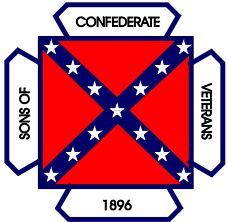
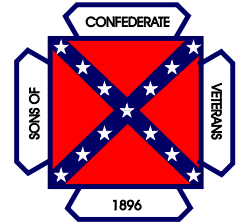


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SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING 144th Regular Meeting SEPTEMBER 5th (first Thursday)

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday September 5th, 2013. 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 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. We have a very unique presentation for this meeting. Compatriot Gary Minsey and Chaplain Carl Linck will be talking with us about an upcoming collection trend - that of autograph collecting. Autographs of historic figures, presidents, and other famous people are becoming a very valuable commodity. Our members will be sharing some of their own collection of autographs. Other members who might have some famous autographs in their own collections are encouraged to bring them to this "show and tell" meeting. It will be a very enjoyable evening and I am sure you will find it extremely interesting. As with all of our meetings, be sure to bring your wife or significant other (but not both at the same time), 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 #66

And who will it be?

Awards Presentations

Don't forget that our September meeting is also our Awards Presentation meeting. We will be handing out numerous national awards to camp members as well as several camp awards. This is our opportunity to recognize those compatriots who have gone the extra mile to support the camp and our activities

Key Camp Family Picnic

Saturday August 3rd the Key Camp held its annual family picnic at Shawnee Mission Park. The weather was excellent as was the food. Twenty-four members and friends attended the event and all agreed that it was a wonderful time.



Chow time at the Family Picnic

Walthall Update

Compatriots Charles and Jordan Walthall attended the picnic and it was good to see them again. They now live in Texarkana, Arkansas. They were in Kansas City because on Monday August 5th, Jordan went on active duty in the U.S. Army. He will be going through Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The unfortunate news is that Charles is transferring his SCV membership to a camp in Arkansas so we will lose him as a regular member. He is staying on as an Associate Member of the Key Camp. As of press time we are uncertain of the status of Jordan as whether he will remain a regular member of the Key Camp or become an Associate Member.

McLouth Kansas Fall Festival

At the last meeting of the camp we discussed a scheduling conflict with the Jesse James Festival Parade and the McLouth Fall Festival, both taking place on the same weekend. The discussion focused on the recruiting potential at McLouth as opposed to Kearney parade. The camp voted to attend the McLouth event, which will be on Saturday and Sunday September 21 and 22. The 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery (our camp sponsored reenactment unit) will set up a WBTS campsite for the weekend. The cannon and limber will be there and we will be able to fire the cannon. In conjunction with the campsite, we will have a recruiting booth set up and possibly a small display of artifacts. While the gun crew is busy with the cannon demonstrations, we will need volunteers to come out and help with the recruiting booth. Even if you can only be there for a couple of hours, it will help. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.

SCV Leadership Workshop

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp is proud to announce that it will be hosting an SCV Leadership Workshop here in Kansas City on Saturday November 16th. This workshop has the potential to draw attendees from the Kansas Division, the Missouri Division, and possibly from Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma as well. These workshops are very popular and have been extremely successful. We are working closely with Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow on the details. We anticipate having room for about 40 attendees. Details will be forth coming but I can assure you that the class will fill quickly so mark your calendar and plan to register as soon as the forms are available.

Ottawa Veterans Day Parade

The Ottawa Veterans Day Parade will be on Saturday November 9th. This will be our eighth or ninth year in this parade. There will be activities and displays in Forest Park after the parade. It will include a skirmish in which the cannon of our 3rd Battery will be involved. We will meet in the bank parking lot at Fourth and Walnut (one block west of Main). We need to arrive by around 9:00 a.m. so we can decorate our float (the cannon on the trailer) and assign positions for everyone. This a great place to wear your Confederate uniform or your camp shirt. If you don't want to walk the route you can ride on the trailer. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade

Right on the heels of the Ottawa parade is the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade, which is on Monday November 11th. This held on the actual Veterans Day. It is one of the largest parades in the mid-western United States and draws thousands of spectators.

Regrettably, it generally falls on a weekday so our turnout is generally small as most of our compatriots work. In the past, we have done a joint Color Guard with the Sons of Union Veterans but this year it will depend on how many of our members can be there. Hopefully, the weather this year will be better than last year. Last year it really was miserably cold and wet. HOWEVER, we still had a good time. Again, if you can get to this parade it would really be appreciated.

Lone Jack History Day

This year the Lone Jack History Day for the schools is Wednesday September 4th. It will be at the Lone Jack Battlefield. The kids rotate through a round robin affair with about 10 or 12 stations. Adjutant Steve Crawford and Compatriot Mike Smith will be manning a station on Civil War Weapons and Equipment. They will be setting up at 8:00 a.m. If anyone would be available to assist them that day, it would be appreciated. Contact Adjutant Crawford directly if you can participate.

Reenactment

There will be a Civil War reenactment on Friday August 30 through Sunday September 1st. It will be in Lamoni, Iowa, which is just over the Iowa state line off I-35. The camp sponsored reenactment unit, the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, CSA, will be participating in the reenactment. It really is not a far drive and if you've never seen a reenactment this is a perfect one to see. There are battles each afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. Come relax in our camp and enjoy the weather. Visitors are always welcome.



Members of the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery at the 2012 reenactment at Lamoni, Iowa.

REMINDER!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 5th AT 7:00 P.M.

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