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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots

Greetings men, I hope you all are surviving this attempt for a Communist take over of our country. A couple of things I will add about this fracas we are currently in. We used to hunt Communists, now we elect them. The bad side effect of Communism that it is easy for a society to become Communist, but you always must shoot your way out of it.

All Festivals this year have been canceled

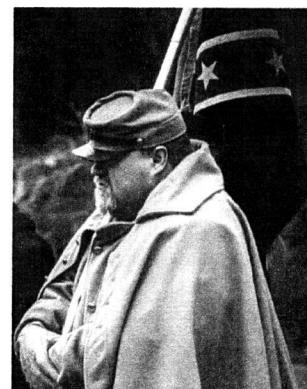
due to the Communists. We will wait and see what next year's festival season brings us.

The Missouri Division SCV has an all new group of officers now. They are young and ready to take it to the next level. Our new Western Brigade Commander is Jacob Trent. Jacob and the Missouri Division Adjutant Wes Franklin would like to come to one of our meetings in the coming months to meet everybody. They both are Southern Missouri men that are in very close proximity of the Missouri Arkansas state line. We should look forward to their visit and what the Western Brigade Commander has to say.

The Confederate Legion, I am a member of this organization that is affiliated with the SCV. I want to encourage you all to be part of that organization if you want. I have some radio adds for the SCV to discuss at the meeting.

It is that time of year for dues so if you make it to the meeting you can pay there or just mail them to Larry Yeatman. He sent out notices a couple of weeks ago.

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Camp Calendar

**August 13th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *New Meeting Place!*
Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016.**

This month our speaker will be: **Dan Hadley of the Lone Jack Historical Society, and his subject will be on the Battle of Lone Jack.** Come check Dan out, he's always great and he's super knowledgeable about the Battle of Lone Jack.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

August 15th, 2020 Battle of Lone Jack Commemoration. 10:00 AM. This is a graveside memorial service only. Elliott's Scouts will be there as the honor and color guard.

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, July 9th, 2020

In July we did not have a speaker, due to Covid delays and snafu's such as a meeting place up in the air etc.

But, we had plenty to discuss anyway, with all the Anarchy Confederate attack what not going on.

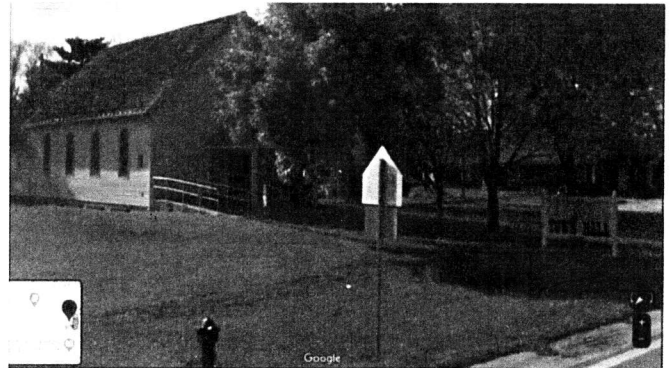
We did pass a motion to spend up to \$300 to run one of the **"Make Dixie Great Again"** public service announcements on some local radio show. However, that was tasked to your lowly Adjutant to find a suitable radio station to run it on, which I have not done yet. The SCV, thru their Making Dixie Great Again division, has provided us with various prerecorded advertisements we can choose from, that are public service announcements designed to instill Confederate Pride and educate the public. These ads, just might plant some seeds in some folks minds where they think, I wonder if I have Confederate Ancestors? Maybe we can reverse the indoctrination that many southern folks have suffered. That's an uphill battle I'm sure, but we gotta try right?!

Also, we have verified a couple of things since that meeting we were concerned about.

1. The UDC Monument at Woodlawn Cemetery, which is a city maintained Cemetery, is located on Private Property titled to the UDC. So the city would have no right to remove it, as it is on Private Owned property, not city owned. So far so good with that monument, we've heard no noise about

It, but we wanted to be prepared if it came up.

2. The Confederate Monument in the City Cemetery is Liberty, same thing, it is on private only graves, and indeed, it is on top of 4-5 actual graves of soldiers. So it is a grave marker, not much the city can do about it. However, it was vandalized with spray paint as of late. So far, the city and the police do not favor removing it, although there is a petition going around by BLM types that want it removed. But not sure they legally can, although that's never stopped Governments from doing what ever the want to.



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We need your emails again as they change year to year. Some of your emails are bouncing back which means you changed your email address, or it has been deactivated.

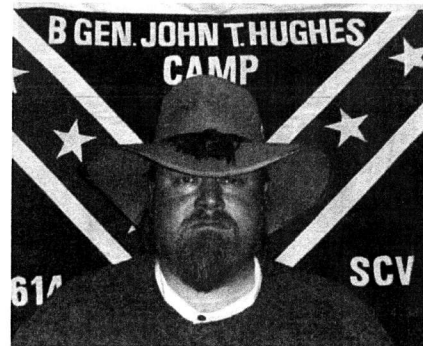
Our new meeting hall is in Buckner Missouri look for the address in this newsletter. It is very nice and has lots of room. Thanks to Tim Borron our Sergeant of Arms for finding this new meeting place.

We have much to discuss, including good news for once at the next meeting on August 13th. I will see you all there.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

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John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander



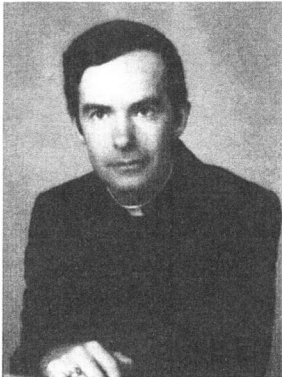
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Salute!



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Most TV networks and many newspapers have abdicated their mission and reason for being. Instead of reporting news-worthy events in a neutral and factual manner, they attempt to create, define, and interpret news. Reporting and commentary have been blended. Tawdry

sensationalizes and dramatizes events has replaced the higher standards of professional journalism. Numerous journalists worthy of the title have been fired for nonconformity. Commandeered as the broadcasting and publishing arm of the radical left, major media networks and publishers promote the left's agenda and indoctrinate the masses. Acquiescing to functioning as the tool of revolutionaries, unethical members of the media give them unwarranted attention that reinforces their juvenile tantrums, keep emotions inflamed to prevent national healing, and become complicit in their crimes. Like varminths that transmit disease, their disseminations infect a whole nation with what could be contained and dealt with in the local area of origin. They also provide cover for the left to covertly pursue their agenda by distracting public attention away from news-worthy events and concentrating on a single topic for an over-extended period of time. The rash of riots that has broken out across the face of America is the most recent example.

The numerous riots the nation has endured and the isolated incident that provided the spark igniting them are two different issues not as obvious and closely connected as superficial knowledge of them would suggest. The motivating factor behind the riots is a deep-seated and complicated malady that has nothing to do with race.

America is not currently dealing with a racial issue; that is a misdiagnosis of the problem. If those on the left want to engage in dialogue and deal with the subject of race, we can do so, but not within the context of these two particular and unrelated current events that have intoxicated the media. To solve a problem, one must begin by admitting they have a problem and diagnose it properly. Race is not what causes division of Negroes from Caucasians and Mongolians. If the solution were as

simple as integration, why have more white liberals not moved into urban black neighborhoods? There are many Negroes, Caucasians, and Mongolians who do live in harmony within municipalities. It is uncivil and anti-social behavior, disproportional criminal activity that exceeds their percentage of the population, cultural friction, and conflicting values that divide some Negroes, not only from Caucasians and Mongolians, but from each other. If race were the problem, there would be no solution because one cannot change their racial identity. However, attitudes, behavior, and personal character can be changed. To be accepted in society, one must make themselves acceptable. Caucasians cannot solve this problem for Negroes. A solution offered by Caucasians would be rejected as an imposition. Instead of wasting energy and resources on complaining, self-pity and victimization, and rioting, Negroes, especially urban Negroes, need to look among and within themselves to find real solutions to real problems. It was reported that the victim in the incident that ignited the recent riots died unnecessarily because he could not breathe. All rioting anarchists, regardless of their race, need to pause, take a deep breath, and consider that they are victimizing America and western civilization each time they use some incident as an excuse for looting, arson, assault, murder, and vandalism. The term "vandalism" originated with the hordes called Vandals who destroyed European civilization and, with other pagan uncivilized tribes, plunged the continent into the Dark Ages. Like the Taliban, they destroy monuments and much more in their jihads than they will ever construct. Unless we want the Dark Ages repeated in America, we must have the fortitude to do two things. First, social order must be restored. This can be done at once on a mass basis. It will be no more unpleasant and difficult than the anarchists make it, but the alternative will be much worse. Second, the psychological problems of the anarchists and certain members of law enforcement, government, and the media must be dealt with on an individual basis over a period of time.

All vocations have misfits among their ranks who do not fit into the role their vocation requires--police, educators, clergy, health care providers, perhaps even the boss where you work. When the screening process fails, there are mechanisms available such as grievance processes, appeals,

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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.

General Thomas Ewing Jr. Not the man we thought we knew

Why was a noted and famous general who commanded over 6,000 Federal troops in the District of the Border comprising the most contentious and fought over ground along the Missouri-Kansas border transferred to a relatively unknown and insignificant post in southeast Missouri in relative obscurity during the closing chapter of the Civil War?

Thomas Ewing Jr. was born in Lancaster, Ohio to a successful lawyer. Thomas Jr. followed in his father's footsteps and also studied law in Ohio before the war becoming a lawyer in 1855. He then traveled to Kansas in 1856 and became embroiled in early Kansas political corruption. Much of the corruption centered on acquiring land grants to construct railroads in Kansas. Men like "Charles Robinson, Thomas Ewing and Marcus J. Parrott, were endeavoring to secure land grants and plotting a scheme to get them into their own hands, and swindle the people of Kansas out of any benefits from them. Inquiry was thus directed at Ewing for enriching himself in questionable land deals involving the buying of Indian lands for the western railroads. His involvement in Kansas politics got him elected the first chief justice of Kansas in 1861. Ewing was thirty-four years old and described as "a man who believed that he had 'few equals in mental vigor.' He was intensely ambitious and hoped to secure election to the U.S. Senate. With that goal in mind he sought favor with Senator James H. Lane, the 'King' of Kansas politics." Ewing resigned his judgeship in 1862 to enter the military. Seeking favor of Senator James H. Lane, he was assigned as colonel of the 11th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment where he fought in several minor battles in Arkansas. Although he possessed no military experience Ewing with Lane's help was promoted to brigadier general on March 13, 1863, and given command of the

District of the Border in June, which comprised Kansas and western Missouri.

After taking charge of the District of the Border Ewing set up his headquarters in Kansas City in the finest hotel in town. He brought with him his Kansas Jayhawker cronies and placed the most notorious Kansas Redlegs, known as "professional thieves, robbers, murderers and arsonists," on his headquarters staff. As soon as Ewing moved to Kansas City he ordered three companies of the 9th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment to report to his headquarters. Along the way they were ambushed by Quantrill's men and suffered thirty-three killed. The next day Col. Edward Lynde of the 9th Kansas Jayhawker Regiment while on patrol boasted that he killed more than one hundred guerrillas between June 18 and 20. Most of the killed were noncombatants, not soldiers. In further retaliation Ewing had women relatives of Quantrill's men arrested and jailed in Kansas City and assigned the men who survived the earlier ambush as their prison guards. Ewing's own command of the 11th Regiment served as the provost guards. The women's guards systematically undermined the building they were housed and in a few days it collapsed killing five young Southern girls. The plot to murder the girls was overheard and recorded by eyewitnesses. Ewing was kept notified in the progress of the building and had his adjutant file a false report saying the building was safe. Ewing left Kansas City right before the building collapsed, just as he had been informed, so to remove himself from any blame being attached back to him. Afterwards Ewing refused to allow an investigation into the matter. Quantrill sent a letter to General Ewing demanding the release of the women who had escaped

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voting, and peaceful demonstrations to weed them out and, if necessary, prosecute them for criminal activity and dereliction of duty. Rioting is not necessary. On the other hand, anarchists are social misfits who do not fit into civil society. They take as their role models the very people they claim to demonstrate against and emulate their bad behavior. For example, Antifa claims to be against fascists, yet uses fascist tactics to promote the same socialist ideology.

Riots do serve a purpose, but not the one instigators expect. They expose and make visible the anarchists among us. Their actions are fueled by adrenaline highs from sadism, satisfaction from harming others, and masochism, satisfaction from doing harm to themselves because they lack self-respect and feel inferior. They do not like the image they see in the mirror and blame the mirror. They rely on the size of their movement, on force and terror rather than reason, facts, and truth, to vindicate their savage actions. Whether they act intentionally or as unconscious pawns, the sporadic volcanic eruptions of their otherwise latent anger are proof of their lack of respect for themselves and others and that they are irresponsible, psychopathic, impulsive and emotional, unstable, perverse and amoral, and irrational. To cite just one example to illustrate this, these anarchists randomly and indiscriminately attack innocent victims they do not even know who might even be their allies. They are cowards who hide behind masks and the anonymity they find within a mob. Slavery in the US ended 155 years ago. If they are really serious about slavery, I dare them to stop attacking the monuments of our defenseless Confederate dead and start attacking the shrines to Mohammed and Islam that practices slavery in the 21st century.

The problem confronting America is not political; it is spiritual. The ultimate target in the cross hairs is not racism, police brutality, or some other social grievance; it is Christian America, western civilization, and eventually the church. The source of the problem is not external; it is internal. "For out of the heart come evil thoughts..." (Matt. 15:19) It is the "...heart that devises wicked plans..." (Prov. 6:18) Anarchists and those who inspire them commit barbaric acts because within them "...their hearts devise violence..." (Prov. 24:2) The solution will not be found in the passing of more laws. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Gal. 5:14) For "...if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (I Jn. 3:11) "Therefore, be imitators of God, ...as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us..." (Eph. 5:1)

Father Richard Rudd

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death in the prison collapse instead of sending them to the Gratiot Street Prison in St. Louis where Ewing had originally intended. He said that if his request was not immediately complied with he and not they would be responsible for the consequences. When Ewing read it, he "threw it on the floor and rubbing it under his foot bade the bearer to go and tell Quantrell and his outlaws to go to Hell and do their worst." The result was Quantrill's Lawrence Raid.

As a reprisal for Quantrill's raid Ewing issued his infamous Order #11 depopulating five Missouri counties of Southern sympathizers. Before the order went into effect Jayhawkers swarmed through the Missouri countryside murdering civilians, plundering their property and burning down their homes. In Kansas City Ewing's chief-of staff, LtCol. Preston Plumb had been assigned as his replacement as head of the 11th Regiment and also given duties as the provost marshal while in Missouri.

The black marks on Ewing's legacy were adding up quickly. Ewing was unable to put a halt to Quantrill's operations. Ewing was responsible for the arrest and premeditated murder of five Southern girls, the most heinous and barbaric act committed during the Civil War. Ewing depopulated five Missouri counties called the harshest military measure directed toward a civilian population in American history. As
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an example the population in Cass County before Ewing's order was 9,794; after the order was executed less than 600 were allowed to remain. But the actual cause of Ewing's fall from grace is recorded below.

Preston Plumb of the 11th Kansas Regiment, was General Thomas Ewing's chief of staff and acting as the provost marshal of Independence practiced another wily method of robbery on Missouri's peaceful citizens. As provost marshal Plumb had enormous discretionary power over civilians around Independence. He could force labor from the citizens and seize any property he deemed needed for the military or for his own personal use. Plumb once had four Redlegs seize a noted and wealthy Unionist and livestock dealer, A. S. H. Crenshaw. The 11th Kansas Regimental quartermaster seized all of Crenshaw's corn and hay then burned down his house. Then Plumb's Redlegs drew their pistols and roughed Crenshaw up making him believe he was going to be hanged. They offered to buy Crenshaw's stock for \$1.00 a head. Fearing for his life Crenshaw signed a bill of sale for \$650 for 100 cattle and 30 hogs. The Redlegs said they would give him \$150. Again they offered Crenshaw \$1,200 for thirty-one mules and horses. This was followed by another so-called "sale" that took fifty-eight mules the last of his stock. Crenshaw was kept in jail for over a year where he was mistreated becoming ill and went blind and never receiving a dime for his property from Plumb or Ewing. Ewing finally released Crenshaw after forcing him to promise to keep his treatment a secret. A board of Federal officers convened a military court martial which acknowledged that General Ewing and his subordinate officers were all guilty of a conspiracy to rob and murder Crenshaw. Ewing was eventually reassigned to the small post of 900 men at Fort Davidson in Pilot Knob in southeast Missouri. There he fought a minor skirmish with General Sterling Price's forces in September, 1864, before abandoning the fort during the first night. Suffering from criticism over his military command and charges of corruption and illegal operations Ewing resigned five months later before the war ended and returned to civilian life. After the war Ewing attempted to run for governor of Ohio in 1880 but the reminder of his wartime atrocities kept him from office.

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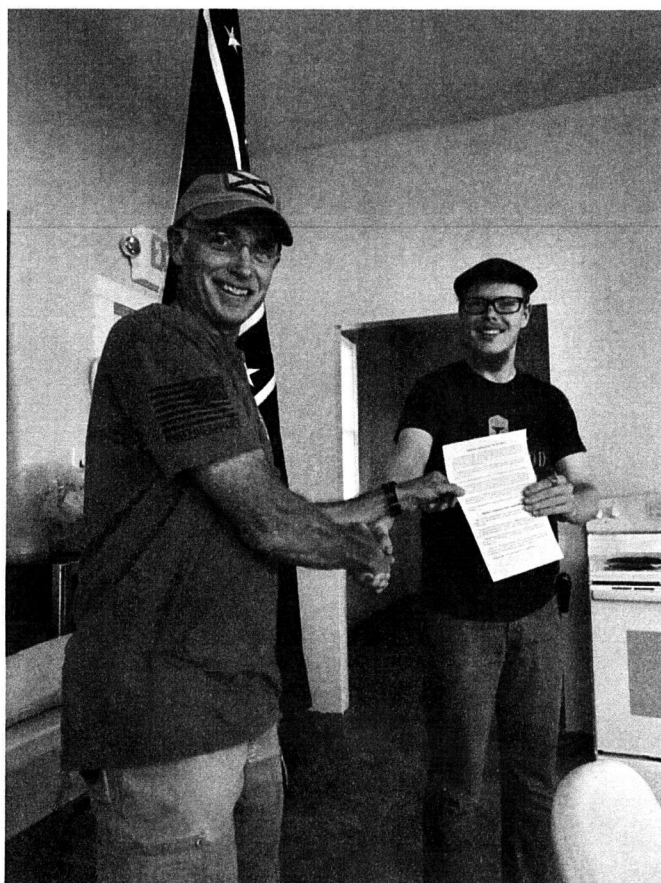
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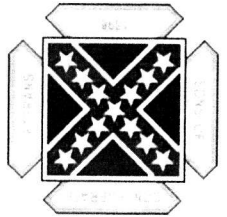
In July, Boyd Chapter swore in J Purkapple, who has joined the MOS&B as a life time member. Welcome to Boyd Chapter J! It's great to have you young guys involved! You are the future of our heritage! *LTY*





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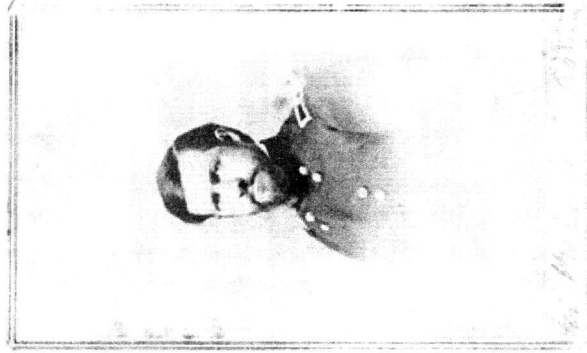
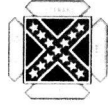
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Boo, Hiss.**

**He is the Yankee General that implemented General Order
11 and burnt 4 western Missouri counties to the ground
darn near. See Paul Petersen's Article inside.**

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