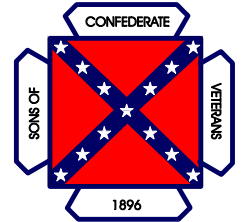


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JUNE CAMP MEETING LOCATION CHANGE 130th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday June 7th, 2012. We are going to do something totally different for the June meeting. Mr. Ethan Rafuse was our outstanding speaker for the Lee-Jackson Banquet and everyone there really enjoyed his presentation. It turns out that Mr. Rasfuse is giving a presentation on Stonewall Jackson the same night as our meeting. I polled the camp and the responses I received indicated that we should, for this month only, change our meeting place. We will meet at the Main Library in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be a reception at 6:30 with the presentation at 7:00 p.m. That means no dinner meeting that night so I suggest you eat before you come to the library. The library is located at 10th and Baltimore. There is a parking structure directly across the street from the library. The library will validate the parking ticket so parking is free. These presentations are generally very well attended so there will be a lot of people. I'll have a handout with business topics for the meeting. Again, this month only, we will meet at the downtown Main Library. See y'all there.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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NEW MEMBER

Will the next new member please step
forward!!??

Recruit!!

Confederate Memorial Day

Once again this year we have been invited to participate in the Missouri Division Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at the Confederate Home in Higginsville, Missouri. The date this year will be Saturday June 2nd, beginning around 10:00 a.m. It would be nice to have a good showing for this event to show our support for our sister division. The last few years we have been part of the Uniformed Color Guard and I would expect we will do the same again this year. Therefore, I need at least four or five members in uniform. Anyone can attend the event and it would be a good time to wear your camp or SCV shirt. We will have a shelter tent set up with some display items and lots of flags. This is a great time to bring a picnic lunch for the family. More details on times and events will be forthcoming as I receive them. Please plan to attend and participate or enjoy the ceremony.

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 will be held on Friday and Saturday June 15 and 16. It will again be at the Best Western Hotel in Emporia, Kansas. This is an important division event that the camp needs to support. The luncheon guest speaker will be Paul Petersen. He spoke to our camp recently about his new book, "Quantrill In Lawrence". It was a fascinating presentation. Lunch is included with the registration fee. The business meeting portion will have camp reports so you can find out what the other camps in the division are doing. It is always a fun convention so let's plan to have a strong showing. Rooms will be available at a discounted price for those who want to go down on Friday. On page 7 of this newsletter is the registration form. Please filled it out and submit it as soon as you can so they know how many to plan for lunch. See y'all there.

National Reunion

It looks like the camp will have a pretty 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.

Living History In KCK

On Friday May 18th Compatriots Lee Crutchfield and Spike Speicher travelled to the Central Middle School in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. They set up three tents (dog tent, A-tent, and Officer's tent), built a campfire, and laid out an infantry equipment display. Classes of eighth graders were brought out to the site. During four iterations that day they talked to about 160 students, mostly black and Hispanic. The presentation was very well received and we have already been invited for next year.



Compatriots Speicher and Crutchfield talk to students from Central Middle School, Kansas City, Kansas about what it was like to be a WBTS soldier.



The camp set up for the living history presentations.

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.



Officially Chartered 22 May 2000
12 years old this month

14th Annual Kansas Division Convention
Sons of Confederate Veterans
June 15-16, 2012

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. Ret USMC Master Sergeant Paul R Petersen

Friday Evening Entertainment: We will begin Friday evening at 6:30 with a DVD feature presentation of Ride With The Devil. Followed by our Oratory contest at 8:00. This year's Topic "You, Captain William C. Quantrill Capture James H. Lane and Charles Jennison in Lawrence on August 21, 1863".
What are your plans for them?

Ancestor Memorials: Have your ancestors name listed in the convention booklet. Cost is \$10.00 and must be submitted no later than **May 23, 2011**. (Up to 16 names for \$10.00). Please include rank, Name, company, and unit on separate sheet of paper).

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

Friday Evening Gala: Qty. ___ x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

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

Total: \$ _____

In honoring of the Sesquicentennial, our featured convention presenter will be. retired USMC Master Sergeant Paul R Petersen, award winning author of "Quantrill of Missouri", "Quantrill in Texas" and the newly released "Quantrill at Lawrence". Petersen will cover a wide variety of topics in his lecture. He is what many consider an expert on Missouri Partisan Ranger, William Quantrill and will reveal many previously known facts about the Missouri guerrilla fighter, his tactics and how they affect modern day warfare. He 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 Monday May 31, 2011!!!

Also find online at <http://www.ksscv.org>

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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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