



THE TELEGRAPH KEY

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Adjutant- *Lawson Rener*



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The Compatriots Corner

By Rick McPherson

Greetings to all compatriots and friends of the
Major Thomas J Key Camp #1920

The August 2024 meeting was attended by 21 members and guests.
This was the 247th regular meeting of the
Major Thomas J Key Camp #1920



Author Jonathan Jones presented Moonlight Mayhem telling the story from the Bleeding Kansas years to the rise of Quantrill and eventually the raid on Olathe on September 6, 1862.

Quantrill's raid would shape Olathe's history for many years to come. Telling about life, on both sides of the border, he presented stories that heavily impacted the town that many today, have little knowledge of.

Jones stated there were no winners as a result of the Border War and that residents along the Border suffered greatly. Using map overviews of the Olathe town square, Jones pinpointed numerous business and homes from that time and a few that still exist today.

Those interested in his book, Moonlit Mayhem can find them and others he has written, on Amazon.

Camp Notes



Camp dues are now past due. Please contact **Adjutant Lawson Rener** a.s.a.p. if you need more information. Adjutantkeycamp1920@outlook.com



Our September speaker will be Robert Jones on **the "Failed attempt to steal *The General*". The story of the Great Locomotive Chase**. Mr. Jones will join us from his home in Georgia to give this presentation to the Key Camp. Bring a friend, heck, bring your spouse. Let's have another great crowd.



Those interested in making a presentation at a future meeting of the Key Camp should contact **Commander Schley** to schedule you.



Compatriot **Lane Smith** spoke on the upcoming Gettysburg trip. Besides Lane, Compatriots **McPherson, Schley, Thornton, Stoker, Tucker** along with several from the Franklin camp will be going.



The 2nd Annual Spike Speicher Picnic has been scheduled for **Saturday September 21st** and will be held at **Past-Commander Matt Sewell's** home. Friends and family are invited. Please mark this date on your calendar.



Pictures and videos from the **20th Anniversary service** are on the Key Camp Facebook site. You are encouraged to request membership to join the site.



Anyone interested in serving in a **Camp officer position** and/or handling the newsletter duties should contact Past Commander **Jim Thornton** or **Matt Sewell**. Camp elections will be held during the November meeting.



They Key Camp extends our prayers for members and family dealing with health and personal issues. We especially are thinking of **Susan Peterson, Steve Crawford, and Jim Edgington**. You are all in our thoughts prayers.



The Key Camp has received recent communications from former Key Camp Compatriot **Ed Kennedy** and the 3x great granddaughter of Major Thomas J Key, Ms. **Sara Renee Davis**.

We welcome both to the Key Camp Facebook page so we can stay in touch.



Key Camp Web Page hits 336 YTD, 37 in last 30 days

20th Anniversary Monument Rededication





Congratulations to all receiving recognition for your service



**Commanders Schley & Rener
Distinguished Service Award**



**Walt McKenzie
Commendation Award**



**Rick McPherson
Distinguished Service
& Meritorious Service
Awards**



Larry Sumner Leadership



**Lane Smith
Meritorious Service**



**Dan Peterson
Distinguished Service**



**Paul Allen
Distinguished Service**



**John Atherton Leadership
Award**

Thank You

From Compatriot **Rick McPherson**

Thanks to all the **Key Camp** Compatriots that participated in the Mine Creek Heritage Day events as well as the 20th Anniversary Re-dedication service held at the Confederate memorial located on the Foundation grounds near the Mine Creek Battlefield in Pleasanton, Kansas.

The Key Camp's Heritage Day activities included presenting our various muskets, rifles and hand guns as well as various items carried by a Southern soldier. In addition were cannon balls displayed from Brother **Bill Stoker's** personal collection.

Key Camp Compatriots answered questions by Heritage Day visitors as well as provided literature to any interested in joining our organization.

Compatriot **Lane Smith** portrayed General Robert E Lee, joining with Randy Durbin, (General Grant) to a large crowd, with their interpretation of Appomattox when General Lee surrendered the Army of Virginia.

Compatriot **John Atherton** played his music as part of his "Fine and Dandy Band", throughout the day and at the Re-dedication service. **Monet Keitzman** represented the UDC and presented the beautiful wreath made by **Kathleen Schley**.

Commander **Walt Schley** delivered part of the program at the service and Past Commander **Jim Thornton** presented the American flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Compatriot's **Larry Sumner** and his wife **Debby** and Compatriot **Jim Dick** provided tremendous help as they transported people to and from the Memorial site. Without their assistance, this event would not have been a success. In addition, with the help of **Tami Neal** and **Theresa Miller**, from the Mine Creek Foundation, more than 80 folks participated and witnessed the re-dedication services.

A special thank you to Compatriots **Walt McKenzie, Paul** and **Betty Allen, John Bolton, Jim Edgington, Lynn Langemeir, Rick Manfredi, Jerry Coffelt** and **Dan Peterson** for your help as well as your giving up your Saturday to support both the Key Camp and the **Kansas Division**.

This 20th Anniversary service was one of the most important programs our organization has held in several years. Remembering not only those that fought on the battlefield 160 years ago but also giving recognition to those that founded our Camp and the SCV organization while honoring the anniversary of this memorial, is part of our responsibility cited in "The Charge".

It took everyone in the Key Camp, our resources and efforts of all those participating to create an event Mine Creek visitors, from across our state and the border will remember for years to time.

Thank you to each of you; it would not have been a success without each and every one of you!

Camp Callander

September

- 5 Camp Meeting - Robt Jones (Failed attempt to "steal" the General)
- 21 2nd Annual Spike Speicher Camp Picnic @ the Sewell's home 4:30pm
- 30 Gettysburg Battlefield visit

October

- 3 Camp Meeting
- 12 Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival

November

- 7 Meeting/Key Camp Election of Officers
- 11 Leavenworth Parade 10:30 - 1:00

December

- 5 Camp Meeting
Wreaths across America, Ft Leavenworth, Higginsville
- 8 Prairie Grove Battlefield Re-enactment

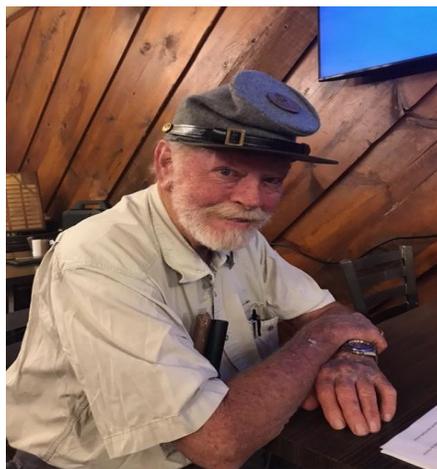
January 2025

- 18 Lee - Jackson Banquet (tentative)

Misc Pics



Hoss Tucker rocks his hat



Carl Linck and his "kepi"



The wreath adorning the Confederate monument was made by **Kathleen Schley**

Blast from the Past

Courtesy of Compatriot Ed Kennedy



Men of the Kansas Division unveiling the SCV memorial at the Mine Creek battlefield in 2004. The monument is located near the creek crossing site. Flags representing the states of the Confederate forces at the battle are in the flag holders. Men from Missouri and Arkansas comprised the majority of Confederates who fought at Mine Creek. Compatriot Kennedy and Jenkins unveiled the memorial.



The salute detail, commanded by Compatriot Jim Speicher (COL, US Army, Ret), fires a volley salute to the dedication of the monument. Compatriot Speicher was the driving force for this monument. It is the second monument on a battlefield that he was responsible for, the first was the Missouri monument at Franklin, Tennessee.

2nd Annual Spike Speicher Camp Picnic

The 2nd Annual Jim "Spike" Speicher Camp picnic will be held on **September 21st at 4:30** at the backyard of Past Commander Matt Sewell's home in Bucyrus, KS (about 20 min. south of Zarda's). The address is 9341 W 194th Terrace. BBQ will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Map/Directions to Matt Sewell's home for Camp picnic-

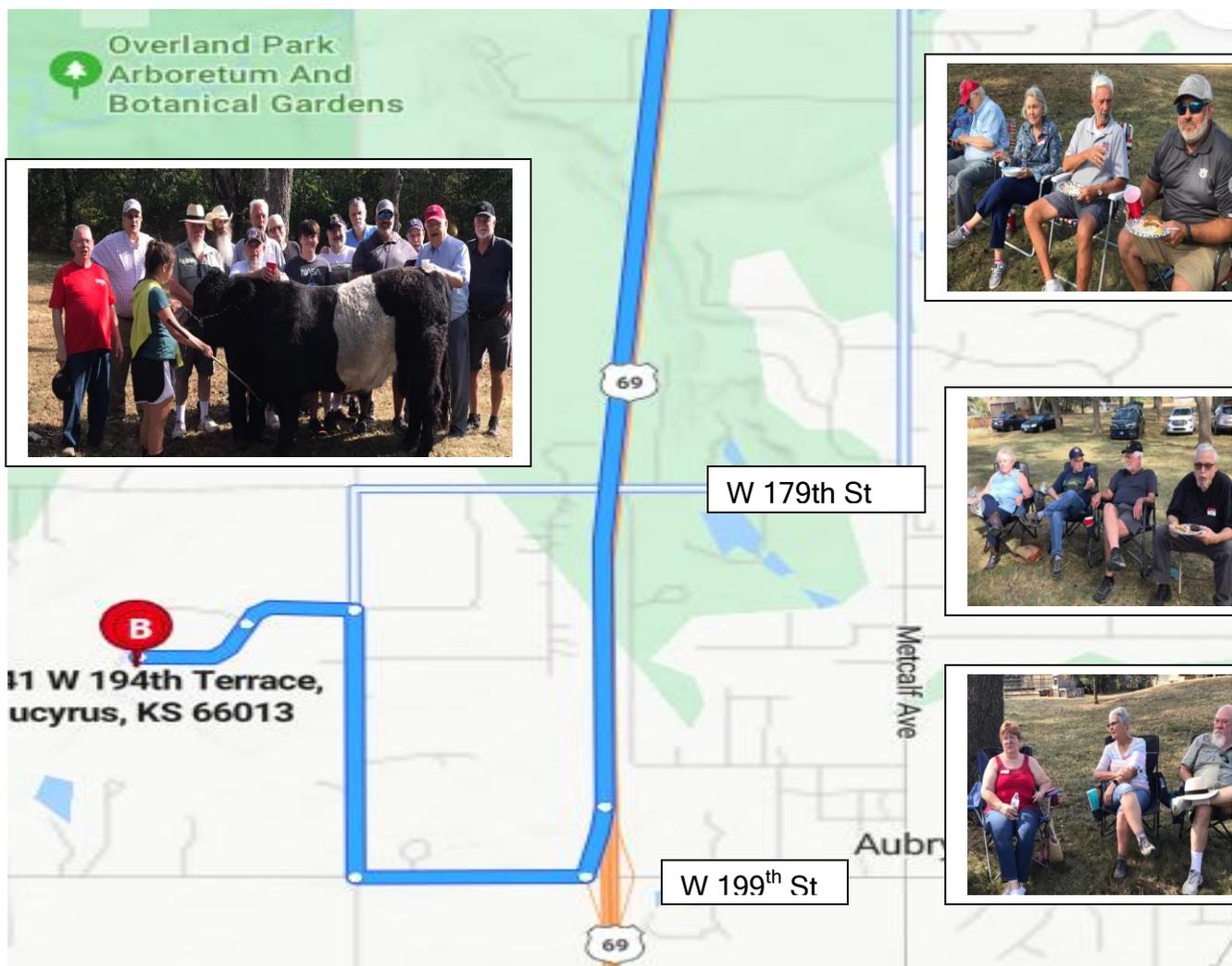
South on 69 Highway to 179th Street Exitor W 199th Street

Turn onto Antioch Rd

- **Go to 193rd Terr.**

Turn West onto 193rd Terr. approximately 0.2 mi. to W 194th Terrace.

Destination will be on the left. Join us all in his back yard.



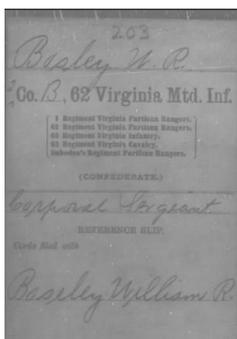
Honoring a Civil War Veteran

Compatriot Lane Smith recently represented the Sons of Confederate Veterans at the marking ceremony for West Virginia Confederate soldier, Sgt. William R Bosley. Smith traveled to Ellis, Kansas on Thursday August 15th for the ceremony initiated by Bosley's 3rd great nephew, Mark Terry from Washington state.

The service included Mr. Bosley's wife Mary who was in the Women's Relief Corp, who was buried beside him. Besides Lane attending, several members of the SUV and the community of Ellis attended the ceremony.

The Confederate marker was provided by the Veterans Administration following Bosley's request.

Mr. Bosley was attached to the 62nd Mounted Infantry and served at Gettysburg with Imboden's cavalry. He also served time in a Prisoner of War before being paroled for exchange in May 1865. Born in 1839, Mr. Bosley passed away in 1922 in Ellis. Both his and his wife's graves had been unmarked until finally receiving their marker.



The 62nd Regiment Mounted Infantry completed its organization in September, 1862. The unit was composed of infantry and cavalry until December when the cavalry companies united with other companies to form the 18th Regiment Virginia Partisan Rangers, and at times the 62nd Partisan Rangers, the 62nd Infantry, and Imboden's Partisan Rangers.

The command was mounted during the latter part of 1863 and served in Imboden's Brigade. It fought in western Virginia, was active in the Gettysburg Campaign, then participated in various conflicts in the Shenandoah Valley. The regiment took part in Early's operations and disbanded in April, 1865. Its commanders were Colonels John D. Imboden and George H. Smith, Lieutenant Colonels Robert L. Doyle and David B. Lang, and Majors Houston Hall and George W. Imboden.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
130th Annual National Reunion
Houston, Texas July 17-20, 2025



Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SCV Camp Name: _____ Number _____ Division _____

Current Rank, Title, or Position: _____

Spouse Name (For Name Badge): _____

*Note: Please only provide your spouse's name if they are attending a Reunion Meal or Tour. Spouses **DO NOT** need to pay for registration.*

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV REUNION EARLY BIRD	REGISTRATION	ALL SCV MEMBERS MUST REGISTER (through May 31, 2025) includes medal & program	\$75.00		
SCV REGULAR REUNION	REGISTRATION	ALL SCV MEMBERS MUST REGISTER (June 1, 2025 through July 7, 2025) includes medal & program	\$85.00		
Thursday, July 17, 2025	12:00 PM	Heritage Defense Luncheon	\$48.00		
Thursday, July 17, 2025	1:45 PM	Battle of Galveston Tour/Dinner/Cemetery Tour	\$100.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	7:30 AM	Chaplain's Breakfast	\$38.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	12:00 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$48.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	1:45 PM	Battle of San Jacinto Tour/ Dick Dowling Grave	\$40.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:30 AM	Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast	\$38.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	8:30 AM	Ladies Tour to Galveston - Moody Mansion/ Lunch/ Museum	\$70.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	6:00 PM	Commander in Chief Reception	\$30.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet/Debutante Presentation/Grand Ball <i>Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform</i>	\$80.00		
Ancestor Memorials ~ Each		<i>You Must Submit Ancestor Info on Separate Form</i>	\$10.00		
Extra Reunion Medal		<i>Note: 1 Medal is included with your registration, order extras here</i>	\$25.00		
Reunion Medal		Limited Edition - Numbered 1-100. <i>Note: This medal is NOT included with registration.</i>	\$100		
		FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, Extra Medals			

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*****NEXT CAMP MEETING*****

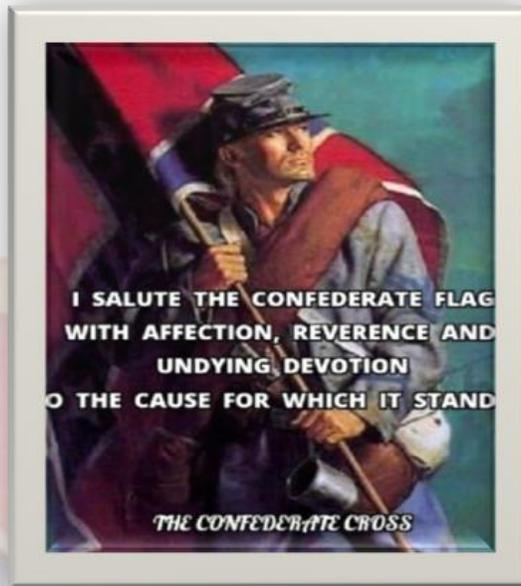
The **Key Camp** will meet on **Thursday September 5th** at Zarda's Bar B-Q on the southwest corner of 87th and Quivira in Lenexa, Kansas with the official meeting starting at **6:30 p.m.** You are invited to arrive early (6:00 p.m.) for BBQ, conversation, and camaraderie.

The Telegraph Key

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*As always, we encourage your participation in your Camp's activities.
Email **Commander Schley** for more information on any events you are interested
in assisting.*

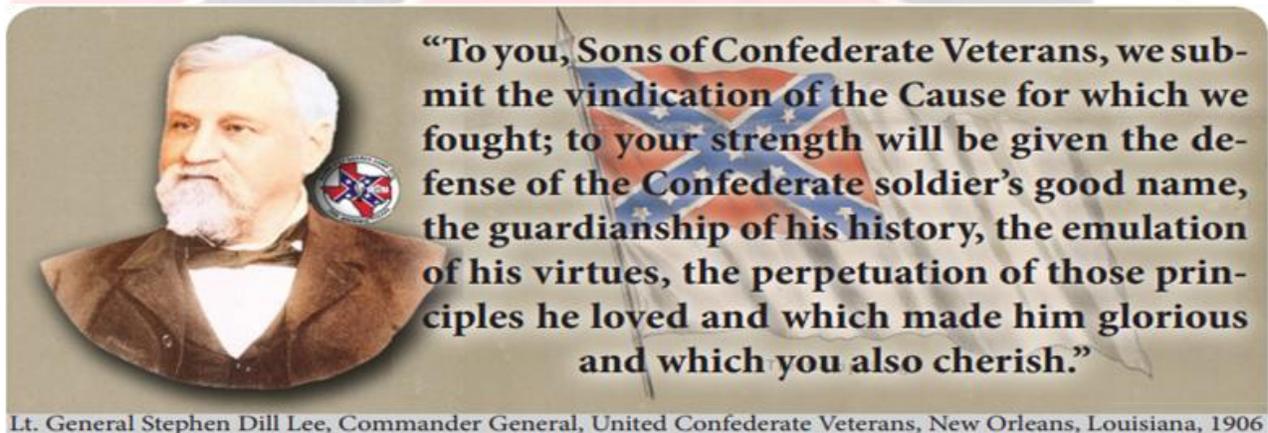


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Major Thomas J Key Camp #1920

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www.scv.org



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