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Independence, Missouri



Captain George Todd



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See inside for Paul Petersen's article, "George Appleton Todd – Second in Command"

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## Message from Commander Sam Stanton

### Compatriots and Friends,

I hope everyone is doing well!

Dues have been collected and headquarters has been paid as well as the Division. We did have 5 or 6 members that have not paid so far. If you have not sent your dues money to Larry, please do that as soon as possible. But overall, we did good, and thanks to all for getting your dues in. We couldn't do all we do without you and your support.

Camp meeting is this Thursday, September 12th. Zarda is back on their wintertime hours, **so we are backing to starting the meeting at 6:30** to be out

of there at 8 PM. We'll all get home earlier! See you then!

**Holden Street Festival is this weekend, September 13th and 14th.** Humm, that is Friday the 13th. Good luck maybe? We will set up Friday afternoon, about 4 PM or so. A map of our location is enclosed. Hours of operation are:

Friday: 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Then the next weekend is **Higginsville**, our final event of the year. I know it's 2 weekends in a row, but Oak Grove cut us out, and we replaced Oak Grove with Higginsville. It's just a one Day event,

**Saturday, Sept 21**, Opening Time: 8:00 AM Saturday,

Closing Time: 5:00 PM Saturday

See you Thursday!

**Sam Stanton**

**Commander Hughes Camp 614**



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## Camp Calendar

**September 12th 6:300 PM - Camp Meeting Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014** Note the start time! They are back to their winter time hours so we need to be out at 8 PM

**September 13th and 14th Holden Street Festival.** Set up at 4 PM on Friday, Open until 9:30 PM, then open 10 AM to 10 PM on Saturday Location map enclosed

**September 21 Higginsville County Fair** . Open at 8 AM close at 5 PM. Might be a poor substitute for a 2 day event that Oak Grove would have been! Let's hope the public shows up at Higginsville. Location map enclosed

**October 19th, 2024, Secession Day Dinner, Osage Beach, MO** Flyer and registration enclosed!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

## What's been happening on the Western Front

### Camp Meeting, August 8th...

In August I called on our ever trustworthy and reliable member Paul Petersen to pinch hit for us on short notice! And like always, Paul came thru with a dynamite presentation called, "Quantrill, Captain or Colonel"

Most people called Quantrill Captain. There's plenty of proof from important people at the time that he was a Colonel.

In order to be able to operate an Independent Command, you had to have the rank of Colonel. It is known that Quantrill went to Richmond, VA to ask for and obtain the rank of Colonel for that reason. Harrison Crow, a Quantrill man, wrote about that trip Quantrill took to Richmond and wrote that Quantrill did return as a Colonel. John McCorkel also wrote about Quantrill securing the rank of Colonel in Richmond, VA.

AC Miller wrote that Price appointed Quantrill as Captain, but that Richmond VA appointed him to Colonel.

Sometime after the Richmond appointment, Quantrill wrote Price a letter using the rank of Colonel, and Price responded to that letter addressing Q as Colonel Quantrill. On another occasion, Price wrote Gov. Reynolds telling him about a victory of Col. Quantrill.

Somewhere along the line, George Todd, 2nd in command to Quantrill, rode up to a Yankee fort and demanded the fort surrender in the name of Col. Quantrill.

So plenty of evidence to show, Quantrill was indeed a Colonel.

Editorial side note, in True Grit, John Wayne did not get the memo, as he referred to Quantrill as Captain Quantrill, when talking to that Texas Brushpopper Labeauf!

Many Thanks to Paul for giving up this information!



Paul Petersen talking about, "Quantrill, Captain or Colonel"





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2024 Sponsors Needed! Thanks to Matt Knapp, Steve Ferguson of Spring Cliff Farm, Greg Anderson, Joe Ferrara, Andy Johnson. Thanks for helping to keep the presses rolling!

### **Boyd Chapter Commander Steve Ferguson**

I have read about a Mexican program that took place many decades ago. The program was called "Each One Teach One". The program actually involved literacy, and it helped increase the literacy of the adults and especially the children of Mexico. I suggest we do the same. I would suggest that we as SCV Hughes Camp and MOS&B Boyd Chapter members make it a goal for ourselves to "Each One Teach One". In all of our daily associations, we must as often as we can, promote and advance our Southern heritage and bring honor to our brave ancestors. We must commit to teaching others about the True Southern History. How large our organizations will become and what an influence we will have if we commit to "Each One Teach One."

There are many issues and feelings in the upcoming elections. However, I propose that we remember to keep prime in our minds those candidates who we believe will respect and honor our Southern heritage and will fight to preserve our Confederate grave markers and monuments. Our elected officials are very important in our efforts to preserve and to promote the "True History" of the South. I encourage us to vote and fight hard against the cancel culture/woke culture that wishes to wipe away the True Southern History.

Keep your embers burning!

Remember and attend our MO Division and MO Society events.

Invite a friend to one of our events and meetings.

Let each of us commit to "Each One Teach One" and educate other individuals about our True Southern History!

Vote to Promote the Southern Cause.

God bless America.

God bless Dixie.

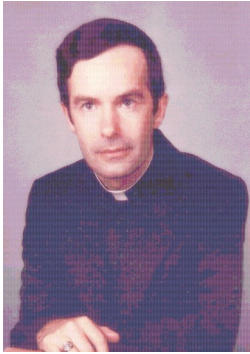
And God bless our families.

**Steve Ferguson,  
Commander**

**Lt. Col. John R. Boyd Chapter #236**



## Hughes Camp Chaplain Emeritus Richard W Rudd



Internationally, the US has been united when confronted by foreign threats such as the Axis Alliance of WWII and the Islamic attack of 9/11. Intranationally, the US has experienced internal division since its inception, beginning with Hamiltonian Federalists vs Jeffersonian Republicans, through the WBTS with North vs South, to

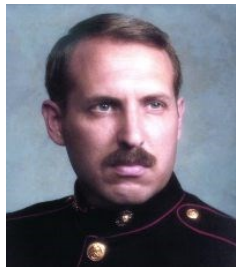
the current events of the 21st century. The fuel that feeds the fires of this division is the contention emanating from the conflicting political philosophies of limiting the power of the national government according to the 10th amendment or concentrating power there and away from the states. Throughout America's history, this unresolved question has made Uncle Sam "...a double-minded man unstable in all his ways..." (Jas. 1:8)

Lincoln repeatedly said that his sole objective for use of force in the WBTS was preservation of the Union, that is, preventing the South from seceding, not ending slavery. This was a direct contradiction to a statement he made as a congressman in 1848 when he said that all people "... have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right..." That was what the CSA attempted to do, with no threat to the North. He also said, "No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent." He must have considered himself an exception to that rule. Although military combat officially ended in 1865, Radical Republicans continued to foment division and prosecute hostilities that have continued into the 21st century. Only their name has changed. Their successors are now known as liberals, secularists, socialists, globalists who continue to seek the concentration of political power in the hands of a central governmental authority. Another change is the particular issues that facilitate division: capitalism vs socialism, nationalism and patriotism vs globalism, conservative vs liberal, Christian vs secular. A third change is the battleground where these divisions compete. It is not at a geographical location like Waterloo, or Lexington and Bunker (Breed's) Hill and Yorktown, or Gettysburg and Vicksburg, or Normandy. It is not in the streets where riots erupt and explode. It is not in the venues where fierce debates occur.

All of our bodily actions emanate from our mind. Our brain is the physical organ through which the mind functions to connect with our physical being and environment. But, our mind is a spiritual entity, part of our soul. It is the rudder that guides and controls man's actions by enabling him to think and reason and define his identity. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he..." (Prov. 23:7) It is the switchboard that receives and processes information, filtering, evaluating, questioning, and organizing data from which we form our opinions, physical sensations, and emotional feelings. Using the information our mind receives, willpower controls the aim and direction of our freedom of choice and pursuit of priorities and values. Willpower also controls our ethics, revealing the degrees of self-discipline, tenacity, persistence, determination, and perseverance – the strength of our convictions. It has been fallaciously said that if we know better, we will do better. The powers of temptation, gratification, impatience, and biases have repeatedly disproved this claim. That is why, due to the facts or in spite of them, we all believe what we choose to believe and act in accordance with those choices. Even though we appeal to reason and document with facts, some people choose to oppose all things southern, Confederate, conservative, patriotic, or Christian. All that we say or physically do begins with an idea. Actions are the visible manifestations of ideas. Words are the sounds of ideas, having as much power to motivate and move people as physical actions. Ideas are sparks that ignite the gun powder of willpower that propels words like verbal bullets through the weaponization of the mouth and channels of mass media. Appealing to our freedom of choice, St. Paul advises that "...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is excellence, if there is something worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philip. 4:8) Our mind is the most strategically important battleground, the Gibraltar, for advancing toward the future, changing the course of current events, and determining the record of history.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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



### 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.

### George Appleton Todd – Second in Command

George Appleton Todd, Colonel William Clarke Quantrill's second-in-command of his Missouri Cavalry Scouts during the Civil War along the Missouri/Kansas border has received little recognition about his personal life. Having been constantly in the saddle fighting battles and skirmishes for four years his personal life is almost as interesting.

George A. Todd's parents, George Moncrief Todd and Margaret Morris Todd were born in Scotland. George M. Todd was born in 1809 with his wife born in 1807. They married in 1829 and immigrated to Canada soon after. George Appleton Todd was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1840 as well as his older sister, Mary born in 1835 and older brother Thomas being seven years his senior. He had a younger sister Elizabeth Helen Todd born in 1846 who died soon after. Besides Thomas he also had another older brother David Rankin Todd born in 1830 but died in Canada in June 1843. He also had a younger sister Margaret also born in Quebec in 1843 and named after her mother. From Montreal, Quebec, Canada, the Todds eventually immigrated to America before 1850 making their home in Franklin, New York, before continuing on into Jackson County, Missouri, via St. Louis by 1860 living in Ransom's Division in Kansas City, Missouri.

George's older brother Thomas married on September 2, 1856, in Washington Co. Missouri to Hannah Catherine Moore born in 1839 in Missouri. They were living nearby his parents in Kansas City in 1860 with a one-year-old son Henry Morris Todd. Both Thomas and his father were stonemasons and civil engineers with George Appleton Todd working as their helper. In June of 1860 George's older brother Thomas was killed in an accident when a large stone they were using to build a bridge rolled down an embankment striking him on the head. Six months later on December 9, 1861, George married his brother's widow. A neighbor Marietta Allen, whose parents lived about two blocks from the Todd family recalled that George used to slip into town during the war to see his

wife, Kitty, and his stepson in their home, running the risk of being strung up for aiding the guerrillas. Allen stated that Todd's family was "kindness itself" to her family. After his death George's wife later remarried Andrew J. Landrum from North Carolina, and by 1880 had two more children and moved to Santa Clara, California. Her son, Henry Morris Todd by George's brother Thomas became a journalist and moved to New York city.

Because of his profession the Federal authorities in Kansas City tried to force George Todd's father to help them build Fort Union in Kansas City on the Coates House Hotel foundation. When he refused, he was thrown in jail and given only bread and water. The cold and dampness of the prison affected his health and neighbors had to come help feed him because his hands were so crippled up. He was finally taken from prison and banished from the State and forced to work in the civil engineering department under Union General Grenville W. Dodge. While working to repair a bridge over the Ohio river his group was attacked, and he was wounded in the leg. Taken as a prisoner at Holly Springs, North Carolina, he managed to secure his release. He was then sent to Memphis, Tennessee to repair and rebuild the railroad bridges destroyed by the Confederates. Federals used his experience to build two story blockhouses along the railroad bridges to thwart Southern attacks. George's father returned to Missouri before the war ended and died on March 4, 1864.

When the war started George enlisted for six months under General Sterling Price in the Missouri State Guards serving as an artilleryman in Colonel Roper's 16th Missouri Infantry Regiment. When his enlistment was over, he returned home and joined Quantrill in December 1861 as one of Quantrill's first fifteen recruits. George A. Todd fought at Carthage, Wilson's Creek and Lexington.

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He was described as being small of stature being 5'8" tall with blue eyes and auburn hair and of fair complexion. Todd's name appears on Quantrill's July 6, 1862 company muster roster as a 2nd Lieutenant. Todd took part in almost all the major battles and skirmishes of Quantrill's company during the war fighting at the February 1862 Independence skirmish, the Tate house skirmish, the 1st and 2nd Battles of Independence, the Lowe House fight, the Clark House fight, the September 18, 1862 battle of Wellington where he was wounded, the Westport skirmish, the battle of Lamar, the Lawrence Raid, the battles of Baxter Springs, Fayette, and Centralia and the Wagner fight.

For those who fought beside him he was described as "The incarnate devil of battle, thought of fighting when awake, dreamt of it all night, mingled talk of it in relaxation, and went hungry many a day and shelterless many a night, seeking the enemy for his fill of fight." Todd's battle cry was always the same. At the start of every encounter, his men always heard him shout the same familiar order, "Charge! Kill em' boys! Kill em'!" Todd was known to the Federals as "a notorious guerrilla," but was held in highest esteem by friends of the Confederacy and was called by them "a flower of Southern manhood." He had been reported wounded nine times during the war with Northern newspapers carrying the accounts. At the Lawrence raid Todd was described as wearing a rich Federal coat, pants, top-boots and cap, admirably set off by a belt containing a pair of elegant six-shooters. Those that personally knew him recalled, "He makes the best fighting captain in the whole command. He is chivalrous but not rash; prudent but daring, and always successful both in attack and strategy." Fellow guerrilla Jim Cummins described Todd as, "My beau ideal of a man was George Todd, who always seemed to me to be a great general."

When Quantrill chose to leave Jackson County in June of 1864 Todd decided to stay with a handful of followers but soon followed Quantrill into Howard County to meet General Price on his return to Missouri. Acting as a scout for General Joseph O. Shelby during the 2nd Battle of Independence Todd was shot from his saddle by a sniper 2 1/2 miles northeast of Independence on Sugar Creek by a Federal sharpshooter. A volley also killed his horse, Sam Gaty, which he had ridden the entire war given to him by fellow guerrilla John S. Barnhill who had captured him from the riverboat by the same name. He only lived an hour after being brought to the house of Mrs. Burns in Independence and buried by his closest followers in Woodlawn Cemetery on October 23, 1864.

**Article by Paul R. Petersen**

**Author of Quantrill of Missouri, Quantrill in Texas and Quantrill at Lawrence.**

*References: Greg Anderson historical archives*

*Leavenworth Conservative, April 25, 1863.*

*The Tri-Weekly Telegraph, Houston, Texas, December 30, 1863 & January 12, 1864;*

*Dallas Morning News Historical Archive, October 18, 1929;*

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### Booth location and times for Higginsville County Fair, September 21

Saturday Sept 21, Open at 8 AM close at 5 PM.

Were spot number 4, about the Southeast corner of the event, of the lower right on map below.



- Legend**
- Power Location
  - Porta-Potty
  - ▲ Handicap Porta-Potty
  - Booth Space
  - Grandstand
  - Optimist Train
  - Youth Stage

2017 Higginsville County Fair  
Booth / Power Locations  
September 16, 2017



# 34th Annual Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars

## Missouri Secession Day Dinner

**Saturday October 19th, 2024**

Questions or Inquiries

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### Location / Lodging

Inn at Grand Glaize  
5142 Osage Beach Pkwy.  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
1-800-348-4731 or  
<https://innatgrandglaze.com>  
Room Rate : \$89.00+ Taxes  
Group Code: MOSB24

### Registration

Individual - \$40.00  
Couple (2 adults) -\$75.00  
Children (under 12)-\$30.

All registrations include dinner and the second issue of a series of Secession Day challenge coins featuring General J. O. Shelby

(coin pictured below)

## Keynote Presentation

*Keith Daleen-The inside story of the commitment to place the J.O. Shelby Statue in Waverly, MO*

Compatriot Keith Daleen is a Past Society Commander of the Missouri Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars and Past Division Commander of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Twenty-six years of organizing, planning, and work culminated in the dedication of an equestrian statue of Kentucky-born and educated Gen. Joseph Orville Shelby. The folks of Waverly, Missouri, were determined to honor their hometown hero. They completed their long mission on Saturday, June 27, 2009 with the dedication of the first statue to honor General Shelby.

On a blistering hot Saturday afternoon, a ceremony was held to unveil the General Shelby equestrian statue. There were flags, reenactors, singing groups, boy scouts and at least thirty Shelby family members in attendance from several states.

Speeches were given by Jim Beckner, John Hinz, Col. James Shelby, Waverly Mayor Barbara Schreiman, U.S. Representative Ike Skelton, Jim England of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Missouri President of the UDC. Plan to attend to MOS&B Secession Day dinner to hear how this was accomplished and the rest of the inside story.







**Secession Day Dinner October 19, 2024**  
**Remembering the Anniversary of**  
**Missouri's**  
**Secession on October 31, 1861**  
*Hosted by the Missouri Society- Military Order*  
*of the Stars and Bars.*



**Executive Council Meeting**  
**Saturday October 19, 3:00 PM**

*An Executive Council meeting will be held beginning at 3:00 PM in the Upper Terrace Room adjacent to the hotel lounge. Chapter Commanders or a Chapter designated representative are highly encouraged to attend.*

*A meeting agenda will be sent to each Chapter at least 30 days prior to the meeting.*

**Location and Lodging**

**Inn at Grand Glaize**

**5142 Osage Beach Parkway**

**Osage Beach, MO 65065**

**1-800-348-4731**

**We have secured a room rate of \$89 plus tax.**

**Room Reservation deadline is Thursday, Sept 19, 2024, so get your reservation in early. The group code is MOSB24**

**5:30 PM - Doors open for Social Hour**

**6:00 PM - Introductions and greetings, dinner to be served immediately following**

**Cost is \$40 per adult or \$75 per couple, Children under 12 are \$30**

**Registration deadline is October 12, 2024. JO Shelby Challenge coin included with each registration!**

Please use the following registration form to send in your reservation! For questions, call Commander Jon Trent at 417-353-5908 or email at jtrent1@cougars.ccis.edu We hope to see you all there!

**2024 Missouri Secession Day Dinner Registration Form**

Name and Title

Guest names and titles

Total Number of Adult Individual Tickets  X \$40.00 per person = \$

Total Number of Adult Combo tickets  X \$75.00 per combo = \$

Total Number of children under 12  X \$30.00 per person = \$

Total Enclosed \$

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## From the Desk of Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey

September 2024

**Liberty, Missouri Grave Marker History** - In 1900, the Thomas McCarty Camp 729, United Confederate Veterans, purchased Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, to bury Confederate veterans. There were already some war dead there in that block. In 1904, McCarty Camp erected a war memorial on that cemetery block for Missouri State Guard and Confederate veterans, which also served, and serves, as a grave marker for unmarked Confederate veteran burials there. Two ground-penetrating radar studies indicate burials within two feet of the memorial, which even further qualifies it as a gravemarker by state law.

**Liberty, Missouri legal battle** - For the last four years, the City Council of Liberty, Missouri, has continued its litigation to revest (take back) Block 174 in Fairview City Cemetery for the purpose of removing the Confederate memorial there. The National SCV Commander-in-Chief, National SCV JAG, and National SCV Executive Director will be in Liberty, Missouri, for an evidentiary hearing on October 4. They will try to explain to the judge the relationship between the UCV and the SCV regarding property. This legal battle is not technically about our Confederate memorial, though in reality it is or there would be no litigation in the first place, but a private property issue. Can a local government steal private property in a cemetery, of all places, because they don't like what is on it? This is not a Confederate memorial on a courthouse lawn. It is in a cemetery, on a burial block, legally sold and transferred by the city, albeit a long time ago, where Confederate veterans are buried, and stands as the only gravemarker some of them have.

**Save Our Grave Marker in Fairview Cemetery in Liberty, MO.** This Facebook page is a good resource for updates on the Liberty Confederate Memorial in Fairview Cemetery. Please like and share this page. This page will give you some understanding of the pulse of what is happening with Block 174, the people of Liberty's comments, and the self-righteous mayor's behavior show. Again, please like and follow this page and share it.

Central Brigade Muster - I want to thank everyone for helping make this year's Central Brigade Muster a success. We had a great turnout from the camps and guests from around the Division. Special thank you to Division Chaplain Thomas McConnell for making the long trip to Newburg. Your attendance made the occasion truly special, and we are honored to have had you join us. It was a pleasure to see you there, and we hope you had a wonderful time. Thank you everyone for your participation and support.

David L Cowell, Central Brigade Commander, Missouri Division SCV

**The Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp SCV and Major Samuel Hildebrand Chapter MOS&B have their 2025 Missouri Confederate Calendar ready for pre-order.** The 2025 calendar will include a different set of pictures of Missouri Confederate Monuments for each month, with various birth and death dates of Missourians who supported the Cause. The calendars are \$10 each, with \$5 shipping. Please include a return address when shipping. You can also save on shipping and pick up the calendars at a Missouri SCV or MOS&B event. Bradford Camp will ship out calendars starting in October. Please make checks or money orders payable to "Moses J Bradford Camp" and mail them to Danny R. Creason, 32791 Maries Road 503 Dixon, MO 65459

**From the Desk of Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey**

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**The Missouri Society MOS&B Secession Day Dinner will be held October 19 at Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach, Missouri.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Please see event flyer and registration form below.

**Missouri Division SCV Lee/Jackson Supper plans are underway for January 18 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Carthage, Missouri.** A Missouri Division Executive Council meeting (including all elected Division staff, Brigade Commanders, and Camp Commanders) will be held in the afternoon before the supper. Your brigade commanders of the Missouri Division plan the Lee-Jackson Supper. More information to follow.

**Confederate Christmas at the Historic Bolton Home - Brigadier General Mosby Monroe Parsons Camp 718** welcomes everyone to their Camp Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on December 4 at the Historic Bolton Home, 9125 Winkelmann Platz, Jefferson City, MO. The guest speaker will be SCV National Historian-in-Chief Forrest Daws. Forrest Daws is the deep Southern voice behind the "There is a Place" Elm Springs and National Confederate Museum commercial and some of the new SCV radio ads coming out. The cost for the catered meal is \$18 per person. Please send a check or money order, payable to "M.M. Parsons Camp 718," to Randee Kaiser, 2400 County Road 4030, Holts Summit, MO 65043. Reservations are needed by November 23. For more information, please get in touch with Randee Kaiser at pollypop47@yahoo.com. If you can schedule the time to make this Christmas dinner, please do so.

**Missouri Division & MOS&B 2025 Reunion planning is on target for April 11-12 at the Lions Club Den in Rolla, Missouri**, with committees planning to bring us another successful State Reunion. Save the date flyers will be available at the MOS&B Secession Day Dinner on October 19, 2024. Our host camp is the Captain Moses J. Bradford Camp 2344, Rolla, Missouri.

**Wreaths Across America** - The Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on December 14 at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Cemetery in Higginsville, MO and in the Confederate Section at the National Cemetery in Springfield, MO. A sponsored wreath will be laid on the graves of the hundreds of Confederate veterans buried at both places. For more information about the event or how to sponsor a wreath at Higginsville, please get in touch with LaDonna Scott at rus.9421@gmail.com or 660-251-1302. For more information about how to sponsor a wreath at Springfield contact Martha Pickering at mj1776@mchsi.com or 417-886-1776.

Missouri Division Commander Jeff Futhey's schedule:

September 17, 2024 - Wentzville, MO Historical Society Meeting. An explanation of who we are as an organization and our cemetery and graveyard work.

October 4, 2024 - Court hearing in Liberty, MO regarding evidence of ownership of Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery.

October 13, 2024 - General Sterling Price Camp 145 ceremony and wreath laying at the Bellefontaine Cemetery. Contact Price Camp Adjutant Dan Maltman for more information at price-camp145@hotmail.com