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AUGUST CAMP MEETING 99th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday August 6th, 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. Our speaker for the evening is our good friend Commander Ed Kennedy from the Brigadier William Steele Camp in Leavenworth. Ed has a very interesting topic to share with us that I am sure you will really enjoy. "Union War Crimes Against Southern Civilians" is something that hasn't been discussed in detail before. This presentation is an eye opener to say the least. It starts with clips from four Hollywood movies that actually demonstrate some of these crimes. They are ruthless to say the least. Commander Kennedy gave this presentation at the Kansas Division Convention this past June and it was extremely well received. I know you will enjoy it as much as I did when I first saw it. This promises to be a very fascinating presentation that you won't want to miss. 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 #76

Gentlemen, I am pleased to announce that our 76th member has joined the ranks. At the July meeting Cameron Weir came with his father (John) and brother (Gavin). John and Gavin are both members but Cameron is in college so had never joined. After some persuasive conversation with Adjutant Roland, Cameron filled out an application and is now the 76th member of the camp. Cameron joins under his ancestor: Private Lorenzo Dow Lawson, Company B, Freeman's Regiment, Missouri Cavalry. Cameron is not new to the Key Camp as he has attended numerous meetings and events (Parma Woods live-fire; Mine Creek workdays, Wornall House workdays; etc.) over the last few years. He may as well have been a member and this just makes it official. It gives me great pleasure to welcome Cameron into our ranks. Welcome aboard Cameron.

2009 Dues

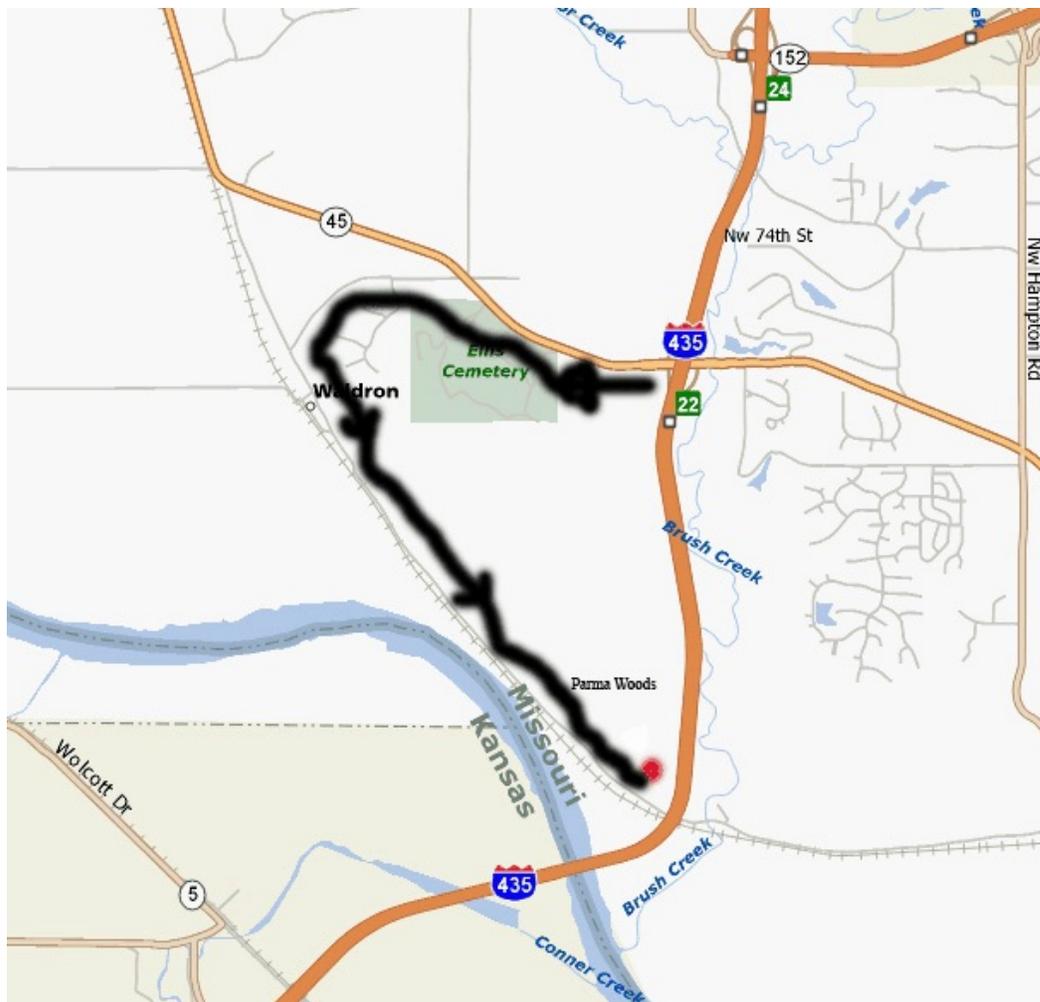
Everyone should have received your dues notices by now.

I can not stress enough how important it is to the cause for everyone to renew their membership. Our heritage is being attacked daily. Our heritage is being attacked ferociously by an enemy with very deep pockets. The SCV is the only organization totally dedicated to fighting for and protecting our Southern birthright. But to keep up the fight the SCV needs members, which equates to numbers and finances. There is power in numbers and strength in money. Your dues help keep the SCV in the fight. It also keeps YOUR camp a viable and vibrant camp. Without your support the Key Camp can not accomplish all that we do. We are 76 members strong and we need to keep all 76. Whether you are active in camp affairs or not, we need your support. I know that times are tough economically but please keep the SCV and the Key Camp as one of your priorities. You pay \$45.00 a year, which does sound like a lot but when you really analyze it that is less than \$4.00 per month or about 7 cents a day. Surely you can find an extra seven cents a day for a great cause. We will even accept a payment plan of \$15.00 a month for the next three months (payments due in August, September, and October). That is how badly we need your continued support. Thank you for renewing.

Parma Woods Live Fire Event

Saturday 8 August the Key Camp will host its 6th Annual Live Fire Event at the Parma Woods Missouri DNR Range. The range will open for us at 8:00 a.m. and we will have full control of the range until 10:00 a.m. when it opens to the public. This event is designed to provide members with the opportunity to fire the same types of weapons that their Confederate ancestors fought with. It is designed to familiarize the members with the

procedures for safely loading and firing the weapons. The loading and firing process will be discussed and



then followed by a firing demonstration. Then each participant will be walked through the loading and firing process. Once that is completed everyone can free fire as many times as they want with the weapons. There will be a safety officer at each firing point to ensure there are no accidents. The weapons to be fired are a 58-caliber musket, a 45-caliber metallic cartridge Henry Rifle, and a 44-caliber Remington

pistol. The camp will supply all the weapons and ammunition. Since our time is limited we all need to be at the range at 8:00 a.m. so we can get in and get started. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting. To get to the range (see map on page 4) take I-435 north on the Kansas side. Get off on Exit 22 (45 Highway), which is the first exit after crossing the Missouri River. At the end of the ramp turn left. Go approximately one mile and turn left onto Waldron Road. Waldron Road ends at State Road FF. Turn left onto FF and go approximately 2 ½ miles and the range entrance is on your left. Part of FF is dirt road.

SCV National Reunion

The 114th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans was held from July 22 to July 25, 2009 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Key Camp had the highest attendance it has ever had at a national convention with twelve members and ten guests (Paul & Betty Allen; Chip & Deborah Buckner; Lee Crutchfield; Carl and Linda Linck; Eric & Carrie Martinez; Tim Peterman and his dad Ray; Dan & Susan Peterson; Sam & Carmen Price; Spike & Cindy Speicher; Cameron Weir; Gavin Weir; John & Susan Weir). We had a phenomenal time with friends from all over the confederation. The meals, the events, and the location were awesome. Even the business sessions were fun. There will be a full report presented at the August meeting.

Key Camp Family Picnic

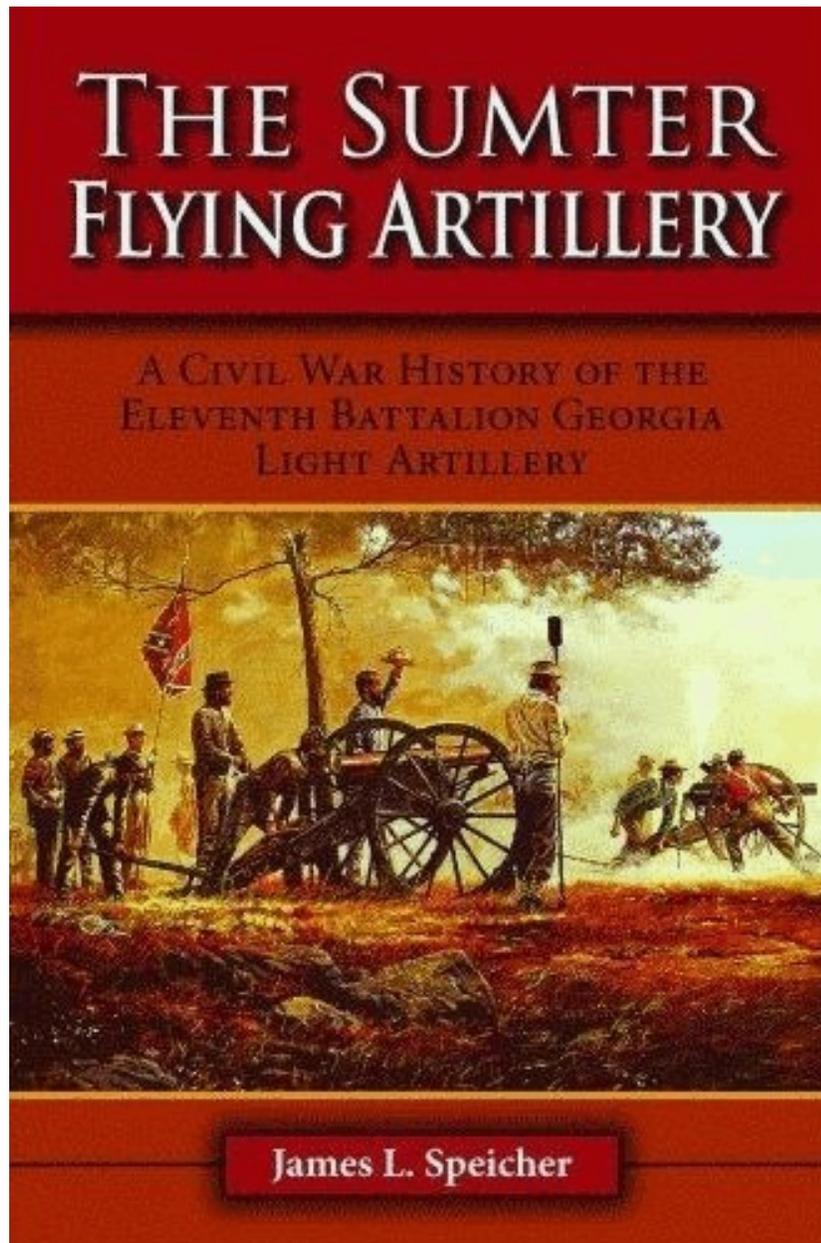
The annual picnic was held on Saturday July 11 at the Shawnee Mission Park. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as Uncle Sam decided I needed to go to Washington City for two weeks of Yankee brainwashing. So while y'all were enjoying fun, food and camaraderie, I was in a hotel room doing homework. Adjutant Roland told me that there was a good turnout with 24 folks in attendance and that a substantial amount of hamburgers

and brats were consumed. It appeared that everyone had a grand time despite the fact that toward the end it got a bit hot and sticky. I want to thank 1st Lt. Commander Lee Crutchfield and Adjutant Roland for putting this year's picnic together in my absence. Plans are already underway for the 2010 picnic.

September Meeting

Prepare for a really big historical event on Thursday September 3, 2009. Not only will this be our awards meeting but it will be the Major Thomas J. Key Camp's gala celebration of "The One Hundreds". That's right. This meeting has been in the making for 100 years. We will be celebrating two "One Hundred" events. The first will be the recognition of the 100th meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920. Since we were chartered in May 2000 we will have held 100 camp meetings. What a record! Even more phenomenal is the second "One Hundred" event we will be celebrating. On August 31, 2009, just three days before our meeting, Compatriot Loren Lundy, our camp historian, will celebrate his 100th birthday!!! Congratulations Loren!! It sounds to me like those are two really good reasons to have a party on September 3. So don't miss it. The September celebration of "the One Hundreds" will only ever occur once in our lifetime. The stars will never again be aligned like this so we can celebrate two such great achievements. It will be a meeting to remember; one you can tell your grandchildren about. Please plan to attend to wish Loren a happy 100th birthday and to celebrate the Key Camp's 100th meeting.

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REMINDER!!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

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