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Message From The Commander, Jason Coffman

Confederate Patriots,

I have good news and sad news. The good news is we will be meeting at Zarda BBQ in Blue Springs from now on. Rental is \$25.00 per meeting. That is better than a \$100.00 per meeting at the Buckner Townhall. Zarda BBQ has tasty food and beer. It also has a separate private room for meetings where we can cart in our flags, poles, etc. through that



So, our next meeting will be June 9th at Zarda BBQ.

Now for the sad news, with the price of gas going up every day along with descendant leftovers of the National Socialist Party in Europe we forgot to kill after WWII that are hell bent on destroying US commerce and our way of life, we might not even be having meetings after June. They, the National Socialists and Communists have combined together to take over the world it would seem. This could be it gentlemen, we might have to fight just like our ancestors did in the 1st and 2nd Revolutionary Wars. This 3rd Revolutionary War in this country will be a merciless war with no quarter and no Geneva protocols. We should all pray for ourselves and for this country so that our Maker may forgive us all for our sins. We should also pray that this coming 3rd Revolutionary War does not come knocking at our doors. The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants.....Thomas Jefferson November 13th, 1787.

I will be headed to Higginsville for Confederate Memorial Day Saturday June 4th. If I do not see you there I will see you all at the next meeting.

*Jason-Nathaniel: Coffman
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Camp Calendar

June 9th 7:00 PM - Camp Meeting NEW PLACE! Zarda BBQ: 214 NW Hwy 7, Blue Springs, MO 64014 Our speaker this month will be *Bryan Ivlow, President of the Friends of the James Farm*. His topic will be *"The Guns of Jesse James"* Come check out Bryan at our new location!

June 4th 10:00 AM confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville, Confederate Memorial Cemetery. We'll set up our sales table. Bring lawn chair and sack lunch and beverages. Event

March 25-26, 2023 Missouri Division and Society Reunion. Hosted by Hughes and Craven Camp! Mark your calendars now, we'll need all hands on deck! Let's all put on our thinking caps to help produce a great Reunion event.



Br. Gen. John T Hughes

What's been happening on the Western Front

Camp Meeting, May 12th....

In May our Speaker was Diane Rogers, of Cass County. Diane is an Author of many books, centered around Burnt District and Missouri History. As always, she did a great job of speaking to us!

Her books are Fiction books based on historical facts, and like she says, NOT politically correct! She tells it like it was and doesn't sugar coat how mean and nasty the Yankees were!

After Diane retired from corporate America, she took up her passion for writing and history.

Now I may get this wrong, but Diane obtained a copy of the Memoirs of Lindsey Brown, who was 1 of 13 children, and Diane's book called "Treachery At Midnight" is based on the Lindsey Brown family. Her Dad was a Unionist but had 3 sons fighting for the CSA. But the family came together to help repel the Yankee attack on Harrisonville. Even though the Dad had Union protection papers, their house was attacked 11 times by Yankee Jayhawkers.

Some tidbits about attacks on Harrisonville. At the first battle, 150 German Troops under Van Horn approached the Town. The Sheriff rode out and told them they weren't coming into town. Van Horn refused and attempted to enter and was repelled by 650 men. The battle stopped during a hard rain and Van Horn retreated. 2 Yankees got lost and hid in the Brown Barn. Brown fed and gave them new clothes.

In a later Battle, the town was attacked by troops

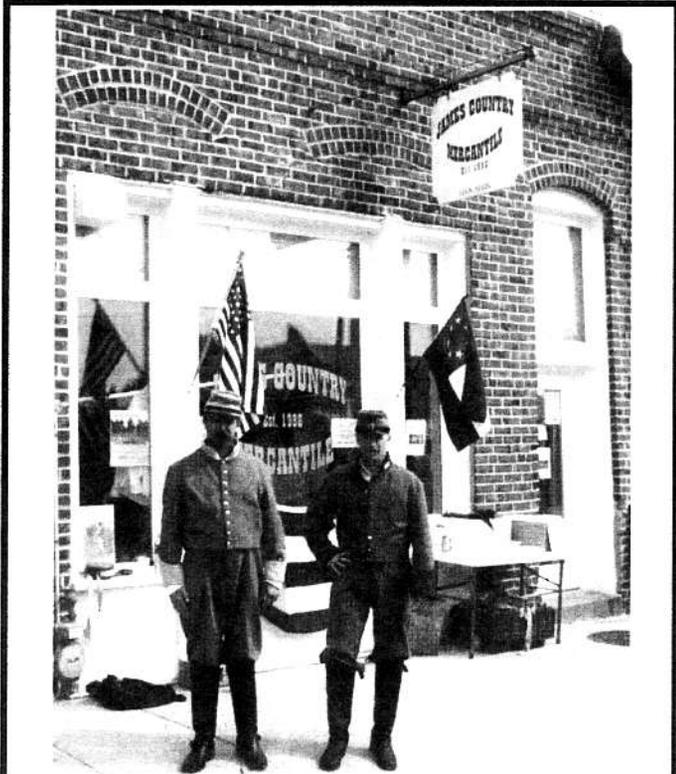
From Kansas. They did take the town and Henry Younger, Mayor of Harrisonville, had a store there that was sacked. The Yankees made Harrisonville a fort.

In the second Battle of Morristown, the town was destroyed and locals were killed. Brown had 4 sons there trying to defend Morristown. That town has not ever come back, there's still nothing there.

There was something called "The Moxie Party". I think the Browns hosted it. At the party a Yankee took to liking Cole Younger's girlfriend. Cole confronted the man named Waller, Waller told Cole he'd kill him. Cole was age 17.

Thanks to Diane Rogers for speaking to us, as always, she gives us good history! She puts out a great bi monthly newsletter. If you'd like to get on her list, email her at: dlogers-books@gmail.com . Below is Diane in action!





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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!

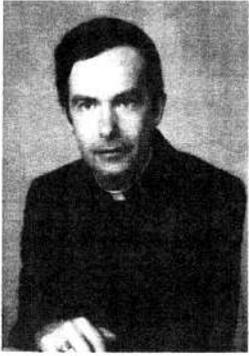
We have \$700 so far. You can offer to donate any amount you please. If you would like help towards our goal of raising \$1000, please email me, Larry Yeatman, at larryyeatman@msn.com

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



Thucydides, the 5th century BC Greek author of *The Peloponnesian War*, is the reputed father of recorded history as we know it. History is one of those subjects one either loves or hates. When most of us are young, we are engrossed in the present and aiming toward the future with little regard for the past.

We are preoccupied with cares related to education, career, marriage, family, finances, social status, exploring the world around us, and all the other cornucopia of options attracting our attention and decisions demanding to be made. Some do not develop an appreciation of the value of history until late in life, usually beginning with genealogical research. Trying to understand life without knowledge of history is like being blindfolded and transported to an unfamiliar location. You would not know how you got there, where you were, or in what direction to go. History gives us the perspective needed to navigate through the sequence of past, present, and future of life.

Based on a record of reliable evidence, history is past events that shape our contemporary world and form the foundation upon which the future is built. It is so much more than a rigid skeletal framework of dates, names, and pivotal events. History should not just be memorized; it should be understood. All events are as unique as the people who generate them. A better understanding of the past enables us to understand ourselves better. We all play a role in the formation of history. To a lesser or greater degree, all of us influence others, events, and our surroundings. The world would not be the same if we had not passed through it. Even if our contributions are not formally recorded, nevertheless the effect is there. We all make history. It is normal for man to want his accomplishments recognized and the fact that he lived noted; man wants to be remembered. That is one reason why parents have children and those children carve their initials in trees; it is why books are written and monuments are erected.

If history is fictionalized, it can be dangerous. It can offer a beguiling and seductive allure for those seeking a simplistic and romantic, wistful, and

sentimental refuge from the problems of the present and the uncertainties of the future. Glorified and idealized, it becomes a mythical state of mind. Reflections on the antebellum old South, the roaring 1920's, or the rock and role era of the 1950's are examples. Memory can be intentionally and unintentionally unreliable. Facing the hardships of life in the wilderness during the Exodus, the Israelites forgot the harshness of slavery in Egypt, but chose only to remember that they "...ate bread to the full..." (Ex. 16:3) Fear and discontent can magnify out of proportion the good in the past and what we vilify in the present. Thus, we might use a selective knowledge of the past to indict the present for its perceived faults. However, a comprehensive knowledge of history will reveal there are no idyllic good old days. The angels sent to warn Lot and his family told them, "Flee for your life; do not look back..." (Gen. 19:17) "But Lot's wife behind him looked back and she became a pillar of salt." (Gen. 19:26) Instead of focusing her hope on the prospects in the future, her heart remained in the past. Even historians can be guilty of unrealistically and neatly categorizing and simplifying the past, making it seem that events have sudden beginnings and instant endings. Life is a struggle for survival and improvement. Events are numerous, complex, diverse, and overlapping. Real life is messy, lacking academic neatness and order. There are people who have had visions of the future; nobody has ever travelled back to the past. We are travelers jetting through the present, a momentary tick of the second hand and beat of the heart, speeding toward the future that waits on the horizon and leaving the past behind as a vanishing vapor. Each new day with its own promises and challenges is never exactly like the one before and every day in the past is unique and gone forever.

A second danger of fictionalized history is looking back to the past with an ulterior motive. Some seek to revise and rewrite history to support their present agenda and blueprint for the future as they envision it. They are the ones who want to rewrite the history books. Others seek to edit out the history they find offensive to their peculiar sensibilities. They are the ones who want to remove monuments, flags, and even desecrate graves. The remedy for this is a thorough knowledge of history based on

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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.

The Four Burials of William Clarke Quantrill

There were four separate burials for the famed Civil War Missouri guerrilla chieftain, Colonel William Clarke Quantrill, who gained fame for his daring exploits in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Kentucky. At the close of the war, he was taking 52 of his handpicked men east to join the Southern forces of General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia in order to receive honorable terms of surrender which he could not receive in Missouri. It was evident that the end of the war and the South's defeat was soon inevitable. When the critical city of Petersburg, Virginia, fell to Northern forces on April 2, 1865, the Confederate government in Richmond was forced to flee and the surrender of Lee's army took place soon afterwards on April 9. Quantrill's progress towards Lee's army was abruptly halted and he was forced to find shelter in safe houses of Southern sympathizers in Nelson and Spencer Counties in northern Kentucky. Resting in a friendly farmer's barn during a heavy rainstorm Quantrill was fatally struck down while attempting to heroically cover the retreat of his men as they were surprisingly attacked by an overwhelming force of Federal guerrillas. Mortally wounded on May 10, Quantrill was conveyed by wagon to Louisville to a Federal prison hospital on May 14, where the 27-year-old guerrilla died a month later on June 6, 1865.

The day following, Quantrill's body was transported to Louisville's Portland Cemetery also known as St. John's Cemetery where he was buried in an unmarked grave according to his last request next to the sexton's house. Here his body lay at peace for twenty-two years until 1887, when his mother and his childhood friend, William W. Scott, traveled to Louisville to have his remains exhumed and placed in a zinc lined coffin and returned to the Quantrill family plot in the Canal Dover 4th Street Cemetery in Ohio. The reburial in Dover was not initially allowed because city officials were

local cemetery as well as objections of Union veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic who did not want Quantrill buried in the same cemetery with Union soldiers. Quantrill was eventually allowed to be buried in an unmarked grave next to his brother Franklin and his mother Caroline. William W. Scott rather than place Quantrill's remains in the prepared coffin surreptitiously stole the skull and remaining large bones hoping to sell them later to the highest bidder after Quantrill's mother died. After exhuming Quantrill's remains in Louisville, Scott, after only nine days, attempted to sell Quantrill's skull. Not finding a buyer Quantrill's skull found its way to the Dover Historical Society where it was kept and used in initiation rites for the local college's Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Pi fraternity until 1942. After Scott's death on November 6, 1902, the rest of Quantrill's remains were eventually sold by Scott's widow to the Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, William Eisey Connelley, who eventually wrote a scathing book based on his own opinions towards his wartime nemesis in 1909. Caroline Quantrill died on November 23, 1903. Three days later Connelley had Quantrill's remains exhibited at the historical society's museum until public outcry against such a morbid display caused them to be taken down and stored away for the next 76 years.

In 1989 the Kansas State Legislature passed the Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act, intended to protect Native Indian burial sites as well as making it illegal to own the remains or artifacts of Native American Indians. Also included in the law was the illegal possession of any remains of American soldiers which also included the remains of Confederate soldiers. As a consequence, the Kansas State Historical Society had to relinquish their possession of Quantrill's earthly remains. Acting quickly the Missouri Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans led by attorney and Commander-in-Chief of the Missouri Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans,

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sound documentation from multiple sources, asking questions, and thinking for yourself. In spite of our best efforts to study history, to learn the who, what, where, when, how, and why, we must not be disillusioned when, as in the present and future, we encounter questions we can only ask and never answer, things we only imagine and never actually see. We must resist the temptation to attempt to fill in those gaps in time with speculation using our creative imagination.

We live in a fleeting interval of perpetual transition between a time that has been and a time yet to be. As darkness becomes daylight before our eyes, the past is followed by the present. The two are woven together and interconnected. We are not conscious of the transformation until we experience one of those moments of epiphany. Christ warned us against inordinately dwelling on or seeking solace in the past, saying, "Nobody who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk. 9:62)

But He also advised us to be aware of history when He said, "Remember Lot's wife." (Lk. 17:32) We cannot live without hope. Hope sustains us in the present and guides us toward the future, not the past. That is why St. Paul said that "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (we) press on toward the goal..." (Phil, 3:13)

Father Richard Rudd Hughes Camp Chaplain

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Robert L. Hawkins III, requested and eventually were given Quantrill's remains. The Missouri Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans also sought Quantrill's skull from the Dover Historical Society but knowing that their old enemy would be given an honorable burial they refused and quickly held a burial in the Quantrill family plot in Dover, placing Quantrill's skull in a child's coffin and hastily burying it late at night without making any notification so kinfolk or others could attend and pay their respects. Their stated purpose was that the burial "be conducted with no publicity and a minimum of fanfare." The coffin was hastily buried and capped with several layers of concrete to prevent anyone from taking it.

The rest of Quantrill's remains obtained by the Sons of Confederate Veterans were placed in a homemade roughhewn coffin covered with a Confederate battle flag and a respectful and dignified reinterment was held on October 24, 1992, with the eulogy given in the chapel of the cemetery at the Confederate Veterans Home in Higginsville, Missouri. Hundreds of mourners came to pay their last respects including many descendants of those who had ridden with Quantrill during the war. All the pallbearers were made up of descendants of the partisan ranger's ancestors. A detail of reenactors from the Fifth Missouri Infantry, CSA, comprised the honor guard. The eulogy was given by Father Hugh Beahan, Chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives. Commander Hawkins' eulogy concerning Quantrill summed up the pent-up feelings of those who loved him as well as those who hated him. "We do not wish him buried where people are ashamed of him, where no one remembers or cares to recall the brutality of a partisan warfare that created men like (Quantrill) and those who rode with him, where he would be laid to rest with a sense of relief that a difficult task had finally been done, with no military honors and no remembrance of the suffering and sacrifice of days gone by. He belongs here, here, with those who were truly his people."

And so, the first burial of William Clarke Quantrill was held in Louisville's Portland Cemetery on July 7, 1865, while his second burial was held in the Quantrill family plot in Canal Dover, Ohio, in 1888, when his skull was added comprising his third burial on October 30, 1992. On October 24, 1992, Quantrill's fourth and final burial took place in the Confederate Veteran's Cemetery in Higginsville, Missouri, finally resting alongside many of the men who had fought with him so courageously during the War for Southern Independence.

Article by Paul R. Petersen – author of *Quantrill of Missouri, Quantrill in Texas and Quantrill at Lawrence.*

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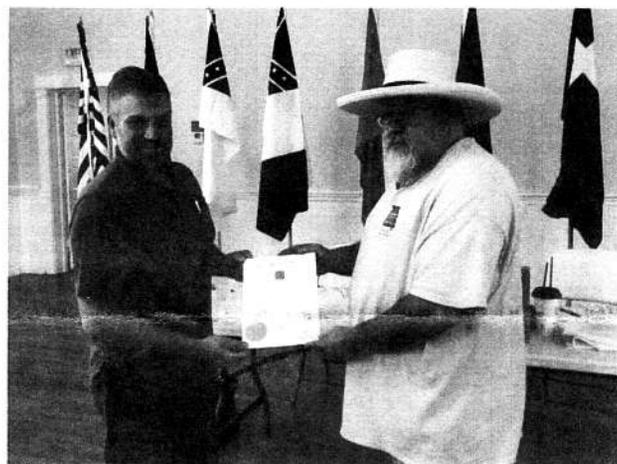
Hughes Camp Swears in 2 new members, Chad Foley, and Zech Melton

At the May Meeting, we swore in our latest new members. In photo to the left, on the left is **Chad Wayne Foley**, and to the right is **Zechariah L. Melton**. In this photo, Jim Beckner swears them in. In the center photo, Commander Coffman presents Chad with his SCV Certificate. And in the bottom photo, Commander Coffman presents Zech with his SCV Certificate.

The Ancestor Chad honors on his SCV Certificate is his 4th Great Uncle, **1st Lt. Archable J. Clement, Captain Anderson's Missouri Partisan Rangers**. Yes, that's the Archie Clement! Very cool! Archie Clement was a Bad Ass guerrilla fighter under Anderson and Quantrill Archie was not a tall man, but was a dead eye with a pistol from horseback. Archie Survived the war, but was still a casualty of war. When the war ended, the Yankees basically would not allow him to surrender. One night the Yankees caught up with him in Lexington, and shot him 38 times. He is buried in Arnold Cemetery in Wellington, Missouri, which is in Johnson County.

Chad is a Mechanic supervisor and lives in Holden, Mo.

Salute to Chad Foley and Archie Clement!



The Ancestor Zech Melton honors on his SCV Certificate is his 3rd Great Grandfather, **Private Joseph Franklin Melton, Co. E, Jackman's Regiment, Missouri Cavalry**. Joseph was from Grand River area of Henry County, and did survive the War. He was paroled on June 14, 1865 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He appears on the Roll of Prisoners. I'm not sure that means he was captured during the War. It says he was surrendered under General Kirby Smith at New Orleans. So not sure if he was already a prisoner, or made a prisoner at the surrender. We'll have to figure that out! But under Jackman, Joseph would have seen a lot of action. One place Jackman was present was at the Battle of Lone Jack. But Jackman's men fought in all kinds of battles.

Zech lives in Raytown Missouri, and is a Contractor.

Salute to Zech and to Joseph Melton!



Hughes Camp would also like to welcome new member **Dennie Anderson** of Glenwood Iowa, who just transferred into our Camp. Dennie visited our camp last year.

Welcome aboard Chad, Zech and Dennie!

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This is a photo of the skull of William Clarke Quantrill. See inside for Paul Petersen's article called, "The Four Burials of William Clarke Quantrill". You can read about how the Yankees treated our boy's body.