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Captain John C Landis

Landis' Battery Missouri Artillery

New member Darron Howell reenacts in the Landis Battery of Artillery

The above Monument located on Confederate Avenue, 250 yards north of the Mississippi Memorial. Also, a multiple iron tablet located outside of Vicksburg National Military Park, on former park property in the City of Vicksburg, at the southeast corner of Mission 66 and Indiana Ave. This unit was attached to Col. Francis M. Cockrell's 1st Brigade, of Brig. Gen. John S. Bowen's Division, Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton's Army of Vicksburg, and commanded by Lt. John C. Landis and Lt. John M. Langan.



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Message from the Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

.Spring is almost here and that means a new year and lots of events to go to for recruitment and selling Confederate merchandise to the locals. Our first event is in Warrensburg Missouri where there will be a reenactment. The event is Saturday, April 2nd, so if any of you want to go we could use some help recruiting for the Hughes Camp and Shelby Camp.



There will be other events and festivals throughout the year that Hughes Camp will attend including the Richmond Mushroom Festival on May 7th. I just received a lot of merchandise from Ruffin Flag Company so we are geared up to go.

The Missouri Division SCV Reunion is coming up on April 8th and 9th. I am going to this event and it is always fun for everyone. Hopefully Hughes Camp has a big turnout at this reunion, enough to get the camp members picture taken with our camp flag. The SCV National Commander is going to be there and those that attend will be able to hear what he has to say.

Here is an article I read a while back, it is so good I decided ya'll had better read it too:

Total war on innocent children, defenseless women and unarmed old men. We erected monuments in the SOUTH to our defenders...our fathers, our husbands, our sons, our brothers, our grandfathers, and our uncles. We erected them in the South. Not in the east, not in the west, and not in the north....THE SOUTH. IN THE SOUTH. You dare attempt to remove them? After what those people did to civilians? CIVILIANS. They unleashed total war on CIVILIANS. People like to throw around Chambersburg. That is one, ONE and it was burned in retaliation. But Jackson and Meridian, along with some 26 other cities and towns in Mississippi were destroyed by Sherman's troops even though there was no Confederate army there to oppose them. No one to stop them. THE ARMY WAS NOT THERE!

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Camp Calendar

March 10th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W Lexington Indep. Mo 252-0344 Our speaker this month will be **Hank Roberts**. Hank is a Methodist preacher near Adrian, Missouri, and is a singer and songwriter. He loves Gospel music and good old Southern music. He also loves History. He will perform some of his favorites for us. Show up early, before 6 if you want to eat. Service is slow at the Courthouse Exchange!

Note! Big Letters! Camp Meeting is at Courthouse Exchange Restaurant again in March. I didn't check with Ernie's but sounded like most preferred the Exchange

April 8-9 Missouri Division SCV and Missouri Society MOSB Reunion. Isle of Capri Hotel, Booneville, MO. Mark your calendars. Registration details are enclosed inside. Key note speaker is to be CIC Kelly Barrow, and one of the Kennedy brothers should be the luncheon speaker.



Br. Gen. John T
Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front..

February Camp Meeting...

We met in February at the Courthouse Exchange due to Ernie's Restaurants continued problems with their meeting room. The meeting room at the Courthouse Exchange is much nicer and more easily accessed than Ernie's, but the food service was pretty lame, making it impossible to be able to eat and start the 7 pm meeting on time. So from the service standpoint, Ernie's is quicker and gives us better service. Commander Coffman does have another potential meeting location and will check that out for us.

Our speaker in February was supposed to be Steve Constable, but Steve came down sick that day and is rescheduled for the April meeting.

Jim Beckner pinched hit with a presentation about the "**Thomas Wind Wagon**". My notes are sketchy here so bear with me. I'm missing some facts! Basically, a man named Thomas, along with possible partners, created a company called the "Overland Santa Fe Navigation, Corp". Their idea was to replace oxen and horses with sails on wagons. It was the livestock the Indians wanted when they attacked, so the idea was to eliminate that en-

ticement. So they built this huge wagon with sailing rigging on it. On their maiden voyage across the prairie, they got going very fast, and guys started to bail off. Thomas was driving and there was no one left to pull in the sails, and he crashed it into a ditch. The story goes that treasure hunters pulled parts off it for years!

They built a new wagon and set about trying it again. On the second voyage, the story goes that they pulled over to camp for the night. When they woke up in the morning the wagon was gone and no trace of it could be found! It has been suspected that they really crashed it and were too embarrassed to tell anyone.

The business operated in 1847, 1853, and 1859.

Thanks to Jim for telling us about the Thomas Wind Wagon!

At the meeting, we also scheduled a trash pick up on Noland Rd. We did do that the following Wednesday, Thanks to **Steve Cockrell, George Baker, Jim Beckner and Larry Yeatman** for getting that done.

We also swore in new member, Darron B Howell, Sr. More on Darron inside!



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Then the cretins called soldiers' sacked the town, stealing anything of value they burned the rest along with what they couldn't carry away. Sherman biographer John Marzalek writes, the soldiers "entered residences, appropriating whatever appeared to be of value those articles which they could not carry they broke." After the destruction of Meridian Sherman boasted "for five days, ten thousand of our men worked hard and with a will, in that work of destruction, with axes, sledges, crowbars, claw bars, and with fire, Meridian no longer exists." And you DARE threaten our Confederate monuments!!!!!!

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Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood, Jason-Nathaniel: coffman

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Burnt District Press

Here are some Hughes Camp special deals:

Our company recently reprinted the Don Hale book "They Called Him Bloody Bill" about Bloody Bill Anderson. \$12.00

Also we have two new books about the battle at Pilot Knob. One is the updated version by R. Scott House of the original "Thunder In Arcadia Valley" \$18.00 and the other is "Fort Davidson." \$18.00

Plus the new book about the battle at Lexington in September 1861 called "The Siege Of Lexington Missouri by Larry Wood. \$18.00

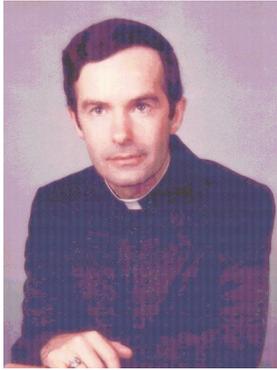
And the last one is "The Homefront in Civil War Missouri" by James W. Erwin. \$18.00

Normally shipping is \$4 additional, but local Camp Members can save the \$4 shipping fee by having John deliver your orders to the Camp Meeting!

Call John to place your orders!



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6) The intention of this advice is for parents and pastors to assume the responsibility of inculcating, transmitting, and propagating religious and cultural

ethics, values, and morals through successive generations. In preparation for adulthood, youths are to be trained as soldiers proficient in handling the knowledge they are armed with, maintaining the ranks of society, and observing the wisdom and admonitions of their superiors. Unfortunately, those who seek to instill the next generation with detrimental attributes heed the same advice.

In Lawrence, Kansas, where the University of Kansas is located, the public school district has forbidden a high school student to display the Confederate flag on a car he drives to school, even though the district has no specific policy regarding the issue. The only excuse for the district's blatant violation of the student's First Amendment right of freedom of expression is a groundless charge that the educational setting was being disrupted and an allusion to a nebulous handbook policy promoting a discrimination-free environment for learning. In a statement, the superintendent said:

School staff see this issue as an educational opportunity for students and fully understand the school's obligation to respect students' free speech rights and protect students from racial discrimination and harassment, since the Confederate flag may be associated with racism, slavery, and violence against (blacks).

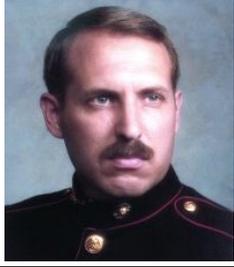
Note that he said the flag "may" be associated with racism. Who is making the association?

Was the intention of the student displaying the flag considered, or was consideration given only to the dissenters who oppose free speech? It is indeed "an educational opportunity for students" that is being wasted by pandering to propaganda instead of teaching what the flag accurately symbolizes. The lesson being taught is that capricious biases trump the First Amendment.

Similar incidents are occurring in other university towns, even in the South. The University of Mississippi has removed the state flag from its campus because it incorporates the Battle Flag emblem. Never mind that state tax dollars support the school, a petition bearing 1800 names sought to keep the flag, and citizens have voted two to one to preserve the flag's design. The whims of either a pathetically ignorant or arrogantly hateful minority are being shamelessly placated.

At Yale, an experiment was conducted on campus in which students were given an opportunity to sign a petition to repeal the First Amendment. In less than one hour, fifty students had signed. The university has also established a Center For Islamic Law and Civilization. Yale law school dean Robert Post proclaimed, "Islamic law has a long and proud tradition, that encompasses great intellectual achievements." How long would Post survive under Sharia law? Copies of *Reading the Koran As A Law Book* were sent to the alumni, compliments of an Arabian's \$10 million donation to the law school. The lesson to be learned at Yale is that curriculum content is for sale to the highest bidder.

Even benign children's books are being censored. *A Birthday Cake For George Washington* was removed from the market by Scholastic soon after its publication in January. The portrayal of positive images of chef Hercules and his daughter Delia was criticized as "sentimentalizing" slavery. Sensing blood in the water, School Library Journal recommended it not being sold because it was "highly problematic". Kirkus Reviews charged that it was "an incomplete, even dishonest treatment of slavery." The publisher, caving to coercive peer pressure, sniffed: **Continued on page 6...**



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.

The Early Upbringing of Frank and Jesse James

Robert Sallee James, father of Frank and Jesse James, was born in Licksillet, Kentucky. He was the son of John W. James and Mary "Polly" James Poor. His father, John, was a highly respected Baptist minister and farmer from Goochland County, Virginia. Robert's grandfather, William James came to Virginia, from England in the late 18th century and fought with Light Horse Harry Lee during the Revolutionary War. Through his mother, Robert was also a descendant of the Jamestown Society, qualifying ancestor Dr. John Woodson. Woodson was an Oxford educated surgeon who arrived at Jamestown, Virginia in April 1619.

In 1838, Robert enrolled in Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky. Georgetown College is a small, Christian college chartered in 1829. It was the first Baptist college west of the Allegheny Mountains. In 1839 Robert was ordained as a Baptist minister. He graduated in 1843 with honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree. While in Kentucky at a revival meeting Robert met Zerelda Elizabeth Cole, who was living with her mother's relatives where, although she was not a Catholic, she was enrolled in a Catholic girls school in Lexington, Kentucky. They married on December 28, 1841. The family soon relocated to Clay County, Missouri, where Zerelda's mother and stepfather were living nearby. Robert commuted back to Kentucky and eventually received a Master of Arts from Georgetown. He was considered a gifted student and a skilled orator.

Robert and Zerelda had four children, Alexander Franklin, Robert, Jesse and Susan Lavenia. Robert James became a noted preacher in Missouri. He was among the founders of William Jewell College in 1849 in Liberty, Missouri, and was the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Clay County, which went on to become the largest Baptist church in northwest Missouri. He also

started the congregation of the Providence and Pisgah Baptist churches in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, all of which are still in operation today. He was known for his passionate sermons and his ability to attract new members to the congregation. He received no income for his preaching and supported his family by raising hemp on his 275 acre farm. Besides Robert's evangelistic work north of the Missouri River he often was invited to preach to the congregation of the Big Cedar Missionary Baptist Church located in the Valley of the Little Blue in Jackson County, Missouri, eight miles south of Independence, where Quantrill recruited a large number of men like John and Ed Koger, John and Jabez McCorkle, Thomas Harris, John Wigginton, John Jarrette, Richard Maddox, William Moore, George Shepherd; Frank, Joseph and Thomas Lea, and the Flanery and Shepherd brothers. The church was established by William Hagan and Henry Washington Younger, father of Cole and James Younger,

Shortly after the birth of his daughter, Susan, and feeling the call of God to be an evangelist to the gold miners in California during the Gold Rush, Robert James traveled to California to preach. Sadly, in just a few short weeks he contracted typhoid, and died on August 18, 1850. His grave has never been officially identified and no marker exists for him today. Robert's death left his family saddled with debts and many of his possessions, including his slaves, were auctioned off to pay the families bills.

Though Jesse's father died when he was only three years old both he and his brother Frank continued to be raised in a Christian home. Frank was known to be serious and straightforward, fond of books and constantly reading the classics often quoting large sections of Shakespeare. Neither he nor his brother,

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While we have great respect for the integrity and scholarship of the author, illustrator, and editor, we believe that, without more historical background on the evils of slavery than this book for younger children can provide, the book may give a false impression of the reality of the lives of slaves and therefore should be withdrawn.

An accurate translation of this quote would be as follows:

The publisher does not have enough respect for the fact that the author, Ramin Ganeshram, by his own account and documentation, based the story on historical research meant to honor Hercules' skill and resourcefulness. Therefore, this book does not conform to the stereotyped myth of universal brutality and might give young children the impression that many slaves were treated humanely.

For those promoting a predetermined agenda that contradicts the reality of facts derived from historical research, the truth can be "highly problematic."

The Nazis told educators, "From now on it is not up to you to decide whether or not something is true, but whether it is in the interest of the National Socialist Revolution." Today, it is whether or not it is in the interest of the liberal ideological movement for social and genetic engineering. Educational philosophy is increasingly less concerned with truth and falsehood, right and wrong. Public schools are ceasing to be laboratories of independent critical thinking where competing ideas are tested. They are becoming asylums of sanitizing censorship of all diverse opinions in order to indoctrinate, not educate, for the purpose of reordering society through its youths. Ronald Reagan once observed that freedom can be lost in one generation. The academic freedom being lost in our schools will quickly metastasize

throughout society. As a result, all thoughts and the actions they inspire will be formed and molded to flow with the current and move in uniform lock step rhythm within the suffocating confines of mentally crippling and severely restrictive conformity. America's youths are being used for their vulnerability due to lack of experience, knowledge, and emphasis on skilled reasoning that can only be accrued over time. Instead, is placed on exploiting feelings, emotions, and desire for premature independence and the questioning of authority. Young people seek to discover their limits; liberals tell them there are no limits. Incontrovertible wisdom and truth, legitimate and credible authority are discredited. Steadfast forms of objective and permanent absolutes are distilled down to a swirling mush of relativity and perpetual change. Deprogrammed, disarmed, disoriented, and confused, youths are left defenseless in the face of the alternative that awaits them. Consequently, each individual flounders about developing their own values in accordance with their personal biases and ethics to suit the constructed current and prevailing situation. The result is social chaos that will produce the conditions necessary for the acceptance of a totalitarian state to restore order at the expense of freedom.

"So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught..." (II Thess. 2:15) We do not need to win every battle to remain faithful. We do need to keep things in perspective and have vision to look ahead and consider not only temporal, but also eternal ramifications- - the bigger picture. Sometimes, as Peter Marshall said, "It is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed, than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail."

Fr. Richard Rudd

Hughes Camp Chaplain

**Petersen continued...**

Jesse were ever known to drink. "A man's a fool to drink," Frank said. "It takes away his money and his brains and does him no good in any way."

Jesse emulated his brother's reading habits, but instead of Shakespeare his favorite book was the Bible, which he memorized and quoted frequently. Jesse was a member of his father's Baptist church and even sang in the church choir. His favorite hymn was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." He was a devout believer and was never known to swear or use foul language. When he first joined Quantrill, as Jesse was cleaning his pistol it accidentally went off shooting off the tip of the third finger . of his left hand. Rather than cursing Jesse reportedly uttered, "That's the dod-dingus pistol I ever saw!" After that the nickname "Dingus" stuck with him.

Both Frank and Jesse found themselves surrounded by fellow Baptists in Quantrill's company. Quantrill was known to be a regular attendee of the Oak Grove Baptist Church where Hiram Bowman was the pastor. A large group of his men were members of the West Fork of the Little Blue Baptist Church in the Brooking Township of Jackson County and many others from eastern Jackson County were members of the Six Mile Baptist Church near Sibley, Missouri.

At the end of the war when Jesse attempted to surrender under a flag of truce with a group of guerrillas led by Lieutenant Archie Clement to Union authorities in Lexington, Missouri they were fired on by Federal soldiers. Jesse was wounded and lay for two days before a local farmer found him and took him to Reverend Hiram Bowman's home in Oak Grove before being carried to his mother to be cared for.

Being part of Quantrill's guerrillas kept Frank and Jesse from being able to return to their home and peaceful pursuits after the war. Hounded by Federal vigilantes intent on murdering the brothers and plundering their property the James boys were driven from their home and forced to go into hiding and seek revenge by other than honorable means. Even while hiding out from the authorities while visiting old guerrilla friends in Kentucky, like Donnie and Bud Pence and Bob, Tom and Ike

Hall, Frank James taught Sunday School at the New Salem Baptist Church in Deatsville near Samuel's Depot.

Since the death of the James brothers their lives have become the unwanted brunt of myriad, sensationalized, Hollywood, stereotypical, wild-west outlaw books and movies. But a look at historical fact shows that the truth is often stranger than fiction.

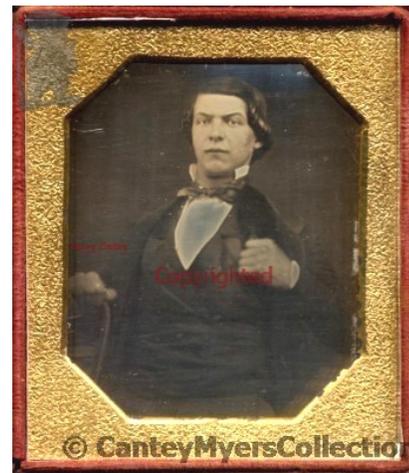
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Hughes Camp swears in New Member Darron B Howell, Sr.

At the February meeting we swore in one of our latest members, **Darron B Howell, Sr.** The Ancestor that Darron honors on his SCV Certificate is **Pvt. Needom Martin, Co. C, 11th Battalion, Louisiana Infantry.** Needom enlisted on May 7th, 1862, in Natchitoches Parish, LA. Unfortunately for Needom, he died on February 1, 1863. It does not say what he died from in his records. He is buried in Zion Hill Cemetery in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Darron is married to Sherrie, and they have 4 children, Cozette, Whitney, Sarah, and Darron III, and 2 Grandchildren.

Darron served for 28 years with the Marines and the Army. He had various MOS's but specialized in recruiting, where he recruited 106 Marines and 450 Soldiers. He was recognized by the Missouri Legislature for recruiting over 500 people into the military. One of his recruits was a young man that Darron had pulled from a burning car.

Darron loves hunting, fishing, golf and reenacting. Darron is a Lt. in Landis Battery. He is also an Ararat Shriner, 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knights Templar Mason with the York Rite. He is the Senior Deacon at Lodge 337 AF&AM.

Salute to Darron and Needom Martins Service! Welcome aboard!



In the photos above, at the top Adjutant Yeatman has Darron take his oath to the SCV, and below, Commander Coffman presents Darron with his SCV Certificate.

John J Jancek Jr presented his Friends of the SCV Membership

In February we presented **John Jancek** with his Friends of the SCV membership. John signed up for this at a recruitment booth last summer. He is a lifelong Independence, MO resident. He's married to wife Cindy, and he has 2 children, 3 step children and one step grandchild.

John worked for 43 years for Union Pacific Railroad. He was an Assistant LR for 30 years and LR for 4 years for Union 1403 UTU and also served on the State Legislature Board for 4 years.

His Hobbies consist of hunting, fishing, and camping. He also likes to cook over an open fire with cast iron, as well as trying his hand at smoking meats. He also likes riding ATVs and tying fishing flies.

John also helps with the Optimist Club. He says he's a Jack of all trades and Master of None!

Welcome aboard John!



Above, Commander Coffman presents John with his Friends of the SCV Certificate.

