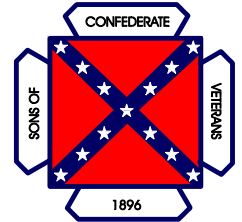


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MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920
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MAY CAMP MEETING 129th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday May 3rd, 2012. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87th Street and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas. We will meet between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. How many of you have been to the Confederate Home in Higginsville, Missouri? That is only one of about 14 Confederate Homes spread throughout the South after the war. This was where the old veterans could go to live out their days and reminisce about "the late unpleasantness". Our speaker for the evening will be our old friend Compatriot Jim Beckner and his presentation will give an overview of the Confederate Homes that were such a part of our Confederate heritage. Those homes were so important to the original veterans. Perhaps one of your ancestors lived in one of the homes. Come and hear the history and fate of those great places. I think you will find this to be a very interesting and fun evening. Be sure to bring your wife or significant other, as they are always welcome. Also, don't forget to bring that prospective recruit. See y'all there!!!

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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NEW MEMBER

At our April meeting we had the honor of inducting Compatriot Matthew Silber. What a glorious feeling it is to see our camp grow with new members. At the May meeting two prospective members plan to turn in their applications and documentation to join. Hopefully, at the June meeting we will be able to induct Harold Rollins and Walt McKenzie. Wouldn't that be great to have a double induction? The only way we get new members is to recruit. It has been proven time and again that the BEST recruiting method for civic, historical, and volunteer groups is by word of mouth. That means you telling friends and acquaintances about the SCV and getting them to join. Be proud of our camp and the work we do. Tell people about it. Find out if they have a Confederate ancestor and then bring them to a meeting. We'll take it from there.

Key Camp Birthday

Happy Birthday to the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920. That's right! On 22 May 2000, our camp was officially chartered by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. That means on May 22 this year our camp will be 12 years old. I look back in some of our camp scrapbooks and it is amazing how far we have come. We started with ten people at our organizational meeting. It was held in the front room at Zarda's Barbeque. The good work we have done for the Southern cause and for the remembrance of the Confederate soldier is awesome. I cannot tell you how extremely proud I am of all the members of this camp. What a great team!! We get things done. At every camp meeting you will see our camp charter displayed on one of the tables. Take some time to look at it and see who our founding members were. Remember we are here for a reason so let's drive on with our mission.

Confederate Memorial Day

Once again this year we have been invited to participate in the Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at the Confederate Home in Higginsville, Missouri. The date this year will be Saturday June 2nd. It would be nice to have a good showing for this event to show our support for our sister division. The last few years we have been part of the Uniformed Color Guard and I would expect we will do the same again this year. Therefore, I need at least four or five members in uniform. Anyone can attend the event and it would be a good time to wear your camp or SCV shirt. We will have a shelter tent set up with some display items and lots of flags. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting. This is a great time to bring a picnic lunch for the family. More details on times and events will be forthcoming as I receive them. Please plan to attend and participate or enjoy the ceremony.

Key Camp Family Picnic

Once again we are going to re-initiate the family picnic. It will be at Shawnee Mission Park and we are shooting for a Saturday in August. The camp will supply the burgers, brats, and hot dogs, plates and utensils, and beverages. Each compatriot is requested to bring a dish to share as your ticket to attend. Bring a salad, dessert, chips, veggies, or whatever. No cost to you and you can bring the entire family. I'll have all the details at the meeting so you can plan ahead to attend.

Kansas Division Convention

The 2012 Kansas Division Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday June 15 and 16. It will again be at the Best Western Hotel in Emporia, Kansas. This is an important division event that the camp needs to support. The luncheon guest speaker will be Paul Petersen. He spoke to our camp recently about his new book, "Quantrill In Lawrence". It was a fascinating presentation. Lunch is included with the registration fee. The business meeting portion will have camp reports so you can find out what the other camps in the division are up to. It is always a fun convention so let's plan to have a strong showing. Rooms will be available at a discounted price for those who want to go down on Friday. On page 5 of this newsletter is a registration form for the convention. Please get it filled out and submitted as soon as you can so they know how many to plan for with lunch. See y'all there.

National Reunion

It looks like the camp will have a pretty good turnout for the National Reunion in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The dates are July 11 through 14. Make your reservations now while rooms are still available.

14th Annual Kansas Division Convention
Sons of Confederate Veterans
June 15-16, 2012

Best Western Motel
3021 W. Highway 50 Emporia, KS 66801
620-342-7587

REGISTRATION FORM:
(Required *)

*NAME _____ *TITLE/POSITION _____
*SCV CAMP NAME _____ *Number _____
*PERSONAL ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
*HOME PHONE (_____) _____ WORK PHONE (_____) _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE (_____) _____
SPOUSE NAME (For Badge) _____
GUEST NAME _____ GUEST NAME _____

COST FOR CONVENTION IS \$10.00 PER PERSON

Included in the Registration: Convention book, lunch, lots of camaraderie, and excellent presentation from our guest speaker. Ret USMC Master Sergeant Paul R Petersen

Friday Evening Entertainment: We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 with a DVD feature presentation of Ride With The Devil. Followed by our Oratory contest at 8:00. This year's Topic "*You, Captain William C. Quantrill Capture James H. Lane and Charles Jennison in Lawrence on August 21, 1863*".
What are your plans for them?

Ancestor Memorials: Have your ancestors name listed in the convention booklet. Cost is \$10.00 and must be submitted no later than **May 23, 2011**. (Up to 16 names for \$10.00). Please include rank, Name, company, and unit on separate sheet of paper).

Registration: Qty. ___ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Friday Evening Gala: Qty. ___ x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Ancestor Memorials: Qty. ___ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

In honoring of the Sesquicentennial, our featured convention presenter will be. retired USMC Master Sergeant Paul R Petersen, award winning author of "Quantrill of Missouri", "Quantrill in Texas" and the newly released "Quantrill at Lawrence". Petersen will cover a wide variety of topics in his lecture. He is what many consider an expert on Missouri Partisan Ranger, William Quantrill and will reveal many previously known facts about the Missouri guerrilla fighter, his tactics and how they affect modern day warfare. He promises to give an extraordinary presentation to the members of the Kansas Division.

Lunch will be provided by the Motel

DEADLINE TO MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORMS

Is Monday May 31, 2011!!!

Also find online at <http://www.ksscv.org>

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REMINDER!!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920**

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

MAY 3rd AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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