Army of Northern Virginia. See the picture of Compatriot Swartz being sworn in. Congratulations John!!!

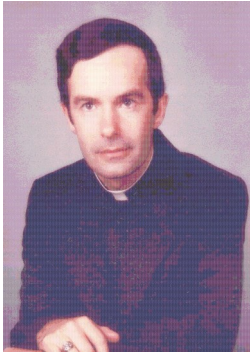
This month at our November meeting, we will also welcome another new member. I am very pleased to welcome Brian Alexander Perry to the Boyd Chapter. Compatriot Perry was approved on his ancestry lineage to Commanding General Robert E. Lee of the Army of the Confederate States of America. Welcome Brian and I will be honored to "swear you in" at our upcoming meeting.

I am also pleased to note that the Boyd Chapter had good representation at the Missouri Society MOS&B Secession Day Dinner held on October 19th. It was a wonderful time with an outstanding speaker and extraordinary compatriot friends from across our MO state as well as adjacent states and our National Order. Compatriot Keith Daleen, a Past Society Commander of the Missouri Society, and a Past Division Commander of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, made an outstanding presentation about the Kentucky-born and educated General Joseph Orville Shelby. Our Boyd Chapter was represented by four compatriots. See the attached picture of those attending. They are (l to r): Larry Yeatman, Steve Ferguson, Scott Ferguson and Lanny Dixon.

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Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus Richard W Rudd



Propaganda is information, true or false, deliberately structured and disseminated with the intention to influence others and produce desired results. From the commercial sector, we experience this daily through advertising to create desires and fads that generate sales of products and services. This being an election

year, campaigns exemplify how the political sector seeks to influence our values, beliefs, and votes. Both liberal mass media and dictatorial governments control information to control the mind to control the man. Cooperation with and obedience to the sources of information we receive depends on the confidence, trust, and respect we have for their authority, how well informed we are about the issues under consideration, and our personal interests. We either conform to that authority by agreement and being of one mind, exercising freedom of choice, or by fear of the consequences, surrendering freedom of choice, or by force, being denied freedom of choice. Freedom of choice and responsibility cannot be separated. We consider the consequences, which have temporal and eternal results, and determine our response. Only God has the power to set moral standards. Man determines his values according to what he accepts. Ethics is how well man practices what he preaches. Referring to those whose values do not include morality and whose ethics are inconsistent, obeying by following the herd and currying the favor of men, Christ quoted Isaiah, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me..." (Matt. 15:8, Isa. 29:13) St. Paul said, "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom. 12:2)

The source of the various issues that divide Americans today is not political. More government is not the answer. Enacting more laws and hiring more police are attempts to control the symptoms, not to confront the cause of our divisions. Lincoln's most famous words in the Gettysburg Address stated that "...government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Lincoln spoke of using government to manage American's lives.

He was paraphrasing John Wycliffe, an English theologian, who said in 1382, "This Bible is for the government of the people by the people, and for the people," Lincoln omitted the most important element. It is the Christian faith taught through the scriptures that provides the best system of governing men's lives. To have less government and more freedom, men must learn from the scriptures to govern themselves. The root of America's current problems is spiritual. It is found in the minds of Americans, the collective soul of the nation. It is revealed in how Americans think, moral standards, value system, and ethical practices—how Americans live in general and vote in particular.

Alexis de Tocqueville was a French historian and politician who studied 19th century politics and social democracy. He visited the US in 1831 and wrote *Democracy in America*. These were some of his observations. "I sought for the key to greatness and genius of America... Not until I went into the churches of America and heard it pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of the political institutions of that country." "In the United States, the sovereign authority is religious... There is no country in the world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America..." "The safeguard of morality is religion, and morality is the best security of law as well as the surest pledge of freedom." "Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith." "America is great because it is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

In spite of the incalculable costs, America managed to survive the catastrophic experience of the WBTS. Some healing occurred, some wounds remain open, and many scars are indelible. Not again since 1861 has America been so divided. Internally, if America is to survive this time around, Americans must relearn what our predecessors knew, "...that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement." (I Cor. 1:10) To accomplish this, we must "...be renewed in the spirit of (our) minds..." (Eph. 4:23) We must be of "...one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not be frightened in something by (our) opponents." (Philip. 1:27) Internationally, America's greatest defense is being seen by the rest of the world as "...being of the same mind, having the

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I also have an important announcement to make at our November meeting!!!! You will be very proud of our Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars!!

DUES are DUE!!!! For the past couple of years, our Boyd chapter has had 100% renewal of our membership!! This is a great accomplishment!! Please continue this tradition and return your dues in a timely manner to Larry. He needs to get an accounting and to return the dues to our Society and Order very quickly.

Please mark down these dates:

Missouri Division SCV Lee-Jackson Dinner
January 18, 2025
Carthage, MO

2025 Missouri Division SCV and Missouri Society MOS&B Reunion and business meetings
April 11-12, 2025
Rolla, MO

Please see attached fliers and information or ask one of the commanders or see Larry for more details on these events.

- *Remember and Attend our MO Division and MO Society events.
- *Invite a friend to one of our events and meetings.
- *Remember our Past CIC statements and NET + 1
- *Let each of us commit to "Each One Teach One" and educate other individuals about our True Southern History!
- *Attend events so as to "Keep Those Embers Burning"!!!!

It is an honor to serve this great chapter.

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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same love, being in full accord and of one mind." (Philip. 2:2) We will always have different opinions on various issues, but we should be able to disagree with civility. However, true unity that supercedes our differences can only be found in Christ. If Americans ever cease to exist as a free people, the battleground on which they are defeated will be on their own soil and in their own mind.

Father Richard Rudd
Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus



Boyd Chapter Welcomes New Member John Michael Swartz



In October, Boyd Chapter swore in its latest New Member, **John Michael Swartz**.

To the left, top Commander Steve Ferguson swears in John with help from Hughes Camp Chaplain Randall Todd

And to the bottom left, Commander Ferguson presents John's MOS&B Certificate to him.

John lives in Chillicothe Missouri and is also a member of Cravens Camp in Gallatin. John joined under this ancestor, **Major General Gustavus Woodson Smith, Army of Northern Virginia**.



Gustavus graduated from West-point in 1842, finishing 8th out of 56 Cadets. He fought in the Mexican American War and was a career US Army Officer.

He was born in Georgetown, KY and when the WBTS broke out, he presented himself to Richmond, VA for service in the Confederate Army. He was given the rank of Major General.

On May 31, 1862, Gustavus was briefly given Command of the Army of Northern Virginia after the wounding of General Johnston. But he was replaced the next day with General Lee by Jefferson Davis.

Welcome aboard John, and Salute to MG Gustavus Smith for his Service!



Missouri Division SCV

LEE-JACKSON SUPPER

January 18, 2025

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Veterans" when making
reservations***





Wreaths Across America, December 14th, 2024 11:00 AM

Dear Members, this event is held each year at the Confederate Cemetery and State Historic Site at Higginsville, MO. It's hosted and sponsored by the Missouri Division UDC. It's a super nice and patriotic event, the UDC does a really good job with it. In looking at the website, so far we only have 79 wreaths sponsored, could use 722 More. If you can, hit the website, and sponsor a wreath or as many as you can. You have to pick the location you want the wreaths to go to, and it's a bit tricky to nail down that cemetery. Below is a screen shot of the location you should ask for. I believe if you type MOCMHS, what you see below should populate.

Here's the website to hit: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Once on the website, select Sponsor Wreaths, it will ask you how many, then you will see an option to select a specific location, type in the search box MOCMHS, and it will pop up! And go from there!

We can also use uniformed soldiers for the color guard!

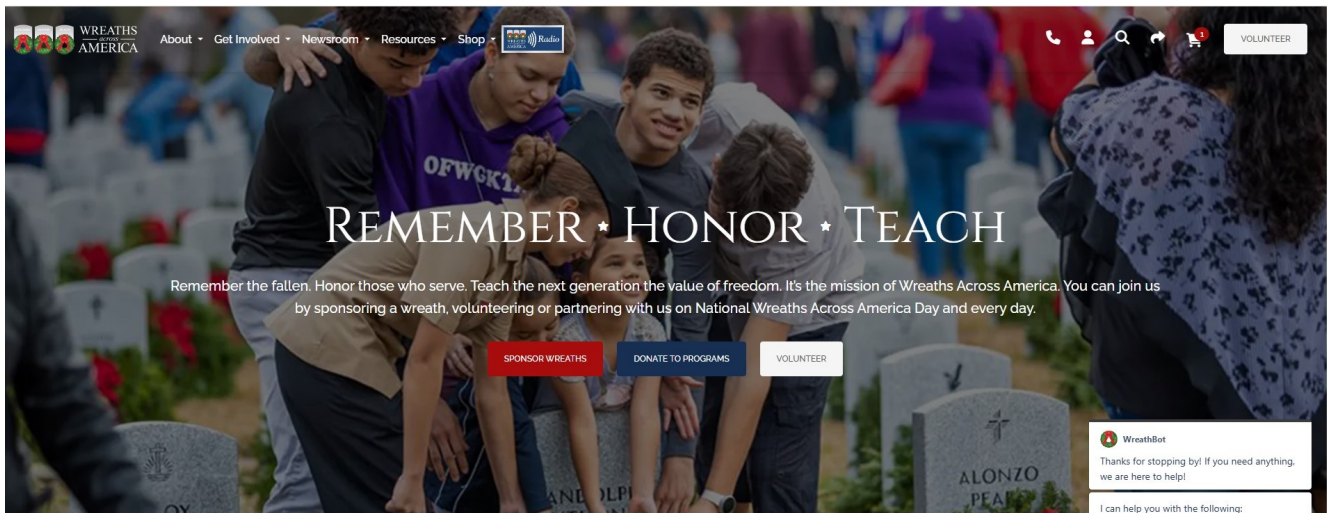
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Historian Barnes Bradshaw

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SCV Awards Banquet

Author Mauriel Phillips Joslyn

"The Immortal 600"

Ms. Joslyn is the author of *Immortal Captives*, *A Meteor Shining Brightly*, and others

**Registration Form
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**From the Desk of Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey**

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Compatriots:

This issue will combine the October and November 2024 Division Notes. The Liberty, MO litigation to save our property at Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery has demanded considerable time, so I have combined the two issues. - Jeff Futhey

Liberty Battle Update - Thank you to all who made the trip to Liberty, MO for the court hearing on the 4th of October! The National SCV General Executive Council meeting was even postponed due to the Liberty litigation. This is being taken seriously. Four National SCV officers, as well as two National MOS&B officers, attended and will return on November 15 for another hearing. Missouri Division members and friends filled the courtroom, which the judge and other courtroom personnel visibly noticed. The judge changed the issue at the October 4 hearing, which was supposed to be about ownership of Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery, where sits our Confederate memorial, and made it about standing, that is, whether or not the Missouri Division should be a party in the case, which we already won a ruling on by a previous judge in 2023. But circuit court judges apparently hold all the power, legal or not, right or wrong, until they are overturned by a higher court on appeal. So until we get to that point, the next hearing will be November 15. We need an appellate attorney to have on hand in case this goes bad for us. Our Missouri Division Judge Advocate Bryan Wolford has done a tremendous job for us, but he is not an appellate attorney. We are open to recommendations for one. Email me at csamocommander@gmail.com or call me at 636-235-6582.

Our War Chest for the Liberty litigation in Liberty needs to be replenished in case we have to appeal. It is truly needed if you or your Camp can help in a small way. Send contributions via Paypal to paypal.me/missouridivisionscv or mail a check or money order, payable to Missouri Division SCV, to Missouri Division Adjutant Wes Franklin, 12161 Norway Road, Neosho, MO 64850.

Thank you to all members and Camps who have helped fund this fight thus far. We're in this, boys, to the hilt. If not us, who? If not now, when? We'll fight to the last. My God, this is a memorial in a cemetery. Isn't that where they said our memorials belong? Of course, we knew that was a lie, which is why we are fighting so hard now. Our enemies are liars and hypocrites.

Missouri Division Heritage and Defense Committee is seeking more members to share the workload. This committee meets via Zoom quarterly. It is currently helping the Division prepare 30-second ads for the radio. These ads shed light on the courage of the Missouri Southern soldiers and educate listeners about our heroes and why we do what we do as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Once we have several ads, we will sponsor two local radio daily programs. Sponsoring gives us the ability to discuss our organization on the weekly program.

The Missouri Division Historian, Quartermaster, and Surgeon positions have been vacant for some time now. If you want to work at the Division level, don't hesitate to contact your Camp commander, Brigade commander, or any staff member.



From the Desk of Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey

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.Wreaths Across America - The Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on December 14 at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Cemetery in Higginsville, MO, and in the Confederate Section at the National Cemetery in Springfield, MO. A sponsored wreath will be laid on the graves of the hundreds of Confederate veterans buried at both places. For more information about the event or how to sponsor a wreath at Higginsville, please get in touch with LaDonna Scott at rus.9421@gmail.com or 660-251-1302. For more information about how to sponsor a wreath at Springfield, contact Martha Pickering at mj1776@mchsi.com or 417-886-1776.