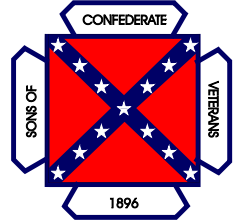


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MAY CAMP MEETING
THURSDAY 1 MAY 2014
151ST REGULAR MEETING
REGULAR START TIME OF 7:00 P.M.

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday May 1st, 2014. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87th Street and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. **We are back to our regular start time.** Our guest speaker for the evening is Mr. Jim Howk. He has a very interesting presentation on "Order Number 11: the Uncivil War in Missouri and Kansas". Jim has a series of presentations about the War of Northern Aggression which look at the political causes and implementation of the war from before the out break of hostilities until after Appomattox. His discussion on Order #11 is sure to be interesting and provocative. You surely will want to hear this presentation. Bring your wife or significant other, as they are always welcome. Don't forget to bring that prospective recruit. See y'all there!!!

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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NEW MEMBER #64

Regrettably our camp lost a member during April. Ben Crain passed away on April 9th, 2014 (see page 3). He was 79 years old. The camp has not had a member die since Compatriot John Bullock passed away in December 2010. Ben's death dropped our membership to 63 men. We need some new members to so we can fill the shoes of those compatriots who have departed. We need to get our name out so people realize we are here. Word of mouth is our best recruiting tool. We need new ideas for recruitment that will get our group noticed. We are the largest camp in the Kansas Division and we have the potential to be at twice our size. The Kansas City metropolitan area is ripe with recruits. Please, go out and find a recruit, or two, or three.

Death of a Member

On April 9, 2014, on the 149th anniversary of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, the Key Camp lost long time member, Bennie "Ben" Crain. Ben had been a member of the camp for many years. He gave a wonderful presentation about WBTS carbines when we met at Old Shawnee Pizza on Neiman Road north of Shawnee Mission Parkway. He had one of the most extensive collections of carbines that exists and he brought several of them in for the presentation. A retired Air Force major and fighter pilot, he was awarded the SCV War Service Medal (#3706) for his service to our country in Vietnam. While he was not able to attend very many of our meetings, I would see him several times a year at gun shows and other venues; he always asked how the camp was doing. Ben was a great individual and he will be missed.

Lone Jack History Day

Adjutant Steve Crawford has notified us that the camp has been invited to participate in the Lone Jack Battlefield History Day event. It will be held on Wednesday May 7th at the battlefield. It is a day when students from the local area come to the site to learn about the early pioneer days and the War of Northern Aggression. The camp has had a display for three or four years. The kids rotate around a series of displays every 20 minutes. Adjutant Crawford and Compatriots Merle Leech and Mike Smith have done an outstanding job giving the presentation for the last several years. If anyone would like to help out this year, please contact Adjutant Crawford.

Do You Have An Opinion About the Future of the SCV?

Submitted by Compatriot John Bolton

The General Executive Committee of the SCV has developed a program for the development of ideas for the future of our Confederation. This program is called "SCV Vision 2016". The program is now ready for the camp level to provide input and ALL compatriots are invited and encouraged to participate. The first meeting in the Kansas Division will be for the Major Thomas J. Key Camp and is scheduled for Thursday May 8th at our very own Zarda's BBQ!!! We will meet at 6:30 p.m. and all compatriots are invited to enjoy dinner on their own in the back room as we do for our regular meetings. We will begin a short presentation about the program at 7:00 and will follow with a brainstorming session. I anticipate that we will be done before 8:30. Please plan to attend. This is an excellent way to have input about the future of the camp and the SCV. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, John Bolton: jrboltondvm@gmail.com.

****Commander's Note**** Compatriot Bolton is the Kansas Division representative for SCV Vision 2016. This is an important meeting as we need to determine OUR future as an organization. I can't stress enough the importance of this meeting so please do plan to attend. It is scheduled for one week after our regular camp meeting. See y'all there.

2014 National Reunion Charleston, South Carolina

This is what we have been waiting for. The Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion (Convention) is coming this summer. For those of you that have never attended a national reunion, this REALLY IS THE ONE to attend from Thursday July 17 through Saturday July 19th.

The activities, tours, and programs will be spectacular. Several Key Camp members are already registered. Join the crowd and get registered today. Join the Key Camp Contingent in Charleston in 2014.

Camp Shirts

Compatriot John Bolton brought the new camp shirts to the April. The shirts look fabulous. If you ordered a shirt but missed the April meeting, plan to pick up your shirt at the May meeting. A big thank you goes to Compatriot Bolton for his efforts at procuring the shirts for the camp.

Camp Elections

The Constitution of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp stipulated that officer elections will be held every two years with those elections occurring on even numbered years. Guess what? 2014 is an even numbered year. That means camp elections will be held in November with results announced in December and the elected officers take their positions on January 1st. That being said, nominations for the positions of Commander, 1st Lieutenant Commander (in charge of setting up speakers), 2nd Lieutenant Commander (recruiting officer), and Adjutant will be requested beginning in September. Nomination Forms will be provided to each member in good standing. Start thinking about who you feel would do a great job in each of those positions. You may even (anonymously) nominate yourself!! I will state that I have been the commander of the Key Camp since it was formed 14 years ago. We need a new commander to take the helm and carry us on to greatness. Who do you think would be the perfect person to accomplish that? Now nominate them.

REMINDER!

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BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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