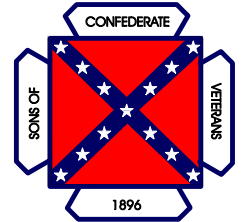


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JULY CAMP MEETING 131st Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday July 5th, 2012. 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. The War of Northern Aggression in Missouri was especially bloody. Not only were there conventional battles like Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Pilot Knob, Byram's Ford, and Westport but there was unconventional war with towns like Osceola, Aubry, Camden Point, and others being burned and having unarmed civilians were murdered. But there was a third side of which little is publicized. Our speaker, Don Bates, will present his "Un-Civil War Massacres in Northeast Missouri in Late 1862". He will discuss the best known of these massacres when he tells about the Palmyra massacre. Learn the facts about this and two other little known massacres that occurred around the same time. I think you will find this to 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!!??

Recruit!!

Key Camp Family Picnic

The annual Key Camp Family Picnic will be held at Shawnee Mission Park off Renner Road between Midland and 87th 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, a salad, a dessert, or a snack. There will be a sign up sheet at the July meeting and 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.

Kansas Division Convention

The 2012 Kansas Division Convention was held on Friday and Saturday June 15 and 16 at the Best Western Hotel in Emporia, Kansas. It was very well attended this year with the room being almost completely full. The Major Thomas J. Key Camp was represented by Paul Allen, Larry & Donna Brooks, Hoss Tucker, Dan Peterson, and Spike Speicher. Camp reports were provided by each camp and one can see that the Kansas Division is alive and well with all of the camps working to fulfill The Change of General Stephen Dill Lee. The guest speaker was Paul Petersen talking about his new book on William Quantrill. There was one vote taken that is important to tell everyone about. For 13 years the convention has been held the third Saturday of June. However, this is also Father's Day weekend. The vote approved a change to the date to be the fourth Saturday of June from here on.

National Reunion

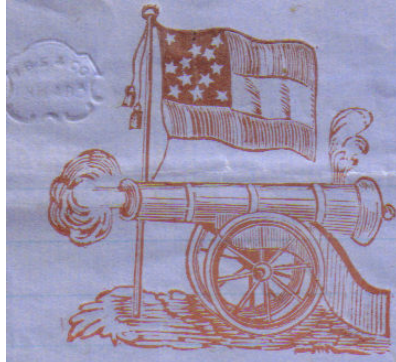
It looks like the camp will have a good turnout for the National Reunion in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The dates are July 11 through 14. Make your reservations now while rooms are still available. I believe that Larry & Donna Brooks, Hoss Tucker, Carl Linck, Merle Leech, Tim Peterman, Dan Peterson, and Spike Speicher will be representing the camp.

Party in the Park

Swope Park that is. Every July the City of Kansas City Department of Parks and Recreation holds Party in the Park. This event draws quite a crowd to the park. For the last three or four years the Key Camp, and our sponsored reenactment unit the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, have set up a display and recruiting table outside the Battle of Westport Visitor's Center. We set up the 3rd Battery's 6-pounder field piece adjacent to the display area. During the day we talk to folks and have cannon firing demonstrations. Much fun. This year the event is scheduled for Saturday July 21, which, of course, is First Manassas Day celebrating that great Confederate victory in 1861. More details to follow but we will need lots of help that day, with or without uniforms. Lunch is provided.

Battle of Westport Visitor's Center

Speaking of Swope Park, did you know that the official Battle of Westport Visitor's Center is open? It is located in the old Starlight Theater Ticket Office. It is run by volunteers working for the Monnett Battle of Westport Foundation, which is affiliated with the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. It is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and admission is free. You should stop by sometime and see the museum.



"Stand firmly by your cannon,
Let ball and grape-shot fly,
And trust in God and Davis,
But keep your powder dry."

[Sold by Clarke & Gordon,
No. 203 Main Street.]

Confederate States of America,

Manassas Va., Aug 28th

1861.

Dear Father,

I received a letter from Ben yesterday, and I was sorry to hear that you was sick. I have been sick for the last week with the measles, but I am getting along very, and I think I will be up nocking about as soon as the weather gets better, we have had right smart rain lately. I fear nearly all of your fodder will rot, I got long finely until I got sick and then I thought about home a great deal. Ben asked me about those cholera ships, if I am not mistaken they are in that place, in my trunk that is made to put letters in, I thought I told Ben were they were before I left. I guess he did not half look for them. We dont have as bag water as we did at ist. there is not so many soldiers, and it dont keep so muddy. Cousin Fled Long was here at my tent the other day, he looked pretty bag, he said that he had been standing it very well until lately, he is stationes up above. There, about Fairfax he was carrying ~~some~~ some sick persons farther on down it seems they expect to have a fight soon.

Letter written by Private Rueben Schumpert at Manassas, VA on August 28, 1861 on Confederate letterhead stationary

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

JUNE 7th AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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