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FEBRUARY CAMP MEETING
137TH Regular Meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday February 7th, 2013. 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. Kansas City has two treasures of historical and cultural heritage that no other city has. Those are two historic homes; the James Wornall House and the Alexander Majors Home. Both of these homes were built prior to the Late Unpleasantness and both played roles in that conflict. Recently the administration of both museums was consolidated and a few months ago, a new director took over. Our speaker, Anna Marie Tutera, is that new director. She will discuss with us the future of those two sites. I would love to see the camp get involved and this would be a good start (see page 4). 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

STILL WAITING TO SEE WHO IT WILL BE
OUR FIRST NEW MEMBER IN 2013

Lee-Jackson Banquet

The 12th annual banquet honoring these two great generals took place on Saturday January 19, 2013. As last year, it was held at the historic Alexander Majors Home on State Line Road at about 82nd Street. The hall was beautifully decorated with Confederate flags all around. The catered meal was awesome. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Key's Battery Award. This award goes to the member selected by the Executive Committee as providing the greatest support to the camp for the preceding year. The winner of the 2013 Key's Battery Award, for support to the camp in 2012, was Compatriot Jack Poynter. Our guest speaker, LT COL Randy Mullis, USAF Ret, gave a great presentation on the Battle of Chancellorsville. This was in recognition of the two generals we were honoring. The Battle of Chancellorsville was General Lee's greatest victory but it was a devastating loss to South with the death of General Jackson. Following the presentation, the live auction was exactly that: very lively. The bidding was hot-and-heavy and extremely fun. I want to thank Compatriot Cade Smith for serving as our auctioneer and I would also like to thank Compatriot Lane Smith and my wife Kaki for their stellar performances as assistants with the auction. Special thanks to Compatriot Vinny Lalumondier for being a runner for the event. Of course, a special thank you goes to Compatriot Jack Poynter who brought his entire gallery of paintings for the auction. All of the proceeds from the paintings were donated to the camp. The banquet ended with the reading of the Candlelight Memorial Ceremony excellently done by Compatriot Dennis Garstang. Thank you, Dennis. I would have to say that the banquet was very successful and the camp did make money. The turnout however, was somewhat disappointing as we only had 37 reservations. The last four years the attendance has been 53, 65, 53, and 56 attendees. But those 37 had a great time. Let's look ahead to the 2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet.

Leavenworth Militaria Show

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp will have a recruiting table set up at the Annual Leavenworth Militaria Show. It will be on Saturday February 9th at the Leavenworth Riverfront Community Center. I will be setting up at 8:00 a.m. and the show starts at 9:00. The show goes until about 4:00 p.m. I can use volunteers to help me so if you have time come and help, even if only for a couple of hours. I would appreciate it.

Proposed Assistance to the Wornall House and Majors Home

The Key Camp has, since it was founded in 2000, two perpetual projects. The first project consists of two Mine Creek battlefield workdays, one in the spring and one in the fall. During these workdays members of the camp have removed hundreds of yards of barbed wire fencing, taken down 20 or 30 trees, and done general clean up around the Visitor Center. Since 2004, we have also taken care of the Confederate Monument and the grounds around it. That project continues.

Our second project is the Pleasant Grove Cemetery at Camden Point, Missouri. In the cemetery are the remains of six Confederate soldiers who were killed in the battle of Camden Point on July 13, 1864. Also in the cemetery is the second oldest Confederate Monument west of the Mississippi River. Starting in 2000, members of the camp cleared the front portion of the cemetery, placed six Confederate headstones, erected a 20-foot flagpole which flies the Missouri Battle Flag, and cleared the entire front half of the cemetery. Last year the Baptist Church that owns the cemetery came in and cleared the back half of the cemetery and have continued to mow the entire cemetery. Since they have taken that on, our role has diminished

extensively. Now we simply make sure that the Missouri Bartle Flag is replaced when it becomes tattered.

Since that project, at least for the near future, appears to be over, I would like to see the camp take on support of the Wornall/Majors Homes as our camp project. This would include scheduled days for yard work, painting, light woodworking projects, etc. I assisted at the Wornall House for their Christmas Tour. Registration for the tour was done in the Carriage House and I spent a lot of time in there over the two days of the tours. What I saw was that the building was not in the greatest of shape. I feel that a good fresh coat of paint, inside and outside, would do a world of good. I feel that would be a worthwhile project for the camp. With enough members helping, I feel we could get the project done with two Saturday sessions. Please think about this idea and we will discuss it at the meeting.

Two Upcoming Parades

Two of our annual parades are coming up in March. Ironically, the way the days fall, both parades are on the same weekend. The first is the Brookside Saint Patrick's Day Warm Up Parade. We do this parade with the entry with the Wornall House. It is a tremendously fun parade. It will be on Saturday 16 March beginning at 2:00 in the afternoon. The second parade we do with the entry from the Harris-Kearney House and it is the biggy. It is the Kansas City Saint Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest such parades in the country. WOW! That parade is Sunday 17 March, which is Saint Patrick's Day, a great day for those of us who have Irish blood in our veins. That one begins at 11:00 in the morning. It promises to be a busy weekend but what great fun to have two parades in one weekend. So mark your calendars now so you can participate in both of these great events.

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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