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OCTOBER CAMP MEETING 90th REGULAR MEETING

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday, October 2nd, 2008. 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.

No confirmation of speaker at press time but we will have one.

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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Welcome New Member #75

Gentlemen, I am extremely proud to announce that we have gained our 75th member. This is great milestone form the camp as this is the highest membership number we have had since we were chartered in May 2000. Our 75th member is Compatriot Paul Allen. Paul, like me, works for the Federal Government but don't hold that against him. He hails from Blue Springs Missouri. Paul adds a new category of ancestor to our ranks. His ancestor, Private David H. Lockett, Company A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry, was captured and died in the Yankee prison at Camp Chase, Ohio. I don't recall any of our members having a ancestor that dies in a Yankee prison. The bummer is that Private Lockett died just one month before the war ended. Paul, we are very honored to have you in our ranks. Welcome aboard.

John Weir is
Interim 2nd Lieutenant Commander

Recently it was announced that 2nd Lieutenant Commander Roger Strout was having some medical difficulties that were preventing him from attending meetings and fulfilling his duties for that position. He feels that the situation is temporary and he may be able to resume his duties after the first of the year. The camp Executive Committee (Commander, both Lieutenant Commanders and the Adjutant) approached Compatriot John Wier and asked if he would be willing to fill the position until Roger is able to return. John accepted the offer and is now the Interim Second Lieutenant Commander for the camp. Thank you John, and congratulations.

Grand Opening of the Battle of
Westport Visitor Center
Saturday October 18, 2008

This event is in Missouri however, the president of the Monnett Battle of Westport Foundation, which owns the Visitor Center, specifically INVITED the Major Thomas J. Key Camp to participate in the event by setting up a historical display, providing demonstrations, and to do recruiting. Also invited to participate is the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery. So we will have the cannon and limber set up for display, a display of relics and weapons inside the Visitor Center, a soldier arms and equipment display set up adjacent to the cannon, and a small table with recruiting information. This is what we have been INVITED to do. We will do both cannon firing and musket firing demonstrations throughout the day. They would also appreciate it if we could set up some tents for a living history type display. I will have probably a wall tent, and "A" tent and a dog tent set up. If you have a tent please

bring it out so we can make a company street. The City of Kansas City has been involved in this project since the very beginning. The Visitor Center is the building that used to be the Interpretive Center and the ticket office for Starlight Theater. It is right at the main entrance to the theater and the zoo. It was owned by the city until they recently gave it to the Monnett Battle of Westport Foundation to use. I don't know if the building was donated or if the Foundation rents it for some ridiculously low fee like a dollar a year. Anyway, this will be the grand opening of the Center and is being heavily publicized by the city. The turnout of spectators should be very high. There will be period musical groups, food vendors, a small reenactment, some dancers, and some other activities. Again it will open at 10:00 a.m. and will go until 5:00 p.m. Everyone in the camp is encouraged to come out and help with the displays. Wear you Confederate uniform if you have one. Wear you camp shirt if you have one or just come on out wearing anything nice. Please plan to be there by 8:30 or 9:00 to help set things up. This should be a lot fun for everyone and we can use everyone that wants to help. There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting.

Kill Creek Farm Display

Mr. Darrell Zimmerman, owner of Kill Creek Farm in DeSoto, has invited the Major Thomas K. Key Camp #1920 and the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery to set up camp on his farm on Saturday and Sunday October 4 and 5. We did this two years ago and it was a lot of fun. His farm is located off K-10 at the Kill Creek Road Exit (first DeSoto exit going west toward Lawrence). He is requesting both musket and cannon firing demonstrations as well as having our camp site open to visitors. Those wishing to camp overnight are more than welcome to. Any and all members of the camp are encouraged to come out and help man the display, even if just for a few hours. Confederate uniforms, camp

shirts or nice civilian attire are all appropriate. Please come out and support your camp.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery Update

As announced at the September meeting, a mowing of the Pleasant Grove Cemetery was scheduled for Saturday September 6th. At 8:30 a.m. Compatriots Lee Crutchfield, Carl Linck, Scott Porter, and Spike Speicher cut the cemetery. I would anticipate one more mowing session this season. The tentative date will be announced at the October meeting. All camp members are invited to come out and help.

Headstone Dedication

On Sunday 21 September Adjutant Heath Roland conducted a headstone dedication ceremony for Corporal Benjamin Talbot of Company E, 8th Battalion Missouri Infantry. The attendees included Eric, Carrie, Jacob and Aaron Martinez, Joan Mainey, Merle Leech, Carl Linck, Jon Linn, Gary and Heath Roland, Lane Smith, and John Weir. The event began at the Camden Point Cemetery, which is the cemetery across the intersection from the Pleasant Grove Cemetery where the Confederate monument is located. Adjutant Roland pointed out a number of Confederate graves in that cemetery. They then moved to the Ridgely Cemetery in Ridgely, Missouri, where Corporal Talbott was buried.

REMINDER!!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

OCTOBER 2nd AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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