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AUGUST CAMP MEETING

67th Regular Meeting

NOTE: SECOND THURSDAY DUE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION
CONFLICT!!!!!!

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday August 10th, 2006. We will be meeting at Chen's Super Buffet located on the southeast corner of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Quivira in Shawnee, Kansas. We will meet between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. I think everyone will really enjoy our speaker this month. Ms. Lesia Winters will be with us. Lesia is a member of the MCWRA and is a civilian reenactor. She is also an aficionado of photography in the 1850s and 1860s. You have probably seen her numerous times at reenactments. Anyway, her topic will be "Civil War Photography" and she will discuss the various forms of photography such as daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, and tin types. She will also discuss the unique type of camera used

to make Stereoscope cards. This should prove to be an exceedingly interesting program presented by someone who actually does take such photos. Don't miss this exciting opportunity. 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 Number 65

That's right folks - member number 65 has joined our ranks. Jacob Mirocke is a young man that we met at Old Shawnee Days the first weekend of June. Jacob is a student at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School and is the pitcher on their baseball team. His Confederate ancestor is Captain Augustus Lavine Zollinger, Company A, 2nd Missouri Cavalry, CSA. According to his service record, Captain Zollinger fought in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Missouri, Lexington,

Missouri, Elkhorn Tavern (Pea Ridge), Arkansas, Iuka, Mississippi, Corinth, Mississippi, Fort Pillow, Tennessee, and Memphis, Tennessee. What a record that is!! So it is my honor to announce that Jacob has joined our ranks as our 65th member. We should be able to induct Jacob at the August 10 meeting. Please introduce yourselves to him at the first opportunity. Welcome aboard Jacob.

New Cadet Members Join Key Camp

We had a special visitor at our Key Camp picnic on Saturday July 15th. Kim McWilliam and her four children joined us for the festivities. (See article below) It was so good to see her. As a result of talking with her, and in honor of her late husband Compatriot John McWilliam, we have accepted her three boys as Cadet Members of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920. The boys (John Wyatt age 4, Jerry Paul age 3 next month, and Charles Jamison, or "CJ", age 14 months) are sponsored by Commander James L. Speicher. If you remember CJ attended his first SCV meeting at the ripe old age of two weeks. This now gives us six Cadet Members. Anyone whose sons or grandsons are under the age of twelve can sponsor them as Cadet Members. That status will change to regular membership when they reach the age of twelve years. There is no cost involved in becoming a Cadet.

Third Annual Live Fire Event

The Parma Woods DNR Range has been reserved for our exclusive use from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday August 12th. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. there will be familiarization classes on the loading and firing of the Civil War musket, Civil War pistol, and the Henry Repeating Rifle. Attendees will then have the opportunity to fire the weapons. Key Camp will supply all the weapons and ammunition. Please contact either Commander Speicher or Adjutant Roland if you plan to attend the event so we know how much ammunition to supply.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-435 (on the Kansas side) to exit 22, which is Highway 45. Go west on Highway 45 just over a mile

(almost to the top of the second hill) and turn left onto Waldron Road. Follow that until it dead ends at Highway FF (just under a mile). Turn left onto Highway FF. Stay on FF for about three miles (part of it is gravel road) and the range entrance is on the left just BEFORE you go back under I-435.

1st Annual Key Camp Picnic "A Smashing Success!"

Saturday July 15th was an amazing day. It was warm to say the least but it was also a fun and exciting day for 52 Key Camp members and guests as we held our first annual family picnic. The setting was Shelter #10 at the Shawnee Mission Park and what a setting it was. A wonderful shelter with over 20 picnic tables, large beautiful shade trees, a really awesome play structure for the kids, and as picturesque a view as you could hope for. The shade and a slight breeze kept the temperature bearable. The food was plentiful and no one went home hungry. Thanks to all who brought salads, desserts, and other goodies to share. That made the meal absolutely great. Plans are already in the works for the second annual picnic next year. We will get the use of Shelter #10 as it was so ideal for our purposes. My sincere thanks to all of you for your wonderful support of the picnic and for making it such a great event. As I have said before, the compatriots of this camp are the best I ever been with in all my years in the SCV. You all are absolutely wonderful.

2006 Dues

At the July meeting Adjutant Roland passed out dues notices to all the members in attendance. If you didn't attend the meeting you have received your dues notice in the mail. We need to get our dues in on time, which means we need everyone to pay their dues by the 31st of August. It makes the Adjutant's job much easier if y'all pay your dues promptly so please get them sent in ASAP. We lost a couple of members last year so let's really try for a 100% renewal

rate this year. Each and every one of you are an important part of this camp and we don't want to lose anyone. So if you haven't sent your dues in already do it NOW while you are thinking about it. Thanks.

Civil War on the Western Border Lawrence, Kansas August 19 & 20

For the second year in a row Confederates have been invited to participate. This will be the twelfth annual holding of the event and only the second year Confederates have played a part in the shenanigans. Last year the Key Camp had a living history camp set up along with a recruiting table. We had a fairly good turnout of spectators but no prospects signed up. This year the event will be even bigger so there should be more spectators. Again we will set up our living history camp and recruiting table. Unfortunately, I will be in Michigan attending a wedding so will not be available that weekend. However, First Lieutenant Commander Lee Crutchfield will have command of the event in my absence. The 3rd Missouri will have their cannon there. I will supply muskets for the musket firing demonstrations. The event runs both Saturday and Sunday and we really need a good turnout. We can use everyone whether you have a uniform or not. Come on out and help man the recruiting table or the display table. Other Kansas camps have been invited to attend so you will have a chance to meet some other compatriots. Please plan to attend as we can really use the help.

Busy Weeks Ahead

Summer is always a busy time of year and the summer of 2006 is proving to be no exception to the rule. In the weeks ahead here are some of the highlights:

Jul 22 - Byram's Ford Cannon Ceremony 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Jul 29 - Wornall House Volunteer workday 9:00 to noon

Aug 12 - Live fire event Parma Woods Range 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Aug 19 - Civil War on the Western Border, Lawrence, KS
Aug 20 - Civil War on the Western Border, Lawrence, KS
Aug 26 - Wornall House Volunteer workday 9:00 to noon
Sep 2 - DeSoto Parade, DeSoto, Kansas
Sep 30 - Living history at Anderson House, Lexington, MO

Wornall House Volunteers

At the July meeting Compatriot Gary Roland talked about the Wornall House needing volunteers to help with upkeep. He and Adjutant Heath Roland had gone for a visit and the staff talked to them about a lack of volunteers and the kinds of things needing to be done to help. The motion was made to set up a date when members of the camp could go to the Wornall House and spend several hours working. The type of maintenance that needs to be done is light carpentry work, repairing falling wall paper, weeding in the gardens, painting, tightening screws on doors, putting in weather stripping, etc. It is all light labor. Based on the positive response from the members, over 14 signed up to volunteer, two dates have been set up with the Wornall House staff. Those dates are Saturday July 29 and Saturday August 26 from 9:00 to noon each day. The house will supply the materials but they generally do not have any tools available. Based on the work list everyone needs to bring their own tools of the trade. This is a very worthwhile project for us. First, it is a site of great historical significance as the Wornall House was used as a field hospital during the October 1864 battle of Westport. Second, this is exactly the purpose of the SCV: to support historical preservation and make the SCV a well known entity. Third, it is in our own back yard - Wornall and 61st Street. That's really close compared to Mine Creek. So when the call for volunteers goes out, please sign up for one or both workdays. Again it is light work and it is only three hours.

Kansas Division Convention

I would like to thank First Lieutenant Lee Crutchfield for representing the camp at the convention. Due to the death of my mother-in-law I was unable to attend the convention. I understand that it went very well and the amendments we wanted to pass did pass and those we opposed did not pass. Also want to thank those Key Camp compatriots that also attended the convention. We were well represented.

Battle of Westport Commemorations

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp has been invited to participate in two events that are involved with the commemoration of the battle of Westport. The first of these is actually on the site of the Battle of Mine Creek which was the postlude to the battle of Westport. On Saturday night, October 21st, the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation will sponsor the Moonlight Tour of the battlefield. This event is only done every other year. Several years ago we participated in this and had a great time. The event consists of numerous vignettes scattered around the battlefield depicting scenes from the battle and the aftermath. Groups of visitors are led from vignette to vignette by guides using candlelight. We will be parts of various vignettes depicting Confederate soldiers, although Dr. Spencer has indicated that he may need several of us to portray Federal troops if he doesn't get enough Union volunteers. Last time we arrived at the battlefield around 4:30 or 5:00 in the afternoon. We got our assignments and checked out our areas. We were done by about 10:00 p.m. Ladies are needed in period dress for several of the vignettes.

The second event commemorating the battle of Westport will be at the Wornall House on Saturday October 28. They have requested a Confederate living history camp be set up in the front yard of the house. We would do our thing all day Saturday from about 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. The 3rd Missouri will have the cannon out there but we will be unable to fire it because we will be in a residential area. It will be for display only.

However, we will be able to fire the muskets so we will be doing those demonstrations. I'd also like to come up with a few scenarios such as pay call, letters from home, card playing, checkers, etc. that we can be involved in as people walk through the camp. Any ideas would be appreciated. So please plan to attend both of these fun events. Don't ya just love it?

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

AUGUST 10th AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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