

Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp

As the number of prisoners steadily increased after the battle at Gettysburg, it became evident that the number of current Union prisons was not enough to hold them all. Since no major prisons had been built or facilities converted since the Confederate defeats at Fort Henry and Fort Donelson in 1862, Quartermaster General Meigs ordered Brig. Gen. Daniel H. Rucker, chief quartermaster, to establish a prison camp at Point Lookout, Maryland, which would hold 10,000 prisoners. Point Lookout was the largest and one of the worst Union prisoner-of-war camps, established on August 1, 1863. It was located at the extreme tip of St. Mary's County, on the long, low, and barren peninsula where the Potomac River joins Chesapeake Bay. It had been a resort area with hotels, boarding houses, cottages, and commercial establishments before the war. The site was leased to the Federal Government in June 1862, and quickly became a major government installation. The site was comparitively isolated and easily protected. At the extreme end of the peninsula, near the lighthouse, a 1,400-bed hospital complex was built with 20 buildings arranged in a circle, a large wharf to receive supplies and the wounded soldiers that came in from battlefields; a number of storehouses and stables; laundry and dining facilities; and additional quarters for officers, doctors, surgeons, and Union troops. The hospital became one of the largest and busiest medical facilities in the Union's service.

A 40-acre site about 1/2 mile northeast of the hospital was selected, and work began on enclosing the area with a 15-foothigh fence, with a gallery along the top of the fence for the guards. The fence also divided the prison into 2 sections, one about 30 acres and the other about 10 acres. The inside of the prison was a flat stretch of sand without any shrubs or trees. The dividing of the prison was to separate the enlisted prisoners from the officer prisoners. All of the prisoners would have tents instead of barracks for their shelter. The camp was only about 5 feet above sea level.

The prison's official name was Camp Hoffman but it was hardly ever used. Before long, the prison became the most populated and largest Union prison, at one time holding 20,000 prisoners, because it was so close to the battlefields on the Eastern Theater.

The first guard detail assigned to the camp was the 2nd and 12th New Hampshire Regiments. Other guard details included the 4th Rhode Island Volunteer Regiment, 10th Regiment U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps, 166th Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st U.S. Volunteers, and the 139th Ohio Infantry Regiment. On February 25, 1864, for the first time, the 36th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment. Other black guard details included the 5th Massachusetts Colored Cavalry, the 3rd and 4th Maryland Colored Regiments, and the 24th and 28th Colored Infantry Regiments. All the guard details were extremely strict and easily provoked. Assisting the guards in their duties was the ironclad U.S.S. Roanoke, sitting in the bay.

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COMMANDERS CORNER

My fellow Compatriots,

Voting is the right of every US Citizen. It is their duty to elect the person best suited for that position based on their opinion of the candidate qualifications. We do not always see the person supported take office. Sometimes more than not the apposed takes office. When this happens, some take it upon themselves to start talking down the victor. This can get to be a serious issue in some situations. Rather we care for or not care for our elected officials, the Camp meetings and SCV gatherings are not the place to discuss the issue unless the individual in question is harming the heritage or cause of the SCV. The duty of the SCV is preserving the history and legacy of the confederate heroes, so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause. We are not to oppose our brothers on the current political issues, to the point of resentment and membership loss.

Our Constitution Strictly prohibits discussion of matters that appertain to a political party, whether specifically identified or identified by implication, during meetings of the confederation or any of its subdivisions. The SCV is to be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian.

Any member reported making political remarks, raciest remarks, or derogatory statements towards Government elected officials during an SCV meeting or any of its subdivisions shall be held responsible and dealt with accordingly as provided for in our constitution. We cannot have compatriots leave the Kansas Division due to such behavior. I have asked the Camp Cmdrs to take an initiative to make sure such actions do not occur within their camps.

Voting for Division Officers is a right that each Compatriot has in order to insure that Division business is handled by the best qualified personal, chosen by the majority of its members. When members give up that right of voting, it leaves the election of Division officers and/or Amendment proposals left up to a few individuals to decide the fate of the entire Division. Not only is the right of voting so important, but the running of office is just as important.

Next year two positions are up for election. Those of Div. Cmdr, Lt Div. Cmdr, and our Div. Brigade Commanders. Camps located north of a line connecting the town of New Lancaster on the Kansas –Missouri border westward to Emporia to Great Bend thence west to the Kansas Colorado Border are in the Border Brigade. Camps located south of the afore mentioned line is known as the Indian Brigade. Brigade Cmdr's assist the Div Cmdr. by counsel or otherwise; supervise their brigades see to the enforcement of all orders for Div HQ foster the growth and formation of new camps within their Brigades, act as representatives of the Div Cmdr. in his absence and all matters referred by him.

Amending our Constitution at various times is critical to the Division in order to regulate and enforce the equality and the standards we set for the Kansas Division. As Division Commander, one of my chief duties is to see that all officers and committee personal have gained the respect, and trust of the members of the Kansas Division.

In order to do this it was found necessary to amend the Constitution some years prior, giving the Div. Cmdr the option to publish a Code of Conduct. This provision would be in the assessment of the Div. Cmdr, the necessary minimum standards for the appropriate behavior of all Division Executive Committee Officers, and Division Staff Officers.

Last year a proposal to amend the Constitution was offered to delete the COC provision. Thanks to the members votes this proposal failed. Again this year, it has been brought to my attention that one member hopes to again try getting enough votes to delete the COC. Feeling it brings on a military aspect having regulations to follow merely because of the term general orders. I find this humorous coming from an organization already comprised of Camps, Brigades, Division, and Armies. A organization run by members given the titles of Commanders, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutants, Judge advocate, Chief-of-staff, Sgt-at-arms, Quartermaster, Aid-de-camp, and Chaplain. An organization set forth my military men who served in the war of independence against the invading Union Army. Military aspect?

I ask each member to look closely at not only every candidate but proposal that may be offered on the ballot, to examine the code of conduct which can be found on the Division website at <u>www.ksscv</u> then click on documents. If you as members of the Kansas Division feel that asking your Division officers and Division Staff to represent themselves and abide by these minimum standards set for the appropriate behavior of all officers by this Division Commander and future Division Commander's is substandard or unnecessary, then you have the right to vote yes on such a proposed amendment. However, if you believe that your officers should be asked to conduct them selves according to the standards set, then I encourage you to vote NO on such a proposal if offered.

Please look closely at all proposed amendments before casting a vote. As Division Commander. I feel it important that the members of this Division are full aware of what they might not otherwise see or understand. In doing so I will continue do my best to see the Kansas Division has a Staff and officers that you can be proud of.

Your Obedient Servant Denver L Erickson Kansas Division Commander

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May Meeting Agendas

B.G. Albert Pike Camp # 1439

February 13th No Report

Lewis A. Armistead Camp # 1847 February 13th No Report

Col's Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854 February 20 Miss Cassey L Gray "What if Stonewall Jackson had survived Chancellorsville"

William Steele Camp# 1857 February 09th No Report

Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp # 1920

February 04th Claude Harkins "Was Washington Destined to be Our First President"

South Kansas Camp # 2064 February 11th James Guy "The Story of Appomattox"



Maj Richard Scott Price was asked to replace Jim Beckner this year as the Director of the Shelby Days event in Missouri. Jim has had some recent health problems so Scott was happy to step in and help out.

Maj Richard Scott Price will also be helping Col. Jerry Fry, USA (Retired) conduct research on a book involving General Nathaniel Lyon. So far they have dug up six old dusty Rubber Maid containers of documents that Scott mined and used when he wrote his 1991 monograph on Lyon.

John Edward Price II, will graduate from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in May. He has applied for several internships at teaching hospitals across the West.

The Division sends its regards to the family of Compatriot Thomas Palmer of the South Kansas Camp #2064 who heard the final roll call on January 23rd After a difficult struggle from esophageal cancer,



B.G. Albert Pike Camp # 1439 None Lewis A. Armistead Camp # 1847 None Col's Lewis & Harrison Camp #1854 None William Steele Camp# 1857 None Maj. Thomas J. Key Camp # 1920 None South Kansas Camp # 2064 None

Up coming Events

Leavenworth Military Show - Saturday February 6th at Riverfront Center in Leavenworth. Key Camp will have display/recruiting table.

Key camp will have relics of Washington and the Revolutionary War for display at their February 4th meeting to go with their Presenter Topic of discussion

Maj. Richard Scott Prices family will taking approximately 200 books to the Solomon High School Library in February and over 200 Civil War related books to Kansas State University's Hale Library. This will bring the KSU collection to over 2,000 volumes that we have donated since 1997

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Commander are included in this issue. Please take advantage of your membership privileges by filling out the ballot and returning to your Camp Adjutant no less than 60 days prior to the Division Convention.

VETERANS DEATHS IN NOVEMBER

Acridge, William H. (2nd Lt) February 05, 1900 Chetopa, KS 3rd (Forrest's) Tennessee Cavalry Co E <u>Oak Hill Cemetery</u> Chetopa, KS No Obit Available

Anderson, Stephen F. (Pvt) February 08, 1911 Grayson Co VA Mil Yates Center Cemetery <u>Yates Center, KS</u> No Obit Available

Ball, James E. (Pvt) February 18, 1916 2nd KY Cav Co. A <u>Maple City Cemetery</u> Maple City No obit available

Barb, Daniel (Pvt) February 21, 1925 146th VA Militia Co. E 7th VA Cav. Co. B <u>Grant Center Cemetery</u> rural Osborne County <u>Barb, Daniel Obituary</u>

Brashear, George W. (Pvt) February 25, 1865 located at Sec D site 1009 MO Searcy's Battn Sharpshooters Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery No obit available

Brunk, John W. (Pvt) February. 7, 1889 McPherson Co, KS VA 10th Infantry Co. H West Liberty Mennonite Cemetery Inman, KS No obit available

Buck, Robert Bruce (Pvt) February 15, 1919 Kansas 11th Virginia Cavalry Co. E <u>Mount Vernon Cemetery</u> Atchison, KS <u>Buck, Robert Bruce Obituary</u>

Buckles, Eli (Pvt) February 07, 1922 Hazelton, KS Capt McFarlane's Co. VA. Cav. Rosehill Cemetery Hazelton, KS Buckles, Eli Obituary

Boulware, Gray Jr. (Pvt) February 14, 1895 Topeka, KS 9th VA Cav (Johnson's) Co. B <u>Oak Hill Cemetery</u> Lawrence, KS Boulward, Gray Jr. Obituary

Bunch, William Penn (Pvt) February 22, 1903 Wellsville, KS Snead's Company, Virginia Light Artillery Walnut Creek Cemetery rural Franklin County Bunch, William Penn Obituary

Capps, Enoch Richmond (Pvt) February 14, 1916 Caldwell, KS NC 16th Infantry Co. F <u>Caldwell Cemetery</u> Caldwell, KS No obit available

Case, Andrew Jackson (Pvt) February 16, 1912 Leavenworth, KS NC 62nd Infantry Co E. Leavenworth National Cemetery Leavenworth, KS No obit available Chancellor, James Thomas (2nd Lt) February 23, 1884 Ft. Scott, KS VA 49th Infantry Co. B <u>Evergreen Cemetery</u> Fort Scott, KS Chancellor, James Thomas Obituary

Christopher, William Burton (Pvt) February 13 1936 Burden, KS NC Thomas Legion Infantry Co. C <u>Grand Prairie Cemetery</u> Burden, KS Christopher, William Burton Obituary

Claytor, Jesse M. (Pvt) February 6, 1915 Kansas VA 10th Battn Heavy Artillery Co. B <u>Prairie Lawn Cemetery</u> Wellington, KS No obit available

Duncan, Logan Henderson (Pvt) February 11, 1900 I.T. 2nd Mo Inf Co. K <u>Oak Hill Cemetery</u> Chetopa, KS <u>Duncan, Logan Henderson Obituary</u>

Dyer, William Henry (Pvt) February 19. 1927 Clearwater, KS 19th Reg. Arkansas Infantry Co. B <u>Clearwater Cemetery</u> Clearwater, KS <u>Obit available on request</u>

Edwards, John Stephen February 14, 1915 Granite, OK Undetermined <u>Cedar Vale Cemetery</u> Cedar Vale, Edwards, John Stephen Obituary

Elkins, Jeremiah William (Corp) February 9, 1911 in Burden, Kansas MS 3rd Bn St Troops Infantry Co H. <u>Atlanta Cemetery</u> Atlanta, KS No obit available

Estes, Caleb (1st Sgt) February 24, 1912 Vinton, KS 26th NC Infantry Co. F <u>Vinton Cemetery</u> Vinton, KS No obit available

Galyen, James W. (Pvt) February 15, 1899 Parsons, Kansas 11th Regiment, Missouri Infantry Co. C <u>McCune Cemetery</u> McCune, KS Galyen, James W. Information

Goff, Wilson Hammer (Pvt) February 02, 1916 Easton, KS 63th Reg of Virginia Co B. Easton Cemetery Easton, KS No obit available

Grimsley, Lowry (2nd Lt) February 11, 1901 Clearwater, KS NC 61st Inf.Co. I NC 37th Inf. Co. K <u>Clearwater Cemetery</u> Clearwater, KS No obit available

Isley, Dillard Milton (Corp) February 12, 1876 53rd North Carolina Infantry Co. F <u>Friendship Friends Church Cemetery</u>, Hallowell No obit available Jacobs, Llewelyn W (Corp) February 03, 1917 10th Bn VA LA Co A. Oakwood Cemetery (North Edge of Osawatomie) No obit available

Keesling, James Harvey (Pvt) February 16, 1911 Chase, KS VA 51st Infantry Co. B Springdale Cemetery No obit available

Lane, Joseph February 05, 1894 Kansas Undetermined Oak Hill Cemetery Elk City, KS No obit available

Langford, Ed (Pvt) February 04, 1885 19th TN Inf Co. C <u>Highland Cemetery</u> Wichita, KS No obit available

Lindsey, John H. (Pvt) February 12, 1923 56th North Carolina Infantry Co. A <u>Maple Grove Cemetery</u> Wichita, KS No obit available

Magee, Clemmons (Pvt) February 07, 1910 Pawnee Co, KS 61st TN Mounted Infantry Co. A <u>Brown's Grove Cemetery</u> Burdett, KS <u>magee, Clemmons Obituary</u>

Makemson, John (2nd Lt) February 08, 1906 KY 4th Cavalry Co. D <u>Oakwood Cemetery</u> Parsons, KS No obit available

Martin, Isaac Henry (Pvt) February 22, 1934 Butler County, KS 1st N.C. Jr. Reserves Co. E <u>Cumberland Cemetery</u> Gordon, KS Martin, Isaac Henry Obituary

Mintz, John Zebedee (Pvt) February 23, 1931 KS 29th NC Infantry Co. H Leanna Cemetery rural Neosho county, KS No obit available

Nelson, Elijah February 14, 1897 Greenwood Co. KS Undetermined <u>Caley Cemetery</u> Coyville, KS No obit available Oyler, Oren (Pvt) February 04, 1911 Finney Co., KS 58th Virginia Infantry Co. E <u>Pleasant Hill Cemetery</u> Ottawa, KS <u>Oyler, Oren Obituary</u>

Pinzon, Benjamin F. February 19, 1929 St. Joseph, MO 19th VA Cav Co A <u>Pleasant View Cemetery</u> Oskaloosa, KS <u>Pinzon, Benjamin F. Obituary</u>

Ramey, William Hampton (Pvt) February 24, 1924 Chanute, KS 2nd Missouri Infantry Regiment Co H Prairie Lawn Cemetery Wellington, KS No obit available

Sell, Jacob W. (Pvt) February 02, 1911 Doniphan Co, KS 3rd NC Infantry Co. F <u>Olive Branch Cemetery</u> White Cloud, KS Sell, Jacob W. Obituary

Sisson, Thomas Jefferson (Pvt) February 25, 1921 Thomas County, KS 2nd Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry (Duke's) Co A <u>Beaulah Cemetery</u> Colby, KS No obit available

Springer, G February 15, 1863 BURIED AT: SECTION 4 SITE 12 Unable to confirm what unit fought for No obit available

Stewart, Thomas Camden (Pvt) February 22, 1903 Deerhead, KS17th Reg, VA. Cav. Co. G? Undetermined Location <u>Stewart, Thomas Camden Obituary</u>

Teague, J February 15, 1863 BURIED AT: SECTION 4 SITE 16 Unable to confirm what unit fought for No obit available

Thompson, Solon Francis (Pvt) February 02, 1922 Elk Co., KS 8th Regiment, KY Mounted Infantry Co. K <u>Mount Olivet Cemetery</u> Moline, KS <u>Thompson, Solon Francis Obituary</u>

Walker, Henry Polonzo (Pvt) February 24, 1899 Hallowell, KS 1st Northeast Regiment, Missouri Cavalry Dove Cemetery Hallowell, KS No obit available

(Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp continued)

The first commandant was Brig. Gen. Gilman Marston. He was replaced in December 1863 by Brig. Gen. Edward W. Hinks, in April 1864 by Col. Alonzo G. Draper, and in July by Brig. Gen. James Barnes.

The first prisoners arrived in late July and by the end of the year, the population was more than 9,000 prisoners. By mid-summer 1864, it was over 15,500 prisoners.

The prisoner's tents were set up in 9 parallel "streets" running east to west. The main path through the center of the camp was known as "Pennsylvania Avenue." Each row of tents were labeled as a division and would hold 1,000 or more prisoners.



LIFE & CONDITIONS:

All prisoners lived in the overcrowded tents and shacks, with no barracks to protect them from heat and coastal storms. There were several different kinds of tents that the prisoners used. Each row of tents were labeled as a division and would hold 1,000 or more prisoners. The majority of the different types were: A-tents (5 men), Sibley tents (13-14 men), Hospital tents (15-18 men), Wall tents (3-8 men), Hospital flys (10-13 men), Wall-tent flys (3-8 men), and Shelter tents (3 men).

The back of the prison was next to the bay. Here, the prisoners were allowed a certain area to bathe, wash clothes, and find additional food, such as clams, lobsters, and fish. Fresh water for drinking was scarce and polluted. Wells supplied the water for the camp, but they proved too shallow and had iron and alkaline salts in it. Later on, a boat was arranged to bring in fresh water for the prison.

There was never enough food or firewood; both were strictly rationed. Rats were a major source of protein for some inmates, and catching them became a favorite sport in the camp. Rations were supposed to consist of pork 2 out of 3 days, with beef on the 3rd day. The rations were served twice a day, 8:00-9:00 A.M. for breakfast and 3:00-4:00 P.M. for dinner.

There were weekly inspections of the prisoners, in which the prisoners would have their tents inspected for contraband. Flooding of the prison compound was frequent, soaking the prisoners their clothing, and their tents. There were cases of the prison commandant and his subordinates either reducing the quality or quanity of the rations for their personal profit.

There was much animosity between the prisoners and the guards, who were mostly black troops. One Confederate who had managed to purchase his freedom from the prison reported that "murder was not only not scrupled at, but opportunities sought for its commission by the guards, who are known to have been offered by the officer of the day as much as \$10 and \$15 apiece for every prisoner they could shoot in the discharge of their duty."

Because of the topography, drainage was poor, and the area was subject to extreme heat in the summer and cold in the winter. This exacerbated the problems created by inadequate food, clothing, fuel, housing, and medical care. As a result, approximately 3,000 prisoners died there over 22 months.

Besides chronic dirrhea, dysentary and typhoid fever had become epidemic at the camp while smallpox, scvurvy, and the itch had become quite common.

The latrines at the camp were built out over the bay on the east side of the camp for use in the daytime. Large boxes and or tubs were used at nighttime.

Daily activities in the camp consisted of reveille between dawn and sunrise and followed by roll call. After breakfast, the prisoners passed time by busying themselves with a wide variety of occupations and pasttimes.

There were still 22,000 prisoners being held by the end of the war in April 1865. They were eventually released in a combination of alphebetical order and reverse order of states that seceded from the Union. By june 30, all of the prisoners had been transferred out of the camp. It is known that at least 3,584 prisoners died at the prison.

It is estimated that a total of 52,264 prisoners, both military and civilian, were held prisoner there. Although it was designed for 10,000 prisoners, during most of its existence it held 12,600 to 20,000 inmates. Only 50 escapes were successful at the camp.

Lee/Jackson Banquer

SCV Commander-In-Chief Chuck McMichael gave a truly inspiring presentation at the Maj. Thomas J Key Camp #1920 Lee/Jackson Banquet Jan 16th. CIC McMichael spoke on the importance of standing up for ones heritage and the need for membership in the SCV.

A delicious dinner catered by Hy-Vee camaraderie and laughter s members Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathan Heath Roland received the Key Battery the first and only Carl Link award. After the dinner and CIC Michael was conducted raising funds for the camps within the Division including Honaker and his wife Becky of the



was enjoyed along with hours of cele brated the birthdays of Gen Robert Stonewall Jackson. Compatriot Award, and Carl link was the recipient of (a bit of humor intended in the resentation). gave his presentation, A profitable Auction The event was joined by members of other Cmdr Denver Erickson, Kyle Erickson Paul Cols Lewis & Harrison camp, Dick Croft

and Heath Booth of the South Kansas Camp were also present. The Div extends its gratitude to Cmdr. Speicher and the Key Camp for a very well presented Lee/Jackson banquet.



Compatriot Dick Croft of South Kansas Camp and Commander-In-Chief Chuck McMichaels



CIC McMichael & Cmdr Speicher presents New member Jim Tucker with his Membership Certificate



Betty Peterson, Cmdr Speicher, and Dan Peterson During candle light vigil



Compatriot Kyle Erickson and Div Cmdr Denver Erickson



CIC McMichael & Cmdr Speicher present Compatriot Eric Marteniz with his life membership certificate



Lee/ Jackson Banquet Clem Van Rogers Camp OK. L-R Erick McBroom Camp Cmdr, Charley Wilson South Kansas Camp OK Div Cmdr John Priddy, Dick Croft South Kansas Camp Adj.

FUNERAL OF JAMES L. BELL

I would like to extend grateful thanks on behalf of the members of the Major William M. Footman Camp #1950, and the James L. Bell Jr. family. The assistance of the General Albert Pike Camp #1439 and the South Kansas Camp #2064 with the service for Jim, is greatly appreciated.

We are indebted to our brother Compatriots of Kansas. I know that Jim is with Our Lord and smiling down on us all, and very happy to be Honored by his brother Compatriots of the South. He was a true Southern gentleman and steadfast defender of our great South and our Ancestors. If there is ever anything we can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DEO VINDICE T.M. Fyock Sons of Confederate Veterans Adjutant - Maj. W.M. Footman Camp #1950 15th Brigade Commander Florida Division



James L Bell funeral participants Dick Croft South Kansas Camp, Pauline Phipps (in period dress), George Harris, Gerald Spaur, John Handly, all of Albert Pike Camp

James Lamar Bell Jr.

FORT MYERS, FL - Bell, James Lamar Jr., passed from this life to his maker's reward on January 19, 2010. Jim was born in Pine Bluff, AR on July 15, 1940 to James L. Bell and Valla Bodecker Bell. Raised in Overland Park and Prairie Village Kansas. He attended Shawnee Mission High School, transferred to Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, MO, where he graduated from High school and Junior College. Jim contracted Polio at 4 years of age which left him restricted physically. Jim never gave up. Jim worked in Kansas City after school and moved to Naples, FL in 1965 managing The Locker on Third Street South, owner operator of the Book Seller at the Mooring Shopping Center and Manager of the Kon Tiki Theater. The progression of Polio was diagnosed as Muscular Dystrophy and in 1990 Jim had to retire. Jim was a Life Member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans attending reenactments and loading thousands of black powder cartridges. Even when confined to a wheel chair he would act as a sniper in the bushes to contribute. Jim was an expert on tanks of the Second World War, Scottish Weaponry and many other subjects. His body quit but his mind never stopped asking for more knowledge in his chosen fields. Jim attended New Life Assembly of God. Jim is survived by his stepchildren, Leslie Everson, Kathy Burton, Robert Delahunt, Gail Pollio; 9 grandchildren; sister, Janis (Robert Lloyd Sorensen-Gatrost Jr.) Sorensen of Lehigh, FL; brother, Ronald (Jean) Bell of Naples, FL; and multiple nephews, family and friends. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 24, at Palmyra Baptist Church, 999 NW Butler Rd, Benton, KS. Burial will follow at Green Valley Cemetery, Furley, KS. Memorials may be made to Guadalupe Center, Immokalee, FL.

Dick Croft, Adjutant of the South Kansas Camp, John Handley, Adjutant of the Albert Pike Camp, Gerald Spaur, Events Officer of the Albert Pike camp, George Harris, and Warren Stidham both Albert Pike camp members were present at grave side for the burial of our compatriot Jimmy Bell of the Major William M Footman Camp, Ft Myers, Fl.

George Harris provided a three volley rifle salute. Dick Croft gave the invocation and final SCV farewell to our compatriot.

Gerald Spaur stood as casket guard through the church service as well as providing a multiple flag display at grave side.

A First National flag, provided by Gerald Spaur, draped the casket which he and George Harris folded and presented it to Janis Sorensen, Jimmy's sister. Pauline Phipps, in period dress, stood with the SCV members to honor our compatriot.

Thomas Hugh Palmer

Thomas Hugh Palmer passed away on Jan. 23rd at the Oklahoma Veterans Center in Clinton, OK. His services will be held on Jan. 30th at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Okarche, OK by Father David Lafferty and Deacon Max Schwarz. Burial will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery in Arkansas City, KS.

Tom was born June 23, 1949 to Charles and Lorene (Hight) Palmer in Arkansas City, KS. He graduated from Arkansas City High School in 1967. He served his country with the US Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam from 1968 to 1971. He was awarded the Parachute Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Tom worked at Bryant Hardware Store in Arkansas City and then worked as a security officer for several companies.

Tom was a member of the VFW Post in Winfield and the South Kansas Camp of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans.

He is survived by 3 brothers, Kelly of Oklahoma City, OK, Jim and wife Sharon of Arkansas City, KS and Jeff and wife Kristy of Kingfisher, OK. Nieces and Nephews, Lori and husband Chad Cain, Jesse Palmer all of Arkansas City, KS, Mackenzie, Meghan, and Matthew Palmer of Kingfisher, OK. Great niece and nephew, Ashlyn and Damian Cain of Arkansas City, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services under the direction of Caskets Inc. and Johnson Funeral Service of Del City, OK

12th Annual Kansas Division Convention Sons of Confederate Veterans June 18,19, 2010 Best Western Motel 3021 W. Highway 50 Emporia, KS 66801 620-342-7587

REGISTRATION FORM:

(Required *)

*NAME		*TITLE/POSITION	
*SCV CAMP NAME			er
*PERSONAL ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	
*HOME PHONE ()		_ WORK PHONE ()	
E-MAIL ADDRESS		CELL PHONE ()	
SPOUSE NAME (For Badge)			
GUEST NAME			

COST FOR CONVENTION IS \$10.00 PER PERSON

Included in the Registration: Convention book, lunch, lots of camaraderie, and excellent presentation from our guest speaker. **Ancestor Memorials:** Have your ancestors name listed in the convention booklet. Cost is \$10.00 and must be submitted no later than May 29, 2009. (Up to 16 names for \$10.00. Please include rank, Name, company, and unit on separate sheet of paper).

Registration:	Qty x \$10.00 = \$
Ancestor Memorials:	Qty x \$10.00 = \$
Total:	\$

Featured convention Presenters will be select members of the Kansas Division covering the History of Kansas part in the war. Special Friday evening event scheduled starting at 7:00 Miss Deb Goodrich with her presentation of Miss Dixie Lee Jackson (comedy) followed by an Oratory contest. Topic of discussion will be (You John Wilkes Booth have been found guilty of assignating the President. Explain your actions). Lunch will be provided by the Motel

DEADLINE TO MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORMS

Is Saturday May 29, 2010!!! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KANSAS DIVISION SCV Paul Honaker Kansas Division Adjutant 4109 SW 29th Topeka Kansas 66614

GEN. ALBERT PIKE CAMP #1439 LOCATION: Ryan's Steak House 3323 North Rock Road. Wichita, Kansas **DATE:** Second (2ND) Saturday each month **TIME:** 11:30 am fellowship 12:30 Meeting

COLONELS LEWIS & HARRISON CAMP #1854

LOCATION: Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood, Topeka, Kansas. **DATE:** Third (3rd) Saturday each Month **TIME:** 10:00am.

GEN. LEWIS A. ARMISTEAD CAMP #1847

LOCATION: Public Library Technical Conference Ctr. Rm. 301 East Elm, Salina, Ks. **DATE:** Second (2nd) Saturday each Month **TIME** 1:00-1:30 fellowship, 1:00-2:30 Meeting

CAMP MEETINGS

MAJOR THOMAS J. KEY CAMP #1920

LOCATION: Zarda Bar-B-Q 11931 W 87th St. Lenexa, Kansas. DATE: First (1st) Thursday each month TIME: 6:30 pm. fellowship, 7:00pm. Meeting

SOUTH KANSAS CAMP #2064

LOCATION: Rockwell Branch Library Meeting 5939 E 9th Street, Wichita, Kansas. **DATE:** Second 2nd Thursday each Month **TIME:** 6:00 pm.

GEN. WILLIAM STEELE CAMP #1857

LOCATION: Village Square Restaurant. Leavenworth, Ks. DATE: Second (2nd) Thursday each Month TIME: 6:00 pm. Fellowship 7:00 pm. Meeting



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