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MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920  
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## SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014 155<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 August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 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 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. Our speaker for the evening is Commander Spike Speicher. Spike has put together an interesting slide show presentation about "Guerilla and Unconventional Warfare in the Civil War". He traces some of the history of UW and then examines the differences of what took place in the Eastern and Western theaters of our war. In addition to his presentation, Spike will host the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp and National Awards Ceremony that will honor ten of our compatriots. Please plan to attend this meeting and to learn about unconventional warfare and congratulate our members being recognized at both the camp and national level. 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 #65

I am very excited to announce that Compatriot Jeffery Brown will be inducted at our September meeting. That is great news. I am also excited to announce that two other individuals are in the works. One is a friend of Jacob Mirocke and the other is a fellow I met at a meeting of the Commemorative Air Force (used to be the Confederate Air Force until political correctness intervened). We are making progress but we must always be thinking of recruiting. Every time you meet someone just work Sons of Confederate Veterans into the conversation and see what happens. That's what I did at the CAF meeting. I mentioned it to this fellow and he responded that his great, great grandfather and his third great grandfather were both in South Carolina units. Bingo! He plans to attend our meeting.

## Key Camp Family Picnic

Saturday 23 August was a perfect day for our camp's Family Picnic. Shelter #1 is the best one we have ever had. It is covered and there were a lot of trees so there was plenty of shade. There was even a nice breeze coming through that kept everyone very comfortable despite the above average temperatures. There were way more than enough new picnic tables. And the food – oh my gosh. It was absolutely wonderful and soooo much!! Twenty-three compatriots and guest attended and more than one of them told me it was the best picnic we have had. Look forward to next year's picnic.



First Lieutenant Commander Lee Crutchfield (far left) and Compatriot Greg Mill (far right) lead the charge

## Upcoming Recruiting Event

The weekend of September 20-21 is the McLouth Thrashing Bee Festival. Yes, you heard me right. We attended last year and had a very fun time. We set up a relic and weapons display table and a recruiting booth. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days. So dress comfortably (shorts and camp shirts would be perfect) and come on out for a few hours or days to help out. In your spare time you can watch the tractor pull competition. The Key Camp's reenactment unit will be out there firing the cannon also.

## Plan Ahead Dates

We have a couple of our annual events coming up and want to give you notice so you can mark your calendars. First is the annual Ottawa Veterans Day Parade. That will be held on Saturday 8 November in Ottawa, Kansas. The second event is the annual Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade. That will be held on Tuesday 11 November in Leavenworth, Kansas. I know the Leavenworth parade is on a week day so many of you have to work but if you can make either parade, PLEASE plan to do so. I will have more details as we get closer to the dates. And probably the most important is that the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet is planned for Saturday January 31, 2015. Remember we are always looking for auction items so keep your eyes out for appropriate items.

## National Reunions

Again, just for planning purposes, here are the dates and locations for the next three reunions:

120 <sup>th</sup> Annual	Richmond, Virginia	15-18 July 2015
121 <sup>st</sup> Annual	Richardson, Texas	14-17 July 2016
122 <sup>nd</sup> Annual	Memphis, Tennessee	17-20 July 2017

What's neat is that Richardson (Dallas), Texas is only an eight or nine hour drive. So is Memphis if I remember correctly. Both of those are within striking distance from the Key Camp. Let's get a really big turnout for both of those. Wouldn't it be awesome to say that the Key Camp had 20 compatriots in attendance at a national reunion. Many of our national officers were impressed this year when I told them we had 8 that came all the way from Kansas to Charleston.

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

I think most of you are aware that the Key Camp sponsors a Confederate reenactment unit, designated as above. They participate in six or eight events a year and are a wonderful recruiting tool. Over the last year several members have moved away from the area so the unit is looking for recruits. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Compatriot Eric Martinez. We are looking for a few good men.



3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri in the "heat of battle"

**REMINDER!**

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

**WILL BE ON THURSDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.**

**BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**

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