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Wreaths Across America

On December 15th, 2018, the UDC sponsored Wreaths Across America at the Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Higginsville, MO. Hughes Camp members participated in the Color Guard. Wreaths Across America occurs on the same date and time at Veteran Cemeteries from coast to coast. This event was very well done by the Missouri Division UDC, and Missouri Division SCV Commander Keith Daleen was one of the speakers.



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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The Hughes Camp Christmas Party was success this year. Everyone that attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to all who attended, there was good food and nice presents for everyone during the gift exchange. I know for a fact that our camp chaplain Richard Rudd is happy with his gift.!



I went down to Georgia and visited Andersonville prisoner of war camp for the Yankee invaders. Everyone starved there including the Confederate officers and guards. Lincoln used those Yankee soldiers as sacrificial lambs all the while Sherman raped, pillaged, and destroyed Georgia all for the good of the Imperial Socialist Empire, to make the prisoner of war camp Confederate Captain Heinrich Hartman Wirz look bad. He was hung for war crimes against the Imperial Socialist Empire. See pictures of me in this issue of the Hughes News at the Confederate Monument to Captain Heinrich Hartman Wirz.

Next meeting I will have SCV membership cards for those that have not received them yet. Also, I will have some samples of clothing with SCV logos. You can get an idea of what the clothing and hats will look like for Hughes Camp members.

Lee Jackson supper is January 12th, 2019 at Lake of the Ozarks. I will be attending this celebration and I hope a lot of you can make it.

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Camp Calendar

January 10th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *Courthouse Exchange 113 West Lexington, Independence, MO 64050 (816) 252-0344*

We'll swear in new officers and new member Anthony Hudson. Due to the holiday slump, we're still working on the speaker!

January 12th 5:00PM *Lee Jackson Dinner, Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, Mo* Registration flyer is enclosed. If you're just seeing this for the first time, ***mail your check today and email Division Adjutant Don Bowman that you have mailed the check and how many are coming: dnbowman@socket.net***



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

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I will see you all at the meeting on the 10th of January, when we will swear in new officers.

Yours in the Bonds of Confederate Brotherhood,

Jason-Nathaniel: Coffman

John T. Hughes Camp 614 Commander



Commander Coffman at the Monument of Captain Heinrich Hartman Wirz near Andersonville. Awesome monument, we knew how to build them in those days.



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Wreaths Across America, Confederate Memorial Cemetery, Higginsville, MO.

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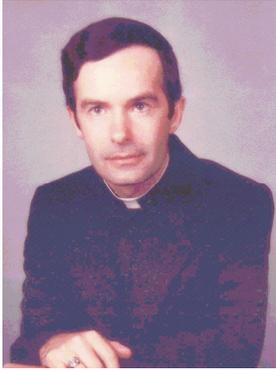
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Salute!



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd...



In my hometown, a story is told about a priest of Irish descent who became legendary during his long tenure in this parish. When he arrived here in the early 1900's, the KKK was active in this area and some members, clad in white sheets, decided to call on the new priest. When they

announced their presence outside the rectory, the priest greeted them with his gun and asked which of them would like to be the first to receive the last rites. In the verbal exchange that ensued, he recognized some of their voices, one belonging to a member of a family that owned a business on the courthouse square. In the back of the store was a heating stove where local men, KKK members included, gathered to pass the time of day. Not long after the encounter at the rectory, the new priest walked into the store and joined the group assembled around the stove. With repeated visits as time passed, he was gradually accepted as one of the good old boys.

In the years since the KKK was organized, it has been accused of promoting racist as well as anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic views. Whether or not the stories that convey history are pleasant or not, the truth needs to be told from generation to generation without politically-correct editing, revisionism, or personal bias.

Several months ago in Popular Bluff, Missouri, a history teacher asked his students to give presentations on constitutional amendments. Each student wore a costume associated with the amendment they studied. One of the students discussed the 15th Amendment which guaranteed freed slaves the right to vote and wore the costume of a Klansman for illustration. Instead of a white sheet, thin-skinned liberals saw a red flag and erupted in self-induced convulsions of hysteria. The instructor was accused of insensitivity and lapsed judgment, suspended, threatened with termination, and subjected to groveling at the feet of foaming-at-the-mouth fanatics with profuse apologies and pleas for forgiveness.

One of the leaders of the mob out to "lynch" the instructor was a Negro pastor who seemed to exercise an inordinate amount of influence over the public school district's superintendent. Why does this not upset the same liberals who demand the separation of church and state? By exaggerating this event out of proportion, all of the district's teachers will now be subjected to "diversity" training. It is a strategy common to liberals to enact their agenda by exploiting the emotions of fear and hate. They throw tantrums and create chaos, then promise to restore order and peace if they get their way. Allowing them to have their way only concedes defeat, inflames their passions, and evades truth and lasting peace. To paraphrase Franklin, those who give up their freedom of expression for temporary peace deserve neither freedom nor peace. Critics of the history teacher attempted to justify their anger by noting that hate crimes have increased in the last three years. How many hate crimes have been committed by liberals, like Antifa and their sympathizers, against conservatives and Christians? These same critics demand that "...some education on these hurtful symbols and their history is very much in order." It is also hurtful that Confederate and Christian symbols are increasingly under attack. Yes, let's educate students about their true history and what they really symbolize instead of creating an inaccurate and even libelous curriculum of propaganda under the misnomers of "history" and "education." One of the students in Poplar Bluff rightly asked why the instructor was being attacked when, after all, the class dealt with history. Ironically, the report of this incident never once mentioned the content of the student's presentation; all of the attention was disproportionately focused solely on their costume.

On the campuses of school districts and colleges, liberals seek to rewrite and teach a version of history that caters to their sensitivities. Like Napoleon, they ask, "What is history but a fable agreed upon?" Robert Walpole, Britain's first prime minister, declared, "All history is a lie." Liberal's version of history would make that statement true. They insist that the WBTS was over slavery, the Founding Fathers were deists, the US was never a nation of Christians, and the Holocaust never happened. Where history is concerned, I cannot quote often

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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.

A Momentous Defeat of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry

In the year 1864, General Sterling Price was ordered to make a raid into Missouri in an attempt to recapture Missouri for the Confederacy after the state having suffered through three torturous years of Federal brutality and atrocities. In late June 1864, Price sent Captain John Chestnut into Jackson County carrying special instructions to the guerrillas preceding his upcoming raid by ordering them to soften up the Union defenders by raiding outposts, ambushing patrols, cutting telegraph wires, disrupting lines of communication, attacking foraging parties, burning bridges, and tearing up track before meeting him in Boonville in the heart of Little Dixie during the fall of 1864.

William Clarke Quantrill at the head of the most renowned guerrilla unit in the Southern army had already made his way into Howard County by late spring. Before he departed with a bodyguard of his most trusted soldiers Quantrill left his second-in-command, Captain George Todd, in charge of forty guerrillas with orders to continue to disrupt the Union army in Jackson County.

By 1864 Federal strategy had changed and now there were twice as many Federal soldiers patrolling along the border trying to put an end to guerrilla resistance. During the month of May the Federals had chased Todd's band from place to place, giving them no peace or rest. Newly arrived troops of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry, commanded by Col. James H. Ford, were stationed in Independence and had been actively combing through the Sni and Blue Hills on Todd's trail. They had made repeated threats that, if they ever met up with the guerrillas, they would exterminate the entire command. Todd decided to lure them out of their garrison and into an open ambush.

On a hot July 6th, eight miles south of Independence, on the Independence to Harrisonville road, the guerrillas gathered at an old rendezvous at the Howard farm. From here they rode to the nearby farm of the Widow Moore, and in the early morning hours they cut the telegraph wires along the road, knowing that it would bring the Federals out to reconnoiter. The guerrillas took up positions in the woods opposite the Moore farm and waited. Just down the road and only a quarter of a mile from the Moore farm was an open field in the half-mile-wide valley of the Little Blue. It was here the guerrillas planned to pounce on the anticipated Federal patrol. The ambush was set up along a long hill on the south of the Little Blue, where the road led up from the bottomland to higher land on the south. Commonly referred to by the guerrillas as Manasseth Gap, it followed up a branch between hills on either side and was covered with brush. Todd stationed pickets at either end of the ambush site to give the alarm when the Federals approached.

Manasseth Gap was an ideal place for an ambush. The ridge on either side was high enough that the attacking party could fire down on the road, and the sides were so steep it was almost impossible for a man on horseback to climb up. One of the guerrillas stated, "Most of our men were in the edge of the brush on the east side of the road. South of the cut, on the opposite side, was an open field that looked as though it had been in wheat for the last crop that had been raised on it." The guerrillas waited patiently until two o'clock that afternoon. Their patience lasted only another two hours. Todd and Lee McMurtry crossed the road and went into the Widow Moore's house after hitching their horses outfront. Almost immediately the pickets gave the alarm that about twenty Federals of

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enough Santayana, who said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Consequently, we witness gangs of thugs like Antifa repeat the tactics of Nazi brown shirts in the streets of our cities. Denial of the Holocaust is fueling the rise of anti-Semitic and anti-Christian hatred on college campuses. Christians, Jews, and those with conservative views, intimidated by their teachers and fellow students, are afraid to exercise their freedom of speech or do so in restricted areas and behind closed doors in hushed tones.

Jonathan Haidt wrote a book entitled *The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation For Failure*. Today's liberals and their proteges, students who will be the next generation of adults, have tunnel vision, acute sensitivity, and higher levels of intolerance because they have been over-protected and sheltered from failures, disappointments, and perceived offenses that are all part of reality. Unable to cope with experiences and ideas they find disturbing, there is an increased need for counselling due to depression and anxiety. The newest movement at colleges across the nation is the acceptance that failure, uncomfortable as it is, can be a beneficial experience and that learning from our failures and those of others can give one strength and resilience. Building on this revelation, how much longer will it take before these same people experience the epiphany that a return to freedom of expression and civil debate of different ideas will also produce strength and resilience? The answer to that question will determine our success or failure as individual citizens and collectively as a nation of Americans.

Fr. Richard W. Rudd
Hughes Camp Chaplain

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Company C, 2nd Colorado Cavalry under Captain Seymour W. Wagner were coming down the road. Todd and McMurtry ran out of the house and made their way down the road, closely followed by the Federal cavalry. Springing to the aid of his comrades, Dick Yeager ordered the rest of the guerrillas to charge. Seeing guerrillas gaining on them from the rear, the Federals guided their

horses off the road and into the timber, where they tried to escape on foot. Yeager commanded his men to dismount and follow the fleeing Federals. Just as they dismounted, they heard someone yell, "Charge!" and looked back to see the rest of the Colorado cavalry, numbering around forty-two men charging down on them. Yeager immediately commanded the guerrillas to remount, face about, and charge. The guerrillas were still able to attack in the open field just as they had planned. Todd's men were all armed with double-barreled shotguns and a double brace of Colt Navy revolvers. One guerrilla remembered, "None of our men had less than two, and some of them three and four Colt's six-shooters, while the Federals only had one, with carbine and saber." Wagner's men carried Spencer carbines and an inferior patterned Savage revolver.

Amid the rearing and plunging of horses, carbines were useless. The smoke and the dust raised by the animals soon got so thick that it was almost impossible to distinguish friend from foe, and men had to be careful to identify their targets for fear it would be one of their own men.

The guerrillas charged through the Federal line with pistols blazing. Then they wheeled their horses and charged again with the same deadly effect. Seven times they charged and wheeled about until the Federals were out of ammunition with no time to reload. The Federals then attempted to charge the guerrillas with sabers. Armed with a double brace of revolvers apiece, the guerrillas had just begun to fight. When they discovered that the Federal guns were empty, they got as close to them as possible and used their revolvers to the best advantage.

Every man on both sides knew that it was a fight to the death; no quarter was asked or given. At the first rush, Yeager rode straight at Wagner. The Union captain shot off half of Yeager's mustache in the melee before he himself fell from his horse, shot through the body. They then had a hand-to-hand fight. Wagner was wounded but kept advancing on foot with a pistol in each hand. A Federal report stated: "The foe came rushing on until the combatants were mingled together, fighting a hand-to-hand encounter midst the fallen dead and dying

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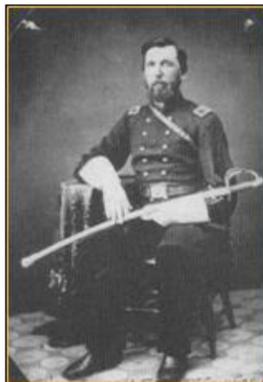
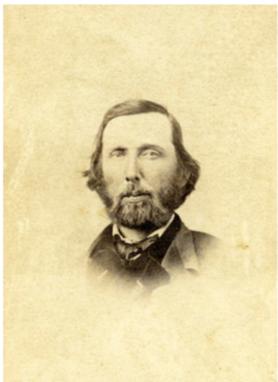
until gallant Wagoner fell, mortally wounded.”

Some of the Colorado's horses became unmanageable, so they dismounted to fight on foot. These men perished where they stood. One guerrilla remembered: "I saw a man draw his saber and start for me. I waited until he got nearly close enough to hit me with it, then I aimed a shot at his body. The shot must have struck a vital part for the saber immediately dropped from his hand. As quick as I possibly could, I fired two more shots. When I fired the last shot my pistol was not three feet from his body. His horse went on past me and the rider did not fall from him until he had gotten 15 or 20 paces beyond." The Coloradoans were credited with fighting fearlessly and desperately, but without effect. They had shot their pistols too low, which resulted in only wounding three guerrillas; Ike Flanery, Henry Porter and Warren Welch, and killing five of the guerrilla's horses and wounding six or seven more. Todd took muster after this brief but hotly contested skirmish, and all his men answered up. The guerrillas killed twenty-seven of Wagner's men while capturing twenty-four horses, thirty revolvers, and thirty-two Spencer rifles. The rest of Wagner's men retreated into the timber or back towards Independence with the guerrillas in hot pursuit. Some of the Federals at this engagement were mounted on better horses and managed to escape. Dick Kinney, Frank James and Ike Flanery followed the routed enemy in sight of Independence, James killing his fourth man within fifty steps of the picket post. Afterwards the Coloradoans were very cautious when they saw any of Quantrill's men and managed to keep their distance.

A Northern monument to the fallen of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry is standing in Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence, Missouri where nine of the killed were buried while the remaining eighteen killed were shipped back to their homes for burial.

Article by Paul R. Petersen

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Col. John H. Ford
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