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June 6th marks the 149th Anniversary of William Clarke Quantrill's assassination in Kentucky. In spite of the War being over, the Yankee's gunned him down when they surrounded a barn Quantrill and his men were taking shelter in during a storm.



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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

On June 21st and 22nd I will have the camp recruitment tent set up at the 36th Annual Lathrop Antique Tractor Show in Lathrop Missouri. This year the feature tractor of choice will be Allis Chalmers, so if you like the old orange come up and help the camp recruit. There will be some other Missouri Division SCV members from other camps there.



There are many men in the area of Lathrop that want to join the SCV and do not know it as of yet, so let's get them into the camp.

On June 28th I will have the camp recruitment tent set up at the 2014 Sesquicentennial Freedom Festival in Camden Point Missouri. We do not have many men in the camp from mid to northern parts of Platte County. We can make a big showing at this event as Key camp from Kansas will be at this event too.

The camp is in need of some indoor flag poles and flags, the ones we have now are pretty much shot. If you know where we can get a good deal on some bring it up in the meeting.

If you are not on the Hughes Camp email list send an email to scv614mo@yahoo.com expressing you would like to be put on the list. I have noticed some of your emails are not responding or bouncing back.

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Boyd Chapter would like to give a Warm Southern Welcome to the following new member, Jack Chance. Also, Hughes Camp would like to welcome new members Dwayne Holtzclaw and John Moloski. Welcome aboard men!

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Camp Calendar

June 12th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant 605 N Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054 816-254-9494* Our speakers this month will be **Mike Calvert, President of the Western Missouri Roundtable**, and his subject will be **"The Second Battle of Independence"**



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

June 6,7,8 Battle of Kingston, Thrailkill's Raid Kingston, MO. Our Camp will set up our booth at this event. Should be a good show, it's a great battlefield.

June 7th Confederate Memorial Day, Confederate Memorial Cemetery, Higginsville, Missouri Starts around, noon, bring a lunch and chairs. Show will start around Noon.

What's been happening on the Western Front..

Billboard update! We have two billboards up and running on I-70. As you know, they have made might a stir in the media and we have gotten a lot of press out of the deal. They are serving their purpose to raise awareness of the SCV and our plight of needing the Battle Flag returned to Higginsville Confederate Cemetery. Darrell Maples, Missouri Division Commander has had some meetings with State Reps as a result. Let's keep the pressure on! Gov. Jay Nixon has responded saying he prefers to keep their flag policy as it is. That said, we could just get ourselves a new governor!

Please donate to the billboard fund. I think it's possible we could keep these types of billboards up permanently if we could keep them funded. Consider making an annual donation to the billboard fund. As much as you can as often as you can!

Bottom line is, if they don't want to see our Flag in an all Confederate Cemetery, then they can just look at it all day long on I-70. Let's make 'em howl!

Larry Yeatman

Mail donations to:

Darrell Maples
2416 Iven Rd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Camp Meeting, May 8th...

At the May Meeting, we swore in our newest Member, **Jay Roberts**. Congratulations Jay, we've known you for years and are glad you're in the fold! Pictures of Jay are shown in this newsletter.

And, as it turns out, Jay was our speaker for the May meeting. Jay has spoke to us before and he's quite a good local historian. He loves to research our Confederate History and is a good source of information.

Jay spoke to us about one of his Confederate Ancestors, **Captain William Hezekiah Oldham and Co. A of the 6th Missouri Infantry**. Cpt. Oldham was from the Hickman Mills area and later moved to the High Blue area of Cass County. He married Mary Ann Moore, who's father or grandfather was a Revolutionary War soldier. In 1859 Cpt. Oldham gained experience as a leader when the men of the High Blue area banded together to protect against Jayhawker raids over the border. These men formed the corp of what would become Co. A in the MSG. It was then that Oldham was elected Captain. My notes are muddled but they might have initially been in the 10th Mo. Cavalry. The Company mustered out in December of '62 and enlisted in the CS Army. They were under Van Dorn at Pea Ridge and provided rear guard for the retreat. From there it was game on. First Des Arc Arkansas, then ordered to Mississippi for Shiloh but never got there before it was over. Was sent from Memphis then to Corinth, later fighting at luka, Farmington, Corinth. Then onto Grand Gulf Port, led men out of a desperate situation at Bakers Creek. **Continued on Page 4...**

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Thanks to the many donors that help keep the presses rolling! Joe Ferrara, John Yeatman, George Baker, Burgess Williams, Stephen Cockrell and Tim Apgar. Thanks to You All!

I would like to thank everyone that went to the Hollingsworth Cemetery dedication in Lawson Missouri on Sunday May 18th. It was a well attended event and Hughes Camp can take care of this little piece of land where Confederate soldiers are buried. There were some Confederates in uniform riding in golf carts which you do not see every day. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the Richmond Mushroom Festival on May 2nd and 3rd. We got some new members at this event and a lot more people in Ray county now days are understanding more about the struggle for Southern Independence in that area. See pictures of these two events in this issue.

Any of you that have any MOS&B raffle funds from selling tickets, bring them to the next meeting on Thursday June 12th, see you all there.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

Jason-Nathaniel: coffman

John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander



Byron Botts and Tim Borron aboard our float at Richmond Missouri

Our Meeting Place!



Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant
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Jay Roberts continued... It was at Baker's Creek that Cpt. Oldham was wounded in the thigh and maimed. He spent time in a hospital at Raymond, MS. He spent the rest of the War serving as a Provost Clerk there in Raymond. I think that many of his former High Blue Comrades went to California after the war, fearing return to the High Blue area. The Captains wife, Mary, passed away not too long after the war and is buried on the family farm in Cass County. Cpt. Oldham took to writing articles for a newspaper, and bashed the US Govt. for spending 20 Million on the Philippines while failing to take care of it's own citizens!

In 1903 Cpt. Oldham applied to live at the CS Vet home in Higginsville. He was admitted on Feb. 6, 1904 but died 10 days later on Feb. 16th, 1904. I did not catch if he is buried in the Confederate Cemetery there in Higginsville or not.

Thanks to Jay for keeping the history of Captain Oldham alive, who gave so much and fought hard for the cause. I wonder about the death of his wife, sounds like she was fairly young. It's quite possible that she was a casualty of the war also. She probably suffered many hardships during the war as did most Southern women. I'll ask Jay what he thinks caused her to die so early. **Salute to the Oldham's for their service!**

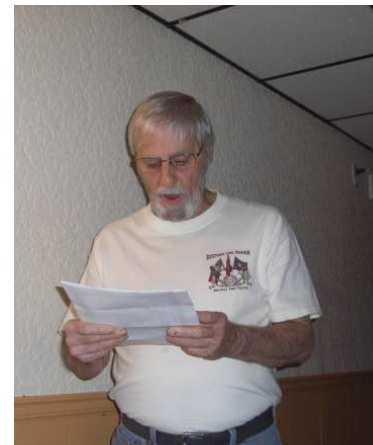


To the left is our newest member, **Jay Roberts**, being sworn in by stand in Chaplain George Baker. Below that Commander Coffman presents Jay with his SCV Certificate. The Ancestor that Jay honors on his SCV Certificate is **Captain William Hezekiah Oldham, Co. A, 6th Missouri Infantry**. As you just read, Cpt. Oldham fought long and hard, fighting in Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi.

Congratulations Jay and we're glad to have you on board! Welcome to our Camp!

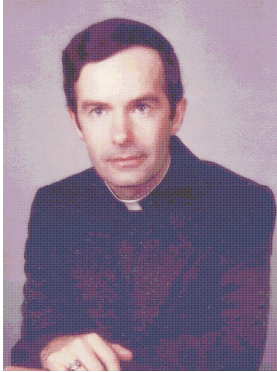
At the bottom, you see Jay in action as our speaker.

Jay likes to research Missouri Confederate Soldiers. He is a living historian, doing mostly a civilian impression these days in reenacting. He is currently working on 3 different books! He also helps **John Moloski** run John's **Burnt District Press Company**. John just joined our Camp as a friend of the SCV. We'll rummage around and find John one of his Confederate Ancestors soon! You might remember that John's company specializes in reprinting books that have been out of press for a while.





Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Art used to imitate life. In Today's upside-down world, more and more, it is life imitating art. Witness the aping of appearances and mannerisms through tasteless fads, by-products of Hollywood and Madison or Pennsylvania Avenues, which replace the true meaning of style. The mold of a false

image is created, then reality is coerced to assume the shape of that mold. The social disease of political correctness is an example. In the last two years, five high-profile cases regarding political correctness have been tried in the courts of mass media. The most recent involved Donald Sterling, owner of the L.A. Clippers. His critics charged him with racism for, according to reports, telling his female friend, Miss Stiviano, in a private conversation not to bring Negro guests to games. It was further reported that Stiviano, a mulatto, has been the defendant in a lawsuit filed by Mrs. Sterling seeking to recover \$1.8 million. Stiviano is said to have recorded and publicized Mr. Sterling's controversial comments. In just three days, Mr. Sterling was prosecuted, convicted, and sentenced without a judicial hearing. Players refused to wear the team logo, corporate sponsorship was withdrawn, and fans were encouraged to boycott games. The NBA's commissioner, pressured by critics including BO, threatened indefinite suspension, banned Sterling from the NBA and attendance at games, levied a \$2.5 million fine, and barred him from the facilities and all personnel and business decisions of the team he owns. The commissioner's sentence has the effect of binding arbitration and is enforceable in court. As a result of the most severe reprisal ever taken against a team owner not convicted of a crime, Mr. Sterling's punishment was admitted to be "...one of the toughest ever given to a owner in professional sports."

Next, consider to case of Paula Deen. Lisa Jackson, a former employee, filed a racial lawsuit

against Deen. In a deposition from the trial, Mrs. Deen referred to a Negro bank robber who put a gun to her head as a nigger. This event occurred many years before the trial and did not involve Jackson. Last year, the court dismissed the case. However, in the court of the media Deen was convicted. Food Network refused to renew Deen's contract. Smithfield Foods and Caesars Entertainment dropped her. The business she had worked to build was jeopardized. A double standard can be seen when reflecting back on Martha Stewart's criminal conviction in a court of law. The media, sponsors, and patrons welcomed her back from prison and her business continues to thrive as if nothing ever happened.

Then there is the case of Ayaan Hirsi Ali. This year, Brandeis University withdrew its offer of an honorary degree to this former Moslem woman who spoke against Islam's mistreatment of women. So strong was the aversion to the truth about Islam that a Jewish university gave cover to its mortal enemy.

Last year, *Duck Dynasty* star Phil Robertson passed under the judgement of the media for truthfully proclaiming that, according to the *Bible*, homosexuality is a sin. His program was threatened with cancellation and products were boycotted.

Finally, last April Mozilla CEO Brendan Eich lost his job after it was discovered that several years ago he had donated money for passage of Proposition 8 against the legalization of sodomy in California. He had no chance to defend himself in a fair hearing.

In the days of the old Roman Empire, those who dared to deviate from the political correctness of that era were publicly crucified on crosses on the roads around cities for all to see as a deterrent and warning to conform. Today, prominent victims are more visibly crucified on the airwaves and internet. Many others suffer anonymously at the hands of employers or school administrators who forbid employees and students to display Christian or Confederate symbols at work or school.

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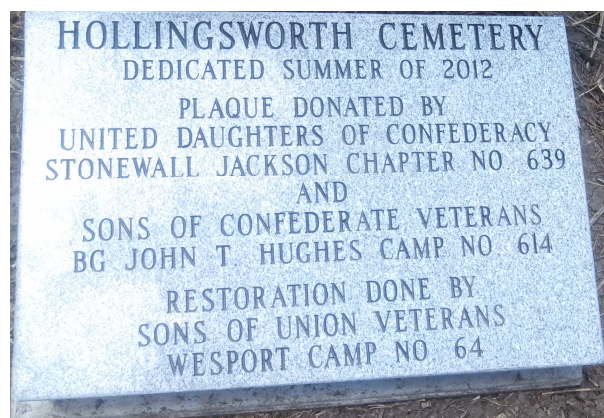
This article is not written to condemn or defend the actions of Sterling, Deen, Ali, Robertson, or Eich. It is written to clarify that race, sex, and religion were not the real issue. They were mere catalysts that clouded the real issue—freedom of speech. Without freedom of speech, "...silence like a cancer grows," sang Simon and Garfunkel. When we cease to speak about something, over time we cease to think about it and it is eventually forgotten. To be forgotten is the ultimate degree of death, the loneliest form of solitude, the final step of total destruction, the most acute sensation of pain, piercing through flesh and bone to the depths of the soul, the very core of our being. Silence is the voice of death and to be forgotten is to be feared more than death itself. Innately, we all know this. It is why we carefully preserve images in pictures, repeatedly celebrate anniversaries, and faithfully observe memorial and holy days. Our thoughts are the equivalent of actions and require the same responsibility before God. St. John wrote that hate is equal to murder. Christ said adulterous thoughts are as much of an offense as the act. (1 Jn. 3:15, Matt 5:28) Adversaries of freedom of thought know this is true. That is why they appropriate so much importance and money for the use of political propaganda, advertising, even the misuse of entertainment and education to influence how we think. Many school districts currently have contracts with companies that provide computer programs that record not only students' answers to test questions, but map how they think to arrive at those answers. This record can exist in perpetuity. Thought control is a preemptive strike against freedom of speech and action.

If real life does imitate art, today's world increasingly reflects George Orwell's novel *1984*. Intelligence, independence, and non-conformity were discouraged. Thoughts contrary to ideological correctness were deemed to be a threat to the authorities and the prevailing status quo they contrived and were, therefore, a crime. The thought

police enforced conformity through exposure and punishment by means of monitoring, terrorizing, and torturing. They revised, falsified, replaced, and destroyed records, even history, at will. Respect for truth and freedom atrophied as the desired end justified the devious means. How far have we strayed in 30 years? If we do not speak up boldly and incessantly to remind Americans of their hallowed heritage and sacred duty, freedom and truth will "...like silent raindrops (fall) and (echo) in the well of silence."

Fr. Richard Rudd
Hughes Camp Chaplain

Hollingsworth Cemetery Rededication



Above is the new marker recently dedicated at the Hollingsworth Cemetery. Also above is 2nd Lt. Commander Sam Stanton. One of those Confederates in golf carts Coffman mentioned!



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.

Unheralded Rebel Victory

The Battle of Walnut Creek

In the military career of Confederate Colonel William Clarke Quantrill there are many instances in recorded history concerning his battlefield victories. Known to all those who follow his illustrious campaigns through six states are battlefield accounts in the Official Records as well as published accounts of those who rode with him throughout the war. What is not commonly known are those few accounts of his victories recalled only by his men who survived the war and recorded their accounts in lesser known writings unavailable to a general readership. One such account records one of Quantrill's earliest victories over Federal forces along the border where he fought a stand up battle uncommon to his guerrilla company though being vastly outnumbered.

Only six months after having organized a small group of Southern patriots to protect their homes and neighborhoods from Kansas Jayhawker attacks in Jackson County, Quantrill's command had increased to seventy-five men, in addition to twelve men having joined from a lesser known guerrilla leader, Captain John Winiard Rider. Rider had initially served under General Sterling Price in the Missouri State Guard before returning to Jackson County. Rider's name as well as his father, George appears on Quantrill's July 6, 1862 company muster roll.

In the month preceding the three Confederate victories at the 1st Battle of Independence, the Battle of Lone Jack and the Battle of White Oak Creek, Quantrill was continuously able to confuse and baffle the Federal forces along the border. In the latter part of July, 1862, his designs were to attack Harrisonville in Cass County to the south where a large amount of provisions were stored but large parties of Federal patrols thwarted his plans. In the face of

overpowering odds Quantrill made a forced march for several days before pitching his camp on Walnut Creek in Johnson County, Missouri, on the eastern border of Jackson. Using the same defensive arrangements he would make the following month at White Oak Creek Quantrill prepared a defensive position with a body of water to his front and large bluffs to his rear making an enemy attack from behind impractical.

After establishing his position Quantrill ordered Lieutenant Coleman Younger to take twelve men and attack any Federal advance parties he could find in order to lead their main body back onto their camp where they could be well received. On the 13th of July, Younger found a Federal advance party of fifteen cavalymen from the 200 strong Johnson County militia. His ambush killed fourteen. The main body of militia was soon joined by an additional 200 Federal militiamen from Butler County who followed up Younger's retreat back to Quantrill's position.

Quantrill had well prepared his defenses, felling trees, and making his withdrawal if needed inaccessible to cavalry except at passes left for his own troops. The four hundred Federal cavalymen made a strong impetuous charge, but they were driven back by the well entrenched guerrillas. A second charge followed making the little creek run red with the blood of brave soldiers. The Federals fell back in broken ranks and formed again on a hill two hundred yards distance and held a council of war. The Federals decided to split their forces, one detachment being deployed down the creek and another detachment was sent to attack in the rear but the bluffs prevented them from reaching a

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point where they could be effective. A combined attack was finally agreed upon but when the charge from the front was made again it was unsupported by the troops sent to attack the flank and a terrible repulse was the consequence.

The several disastrous charges made by the Federals convinced them that cavalry was useless against such a strongly fortified position. The Federal troops were dismounted and with their combined forces moved on Quantrill's position in infantry columns reserving their fire until the last moment. The guerrillas lay behind their barricades with double-barreled shotguns loaded with slugs and buck-shot and their usual double brace of Colt Navy revolvers. Not a shot was fired until the Federals had reached the barricades and were preparing to scale them when suddenly a rattling peal of fire rent their lines to shreds. The guerrillas fired through the crevices of fallen trees and despite their exposed position the Federals fought with a valor never surpassed until their ranks simply melted away under the guerrilla's withering fire.

Though protected by a barricade of fallen trees and stumps the guerrillas suffered numerous casualties. Quantrill was shot through the leg. George Shepherd was hit in the arm and more than a dozen of Quantrill's men were mortally wounded never to fight again.

Later that night with his ammunition almost exhausted Quantrill knew the Federal attack would be renewed on the morrow. Quantrill sent two men to reconnoiter the area for a way to escape. It was midnight when Quantrill's men returned. A heavy rain was falling forcing the Federal pickets to seek shelter. A passage was found up a dreadfully steep hillside. Quantrill succored his wounded men tying them in the saddle while the loss of horses compelled the remaining men to ride double while proceeding up the slippery slope. The darkness and rain helped protect the fleeing Confederates.

Quantrill ordered his company to separate in order to make it more difficult to follow. In the days following the guerrillas reached their old sanctuary in the Sni-a-Bar hills of eastern Jackson County. Wounded men were left in the houses of friends to be treated by kindly

Southern heroines. After a few days Quantrill recovered sufficiently from his wounds to resume active operations. At this time Southern recruiting officers were converging on Jackson County. Their forces would soon combine on August 11, to overwhelm the Federal forces garrisoned in Independence. Quantrill's company would spearhead the assault resulting in a Southern victory. Four days later with the help of Quantrill's company the tide of battle was turned into another Southern victory at the Battle of Lone Jack. And two days following, Quantrill's company repelled two Federal regiments under Colonels Charles Jennison and William Penick at the Battle of White Oak Creek.

What made these large scale victories successful was the daily effects of small skirmishes of Quantrill's command, constantly keeping the Federal forces off balance, ambushing Federal patrols and foraging parties, tearing down telegraph lines, stopping the mails, attacking steamers up and down the Missouri River and keeping the Federals guessing where Quantrill might strike next, and then reeling from the enormous amount of casualties whenever they came into contact with the guerrillas.

Article by: Paul R. Petersen, Author of *Quantrill of Missouri*, *Quantrill in Texas* and *Quantrill at Lawrence*.

Reference: J. W. Buel, *The Border Outlaws*, Historical Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo: 1881.



Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp No. 614 Schedule of Events 2014

36th Annual Lathrop Antique Tractor Show Lathrop Missouri

Date: June 21-22 2014

<http://www.lathropantique.com/>

2014 Sesquicentennial Freedom Festival Camden Point Missouri

Dates: June 28 2014

<http://camdenpoint.wordpress.com/2014-centennial/>

Outlaw Days Richmond Missouri

Date: September 6 2014

150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Centralia Missouri

Dates: September 13-14 201

44th Annual Jesse James Festival Kearney Missouri

Dates: September 21-22 2014

<http://jessejamesfestival.com/>

Cannonball Festival Holt Missouri

Date: October 4 2014

150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Glasgow Missouri

Dates: October 11-12 2014

150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Albany Richmond Missouri

Dates: October 24-26 2014

<http://battleofalbany-raycountymo.angelfire.com/>

Jim and Judy Beckner 50th Wedding, June 1

On June 1 Jim and Judy Beckner celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. There was a good turnout and Hughes Camp was well represented. As you can see below, Judy was presented with a certificate of accomplishment for surviving Jim for 50 years! In the photo to the right, that is Judy's actual wedding dress. Pretty neat!

Congratulations to Jim and Judy!

