

# THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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## THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH FOR THE MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920 KANSAS DIVISION, SCV JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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### SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING 111<sup>TH</sup> Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87<sup>th</sup> 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. Since this is September we always present the national and camp awards at this meeting. We have several to give out this year so it should be an exciting time as we recognize members of our camp that have done a great job during the last year supporting our camp. Our speaker is our own Lane Smith. Lane has done an extensive study on General Longstreet at Gettysburg. Was Longstreet to blame for the Confederate loss or not? Did his actions (or lack thereof) on July 2 cause the defeat? I think you will be very impressed with Lane's analysis so don't miss the exciting conclusion. It should be a very interesting presentation indeed and one you will not want to miss. So come and enjoy the camaraderie and fun and hear a great story at the same time. 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 #78

Still waiting

## Pleasant Grove Cemetery

We tried something different this time. We scheduled a mowing of the cemetery for late Monday afternoon, August 9. That afternoon Lee Crutchfield, Jim King, Carl Linck, Lane Smith, and Spike Speicher met and completed the mowing. The day before John and Cameron Weir went to the cemetery and weed whacked around all the headstones and marked the low ones so the riding mowers wouldn't run over them. It worked wonderfully and made the mowing on Monday go much quicker. The Monday afternoon mowing worked so well that we scheduled another one for 23 August. Jim King and Carl Linck both had their riding mowers. Lane Smith and Spike Speicher had their push mowers. We were done cutting before 6:00 p.m. We will be scheduling another session at the cemetery after Labor Day weekend. We will decide on a date at the meeting. Mowing on a weekday evening seems to work pretty well so we may just continue with that schedule.

## Meet Our New Chaplain

After more than two years service as our camp chaplain, Reverend Thomas T. Ellis has moved on. Tom retired from his church, sold his house and has moved back to Virginia. It is a substantial loss to the camp. Tom did a wonderful job as chaplain and he will be dearly missed. At the last meeting an announcement was made requesting a volunteer come forward to take over the job as camp chaplain. Compatriot Carl Linck stepped up to the plate. Carl has been with the camp for a number of years and has been extremely active in events. It is an honor to announce that he is our new camp chaplain. While he has had no formal priestly training I feel that he will do a great job for us. Please thank Carl for volunteering the next time you see him.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri Light Artillery

As most of you know the camp sponsors a reenactment unit. The unit has a full scale 6-pounder field piece and limber. They not only reenact but help out with living history events throughout the year. On 4 and 5 September the unit will be participating in a reenactment at Lamoni, Iowa. It is about an hour and a 15 minute drive north on I-35. If you aren't doing anything that weekend why not come up for a visit. The battles themselves will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. However, there will be events and vendor activities all day both days to keep you occupied. If you've never been to a reenactment this would be a great opportunity for you.



3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri doing a night fire event.

## Upcoming Parades

We have two parades coming up in the near future. The first is the Ottawa Veterans Day Parade. This will be on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will plan to meet in Ottawa at 8:30 a.m. that morning. We will need lots of people. We are planning on a Color Guard and a float. Our float will be the cannon on the trailer. We need to decorate the trailer and rehearse the Color Guard. We need as many people as possible in uniform and as many as possible in khaki trousers and camp shirts. The parade is only about six or seven blocks long but anyone is welcome to ride on the float if you so desire. This has always been a fun parade and we have always been very well accepted. This will be our tenth year for this parade. There will be a sign up sheet at the September meeting so please plan to join us if at all possible.

The second parade is in Leavenworth on Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>, the actual day of Veterans Day. This is one of the largest parades in the Midwest; it is big. It is also long. Unfortunately since it is on a week day it is hard to get volunteers. What we are planning to do is a joint Union and Confederate Color Guard. We did this last year and it worked well. Again this year we will plan to meet in Leavenworth around 8:30 a.m. for practice and fun. There will be a sign up sheet for this parade also. We really need guys for this one since so many members have to work that day.

Parades are a great way for us to get our flag in front of the public in a positive manner. It is good publicity for our camp and for the SCV. Our recruiting banner that we carry in the parades speaks of Southern heritage. This is getting our message out. That is why it is so important that we participate in these events. That is why it looks good to have a strong turnout at the parades we are in. Besides, they are great fun.

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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