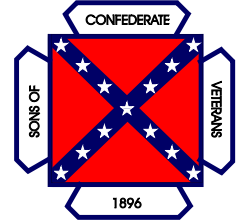


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MARCH CAMP MEETING
THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2014
START TIME IS 6:30

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 6th, 2014. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87th Street and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas. We will meet at 6:00 for dinner and start the official meeting at 6:30. That is because Zarda's is still closing early. We have an exceptional speaker for this meeting. Many of you that are also in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) probably already know him. He is the Vice President of the Kansas Society of the SAR, Past President of the Henry Leavenworth SAR Chapter, and a member of the General Steele SCV Camp in Leavenworth. Lt Col (Ret) Brooks Lyles will be presenting a program called "CPT John Penn and the Battle of Sharpsburg". CPT Penn is his Confederate ancestor. Brooks discusses his research about Penn, the actions he was in at the battle, and a project he has initiated about CPT Penn. 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 MEMBERS #65 and 66

We have become a little stagnant on our membership. Hey, here's a great idea... bring a prospective recruit to the March meeting. If that doesn't impress him enough to want to join, nothing will.

2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet

The 13th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet is now part of our camp history but man is it good history! What a great time we all had. Just under 50 people were in attendance at the gala event. The Abdullah Shrine was a terrific location and it was very reasonable. We will absolutely use that venue again. The food was catered by Kansas City Catering for the third year now. Everyone said the food was excellent. The auction was a resounding success. Some folks got some really good deals from it. Our speaker was Deb Bisel who gave a fine presentation on "JEB Stuart in Kansas". The best news is that once everything was sorted out and all the bills were paid, the camp cleared over \$1,400. Now that is what I call a successful banquet.



Keynote speaker Deb Bisel dazzling the audience

Key's Battery Award

Each year at the Lee-Jackson Banquet the camp awards the Key's Battery Award. The award recognizes the actions of one member who has done an outstanding job of supporting the camp during the preceding calendar year. At this year's banquet the award went to Compatriot Jim Thornton. Jim is now the 13th member of an honored roll of members:

For Service in:	Recipient:
2001	Loren Lundy
2002	Art Ziembinski
2003	Roger Strout
2004	Gary Roland
2005	Merle Leech
2006	John Weir
2007	Eric Martinz
2008	Rev. Tom Ellis
2009	Heath Roland
2010	Carl Linck
2011	Steve Crawford
2012	Jack Poynter
2013	James Thornton

When you see any of these men at our meetings or activities please thank them for supporting our camp. Who will be the next recipient? Maybe you!

Leavenworth Militaria Show

We had been scheduled to have a recruiting/display table at the annual Militaria Show in Leavenworth on February 9th but circumstances arose that prohibited us from participating this year. I want to thank Compatriots Merle Leech, Carl Linck, and Mike Smith for volunteering to help had things worked out. I have already heard from Jerry Brown, the organizer of the show, that we have a table reserved for next year.

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 19th. 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 Luck of the Irish

Saint Patrick's Day is fast approaching. Again this year, we are invited to be a part of two, count 'em, two parades honoring the great Irish Saint. It appears that the two parades will be back-to-back. The Brookside St. Patrick's Day Warm-up Parade will be on Saturday 15 March. The Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Monday 17 March, the date of St. Patrick's Day. Things are still in the planning stages but both parades look good. I will provide more information as I receive it. In the Brookside Parade we will be with the Wornall House entry and for the Kansas City Parade we will be with the Harris-Kearney House contingent. Please mark your calendars now and prepare to have fun. Uniforms are not required to participate. This would be a good time to wear a camp shirt or something special that is green!

REMINDER!

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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

MARCH 6th AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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