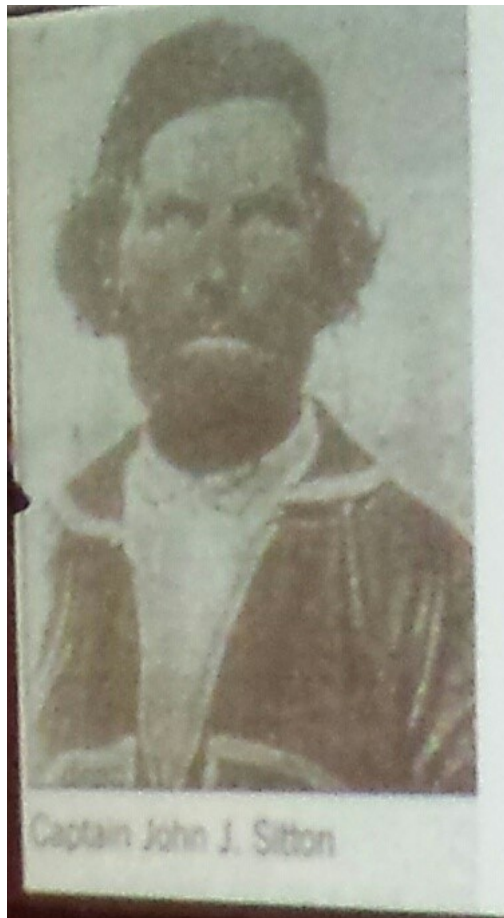


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**Captain John J Sitton**

**Captain Sitton was present at the Battle of Westport and helped defend Byrum's Ford while our wagon train crossed it. This photo was in Dan Smith's slide show on the Battle of Westport and I took a picture of the screen. I could not find a better image of him out there on the internet, so this must be a rare photo.**



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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots,**

I want to thank everyone from the Hughes Camp who helped out at the Mushroom Festival and participated at the Confederate Memorial Day gathering in Higginsville. Lathrop Antique Tractor Show is coming up on June 15th and 16th. If you would like to help the Camp at this event and see some antique tractors then let me know at our June meeting.

Here is some cannon fodder you can use on those who say the South was fighting for slavery.



***Oppression of the South, and Secession:***

The popular perception of history is that the "Civil War" was fought over slavery, and while slavery played a role in the Economic and Political reasons that the War for Southern Independence occurred, it is far from being the reason. In fact, there were many reasons why the South seceded, among them are the following.

**Unfair Taxation:**

The South relied almost solely on agriculture, and their main customers were England and France. The South traded with Europe in exchange for necessary goods. The North decided to impose heavy tariffs on items traded to the South to force the South to sell their goods to the North and trade with the North. The North then turned around and sold the South's goods to Europe for added profit, as the same tariffs and taxes were not applied to the North. This went against the Constitution in that taxes were to be equal throughout the united States.

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### Camp Calendar

**June 13th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Courthouse Exchange 113 West Lexington, Independence, MO 64050 (816) 252-0344**

**Our speaker will be Don Peters, Local Historian,** who's subject will be **"Update on the Order # 11 Cabin"** Should be good to hear about what progress is being made to locate this cabin somewhere.

**June 15th and 16th** Lathrop Antique Tractor Show. Volunteers needed to help run the booth!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

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

#### **Camp Meeting, May 9th**

In May our speaker was **Dan Smith, Director of the Battle of Westport Fund.** Dan is an attorney, and has made it his life work to preserve and restore areas of the Battle of Westport. Really, we are lucky that men like him exist, otherwise maybe no battlefields would have been preserved. They would just be all paved over serving corporate development. Dan has done yeoman's work to preserve and recover land the Battle of Westport was fought on, especially in the Byrum's Ford area. He has worked with the parks department to take over the care and maintenance of the land, once he has purchased the land. On one of the main locations he has secured in the recent past, many old commercial buildings have had to be demolished. And that land now looks pretty pristine and restored to what it would have looked like during the battle. There is an old photograph of the battle filed taken right after the battle of Westport, so we know what it looked like then. There's still some work to do there, but it's getting there. That is just east of where the KCMO water department office building is along 63rd St. That Water Works building is on hallowed ground, overlooking the Blue River (maybe Little Blue River?) Maybe we should recover that land too! Actually, there are cannons located at the eastern end of the

facility overlooking the bluff towards the river.  
**Thanks and Salute to Dan for all his great work!**



**Daniel Smith at work**



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## Dawn and Josiah Silber received Joseph Porter Award on behalf of Matthew Silber.



Above, Commander Coffman presents Dawn and Josiah Silber with the Missouri Division Joseph Porter Award, that was awarded to Matthew Silber for most valuable member.

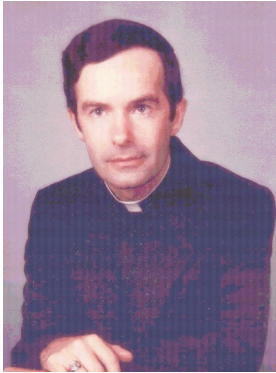
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Salute!



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



Today's fake news is the beginning of what tomorrow will be fake history. Both are as old as the existence of humanity. Events immediately following Christ's resurrection provide an example. On Sunday morning, the day of His resurrection, "...some of the guard went into the city and told the

chief priests all that had taken place (that Christ had risen from the dead)." (Matt: 28:11) Who were these guards?

On the previous day, the Jewish sabbath (Saturday), the chief priests and Pharisees had gone to Pilate under the pretense of being defenders of truth and maliciously accused Christ and His disciples of being the perpetrators of fake news. They demanded, "Therefore order the sepulcher to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead...'" Pilate responded, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." (Matt. 27:64)

Upon learning of the resurrection from their own guards, the chief priests and elders "...gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'"" Joining the priests and elders as the real disseminators of fake news, the guards "...took the money and did as they were directed; and this story (fake news) has been spread among the Jews (and non-believing Gentiles) to this day." (Matt. 28:12)

Recently, a graduate of a state university asked, "Which was first, WWI or the Civil War?" Regarding the void of knowledge about the WBTS, polls reveal that over 60% mistakenly believe the conflict was exclusively about slavery. The primary responsibility for Americans' naivete about their own history rests upon the chief transmitters of it - - teachers guilty of ignorance or deliberate manipulation to promote a social and political agenda. Gary Kramer, a university history professor and executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri pontificated, "Without slavery, there would have been no war. States invoked the issue of

'states rights' because they wanted the right to retain the system of slavery and all that it entailed." David Reynolds, professor of history at City University of N.Y. and author of John Brown Abolitionist charged, "In the 19th century, supporters of the South used states rights as an EXCUSE to defend slavery." Digging his hole even deeper, he continued, "It was DEFINITELY a euphemism at that time, ABSOLUTELY." Then, without realizing it, he weakened his argument by admitting, "Each of the states that left the union published a document explaining why they were leaving the union and very rarely would they ever mention the word slavery in these documents." The reason they did not was because slavery was not the motive for secession. Edward Ayers, professor of humanities and president emeritus of the University of Richmond, dogmatically asserted, "The FACT that slavery caused the Civil War is not clear to all America, however." He boldly presumed. "The men who led secession certainly talked in terms of the rights of the states, but there was only one right they really cared about: the right to have slavery remain undisturbed by a growing northern majority." Southerners talked about states rights because that was their reason for secession. The inflammatory hyperbole, illustrated by the words in all capital letters in the above quotations, demonstrates the intensity of their stubborn insistence that slavery was the only reason for the war.

Those who tenaciously cling to this pernicious and racial theory avoid dealing with the questions that reveal how untenable it is. If slavery caused the war, why was the Emancipation Proclamation not issued until two years after the war started and did not free slaves in the North? Why did numerous negroes freely choose to fight for the Confederacy? Did they want to perpetuate slavery? What about the Yankee soldiers from New England who demonized the South and our ancestors over slavery? Was it not their ancestors who brought Africans here and sold them into slavery? Our ancestors did not fight "because they wanted the right to retain the system of slavery" as Kramer claimed or for "the right to have slavery remain undisturbed"

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**Banking Cartel:**

The banking industry was structured so that the South had to pay higher interest rates in order to bail out Northern banks that were in financial difficulties due to various "panics" that occurred.

**Unbridled Power:**

The North began to gain enormous political power, and was using that power to try and put a stranglehold on the South politically.

**Centralized Government:**

The central power of the Federal Government continued to grow which overshadowed States Rights.

**Chattel Slavery:**

Slavery was seen as an Economic necessity to many in the South, and the North wanted to put limits on, or eliminate, slavery as they (the North) were industrialized. Ironically, the Northern industries used "sweatshop" employment methods and child labor to produce their goods.

**Manifest Destiny:**

The Northern vision of "Manifest Destiny" and a desire to expand, conquer, and bring "America" to all parts of the world went against the Southern vision of "Manifest Destiny" and their belief in the sovereignty of the independent state and a neutral stance in world politics. The North wanted to expand with emphasis on Federalist principles, the South wanted to expand on Anti-Federalist principles. Arguments between the North and South over states entering the Union as Slave or Free went beyond Slavery, as each "free" state that was brought in unbalanced the political power in favor of the North.

**Sectionalism:**

Sectionalism further caused problems between the North and South as each side looked at their interests over the interests of the united States as a whole.

The South, with good reason, believed that their lifestyle, beliefs, rights, current and future prosperity were in jeopardy.

*Excerpts, in part, taken from the Confederate handbook.*

Here we all are today living in a country with an all-powerful centralized government for the government that basically looks upon us as tax debtor slaves. I would like to believe my Colonial Confederate and Southern Confederate Ancestors fought so as to not live in a society that we all live in today. I will see you all at the next meeting on June 13th.

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

**Jason-Nathaniel: coffman**

**John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander**

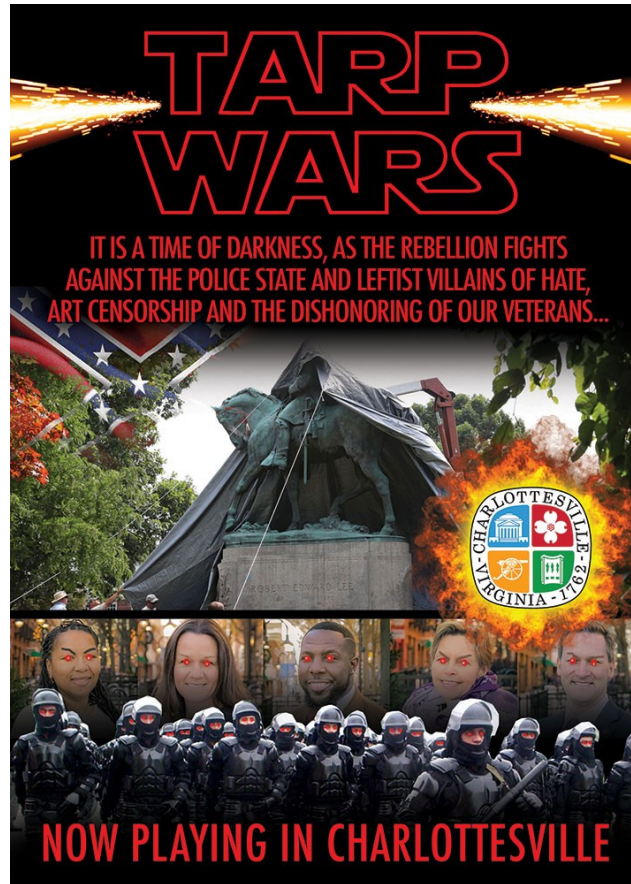


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as Ayers insinuated. My great great grandfather and his neighbors, small dirt farmers who worked by the sweat of their own brows, said farewell to their families, left their homes, and joined the Confederate infantry. He never returned; he gave his life for a cause and that cause was not slavery. He and his neighbors did not risk making that ultimate sacrifice to defend and perpetuate the interests of wealthy slave owners and their large plantations. So, for what did they fight and die? Federalism as the Founding Fathers understood it, states rights, and the spirit of '76 together form the only viable answer. To paraphrase a quote, they did not fight because they hated what they approached in front of them; they fought because they loved what they left behind them.

The purveyors of fake news and history verify the truth spoken by William James, the father of modern psychology, who said, "Repeat a lie often enough and people will believe it." Those who promote a powerful central government and its oppressive bureaucracy practice the political philosophy of Joseph Goebbels, who said, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." He advised, "It thus becomes vitally important for the state to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the state." Christ taught that "...the truth will make you free." (Jn. 8:32) If those who relentlessly promote fake news and history, a liberal philosophy and agenda, a strong central government, and the ultimate dominance of globalism reject the truth, then they must also reject freedom. Consequently, who is really fighting "to retain the system of slavery and all that it entail(s)?"

**Father Richard Rudd**  
**Hughes Camp Chaplain**



*Created by Matthew Silber*



### For all you 'Nam Vets!

I've been waiting for some space to come along in the Hughes News that needed to be filled with this photo! And now I have that space, need an 8th page to balance out the publication! The below photo is of me and My Brothers Friend and Good Neighbor at our farm in Northern Missouri. This is a picture of Mike Pickett, and I apologize for failing to ask his rank when this photo was taken. Mike was Marine Force Recon, and worked almost strictly behind enemy lines and places we weren't supposed to be. He and his fellow Marines were snake eaters, and got a lot of dirty work done. He has a collection of many cool photos he took in Vietnam. He went to Vietnam for a couple of tours I believe. If you went more than once, I suspect that means you didn't mind it and wanted to go. Mike is still getting it done, at around age 72. He has more energy than I do, and he seems to be repellent to ticks, bugs poison ivy, etc. He spends a lot of time in the woods around our places. Scouting, looking for invasive wild rose bushes, and anything else that isn't supposed to be there. I imagine crawling around in the jungles of Nam have pretty well made him immune to stuff like ticks and itchweed. And he's still quite handy with a rifle, he has not forgot his government trained shooting skills and knows how to shoot properly. Pretty amazing to watch him with a rifle.



Here's Mike's quote about this photo: "I don't know if this is coming through but this is what my deployment kind of looked like. Taken at An How. Just getting off an extended OP and waiting for a bird to Danang, I think." Note that he has his trusty sidearm on, don't remember what he said it was. All the other gear you see there, he said it isn't his! Get out your magnifying glass and study that pile of stuff, you Nam guys will recognize some of it.

**Salute to Mike Pickett!**