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NOVEMBER CAMP MEETING 146th Regular Meeting November 7th (first Thursday)

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday November 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. Picture if you will, a highly trained 11-man team of Green Berets in the dark interior of an Air Force C-130 aircraft. It is pitch black inside the aircraft. Everything the soldiers see is in shades of green as they look through their Night Vision Devices (NODs). They are about to make a HALO (high altitude, low opening) parachute jump into northern Iraq going after a high ranking al-Qaida operative. Our speaker this month is Clay Daniels, the Green Beret captain in command of the mission, who will tell us about the operation. 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

Where oh where art thou oh numbers 65 and 66?

SCV Leadership Workshop

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp will be hosting an SCV Leadership Workshop here in Kansas City on Saturday November 16th. This workshop has the potential to draw attendees from the Kansas Division, the Missouri Division, and possibly from Nebraska, Iowa, and Oklahoma as well. These workshops are very popular and have been extremely successful. We are working closely with Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow on the details. This is your chance to meet our Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens on a one to one basis. In addition to Kelly Barrow the speakers include Adjutant-in-Chief Steve Ritchie, Vision 2016 Coordinator Dr. Tom Hiter, and past Georgia Division Commander Scott Gilbert. We have secured the barn at the Alexander Majors Historic Home as the location for the workshop. We will open about 7:30 a.m. for registration. Registration is handled through SCV International Headquarters. Registration cost is \$10.00 per person. There will be coffee and sweet rolls (my personal fav) at registration. As the host camp, we will have a lot to do. I need volunteers to pick up speakers at the airport (most likely Friday evening) and transport them to their lodging facility. We also need to get them to the workshop and back to the airport on Saturday. If you would be willing to be a driver, please let me know as we need at least five or six volunteers. This is the first time this workshop has been offered in the KC area so there should be quite a bit of interest. I strongly recommend as many of you as possible attend the workshop. It will give you the opportunity to meet the leadership of our organization and learn about the inner workings of the SCV. This is for all members, not just camp officers. A registration form can be found at page 7. This event may never be held this close to home again so I urge all of you to attend if at all possible. Let's show our command group that the Kansas Division is ready for the call.

Ottawa Veterans Day Parade

The Ottawa Veterans Day Parade will be on Saturday November 9th. This will be our eighth or ninth year in this parade. There will be activities and displays in Forest Park after the parade. It will include a skirmish in which the cannon of our 3rd Battery will be involved. We will meet in the bank parking lot at Fourth and Walnut (one block west of Main). We need to arrive by around 9:00 a.m. so we can decorate our float (the cannon on the trailer) and assign positions for everyone. We will meet at our usual location in the parking lot behind the bank at 4th and Walnut. This a great place to wear your Confederate uniform or your camp shirt. If you don't want to walk the route you can ride on the trailer. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade

Right on the heels of the Ottawa parade is the Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade, which is on Monday November 11th, Veterans Day itself. It is one of the largest parades in the mid-west and draws thousands of spectators. Regrettably, it generally falls on a weekday so our turnout is generally small as most of our compatriots work. We need to meet about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. near the parking lot of the Criminal Justice Center at 3rd and Walnut. In the past, we have done a joint Color Guard with the Sons of Union Veterans but this year it will depend on how many of our members can be there. It would be really nice if we had enough of our own people to participate. Hopefully, the weather this year will be better than last year. Last year it was miserably cold and wet. HOWEVER, we still had a good time. Again, if you can get to this parade it would be greatly appreciated.

Mine Creek Battlefield Status

I was recently informed that the superintendent at the Mine Creek Battlefield, Adrian Zink, resigned. The state does not have a replacement for him. Therefore, they have decided to close the battlefield for the rest of the year; they came in and took all the relics from the museum, which is standard operating procedure. They plan to hire a replacement and open again in April. 1st Lieutenant Commander Lee Crutchfield went down to the battlefield to check the condition of our Confederate monument and he reports that it is in good shape so we don't need to go down and spruce it up again until spring. My thanks go to Commander Crutchfield for making the trip to check the status of our monument.

Report on Scott Porter

Scott was a member of our camp for many years until he transferred to the Brigadier General William Steel Camp in Leavenworth much closer to his home. Last year Scott was diagnosed with stage 4 renal failure and has been on daily dialysis for many months. I found out that Scott will be having a kidney transplant on 12 November at the KU Hospital. The report is that he will be in ICU for several days and then will move into a general ward. I am sure that he would appreciate any visits once he is out of ICU. Scott is a great compatriot and friend. This major operation will save his life and allow him to resume normal daily activities.

2014 Lee-Jackson Banquet

SUCCESS!!! As you remember we had to change the date of our Lee-Jackson Banquet to Saturday 1 February. That was not a problem and may even work out to be better for us. Our problem was that the barn at the

Alexander Majors Home was already reserved for a wedding. (Can't believe the happy couple didn't check with us first!) At any rate, our problem then became where do we hold our annual shindig? And then it happened - our illustrious chaplain Carl Linck found us a new home. The banquet will be held in the Abdullah Shrine on Metcalf Road just south of I-35. It is a beautiful facility and perfect for what we need. So with that problem solved we can move on with our planning. What I need right now is auction items. If you can provide any items of interest (not necessarily War of Northern Aggression related) for the auction that would be great. The more things to auction off, the more money we stand to make. Remember that other than our camp dues, this is our ONLY fund raising event. As stated in years previous, if this doesn't provide enough funding we will have to have a car wash in the spring with all of us wearing Speedo swim suits. Probably in mid-November we will have a meeting for any interested members to work on the banquet planning committee for those interested in helping out.



Special Forces daylight HALO Jump

SCV National Leadership Workshop

As we move through the challenging years of the Sesquicentennial, leadership training has become even more important to the defense of our Southern heritage. In an effort to insure that our members better understand the challenges of leadership roles and to aid our leaders in acquiring the knowledge to better perform their duties, the SCV has scheduled an ATM Autumn National Leadership Workshop. This year's event will be held November 16, 2013 at the Alexander Majors Historic Home and Museum 8201 State Line Road in Kansas City, Missouri. It will be hosted by the Major Thomas J. Key Camp 1920 Kansas Division. A tentative schedule for the day is posted below along with registration and lodging information.

Please note that this event will include relevant presentations and individual workshops for more specialized training for Commanders and Adjutants; however, ALL members are invited to attend!

8:30 – 8:40	Welcome & SCV Protocol	Cmdr. Spike Speicher
8:40 – 8:55	Introductions & Overview	Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
8:55 – 9:40	Commanders & Command	CIC R. Michael Givens
9:40 – 9:50	<i>BREAK</i>	
9:50 – 10:30	Adjutants & Administration	AIC Stephen Lee Ritchie
10:30 -10:45	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:45 – 11:30	Recruiting & Retention	Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
11:30 – 12:30	<i>DINNER</i>	
12:30 – 1:15	<i>Vision 2016</i>	<i>Vision 2016</i> Coordinator Tom Hiter, Ph.D
1:15 – 1:25	<i>BREAK</i>	
1:25 – 2:10	Camp Operations & Success	Past Ga. Division Cmdr. Scott K. Gilbert, Jr
2:10 – 2:20	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:20 – 3:05	Commander's & Adjutant's Workshops	CIC, Lt. CIC & AIC
3:05	Concluding Remarks & Discussion Benediction	Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow

Registration is only \$10 each and will be handled through our General Headquarters at Elm Springs. You may mail a reservation with a check or call 1 (800) 380-1896 ext 209 (Cindy) with credit card information (MC, VIS or AMEX).

Marriott Courtyard Kansas City South
500 E. 105th Street
Kansas City, MO
816-941-3333
3 miles from the Majors House

Hampton Inn
16555 Midland Road
Shawnee, KS
913-248-1900

Registration Sheet

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Email address _____

Camp number _____ Check enclosed () or
Credit Card (MC, VISA, or AMEX) Number _____ Expires _____

REMINDER!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7:00 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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