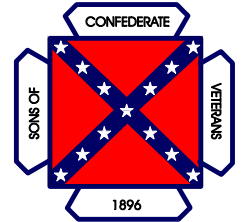


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MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920  
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## AUGUST CAMP MEETING 132<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87<sup>th</sup> 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. Due to the recent and untimely hospitalization (admitted to the hospital the afternoon of our 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) of the editor the newsletter is a bit late. At this point I am alive, well, and will be back to my old cranky self again in time for the August meeting. Regrettably, at this time I can't tell you what the program will be for August but I assure you it will be great, as usual. As a sneak preview I have Dr Tim Westcott, PhD, lined up for September and Jay Jackson for October. Anyway, I will let everyone know when I procure an August program. In the meantime have fun and think Southern. Don't drink and drive. Listen to your mother. And, I think you will find whatever the August program is, it will be a very interesting and fun evening. 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

Will the next new member please step  
forward!!??

We do have several prospective members  
so if they come to the next meeting  
tell them hello and be sure that all  
of you behave so we make a good  
impression

## Key Camp Family Picnic

The annual Key Camp Family Picnic will be held at Shawnee Mission Park off Renner Road between Midland and 87<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday 4 August. It will go from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The location this year will be different from past years. We will be at **Shelter #2**. Rest rooms and a playground are close by. The camp will provide burgers, brats, and hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, and utensils. Each family is requested to bring a dish to share such as fruit bowl, a salad, a dessert, or a snack. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting. I will need a few good men to help set up around 8:30 or 9:00 that morning. Picnic tables are available or you may want to bring something more comfortable to sit on. This has always been a favorite event for camp members so I hope you will join us for some good old-fashioned Southern hospitality. Bring friends so they can meet us.

## National Reunion

What a BLAST!!!!!! The 2012 National Reunion in Murfreesboro, Tennessee was fantastic. The Key Camp was ably represented by Carl Linck, Merle Leech, Tim Peterman, Spike Speicher, Jim "Hoss" Tucker, and John Weir. Second Lieutenant Commander Weir's wife Susie and her sister Amy came along for the ride. Every day started with a free full breakfast to include made-to-order omelets. Then we were off to the SCV business sessions. By noon we broke for lunch. Several of our compatriots took advantage of the various afternoon tours of local historical sites while the rest of us socialized and visited all sorts of vendors set up in the hotel. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. we had an open bar. We finished off the day with various forms of entertainment. One night we went out to dinner with the South Carolina Division. Our group of 40 took over most of the restaurant. Susie Weir was elected to be

the impartial judge of the SC Division's Most Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest. Susie, you were awesome!!! We all attended the SCV Oratory Contest and about fell out of our chairs laughing. All in all it was a great convention and we (the SCV) got a lot of work done and had a great time doing it. Our 2013 National Reunion will be in Vicksburg, Mississippi from July 18 to 20. I have reservation forms that I will bring to the August meeting. Susie Weir had so much fun that she wants to join the SCV. She will definitely be at Vicksburg. Amy told me she already has the Vicksburg Reunion on her calendar. I just hope they let Second Lieutenant Commander Weir attend with them.





## Party in the Park

It was another successful party. Actually the weather was very cooperative. We set up the display/recruiting table under the shade of that old gigantic oak tree so there was shade all day. We had a good discussion about if the tree was a witness tree. It's big enough that it is possible. The shade, coupled with a nice breeze, made for a very pleasant day. The cannon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri Light Artillery was fired several times for the enjoyment of the crowd. The camp turnout consisted of Paul Allen (with Betty), Scott Lalumondier, Carl Linck, Eric Martinez (with Carrie), Jacob Martinez, Lane Smith, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, and Jim Tucker. I did speak to one young man who was interested in the SCV and sent him some follow-up information. My thanks go to each of you that came out to help support the camp.



L to R: Carl Linck, Mike Smith, Scott Lalumondier, Eric Martinez, Jim Tucker, Paul Allen, David Holzhuter, Jacob Martinez

## Leadership Workshop

By now most of you have seen advertisements for the Leadership Workshops hosted by Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow during the last two years. They are in Confederate Veteran magazine, the SCV blog, SCV Telegraph, etc. Kelly has done many of these workshops all around the country and they have received acclaim where ever they have been held. However, most of them have been a long way from Kansas. At the National Reunion I spoke to Kelly and he has agreed to host one in Kansas City (Yea, we are finally in Kansas Toto). It is a six-hour class that is designed for SCV camp level members. We are tentatively looking at Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and I'll provide more details as they are solidified. I highly recommend this to every member of the camp.



## Key Camp Members to Appear on History Channel

Recently Compatriot Eric Martinez was invited to appear on the History Channel show "How The States Got their Shapes. He was chosen to be a contestant on a Jeopardy type show featuring he and a Yankee. Each man had a buzzer to ring if he knew the answers. While the director was talking to Eric about the show it somehow came up that Eric owned a cannon. One thing lead to another and the producer asked if Eric could bring the cannon with him and shoot it. One person can shoot it, right? NOT!! Next question, and this is from the insurance company, "How far will the cannon ball go?" WRONG!! (It takes a crew of six to man the cannon and we only fire powder, no projectile). Anyway, the director asked Eric to bring the cannon and a crew to man it. So on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, Eric and the cannon headed for Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. In tow were crew members Jacob Martinez, Scott and Vinny Lalumondier, and Spike Speicher. Sunday night the Key Camp folks along with Laura the producer, Brian Unger the host, two cameramen, and the soundman sat in an Irish Pub eating dinner and drinking Guinness beer!! Monday we were on the set. Lights, camera, action. Eric and the Yankee were center stage while the rest of us were off to the side in the "Peanut Gallery". It was extremely interesting to see a show being made from behind the scenes. You will have to watch the show to see who won (I won't give away the ending). Several times the cameras would pan over to those of us on the sidelines so we all got face time. Of course when we fired the cannon seven times the filming crew loved it. What a hoot! So at this point all we know is that it will be on H2 of the History Channel some time in September. Once we have a firm date we will put it out. We will be available at the October meeting to sign autographs. P.S. Be sure to watch for Vinnie Lalumondier's speaking part. He was great.

## **Ex-Chief of Staff**

At the 2010 National Reunion Michael Givens was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. When he approached me and asked me to serve as his Chief of Staff I was honored beyond belief. Of course, in July 2010 I had no idea how my life would change so drastically in a matter of months. As a result I had to miss several General Executive Committee (GEC) meetings that are held at SCV Headquarters in Columbia, Tennessee. While it was not my performance that lacked, the bottom line was that I couldn't afford to meet the requirements for being Chief of Staff. Commander-in-Chief Givens made a good decision by deciding to appoint a new Chief of Staff. I have so much respect and admiration for Michael and I fully understand his decision. I had a great two years and hope serve at that level of the SCV sometime in the future.

**REMINDER!!**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE**

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**WILL BE ON THURSDAY**

**AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.**

**BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER**



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