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DECEMBER CAMP MEETING 147th Regular Meeting December 5th (first Thursday)

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday December 7th, 2013. 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 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. for dinner and start the official meeting at 7:00. This month's speaker is our own Compatriot Kevin Makel. Kevin is an avid black powder pistol shooter and he will be presenting a talk and slide show on two of our favorite topics: guns and Jesse James. The topic is "The Guns of Jesse James" and it will discuss the types of weapons used by both Jesse and Frank during the Guerrilla War in Missouri and also during their "outlaw" phase. It will also look at some of today's attributed guns that belonged to the brothers. I think it will be a very enjoyable evening and I am sure you will find it extremely interesting. As with all of our meetings, be sure to bring your wife or significant other (but not both at the same time), 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 MEMBERS #65 and 66

We are working a couple of good prospects but
please keep looking for new members.

Ottawa Veterans Day Parade Success

It has been a busy November. Shortly after our meeting on the 7th, the Key Camp participated in the annual Ottawa Veterans Day Parade on November 9th. The weather was PERFECT!! The Key Camp turnout was fantastic. We had 11 Camp members and three Key Camp friends. We also picked up a group of five strap-hangers that fell in with us. It was a pretty awesome sight to see.



Kneeling left to right: Compatriots Jim Thornton and Scott Lalumondier.
Standing left tot right: Kris Amaro, Eric Martinez, Mike Smith, Carrie Martinez, Kia (Kris Amaro's grand-daughter), Spike Speicher, Jacob Martinez, Merle Leech, Gary Hayden, Jacob Mirocke, John Weir, and Garrett Hayden.

One of the neat things about this year's parade is that Gary and Garrett Hayden (father and son) marched in their first parade with the camp. They both said they will do it again as it was tremendous fun.

Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade

Hot on the heels of the Ottawa parade, like two days later on the 11th of November, the Key Camp fell in for the annual parade in Leavenworth. Again the weather cooperated nicely. Because the Leavenworth parade falls on the actual holiday, it fell on a weekday so our participation was limited. But four stalwart members turned out to represent the camp. It was really nice because not only were we the only War of Northern Aggression unit in the parade, we were the only Confederate unit out of over 200 entries. It was an awesome sight when we marched passed the reviewing stand and did an "eyes right" and to see a three-star active duty Air Force general salute us back.



Left to right: Compatriots Paul Allen, Spike Speicher, Carl Linck, and Mike Smith.

SCV Leadership Workshop

Next up on our busy month was the SCV National Leadership Workshop that was held on Saturday November 16th at the Alexander Majors' Historic Home. The Major Thomas J. Key Camp hosted the event and boy did we get a feather in our cap for this one. Thirty SCV members attended with the breakdown of Missouri 18, Kansas 11, and one from Illinois. Fully half of the attendees, 15 in all, were from the Key Camp. Compatriots Paul Allen, John Bolton, Steve Crawford, Dennis Garstang, Kevin Makel, Merle Leech, Carl Linck, Greg Miller, Tim Peterman, Matthew Silber, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, Jim Thornton, Jim Tucker, and John Weir all attended from our camp. The speakers were awesome. Michael Givens, our national Commander-in-Chief, came from Charleston, South Carolina. Our national Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, Kelly Barrow, came here from Griffin, Georgia. Our national Adjutant-in-Chief, Steve Ritchie, came in from Muncie, Indiana. We had all the big hitters from national as our speakers. Commander-in-Chief Givens arrived in Kansas City early Friday afternoon and was picked up by Commander Speicher. Together they toured the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Camden Point. Commander-in-Chief Givens complimented the Key Camp on the outstanding job we had done on the restoration of the cemetery and for marking the Confederate graves. They then proceeded to Parkville to see the historic marker placed by the Key Camp and the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation. Once again Commander-in-Chief Givens complimented the camp on the great work we do. The two of them were then joined by Chaplain Carl Linck and the three went to dinner at the Zona Rosa Smokehouse BBQ restaurant where enjoyed some good Kansas City Barbeque. I want to thank Compatriot Jim Thornton for picking up our three speakers Saturday morning and transporting them to and from the workshop. All in all, it was a job well done by the Key Camp. Thank you all!!

2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet

Houston, we no longer have a problem! Everything is a GO for the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. It will be held on Saturday February 1st, 2014, at the Abdullah Shrine on Metcalf Road just south of I-35. The facility is awesome. The price is right. As you know, in the past we have sponsored our own honor bar for drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic). This year there will be a manned cash bar but WITH A TWIST, and I don't mean of lime. Any money spent at the bar will be applied to our rental cost. Also remember that this is our ONLY real fund raiser for the year. The big money raiser is our live auction and we need to have items donated for that auction. They do not necessarily have to be related to the War of Northern Aggression. They can be just about anything that someone might want to buy. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the next couple of meetings or call me and I will pick them up. The more items for auction, the more profit for the camp and remember, any amount obtained through the auction that is over and above the cost of the donated item can be used as a tax donation deduction on your income tax for 2014. This year's banquet promises to be the biggest and best yet so mark your calendar and look for your official invite in the mail. Don't miss this one!!!!

2014 National Reunion Charleston, South Carolina

This is what we have all 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 one will be a great one to attend. It will be held from Thursday July 17 through Saturday July 19th. In the November/December issue of Confederate Veteran magazine, Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens wrote his editorial about

attending this convention. If you haven't read it yet, please read it. It starts on page 4. The activities, tours, and programs will be spectacular. One of the tours will be to the Warren Lausch Conservatory where the famous Confederate submarine, the H. L. Hunley, is housed. That alone would be worth the trip. Several Key Camp members are already registered. Join the crowd and get registered today. Join the Key Camp Contingent in Charleston in 2014.



The H. L. Hunley now upright in the conservation tank in Charleston, South Carolina. Come and see it in person.

REMINDER!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

DECEMBER 5TH AT 7:00 P.M.

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