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FEBRUARY CAMP MEETING 93rd REGULAR MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, February 5th, 2009. 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. We have a very unique topic that our speaker, Mr. Jim Feagins, is going to present. His presentation centers on one our local battlefields. On August 15-16, 1862, a few miles east of Kansas City, the battle of Lone Jack took place. There is not much left of the battlefield today due to residential and commercial building in the area. What Mr. Feagins will talk about is "Archeological Research at the Lone Jack Battlefield". His presentation will include audio-visual slides from the battlefield and the research conducted there. Research techniques and the results of the research will be one of the most interesting parts of his talk and one that probably very few of us know about. This should prove to be an extremely interesting presentation that you won't want to miss. As usual wives/significant others are always welcome. Dress is always casual. Don't forget to bring a guest or prospective member.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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Welcome New Members #76 AND #77

We are starting the year off with a BANG!! We have two new members coming on board. I met the first gentlemen at the Posse of Westerners meeting on January 13. He is Dennis Garstang and he is currently a member of the Mosby Monroe Parsons Camp #718 in Jefferson City. He has been a long time member of the SCV as evidenced by his five-digit membership number. He recently relocated to Kansas City and was looking for a new SCV home. He found one in our camp and will be transferring his membership. Dennis's Confederate ancestor was Private John R. McMahan, Company B, 1st Missouri Cavalry. Prior to that Private McMahan served in the Missouri State Guard. He was a true Southerner indeed. Please introduce yourselves to Dennis at the next meeting and make him feel welcome. Welcome aboard Dennis.

Our second and 77th member is J. Scott Brown. Scott is an attorney and if that isn't enough he is also H.M. British Consul (Hon.) for the States of Kansas and Western Missouri. Now that we have "royalty" in our ranks there will be no more throwing of chicken bones at our meetings. Scott and his wife Amy attended the Lee-Jackson Banquet and he turned in his paperwork at that time. That was the first time we met and they will be a great addition to our camp. Scott's Confederate ancestor is 2nd Sergeant Milton Calloway Scott, Company A, 2nd Arkansas Mounted Rifles. Again, let's welcome Scott into our ranks. Welcome aboard Scott and Amy.

Leavenworth Militaria Show and Sale

Saturday February 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fort Leavenworth Frontier Conference Center is the Leavenworth Militaria Show and Sale that we have participated in for several years. We will have a recruiting table set. It is a small table so we can't bring a lot of stuff but we will have the recruiting DVD running and probably the reenactment VHS tape. We have to be there about 8:00 a.m. to set up. We usually close down by 3:00 as visitor start to taper off. Right now Merle Leech and myself are signed up to man the table. We could use one or two more people. If you are interested in helping let me know at the February meeting. Besides working the table you will be able to wander around during the show to see or purchase items being displayed. It is a fairly good-sized show with items from all wars.

Kansas Day at Eisenhower School

Each year on the last Friday of the month of January the Eisenhower Elementary School on Fort Leavenworth has their Kansas Day program. For the last four or five years the Key Camp has had a display set up for the kids. This year the date is Friday January 30. This is a one-day display as youngsters from 1st through 6th grade rotate through to see all the exhibits. We will have a three-table display for the kids to see. I do need some volunteers for this event. We need to be there early because the first classes come through at 8:10. We need to arrive around 7:15 to 7:30 to get set up. I will supply some the display items but anyone can bring anything that they want to add to the display. *Remember* Allow time to go through security at the front gate. Please call or send an e-mail and let me know if you can help.

8th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

Saturday January 14, 2009, was the banquet. What an awesome night it was. Fifty-three folks met to enjoy good food, good friends, good fun, good drink, a great presentation by Bob Eckhoff, and an absolutely riotous live auction. Several of us (Craig and Angie Freeman, Paul and Betty Allen, Dan Peterson, and Spike) met at Grinter Place at 4:00 p.m. to set up the room for the evening's events. I want to give those folks my special thanks because I could not have done it without you. Of all eight banquets I really feel I have to rate this the best one yet for laughing, fun, and enjoyment. It was awesome. I also want to thank all the folks that helped clean up at the end of the evening. I especially want to thank Lee and Connie Crutchfield, Craig and Angie Freeman, and Dan Peterson for staying until late to help out. Finally, a really big shout of thanks to Greg Miller. Not only did he help clean up but at the very end he swept the entire hall with just a small kitchen broom. And now for the really good news: we did our initial balance sheet from the auction and it looks like we made a bit over \$1,000.00. That is the best we have ever done on our banquet!!! So I want to thank everyone who attended for being there and supporting the Major Thomas J. Key Camp and for making this our best effort yet.

Unsolicited Comments About This Year's Lee-Jackson Banquet

"A note to thank you...for your hospitality at the Lee-Jackson Dinner on Saturday evening. Both [of us] were made to feel most welcome indeed, and we both had a fine time."

"I just wanted to thank you once more for a really, really nice evening last. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The food was good, as usual but mostly the "entertaining" was out of sight."

"Just a quick thank you for...your camp in providing the Kansas Division with this wonderful opportunity of fun and fellowship."

"Thank you [for my attendance at] the Lee-Jackson banquet. I really enjoyed the program. Please tell "Vanna White" she kept the atmosphere alive during the auction. I don't think I have ever been to an auction where the entertainment almost made me forget why I was there! I had a really good time."

So there you have it ladies and gentlemen. The Eighth Annual 2009 Lee-Jackson Banquet is history. If you couldn't attend this year you can always plan for next year on January 23, 2010. Go ahead - mark your calendar!

REMINDER!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE

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WILL BE HELD

ON SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2009

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