

The Hughes News

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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

April is Confederate History month, all over the Southern Confederacy it is celebrated each year and many activities are planned by individual Sons of Confederate Veterans camps. We have our own event at Woodlawn cemetery. We will plan the date for this event at the meeting on the 10th of April. I want to thank everyone from the Hughes camp that went to the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate



Veterans reunion in Boonville Missouri on March 29th. It was a well attended event and our very own camp member **Jerry Spencer** received a Sons of Confederate Veterans Service Medal for his service in the Vietnam War.

Our very own camp member **Tim Borron** managed to get himself elected as the Western Brigade Commander of the Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. So he will be keeping an eye on us all, recruiting throat slitters and cannon spikers. Congratulations are in order for you both!

I also managed to commandeer a lot of SCV recruitment literature at the reunion too and will be handing out recruitment post cards at the meeting. This year will be a very busy year for the Hughes camp at events in and around our area. See listing of events in this issue of Hughes news and keep your calendar open. I will be handing out the list to everyone at the meeting too.

Our first event will be the 150th anniversary 1864 Battle of Plattsburg Missouri. Let's show up in force and recruit men from this area in Clinton county as we only have one member from Plattsburg. Tuesday, April

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Hughes Camp would like to give a Warm Southern Welcome to the following new member, Austin Teague. Welcome aboard Austin! Austin is a Cadet at Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri.

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Camp Calendar

April 10th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Kross Lounge and Ernie's Restaurant 605 N Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054 816-254-9494 Our speakers this month will be: Jim Beckner and his subject will be "The Attempted Kidnapping of Jefferson Davis in 1862"

April 8th 7:00 PM Present Hunley award at Lees Summit West HS JROTC Could use a volunteer to go present that! Contact Larry Yeatman

April 26-27 150th Battle of Plattsburg, MO Our camp will set up our booth.

Br. Gen. John T

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May 2-3 Richmond Mushroom Festival. We'll march in the parade the General Lee Dodge Charger that is owned by Camp Member Tim Miller and set up our booth.

What's been happening on the Western Front..

March Camp Meeting... At last months meeting, we swore in new Member, Tim Miller. Tim lives in Richmond, Missouri. See pictures of Tim later in this newsletter. We're glad to have you in our Camp Tim and welcome aboard!

Our speaker last month was Member and Speaker Extraordinaire, **Jim Beckner**. Jim gave us a talk on two subjects. The First was on **Confederate Offi***cer Captain Sally Tompkins*. Cpt. Tompkins was the only female to be a Commissioned Officer in the CSA. Sally grew up in Matthews County, VA, which is in the Williamsburg, VA area. She was the Granddaughter of a man named John Patterson. He owned a plantation and large home called Poplar Grove, which still stands today and you can find pictures of on the internet. Sally was 5'0" tall. She grew up normally but was more into her Church and being a nurse than socializing. Early in the War she helped to host huge balls for departing soldiers.

She soon switched to concentrating on caring for wounded soldiers and was helping to run several private hospitals treating wounded veterans. But, for some reason the CSA decided to shut down the private hospitals, preferring to support the Government run hospitals. Sally persuaded a family friend, Judge Robinson, to get her an interview with Jefferson Davis. He did, and in that meeting she showed Jeff Davis her private hospitals high success rates, and that they had only 73 soldiers of the many thousands they had treated. One of her keys to success was her belief in good hygiene and sanitation. Jeff Davis was so impressed, that he did allow her to keep her hospitals up and running. He then commissioned her in the CS Army as a Captain.

Sally continued to treat and care for our wounded soldiers throughout the rest of the war with a high rate of success. The Yankees closed her down on June 13th, 1865.

John, Jeff and Larry Yeatman are related to Cpt. Sally Tompkins and we are descendants of her Grandfather, John Patterson. My brothers name is John Patterson Yeatman, Jr, and our Dad was John Patterson Yeatman Sr.

The next thing Jim talked about was the "Tallest man to serve the CSA". Somehow I missed his name, but he was from Versailles Missouri and was 7 Feet, One and a half inches tall! He wore a gray uniform with gold epilates on the shoulders and a stove pipe hat. Once while standing in a column of men, an Officer came up and yelled at him, get off that stump you darned fool! He answered, "I ain't no fool and I ain't on a stump".

After the war, he was paid \$300 per month to be in Barnum and Bailey's Circus, which was a lot of money in those days.

Thanks to Jim for being our speaker!

Last, we have a Hunley Award to present to a Air Force JROTC Cadet next Tuesday night, at 7:00pm at Lees Summit West High School. If someone is available to present that, that would be great! Contact Larry Yeatman

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Thanks to the many donors that help keep the presses rolling! Joe Ferrara, John Yeatman, George Baker, Burgess Williams, Stephen Cockrell and Tim Apgar. Thanks to You All! **Coffman continued...** 8th, Hughes camp will be giving another Hunley Award to the JROTC. Contact Adjutant Larry Yeatman if you would like to attend this event in Lee's Summit. This is a good program the SCV has and it creates awareness for the younger generations that the Confederate States of America Military fought honorably and is still alive and well in American history.

I will be going to the Coffee camp Confederate Heritage supper on April 12th in Osceola Missouri along with our new Western Brigade Commander to sell camp merchandise. Hughes camp is growing and I am proud of our progress. We are so fortunate to reside in an area so full of Southern heritage and history. I will see you all at the meeting on April 10th.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

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Here's our March Speaker, the world's largest Confederate, Jim Beckner.

Get off that stump you darn fool!

Our Meeting Place!



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Missouri Division Reunion, March 28th and 29th





Booneville Missouri, Isle of Capri Casino

The Missouri Division SCV and the Missouri Society MOSB held it's annual reunion this last week. This was the best convention attendance I've seen in my time in the SCV, which is around 12 years now. We had two great speakers. At the luncheon we had Terry Beckenbaugh of Ft. Leavenworth Command and Staff College, who spoke about Claiborne Fox Jackson and the Missouri State Guard and the trials and tribulations they faced in getting the Guard up and running. On Friday night, and for the Banquet on Saturday night, we had Dr. Walter "Donnie" Kennedy speak. Donnie is a fireeater, author of books such as "The South Was Right" If you haven't read that book get it! Dr. Kennedy basically connects the dots of the loss of real States Rights in the War to the mess we are in today. He guoted Robert E. Lee who wrote Lord Acton in 1868 and said" I fear that the loss of real States Rights will lead to the Federal Government being aggressive abroad, and despotic at home". That pretty well sums it up I think!

Darrell Maples was reelected as Division Commander, Larry Yeatman was reelected as Society Commander. Tim Borron of Hughes Camp was elected Western Brigade Commander.

Above left: Hughes Camp Member Jerry Spencer was presented the SCV Service Medal for his Army Service in Vietnam. Left: Darrell Maples presents **Dr. Walter Kennedy** with a Missouri Battle Flag framed in Missouri barn wood. Below Is a group shot of the Hughes Camp men in attendance along with Dr. Kennedy and the likeness of Bill Anderson.

Great convention, see you all there next year! LTY



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Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Editor Note: I am running Richard Rudd's article from last month again due to errors I committed in the last paragraph. It's a great article, read it again, and this time the last paragraph will make sense! I apologize to Richard Rudd and our readers for the error in leaving out part of the article. LY

One of the primary motivating reasons for the North's war of total devastation against the South was the North's perception of an economic threat. Some of the largest concentrations of private wealth and ownership of property as well as the production of food and raw materials for manufacturing were located in southern states. The real reason for the North's pseudo-altruistic crusade against slavery in the South was to break an agrarian economy that was dependent on manual labor and private ownership of land. The antithesis of the private ownership of property is socialism, a political movement for the means of production and distribution of goods for the general welfare of the public. A century and a half after the WBTS, an aggressive and relentless Hydraheaded campaign is being waged against private ownership and use of property in the US.

Previous to 1964, Americans were free to acquire, use, and dispose of their private property which was bought with, maintained by, and sold for private funds without threatening government mandates. Today, the so-called Civil Rights Act has destroyed these civil rights. No American is free in the use of their assets to determine to whom one will offer employment and services or lease and sell their property without government intrusion.

The 5th Amendment reads, "No person shall...be deprived of...property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." Government has long used the power of eminent domain to appropriate private property for public use. However, in 2005, in Kelo vs City of New London, the Supreme Court for the first time approved the forced transfer of land from one private owner to another for economic development. The only justification given for this blatant seizure was that it would indirectly benefit the community in general.

Recently, the Kansas Senate refused to consider a bill passed by the House protecting people who, for religious reasons, refuse to use their property to provide accommodations or other services to homosexuals. An opponent of the proposed law said, "The Kansas legislature should never advocate discrimination...based on a perceived notion of religious freedom." Since when did the guarantee of the free exercise of religion under the 1st Amendment become "a perceived notion of religious freedom?" A Vermont inn-keeper was sued and fined \$10,000 for refusing to host a reception for lesbians. A New Mexico photographer was convicted by the state supreme court and bakers in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington were penalized for refusing to provide their services to sodomitical ceremonies. Consequently, their property and means of financial support were jeopardized.

Provisions within the carelessly enacted legislation known as BO Care seek to force business owners to fund infanticide through insurance benefits. Sebelius vs Hobby Lobby is pending before the Supreme Court. The administration's defense is that corporate businesses are not people and are not entitled to the right of free exercise of religion under the 1st Amendment. Yes, businesses are not people, but people own the businesses. The administration's argument escalates the art of circumlocution to stratospheric heights. Again, private property is jeopardized.

As Solomon observed, "...(T)here is nothing new under the sun." (Eccles. 1:9) In I Kings 21 the story is told of Naboth who owned a vineyard. King Ahab sought to purchase the property for his private use. When Naboth refused the king's offer, false charges were brought against Naboth. He was executed and his land seized by the king. How far have we progressed in 2900 years?

John Locke was a 17th century English political philosopher, theologian, and author. Many of his political theories originated from the *Bible*. He was the third most cited man in early American political

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Richard Rudd continued... thought. The Founding Fathers utilized many of his ideas, especially from Two Treatises of Government. From him came the idea incorporated into our Declaration of Independence by Jefferson that all men are created and endowed by God with certain unalienable rights. Among these rights, according to Locke, is the right of private property. Locke's theory regarding private property was among the most influential elements of what he taught. Private property is a natural right preceding civil society and government, not created by it. It is the purpose and responsibility of government in civil society to protect private property, not deprive citizens of it. Under the cover of cleverly devised excuses, the skins of reasons stuffed with lies, private ownership of property is being incrementally destroyed in a false defense of civil liberty. While one's name is still on the deed, the rights normally associated with ownership are being usurped by government. As a result, Americans are increasingly discovering that they have the form of ownership without the powers thereof. Locke wrote, "The great and chief end, therefore, of men's uniting into commonwealths and putting themselves under government is the preservation of their property." Unless Americans demand a return to the Biblical principles of the Founding Fathers and Locke, socialism will be triumphant, private property will be trumped, Americans will subsist on a meager supply of life's necessities of food and shelter as dependent creatures of the state, and the minds of future generations will be medicated and deluded by a revised version of an eviscerated form of history from which the concept of freedom has been exorcised.

Fr. Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain



In March we swore in new Camp Member, Timothy Scott Miller (Tim). The Ancestor Tim honors on his SCV Certificate is *Private Benjamin Elias Perkins, Co. E, Cavalrv Battalion, Holcombe Legion, South Carolina.* Ben died in 1867 at the age of 23 and is buried in Camden, South Carolina. I'm not sure why he died at such a young age, but you have to wonder if such as early death was related to the war.

Tim is a Ray County Deputy and lives in Richmond, Missouri. He has built and owns a replica of the Dukes of Hazard General Lee, complete with battle flag on the roof! You will get to see that car at the upcoming Richmond, Mo Mushroom Festival! He will have the car in the parade along with our float!

Welcome to Hughes Camp Tim!

To the left, Commander Coffman and 2nd Lt. Coffman are swore in as recently elected officers. There, we got em boys, look at all the work they're in for now!

Congratulations to Jason on his re-election and Thank You Jason for all your hard work.

Congratulations to Sam Stanton on his election as 2nd Lt. Commander. Sam is a great guy and ardent supporter of our heritage. I think you will all really enjoy working with him!



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150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Plattsburg Missouri Dates: April 26-27 2014 http://www.battleofplattsburg150.com/ 34th Annual Mushroom Festival Richmond Missouri May 2-3 2014 Dates: http://www.richmondchamber.org/festival.php Caldwell County's Civil War Days Reenactment and Living History Festival Kingston Missouri Dates: June 6-8 2014 http://www.caldwellcountymissouri.com/civilwar/ Confederate Memorial Day Higginsville Missouri Date: June 7 2014 36th Annual Lathrop Antique Tractor Show Lathrop Missouri June 21-22 2014 Date: http://www.lathropantique.com/ 2014 Sesquicentennial Freedom Festival Camden Point Missouri Dates: June 28 2014 http://camdenpoint.wordpress.com/2014-centennial/ 150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Centralia Missouri Dates: September 13-14 2014 **Outlaw Davs Richmond Missouri** Date: September 6 2014

Brigadier General John T. Hughes Camp No. 614 Schedule of Events 2014

14th Annual Coffee Camp Confederate Heritage Supper Osceola Missouri

44th Annual Jesse James Festival Kearnev Missouri Dates: September 21-22 2014

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Cannonball Festival Holt Missouri Date: October 4 2014

150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Glasgow Missouri Dates: October 11-12 2014

 150th Anniversary 1864 Battle of Albany Richmond Missouri

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