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NOVEMBER CAMP MEETING 102nd Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday November 5th, 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 speaker for the evening is Mrs. Deborah Buckner, wife of camp member Chip Buckner. Deb is a fantastic speaker who has done numerous first person presentations all over the Kansas City area to historical and civic groups. She and Chip do a lot of live acting with The Barn Players, which is a local theater company located in Mission, Kansas. She is well known in the area for her portrayal of Libbie Custer, wife of George. Her presentation at our meeting is titled "A Civil War Christmas - 1864" and should be very entertaining. I think this is one that the ladies will tremendously enjoy also. This educational presentation will be informative and interesting. This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening that you won't want to miss. Be sure to bring your wife or significant other, as they are ALWAYS welcome. Also don't forget to bring that prospective member along so he can meet us. Hope to see y'all there.

Editorial Byline and Stuff

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New Member #79

As most of you know we inducted our 77th and 78th members at the October meeting. At that time we welcomed into our ranks Joshua Crutchfield and Milton Wallace. We will be inducting our 79th member at the November meeting. Michael Smith is joining the Key Camp under his great grandfather, Private Edward West Smith, Company D, 2nd Missouri Infantry, CSA. Mike is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and joins about seven other Key Camp members who are in the SAR. Mike was in attendance at the September and October meetings so many of you may have already met him. If you haven't met him please take time at the November meeting to introduce yourselves to him and make him feel welcome. Mike it is an honor to have you in our ranks and I'm sure your relationship with the Key Camp

and the SCV will be rewarding. Welcome aboard Compatriot Smith.

Ottawa Veterans Day Parade

There are two BIG events in November and the first one is the Veterans Day Parade in Ottawa, Kansas on Saturday November 7th. Our first appearance in this parade was in November 2001 so this will be our 9th time marching in this parade. We have always had a strong turnout for this parade and I hope we will continue that trend this year. We will meet in Ottawa in the bank parking lot at Walnut and 5th Street. To get there go south on I-35 and take the first Ottawa exit (#187), which is Highway 68. At the end of the exit ramp turn right and follow 68 into town. There is a traffic light at 68 and Main Street. Turn left at the traffic light. Go across the bridge and turn right on the first street. Go one block west to Walnut. Turn left and then take Walnut to 5th Street and the parking lot is on the left. We will plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. We need men in civilian attire as well as guys in uniform. All the ladies are also invited. We will have the cannon and trailer as our float so anyone who wants to can ride on the float and wave to folks. We need at least three, preferably five, guys in uniform for the Color Guard. We also need two people to carry the banner and one to carry the camp flag. After the parade we proceed to the park where we can visit all sorts of military equipment displays from all wars, see a WWII battle reenactment, and either watch or participate in a Civil War reenactment, where we will be firing the cannon of our reenactment unit, the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery. It has always been a fun time for everyone who has attended and this year should be even better. We can use everyone who comes out. So please plan to attend

Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade

The second big event is our participation in the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade. This is the largest Veterans Day parade in the mid-west United States and one of the largest in the entire country. It is a big event. It will take place on Wednesday November 11th. They always hold the parade on the actual Veterans Day so very often it is on a weekday and that means that a lot of our members have to work that day. This year we will repeat what we did last year, which worked out very well. We will do a joint Color Guard with the Franklin Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans. We have two Federals, one carrying the U.S. flag and one as a guard. The Key camp supplies one man to carry the Confederate flag and one as a guard. We got a lot of applause in last year's parade. Anyone that has that day off is invited to join us, uniform or not. We will meet at the parking lot of the Criminal Justice Building. That is one block east of 4th Avenue (the main street in Leavenworth) behind the courthouse, which is located on 4th Street. Plan to be there by 9:00 a.m. We do not have a float so you will have to walk the entire distance of about a mile. Hope to see a lot of you there.

9th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

We are about to embark on our 9th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet, which will be held on Saturday 16 January 2010. We have an exciting evening planned for your entertainment. Our keynote speaker is none other than the Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-In-Chief Chuck McMichael. Aside from a fantastic dinner, an even more fantastic speaker, and awesome camaraderie, we will be having door prizes, the presentation of the 2009 Key's Battery Award, and our fund raising live auction. Remember this is our only fund raiser for the year. We have some wonderful items up for bid this year and we take cash, check, and IOUs. The banquet will be at Grinter Place and we are limited in our seating capacity. Therefore, attendance is limited to

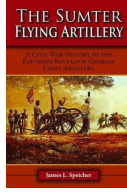
75; first come, first served. So far close to half of the tickets have already been sold. The cost of the tickets remains \$20.00 per person. The cost has not gone up since the first banquet so this is a real deal! If you want to get advance tickets please notify Adjutant Heath Roland. You won't soon forget L-J 2010.

Kill Creek Farm

Well this year's Kill Creek Farm living history turned out to be a dud. The weather was absolutely horrible. It was cold, it was windy, it was cloudy and virtually no one came to visit the farm that Saturday. We may have had 10 people walk over to our area and that was it. As a result we broke camp about 2:30 and called it a day. Since the weather forecast for Sunday was the same or worse (possibility of rain) we did not return on Sunday. I do want to thank Rick Bullock, Travis Bullock, Josh Crutchfield, Scott Lalumondier, Merle Leech, Eric Martinez, Jacob Martinez and Spike Speicher for coming out to support the camp, despite the miserable weather. Also I want to thank Kris Amaro, Carrie Martinez, Vinny Lalumondier, and Lesia Winter for coming out as well. You are real troopers and I thank you.

Spike's Book

We have lift off!!!! My book, The Sumter Flying Artillery: A Civil War History of the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery has been released by Pelican Press. It came out on Thursday the 15th of October. It is hard cover, 500-page book with lots of pictures and a roster with a summary of the service record for the 849 men that served in that unit at any time during the war. The list price is \$39.95 but the author discount price is \$35.00, complete with personalization. It will be available at the meeting.



REMINDER!!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 5th AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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