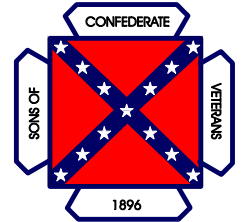


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OCTOBER CAMP MEETING 134TH Regular Meeting

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday October 4th, 2012. 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. Due to an unexpected conflict, our scheduled speaker will not be able to make it. Therefore, our pinch hitter will be a good friend of Commander Speicher. He is retired Army Lieutenant Colonel John Reichley, who has spent many years working at Fort Leavenworth. He is the president of the Kansas City Military Collectors Club and has a wonderful collection of militaria from Roman times through the current War on Terrorism. He will be telling us about the Southern influence on Fort Leavenworth and the Custer connection as well as bringing a show and tell sample of the War Between the States portion of his collection. It should prove to be very interesting. You really do not want to miss this presentation. It is sure to be a good one. 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

The Key Camp would like to welcome back a former member as our 64th camp member. L. J. Fanning had been with the camp for many years but due to some uncontrollable circumstances had to leave the camp to work out of state. However, he is back in town and back in the camp so be sure to welcome L.J. at the next meeting. Welcome back L.J.

The camp has also picked up our 65th member in the person of Gary Minsey. Gary is joining as a Fellowship member, which means he has not made the Confederate connection yet. However, he is from Texas so you know he has an ancestor somewhere back there. Gary may look familiar to you, as he has attended numerous meetings as a guest of Compatriot Dennis Garstang. So welcome aboard Gary.

New Life Member

Congratulations to Compatriot Milton Wallace on becoming the 10th Life Member of the Key Camp. Milton will receive his Life Member lapel pin and certificate at the October meeting. He joins Al Boggs, John Bolton, Chip Buckner, Carl Linck, Eric Martinez, Timothy Peterman, Keith Phillips, Mark Roupe, and Spike Speicher as Key Camp Life Members. As a Life Member, these Compatriots never again have to pay National dues, regardless of any future increases in dues. See below for information on becoming an SCV Life Member.

SCV Life Membership

There are currently 9 Life Members in the Key Camp. The question has been asked of me more than once - how much does it cost to become a life member. The cost is based on your age at the time of application:

Age 12-64 = \$750 Age 65-79 = \$375 Age 80+ = \$187.50

Payment can be a one-time submission of the full amount or there is a Conditional Life Membership payment plan. With the CLM, you pay an installment of \$150.00 upon application. You MUST continue to pay regular dues until the final CLM installment is paid. CLM must be paid in full within 48 months of the first installment. Applications can be found on the SCV website or contact either Commander Speicher or Adjutant Crawford for more information.

Jesse James Festival Parade

On Saturday 15 September, compatriots from the Major Thomas J. Key Camp participated in the JJ Festival Parade in Kearney, Missouri. The parade was very large with close to 75 entries. The parade route was loaded

with spectators of all ages and they all were very much Pro-Southern. The great thing about this parade was that Compatriot Eric Martinez brought his truck and trailer so we ALL got to ride for the entire parade - except for Carrie Martinez who walked the route taking pictures, one of which is below. Thanks Carrie. A wonderful time was had by all that attended. We have already been told we are being invited again next year. Stay tuned for further details.



Left to right: Carrie Martinez, Jacob Mirocke, Eric Martinez, Mike Smith, Jacob Martinez, Spike Speicher, Jim Tucker, Rick Bullock, and Merle Leech.

National Reunion 2013

Now that the dust has settled from the Murfreesboro Reunion, plans are being made for Key Camp members to attend the 2013 National Reunion to be held in Vicksburg, Mississippi from July 18 to 21, 2013. I have heard a briefing from the host camps and it appears that this convention will be nothing but spectacular. Commander Speicher has reservation forms that will be available at the next few meetings. Many Missouri units fought at Vicksburg and many camp members have ancestors that fought in some of those units. There is a lot to see and do both socially and historically in and around Vicksburg. The rooms at the host hotel will fill quickly so if you think you might attend, be sure to make reservations now. It appears that there is substantial interest from camp members wanting to attend this convention. With any luck, we could break the camp attendance record set at the Hot Springs Reunion with 12 members and 8 wives. Stay tuned for more information.

Camp Officer Elections

The Key Camp Constitution stipulates that the election of officers will occur every two years on even numbered years. Nomination forms were handed out or mailed to all members. Nomination forms must be received by our Election Coordinator Compatriot Jim Tucker by 31 October. Nominations will close at midnight on that date. Nominees will be contacted to make sure they are willing to run for the office nominated. Ballots will be distributed at the November meeting or mailed on 2 November. Ballots must be returned to Compatriot Tucker by 30 November. Election results will be made at the December meeting with officers taking effect on 1 January 2013 for two years. Remember voting is a privilege of camp membership. Every member (including Fellowship and Associate members) are eligible to vote.

Ottawa Veteran's Day Parade

This parade is a great one!! We have been in it for probably 8 or 9 years now. It is a great parade and a great time after the parade. In Forrest park there are military displays from past wars plus cannon firing displays, a World War II reenactment, a free lunch, and lots more. The parade is going to be on Saturday November 10th. We are planning to have a uniformed Color Guard and the Civil War cannon on the trailer. So those that don't want to walk can ride with the cannon. We will have lots of 12 X 18 flags they can wave while on the trailer. We have always had a great turnout for this and I expect to repeat it again this year. Uniforms and civilian attire are welcome. It will be a great time to wear your camp shirt. If you don't have a camp shirt or uniform than wear whatever you like, as long as it isn't obscene or against the law. There will be more details as I receive them. Look for a sign up sheet at the October meeting.

Leavenworth Veteran's Day Parade

I was really looking forward to a large turnout this year because the parade would be on the weekend as opposed to on a weekday. However, much to my chagrin, they have decided to hold the parade on Monday November 12 rather than on the 11th as it historically has done. We are registered to be in the parade again this year. We need as many as possible to form a complete Color Guard. In the past, we have had a joint Color Guard with the Franklin #3 Sons of Union Veterans Camp. I'd like to see us have enough to form our own Guard. More details on time and location will be forthcoming as I receive them. I'll also have a sign up sheet for this parade at the meeting.

The 2013 Stephen Dill Lee Institute

The SCV sponsors an educational institute every year and they bring in the most qualified speakers in the country as participants. The first iteration of the Institute will be on February 1 and 2, 2013 in St. Augustine, Florida. The topic for this event will be "The Emancipation Proclamation: The Southern View". Cost of the Institute is \$125.00 for SCV members and SCV family members and \$150.00 for non-members. If interested attending the event contact Commander Speicher for additional details or go to the SCV website.



REMINDER!

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
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WILL BE ON THURSDAY

OCTOBER 4TH AT 6:30 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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