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JUNE CAMP MEETING 97th REGULAR MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, June 4th, 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 very special guest speaker for this meeting is Mr. Paul Bahmnaier from the Kansas State Historic Site at Constitution Hall in LeCompton, Kansas, just west of Lawrence. The topic of his presentation is "The Pro-slavery Constitution of Kansas". This was the first constitution for Kansas and was approved by the state but later, through underhanded politics, it was vetoed and an anti-slavery constitution put in its place. This has a very special meaning or connection for us because our camp's namesake, Thomas Jefferson Key, was one of the authors of that first Kansas constitution. It should prove to be a very interesting topic. This is one presentation that I think all of us will find extremely informative. 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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New Member #76

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?

Mine Creek Spring Workday

Saturday 9 May, Paul Allen, Rick Bullock, Travis Bullock, Lee Crutchfield, Steve Crutchfield, Jim King, Merle Leech, Greg Miller, Lane Smith, Spike Speicher, and John Weir met at Mine Creek for the spring workday. It was a perfect day for working around the monument. The Kansas Division had agreed to cover \$300.00 worth of landscape material for us. We picked up 124 landscape stones, 20 some bags of mulch, and a few other odds and ends and headed for the battlefield. We started about 10:00 a.m. and were finished by 1:00 p.m. Boy did that monument look good!! We used the stones to outline the rows where the boxwood plants are. We put in all new mulch. We mowed and raked the area. We trimmed branches off a lot of the trees to make the area more open and inviting. My thanks go to all the guys that showed up to help. You guys are great. Our fall workday plans are to put in two benches for folks to sit on to admire and contemplate the monument. Hope all of you can make it out for that.



The monument at the end of the workday.

Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day

On Sunday 31 May, 2009 the Missouri Division will celebrate their Confederate Memorial Day. The event will take place at the Confederate Memorial Site at Higginsville, Missouri. The Major Thomas J. Key Camp has been invited to participate in the event. We will be supplying our uniformed Color Guard of five men. Those scheduled to participate are Lee Crutchfield, Craig Freeman, Merle Leech, Spike Speicher, and John Weir. All camp members are invited attend with the event kicking off at 11:00 a.m. with a presentation by Jim Beckner on "16 Confederate Veterans Homes After the Late, Great Unpleasantness". The parade begins at 12:45 followed by the service that begins at 1:00. The service should be over no later than 2:00 p.m. If you don't have a uniform please wear your camp shirt. This would be a perfect place to "show our colors". Don't have a camp shirt, come anyway and share in the fun with other camp members. We have participated in this event numerous times and it is always a wonderful and moving experience. Please plan to come put to Higginsville on the 31st of May and pay honor to those Confederates of 1860-1865.

Shelby Statue Dedication

Don't forget that the dedication of the General Joseph O. Shelby statue will take place on Saturday June 27th in Waverly, Missouri. The ceremony itself will take place at 3:00 p.m. The statue cost \$30,000 so this is a BIG event. Besides the dedication there will be many other activities all weekend to include battle reenactments, displays, and vendors. So come on out and enjoy the fun and help pay tribute to one of the Confederacy's greatest cavalry leaders and a local hero.

National Reunion

It's not too late to join the Major Thomas J. Key Camp detachment heading for Hot Springs, Arkansas for the SCV National Reunion. The reunion runs from Wednesday July 22 until Saturday July 25. Hot Springs is only about a seven-hour drive from Kansas City and it is the first reunion in a looooong time to be that close to home. The most important days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Lots of neat things to do plus the business sessions. We have a nice contingent of folks from the Key Camp planning to attend: Paul and Betty Allen, Chip and Deb Buckner, Lee Crutchfield, Craig and Angie Freeman, Eric and Carrie Martinez, Tim Peterman, Dan and Susan Peterson, Spike and Cindy Speicher, John and Susan Weir, and Gavin Weir. What a great turnout!! If you have never been to an SCV convention now is your chance. Who knows when it will be this close again. You still have time to register so don't delay.

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. 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 4 JUNE 2009

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