

THE TELEGRAPH KEY

THE OFFICIAL DISPATCH FOR THE MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920, SCV KANSAS DIVISION KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

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JULY CAMP MEETING 98th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday July 2nd, 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 Mr. Bob Dorian. He is going to answer the question that many of you have had on your mind for all the years you've been studying the War of Northern Aggression. The question is - drum roll please - what exactly did a doctor in the 1860s carry in his little black bag of tricks? Mr. Dorian does an outstanding job in his portrayal of an 1860s medicine man and goes through all the instruments and gadgets that he has in his kit. Some of them are extremely unique looking and you will never guess what their intended purpose was. Almost all, if not all, of his instruments are originals and he is going to share these with us at the meeting. When he is finished you will wonder how anyone survived the doctor's work of the period. 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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Key Camp On The Web

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New Member #76

We are still waiting for member #76.

Waverly, Missouri Event

The event at Waverly, Missouri is this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday June 27 and 28. This event includes battle reenactments both days. The big ceremony of the weekend, however, is the dedication of the General J. O. Shelby statue. This project has been in the works for many years as the statue cost about \$20,000. The actual dedication is at 3:00 p.m. and is open to all. Our reenactment unit, the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, will be out there for the weekend so stop by the camp site for a cool drink.

2009 Dues

This is to remind everyone that within the next few days you will be receiving your dues notices in the mail. National dues have gone up this year to \$30.00, while division and camp dues remain the same as in the past, \$5.00 and \$10.00 respectively. Your dues notices will give the exact amount you owe based on your membership status such as Life, Regular, Associate or Fellowship. Dues are payable to camp Adjutant Heath Roland. I would like to say that our dues are what keeps us a viable camp. We need your dues money to be able to pay for the administrative supplies, postage, projects we support, and all the other things we do. There is strength in numbers so your dues are extremely important. Even if you can't participate actively in the camp your dues help us keep going. You also receive the high quality Confederate Veteran magazine based on your national dues. The SCV fiscal year runs from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 so dues must be paid to SCV Headquarters no later than August 1st. If you pay your dues immediately it makes it much easier for Adjutant Roland to send the dues in once rather than piecemeal over a period of weeks to accommodate the late payers. Please pay promptly and make Heath's job easier. That will let him send one check for the camp rather than three or four checks. Thanks.

Kansas City Public Library

On July 1, 2009 the Kansas City Public Library located at 14 West 10th Street in Kansas City, Missouri will host a free to the public program titled "The Battle of Gettysburg: Why It Mattered". There will be a panel of military historians that will discuss the topic. The event starts with a reception at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 6:30. I have attended a number of the programs at the library and find them very interesting and this one should be also. Park for free in the garage across Baltimore from the library by getting your ticket validated. You need to call 816-701-3407 to make a reservation. I'll be there and I hope to see you also. By the way, the day before this, on Tuesday June 30, there is a program on Jesse James that is a first person presentation. That should also be very interesting and follows the same time line as the Gettysburg presentation.

Key Camp Family Picnic

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the family picnic on Saturday July 11. It will be at the Shawnee Mission Park at Shelter #10 (same place as last year). Come as early as you like but we will plan to start cooking lunch about 11:00 a.m. The camp will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and soft drinks. Everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. This event is for the ENTIRE family and all your friends. So far about 26 folks have signed up to attend. There is plenty of shade plus electrical outlets. There is also a very large play apparatus adjacent to the shelter for all the little ones to enjoy. We have to start cleaning up around 1:00 p.m. as we only have the shelter until 2:00 p.m. The sign up sheet will be at the July meeting so you can sign up if you didn't at the June meeting. Come one, come all for a fantastic lunch and great camaraderie.

SCV National Reunion

The 114th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held from July 22 to July 25, 2009. This year's convention is being held in Hot Springs, Arkansas so it is the closest it has been to Kansas City since 1998 when it was held in St. Louis, Missouri. Hot Springs is only about a seven hour drive from KC. This is a perfect opportunity for you to attend one of these gala events if you've never been to one before. They are a blast. I have no idea when the convention will again be this close to us. I know 2010 is in South Carolina and 2011 is in Montgomery, Alabama. So far we have a delegation of ten members and seven spouses registered to attend. You can still register right up until the convention (page 6) but the fee gets progressively higher. I think if you register before July 15 you can get the \$80.00 registration fee. After that it goes up to \$85.00. All the info is on the SCV web site. Google SCV and bring up the home page. You will see a rolling list of topics and one of them is the 2009 Convention. Click on that and all the forms and information is on the site. The registration cost includes the convention medal and program book. There are vendors galore where you can find just about anything Confederate. The area around Hot Springs has plenty of things to keep the ladies occupied during the day. Friday night there will be a Key Camp dinner at a local restaurant so keep that time open. We will be done with dinner in time to get back for the Oratory Contest Friday night. There are a number of tours and dinners you can register for and that is up to you. The only one I really recommend is the Awards Luncheon on Friday. That is always a good one. I am making a chart showing when everyone is planning to arrive and what room they are in. Once complete everyone at the convention will get a copy. If you are attending the convention I would appreciate it if you could get me the information on what day you will be arriving. This is going to be a hoot. See ya'll there!

2009 Kansas Division Convention

Saturday June 20 was the Kansas Division Convention held in Emporia, Kansas. This was our eleventh convention and actually one of our best and yet attendance was down substantially. There were probably only 30 people out of a division of over 200 that attended. Key Camp, who usually fields at least ten members, had three this year. I want to thank Greg Miller and Dan Peterson for joining me in representing our camp. What I consider to be good news is that the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 is officially the largest camp in the division. That is because our members stay with us and we recruit new members. My hat is off to all of you for that great accomplishment. The camp reports were first and all the camps in the division are doing good work. I was not aware of all that they were doing throughout the state. I still feel that not only are we the largest camp but we are the most active camp in the division so again I salute all of you for making that happen. The election for division officers went very smoothly as each incumbent was running unopposed. I feel that the individuals in charge of our division have done and are doing an outstanding job and I am very pleased that all of them are staying on for another term. We are in good hands. After the morning session we broke for lunch and had some good conversations with friends and compatriots. After lunch we had a presentation lined up on Sisters of Sorrow to be given by Deb Goodrich. Unfortunately, Deb became ill and could not attend the convention. Commander Ed Kennedy of the Brigadier General William Steele Camp #1857 in Leavenworth stepped up with a program. It turned out to be an outstanding program on "Union War Crimes Committed Against Southern Civilians". It was extremely good and I plan to schedule Ed to give the presentation to our camp in the future. All in all I think everyone that attended had a good time and we are looking forward to next year for the division's 12th convention.

114th SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS 2009 REUNION

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SCV CAMP NAME _____

Number _____

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SPOUSE NAME (For Badge) _____

GUEST NAME _____ GUEST NAME _____

Registration Nov. 1, 2008 – JUNE 1, 2009 - \$70.00

Late registration June 2, 2009 --- July 15, 2009 -- \$80.00

(Please don't mail registration forms after July 15, 2009)

Registration – Walk in at Convention - \$85.00

Registration fee until 6/1/2009 Qty. ____ x \$70.00 = \$ _____

Late registration fee after 6/2/2009—Until 7/15/09! Qty. ____ x \$80.00 = \$ _____

Extra Reunion Medals Qty. ____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Limited-Edition Numbered 1-50 Reunion Medals Qty. ____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____

Heritage Defense Fund Catfish Dinner & Social Qty. ____ x \$27.00 = \$ _____

Profits from the event go to the Heritage Defense Fund.

Forrest Cavalry Breakfast Qty. ____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

Profits from the event go to the Forrest Cavalry.

David O. Dodd Luncheon. Qty. ____ x \$27.00 = \$ _____

Gen. Patrick Cleburne Breakfast Qty. ____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

Profits go to the Cleburne Monument in Ringold, Georgia.

SCV Awards Luncheon Qty. ____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Chaplin's Prayer Breakfast Qty. ____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

Debutante's Luncheon Qty. ____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Grand Banquet and Ball Qty. ____ x \$60.00 = \$ _____

Ladies Garvan Woodland Gardens Tour Qty. ____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

The one act play "The Trial of David O. Dodd" Qty. ____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Profits go to setup a fund for the maintenance of the David O. Dodd grave site.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED : \$ _____

All pre-registered members are guaranteed a name badge, a convention medal, a convention program and discounts tickets to rides and attractions in Hot Springs!

Contact Information: registration@scv2009reunion.com

Make Checks payable to James M. Keller SCV

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REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

JULY 2nd AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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