



# The Hughes News

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## Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

**Confederate Patriots,**

I went to the City of Liberty Council meeting this past Monday night and voiced my opinion to them along with others from the camp. Thanks to all that attended and voiced their opinion of the councils Marxist endeavor. I believe they were shocked some. We had a good crowd of pro monument folks there, including representatives of the VFW and American



Legion, who both said to leave the grave marker alone. Many thanks to **Gieselle Fest** for all her hard work in organizing and energizing a crowd to be there, and for making the lap signs we all held saying Freedom of Speech, Private Property, etc.

The Missouri Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion is at the end of the month in Hannibal. I will be going to sell some camp merchandise and sell some tickets for the MOS&B. It sure would be nice to see more than 3 men from Hughes camp there. If you have not registered yet, information is included inside.

I will have some new Quantrill bumper stickers at the next camp meeting for sale and half price merchandise to. As for festivals this year I have them written down and will start registering for them next week if possible.

The radio add campaign is moving along quickly. Pretty soon you will be able to hear our adds on KMZU the Farm out of Carrolton Missouri. Then later in the year a radio station in St. Joe Missouri will start running out adds. I will see you all at the meeting.

**Jason-Nathaniel: Coffman**  
**Commander**  
**John T. Hughes Camp 614**

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## Camp Calendar

**March 10th 7:00 PM - Camp Meeting Buckner Town Hall, 32 S. Sibley St Buckner MO 64016.** Our speaker this month will be Del Warren of James Country Mercantile in downtown Liberty, who will tell us about the state of Reenacting and Covid's impact on the hobby and the industry that serves it.

**March 25-26 Missouri Division and Missouri Society Annual Reunion.** Palmyra, Missouri. Registration Flyer enclosed. The Division and Society have worked up a great convention with great speakers for the lunch and dinner. There's also a tour lined up to visit the site of the Massacre there in Palmyra complete with Cannon Fire salute and volley from an honor guard. We'll then tour the jail there that will have a living history presentation. Should be a great event!



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

## What's been happening on the Western Front

### Camp Meeting, February 10th....

In February we had Paul Petersen as our speaker, and as always, he was stellar! His subject was, "**The Black Flag at Lawrence**". The Black Flag when displayed means, No Quarter asked, none given, no prisoners. The Yankees were the first to display the Black Flag when they declared that any Quantrill men captured would not be treated as prisoners, but would be executed. Quantrill was forced to respond in kind.

Quantrill was not known to display any flag at all, but popular writings of the time claim he did at Lawrence. Many Quantrill men claimed that they saw no Black Flag displayed. But, with 450 men, that column would have stretched for quite a distance so it would not be possible to see the front of the column, or even when the column went front in to line as they prepared to attack.

John Newman Edwards wrote about it though in 1877 with a story about Ann E Fickel bringing a Black Flag she made to Quantrill just prior to Lawrence, with the word Quantrill on it. But many scoffed at that story, saying there is no Ann E Ficket in the census records. Accounts from Cole Younger though also confirmed the Fickel flag Story.

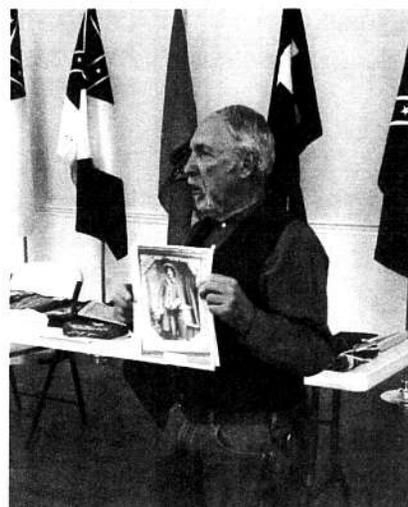
Ann was 16 at the start of the war, and her Sweetheart was Cpt Andy Blunt. And, a picture of Ann Ficket was found in the Cantey Meyers Photo Collection to prove her existence. Her brother was killed while under Quantrill near Lexington in 1863. She was jailed when Ortho Hinton was captured

at her home. Quantrill's men helped him escape with Ann's help.

Jack Schwartz was age 16 at the Lawrence Raid, and claimed to carry that Black Flag during the raid. News articles say he died in the 1900s in Las Cruces, New Mexico. There is a photo of him with what looks to be a flag folded up in his right hand.

The Cantey Meyers collection consist of over 800 photos of Quantrill and his men taken by E A Baldwin. The collection was complete with a log book made out by him to identify each photo. What a wonderful record of our men, and without Baldwin's meticulous work, we would not know what many of our soldiers looks like.

**Thanks to Paul as always!**



Paul Petersen in action!



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2022 Sponsors Needed! Thanks to Matt Knapp, and Steve Ferguson of Spring Cliff Farm

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**1st Lt. Commander- Larry Yeatman**

**2nd Lt. Commander- BJ Blackerby**

For questions etc, contact Larry at larryyeatman@msn.com or 816-728-2291

New Boyd Chapter Member Steve Ferguson pointed out lately our news was missing this information!

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### 2023 Convention Challenge!

**Steve Ferguson** who's family owns the **Spring Cliff Farm**, has generously offered up a challenge to raise money for the 2023 Missouri Division and Missouri Society Reunion that will be hosted by Hughes Camp and Craven Camp and Boyd Chapter. The challenge is:

Spring Cliff Farm will donate \$1000, if members of the Camp can also come up with donations of \$1000.

Basically, if 10 people offer up \$100, that will equal \$1000, and he will match that!

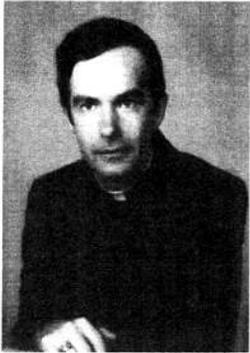
We have \$400 so far. You can offer to donate any amount you please. If you would like help towards our goal of raising \$1000, please email me, Larry Yeatman, at [larryyeatman@msn.com](mailto:larryyeatman@msn.com)

See there you have it boys! Steve wants to make sure all attendees receive a nice Collectible to commemorate the event. We'll work on what that will be. And the rest will go to offset the cost of renting the hotel etc.

**Thanks! Larry Yeatman**



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



This month on the church calendar marks the beginning of Lent, 40 days of observation starting with Ash Wednesday and extending to Pasch (Easter). As God led the Israelites through the wilderness during the Exodus, preparing the nation for entry into the Promised Land, so He leads

Christians through the 40 days of Lent, preparing us to enter Heaven. Comparing a Christian's spiritual development to an athlete's physical training, St Paul said, "...I pommel my body and subdue it..." (I Cor. 9:27) While a Christian's development in the faith does involve physical discipline, the ultimate purpose of Lent means much more than abstinence from material sources of sensual satisfaction. It reaches beyond the body to the soul, beyond the material to the spiritual, beyond the temporal to the eternal. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual hosts of wickedness..." (Eph. 6:12) Lent is a time to strengthen our defenses in those areas where we are most vulnerable and temptation attacks: our needs, won't, weaknesses, and ignorance. The combined accumulation of education, experience that accrues with age, and a knowledge of history gives us perspective in our view of life. Lent designates a time for us to assimilate this information in order to reorient our opinions, beliefs, values, and priorities.

Seeing is not always believing. My first encounter with holograms was viewing a theatrical scene in which the image of a young woman, who was obscured by a partition, was projected into a room with the use of lights, mirrors, and glass. Viewed from a short distance, she appeared to be walking around in the room as a corporeal three-dimensional being. Closer inspection would reveal her image was intangible; she was not there. The same effect was created using a box lined with mirrors. When an object was placed in the box, it appeared above the box as a concrete image. Reach for it and it would vanish. Mirages appear to be water in the desert and rainbows as arches in the sky touching earth, both creating the same effect.

Life in this world is the endless pursuit of a series of holograms. We strive to grasp what appears to

be real and permanent, only to see it slip through our fingers and elude the best efforts we can devise to hold on to it. The accumulation of wealth and power is an endless and insatiable pursuit. When J.D. Rockefeller was asked how much money he thought he needed, he responded, "Just a little bit more." Before telling the parable of the foolish rich man, Christ said that "...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Lk. 12:15) Solomon, a rich and powerful man, reflected, "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and behold, all was vanity..." (Eccles. 2:11) "I hated all my toil..., seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me..." (2:18) He continued, "... (S)ometimes a man who has toiled... must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it." (2:21) Others seek to erect the facade of a good reputation and fame built with honors and titles, like the tower of Babel and the people who said, "... (L)et us make a name for ourselves..." (Gen. 11:4) Solomon observed, "For of the wise man as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten." (Eccles. 2:18) "His memory perishes from the earth, and he has no name in the streets." (Job 18:17) We used to commemorate the life of JFK on the day of his assassination and the lives of those who were killed at Pearl Harbor. Today, those anniversaries are barely mentioned. The memory of the heroic sacrifices of our Confederate ancestors is fading as successive generations edit and rewrite history, creating a hologram using proverbial smoke and mirrors to project a false historical record and image of themselves and their agenda. Comfort can no longer be reliably found in returning to familiar places and landmarks. Buildings are torn down, landscapes are reconfigured, Christian symbols and Confederate statues, flags, and even graves are removed. "As the cloud fades and vanishes, so (man)... returns no more to his house, no more does his place know him." (Job 7:9) "He has no offspring or descendant among his people, and no survivor where he used to live." (18:19) "A generation goes, and a generation comes..." (Eccles. 1:4) Even those who have children eventually become mere genealogical statistics, having no emotional bonds with their descendants in the not too distant future. While we are mortals in this world, we are similar to

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## Liberty Courier reports on our attendance at Liberty City Council

Well, we made the news from Monday nights council. Of course, the Liberty Courier did not tell all the story. On the second page they say nobody knows how the owners of Block 174 are. Maybe we need to get the paper a copy of the title, and the part of the UCV bylaws that state the SCV is the Successor Organization of the UCV.

## Liberty mayor reverses decision on Confederate monument comments

BY KELLIE HOUX

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LIBERTY — Mayor Dwindell Brenton has reversed a decision he made in mid-February to not allow hearing of public comment during Liberty City Council meetings about cemetery Block 174 which includes a monument for Confederate soldiers in Fairview Cemetery.

Last month the mayor said residents could submit written comments and those would be entered into record and provided to councilmen, but that public comment would not be allowed at the podium during meetings. The decision to reverse that action came Monday, Feb. 28.

"While government can regulate the timeframe for hearing public comment I have had conversations with residents and fellow council members about my decision. It is not my purpose to end public input. I don't want to deny anyone's First Amendment rights. However, receiving input, both negative and positive, I have to step back. I'm doing the best I can for the city," said Brenton at Monday's meeting.

Comments on Block 174 and

whether to retain or remove the Confederate statue will now be allowed during public of "Other Business," which occurs toward the end of council meetings.

"This will be time for equal opportunity," Brenton said. "Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less. Be respectful of others. Don't speak over others and also don't cheer or jeer an opposing comment."

During Monday's meeting, the mayor and council listened to residents who spoke about freedom of speech. Gaeselle Fest, who is leading the charge to keep the Confederate monument, called the action to limit public comment on the matter an attack, saying all government should be held accountable.

Dwayne Holtzclaw, who has documentation that his relatives are buried in Block 174, said if public comment is denied, he can't defend his family's grave.

"My comments are being censored," he said.

Larry Yeatman said the city council and the mayor took their oaths of office and those include upholding the Constitution of the United States and Missouri.



KELLIE HOUX/COURIER TRIBUNE

A group of citizens sat in the Liberty Council chambers Monday, Feb. 28, to protest the mayor's earlier decision to limit public comments concerning the Confederate monument on Block 174 in Fairview Cemetery.

"You can't deny the freedom of speech," he said. "You are also going against the Fifth Amendment, which denies a government from unlawfully seizing property. You are supposed to govern without prejudice."

During the meeting, no update on

legal proceedings regarding block 174 were provided. The city is currently seeking reversion, taking legal ownership of the property and awaiting a decision from the court. In

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**Rudd Continued....**

a hologram. The radiant glow of a youthful countenance, strength and agility of movement, clarity of sight and hearing, and reliability of memory fade away. "Man is like a breath, his days are like a passing shadow." (Ps. 144:4) "The eye of him who sees (us) will behold (us) no more; ... (we) shall be gone." (Job 7:7) "As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more." (Ps. 103:15)

Life in this world is to experience a hologram. "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face." (I Cor. 13:12) Now we can only discern imperfect reflections and distorted images from a distance. But God "...has put eternity into man's mind..." (Eccles. 3:11) The time is coming when we as Christians will have clarity of vision and knowledge free from error, seeing things as they really are. As Christians' mortal images weaken and fade, their spiritual images become stronger and more clear. "Therefore, if one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." (II Cor. 5:17) We normally think of this world and all that it has to offer as reality. However, those who have had NDE's (near death experience) and seen Heaven return to tell us that Heaven is more real. This is why Christ tells us, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, ...but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matt. 6:19) It is lessons learned, formation of good character an spiritual development, selfless good deeds, and creation of caring relationships that are treasured in Heaven and last for all eternity. "... (T)ime and chance happen to (us) all. For man does not know his time." (Eccles. 9:11) Even though we do not know what the future will bring, we must try to prepare for the unknown and the inevitable. To each man in every generation, Joshua admonishes to "...choose this day whom you will serve..." If our heart and what we treasure is in the right place, we will echo the response of Joshua that "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Josh. 24:15)

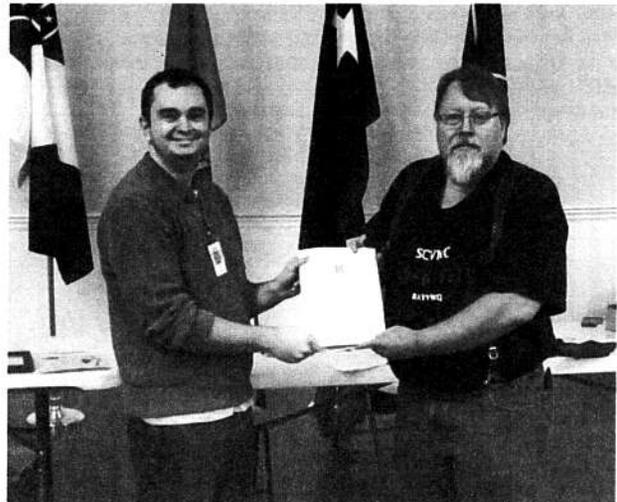
**Father Richard W Rudd**  
**Hughes Camp Chaplain**

**Hughes Camp welcomes our newest Member, John Scott Ferguson**

Below, Tim Borron swears in **Scott Ferguson**, and Commander Coffman presents Scott with his SCV Certificate. The Ancestor that Scott honors on his SCV Certificate is **Private John Hicks George, Co C, 2nd Missouri Cavalry**. John is buried in George Historic Cemetery in Oak Grove, Missouri. John did survive the war and fought along side several of his brothers. His younger brother Gabriel, was killed at the first battle on Independence and was the first man killed under Quantrill's Command. John was at The Battle of Little Blue with brothers Nathan and Hiram.

Scott is a Logistics Specialist I at Lake City Arsenal. He does quality control, testing Brass and Chemicals to make sure they are acceptable. He keeps us from having misfires!

**Welcome aboard Scott, and Salute to you and John Hicks George!**





### Boyd Chapter Welcomes 2 new members!

In February, Boyd Chapter swore in 2 new members, **John and Scott Ferguson**

In the top picture, Lt. Commander Yeatman presents Scott Ferguson with his MOS&B Certificate. In the middle is Larry presenting Steve Ferguson with his certificate. This is after they were both sworn in. Then the bottom picture is of the Father and Son combination!



The Ancestor that Steve and Scott entered under is **Lt. Greenberry McKenzie Branscome, Co E, 45th Virginia Infantry.**

The Ferguson's are related to several other officers they could have also entered under.

The Ferguson's own Spring Cliff Farm, which is just west of 7 highway and just south of 24 highway, not far west from where we meet in Buckner. Their farmland is where the Battle of Little Blue was fought as part of the Campaign leading up to the Battle of Westport during Price's Raid. Very cool!

Congratulations to the Ferguson's, and welcome aboard to Lt. Col. John R Boyd Chapter 236. **Salute to the Ferguson's and Lt. Branscome!**





**2022 MISSOURI DIVISION SCV and  
MISSOURI SOCIETY MOSB REGISTRATION  
Palmyra, MO March 25-26, 2022  
Hosted by Col. Joseph C. Porter Camp # 2055  
160th Anniversary of the Palmyra Massacre**

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**EVENTS:**

- \_\_\_ Please Indicate the Number of people who will attend each event
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- \_\_\_ Saturday Morning SCV Business Meeting
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- My impression will be Missouri State Guard
- My impression will be Partisan Ranger
- My impression will be Home Guard/Civilian

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**CAMP COLORS**

We encourage every SCV Camp and MOSB Chapter to bring their colors and post them at the meeting hall. Be sure to bring a pole and flag stand if you have those items.

Reminder : the majority of SCV awards will be in the form of a ribbon which can be attached to the Camp colors.

- We will be posting our Camp/Chapter colors.

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**William Clarke Quantrill**

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