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**December 29th marked the 125th Anniversary of the Massacre at Wounded Knee.**

**On December 29th, 1890, Federal agents and members of the 7th Cavalry showed up at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to disarm the 297 Sioux Indians who lived there for their “own safety and protection”. After most of the Sioux had already turned in their firearms members of the Cavalry opened fire, killing all 297. 200 of the dead Sioux Indians were women and children.**

**Wounded Knee was among the first Federally backed gun confiscation attempts and it ended in tragedy.**



# The Hughes News

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## Message from the Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

I am growing tired of ignorance. The ignorance I speak of is all of the people that are intentionally trying to systematically eradicate anything and everything that present the Old Southern Republic of nation states (confederate States of America 1861-1865). And, as if that is not enough, they are also going after anything and everything that has to do with



the Old Republic of nation states (united States of America 1776-1861). There are two factions that have infiltrated our government basically; they are Imperial Socialists and the Communists. Corporate Fascists are controlling both of those factions in our government. I say that there is no freedom anymore, it is all gone. I often get scoffed at because I say this. Someone says to me that they are free and I tell them they are not. I explain to them that they have permission to travel and own firearms. I explain to them that the exorberant amount of Federal income taxes that they pay is voluntary, and yet, if you do not pay them, they take everything you own. They say they own their homes and property. I say they do not. Most of our properties are owned via a Deed of Trust, not a title. Some of you men in the camp understand me, others, maybe do not. It is my sincere opinion though, in the next five years or so, a lot of people are going to have a very rude awakening. Our ancestors, if they were alive and breathing air in this day and age, from both the first Revolutionary and second Revolutionary War (War for Southern Independence) would be standing up to this level of government corruption and undermining of society.

**Our next meeting will be at our old place, The Courthouse Exchange Restaurant on the Independence square.**

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### Camp Calendar

**January 14th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W Lexington Indep. Mo 252-0344** Our speaker this month will be **Don Peters, President of the Cass County Historical Society.** Don's topic will be about an Historic Log Cabin the Society is preserving that has ties to Quantrill and the planning of Order # 11. You won't want to miss Don's speech!



**Br. Gen. John T Hughes**

**Note Big Change for January meeting! Ernie's called me again to say their meeting room will be unavailable due to construction. They said the room will be good to go for February for us. So we will be meeting at the Courthouse Exchange Restaurant in January!**

**January 16th, 5:30 PM Lee Jackson Dinner, Osage Beach, Missouri.** Registration form enclosed. Hurry in your reservation, this is the first news I've been able to print this is!

**April 8-9 Missouri Division SCV and Missouri Society MOSB Reunion.** Isle of Capri Hotel, Booneville, MO. Mark your calendars. Registration details to follow in the future. Thought we'd give you a heads up on the date! Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow will be in attendance.

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

#### November and December Camp happenings...

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Years Day! It's a new year, and time to get back to the grind as they say.!

With unmitigated attacks from the Yankees, and the civilized and uncivilized world seemingly incurring a complete meltdown, we can't stand around idle in defending not only our heritage, but our way of life. It's not just guys like ISIS that threaten us, it's people right here in our country that seem to be fomenting revolution, and not the kind that will be better for us. And it seems to be encouraged from the top. If not actively encouraging it, they sure aren't discouraging it! So keep your eyes peeled and be alert in these uncertain times. Not sure how far the nay or do wells will get with the stuff they are pulling.

You probably have seen the emails that the Mayor Slay of St. Louis, probably encouraged by the mayor of New Orleans recent moves to remove Confederate Statues down there, has renewed his efforts to remove the Confederate Statue at

Forest Park in St. Louis.

**Call Mayor Francis Slay's office in St. Louis, tell him what ever you'd like to say about his plan. His office phone number is: 314-622-3201**

Slay is like 2nd generation Syrian. I'm sure he's really rooted in the founding of our Country and it's history-NOT!

Think about what response you would like to see from the division, to Slay's actions and come to the meeting to discuss it!

On to other things. You're lowly editor was AWOL at the November meeting and the Christmas party, so I don't have all the details to report.

The Camp meeting in November was shifted to the Moose lodge across from the restaurant. I know some of you did not catch that in the last newsletter and had trouble finding us. Sorry for that. The meeting room was unavailable then and for our

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If I have your email you can keep up with what is going on plain and simple. Some of the men in the camp have a different email than before because I get 4 to 5 email messages bouncing back. Our email list is not complete I'm sure. Get me your email and I can keep you better informed of current events.


The Lee and Jackson event down at Osage Beach is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and I hope to see many of you there. 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**

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Also we have two new books about the battle at Pilot Knob. One is the updated version by R. Scott House of the original "Thunder In Arcadia Valley" \$18.00 and the other is "Fort Davidson." \$18.00

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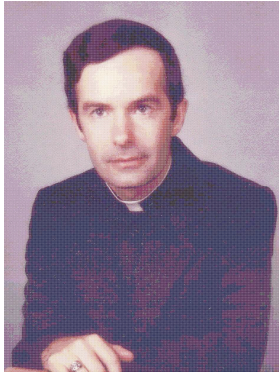
And the last one is "The Homefront in Civil War Missouri" by James W. Erwin. \$18.00

***Normally shipping is \$4 additional, but local Camp Members can save the \$4 shipping fee by having John deliver your orders to the Camp Meeting!***

***Call John to place your orders!***



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



Twelve times the iron tongue of time has tolled the hour. An old man has once again personified the passing of the old year and an infant the advent of the new. Well intentioned resolutions, sure to be broken, have been made. Kisses were

exchanged and toasts offered with flowing libations. *Auld Lang Syne*, Scottish for "in old times long since," has been sung as we look back with either nostalgia or relief and forward in hope and trepidation. Such are the trappings of rituals, those ceremonial acts that have become so ingrained in us that they subconsciously govern the routine of our lives down to their daily and weekly cycles. Daily secular rituals compose etiquette, those social rules, forms, and manners that dictate how we interact with others and even how we dine. Weekly religious rituals determine how we worship. For example, Christ transformed the Passover Seder, meaning order, into the liturgy, meaning prescribed form of worship, of the Mass and commanded us, "Do this in remembrance of Me." (Lk. 22:19, I Cor. 11:24) Even non-liturgical denominations practice a defacto liturgy, an order in which things are done. On a larger scale, rituals give expression to major times and events of transition in our lives that generate those uncertainties associated with an increasingly changing world. Their repetitive, habitual, and prescribed routines create a sense of order, comfort, safety, and reassurance. Personal events include milestones and rites of passage such as birthdays and graduations as well as sacramental occasions—baptisms, confirmations, weddings, ordinations. Corporate events commemorate the annual cycle of holidays from New Years through July 4<sup>th</sup> to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Corporate rituals vary in scope from national to regional, fraternal to religious, or family to confirm a sense of belonging and solidarity, preserve historical truths, honor ancestors' accomplishments, keep the spirit of a past event and time alive,

and pass it all on to future generations.

Last Christmas, Revolutionary War reenactors once again retraced Gen. Washington's 1776 crossing of the Delaware between Pennsylvania and New Jersey to surprise the British and engage Hessian mercenaries in combat at Trenton. This maneuver proved to be critical in changing the outcome of the revolution. This ritual is performed each year to instill and perpetuate the spirit of 1776 and independence in successive generations of Americans. For the same reason, in 2015 southern reenactors of the WBTS concluded four years of commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ancestors' struggle to preserve the independence won in the American Revolution.

Although we cannot return to, relive, or change the past, our participation in hallowed rituals not only reveres our ancestors and reinforces our memory of their deeds, but provides a means of transmission called anamnesis—not just recalling past deeds, but making their effects reach across time to have an effect on our present lives. Today, we are facing a new confrontation quite different from 1776 and 1861. With the increasing influx of immigrants and the escalating militancy of secular liberals who do not share and are overtly hostile to Americas' Judaeo-Christian values and European culture, we are beginning to experience a disruption in what has been for 240 years an orderly annual cycle of life in America, resulting in a cultural clash of values, traditions, and the rituals that portray them. Political correctness (censorship) is now attempting, under the guise of pseudo-tolerance, to dictate that we no longer openly practice our traditional rituals as Americans, southerners, or Christians. Now is the appointed time for us to experience anamnesis—the recalling and putting into effect the spirits of 1776 and 1861!

Also last month, rituals associated with Hanukkah were performed. They commemorate a second century BC struggle for political independence and religious freedom to openly worship the one true

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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.

## Manasseth Gap – Guerrilla Ambush Site

Urbanization has destroyed much of the recognizable Civil War sites in Missouri where once gallant Confederates battled the Federal invaders. Only the most devout researcher or historian can point to these places and recall the battles and bloodshed that marked these spots. A little known or written about historical site is located eight miles south of Independence, Missouri in southern Jackson County. During the Civil War this area was known as Manasseth Gap and was a terror to any Federal troops that ventured near. The guerrillas of Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's partisan ranger company conducted numerous ambushes at this location. The Independence-to-Harrisonville Road where the stage and telegraph line connected the city to towns further south was located just one mile to the east. The telegraph line served to bring the local news as far away as St. Louis. The thickly wooded area inundated with rock outcroppings offered two prime ambush sites. The first, six miles south of Independence located directly on the Independence-to-Harrisonville Road was known as the Blue Cut. The second, Manasseth Gap, was situated two miles further south slightly to the southeast at the present day intersection of Little Blue Road and Woods Chapel Road. At the top of the hill from Manasseth Gap sat 180 acres of farmland owned by Henry Washington Younger which he later donated to the county for the Jackson County Poor Farm. The area was guerrilla infested country and any Union patrol had to be company size or larger in order to

have any kind of advantage against Quantrill and his men.

The Little Blue River ran parallel to the road on the west coursing its way through the idillic fertile Valley of the Little Blue. The surrounding terrain was wild, but some cultivation had begun in the bottomland, and here and there were some gristmills. Situated a half mile to the north was the picturesque hamlet of Little Blue which contained a small hotel and post office. Here, just a few hundred yards to the west a Federal ambush against guerrillas George Todd, Ed Koger and John Little resulted in Koger and Little's deaths on July 31, 1862, as they were crossing a ford over the Little Blue. It wasn't until a over a week later on August 11, 1862, that the guerrillas got their revenge when Independence was attacked by a large Confederate force under the command of Brigadier General John T. Hughes. During the initial stages of the battle the leaders of the ambush were sought out and killed.

A few months earlier Quantrill struck a Federal patrol that recklessly ventured into Manesseth Gap. The ambush was set up along the long hill on the south of the Little Blue, where the road led up from the bottomland to higher land on the south. The ambush site followed up a branch between hills on either side and was covered with brush. The site was about fifty yards wide and thirty feet high with both sides lined with heavy woods. It offered both good

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**Petersen continued...** observation and a good field of fire. The enemy would be helpless in the killing zone, but the guerrillas would be protected behind the terrain features. Quantrill had Todd station pickets at either end of the ambush site to give the alarm when the Federals approached. The ridge on either side was high enough that the attacking party could fire down on the road, and the sides were so steep it was almost impossible for a man on horseback to climb up. One of the guerrillas stated, "Most of our men were in the edge of the brush on the east side of the road. South of the cut, on the opposite side, was an open field that looked as though it had been in wheat for the last crop that had been raised on it." During the ambush several Yankees were wounded, and the rest surrendered. After their weapons and ammunition were taken away they were paroled. This was before Union General Henry Halleck issued his order on January 1, 1862, raising the Black Flag condemning all of Quantrill's men to instant death if caught or captured. Thereafter the guerrillas responded in kind and in all of Quantrill's subsequent battle reports it was simply stated, "so many killed, none wounded."

On July 6, 1864, a Federal company under the command of Captain Seymour Wagner, a German officer, was patrolling through the Valley of the Little Blue looking for guerrillas. Unfortunately he came upon an equal number of Quantrill's men led by Captain George Todd. Todd had instructed his men to cut the telegraph wires and wait in ambush for any Federal patrol that would come out from Independence to repair it. After sitting in ambush for several hours Todd and fellow guerrilla Lee McMurtry rode to the nearby William Moore cabin to await developments. Across the road to the west of the Moore farm was an open field in the half-mile-wide valley of the Little Blue. It was here the guerrillas planned to pounce on the anticipated Federal patrol.

When the attack was sprung Todd ran back to rejoin his men. The element of surprise was lost when Wagner's pickets discovered the guerrillas waiting for them. In response both sides ordered their men into line to await the final order to charge. In the resulting skirmish thirty-seven of Wagner's men were killed included Wagner himself. Southern casualties resulted in five horses killed and three guerrillas wounded: Ike Flanery, Henry Potter and Warren Welch. Never again did a Federal patrol dare ride into Quantrill country especially in the area of Manasseth Gap.

**Article by Paul R. Petersen**, author of *Quantrill of Missouri*, *Quantrill in Texas*, *Quantrill at Lawrence* and *Lost Souls of the Lost Township*.

**Photo from author's collection.**

**Mannaseth Gap. The road sign says Woods Chapel Rd and Little Blue Rd. Wood Chapel cuts off to the left . Your looking southeast in this photo.**





### Camp happenings continued from page 2...

January meeting due to construction. I think they had a water problem down there that needs to be fixed.

**Thomas McConnell** was our speaker at the November meeting. I don't have the report of what all he discussed, but I heard from several people they liked his speech! Thanks for speaking to us Tom and I think the guys enjoyed it. Tom of course is a Hughes Camp member, but also a former minister (former? Once a minister always a minister right!) Anyway, Tom is used to speaking in front of crowds given his former pastor duties, so I'm sure he wasn't shy in front of us!

Hughes Camp had their Christmas party on December 12th. Sounds like we had a good crowd show up and that it was a good time. Once again, your lowly adjutant was absent as I was out of town on farm duties.

Be sure to get your reservation in for Lee Jackson Dinner! And keep an eye out for what we may need to help do in St. Louis. I'll see you all at the January meeting! **Larry Yeatman**

### Hughes Camp swears in New Member Reed Simpson

At the November meeting, we swore in one of our latest members, **Reed Simpson**. Reed has already been very active as a member and has helped man at least 2 booths for us. Congratulations on it being official Reed and we're happy to have you on board! Reed has also just sent us an application for his son to join the Camp also, so we look forward to that. Reed works as a Compliance Officer for the Federal Reserve Bank. He lives at Lake Lotawana but also has a farm in Southern Missouri. The Ancestor that Reed honors on his SCV Certificate is his GG Grandfather, **Private Samuel McCutcheon Simpson, Co. A, 16th Regiment Missouri Infantry**. Samuel was born in Kentucky and died on June 13th 1913 in Vernon County Missouri. He is buried in Thomas Cemetery in Cass County. Samuel enlisted at Jackson County August 18th, 1862 and was enlisted by a Cpt. Lisle. He was listed as sick and in the hospital at Little Rock, AR since April 25th, 1863. So he must have been suffering some illness there, which was all too common. I don't know where all he fought, but the 16th Missouri fought a lot in Arkansas, and even around Corinth and Iuka Mississippi. **Salute to Private Samuel M Simpson for his service and to Reed Simpson for honoring Pvt. Simpson!**



Reed Simpson with his daughter, Marla

**Rudd continued..** God. In the south, a military genius named Judas Maccabee (the Hammer) rose up to lead an army from Judaea against the domination and persecution of Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria in the north. The victory of the Maccabees ended the forced imposition of rituals related to the pagan Hellenistic culture of Syria. The ritual associated with this victory is acted out in the liturgy of the Hanukkah Menorah. For this reason, Hanukkah is referred to as the festival of light.

Christian colonists proclaimed that America was to be "A city set on a hill..." (Matt. 5:14) America was established to be a Christian society and culture. What Christ told His disciples 2000 years ago He tells His disciples today, "You are the light of the world." (Matt. 5:14) Certain properties have essence—they have qualities that give them their intrinsic nature and existence or state of being; their existence is real. Their antithesis lacks essence; they are merely the absence of their opposite. For example, light is real. It produces energy and its speed can be measured. Darkness is merely the absence of light. It produces no energy and cannot be measured. Light is associated with knowledge. Knowledge empowers. Ignorance is merely the absence of knowledge. Birth bestows life and being. Death is the absence of life. The enemy is threatening to extinguish the light of the knowledge of Judaeo-Christian values, traditions, culture, and way of life in America. It is the duty of all loyal and faithful Christian Americans to acknowledge their responsibility and call to duty by heeding the command of Christ Who said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in Heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

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





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