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FEBRUARY CAMP MEETING 82nd Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, February 7th, 2008. Please note that 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 speaker for the evening will be discussing an event that took place right here in our area. Our speaker, Jackie Roberts, has even written a book about the event. The event is the burning of Dayton, Missouri by the Kansas Jayhawkers. It was a despicable raid by despicable people that served no military purpose. Come and find out exactly what happened that fateful day in January 1862. Jackie will have her book available for sale at the meager price of \$20.00. Just as a point of interest, there will be a reenactment March 29 and 30. There will be a replica town of eleven houses and one church that will actually be burned during the reenactment. Part of the proceeds from her book sales will go toward that reenactment. This should prove to be an exceptionally interesting program. Be sure to bring your wife or significant other, as they are ALWAYS welcome. Also don't forget to bring that prospective member along so he can meet us. Hope to see y'all there.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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New Member #66 and 68

It gives me great pleasure - it gives me stupendous pleasure to announce that we have two new camp members. Number 66 is a friend of mine who is really excited about joining. Meet Mike Adams. His ancestor is Second Lieutenant William Riley Poole, Company D, 51st Georgia Infantry. Looks like we have another good Georgia boy. When Mike got the service records of his ancestor from Broadfoot's Publishing we even found out that Poole had been wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor. Makes it even neater. We should (and I repeat should) have his paperwork back from Headquarters so that we can induct Mike at the Lee-Jackson banquet. What a great time to be inducted. So please introduce yourself to Mike and his wife Lori at the banquet and make them feel right at home. Welcome aboard Mike. We are honored to have you in our ranks.

Our second new member is actually a well-known face as he has attended our camp family picnics and numerous parades with us. That is Joshua Strout. That's right, he has finally given in and come over to the bright side. We welcome Josh, who joined under Private George W. Jones, Company G, 1st Missouri Cavalry, CSA (same ancestor as his Grandfather Roger and Cousin Joey Strout). Needless to say we are so happy that Josh has joined our ranks. It will be very close if we get his paperwork from HQ in time to induct him at the banquet also but we will keep our fingers crossed. If we don't get them in time we will induct him at the February meeting. Again, let's welcome Josh to the camp and make him feel right at home. We are honored to have you too, Josh. Welcome aboard.

LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

Yes the Lee-Jackson Banquet is coming. It is Saturday 26 January so it is only a matter of a couple of days away. We have an awesome speaker lined up in the person of Robert Lee Hodge. We have some super items up for auction as well as some neat door prizes. We are having the same caterer as in the past that has provided such wonderful food. It is going to be an evening to remember and a great kick-off for the 2008 Key Camp Campaign season. I know the deadline for reservations has passed but if you just found out you can attend call Commander Speicher (913-962-9986 or by e-mail at colspike@hotmail.com) and let me know. We should be able to get you in. Cost is only \$20.00 per person. Heck you would spend that much for a movie and popcorn but it wouldn't be anywhere near as much fun as our banquet. We have sold a bunch of tickets (close to a record and the deadline hasn't arrived yet) for what is going to be the biggest and best gala event the Key Camp has ever had. Last year the weather stung us but this year we are looking at a sunny day with a high of 38 degrees. How perfect is that??? So don't miss it.

Camp Officer Elections

This has really turned into a mess this year. The only established fact at this point is that the 2006-2007 slate of officers are still serving in their respective positions until the election of officers issue is resolved. The election was to be held during the December meeting, however two issues arose that prevented that election. The first involved a concern about voting. Per the Key Camp Constitution, only members in attendance at the December meeting could vote in the election. The concern was that if a member could not make that particular meeting he had no say in the election of officers. The second issue that prevented the election was that the meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather (only the second time in camp history). With no meeting a January the vote was to be delayed until the February meeting. In the interim an amendment to the Key Camp Constitution was to be written that would provide for mail-in written ballots for the election of officers. That amendment would be voted on at the February meeting. If it passed then the election would be delayed until March after mail-in ballots had been distributed and returned. If the amendment didn't pass the election would take place in February with members at the February meeting doing the voting.

Okay, are you confused yet???? Now let me stir up the already muddy water. I have decided that the vote on the amendment needs to be delayed until the March meeting. Here's why - I have literally been swamped at work doing FBI stuff and at home doing Lee-Jackson stuff. Even worse, I leave Monday the 28th for two weeks in Quantico, Virginia, which I am trying to get ready for. If you read between the lines you will realize that I will not be here for the February meeting. There is no way I can get an amendment written and mailed out so all members have it ten days prior to the February meeting. I'm sorry but I just

can't get it done. Therefore, the amendment will be voted on at the March meeting. I will write it while I am in Virginia and can take the time to do it correctly. Then it will be mailed out so that every camp member receives a copy at least ten days before the March meeting. I sincerely apologize for the delay but I am just maxed out right now. Look for the proposed amendment sometime in mid-February. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

What Does 2008 Look Like

Here we go again. The Key Camp has another awesome year approaching. Here are some of the upcoming events that we know about right now:

March 1	CW Display at Liberty Memorial
March 15	Spring Workday at Mine Creek Battlefield
April 19-20	Recruiting event at Mahaffie Farm
April 28	Kansas Confederate Memorial Day
May 17-18	Recruiting event at Westport Reenactment
June 21	Kansas Division Convention in Lawrence
July 12	Tentative Key Camp Family Picnic

Lots of activities besides just our camp meetings. Of course we will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month all year at Zarda's BBQ.

I do want to close by saying that 2007 was a banner year for our camp. I have said it before and I will say it again - this is the BEST camp I have ever been affiliated with in all my years in the SCV. The reason it is so good is because of you!! The members of this camp are what makes it great. You pitch in when it really counts, you support the camp in so many ways, and you work together phenomenally well. What an awesome group of men (and ladies) you are. Thank you for all you do. On the next page is a letter I received that I would like everyone to read.

Letter From A Compatriot

I recently received a letter from a camp member that I would like to share with everyone. He really hits the nail on the head with what the Key Camp and the SCV are all about.

"Dear Spike and Key Camp members,

"I enjoyed reading through the State of the Camp letter that was recently sent out to all members. It is clear that we are an active group doing what we can to keep the Southern flame lit. I have been a member of the SCV since I was a teenager and understand it really is an 'Us against the World,' scenario when you consider the powerful groups that would like to see us go away. That is why it is so important to go to meetings, attend reenactments, get to know your fellow compatriot, and most importantly get the good word out to friends and family about the important job that we have as sons of the Confederacy.

"We can all do our part to improve an already vital (and don't forget fun) organization. I would never ask, nor expect, someone in my profession to do something I would not willingly do myself. Therefore, let me be the first to help the coffers of the camp I belong to with this modest donation. I would love to be able to tack on a few more zeros, but any government employee knows that isn't possible.

"If my ancestors gave everything they had, including their very lives, then I can certainly give a donation, attend a meeting, or bring along a friend. Let's all make this New Year a special one and that includes being good camp members.

Thank you for the support and prayers that each one of you give to active duty service members. It is felt and appreciated. Deo Vindice."

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 7th AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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