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Look who Gieselle found in Fairview Cemetery! We're unsure if it's a John Harp or a John Harris. At first we thought Harris, who rode with Quantrill. And it may be him, Cemetery has a John Harp. Either way, it says Ex Confederate on the marker and it looks like he's due for a marker upgrade. Gieselle found him by accident, Stone is knocked over and laying flat.



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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots

The Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans 2021 Reunion is coming up on April 9th and 10th. The location will be in Neosho Missouri. This will be the 160th Anniversary of Missouri states secession from the Union. They even signed the Ordinance of Secession in the town of Neosho. I have already sent my registration in for this event and I hope to see lots in attendance from Hughes Camp there. Campbell's Company Camp 2252 is hosting this event and they have a lot of good things to offer.



The Campbell's Company Camp 2252 have been very active in Southwestern Missouri state since they were first chartered. They are very well known, and I would say they have way more support from the locals down there than Hughes Camp does. Hughes Camp does not have much support from the locals because we are surrounded, basically by damn Communists. The Liberty Cemetery Grave Marker fracas is still on going, with the whole world going to hell you would think the meddling Communist would have other matters to worry about. But no, even if an asteroid was headed to earth to kill us all, we must get rid of those pesky reminders of the Confederacy first is their Satanic childlike thinking. The perimeter stone border around the UDC monument in the cemetery in Independence is still in waiting. Once this Liberty fracas is over we can concentrate on that. Festivals this year so far have been canceled until further notice. Richmond already canceled its Mushroom Festival. If you know of a festival happening this year contact myself or Larry Yeatman. Make sure the festival would be in a friendly area not full of Communists. I hope you all are getting emails. If you are not getting emails from either jasonncoffman@yahoo.com or scv614mo@yahoo.com please send an email to either of those two email addresses and I will put you on the email list. I will see you all at the next meeting.

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Camp Calendar

February 11th 7:00 PM Camp Meeting *New Meeting Place!*
Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016. Paul Petersen will be our speaker, and has 2 videos he has created to show us.

April 9th and 10th *Missouri Division and Missouri Society Reunion.* Registration flyer enclosed. Men, we have some guys with talent putting on this convention! Check out the flyer, you'll notice it's chock full of info. Deadline to get the cheapest price is February 9th, so jump on that early bird special! Lot's of things to consider on the flyer, neat souvenirs available etc. So look it over closely. But, this event is well planned with some new ideas, should be a great event!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, January 14th, 2021

We didn't have a speaker per se in January, but Reed Simpson gave us a report on his trip to DC to hear President Trump speak at the National Mall. Reed and his daughter went there to see the President. He said it was a moving and rousing speech, and everyone was very attentive to him, and the crowd was very respectful and disciplined.

He said, that the crowd that was there to see and support the President was there watching Trump until past 1 pm. But we now know that a group of hooligans was down at the capitol as early as Noon. And it was them that rioted down there. They were rioting and breaking in by 12:30. They were not part of the Trump supporters at all. But of course, that was all Trumps fault, somehow. Boy's, we've been had! That was Antifa types there at the Capitol and they never miss an opportunity to riot. They were the useful idiots of the Dems, if not flat put up to it by the Dems.

Hitler did about the same thing, created a riot, blamed some other people, and used that as the excuse to take over. History repeating itself before our very eyes!

Ok, on to business! Larry Yeatman floated the ideal, we need to come up with a Hall or meeting place of our own. With all the anti history and cancel culture going on, even if the Covid ends, we'll probably never get a restaurant to let us meet in

their place again. Maybe we just need our own place, and be more like the Mason's, the Elk Lodges, etc. So we passed a motion to create a working group to look into buying a building.

But what I'm thinking is, Hughes Camp can't get financing. I'm thinking, form an LLC of willing partners, That group kick in some dough to help with a 20% down payment, then that LLC applies for a loan. The LLC members would all have to have good credit, as we'll have to personally guarantee the loan. The LLC buys the building, and basically makes the payment and other expense. It's the LLC's building, but for the use of Hughes Camp. Then one day when it's paid off, we donate it to Hughes Camp and we all take our charitable donation! Crappy plan I know! But it could work, and probably would not be unbearable per person with enough partners.

We'd have a place to archive records, maybe even the entire division records, as record keeping is living in boxes in peoples basements just waiting to get pitched in the estate sale when we die. And we're acquiring properties with titles, we need a permanent place. Our own kitchen, our own bar!

Now, we could go with a moderate commercial building, or , we could go bigger, like American Legion halls, Elks Lodges etc, and revenue by renting it out for wedding receptions. Those facilities are in big demand. Now the place pays for

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Salute!

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Itself, and maybe we could make some real money at it for the organization. But those Elks Lodges, all get started by the members at the personal level. Maybe we can do such a thing. And leave a lasting legacy of a revenue stream for the future.

If you would like to be part of the working group, email Larry Yeatman at larryyeatman@msn.com. But the working group, really needs to be the core group that can afford to contribute to this thing, sign on the dotted line, and we make it happen.

Now my last thought on that is, we can form the group, talk to a bank etc, But then maybe, don't jump too quick. Let's see what's going to happen here in general in the country. This thing could go sideways. The USA could easily fall apart, States balkanize etc. We don't know what the left will do here, but it's probably not going to be good, whatever it is! As individuals, we probably need to be pretty flexible right now. But, we can look into it, then read the tea leaves, see how things go here.

Legislative Update...

I've been looking at various bills filed by the Missouri House of Reps. It's disappointingly business as usual. But I do see the following bill:

HB55 Schnelting, Adam

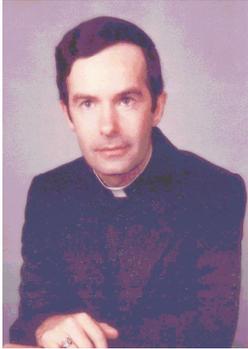
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I don't know what the entire bill says, it probably protects everything other than Confederate Monuments! You might call your reps and ask they support the bill. *LTY*



Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



"The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises" (Eccles. 1:5); the cyclical pattern of history never ceases to intrigue. Contrasting current events with their historical counterparts is like viewing reflections in a mirror.

The first pair of cyclical events

begins with the War of 1812. The British invaded the US, then marched into Washington, D.C., to seize and occupy public buildings including the capitol and White House. Dolly Madison fled with what valuables she could carry. Then, in the 21st century, the cycle came full circle in two phases. First, the continental US had never been attacked again until 9/11/01. Next, on 1/6/21, a group once again marched on the capitol, seizing and occupying the building, sending the occupants fleeing for safety. The difference in this latter event is that it was motivated by emotion instead of reason, unorganized, and did not have a clear objective. It gave the participants a fleeting emotional high, sabotaged the strategy of sympathetic members of Congress, accomplished nothing for the conservative cause, imitated the barbarism of Antifa, conceded to liberals the illusion of occupying the moral high ground they did not earn and do not deserve, and put conservatives on the defensive wasting time and resources on damage control. The liberal media continuously shows the capitol being attacked. Yet, they say nothing about the liberal mayor of D.C. calling for the destruction of the Washington and Jefferson Monuments. Now, attention is focused on who should be blamed.

Whether it is apocryphal or not, a story is told about James Watt, credited with inventing the practical version of the steam engine. As a boy, he observed the steam escaping from the spout of his mother's tea kettle. For an experiment, he plugged the spout and the kettle blew its top. He deduced that the force of steam could be harnessed for useful purposes. Conditions occasionally cause people to feel the need to blow off steam. Frederick the Great, king of 18th century Prussia, understood this. He once remarked that he and his people had an understanding. They were free to say what they wished; he was free to do what he wished. Liberals, in the

quest for power, and the judiciary, in its abdication of power, either do not or blatantly refuse to understand this. Regarding the judiciary, liberals and their mouthpieces in the media never tire of their ventriloquist performance of chanting the mantra that claims pertaining to the 2020 election being illegal are unsubstantiated and false and no proof has been shown. Proof should only be revealed in court. You do not show your cards before you play the game. However, the judiciary repeatedly refused even to hear the case. Did they fear the evidence would prove the election results were illegal? Were they intimidated by threats of violence from Antifa, BLM Marxists, and the rest of the radical left?

Regarding the secular humanists on the liberal left, they scorn the First Amendment and are determined to silence, discredit, marginalize, and destroy their conservative and Christian counterparts by ignoring, excluding, intimidating, suing, and physically attacking them. They called the capitol rioters criminals, insurrectionists, anarchists, and worse; they benignly referred to the rioters in the Ferguson area of St. Louis, Portland, Oregon, and other cities who attacked innocent citizens, looted businesses, engaged in arson and vandalism as mere demonstrators and protesters. Liberals dominate the entertainment industry, most mass media and internet networks except radio, and public education. Journalists, educators, and students who refuse to conform are fired, blackballed, denied promotions, and threatened. Confederate and Christian symbols are being desecrated or banished. During the last election, conservatives' campaign signs were repeatedly stolen. Multiple US flags appeared with a few Confederate flags at the capitol riot. Yet, the Confederate flag was castigated while the US flag was not. Why? Liberals have co-opted the US flag; they cannot co-opt Confederate flags. Misconstruing the words and intentions of Jefferson in a private letter, secular liberals twist the meaning of the First Amendment to compartmentalize, isolate, and silence Christians, not only from political and academic, but all social discourse. Liberals have composed lists of known conservatives and corporate donors they threaten to punish. If it were not for the secret ballot, they would target every conservative Christian voter. Liberals emulate the same strategy as Communists and Moslems. Freedom of speech, equal rights, toleration, compromise, and peaceful



Historians Corner, Paul R Petersen

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Quantrill's Guerrillas Invade St. Albans, Vermont

Guerrilla Charles Hunt Higbee was William Clarke Quantrill's treasurer up until the Lawrence raid. He was born at Higbee Mill in Fayette County, Kentucky, near Lexington. As a young man Higbee moved to Independence, Missouri, where he married a young widow also from Kentucky. Higbee was well-educated and attended universities in both Kentucky and Missouri. During the winter of 1862 Higbee and Andy Blunt accompanied Quantrill to Richmond, Virginia, where Quantrill sought a colonel's commission of partisan rangers.

During the Lawrence raid Higbee was said to have secured \$75,000 from the Lawrence banks. Some of Quantrill's men called Higbee a traitor for leaving for Canada with fellow guerrilla Bennett Wood after the raid and disappearing with the money. Bennett also had Kentucky roots and had been with Quantrill from the beginning. But what Higbee's fellow guerrillas did not know was that Higbee and Wood had both embarked on a secret mission.

When Higbee and Wood arrived in Canada the week following the Lawrence raid they were joined to the Confederate Secret Service. In July of 1863 following General John Hunt Morgan's daring raids into the North with 2,500 men through Indiana and Ohio, Morgan and many of his men were captured and imprisoned at Chicago's Camp Douglas. There, over 12,000 Confederate prisoners were being held at any one time during the war. Of that number up to 6,000 died from freezing to death or scurvy, dysentery, smallpox and other deadly diseases.

The Confederate Secret Service planned a daring escape attempt. Judge William E. Cleary had enlisted early in the Kentucky military but was soon called to Richmond and assigned duties as the secretary to the Confederate legation in Canada.

He appointed Lt. Bennett Young an officer of Morgan's command to be put in charge of the operation. During the summer a group of Southern loyalists and sympathizers planned to seize various prison camps throughout the country, release the Confederate prisoners and assume political control of the North. Their original intention was to strike during the convention of the National Democratic Party at Chicago in August. The "Supreme Grand Council" of this group met in Chicago on July 20, 1864 and planned a series of training meetings for their people. They set August 28, as the date on which to strike. Higbee and Wood were on a list to be given pistols by Judge Cleary and a list of Lt. Young shows Higbee and Wood in on the attack to free Morgan's men. Through particularly good detective work, their movements were known and watched. On August 9, Northern detectives alerted Washington and Camp Douglas was reinforced and the Southern escape plan was abandoned.

Another plan was soon developed. Lt. Young organized twenty-two men mostly Kentuckians including Higbee and Wood for an attack on St. Albans, Vermont. The raid was planned to avenge attacks on Southern cities, to obtain money badly needed by the cash strapped Confederacy, and to cause confusion and panic on the Northern border and to pull badly needed troops from the front lines.

The raiders in civilian clothing entered town by train in twos and threes over a 10-day period all armed with two to four Colt revolvers. They planned on robbing all three banks in town and taking local horses for their escape. During the raid local citizens armed themselves and fired at the raiders. Only one citizen was killed, Elinus Morrison who was running towards town

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co-existence are unacceptable. They will not stop short of their goal of total annihilation of all opposition and total domination. If we continue in the direction we are currently going, a two-camp solution in the US between liberals and conservatives is becoming as impossible as a two-state solution in the Middle East.

The second pair of cyclical events begins with Cromwell in 17th century England. Cromwell deposed the king and established Puritan control of the government. When he died, the former regime was restored. Even though Cromwell was dead, they were consumed with a thirst for revenge and intoxicated by vindictive hate. Cromwell's corpse was disinterred, a mock trial was held, his corpse was hung from a gallows, and his decapitated head was mounted on Westminster. Only recently, within one week from 1/6/21 to 1/13/21, this cycle came full circle with two riots at the capitol. The first was by a mob of private citizens; the second was by a mob of congressmen. As a result of the last election, legally or illegally, liberals' control of the levers of political power has been restored. They have impeached a second time, seek to convict, and have dismembered the administration of the president after he has left office and, for the present, is politically dead. While conservatives are now at a political disadvantage, liberals seek to put their knees on conservatives' necks.

The same advice applies to those who attacked the capitol that applies to liberals. The end does not justify the means. If illegitimate means are utilized to reach an end, those means denigrate the end. Regardless of who is currently in power, events will continue to transpire. The cycle of history will continue to revolve. As the old adage says, "What goes around comes around." Eventually, secular humanists liberals and their Marxist allies will have a lesson to learn from the conjunction of historical and current events. "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people..." (Lev. 19:18) We can disagree and compete with each other. We can defend ourselves when attacked. We can seek justice. But, there is a limit to conflict. We are not to exact revenge. Exceed that limit and there will be a price to pay; there will be consequences. "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Rom. 12:19), Heb. 10:30)

Father Richard Rudd
Hughes Camp Chaplain

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to help. Refusing the order to stop he was shot by Higbee and died two days later. Having robbed the banks of \$200,000 the Confederates began to gather in the city park. The local newspaper stated, "During the period of their stay, they uttered fearful threats and a good deal of blasphemy. They had fired their pistols many times with the greatest impunity."

Lt. Bennett recorded that Higbee wore a black feather in his hat supposedly given to him by Quantrill. During the raid Higbee was severely wounded during the gunfight, shot "through and through" both shoulders according to Lt. Bennett. As they fled, Higbee couldn't stay in the saddle impeding the escape and was left behind in Vermont in the care of a Southern sympathizer. Higbee was soon secreted out of Vermont and into Montreal, Canada where he was treated for his wounds by Dr. Montrose Pallen at the St. John Baptiste Society.

After the war Higbee returned to Kentucky and started a mercantile business before moving to Texas and working as a cashier in the First National Bank in Fort Worth. It was said of him that he was, "one of the best men any country ever boasted of." Higbee died of "lock-jaw" in 1891 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. In 1903, Higbee and his wife were re-interred in the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Kentucky.

Article by Paul R. Petersen

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