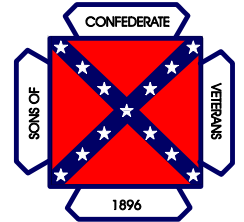


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OCTOBER CAMP MEETING
145th Regular Meeting
OCTOBER 3rd (first Thursday)

All compatriots are reminded that the next regular meeting of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 will be on Thursday October 3rd, 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. We have a very unique presentation for this meeting on a topic that not many of us are familiar with. That is Civil War Women's Organizations. Our speaker will be Beth Foulk from Genealogy Decoded and she has a very interesting presentation. While most of the organizations were indeed founded in the North it is educational to see what these women did in support of the war and after the war. 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 #64 & 65

I am pleased to announce that at the October meeting we will be inducting our newest member. Some of you may have met John Kirchmeyer, Jr. at the September meeting when he joined. His father, John Sr., was also in attendance. We now have his paperwork back from Headquarters so we will induct him at the September meeting.

We also have a new Fellowship member by the name of Mark Anderson. Mark is a long time friend of adjutant Steve Crawford and Steve invited him to join. I understand that Mark is also a reenactor. So please welcome John and Mark into the camp.

McLouth Kansas Fall Festival

Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, the camp attended the McLouth Kansas Fall Festival. We had a good turnout with Compatriots Rick Bullock, Scott Lalumondier, Carl Linck, Eric Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Jacob Mirocke, Mike Smith, Spike Speicher, Jim Thornton, Jim Tucker, and John Weir in attendance. The camp's reenactment unit, the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, was there with its cannon. We had a living history camp set up as well as a recruiting table and a weapons display table.



MANNING THE RECRUITING TABLE AT McLOUTH

Standing: Compatriots Jim Thornton, Jim Tucker, Mike Smith
Seated: John Weir

The event went very well and we received two leads on prospective members. We also watched the truck and tractor pull at the festival. All in all it was a good time. My thanks to all the compatriots who came out to support the camp.

SCV Leadership Workshop

The Major Thomas J. Key Camp is proud to announce that it 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. We anticipate having room for about 40 attendees. Details will be forth coming but I can assure you that the class will fill quickly so mark your calendar and plan to register as soon as the forms are available.

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. 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. This held on the actual Veterans Day. It is one of the largest parades in the mid-western United States and draws thousands of spectators. Regrettably, it generally falls on a weekday so our turnout is generally small as most of our compatriots work. 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. 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.

Wonderful Quote

Every so often I come across a quote that is just too good not to pass on. This one came to me from Dennis Garstang

Abraham Lincoln once asked General Winfield Scott this question: "Why is it that you were once able to take Mexico City in three months with five thousand men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men?"

General Scott replied: "I will tell you. The men who took us into Mexico City are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond."

How true. That quote appeared in the September 1913 issue of Confederate Veteran magazine.

REMINDER!

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

WILL BE ON THURSDAY

OCTOBER 3RD AT 7:00 P.M.

BRING A FRIEND/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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