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MARCH CAMP MEETING 105TH Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 4th, 2010. 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 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. Our great 1st Lieutenant Commander Lee Crutchfield has located another fantastic speaker for our March meeting. Chelsea Crooks will be presenting a talk that should be of interest to everyone, especially our ladies in the audience. Ms. Crook's presentation will be "Elizabeth VanLew: Female Confederate Spy". This will give us a view of the war from a female participant side, something we don't hear about very often. Come and hear how the Ms. James Bond of the Confederacy operated and survived and what she contributed to the Southern cause. It is 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 #73?

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

What a great day March 17 will be. Of course any of you with Irish blood coursing through your veins will immediately recognize that March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day, a holy day amongst those of us of Irish descent. Unfortunately our federal and state governments fail to recognize that as an officially sanctioned holiday. But regardless, the Major Thomas J. Key Camp will be represented in the Westport St. Patrick's Day parade. We have been invited to be part of the entry from the Harris Kearney House. Despite the fact that it falls on a Wednesday the Key Camp will be well represented by Lee Crutchfield, Merle Leech, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, Jim Tucker, and John Weir. We will not have a float so everyone will be walking. If anyone else would like to join us let me know and we can add you to our ranks. We especially need guys in Confederate uniform as we will be representing the 10th Tennessee Infantry, which was an Irish regiment in the Confederate Army. We will be under their flag, which is a beautiful green color with the Irish harp and "The Sons of Erin" embroidered on it. Want to join us but don't have a uniform? We can outfit you for the parade. If you don't want to wear a uniform this would be a great time to wear our Key Camp shirt and khaki trousers. I have not received the complete packet of information but as soon as I get it I will put it out, probably at the March camp meeting. It will be a fantastic way to celebrate an awesome Irish tradition, and you don't have to be Irish to join us.

Leavenworth Militaria Show

This has been a long standing tradition for the Key Camp dating back to our first year in 2001. That means this was our 9th year participating in the show. The fruits of our efforts harvested two prospective members. Hopefully both of them will join us for the March meeting. We had a recruiting/display table that drew many folks to see who we were. We met and spoke with a lot of people and had a great time. Assisting

during the day manning the table was Merle leech all day, Lee Crutchfield in the morning, Carl Linck in the afternoon, and Eric, Jacob and Carrie Martinez at the end to help put things away. Several of us also spent too much money but it was worth it. In fact you may see some of the purchased items at the Westport parade (see article above). I want to thank all of you that came to help man the table. I really appreciate your support. Thank you!

Awesome Concert

Just as a point of interest (and as filler material) Cindy and I attended a fantastic concert Friday night the 19th. The concert was by The Band of the Irish Guards and The Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland. What a grand evening that I am sure any and all of you would have enjoyed. All I can say is that it was spectacular. I love bagpipes and was absolutely in 7th heaven while they were playing. The uniforms were beautiful and symbolic. Both organizations have had illustrious military careers with the Irish Guards dating back to 1900. Seven members were awarded the Victoria Cross in World War I. The original units of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (the 91st Argyllshire Highlanders and the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders) date back to the 1790's. They were consolidated in 1881. Battles such as Balaklava, New Orleans, and Alma adorn their colors. More recently they have served, and are serving, in Afghanistan and Iraq. It was wonderful evening and if the opportunity ever presents itself I would strongly recommend that you attend. I guarantee it will be an enjoyable evening for you.

REMINDER!!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY
MARCH 4th (2010) AT 6:30 P.M.
BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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