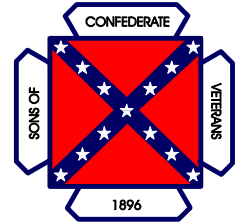


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AUGUST CAMP MEETING 143rd Regular Meeting AUGUST 1st (first Thursday)

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday August 1st, 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 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. Our speaker for the evening is Mrs. Barbara Hughes. She will be doing a first person presentation of William Clark Quantrill's mother. We are all familiar with the exploits of Quantrill, especially the raid on Lawrence in retaliation for the burning of Osceola, Missouri. From this presentation we will see a side of our great guerilla chieftain that we may not be familiar with. It will be a very enjoyable evening and I am sure you will find it extremely interesting. As with all of our meetings, be sure to bring your wife or significant other (but not both at the same time), 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 #66

And who will it be?

Key Camp Family Picnic

Summer is here and so is our annual Key Camp family picnic. It is scheduled for Saturday August 3rd at Shawnee Mission Park. The park is located off Renner Road between Midland and 87th Street. It will be at Shelter Number 10, which is where we were the first several years. When you enter the park, go left at the headquarters building. Then take the left fork in the road about 50 yards after you turn. Follow that for about half to three quarters of a mile and Shelter Number 10 is on your right. Look for our flags. Please plan to arrive before 10:00 a.m. and lunch will commence at 11:00. We need to be out of the shelter by 1:30. The shelter is totally shaded and has a play area and rest rooms adjacent to the shelter. Every family is requested to bring a dish to share. The camp will cover the main course and beverages. Please plan to attend and I promise it will be a good time as usual.

Dues Are Due!

Okay, we are off to a great start on our dues payments and the adjutant and I surely do appreciate it. The quicker dues are paid the easier it is for us. For those of you that have already paid --- thank you!! For those of you who have not yet paid --- please do so as soon as possible. Remember, our camp is active only because we have members like you who are active and support the camp. The amount of activities you attend does not measure your worth to the camp. Every member counts. Not only is your monetary support valuable but our numbers give us delegates at the National Reunion when items are voted on. Even if you are unable to attend any of our activities, your membership counts at National conventions and that is extremely important. Without your support, our camp could not function nor do the great work that we do. So please re-new your membership. You are an important part of this camp.

118th National Reunion

Vicksburg, Mississippi was the site of the 118th National SCV Reunion held at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The convention was held from 18 through 20 July 2013. As usual, it was a great event and a tremendous amount of fun for those who attended. The Key Camp was well represented with eight compatriots and five of our ladies. Thursday evening the Key Camp group went to dinner at the Beechwood Restaurant and we had a wonderful time.



Key Camp at Vicksburg's Beechwood Restaurant

Front row left to right: Linda Linck, Susan Weir Susan Peterson, Chris Kennedy (honorary Key Camp member and wife of Compatriot Ed Kennedy), Jim Tucker, and Carl Linck.

Back row left to right: Amy (Susan Weir's sister), Dan Peterson, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, Tim Peterman, and John Weir.

Friday night our group attended the South Carolina Division BBQ dinner at Goldie's Trail BBQ. This has gotten to be a tradition for us as it is about the sixth or seventh year we have joined them for dinner. In addition to our dinners, our compatriots attended the business sessions and the ladies went shopping. Several of us toured the Vicksburg battlefield and found it very impressive and educational. All told, we had a great time in Vicksburg and we are looking forward to next year's convention in Charleston, South Carolina. Speaking of next year's convention in Charleston and it is scheduled from 17 to 19 July 2014. Several of us have already registered.

Southern Legal Resource Center

At the June meeting a motion was made for the camp to spend \$200.00 to become a member of the Southern Legal Resource Center. That has been accomplished and the camp is now an official member of the SLRC. The SLRC does great work defending our heritage in court battles and their track-record is outstanding. I am proud that the camp voted to join SLRC and I thank each of you for making that happen.

Jesse James Festival Parade

Last September the Key Camp participated in the Jesse James Festival Parade for the first time ever. We had fun, to say the least. We have been invited back this year because we were so popular. This year the parade is on Saturday September 21. More details to follow.

Uh-Oh, A Conflict

Wouldn't you know it. When one is so popular, all want us. The same weekend as the Jesse James Parade, we have been invited to participate in the McLouth, Kansas, Fall Festival and Threshing Bee. This would be

on Saturday and Sunday September 21 and 22. We will be discussing both events at the August meeting to determine in which the camp will participate.

SCV Leadership Workshop

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp will be hosting an SCV Leadership Workshop here in Kansas City on Saturday November 16th. We are in the early planning stages but I anticipate it will be held near the airport and will draw attendees from the Kansas Division, the Missouri Division, and possibly from Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma as well. These workshops are very popular and have been extremely successful. I will pass on the details as they become available but plan to sign up early as the workshop will fill up quickly.

2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet

Mark your calendars NOW! The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on January 18th, 2014. That is the day before Robert E. Lee's 207th birthday (January 19, 1807). Details to follow but mark your calendars now!!

Important Dates For Your Calendars

The Ottawa Veterans Day Parade will be on Saturday November 9th. This will be our eighth or ninth year in this parade. There will be activities and displays in Forest Park after the parade. It will include a skirmish in which the cannon of our 3rd Battery will be involved.

The Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade will on Monday November 11th. This held on the actual Veterans Day. It is one of the largest parades in the mid-western United States and draws thousands of spectators.

Compatriots Honor Camden Point Dead

On 13 July 2013, the 149th anniversary of the Battle of Camden Point, Compatriots of the Key Camp had a prayer and then drank a toast of Rebel Yell bourbon to the six Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. Pictured is the second oldest Confederate monument west of the Mississippi River. The oldest is at the Lone Jack Battlefield.



Kneeling: John Weir, Scott Lalumondier, Carl Linck and grandson Parker
Standing: Joan Mainey, Jacob Mirocke, Eric Martinez, Spike Speicher, Kaki Speicher, John Bolton, Susan Bolton, Merle Leech, Larry Brooks
Photo by Carrie Martinez

REMINDER!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

AUGUST 1st AT 7:00 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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