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January 19th, 1807 is the birth date of Robert E. Lee. Come celebrate the birthday of Robert E. Lee at the Lee Jackson Dinner on January 17th, 2015!

There are many similarities between St. Joan of Arc and Robert E. Lee the two most obvious being that they were both great generals and they both possessed incredible faith in God. How appropriate, then, that Robert E. Lee's famous presentation sword, the one that he wore during his meeting with Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, is engraved on one side with one of Joan of Arc's famous quotes and spiritual truths:

> "Aide toi et Dieu t'aidera" (Aid yourself and God will aid you)



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# Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

### **Confederate Patriots,**

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Year holiday season.

I am now living in Albany, Missouri and have had to change occupations. I am now in the Hog business! I've searched high and low for jobs in my field as an Auto Cad Draftsman, but it seems that is not to be for the mean-



time. Therefore, I'm happy to have a job in the field of Agriculture. I maintain a barn of 1800 pigs and it's full time endeavor! There's a lot of opportunity in the Agriculture industry, and maybe this experience can lead to something better in the Ag field.

That said, I'm going to need plenty of help running the camp this year due to the distance I live from Independence (100 miles) and the hours I have to work which can and will include many weekends. So hopefully we can get some volunteers to help man booths etc this year.

2014 was a good year for the Camp. We attended at least 10 events where we set up our booth, sold some merchandise, and spread the word about the true history of the War. In 2014, we grew to be the largest Camp in Missouri with 74 members currently on our roster. Good job men, and we welcome our many new members and hope you enjoy being part of the SCV to honor your Ancestors sacrifices.

Going forward in 2015, we still need to get approval for the Historical Marker to John T Hughes at the location of his death. We have had to enlist the help of some other folks to help with that and hope it can happen soon.

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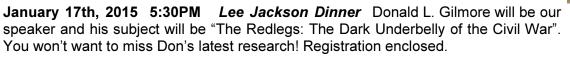


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# **Camp Calendar**

January 8th, 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 Diane Rogers who is author of 10 books, 9 of which are on the War of Northern Aggression. Her topic will be on one of her books- *"Elizabeth's War".* This is about the tale of a women who's husband and son were off to war fighting for the South, Elizabeth had 6 kids at home. They were surviving at home up to Order No. 11 at which time they were forced to endure the hardships of the trip from Cleveland, Mo to Osceola.





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

Gentleman,

I hope everyone's 2015 New Year is off to a good start! Let's get out of the gate strong with a good showing at our first meeting of the year.

We'll have several men to swear in at this meeting if they can be in attendance. Those new members are:

**Bob Tackett** 

#### **Mike Williams**

Lanny Dixon

In December Hughes Camp did have their annual Christmas Party at the Lions Club Hall n Missouri City, Missouri. You're lowly Adjutant (me) was not in attendance so I am unable to give you much of a report on the event, but I understand it went well and there were about 20 people in attendance. The egg nog was missing as that is what I usually bring to the event, so for that, I owe you!

The November Camp meeting went pretty well but attendance was somewhat light as that was the day before folks were leaving town etc for Deer season! At least that's what I think happened! I do know several men at least we're preparing for that national holiday in Missouri-Deer Season! At the November meeting, we presented two important people with their Friends of the SCV Certificates:

**Donald L. Gilmore and Paul R. Petersen.** Both Don and Paul have been great friends to Southern History via the many books they have written on the War in Missouri. They've done a wonderful job of telling the true history of the guerilla warfare that took place in this State and in exposing the many Yankee atrocities that occurred here. Both men are the consummate scholars and historians! We're glad to have you on the team Don and Paul!

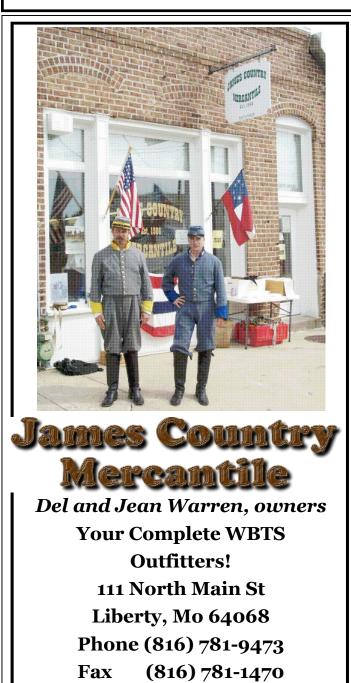
See pictures on Page 7 of Don and Paul being presented their certificates.

Next-don't forget to register for the upcoming Lee Jackson Dinner to be held on January 17th. Don Gilmore will be the speaker for that event and will be providing us with a new topic he has not spoken on before. Should be good stuff! Registration for that event is enclosed.

At this upcoming meeting we should discuss things such as trash pick up on Noland Road, historical marker where John T Hughes was shot, and upcoming events in 2015 we can set up a booth at. 2014 was a good year for recruiting and we've added many good men to the camp. Let's see if we can hit 100 members this year!

Larry Yeatman-Adjutant





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### Commander Coffman continued...

Let's continue to grow the Camp and keep it engaged in the public. There are many people out there eligible to join the SCV. More and more people are beginning to understand the impact that war had on the united States and what was lost. Many people are beginning to see the effects of what large centralized governments do. Let's reach out to those folks and help them understand what their Confederate Ancestors were fighting for.

I probably will not be able to attend the upcoming Lee Jackson Dinner, but I hope that many of you in the Camp will attend that event.

Hope to see you all at the January 8th meeting! We have a good speaker lined up for you.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

Jason-Nathaniel: coffman John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander

# **Our Meeting Place!**



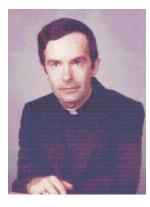
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# Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Most of us have grown up hearing the story of Br'er (a syncope for Brother) Rabbit and the briar patch. Robert Roosevelt, an uncle of Theodore, collected these tales from oral tradition as related by his aunt who lived in Georgia. Joel Harris made the fables popular by publishing them in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Originating from African folklore, Uncle Remus

narrated accounts about the escapades of a tricky rabbit that personified Negroes outwitting white southerners. Br'er Rabbit was often portrayed as a villainous character with amoral attributes and no restraint who resorted to extremes, provoked authority figures, twisted social standards, and played the role of victim for his advantage. No longer living on a 19<sup>th</sup> century plantation, Br'er Rabbit now resides in the 21<sup>st</sup> century inner city.

Several decades ago, I accepted an opportunity to work for three years among teenagers and adults in a metropolitan inner-city environment. The experience proved to be invaluable for the information and insights gained from it, penetrating to a depth that cannot be imagined by listening to narratives from the media. Multiplied by the number of major American cities, these third-world enclaves among us and the people who live there cannot be understood without a retooling of one's thought process. It is a world requiring a different way of thinking to navigate in it. Perspectives, values, and priorities conform to unfamiliar, sometimes inverted, and frequently shifting patterns. The events I experienced, witnessed, and learned about from primary sources could fill a volume.

Race is the ever-present specter that overshadows and permeates every facet of life in the inner city. It is the one element within these communities that binds them together and, at the same time, keeps them separate from the rest of society. These sectors of America's urban areas are the equivalent of European cities' Moslem dominated no-go zones. They harbor a contingent of young homegrown terrorists who, like jihadists, are motivated by a radical ideology of, in this situation, virulent racism. Anticipating a short life expectancy, fear of death is no deterrent. Rival gangs fight each other as Sunnis and Shiites do. Violence and destruction are a way of life and tactical means of inciting intimidation and fear. Sympathetic allies are sought from among their perceived adversaries, targeting liberal Caucasians who experience an erotic emotional sensation from flagellation in the form of masochistic

self-deprecation.

It has been said that a good crisis should be used and never wasted. The Senate Intelligence Committee recently reported that the military sought from Air Force psychologists advice about and the CIA employed various forms of interrogation techniques used on captured American soldiers during the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. It would be reasonable to assume that methods of interrogation and propagandizing used during WWII were also studied. When the Nazis were defeated, the methods they perfected were not lost in the ashes of their collapsed system. There is among us a cadre replicating and refining these techniques for the promotion of their own agenda. Hitler boasted that he wanted to create a race of youth from whose eyes he could see the savage, primitive, wild beast leap. This has been done in the laboratories of America's urban cores where militant minority youths have been utilized in a Mengele-style social experiment. The unnecessary and unfortunate incidents that occurred in Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and New York provide examples. Instead of treating each of them as separate cases dealing with different circumstances and events, the liberal mass media networks, of which Goebbels' ministry of propaganda would be envious, combined all four, using a distillation process that oversimplified and skewed the facts to intentionally stoke and keep boiling the cauldron of racism as the common denominator. It was the use of racism fomenting in black urban communities and the blaming of whites for it that provided the excuse and the spark used to ignite a latent volcanic explosion of riots, jihad, and guerrilla warfare the media then described in hyperbolic understatement as protests. As the Nazis staged events to create havoc in the streets of German cities, then offered themselves as the solution, so in American cities orchestrated loss of lives, destruction of property, and escalation of the powerful emotions of anger, fear, and paranoia will cause wider divisions among all citizens who will become more willing to exchange freedom for an increase in government control to retrieve peace and safety out of chaos. This will eventually culminate in a society under dictatorial conditions.

The thread that links events in Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and New York is not racism; it is the fostering of an attitude of entitlement and the psychotic philosophy of relativism; it is about control. Judaeo-Christian morals, respect for authority and cultural traditions, personal restraint,

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### Historians Corner, Paul R Petersen

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# Forgiving but not Forgetting

As we commemorate the 150 year sesquicentennial of our nation's great Civil War we cannot dismiss the South's contempt against the way the North waged the bloody conflict contrary to the Laws of War violating every precept of the Constitution. That is why it is commonly referred to in the South as the War of Northern Aggression. We wrestle against every feeling of our carnal nature to not forgive those who have trespassed against us but with Christian devotion we are compelled to forgive even though it is impossible to forget.

If we only had leaders today like those of yesteryear our country could well heal. The most respected man in America before and even after the Civil War in both the North and South was Robert E. Lee. It is clear that the courage, honor, bravery and honesty displayed by Robert E. Lee flowed from the profound faith which he had, a faith in a power greater than himself, and a savior which guided his steps. Lee was known to show the faith he had in prayer. Lee prayed and fasted and asked others to do the same. He prayed and gave thanks for his food. He prayed for an end to slavery, He prayed for his family and friends and even for his enemies. He praved with his men in the midst of battle. And as the war drew on year by year there was much to pray about as the North waged a total war on the South, a war even on innocent women and children. Lee issued orders stating: "The commanding general considers that no greater disgrace could befall the army, and through it our whole people, than the perpetration of the barbarous outrages upon the unarmed and defenseless and the wanton destruction of private property, that have marked the course of the enemy in our own country."

Along the Missouri-Kansas border where Lee's mention of wanton destruction had been going on for two years prior to the firing on Ft. Sumter the enemy grew more merciless in their barbarism. Union General James H. Lane who led the notorious Kansas Jayhawkers boldly stated: We believe in a war of extermination. I want to see every foot of ground...burned over...everything laid waste." Kansas Jayhawkers were responsible for burning over 2,463 homes on their patrols of pillage and destruction through Missouri. In 1863 Union General Thomas Ewing issued Order #11 ordering all Southern sympathizers to leave the border or be killed. As these old men, women and children were attempting to take whatever they could carry to some other section of the country the Jayhawkers attacked stealing what they coveted and murdering those who resisted. A genocide never seen before in this country before or since.

Kansas Jayhawkers had already gained an unsavory reputation around Independence, Missouri. Captain Henry Palmer of the 11th Kansas Regiment described one of his Jayhawker raids. "They marched through Kansas City; nearly all dressed in women's clothes; old bonnets and outlandish hats on their heads, spinning wheels and even grave stones lashed to their saddles. Through the country strewn with worthless household goods, their road lighted by burning homes, this regiment was little less than an armed mob."

Stories of Jayhawkers terrorizing the Missouri border were numerous. One story told by Captain Henry Palmer of the 11th Kansas Regiment is a sample of what transpired along the border on a daily basis. Jayhawker Joseph B. Swain and seven of his followers made a nighttime raid on the home of a Missouri farmer named Lawrence. The party demanded the man turn over to them all his money and silverware. Lawrence said he could not comply with their demand as he had sent all of his money to a bank in Canada for safety. Dragged to a nearby tree with a rope around his neck, Lawrence was repeatedly hauled into the air and strangled as Swain tried to extract the location of his wealth. When Lawrence failed to produce the goods the men ransacked his home, smashing open locked drawers, emptying trucks, and ripping open mattresses. In the parlor they found the coffin of Mrs. Lawrence, who had died that day, resting across two chairs. Palmer recalled, "One fellow suggested that maybe money was hid in the coffin, and with that he knocked off the lid of the casket and searched for gold. A ring on the finger of the dead woman attracted his attention, and whipping out his bowie knife he cut off the finger to release the ring. Before leaving, this gallant party of Union defenders said to the terror stricken daughters: "If you want to plant the old lady, drag her out, for we are going to fire the ranch." Unaided they dragged the coffin from the burning home.



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and the bond between freedom and responsibility are being denigrated. Everybody is encouraged to determine truth and morality for themselves and freedom is redefined as the right to do something just because you want to and can. The false promise of freedom without responsibility will ultimately result in a society enveloped in chaos and devoid of freedom. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Prov. 25:28)

Our condition is one common to every man since Adam. We "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Rom. 3:23) Even St. Paul, writing about this struggle, admitted, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Rom. 7:19) It is a mystery why we consciously break God's moral laws, even when we know we can" ... be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32:33) Our needs and wants make us vulnerable to temp-tations coming to us through ignorance, deception, and conflicting interests. The only difference between the inner-city terrorist and other citizens is the degree to which either Satan or Christ influences their life. This is why Christ came and died on the Cross and His church offers the sacrament of confession and repentance, providing the only antidote to the forces working to destroy America and Americans' souls, the only way of escape from peril to safety, tyranny to freedom, and chaos to peace. Only as long as our citizens are instilled with this truth, as previous generations have been, will America be the land of the free.

#### Fr. Richard Rudd

#### Hughes Camp Chaplain

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On January 29, 1863 in Jackson County, Missouri was recorded the coldest day of the year, the temperature was 10 degrees below zero. A Union patrol had seized 51 year old Jeptha Crawford who was at a neighboring gristmill getting corn ground for bread to take home to his wife and six children. The Federals took him back to his front door and there in the presence of his family shot him down in cold blood then burned down his house and barn. The spectacle was repeated time and time again on other innocent citizens.

But the most heinous act carried out by the Union authorities was the arrest and imprisonment of young Southern women in Kansas City. Over fifteen women were confined in a makeshift prison once the home of painter George Caleb Bingham. It was a substantial three story brick building. The women's guards were housed next door. In only a matter of days the soldiers cut the supporting columns away causing the building's collapse and the premeditated murder of five women, one as young as 14 years old was the result.

The Union's total-war scorched-earth policy was not a local one played out only along the Missouri-Kansas border. All across the South Federal atrocities were being conducted with ferocity. In Virginia, Union General Robert H. Milroy wrote his wife saying, "I feel a strong disposition to play the tyrant among these traitors." In Louisiana, Union General William Dwight wrote, "The scenes of disorder and pillage were disgraceful to civilized war...Negro women ravished in the presence of white women and children." In New Orleans, Union Corporal William M. Chincock raped Mary Ellen De Riley, a black woman. He was fined \$40 and reduced to private. Captain S. Tyler Reed fired his pistol at William Bird, a black boy, and put out his eye. His sentence? A reprimand. Benjamin George, a 50 year old slave tried to help save the home and barn of his white neighbor. When surrounded and questioned by Union soldiers why he would try to help a white man he was shot.

In South Carolina, Union terrorists stole everything: "Purses, watches, hats, boots, and overcoats....were taken from victims, white or black." A witness says: "Commissioned offices, of a rank as high as that of a colonel, were frequently among the most active." They took the rings from the fingers of a dying woman. They urinated on the beds. They opened graves in search of loot and left the corpses on the ground. And what did the South's leadership have to say? These are the words of the Southern General-of-the-Army, Robert E. Lee. "I pray daily and almost hourly to You heavenly Father to come to the relief of our afflicted country. There is nothing but Your almighty power that can sustain us, and to You be all the praise. Amen." God bless Robert E. Lee.

#### Article by Paul R. Petersen

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**Donald L. Gilmore** is the former senior editor of Combat Studies Institute and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Press at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he worked for seventeen years. He has written many books and articles on the Civil War including the book, "*Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border".* He has also written a novel about Jesse James titled *"Riding Vengence with the James Gang".* One of his books is on Vietnam titled "*Eyewitness Vietnam: Firsthand Accounts from Operation Rolling Thunder to the Fall of Saigon* 



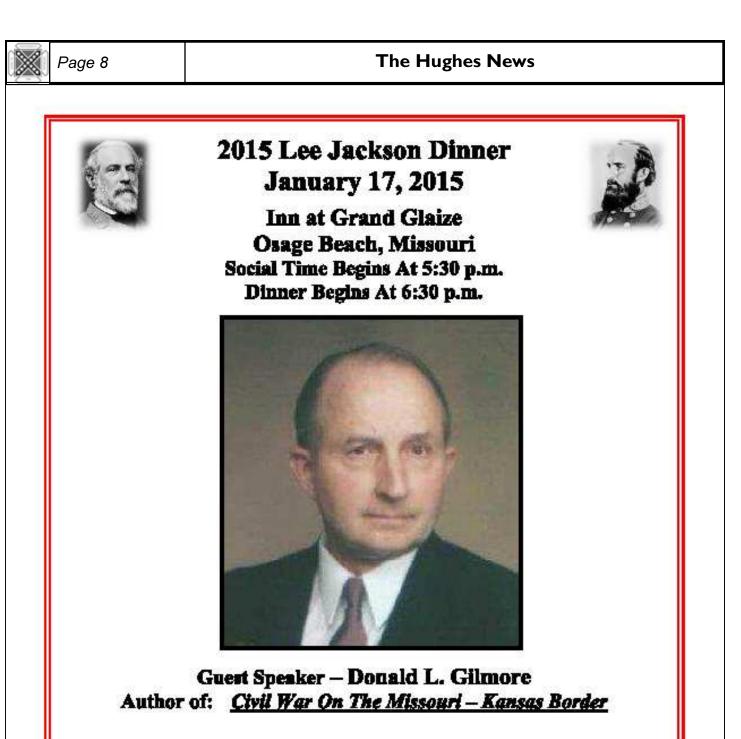
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