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APRIL CAMP MEETING 95th REGULAR MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, April 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. There have been just a few occasions over the last nine years that we have scheduled a speaker that does not talk about some aspect of the War Between The States. Our April speaker will be one such individual. Master Sergeant (Retired) Walter Riner is one of the most captivating speakers I have heard in a long time. Walter will be presenting his experiences in "My Three Wars", meaning World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He fought in all three wars and you will be amazed at what he experienced. He will talk about 27 months as a Prisoner of War. He will talk about eight Purple Heart medals that he was awarded. This is one presentation that will keep you riveted on our speaker's every word. As usual wives/significant others are always welcome. Dress is always casual. Don't forget to bring a guest or prospective member.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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Key Camp On The Web

Key Camp: www.majorkey1920ksscvc.org
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New Member

No new members!!
Let's recruit!!

Mine Creek Spring Workday

Saturday 28 March will be our spring workday at Mine Creek Battlefield. As of today I have the following Compatriots scheduled to attend: Paul Allen, Rick and Travis Bullock, Lee and Steve Crutchfield, Craig Freeman, Jim King, Greg Miller, Spike Speicher, and John Weir. WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE HELP if you can attend. Several of us (Allen, L. Crutchfield, King, Speicher, and Weir) will meet at the Home Depot about 8:30 a.m. to pick up the landscape supplies. We will then convoy to Mine Creek. Everyone should meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. Our main effort will be to do some major landscape work around the Confederate Monument. If we have any extra time there are several trees that can be cut down, cut up, and stacked. We will plan to wrap things up by around 2:00 or 2:30. Please let me know if you feel you can make it to Mine Creek to help and I didn't list you.

Patriot's Day Parade

Saturday 18 April the Key Camp will have a Color Guard in the Patriot's Day Parade in Merriam, Kansas. This is nice and close to home. This will be a civilian Color Guard so I need guys with camp shirts and khaki trousers to volunteer to be in the Color Guard. We need a minimum of five people to do it up right. I will be there so we need four more. Details on the time and place will be provided at the meeting. If you would like to participate in this parade please let me know at the meeting. I say we need five but ten or twelve would be nice. Even if you don't have a camp shirt you can participate. Just wear khakis and a gray polo shirt if you have one. If you don't have a gray shirt just wear anything nice. I draw the line at blue jean cutoffs, thong bikinis, flip flops, and/or nasty tee shirts with gross sayings on them. Let's have a good turnout for the first annual Patriot's Day Parade.

Key Camp Medal

At the March camp meeting the idea of a camp medal was discussed. The vast majority of the members present voted to have a camp medal made that could be purchased by camp members. It was decided that a committee would be formed to determine several possible designs that the camp could vote on. The chair of the committee will be Second Lieutenant Commander John Weir. Over the next few days or so we will be contacting you to see if you would have an interest in serving on the committee. If you would like to volunteer please let Commander Speicher know. There are a number of camp medals throughout the confederation that can be looked at to get ideas for our Key Camp Medal. Merle Leech has already submitted one design so we are on the way. The medal could be a fund-raiser as a lot of SCV compatriots collect camp medals.

Kansas Division Convention

The 11th Annual Kansas Division Convention will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Emporia, Kansas on Saturday 20 June. This is an important convention, as we will be electing officers for the division. Everyone should have received a ballot in the mail that you need to fill out and return to Adjutant Heath Roland. The results will be announced at the convention. There will be a lunch included with the registration fee and a guest speaker. The speaker will be our friend Debra Goodrich and her presentation will be "Sisters of Sorrow". No it is not about an order of Catholic nuns. It is a comparison of the lives of Varina Davis and Mary Lincoln. It should be a very interesting presentation and Deb ALWAYS does a good job of presenting. A copy of the registration form for the convention is attached. Let's have a really strong turnout from the Key Camp.

**11th Annual Kansas Division Convention
Sons of Confederate Veterans
June 20, 2009**

**Best Western Motel
3021 W. Highway 50 Emporia, KS 66801
620-342-7587**

REGISTRATION FORM:

(Required *)

*NAME _____ *TITLE/POSITION _____

*SCV CAMP NAME _____ *Number _____

*PERSONAL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

*HOME PHONE (_____) _____ WORK PHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE (_____) _____

SPOUSE NAME (For Badge) _____

GUEST NAME _____ GUEST NAME _____

COST FOR CONVENTION IS \$10.00 PER PERSON

Included in the Registration: Convention book, lunch, lots of camaraderie, and excellent presentation from our guest speaker.

Ancestor Memorials: Have your ancestors name listed in the convention booklet. Cost is \$10.00 and must be submitted no later than July 30, 2009. (Up to 16 names for \$10.00. Please include rank, Name, company, and unit on separate sheet of paper).

Registration: Qty. ____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Ancestor Memorials: Qty. ____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Featured convention presenter will be. Author Historian Debra Goodrich. Her topic called “Sisters of Sorrow” is an excellent comparison of Verena Davis first Lady of the Confederacy and Mary Todd Lincoln First lady of the Union. Deb promises to give an extraordinary presentation to the members of the Kansas Division. Lunch will be provided by the Motel

**DEADLINE TO MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORMS
Is Saturday May 31, 2009!!!**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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REMINDER!
THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920
WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2009

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