

THE TELEGRAPH KEY



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APRIL CAMP MEETING
THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2014
START TIME IS 6:30

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday March 6th, 2014. We will be meeting at Zarda's Barbecue located on the southwest corner of 87th Street and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas. We will meet at 6:00 for dinner and start the official meeting at 6:30. That is because Zarda's is still closing early. Our guest speaker for the evening is a friend of the camp, having spoken to us before (July 2012 "The Uncivil War Massacres in Northeast Missouri in Late 1862"). Mr. Don Bates, a past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be presenting "Grant Versus Lee: The 45-Day Overland Campaign - Wilderness to Cold Harbor". This campaign was one of Lee's best fought series of battles despite his poor health. It is also where Grant earned the sobriquet "Butcher Grant". He lost more men than Lee had in his entire Army. 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 #65

Recruit, recruit, recruit!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

The Key Camp really made a splash for Saint Patrick's Day! First, we were an independent entry in the famous Brookside Saint Patrick's Day Warm-Up Parade on Saturday 15 March. The weather was fantastic!! The crowd was twice as large as any we have seen there in the past several years. The camp has a great turnout and I want to thank the following members and guest for turning out for the parade: Paul Allen, Kris Amaro, Scott Lalumondier, Merle Leech, Aaron Martinez, Carrie Martinez, Eric Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Jacob Mirocke, Jack Poynter, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, and John Weir. I especially want to thank Eric Martinez for bringing out the cannon and trailer. They were a big hit. We are already planning for next year's parade.



What a crew!

Our New Parade Banners



Pictured above is one of the new banners the camp purchased to use during parades. We have two identical banners, one for each side of any vehicle we have present. This photo was taken at the Brookside Parade on 15 March.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day II

Our second Saint Patrick's Day Parade was the Kansas City 42nd Annual Parade. The weather was cooler than Saturday but still nice. We were a part of the entry for the Harris-Kearney House Museum. In addition to the cannon and trailer, we also had Carl Linck's 1983 Johnson Motor Company Presidential Rumble Seat Roadster with us. Since it was not an official holiday (it

should be a national holiday) many of our compatriots had to work so our camp turnout was a bit smaller. My thanks to Paul Allen, Merle Leech, Carl Linck and grand daughter Maddie, Carrie Martinez, Eric Martinez, Betsy Owens, Jack Poynter, Spike Speicher for coming out to support the camp. Again it was an awesome parade with literally thousands and thousands of spectators.

Congratulations Jacob Mirocke

Congratulations are in order for Compatriot Jacob Mirocke. Jacob has been hired as the new Director for the National Military Heritage Museum in Saint Joseph, Missouri. He was hired in February and began working in early March. He says "This museum has so much potential, it's incredible." Consisting of three separate buildings, the museum even has a Huey helicopter from Vietnam and a Cobra helicopter gunship. Jacob says that there is a lot to be done; everything from building repairs to inventory. The museum currently is only open three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 0900 (9:00 a.m.) to 1500 (3:00 p.m.). Congratulations Jacob. Do I see a camp road trip in the near future???

Lone Jack History Day

Adjutant Steve Crawford has notified us that the camp has again been invited to participate in the Lone Jack Battlefield History Day event. It will be held on Wednesday May 7th at the battlefield. It is a day when students from the local area come out to the site to learn about the early pioneer days and the War of Northern Aggression. The camp has had a display for three or four years now. The kids rotate around a series of displays about every 20 minutes. Adjutant Crawford and Compatriots Merle Leech and Mike Smith have done an outstanding job giving the presentation for the last several years. If anyone would like to help out this year please contact Adjutant Crawford.

K C Public Library in April 2014

Every month the KC Library has a series of speakers on numerous and varied topics. Almost all of the topics are historically oriented. I am proud to announce that Commander Spike Speicher has been invited to join the ranks of KC Library Special Event speakers. Commander Speicher will be giving his presentation "The H. L. Hunley and Her Crews: History and Mystery" on Thursday April 17, 2014. This date is significant as it is the tenth anniversary of the funeral for the last crew of the Hunley. Commander Speicher served as a pall bearer for one of the crewmen during that funeral. These events are free to the public with a reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. with wine and snacks and the actual presentation beginning at 6:30.

2014 National Reunion Charleston, South Carolina

This is what we have been waiting for. The Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion (Convention) is coming this summer. For those of you that have never attended a national reunion, this will be a great one to attend from Thursday July 17 through Saturday July 19th. The activities, tours, and programs will be spectacular. Several Key Camp members are already registered. Join the crowd and get registered today. Join the Key Camp Contingent in Charleston in 2014.

Camp Shirts

Compatriot John Bolton advises that the camp shirts that were ordered have arrived. If you ordered a shirt, either denim or polo, they will be available for pick up at the April meeting. I have seen the shirts and they look awesome. If you ordered one, you will be pleased.

Thank You Jim Thornton

We need to give Compatriot Jim Thornton, the 2014 Key's Battery Award winner, a BIG thank you. The company he works for provides grants in support of volunteer service performed by the employee of his company for 501(c)(3) organizations. Jim logged numerous hours, especially while helping paint the carriage house at the Wornall House. He submitted the hours he worked and last week the camp received a check from his company for \$300.00. Way to go Compatriot Thornton!! I wonder if there are any other companies out there that some of you may work for that provide that same volunteer incentive? Why not ask your administrative office if they do.

Camp Elections

The Constitution of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp stipulated that officer elections will be held every two years with those elections occurring on even numbered years. Guess what? 2014 is an even numbered year. That means camp elections will be held in November with results announced in December and the elected officers take their positions on January 1st. That being said, nominations for the positions of Commander, 1st Lieutenant Commander (in charge of setting up speakers), 2nd Lieutenant Commander (recruiting officer), and Adjutant will be requested beginning in September. Nomination Forms will be provided to each member in good standing. Start thinking about who you feel would do a great job in each of those positions. You may even (anonymously) nominate yourself!! I will state that I have been the commander of the Key Camp since it was formed 14 years ago. That is too long! We need a new commander to take the helm and carry us the rest of the way to greatness. Who do you think would be the perfect person to accomplish that? Now nominate them.

REMINDER!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

APRIL 3rd AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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