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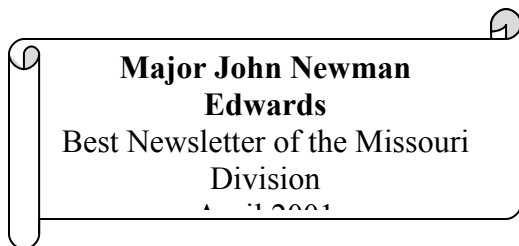
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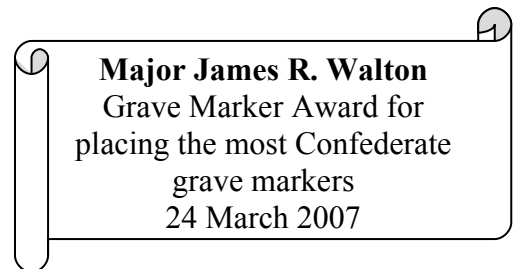
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A Black Flag Camp



Next Meeting Date & Time

Our next meeting will be held at the roadside park on Hwy 82 South of Osceola. We know this park as the Sac-Osage Confederate Roadside Park ☺

The meeting will start at 7:30 PM on 7 July 2009, the normal date and time. Please bring a chair so you can sit. We have a lot to discuss.

I look forward to seeing you on the 7th of July.

Gary Ayres
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Commanders Voice

Gents, the year is half over; where did it go? ☺

We have had a good year in recruiting. We lost several members after the dues increase from National, but we are bouncing back.

We have had a good year and yet we have been on the burner, so to speak, from National. Maybe from others too, who knows.

We will be shifting gears just a little but will continue to bring our Ancestors' good name to the front and we will continue to stand up in today's fight if it is against our Ancestors, our common goal and against our moral values.

Please try to make the next meeting and learn more of what is happening and where we are going -- a good place, I assure you.

Gary Ayres, Commander

Welcome New Members

Please give a big "Rebel Yell" to our newest members. They are: **Daniel Phillip Morris** of Mound City. Compatriot Morris honours his ancestor 3rd Sergeant William Henry Morris Co. D 1st Division 2nd Missouri Cavalry. **Larry Dean Wheeler** of Arcola. Compatriot Wheeler honours his ancestor Pvt. Jubal G. W. "Jube" Wheeler Co. D, 1st Battalion Texas Sharpshooters. **Robert Lee Hutchins, Jr.**, of Gladstone. Compatriot Hutchins honours his ancestor Private Robert Rush Simmerman of Gen. Jo

Shelby's Brigade, Missouri Cavalry.

Compatriot Hutchins has been a member for awhile. Somehow his paperwork got caught in that post office in the sky. It took awhile to get it tracked down. So, a belated welcome to Compatriot Hutchins. Sometimes this happens, but very rarely.

Let's also make an early welcome to **Stephen Paul Houx** of Grants Pass, OR. Compatriot Houx honours his ancestor Pvt. Michael M. Houx of Quantrill's Co.

I say an early welcome because Compatriot Houx application is on its way to IHQ.

Coffee Camp Appoints New Press Officer

Commander Gary Ayres of the Col. John T. Coffee Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Osceola, Missouri is please to announce the appointment of a new Press Officer to replace longtime Press Officer David Reif. The new voice of the Coffee Camp will be Clint Lacy of Marble Hill, MO.

Mr. Lacy is an experienced writer who has been widely published for several years now. He has designed and operated a number of websites including the acclaimed Missouri issues site, The Bushwhacker, <http://mobushwhacker.bravejournal.com/> among others. Mr. Lacy is a married man and father of two daughters and is an Alderman in his hometown.

"I think Clint will make an excellent Press Officer. He has

served the Camp by unselfishly donating his time and expertise” said Commander Ayres. “He has helped us through a crisis period when we had to get a new website running. Clint got our authorized Coffee Camp site, www.coffeecamp.net on the net when our old server experienced personal issues” remarked Ayres.

The Camp’s original Press Officer David Reif praised the incoming officer saying, “For quite some time now we have been working with Mr. Lacy showing him the ropes and familiarizing him with protocol. He is a good writer and will be able to work through the difficult public issues that face us. Where my experience was primarily paper based he is oriented more to web based communication.”

Reif went on to say, “Our task is increasingly difficult today. We must not only defend the memory of the Confederate soldier who can no longer defend himself but we must defend the cause of the 10th Amendment which most nearly defines the War Between the States. That cause is in deep trouble right now.” Reif continued, “Clint’s promotion is an example of how Commander Ayres has structured our Camp. He encourages members to participate in bringing new leaders forward so there are no gaps in leadership. His model of supporting individual initiative has made him a favorite of rank and file members in our Camp and throughout the rest of the South.”

Mr. Lacy will take over the duties of Press Officer immediately and will become the media contact for the

Coffee Camp. He can be reached at: mobushwhacker@yahoo.com

Thank You Compatriot Reif

It has been my pleasure to have known and to continue to know David Reif for many years.

He has always been there at the ready to assist me and many times direct me and I can’t say enough about him.

Anne, David’s wife has also been there, just as if she was a Camp member.

Their expertise will be missed, but I do realize that work is a priority and that all good men & women must step down in time. Something I will be doing soon.

Thank you Dave and Anne for all you have done for the Camp, the SCV and for the things you have made better for all of us.

Gary Ayres
Camp Commander

Welcome Clint Lacy

Please welcome Compatriot Lacy to his new post of Press Officer for the Coffee Camp.

Just as the press release says from then Press Officer Reif, Compatriot Lacy will fit right in. He has already got his feet wet with some Camp issues and has done well.

Look for him on his blog, our website and articles in the newspapers. I think you will like what you see.

Gary Ayres
Camp Commander

Confederate Poker Run

Last year was our 1st poker run and it was well received; so well received that we are going to continue this event.

Camp Commander Ayres asked Commander Simmons and Compatriot Wheeler to come up with a date and route for this year.

The best dates are Saturday 19 September or any of the 1st 3 Saturdays in October. I like the 19th of September, but we will decide at the next meeting.

It will be much like last year with a lunch provided. If you ride a bike (2 or 3 wheel) we’d like to see you there.

When I say “bike”, I mean a motorcycle ☺

Roadside Park

Folks, we must not forget the time and money that Compatriot Jerry Fast and his wife Pauline spend on the park in keeping it up.

If it were not for them, how would the park get cleaned? Think about this!

Oh and I must include Compatriot Rick Reed too ☺

They should not be put in a position that they are always doing the work. It should be a member effort. At least the members that are close by.

Thank you, Jerry and Pauline & Rick.

Two Projected Projects

We have been talking about two projects that the Camp may take on. One is the Higginsville Confederate Cemetery and the other is a memorial to Col. John T. Coffee, our Camp namesake.

We are working right now on the Confederate Cemetery with some pretty good results. It will take a little time and working together and not apart. The Camp has always shown it can work together and this is one we must work together.

We are moving slow but at the right pace with the right guidance.

The memorial to Col. John T. Coffee we would like to see in Greenfield.

The reason in Greenfield is that is the last place he lived in Missouri and he served the Senate of Missouri from that district.

More on these two projects at the next meeting.

Important Confederate Flag Days

19 June 1864 CSS Alabama sinks off coast of France
27 June 1863 Battle of Kennesaw Mtn., GA
28 June 1863 CSA forces capture York, PA
1-3 July 1861 Battle of Carthage, MO
06 July 1864 Gen. Jubal Early invades MD
13 July 1821 Gen. Nathan B. Forrest born

21 July 1861 Battle of 1st Manassas

These are just a few special days to fly your Confederate flag of choice, but remember to fly your Confederate flag everyday.

Confederate Flag Salute

"I Salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands."

Coffee Camp calls on DNR to stop planned Union monument at Lexington

Tuesday, June 23, 2009
Clint E. Lacy

The Missouri Sons of Union Veterans May newsletter "The Unionist"; states that the group plans to place a monument at the Battle of Lexington { Missouri } State Historic Site attentively set for September 26, 2009 .

According to the newsletter, which can be read by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.suvcwmo.org/images/Missouri%2...>

The Missouri SUV plans to fund this monument by selling reprints of the Henry Davis book entitled: "The Book of Chronicles of the City of Lexington and Fragments of the Book of Hadborim and Maazim".

In this work, Davis, a 19th century Northern newspaper man and editor of the Lexington Union refers to Missourians as "Pukites".

The Missouri Sons of Union Veterans May newsletter also states that the monument will be made of African stone.

The April 1910 Vol. 4 No.3 issue of the Missouri Historical Review states that Davis became proprietor of "The Lexington Union" and in 1866 changed its name to "The Caucasian" it is ironic given the fact that such a staunch Unionist would give a very supremacist name to his paper one short year after the war to "free the slaves" had ended.

The Missouri Sons of Union Veterans sale of the book to fund this monument is an insult to all Missourians. Given the fact that Missouri's Confederate veterans are no longer honored with the flag that they fought under, the monument should not be allowed.

My 2 cents Worth

This is a slap in the blood of every Southern, especially to Missourians.

This must be stopped. It is tantamount to a hate crime.

Gary Ayres
Camp Commander

Kinship Report

We must get the section back in the newsletter. How about one of you members submit to me a short biography of one of your Confederate Ancestors?

See you on 7 July 2009
at 7:30 PM, Roadside Park.