

# THE TELEGRAPH KEY



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JANUARY CAMP MEETING  
148<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting  
January 9<sup>th</sup> (second Thursday)  
NOTE - Date and Time Change

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday January 9<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 between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 6:30. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE DUE TO ZARDA'S CLOSING EARLY!!! This month's speaker is our own Commander Spike Speicher. The commander's presentation is titled "Meet Thomas Key". He is the name sake of our camp and yet most members know little if anything about the man. Spike will change that by giving a detailed account of Key's life as well as quotes from Key's wartime diary. I think 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 MEMBERS #65 and 66

Okay new members, come out, come out wherever you are!

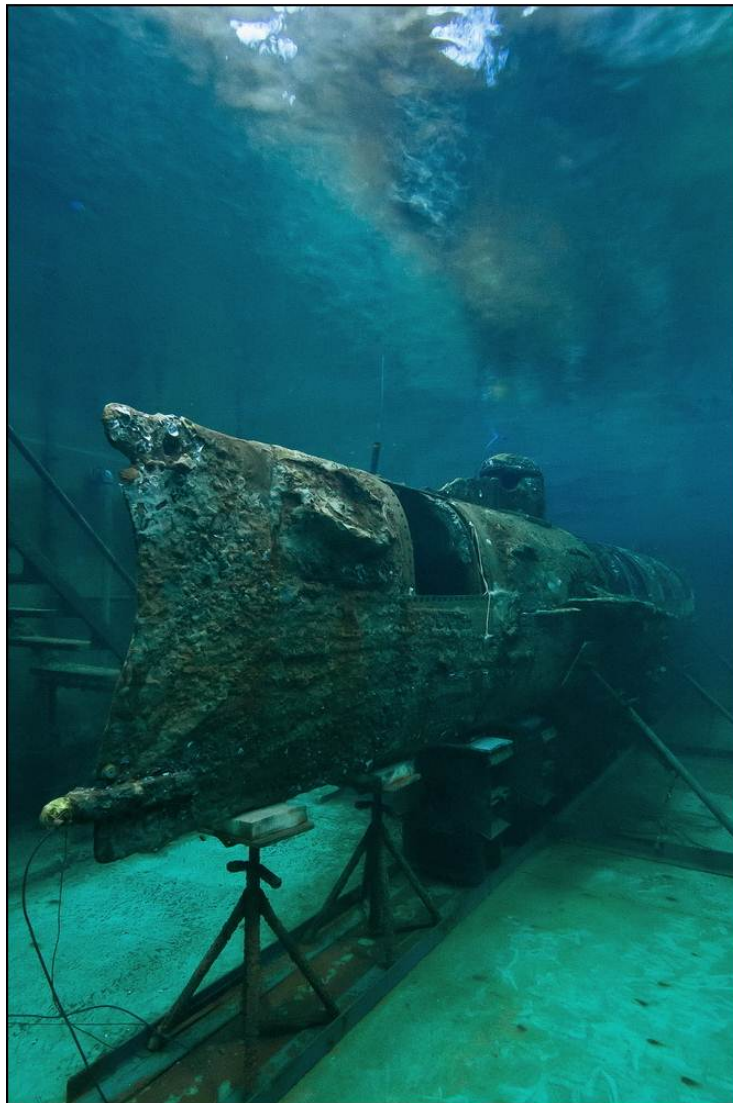
## 2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet

I am happy to report that planning for the 2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet is progressing nicely. This year's banquet will be held on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at the Abdullah Shrine on Metcalf Road just south of I-35. The facility is awesome. As you know, in the past we have sponsored our own honor bar for drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). This year there will be a manned cash bar but WITH A TWIST, and I don't mean of lime. Any money spent at the bar will be applied to our rental cost. Also remember that this is our ONLY real fund raiser for the year. The big money raiser is our live auction and we need to have items donated for that auction. They do not necessarily have to be related to the War of Northern Aggression. Donations can be anything that someone might want to buy. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the January meeting or call me and I will pick them up. The more items for auction, the more profit for the camp and remember, any amount obtained through the auction that is over and above the cost of the donated item can be used as a tax deduction on your income tax for 2014. This year's banquet promises to be the biggest and best yet so mark your calendar. Official invitations will be in the mail after the first of the year. Don't miss this one!!!!

## 2014 National Reunion Charleston, South Carolina

This is what we have been waiting for. The Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion (Convention) is coming this summer. For those of you that have never attended a national reunion, this will be a great one to attend from Thursday July 17 through Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>. In the November/December issue of Confederate Veteran magazine, Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens wrote his editorial about attending the Charleston

convention. If you haven't read it yet on page 4, please do. The activities, tours, and programs will be spectacular. One of the tours will be to the Warren Lausch Conservatory where the famous Confederate submarine, the H. L. Hunley, is housed. That alone would be worth the trip. Several Key Camp members are already registered. Join the crowd and get registered today. Join the Key Camp Contingent in Charleston in 2014.



The H. L. Hunley now upright in the conservation tank in Charleston, South Carolina. Come and see it in person.

**REMINDER!**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
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**WILL BE ON THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.**

**BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**

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