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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots

The grave marker in Liberty Fairview cemetery fracas continues. The Communists offered the Sons of Confederate Veterans \$10,000 for the removal of the grave marker. That is a kick in the face. One thing about these Communists is they think they know more than we do. until they are all lined up alongside a ditch and shot for their ignorance as shown throughout history. This issue will not stop until the Communists achieve their goals. That is not going to happen though as far as I am concerned.



The Confederate prints are complete now and Hughes Camp will try selling some at the Missouri Secession Day event on November 7th. If there are any left over, I will bring them to the Hughes Camp meeting November 12th.

Hughes Camp has secured the Lions Club facility in Missouri City for the Christmas Party for December 5th. We need to find out from you guys though if we will have a Christmas Party because of the Chy-na virus creating havoc. Think on that men.

VMI has decided to remove the Stonewall Jackson statue off their grounds. Next will be the cannons Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Eventually VMI will be erased from history and closed I would think. Missouri is starting to get the Communist disease that Virginia has seems like. Hopefully, after the election on November 3rd the Communists will flee to Venezuela or have rooms reserved at GITMO! I will see most of you at the next meeting on Thursday November 12th.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

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Camp Calendar

November 12th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *New Meeting Place! Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016.* Our speaker this month will be **Paul Petersen** who's subject will be "Interesting facts that will change the history we've been told"

December 5th 4:00PM Hughes Camp Christmas Party? Missouri City, MO, Lions Club Hall. We'll gauge the appetite to do this at the November Camp Meeting. But if we do it, this is the date!

December 19th 11 AM Wreaths Across America Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Higginsville, MO Sponsored by the Missouri Division-United Daughters of the Confederacy. **Color Guard Needed!** If you can participate in the Color Guard, let Larry Yeatman know at larryyeatman@msn.com or shoot me a text to 816-728-2291. This is a really nice ceremony that takes place simultaneously at Military Cemeteries throughout the US. Very worthy event and another chance for us to show up at the site.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, October 8th, 2020

At the October meeting, we had Gieselle Ann Brede Fest and Bob Painter speak to us about the Monument in Liberty, it's overall history, and more details on the modern day Fracas by the Communist to remove it. Gieselle gave us some really nice handouts, that included copies of the original UCV title showing they bought plot 174 in Fairview Cemetery, Our modern day title showing that title is now transferred to the Missouri Division SCV, original newspaper articles about the UCV saying they would raise money to build a Monument to those buried in the plot. A copy of the McCarty Camp UCV Charter, amongst other cool things.

Those UCV boys were smart and visionary. They put right in the title, that it is for the use of the SCV for future memorial burials as we see fit. The SCV is the only other party mentioned in the title. Also, the UCV created the SCV in 1896, to carry on the UCV's affairs once they were no longer able to. They made us their successor organization and rightful heirs their graves, monuments, other buildings and property. Just as graves purchased by our relatives automatically become the property of their descendants, the UCV created the SCV to be it's corporate descendant.

So even though it's clear in the original title that the Plot 174 is for our use, the Missouri Division took the prudent step lately to change the title to the Missouri Division SCV. There, take that Liberty

City Council and Mayor! We own it, buzz off, we're not moving it!

But many thanks to Gieselle for organizing the keep it movement, and for rallying us SCV members to come to the Monuments rescue. And to Bob Painter, who has attended many City Council meetings to educate and stop the Commies. ***And thanks to Gieselle and Bob Painter for speaking to us and giving us more history and details on the Monument!***

And, where are we at in preserving this monument? Our Missouri Division Judge Advocate, Bryan Wolford, who is an attorney, says we are on solid legal ground in that we own the land the Monument is on, and it's a grave marker.

But, we don't think that will stop the City from trying to appease the Commie agitators. At least I think they won't stop. I believe they will invent a way to steal the monument, claim something like it's a public nuisance, etc.

One of their arguments has been, it's not a grave marker as their no names of the dead buried there on it. So, we strung them out in some meetings lately, to run the clock, and get the bronze plaque installed that list the names buried there. We installed that this last Saturday. Someone reported it to the Mayor, he's pissed! Sent a scathing email today that we've been

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sandbagging him, changing the title during the "talks" and adding the plaque. Said it's not transparent! We haven't responded to the email yet, but if anyone is sandbagging someone and not being transparent, it would be the mayor and the city council, working hand in hand with the commies to steal our monument. But, the Mayor is scared of this subject, hence he organized a "task force" of us and the commies, in hopes we citizens would work out just how this monument will disappear. Supposedly the City Legal Counselor Lawyer has told them to leave it alone due to the private property issue of it being in a privately owned grave plot. The Mayor does not want to go on record with this thing.

The Mayors who's purpose of the meetings to find compromise, was in the hope we would just cave in and move or alter the monument. The other side has made no compromise, and only will settle for it being removed by us. They even offered us \$10,000 to move it. A paltry sum, but surprising they offered, which really tells us they don't think they have the legal power to remove it.

I told the Mayor and Commies at one meeting, that why should we compromise at all, and asked, "if this thing was on the Liberty Square, would you make any compromise at all with us to keep it there?" Then I said "no way would you, it would already be gone!" Which is true, and they know it.

We're going to give them a formal rejection of their offer on November 9th, or some counter offer. But there's nothing we can counter with they will live with. So while we've made our moves to protect the monument, I suspect the city is now making their moves to find a way to get rid of it. Which would probably lead to a legal battle.

All the Mayor has to do, is tell the commies there's nothing they can do, as it's a privately owned monument on private property. Will he take his easy out? *Larry Yeatman*

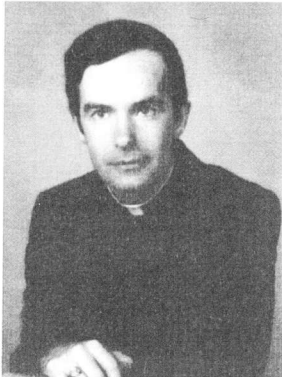
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Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



It is almost always impossible to have a civil and rational discussion with a liberal about contemporary issues. Liberalism and its ideology are similar to a cult. Like members of a cult, liberals will use familiar words and refer to recognizable symbols, but give them different meanings. For example,

indirectly suggesting that conservatives are against progress, liberals call themselves "progressive" when the programs they promote are retrogressive. Flags and monuments that represent and commemorate freedom are called symbols of oppression. Usually, it is a waste of time to make statements liberals will either ignore, twist, try to circumvent, or deflect attention from to different issues. It is sometimes better just to ask them questions about the positions they take that will allow them to discover for themselves that their positions are untenable, their reasoning deficient, their biases and true intentions exposed, and their emotions out of control. Oh, be assured, they will most likely feel embarrassment, become enraged, call you uncomplimentary names, and ultimately run from you. But, they cannot outrun a bullet. The questions fired at them and the unspoken truths that answer those questions will be like bullets lodged in their minds and memories, wounding their fragile sensitivity and ego. Although they can become testy, reflecting back on these situations that demonstrate liberals' lack of sportsmanship and sense of humor can be an occasional source of amusement.

The liberal left is composed of a menagerie of interest groups with diverse, strange, wild, and beastly opinions, beliefs, and objectives. Members of this stampeding herd include atheists, socialists, globalists, environmentalists, feminists, abortionists, and homosexuals. Although they are an independent movement, Moslems are allies of liberalism by virtue of its sympathy for and support of them. Each group is identified by its own unique agenda and reason for being, but what is the common denominator, the bond that connects them? What they all share in common that unites them is

their rabid hatred of Judaeo-Christian civilization. They are the progeny of the Jacobins and their goal is to recreate in America the Reign of Terror of the French Revolution during which churches were desecrated, Christians were persecuted, monuments were destroyed, streets were renamed, and Christian worship was banned. Due to their belief in relativism and denial of absolute truth, liberals do not seek to supplant doctrines, but to create a different state of mind and way of thinking by appealing to man's base instincts and weaknesses—selfishness, ignorance, passion, irrationality, and herd mentality.

During the different phases of the French Reign of Terror, groups that instigated the revolution began to fight against each other after the old order of society was overthrown. Under the Estates-General, the three Estates representing different social classes fought. Under the National Assembly, conservatives, the center party, and Jacobins fought. Under the National Convention, the Jacobins, who were young leftist radicals, and the Girondists, the bourgeoisie, fought. Defeating the Girondists, the Jacobins under Robespierre began a cleansing attack against those deemed to be weak revolutionaries. The moderates defeated the Jacobins.

Finally, Napoleon established a dictatorship and restored order to France. The historic cycle of anarchy is that the radical minority, becoming the majority, seizes power and authority, and persecutes the new minority. Anarchy becomes cannibalism, each faction devouring the other. The end of the cycle is a dictatorship to restore order out of chaos. If the various liberal factions were able to vanquish conservatives, Christians, and Jews and establish their utopia in America, they would eventually begin to fight each other. The power agitating this anarchy is the same one that will offer to restore order out of chaos—the New World Order. Christ said that "...false prophets will arise...to lead astray..." the gullible. "And if the Lord had not shortened the days, no human being would be saved..." (Mk. 13:20, 22) As we "...contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3), let us pray with St. John, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20)

Fr. Richard W. Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain



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.

An Eye For An Eye

After the Kansas Jayhawking raids during the winter of 1861–62, many Jackson County, Missouri youths flocked to Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's camp. They were desperate to defend their homes and property, and they realized they could defend against the raids only by banding together in a Home Guard unit. Some of the first to seek out Quantrill during the winter of 1861 was twenty-two year old John T. Little from Blue Springs, Mo. and his younger sixteen-year old brother James Francis who became Quantrill's closest follower. Also listed among Quantrill's first recruits was twenty-seven year old John Koger from Oak Grove, Mo. and his twenty-four year old younger brother Edward. John Koger was said to be wounded from twelve to twenty-two times during the war. At one time there were eight bullets in his body. He extracted three of them himself with a knife. At his death he still had five bullets in his body.

During the next six months Quantrill wreaked havoc on the Federal army along the Missouri-Kansas border. His men were surrounded at the Tate House fight on March 22, 1862, but managed to fight their way out. A week later near Stony Point on March 30, Quantrill's men were again attacked by 160 Federals while resting at the Samuel Clark farm. Surrounded, the guerrillas bravely fought their way out. While the guerrillas were being pursued a Federal patrol murdered twelve-year old Theodore Blythe. Before they were able to return to Independence Quantrill ambushed the patrol killing seventeen out of thirty-eight soldiers. Seeking shelter from the rain a squad of Quantrill's men took shelter in the home of Reuben Lowe in Brooking Township. Two hundred Federals surrounded the house and opened fire at first light. Two of the guerrillas were killed and two were taken prisoner. Leaving the area for safer quarters Quantrill ordered his men to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in Cass County. On July 2, 1862, they were attacked by two-hundred and sixty Federals.

As the battle came to a close the guerrillas were reduced to fighting with rocks and clubs. Before what came to be known as the Battle of the Ravines, Quantrill had assigned half of his company to accompany Colonel Upton Hayes into Jackson County to recruit. They were camped in the deep woods surrounding the Little Blue River south of Independence, Mo.

Back in Independence City Marshal James Knowles had informed LtCol. James Buel, commanding the garrison in Independence that he knew the location of a ford over the Little Blue frequently used by Quantrill's men. It was west of the old Independence to Harrisonville road, eight miles south of Independence, at the southeastern end of the Valley of the Little Blue. Buel sent a small detachment under Capt. Aaron Thomas to sit in wait along this ford in hopes of ambushing some guerrillas. The ford was a few hundred yards east of the small hamlet of Little Blue which consisted of a store, a schoolhouse, and several homes. It wasn't long before three guerrillas rode up: George Todd, John Little, and Ed Koger. They had just returned from escorting Col. Hayes through Jackson County. Early in the morning of July 31st, the guerrillas were at the ford letting their horses drink from the stream. The guerrillas felt at ease in familiar territory with close Southern friends living nearby. Forgetting the usual vigilance known of guerrilla fighters, the three men carelessly rode too close together into the ford. They should have entered the ford cautiously, one at a time, but unconcernedly their guard was down. As they entered the ford, they stopped to let their horses drink from the stream.

Unbeknownst to them a squad of soldiers from the Federal garrison in Independence led by Sheriff Knowles were waiting in ambush. At this opportunity, Capt. Thomas led his men from their hiding places in the heavy underbrush and

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poured a deadly volley into the group. Little and Koger were killed instantly. Todd miraculously escaped unhurt. He spurred his horse up the hill into the safety of the timber. In his fright to get away, his horse became wedged between two large boulders, which forced him to escape on foot. The Federals did not attempt to follow. It was said that from this day on, Todd became one of the most daring and desperate guerrillas to ever sit astride a horse. He feared no man and took orders from very few. The killing of his two friends heightened his hatred for any man who wore a Federal uniform.

Less than two weeks later a large Confederate force converged on the Federal garrison in Independence with Quantrill's company in the lead. Quantrill was assigned the mission of securing the jail with its provost guards as well as the Federal barracks across the street as the first objective upon entering town. George Todd and ten men rushed toward the county jail and quickly subdued the provost guards. Lt. Charles W. Meryhew, in charge of the guards at the jail, managed to fire only one volley at the charging guerrillas before he abandoned his post and fled for his life toward Kansas City.

Quantrill's intelligence information had previously informed him that Marshal Knowles was locked up in his own jail for killing an Irishman in a brawl just a few days before. Todd found him there. Knowles looked into Todd's eyes with the look of a doomed man. He confessed to piloting Buel's men to the ford where Little and Koger were killed. Todd was said to have smiled as he raised his pistols and emptied both barrels into Knowles' body. In the Commercial Hotel nearby used as a barracks for the officers, John Koger and James Little, brothers of the men earlier ambushed by the Federal patrol, captured Capt. Thomas in his hotel room. After admitting that he was in command of the ambush party and also commanded pillaging expeditions through the countryside, Thomas was shot then kicked down a flight of stairs.

This type of cruel and brutal warfare continued for the remainder of the war and to a large extent by government forces during the long years of Reconstruction. Many of Quantrill's men were hung on trumped up charges or shot down on their doorsteps in the presence of their families. Others were not permitted to return home and were forced to leave the State for safer environs.

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

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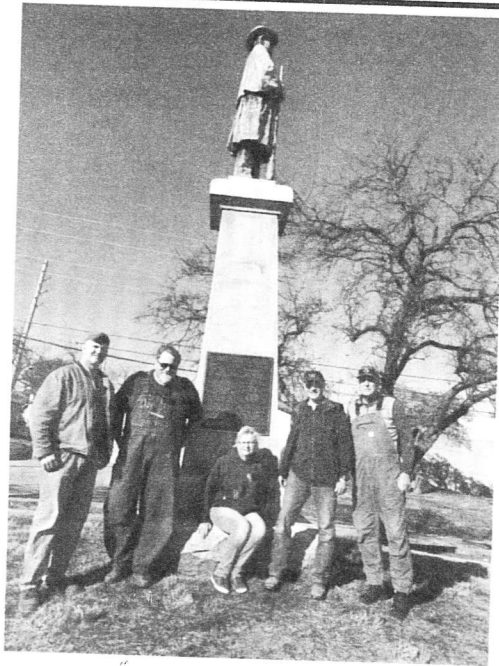
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## **The Monument Guards**

**On Saturday, October 31, the 159th Anniversary of Missouri's Secession from the Union, we installed the new plaque on the Monument that list those buried in Block 179. The plaque includes the ranks and units of the soldiers and their wives.**