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## NO JANUARY CAMP MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. We will NOT have a January meeting due to our Sixth Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on 20 January 2007.

NO

JANUARY 2007

MEETING

SEE YOU AT THE

LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

20 JANUARY 2007

# Editorial Byline and Stuff

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New Member #65

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No new members.

Come on guys let's recruit!

## 2007 Lee-Jackson Banquet

The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet is scheduled for Saturday January 20 at Grinter Place Historic Site in Kansas City, Kansas. This is the same as last year's banquet location. There will be a catered meal, cash bar, and a birthday cake honoring Generals Lee and Jackson. Our guest speaker will be Don Gilmore with a great presentation based on his acclaimed book Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border. By the way Don will have copies of his book available for signing and purchase for \$25.00. There will also be our live auction, which is our big fundraiser for the year. This promises to be a sell out crowd so make your reservations early. Cost of the tickets is \$20.00 per person. Such a deal!

### L-J Banquet Special Auction Item

Every year at our Lee-Jackson Banquet the Major Thomas J. Key Camp holds a live auction as our big fundraiser for the year. For this auction the camp relies in a big way for donations from camp members. This year is no exception as a call for donations was put out at the October meeting. We still need donations. I must tell you though that there will be one very special item on the auction block. That item is an original key wind pocket watch that was manufactured in 1873. Again, this is an original watch from the year 1873 and it is in working condition. This is a very rare find and is worth several hundred Yankee greenbacks. In addition to the watch there will be books, Gone With The Wind Christmas ornaments, a limited edition Civil War print by Alan Fearnley, mug sets, and two original pieces of CSA paper currency. Be sure to bring your checkbook to the auction as we don't take credit cards. We also take cash and IOUs in case you buy more than you had originally planned to - which is a good thing.

## Leavenworth Militaria Show

It is that time of year again for the Leavenworth Militaria Show. This is a fun one-day event at Fort Leavenworth that will occur on Saturday 3 February 2007. Lots of neat exhibits and items to buy. As we have for the past five or six years we will have our recruiting table set up. This usually runs from 9:00 a.m. until about 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. We will have our regular display items, recruiting items, and handouts. Last year we had a VHS tape player with a video of Civil War reenacting showing. Besides that, this year we will have a DVD player and will be showing the new recruiting DVD that was produced by our International Headquarters. This is an awesome DVD that was shown for the first time at our November meeting. Once again I'd like to call for volunteers to help man the table. Come for all day or just for an hour or two. It makes it so much easier when there are two or three guys manning the table. That's lets the other members walk through the show, get something to eat or drink, or to use the restroom. There will be a sign up sheet at the February 1 meeting but please mark your calendar now and plan to help out if you possibly can.

## New Key Camp Webmaster

Many thanks to our previous webmaster Steve Crutchfield for getting the Key Camp into the technological world. However, due to increased work responsibilities Compatriot Crutchfield has regrettably had to stand down as webmaster. But a bright and shining star has risen like a Phoenix to step in and carry the website load. Compatriot John Weir has put together an outstanding camp website. It can be accessed through [www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org](http://www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org). Please take a look at it because it is awesome. Thank you Compatriot Weir for an outstanding job. Ideas and suggestions for the site are welcome. Just contact Compatriot Weir.

## 2006 In Review

As we close out another year I think it would do us well to look back on what has got to be the busiest and most successful year for the Major Thomas J. Key Camp. We were chartered just six years and seven months ago on May 22, 2000. We started with just ten members. Today we have 65 members. While we have lost some members along the way for various reasons, we continue to grow as a camp. Every year we have taken on more challenges and accepted more invitations. Our two perpetual projects (Pleasant Grove Cemetery and Mine Creek Battlefield) have been going since our camp was formed. In 2006 we did more than we have ever done before. It started with the 2006 Lee-Jackson Banquet that 69 people attended. That is the second highest number we have had. In addition to our regular monthly meetings we held our first annual family picnic in July and our third live fire event at Parma Woods Range in August. We marched in the DeSoto Days Parade in September winning third place and in the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade in November. We had military displays at Eisenhower Elementary School at Fort Leavenworth in January and at the Liberty Memorial in March. We set up living history sites at Harris-Kearney House, Wornall House, Byram's Ford Battlefield, and at Lawrence. We had recruiting events at the Leavenworth Militaria Show in February, Old Shawnee Days in June, and at Kill Creek Farm in October. We held workdays at Mine Creek Battlefield twice, Wornall House twice, and at Byram's Ford. We sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri Light Artillery CSA as they carried the flag to seven reenactments and they participated with the Kansas City Symphony Memorial Day Concert at Union Station. Our camp has done more in one year than many camps do in twice that time. We are able to do this because we have active members willing to get involved in order to honor their Confederate ancestors. I've said it before and I'll say it again - YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!! Look out 2007 the Key Camp is coming.

**REMINDER!!**

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

**WILL BE THE  
LEE-JACKSON BANQUET ON JANUARY 20  
BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**

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