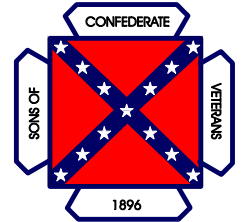


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MARCH CAMP MEETING 127th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 1st, 2012. 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. For this meeting we have a return engagement speaker. COL(R) Jack Bender is a collector of War of Northern Aggression soldier letters. Letters from the war are the truest form of history as seen by the soldiers themselves. They reveal the horrors of war like no history book can. They tell the real reasons that the soldiers went to war. (Ironically, of all the Confederate letters I have read I never once saw a Confederate soldier saying he was fighting to preserve slavery.) Anyway, Colonel Bender will be talking about some of the letters in his extensive collection. His expertise and credentials will prove he knows what he is talking about. I think you will find this to be a very interesting and fun evening. 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

I am pleased to say that we have several very strong prospects that we are following. Several of the individuals will be attending the February meeting and meeting us for the first time. I would really like to see us above 70 members by the time of the National Convention at Murfreesboro, Tennessee this July. We can do it and we are off to a good start. Just remember that word of mouth is our BEST recruiting tool.

RECRUIT, RECRUIT, AND THEN RECRUIT AGAIN

KANSAS DAY AT EISHENHOWER SCHOOL

Once more this year the Key Camp was invited to set up a display of Civil War equipment and weapons at Eisenhower Elementary School on Fort Leavenworth. It is an annual event that exposes 1st through 6th graders to living Kansas history. They see cornhusk doll making, woodcarving, baby piglets, quilt makers, and Confederate soldiers. Three compatriots from the camp manned the tables to answer questions and show the kids how things worked. I want to thank Lee Crutchfield and Mike Smith for helping me with the display. It was a tremendous show and the kids really enjoyed themselves. It is never too early to show youngsters the true history of the South and we do exactly that. This event is always the last Friday in January and I assume we will be invited back next year.



Compatriots Lee Crutchfield, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher

LEAVENWORTH MILITARIA SHOW

This year's show was held at the Riverside Community Center in Leavenworth, Kansas, on Saturday February 11th. It was a great show but, regrettably, we did not procure any prospects. That has never happened before. We have always come away with 3 or 4 prospects. But the show itself was awesome. I want to thank Compatriots Merle Leech, Jim Tucker, and Carl Linck for helping set up, man and tear down the display. Every year this show seems to get larger and better. There were a number of WBTS relics and weapons for sale, which I have not seen at previous shows. All in all it was a fun one-day event



Left to right: Compatriots Merle Leech, Jim Tucker, and Carl Linck.

PARADES AND PARADES

As that great and glorious Irish holiday of Saint Patrick's Day quickly approaches, we need to dust off our uniforms and shine (?) our brogans as we have been invited to participate in two Saint Patrick's Day Parades. What fun. The best part is that this year both parades fall on a Saturday so we should have a really strong turnout. The first parade is in Brookside and it is dubbed the official Brookside Saint Patrick's Day Warm-Up Parade. It is Saturday March 10th. I think it starts around 2:00 p.m. but I will have all the details by the meeting on where and when to meet. We will be with the Wornall House entry and will make up the majority of the group. Ms. Candice Walker has asked us to represent the house that was used as a hospital by both sides during the battle of Westport. We did this parade last year and it was a blast.

The second parade is the Kansas City Saint Patrick's Day parade, which is held on the actual day of the holiday - Saturday March 17. For this parade we will be with the Harris-Kearney House entry as we have been in the past. Again I will have details at the meeting as to where and when to meet. While everyone from the camp is welcome to participate in both parades, we especially need guys in Confederate uniforms and ladies in period attire. Don't have a uniform and would like to try one? Contact me as I can outfit two or three guys in Confederate uniforms. No uniform? Please wear khaki trousers and a camp shirt. I do have an extra camp shirt if you don't have one. Don't have a uniform or camp shirt? Come out anyway and join the group. Wear something green!!!

There will be a sign-up sheet for both parades at the meeting. For the Brookside Parade Candice would really appreciate both Compatriot Linck's Roadster and Compatriot Martinez's cannon. Any chance guys?

REMINDER!!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

MARCH 1st AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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