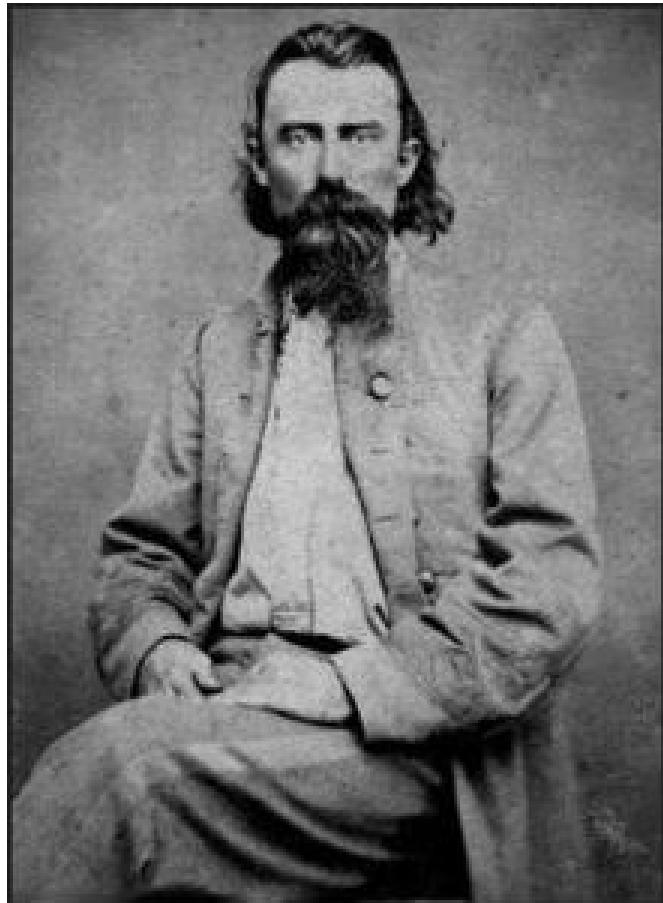




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Joseph O. "Jo" Shelby

**Famous Missouri Confederate cavalry general.** He was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on December 12, 1830, to Orville and Anna Boswell Shelby. Shelby led Missouri troops thru out the war. At the end of the war he refused to surrender and went to Mexico with many of his men. When Maximillian fell in Mexico, Shelby returned to Missouri where he went on to become a US Marshall. He never did take the oath of allegiance.



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## Message from the Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots:** This message is an article about Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States of America 1861-1865. It is called 10 Things You Did Not Know About Jefferson Davis by *Christopher Klein of the history Channel*.

**1. Davis was not a secessionist leader.** Less than two months before his inauguration as Confederate president, U.S.



Senator Jefferson Davis opposed secession for his home state of Mississippi. While Mississippi Governor John J. Pettus and other state leaders advocated immediate secession in the weeks following the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln, Davis urged caution. While he firmly believed states had the constitutional right to secede from the Union, he was among a committee of 13 U.S. senators who attempted to find a suitable compromise after South Carolina left the Union in December 1860. After Mississippi seceded in January 1861, Davis declared that his allegiance to his state required him to abide by its decision and leave the U.S. Senate.

**2. As a West Point cadet, Davis was arrested for participating in the “Eggnog Riot.”**

Although alcohol had been banned at the U.S. Military Academy after a rowdy Fourth of July party the year before, the teenaged Davis was among the cadets who smuggled liquor into the barracks for a yuletide drinking party before reveille on Christmas morning in 1826. Officers who discovered the illegal party placed Davis under arrest in his room. Nearly 100 other inebriated cadets, however, disobeyed officers' orders and began to break windows, smash furniture and even draw swords against their superiors. Davis was confined to his quarters for more than six weeks, but his compliance when arrested likely spared him the fate of a dozen of his fellow cadets, who were expelled for their participation in the “Eggnog Riot.”

**3. He was named after a Founding Father.**

The Confederate president was named after his father's political hero and the sitting American president at the time of his birth—Thomas Jefferson. *Coffman continued on page 5...*

**May Meeting at Courthouse Exchange on the square!**

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## Camp Calendar

**May 12th, 7:00 PM Camp Meeting      Courthouse Exchange Restaurant 113 W Lexington Ave Independ, Mo 64050** Ok guys, we're going back to the Courthouse Exchange restaurant for this month. Speaker still to be determined as of press time. We'll come up with something good for you!



**Note in Big Letters! We're back to Ernie's in Sugar Creek!**

**June 4th, 2016** Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, MO. Get there around 11 or so. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic if you'd like. Uniformed men needed for color guard. Show should start somewhere around Noon!

**Br. Gen. John T  
Hughes**

## What's been happening on the Western Front..

### April 14th Camp Meeting...

We tried out a new place in April at Stix and Stones on 24 Hwy. They were very nice to us there and all of that. The meeting space wasn't adequate though, parking lot was pretty tough, and probably the food wasn't as good. Pretty much mixed reviews on the location at best. So for this month, **I've locked down the Courthouse Exchange on the square**

I tried to lock down to return to Ernie's Restaurant, it's the best of our 3 choices in our area. However, I've been unable to speak with management, I've called them, I've missed their return calls, life is crazy. I'm pretty sure we are more than welcomed back, but as of press time I didn't have that nailed down, so I called the Courthouse Exchange.

**At the exchange, get there and eat out in the main dining area. We will have no server for the backroom unless we pay \$50. So we'll eat out front starting around 6, then move to the meeting room for 7 PM.**

We did have **John Moloski** speak to us about possible flag pole locations along I-49 in Cass County. He does have a farm there pretty close off I-49 on the west side, but it's just far enough off the highway to make the site lines of a pole less than optimal. He asked the camps permission to represent us in seeking out a location to lease or buy for a big flag pole. The Camp made a motion and passed it to make John the point man in that search. That is his turf and he has some likely spots picked out to investigate.

Thanks to John for taking the lead in that important project! Buy him a beer when you see him, that's a lot of leg work.

**Chris Edwards** also gave us a presentation on an Historical/Educational show he intends to get up

and running in Branson. The purpose of the show is to educate while entertaining the public about the South, the war, and our heroes. The show will be called, "***Under the Black Flag, an interview with Frank James***". Chris believes that education of the public will greatly help with our public relations issues, and that Branson will be a great venue for such, given its high level of tourism. Chris is working with marketing companies etc to advertise the show, and there are several theaters available to host it. Thanks to Chris Edwards for doing this. He's a talented performer and musician, and those skills will help him in this endeavor.



**We're going back to the Courthouse Exchange Restaurant for May!**

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Here are some Hughes Camp special deals:

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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

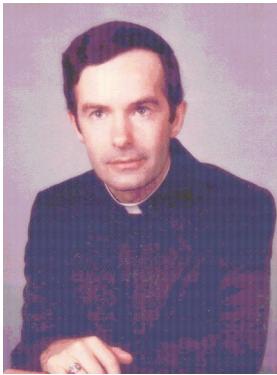
And the last one is "The Homefront in Civil War Missouri" by James W. Erwin. \$18.00

**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



Christ told a story concerning the deaths and eternal fates of Lazarus and a man named, for convenient reference, Dives. Lazarus went to a place of rest; Dives went to a "...place of torment." (Lk. 16:19-31) Dives pleaded that somebody

might come to where he was to bring him relief and that somebody might go from where Lazarus was to warn Dives' brothers. Both requests were denied and he was informed that "...between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us." A similar chasm also prevented the casual passage of souls back and forth between the dimensions of time and eternity.

We have been cautioned "...that in the last days there will come times of stress" or "perious time." (II Tim. 3:1, 8) Men will revolt against the civilizing effects of Judaeo-Christian morality and common sense. The resulting escalation of rampant perversion is equated to raging insanity, all because men "...oppose the truth..." To oppose truth is to repudiate reality, the quality of being factual and true to life.

Until recent times, man has recognized that a great chasm has also been fixed between reality (truth) and fantasy (fiction). At New Years in medieval Europe, people celebrated the Feast of Fools. Similar to Mardi Gras and Halloween of today, fantasy mocked reality when the two were temporarily inverted for fun. A court jester could pretend to be king for a day and a king could impersonate a peasant. Nothing was taken seriously; that was the whole point of it all. Such is no longer the case in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Feast of Fools is being treated not as a mocking of life, but seriously as a way of life.

Unsatisfied with the definition of reality and seeking to break the power of facts, New Age philosophy emphasizes relativism. All limitations are ignored and all rules of logic are suspended to evade uncomfortable confrontation with real-life issues and consequences and to redefine and restructure reality

according to illusion. Without considering feasibility, one only needs a prolific imagination. New Age adherents say, "The best way to predict the future is to invent it." Just envision a radical alternative to the present that is not based on historical fact, which can be revised out of existence, and is not meant to be a natural, logical, and quantitative extension into the future. This form of pseudo-creativity is modern man's latest attempt to create his own world *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) and thereby "...be like God..." (Gen. 3:5) From the very onset, those who fantasize "...became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (Rom. 1:21)

When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, the British band played *The World Turned Upside Down*. Delusionists live as if their dreams are real, as if reality were turned upside down. For example, computer technology has enhanced what only movies used to do. Both encourage imagining living in what has come to be called virtual reality. Since the 1960's, drug abuse has become a means of inducing the expansion of one's horizons into a dream world. Past and current issues affecting our society are no longer dealt with in a rational way. Memories are persistently relived as if they were reflections of current events. The WBTS is redefined as a conflagration against slavery, not the demagoguery associated with the central government we have today. In the face of survivors and the camps that confined them, the Holocaust is being blatantly denied. The Constitution is creatively reinterpreted by reading into it things its words do not say. National borders, critical to defining us as a nation, are being ignored and imagined away. Personal and national lifestyles are built on a non-existent foundation of endless credit and swelling debt. Even our currency, backed by nothing and fiat, seems to make liquid assets another illusion. The fictional theory of evolution is used to supplant the Biblical explanation of creation. **Rudd continued on page 6...**



*Coffman continued from page 1...*

**4. A future U.S. president was his father-in-law.**

After graduating from West Point, Davis was stationed in the Wisconsin Territory under Colonel Zachary Taylor. In August 1832, near the conclusion of the Black Hawk War, Davis met the colonel's daughter, 18-year-old Sarah Knox Taylor. The pair fell in love, but for two years Taylor denied Davis permission to marry his daughter until finally relenting. Less than three months after they wed on June 17, 1835, Sarah died of malaria. During the Mexican-American War, Davis once again served under Taylor, and his heroics at the Battle of Buena Vista in 1847 reportedly caused the American general to say apologetically to his one-time son-in-law, "My daughter, sir, was a better judge of men than I was." Taylor's wartime exploits propelled him to win the presidential election of 1848.

**5. Davis served as U.S. Secretary of War.**

Just eight years before assuming the presidency of the Confederacy, Davis led the U.S. military as Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce, a fellow Democrat whom he had supported in the election of 1852. In his post, Davis attempted to innovate the military, advocated for the federal government to build a transcontinental railroad, supported the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico and supervised the expansion of the U.S. Capitol.

**6. He established the U.S. Camel Corps.**

Since horses and mules had difficulty traversing the arid territories of the West newly acquired by the United States in the 1840s and 1850s, Secretary of War Davis received congressional approval to purchase camels from the Middle East to use as military pack animals. The Camel Corps experiment showed some promise but ultimately fizzled when the outbreak of the Civil War took priority and the development of the railroad ultimately proved the idea obsolete.

**7. Contrary to reports, Davis was not dressed as a woman when captured.**

When Davis was seized on the drizzly predawn morning of May 10, 1865, he was wearing a loose-fitting, water-repellent overcoat, similar to a poncho, and his wife's black shawl over his head and shoulders. Yankee newspapers twisted the story and gleefully reported that Davis had been captured

while disguised in women's clothing, while popular lithographs portrayed caricatures of Davis in hoop skirts and bonnets. Secretary of War Edwin Stanton kept the overcoat and shawl from public view rather than puncture the myth.

**8. Abolitionist Horace Greeley and other notable Northerners posted his bail.**

Davis was imprisoned in Virginia's Fort Monroe for two years after his capture during which time he was indicted for treason. In May 1867, he was released on \$100,000 bail, most of which was posted by a surprising group—prominent Northerners including Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune, business magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt and Gerrit Smith, who was among the "Secret Six" who funded John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry. The Northerners advocated for a speedy trial or release of Davis in order to heal the country.

**9. Davis never stood trial for treason.**

Ultimately, the case of United States v. Jefferson Davis never went to trial, a decision finalized in 1869. The federal government reached its decision in part because it feared that Davis would either prove to a jury that secession was legally permitted under the U.S. Constitution or he would be transformed into a martyr if convicted and executed.

**10. His U.S. citizenship wasn't restored until 1978.**

An amnesty bill that restored citizenship to Confederate leaders in 1876 specifically excluded Davis, and the former Confederate president did not fight the decision. "It has been said that I should apply to the United States for a pardon. But repentance must precede the right of pardon, and I have not repented," Davis told the Mississippi Legislature in 1884, before adding, "If it were all to do over again, I would again do just as I did in 1861." Davis remained a man without a country for more than a century until President Jimmy Carter on October 17, 1978, signed a measure passed by the U.S. Congress that restored American citizenship to Davis.

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**Rudd Continued from page 4...** The ideology of Islam and its adherents promote hate, conquest, and death, yet some insist it is a religion of peace. Ignoring all scientific evidence, abortion is described as mere family planning and the right to choose, never admitting that what is chosen is infanticide. Denying the obvious facts of simple anatomy and biology, marriage is being redefined to accommodate sodomy and one's gender is imagined to be a state of mind. A cursory reading of the irreconcilable differences in the doctrines contained in the documents and texts of the various religions should make it incontrovertibly clear that in order for all religions to lead to the same deity, that deity would have to be as schizophrenic as the promoters of such nonsense. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil..." (Isa. 5:20) Those who have lost their sense of direction would have us consult one of those signs of a map with an arrow pointing to a caption informing "You are here" only to discover that the sign is not located where it should be.

When Adam and Eve lost their spiritual orientation, "...the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God..." (Gen. 3:8) "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Ps. 14:1) Modern man, in his attempt to evade the limitations of truth and morality that are inseparable components of reality, hides from God by pretending there is no God in spite of all evidence to the contrary.

For what can be known about God is plain to them (men who by their wickedness suppress the truth), because God has shown it to them.  
Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature...has  
been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they  
are without excuse... (Rom. 1:18-20)

Those who would follow Alice into Wonderland criticize Christians' hope of Heaven as escapist mentality. Christian faith and hope actually increase interest in reality. What we do in this life affects the blessings we experience now and the judgement we experience in eternity. We are to be like the men of Issachar, willing and able to understand the times and know what ought to be done. (I Chron. 12:32) Instead of seeking to change society through visions conjured up by relativism and groundless imaginations, let us first envision ourselves being changed by putting "...on the new nature, created after the likeness of God..." (Eph. 4:24)

**Fr Richard W. Rudd**  
**Hughes Camp Chaplain**



Hughes Camp presented two JROTC Hunley Awards in April. To the left, Steve Cockrell presents to **1st Lt. Coleil Goss-Short** at Lee's Summit North High School. On the right, Larry Yeatman presents to **SMS Alex Bruce** of Lee's Summit West High School.



**April 14th Meeting:** We swore in two new members at the April Camp meeting. To the left, Chaplain Richard Rudd swears in Chad Martin (left) and Cameron Simpson (right)

**Chad Martin**, second picture from top. Chad lives in Raymore Missouri. Chad is the son of Jackie Roberts and step son of Camp Member Jay Roberts. Chad served in the US Navy from 1989 to 1990. He is single but has a 21 year old son named Chase and a 16 year old daughter named Chelsea. Chad is disabled and not working right now. He enjoys tinkering with CB radios, history and the SCV. He likes to work our booths at the various events we go to.



The Ancestor Chad honors on his SCV Certificate is his GGG Grandfather, **Private George Washington Polgrave, Co. E, 1st Kentucky Cavalry**. George enlisted on September 10th, 1862 at Lexington, KY. He was captured at Missionary Ridge on November 25th, 1863 and sent to Rock Island prison. He survived all that and died on April 8th, 1923 and is buried in Holt, Missouri in Highland Cemetery.

**Salute to Private Polgrave and Chad Martin!**

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**Cameron Alan Simpson**, left, is the son of Member Reed Simpson. Cameron's occupation is construction and geology. He lives in Lee's Summit area. The ancestor Cameron honors on his certificate is **Private Samuel McCutcheon Simpson, Co. A, 16th Missouri Infantry**. Samuel enlisted in Jackson County Missouri on August 18th, 1862 under Cpt. Lisle. He was Arkansas for some period of time as he was listed as sick and in the hospital in Little Rock on April 25th, 1863. He survived the war and died on June 13th, 1913, and is buried in Thomas Cemetery in Cass Country.

**Salute to Private Simpson and Cameron Simpson!**

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#### Missouri Division Convention

Hughes Camp was presented the John Newman Edwards award at the convention for best newsletter in the Division. To the left, Commander Darrell Maples presents to award to Editor Larry Yeatman.

We had a record attendance at this years convention and had CinC Kelly Barrow and Ronald Kennedy speak to us. We had quite a few camp members present. Keith Daleen was elected to be the new Division Commander, and Jim Bushart is the new Society Commander.