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MARCH CAMP MEETING 116TH Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 3rd, 2011. 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. I think all of you will find our presentation for this meeting to be most interesting. We hear a lot about Jesse and Frank James but not much about their famous friend and companion Cole Younger. Our speaker for the meeting is Mrs. Dianne Magness and she is associated with the Cass County Historical Society. She will be telling us all about Cole Younger and his family. It is an interesting and intriguing story covering the death of his father murdered by Union troops, how Cole saved the life of a Union officer, and how Union forces burned his mother's house based on Order #11. Cole came from a large family and their story is solidly linked to the history of western Missouri. You don't want to miss this one. 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

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Perhaps someone we talked to at the Leavenworth
Militaria Show (see page 7)

WESTPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Here comes the parade(s)!! That's right - our first parade for the year will be on Saturday March 12th at 2:00 p.m. It will be the Westport Saint Patrick's Day parade. We will be helping to represent the Wornall House entry in the parade and since the house was used as a hospital for both sides during the battle of Westport we will fit in historically well. We will march under the Irish flag of the 10th Tennessee Infantry. Everyone is welcome, uniform or not. Uniformed guys will walk in ranks and non-uniform guys will walk along with us. So put on your green uniform or your grey uniform or your green civilian outfit and join the fun. Further details as to where to rally and at what time will be forth coming but go ahead and mark your calendar now to march (walk) in the Westport Saint Patrick's Day parade. By the way - all of our ladies are invited to join us for the fun so bring wife, daughter, grand-daughter or significant other.

KANSAS CITY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Parade number two is right on the heels of parade number one so your outfits (military or civilian) won't even get cool in between parades. This parade is actually on the official Saint Patrick's Day on Thursday March 17th. This is the really big one as it is the Kansas City parade and it is one of the largest in the country. Again this year we have been invited to be part of the Harris-Kearney House entry as we were last year. We again will march (walk) under the Irish flag of the 10th Tennessee Infantry. We participated in this last year and had a wonderful time despite the really miserable weather. Come in uniform or your best Irish outfit and bring your ladies. Unfortunately the United States does not recognize this auspicious event

as a federal holiday so I know many or most of you need to work but IF you CAN get the day off or you are retired then come on out and support the camp and the Irish soldiers who fought so gallantly in the Confederate Army. Again more details will be provided as I receive the information. Since this is the one year anniversary of the death of Loren Lundy we will be wearing black armbands in his honor.

Key's Battery Award Presented



At the Tenth Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet our camp chaplain Carl Linck received the Key's Battery Award for outstanding support to the camp during calendar year 2010. Chaplain Linck stepped forward to volunteer as chaplain when Chaplain Tom Ellis moved back to Virginia. Chaplain Linck participated, with his Johnson Motors Presidential Rumble-Seat Roadster, in every parade. He came to just about every event the camp sponsored showing his true support of the camp and the SCV. Congratulations Chaplain Linck, for a job well done.

AWESOME!!!! Exhibit

The Kansas City National Archives will be sponsoring a traveling exhibit entitled "Lee and Grant". It will be in the Concourse Exhibit Gallery and will run from April 19 until October 22, 2011. I saw the original exhibit about three years ago in St. Louis and it was awesome. You could see the uniform General Lee wore at Appomattox. You could see the sword that he surrendered to General Grant and which Grant told him to keep. There are numerous other original items and uniform pieces belonging to both men. I believe this may be a smaller version of the original but I can't say for sure. Either way you must not miss seeing this exhibit. It is free to the public. The Kansas City National Archives is located in a building west of Union Station and the parking garage.



Photo of Lee's Appomattox Uniform (low light photo)

Compatriot Visits Major Key's Grave

Recently our Second Lieutenant Commander John Weir travelled to South Carolina. On his way there he stopped in Nashville, Tennessee to visit the grave of our camp namesake, Major Thomas J. Key. John carried the reproduction Key's Battery flag for this photo opportunity. While there was a family marker as seen in the background, Major Key himself did not have a headstone. Thanks to the efforts of camp adjutant Heath Roland, Major Key now has a proper headstone.



Leavenworth Militaria Show

On Saturday February 12th the Major Thomas J. Key Camp sponsored a display/recruiting table at the show. It was held in the Riverfront Community Center and was well attended. We had a weapons and relic display on one end of the table and our recruiting information on the other half. The day proved very profitable as we obtained information on four prospects; one for the Steele Camp and three for the Key Camp. I want to thank Compatriots Ron Lucas and Jim Tucker for volunteering to spend the entire day helping me man the table. Ron got there early enough to help me set everything up. I also want to thank Greg Miller for helping during the morning and Eric and Jacob Martinez for helping in the afternoon then taking down and packing up the display. It was a good day for the camp as several of the prospects are very interested in joining. One has contacted me with his genealogy information. In addition to recruiting, a few of us spent some of our hard earned money on the available goodies. I say that because even if our display wasn't there, it is still a great show to find awesome buys. Those of you that missed it this year will have another chance to make it next year.



Left to right: Jim Tucker, Spike Speicher, Ron Lucas.

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

MARCH 3RD AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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