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This monument to Jephthah and Elizabeth Crawford, parents of Riley Crawford, will be dedicated at Blue Springs cemetery at 2 PM on June 29th. Friends and Family of the Crawford Family will be present along with the UDC, Hughes Camp, William Clarke Quantrill Society. Please enter the west entrance to the cemetery. Park across the street in the Blue Springs Church of the Nazarene.



# The Hughes News

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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots:**

I would hope everyone is dried out by now from all of this rain we have had in the last couple of weeks. I know I am glad to have the moisture but my garden has suffered a little bit from too much moisture, may have to replant some and hope for the best.

This camp is growing some more and that is good. This meeting coming up on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming two new members into the camp plus two men that are now friends of the SCV.

If you want a Missouri Division SCV Polo Shirt, be sure to come to the meeting and put an order in. We have one member in the camp that has already put an order in. It would be nice to have a bunch of orders put in the next couple of weeks. See this newsletter for details on Polo shirts.

The camp will not be attending Odessa Puddle Jumper Days this August; instead the camp will set up a recruitment tent at Bushwhacker Days in Nevada Missouri on June 8<sup>th</sup> which will be this past weekend by the time you get this newsletter. Hughes Camp will join Coffee Camp and the McBride Camp for this event.

I am glad to see the many from Hughes Camp were in attendance at the Confederate Memorial Day in Higginsville on the first of June. I would like to thank the camps Sergeant of Arms Wayne Bybee, his wife Fran, and the Spencer's for helping with the merchandise table that was set up at the event.

The MOS&B will have more tickets to sell for their raffle of the 1851 Navy

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***Hughes Camp would like to give a warm Southern Welcome to our newest members, Charles Edmondson and Thomas McConnell. Welcome aboard Men!***

Hughes Camp 2013 Winner of the Col. John Q. Burbridge Award, Best Camp

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## Camp Calendar

**June 13th, 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 one of our newest members, **Thomas McConnell**, who's subject will be "**EM Bounds, Confederate Chaplain**". You won't want to miss this talk on this famous Missouri Confederate Chaplain!

**June 8th Bushwhacker Days, Nevada Missouri.** All day. Come on down to Nevada where Jason will have our booth set up. This festival is strictly to honor our famous Missouri Bushwhackers. We should do good with our booth as it will be the type of crowd that is there for our history. Bob Capps is one of the head honcho organizers of this event as he is a guerilla descendant!

**June 29th, 2 PM Riley Crawford Family Memorial Service and Dedication.** Blue Springs Cemetery. Come out and join us and the UDC in honoring one of Quantrill's hard core fighters, Riley Crawford, who's descendants will be present.



**Br. Gen. John T Hughes**

## What's been happening on the Western Front..

### May happenings...

At our May Camp meeting we swore in new member Kenneth Edmondson. Ken was excited to join and has since recruited his son Charlie into the camp, who we will swear in at the June Camp Meeting. Glad to have you and your son Charlie in the Camp and best of luck going forward as you work to honor your Confederate Ancestor and heritage!

For our speaker program at the May meeting, we had local historian Jon Lynn who showed us some artifacts from his collection he has of items that came from Confederate Veterans Homes. He had a gavel that came from the Vet home in Mississippi, a fork, and a hand towel. The hand towel has the words Confederate Soldiers Home stitched into it. See inside for photos of these items. Also, Jim Beckner had a CD of Pastor John Weaver giving a speech. Pastor Weaver is from the southeast but is apparently in tune with what happened on the western border and the atrocities that were committed against Southern Civilians

here in Missouri, as that was the topic of his talk. He talked a lot about Quantrill also in the CD and is apparently a student of Paul Petersen, as he cited some of his information as coming from Petersen's books. Good stuff and I'm glad to hear the truth about Missouri and what it suffered is getting around.

In other news, Hughes Camp in conjunction with Elliott's Scouts and Robbie Maupin's Midwest Performance Riders took 3rd place in the parade at the Richmond Mushroom festival. Our float along with about 14 horses made for a good showing!

Also at the May meeting, member **Bill Greene** agreed to take on the camp position of recruiter. He will take care of emailing prospects membership info and aiding them in completing their applications. Many thanks to Bill for taking on this important position that we really need! If you have prospects interested in membership, please have them contact Bill. His contact info is shown in the contact header column on page 1.

Look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting!





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Revolver at the next meeting, so come prepared for that.

The next event that the Hughes Camp will set up a recruitment tent at will be in Lathrop Missouri on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. So come up and help recruit in Clinton County and look at all of the old farm equipment that had been restored. This is a very big event and people come from different states. I will see you all at the next meeting.

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

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**



Quantrill's Grave at Higginsville Confederate Veteran Cemetery on Confederate Memorial Day.

## Our New Meeting Place!



**Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant**  
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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.

## Lest We Forget

*Editor Note: This months article from Paul ties into the Riley Crawford Monument Dedication to be held on June 29th at Blue Springs Cemetery. Paul will be the keynote speaker for the dedication.*

Over 150 years ago people came to this country seeking a new life. They brought with them their families, their work ethic, their morals, their patriotism and their Bibles. They started successful farms. They built schools for their children to attend. They started businesses which, with others grew into towns where they served the public good as judges, representatives and civil servants. They made this country what it is today. And when the terrible Civil War started, their fine homes and possessions, their cattle and thoroughbred horses and their movable wealth was coveted by their avaricious neighbors across the border.

What separated the different beliefs at that time was that one side believed in the complete supremacy by an all powerful central government while the other side believed in Constitutional principles and individual freedom. Missouri was a border state torn by these two radically different concepts. Civil rights and personal freedoms were a thing of the past as Federal control erased all vestiges of Constitutional guarantees. The South was fighting for a balance of power between the absolute dominance of a Central government so coveted by Lincoln and the concept of State Sovereignty so cherished by the South. Any Missourian with the courage to express their political opinion signed their own death warrant. One such man was Jephtha Crawford.

In 1863 Jephtha Crawford was 51 years old. He had come from Kentucky to start a new life. He married Elizabeth Harris, sister of Reuben Harris who had married the daughter of Henry Washington Younger. Jephtha had nine children, the youngest of which

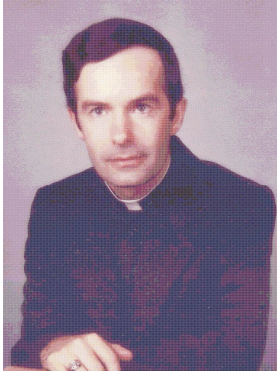
was five years old. Jephtha was a Southern sympathizer, but had never taken up arms against the government. The winter of 1863 was one of the coldest on record. On January 29, 1863 there was fourteen inches of snow on the ground and the temperature read 10 degrees below zero. Early that morning Jephtha went to a nearby gristmill with a sack of corn to have it ground to make bread for his wife and children. He promised to be back at noon. Noon came, his wife Elizabeth had prepared dinner as best she could, but was waiting for her husband's return so she could have bread for their dinner. Two o'clock came and still he did not arrive. At three o'clock she saw a company of Yankee cavalymen approaching. They rode up to the door. Elizabeth and the children went to the front porch and saw they had her husband as a prisoner. Jephtha was told to dismount. Then the Yankees shot him down in cold blood before the eyes of his wife and children. Then the soldiers told Elizabeth to get the children out of the house as they were going to burn it down. She begged them to let her give her little children something to eat, as they had had no food since early morning. In answer to her appeal one of the Yankees snatched a brand from the fire and stuck it in a straw bed. Everything was soon in flames. Elizabeth ran from the house snatching up a few things as quickly as she could. As the Yankees rode away Elizabeth looked at what was left in their wake. She saw her husband lying on his door steps where he had been murdered. Her house was in flames and she and her children turned out in the cold, homeless and destitute. Such was the fortunes of war as the Yankees waged war on innocent civilians in Missouri. This was not an isolated incident. This very same atrocity was being perpetrated all across Jackson County, to the Saunder's family, the Kimberlins and untold others.

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



(A continuation of last month's article, and the final segment)

In 2013, America is engaged in a fierce war, the visible effects of which are only emblematic of the real war being prosecuted in our midst. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual hosts

of wickedness..." (Eph. 6:12) It is a duel between nationalism and internationalism, capitalism and socialism, theism and atheism. As the political, economic, and theological terms imply, this is a comprehensive philosophical and spiritual battle of the 21<sup>st</sup> century fought not with guns and bullets for territory, but with ideas and words for minds, hearts, and even souls. The major media outlets and wire services, publishing houses, universities, politicians and the Hollywood movie industry understand this. Emphasizing that this is a contest about the power and motivating effect ideas have on actions, St. Paul said, "We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God and take every thought captive..." (II Cor. 10:3) In this technological age, how do we arm and equip ourselves to fight this kind of war? St. Paul explained, "For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war, and the weapons of our warfare are not worldly..." (II Cor. 10:3) Describing the uniform of a Roman soldier, he said, "Put on the whole armor of God..." We are to gird ourselves with truth, wear the breastplate of righteousness, be shod with the Gospel, take the shield of faith and helmet of salvation, and be armed with "...the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God." (Eph. 6:11, 14-17) "For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, ...discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb. 4:12) St. Peter adds the warning to "...be vigilant." (I Pet. 5:8) "Always be prepared to make a defense to one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you..." (I Pet. 3:15)

All of our rights are joined by their sharing of the basic concept of freedom which, like the fragile fragrance of a rose, we cherish either the hope, realization, or memory of in the very essence of our

being. As Americans and Christians, our loyalty is owed not to the elected administration and the government it forms, but to the Creator Who endows us with our inalienable rights and to the Declaration of Independence and Constitution that encode those rights. Edmund Burke (1729-97), a British philosopher and statesman, observed, "Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains on their own appetites..." He knew that "...men of intemperate minds cannot be free." This explains why adherents to a liberal philosophy devoid of Christian morality labor with such fanatically rabid intensity to build a secular society that creates conditions which justify the consolidation of all power in a central government they conspire to control. This same concept is behind the movement for a one-world government. A comparison of America's history, as recent as fifty years ago, and current events will demonstrate that the more Christian a nation's people are, the less government is needed, for the people govern themselves.

To change America, Americans must be changed. To change Americans, their hearts must be changed, one soul at a time. "For as he (a man) thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) Neither scholarly study, large sums of money, complex organizations, amassed political power, nor intimidating force are required to accomplish this most profound change. Contrary to the polished image, vast resources, and best efforts of the media, the most effective means of communicating ideas is still through personal encounters with others in our daily lives. By what we say, and more importantly, how we live, hearts are changed.

This article began with a discussion about the dimensions of time and time travel. We cannot return to the past, but the past can come to us. The Greek calls it anamnesis, the recalling to mind past events the effects of which become perpetually operative in the present and into the future. Christ died on the Cross 2,000 years ago, but His sacred Blood still forgives sins and His Gospel is still worth propagating today. The patriots of 1776

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## Paul Petersen continued from page 4...

Shortly after guerrilla Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's return from his winter sojourn in Texas, Elizabeth learned that he was camped nearby. She took her four sons, twenty-two-year-old William, twin fifteen-year-olds Marshall and Marion, and thirteen-year-old Riley, to the guerrillas' camp. With her sons beside her she approached Quantrill and said, "These are all I have left. Take them and make soldiers of them."

William, Marshall and Marion stayed with Quantrill until deciding to join General Price in the Missouri State Guards. Riley being too young remained with Quantrill. To remain at home would have been certain death. Riley Crawford was not only one of the youngest guerrillas, he was also one of the hardest fighters in Quantrill's band. It was said that he killed every Union soldier who fell into his hands. Riley Crawford was killed in combat less than two years later.

Six months after Jephtha Crawford's murder his three married daughters were arrested by Yankees, belonging to the 11th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment and imprisoned in a makeshift prison in Kansas City. The brick building was undermined by the guards, detailed to protect them. In a matter of days the building collapsed, killing two of Jephtha's daughters along with three other young Southern women, one being only 14 years old.

And what of the Yankee's reaction to this atrocity? They are ominously silent. And their silence speaks volumes. They would like to omit this part of history.

Like a recent statement by a Washington politician when confronted by a current atrocity, stated to the world, "What does it matter?" But to those gathered here today, we will not forget, because it does matter. Those who lie here, now in peace, gave us the only hope we have. They gave us a moral standard, a deep patriotism for the Constitution, and a belief in God. Despite their persecution they remained true to the Cause. And when necessary they picked up arms and fought against a tyrannical government and for what they believed in. For us who remain behind, to honor their memory, all we can do is to follow their example.

Now, 150 years later, Jephtha Crawford and his wife Elizabeth, will finally be remembered by the installation and dedication of a new monument in honor of their memory in the Blue Springs, (Missouri) Cemetery, located at 2800 S.W. Walnut St. in Blue Springs, Missouri on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 2 p.m. Friends and family of the Crawford family will be present as will the faithful Sons of Confederate Veterans from the John T. Hughes Camp, SCV. Also in attendance will be members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as well as members of the William Clarke Quantrill Society.

Ref: Rosa and John Rogers. Harris family descendants. Family historical archives.

Paul R. Petersen - *Quantrill of Missouri*, Cumberland House Pub.

**Paul R. Petersen**

## Fr. Richard Rudd continued from page 5...

spilled their blood on the battlefields 237 years ago, but the freedom they won still gives meaning to life and is still worth defending today. In 2013, may each one of us make the effort and sacrifice that is required of us to spread the Gospel, change hearts, preserve liberty, make history, and enrich by our humble contributions the experience of anamnesis for future generations of Americans.

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



Above, Commander Coffman presents **Ken Edmondson** with his SCV Certificate after swearing Ken in to the SCV. The Ancestor that Ken honors on his SCV Certificate is **Private William Franklin Edmondson, Co I, 9th Alabama Cavalry, Moreland's Regiment.**

Ken is married to Cheryl, for 35 years. They have 3 kids, Charlie, Kristen, and Leslie. We will be swearing son Charlie in at the June Camp meeting!

Ken played hardball baseball for 40 years in competitive men's leagues here in town. A good league with x Royals and Chiefs players in it. Ken is retired from both work and baseball these days and his current hobby is Genealogy.

Ken worked for Braniff Airlines for 25 years, then went to work for the KC Star as district sales rep, then Lab Corp as General Manager.

Ken served in the Air Force from 1961-1965 at Whiteman Air Force base and served as a Fireman. He did crash rescue and the worst thing he saw was when a B-47 exploded on the ramp, killing 4 men onboard. The air to air refueling receptacle had broke, ground crew was unaware of that and while refueling the plane on the ground, it leaked and exploded.

***Here's to Ken's service to our Country, and to Private William Franklin's service to our Country!***



To the left are the items Jon Lynn showed us at the May meeting, the hand towel says Confederate Soliders Home, the Gavel says Beuvoir, Mississippi and the fork says Confederate Soldiers Home. Above is 1st Lt. Zech L Ford being presented the HL Humley Award at the AFJROTC Lees Summit North High School Banquet.







### Scenes from Confederate Memorial Day at Higginville, June 1



Jim Beckner



Kurt Holland



Jim Speicher



Larry Yeatman



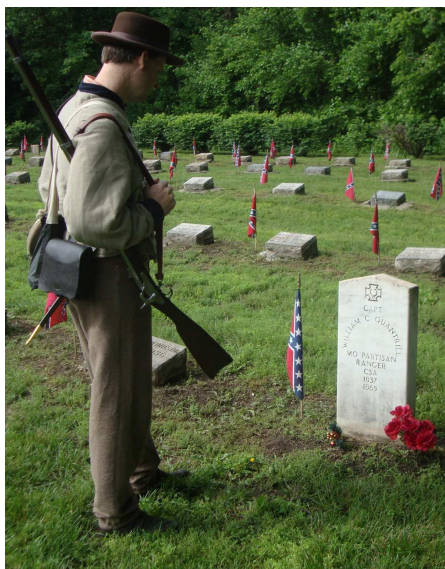
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