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NOVEMBER CAMP MEETING 124th Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday November 3rd, 2011. 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. Many of us know of the historic treasures of Kansas City but we really aren't familiar with their complete backgrounds. Such is the case for the John Wornall House and the Alexander Majors Home. These houses, built before the war began (officially), are wonderful historical assets. Our speaker for November is Ms. Kandice Walker, the director of the Wornall/Majors Houses Program. We have provided support to the Wornall House in the past and our Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 21, 2012, will be at the Majors Home. To get an idea of the historical prospective of these homes, Kandice will provide an intriguing story on the history and current activities held at both locations. Don't miss this awesome presentation. Be sure to bring your wife or significant other 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 Member #75

"He who feels no pride in his
ancestors is unworthy to be
remembered by his descendants!"

Okay folks, we lost some members because of non-payment of dues. It happens every year as people move or have other conflicts. We need to make up our losses and gain more new members. Let's get out there and recruit.

Mine Creek Fall Workday

Our first two workdays this year were both weathered out but Mother Nature smiled on us for our fall workday. Saturday October 1, 2011, saw eleven members of the Key Camp reporting for duty at the Mine Creek Battlefield. Highway 69 is now four lanes all the way to Mine Creek. It makes the trip about 15 minutes faster. Our mission that day was to install the concrete pads and benches at the Confederate Monument. Mission accomplished!! See the below picture.



Photo by Compatriot John Weir

We owe a great thank you to compatriots Paul Allen, Lee Crutchfield, Jim King, Merle Leech. Carl Linck, Greg Miller, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, Jim Thornton, Gavin Weir, and John Weir for the outstanding job they did on the benches. Our monument is now the showcase stop on the Mine Creek Battlefield Tour. Good job guys.

FBI Helps Recover Stolen Civil War Flag Missing for Almost 30 Years

Posted 7 October 2011



The Confederate Flag/FBI photo

By Danny Fenster

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Missing for almost three decades, a civil-war battle flag stolen in the 1980s by a volunteer at the Memorial Hall Museum (Confederate Memorial Hall) of New Orleans, has been recovered, the FBI announced this week.

The FBI said the Art Crime Team in the FBI Miami Division initially got some information and got the ball rolling.

After locating the current owner, investigators determined that the owner bought the flag in 2004, not knowing it was stolen, the FBI said. He voluntarily turned the item over to the FBI.

The FBI said the flag was turned over to The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va., during a ceremony on Wednesday. It will ultimately be returned to the Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans.



Ottawa Veteran's Day Parade

The Annual Ottawa, Kansas Veteran's Day Parade is always held the Saturday before the real Veteran's Day so this year it will be on November 5th. The festivities begin with the parade through downtown Ottawa that begins at 10:45 a.m. Our entry consists of a Color Guard followed by the 6-pounder field piece of the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery. We need guys in uniform, guys in period civilian attire, and guys in modern day civilian attire. There is room for everyone. If anyone would like to wear a Confederate uniform or period civilian attire I can outfit several of you. Just let me know. The parade ends at Forest Park, where the cannon will be set up for firing displays and the Key Camp will have a display (recruiting) table. We need guys to man the tables. The park activities begin at 1:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. There are all sorts of military weapon and equipment displays in the park as well. We will plan to meet in the bank parking lot (our regular location) on the northeast corner of Walnut and 5th Street. That is one block west of Main. Let's plan to meet between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. so we have time to decorate the "float" and drill the Color Guard. This will be a very fun day so let's have a BIG turnout. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting so please plan to attend and support your camp.

Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade

For the past several years the Leavenworth Parade has fallen on a week day when most people have to work. As a result we have had a low turnout. What we have done during those years is have a joint Color Guard with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Franklin Post #5, the Honorable Lane Smith commanding. With two or three folks from each camp we can put together a nice Color Guard with both flags. Regrettably, again this year the Leavenworth Parade falls on a weekday. It will be on Friday November 11th. The good news is that in 2012 and 2013 the Leavenworth Parades will be on the weekend so we can really show them our strength. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and is the largest Veteran's Day parade in mid-America. Uniforms and civilian attire are appropriate. We will plan to meet at the corner of 3rd Street and Market Street (one block east of 4th, which is the main street through Leavenworth. It is adjacent to the Criminal Justice Center on 3rd Street. Don't park in the Criminal Justice parking lot. That is reserved for horses and horse trailers. We will meet about 9:00 a.m. Again there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. I know it is a Friday but if there is any way you can attend we'd love to see you out there. This is a parade only event. Be sure to wear good walking shoes as the route is about a mile long. We do start and stop a lot but it is still a long distance.

Here is the 2010 Guard.



Wish we could crop out the lady in blue

Holiday Candlelight Tour

Have you ever wanted to be an actor or play a small role in a play? If so now is your chance. Every year in November the Harris-Kearney House presents their Holiday Candlelight Tour. The tour is held the Friday and Saturday evening directly after Thanksgiving. It runs from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. each day. Folks buy tickets for a tour group (one group leaves every fifteen minutes) and they are greeted by the Harris' who take the group on a tour of the house. The stage is set for a particular year at Christmas time. One year it was 1858 and then one year it was 1856. This year it will be 1861 and the war has begun back east. In each room there are actors who "talk" about current events such as the coming of the war, local business, etc. Each actor portrays a specific individual and talks as if he/she were that person. No script to memorize just free talking. They need folks in period civilian attire to portray the people for the tour. I have done this now three or four times and it is fun. I plan to be in it again this year. If you are interested in participating (no experience necessary) please let me know so I can advise the people at the H-K House how many of us they can count on. If you are interested there will be a walk through rehearsal at the H-K House (4000 Baltimore in Westport) on Sunday November 6 at 3:00 p.m. It will last 30 minutes. You will find out who you will portray and information on who he was so you can talk like him. I do have enough clothing that I can outfit two people if you don't have any period attire. They do not want uniforms. There will be Yankees camped in the yard but no uniforms in the house, although one of the Harris sons fought in the Confederate Army. This really is fun and several Key Camp

members have participated in the past tours. I will a sign-up sheet at the November meeting.

REMINDER!!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE

MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 3rd AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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