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JUNE CAMP MEETING
THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2014
152nd REGULAR MEETING
REGULAR START TIME OF 7:00 P.M.

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday June 5th, 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 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. **We are back to our regular start time.** Our guest speaker for the evening is Mr. Robert Jones. He is visiting some of his family in Kansas from his home in Georgia and has agreed to join us for the evening. His topic will be "The War in the West: The Battles of Glorieta Pass and Valverde". He has written several books on his various topics and he will have a number of his books available for purchase. He is a highly respected speaker back east so you surely will want to hear this presentation. Bring your wife or significant other, as they are always welcome. Don't forget to bring that prospective recruit. See y'all there!!!

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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NEW MEMBER #64

We need to recruit!!

Lone Jack History Day

Adjutant Steve Crawford and Compatriots Paul Allen and Merle Leech did a splendid job of representing the Key Camp at the Lone Jack Battlefield History Day event. It was held on Wednesday May 7th at the battlefield. Several hundred students rotated through about 12 stations that represented various interpretations of early Kansas History. The rotations occurred every 20 minutes, consisting of roughly 20 kids per group. The Key Camp station was "Weapons of the Civil War", one of the favorites of the students. Not only were the kids impressed; but, several of the teachers spoke with our camp members and said how interesting and informative the station was. Most of the teachers were not even aware that Missouri seceded from the Union. I want to thank Compatriots Crawford, Allen, and Leech for a job well done.



Adjutant Crawford dazzles the crowd with his expertise on Civil War weapons

Key Camp Business Cards

At the June meeting I will be handing out recruiting business cards to all members. These are the brain child of Compatriot Dennis Garstang. He had some cards made for one of his other organizations, the Posse of Westerners, and they have received high acclaim. The idea is that members have a few of these in their wallets. When they meet someone who might be a prospective member, the compatriot presents the individual with one of these business cards. The cards have meeting info and contact information for the camp. How easy is that?

Note From Mary Crain

As y'all know we lost Compatriot Ben Crain on April 9th. Ben had one of the most extensive collections of Civil War carbines in the Midwest and possibly in the entire U.S. At least twice he brought some of the carbines in and gave talks to the camp about the weapons. Chaplain Linck and I went to Ben's visitation and met his wife Mary. The camp made a donation in Ben's memory and the following is the note from his wife:

Thank you so much for your kindness and support. Your contribution to the Cancer Support Fund KCSCC North is so appreciated. Ben fought a brave fight, but it was not to be. He is buried at Ft. Leavenworth [the National Cemetery in town not on the post] overlooking the 13th fairway. He enjoyed you all so much and loved talking about his guns.

Love,
Mary Crain
And Family"

SCV Vision 2014

Compatriot Bolton is the Kansas Division representative for SCV Vision 2016. On Thursday 8 May he held the first brain storming session for the Key Camp. In addition to Compatriot Bolton, Compatriots Paul Allen, Dennis Garstang, Greg Miller, Jack Poynter, Spike Speicher, Jim Tucker, and John Weir were in attendance. The first session discussed SCV and camp marketing and the group came up with a number of outstanding ideas. There will be additional meetings every other month and all compatriots are invited to participate. This is an important topic as it is the future of our beloved organization. Details and dates to follow.

2014 National Reunion Charleston, South Carolina

Latest update: The Key Camp looks like it will be well represented in Charleston. So far John and Susan Weir, John and Susan Bolton, Spike and Kaki Speicher, Carl and Linda Linck, Tim Peterman, Paul Allen, Lee Crutchfield, Jim Tucker, Merle Leech, and Jack Poynter are scheduled to attend. Join the Key Camp Contingent in Charleston in 2014.

Kansas Division Convention

Yes, June is a very busy month with lots of opportunity to be involved in camp activities. One of the most important is the division convention. It will be held in Emporia, Kansas, at the Best Western Hotel on Friday June 20 and Saturday June 21. Friday night there will be a viewing of the movie "The Littlest Rebel" starring Shirley Temple. The Saturday morning business session will include camp reports, division business, and officer reports. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief will be in attendance. After lunch there will be a live auction

of some interesting items. The registration fee for the convention is only \$10.00 so please register to attend. See page 7.

Camden Point Remembrance

At the May meeting we discussed our participation in the above event. It will take place on Saturday 28 June in Camden Point, Missouri at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. There will be a parade in town at 5:00 p.m. that we will participate in. We have been requested to set up a display/living history area. The cannon of the 3rd Battery will be there as well for firing demonstrations. We need volunteers for the event and this is a great one in which to take part. We need guys to man the displays, walk or ride in the parade, and help with the living history. Uniforms are not required. If you have a uniform it would be an ideal time to wear it. It is a short event with camp volunteers arriving between noon and 1:00 p.m. to set everything up before the ceremony starts at 2:00. Once the parade is over about 6:00, we can break down and pack everything up. It makes for a wonderful and fun Saturday. Please mark your calendar and put your name on the sign up sheet at the June meeting.

Missouri Confederate Memorial Day

The annual Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony for the Missouri Division will be held at the Confederate Home in Higginsville, Missouri on Saturday 7 June. This year should be no exception. We do need men in uniform for the Color Guard but we can use everyone, uniform or not, at the display table. There is a time when you name your Confederate ancestor and place a red carnation on the memorial monument in his name. This is a ceremony you will enjoy being involved in. There will be a sign up sheet for this event at the meeting also. Please join us if at all possible.

REMINDER!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

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