

THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING 100th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday September 3rd, 2009. 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. This is the meeting that has been 100 years in the making. That's right - 100years!!! This is "THE MEETING OF 100". We will do a double celebration. It is the 100th meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp and we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of our beloved Compatriot Loren Lundy. This 100th celebration will only happen once in the lifetime of our camp. The 100th birthday for Loren will only happen once in his lifetime. Is that not cause for celebration? In addition, this meeting is our awards meeting when national awards from the SCV convention will be presented to deserving camp members. Come celebrate with us as we commemorate two 100th events and a history of the Key Camp put together by Second Lieutenant Commander John Weir. This promises to be a very fun and enjoyable evening that you won't want to miss. Be sure to bring your wife or significant other, as they are ALWAYS welcome. Also don't forget to bring that prospective member along so he can meet us. Hope to see y'all there.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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Key Camp On The Web

Key Camp: www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org
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New Member #77

Okay - let's find new member 77!!!

Parma Woods Live Fire Event

On Saturday 8 August the Key Camp held its 6th Annual Live Fire Event at the Parma Woods Missouri DNR Range. The weather cooperated nicely and we had a great time, especially considering how much lead was sent down range in about an hour. Those sharpshooters that attended were Paul and Betty Allen, Larry Brooks and his brother Gary, Scott Lalumondier, Merle Leech and Kris Amaro, Eric and Carrie Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Dan Peterson, Spike Speicher, Cameron Weir and his friend Sheila, Gavin Weir, and John Weir. I want to thank Eric Martinez, John Weir and Dan Peterson for being my station safety officers. You did an outstanding job. Everyone got to fire the Remington 44 caliber pistol, the 45 caliber Henry Rifle, and the 58 caliber Remington Zouave musket. For a comparison weapon this year I brought out a Model 1911 .45 caliber Colt pistol as was used in WWI and WWII. The shooters compared that to the Remington. I think the Colt won the popularity contest. Anyway, we had a great time and shot a bunch of ammo.

Loren Lundy Turns 100 Party

On Monday August 31st, Loren Lundy will celebrate his 100th birthday. What a fantastic milestone. Loren has invited the entire camp to a birthday celebration that his family is having for him on Sunday, August 30, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will be at the Sylvester Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway, Mission, Kansas, at the intersection of Lamar and Martway - a block south of Johnson Drive and Lamar. The invitation says "No Gifts Please! Your Presence and a Birthday Card would be Great!" Mark your calendars, come out to wish Loren a Happy 100th Birthday, and say hi to Loren and his family. Don't forget the second celebration at our 100th meeting on September 3rd as we will again celebrate his 100th birthday - camp style.

9th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

If you missed the August meeting you missed a very important announcement. Our 9th Annual L-J Banquet will be on Saturday 16 January 2010. We are exceedingly lucky to have as our guest speaker the SCV Commander-In-Chief Chuck McMichael. This will mark only the third time a C-I-C has visited the Kansas Division in ten years and the first time that a C-I-C is coming to attend a camp event rather than a division convention. C-I-C McMichael's calendar fills up very quickly as he is in high demand to attend SCV functions all over the country. We are very lucky that he was able to accept our invitation. The banquet will be at Grinter Place and we are limited in our seating capacity. Therefore, attendance is limited to 75; first come, first served. One third of the tickets have already been sold. The cost of the tickets remains \$20.00 per person. The cost has not gone up since the first banquet. If you want to get advance tickets please notify Adjutant Heath Roland. You definitely do not want to miss meeting and talking with our Commander-In-Chief. He is an outstanding individual and excellent humorous speaker. You won't soon forget L-J 2010.

DeSoto Days Festival Parade

Labor Day weekend brings the annual DeSoto Days Festival in DeSoto, Kansas. The festival parade that the Key Camp has been in for the last five years (2009 marks our sixth appearance) will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 5th of September. We need lots of volunteers for this event. In the past our float has won a 1st place, a 2nd place, and a 3rd place prize in the float competition. That means we have won in three out of our five appearances. Not bad. We hope 2009 will bring us another prize. We need to do some brainstorming because the theme for the floats this year is "Imagine all the people...". We have had one suggestion so far and that is "Imagine all the

people...blue and gray, black and white, together honoring our Civil War ancestors". We could have guys in both Confederate and Union uniforms marching together. We could have ladies riding the float. I will see if Compatriot Tyrone Williams, a black member of the BG William Steele Camp, would like to march with us. I think it has possibilities. If you have other suggestions please let me know so we can start working on the float. If there are no other suggestions in the next two weeks we will continue to develop the suggestion presented by Compatriot Jacob "Jacob #2" Mirocke. You can also make suggestions about how to improve on the first idea also. Either way, suggestions are welcome and please plan to participate.

Leavenworth Living History

On Saturday September 12, the Key Camp has been invited to participate in a living history walk in Leavenworth, Kansas, along the River Walk in town. At key points along the walk, there will be displays of military equipment starting with the 1820s. One site will be 1820-1840 Dragoons, another will be the Spanish-American War, then WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and finally Iraq. The Key Camp has been requested to display the Civil War site. I envision a tent or two with relic and weapons displays on tables, uniformed and civilian attired (camp shirts) members talking with people, some musket firing demonstrations, etc. We need to be set up by 9:00 a.m. and close down at 2:00 p.m. If you are available that day to help out it would be greatly appreciated. This is a big event for the city of Leavenworth and the publicity is high. They are anticipating a lot of interest in the displays and a lot of people on the route. This is a great chance to get ourselves and our flag out in front of the public. I will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting so please volunteer if you can.

The American Civil War Series

I want to thank Jon Linn for sending the following information. The lecture series takes place at the National Frontier Trails Museum.

"The Friends of the National Frontier Trails Museum will be presenting a seven-week series of lectures on the American Civil War. We will trace the entirety of the confrontation between the North and South from the events leading to the war, all campaigns, and the aftermath. Particular attention will be given to those living in the border region of Missouri and Kansas, before, during and after the war. You will examine the culture, politics and people of both sides in an attempt to understand events and outcomes of the conflict. The lectures are presented by historian Jim Howk, who has spent a lifetime researching the various aspects of the important chapter of our history. The series is well-illustrated, incorporating numerous images including photos, cartoons, eyewitness drawings from newspapers and magazines of the Civil War era.

Lectures take place on consecutive Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning September 29 through November 10."

Jon also sent the following:

You may have noticed in the Border Star calendar of events for other organizations that the Kansas City Round Table is having a Border War Panel for their Tuesday, Aug 25, meeting. I thought you would like to know that Mike Calvert, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, is going to be one of the panelists. During the summer the Kansas City Round Table does not have a dinner meeting so this event will be free at 7:00 p.m. at the Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS. They welcome other Civil War buffs, and it would be a good chance to become acquainted with them. Beverly Shaw, Treasurer

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Dates and Topics:

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

7:00 p.m.

The Long and Winding Road to War

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Antietam-Emancipation Proclamation-
Chancellorsville- Gettysburg

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

7:00 p.m.

The Lower South Secedes-Fort Sumter

Tuesday November 3, 2009

7:00 p.m.

War on the Border I (Bleeding Kansas)

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Opposite Sides-Border States

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

War on the Border II
(Missouri 1861-1883) Yes, 1883!

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

7:00 p.m.

1st Manassas-Shiloh-Peninsula Campaign

Advance Reservations are requested
Cost: \$5 per lecture, \$30 for entire series

National Frontier Trails Museum
318 W. Pacific
Independence, MO 64050
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REMINDER!!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 3rd AT 6:30 P.M.

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