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In Memoriam

BILL M. ELZEA

(May 22, 1922 – March 18, 2007)
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

ROBERT M. BROOKS

(October 28, 1929 – April 28, 2007)
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

*Grant them thy peace;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

11th Annual

Department Encampment

The 11th Annual Department of Kansas SUVCW Encampment was held on Saturday, April 28, at the Disabled Americans Veterans Clubhouse, 3011 S. George Washington Blvd., in Wichita. The Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp in Wichita hosted the Encampment.

Pre-meeting activities began at 11 AM with a program by Randy Edens as Buffalo Bill Cody. This was followed by a Kansas civil war monument presentation by Brother Doug McGovern, Department Monuments and Memorials Officer, and a delicious lunch catered by Hog Wild Bar-B-Q.



Keeping things in proper order – Department of Kansas SUVCW brothers and Ladies of the GAR enjoy the barbeque lunch before their respective business meetings.

At 1:30 PM the business meeting was called to order by Department Commander Randal L. Durbin. Honored guests included PDC Brad Schall, National Council of Administration member representing CinC James Pahl, and PDC Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri.

Department officers presented their reports to the Encampment, as did Camp Commanders and committee chairmen. Highlights of the business meeting are listed, below. The Encampment passed a motion to ratify the amendment to the National Constitution of the SUVCW pertaining to a change in IRS status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). PDC Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC Alan L. Russ, and PDC Dean K. Speaks were awarded Emeritus status by the Encampment. Additionally, PDC Schall presented, on

behalf of CinC Pahl, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Alan L. Russ for his service to the Order.

The Encampment elected the following officers of the Department for 2007-2008:

Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Senior Vice Commander Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Junior Vice Commander James M. Converse, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Members Robert L. Wandel, Michael W. Anderson, and Matthew G. Toll.
PDC Schall installed the new officers.



From Left to Right: JVC James M. Converse, PCC; SVC Craig A. Sundell, PCC; Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PCC; National Council of Administration Member Brad Schall, PDC; and outgoing Department Commander Randal L. Durbin, PDC.

The complete Department Encampment Proceedings have been duly published and distributed to each camp. These proceedings include the minutes of the Encampment and copies of all reports given at the Encampment. Additionally, it lists all attendees at the Encampment. If you have not received or seen the Encampment Proceedings, contact your camp commander or camp secretary for a copy.

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD WORK DAY

*Submitted by John Spencer, SVC, Camp 6
Photos by Mike Halfman, Camp 1*



The work crew. Front Row (l to r): Roy Lafferty, Shawn Bell, Todd Meek, Jon Goering, C.J. Allen. Back Row (l to r): Dept Commander Randy Durbin, Dale Rouse, Verle Olson, Tom Schmidt, Mike Halfman, John Spencer. Not pictured: Mike Hadl, Arnold Schofield.

About thirteen SUVCW brothers from the Department of Kansas braved the cool weather on Saturday, April 7, and worked several hours at the Mine Creek Battlefield, near Pleasanton, Kansas. One group set about clearing major limbs and fallen trees from the creek bed upstream from the LTC Frederick Benteen Bridge. The smaller brush was burned in several fires, which were started with great skill by Jon Goering.

Department Commander Randall Durbin mentioned after lunch that nobody could pay him enough to work this hard. It's funny how the fraternal bond of the SUVCW, free donuts, and a History Channel T-shirt can motivate such men to achieve so much in so little time. After lunch, this group migrated to the Main Ford at Mine Creek and cleared and burned brush from the north bank and a pile of logs and debris which had settled in the ford itself.



"I thought you brought the marshmallows..."

The second group, under the supervision of Site Curator Arnold Schofield, burned several brush piles located south of Kansas Highway 52. They also took down several cedar trees which had invaded the prairie environment. Arnold is also Commander of Mine Creek Camp 6. The first group was more loosely supervised by Brother John Spencer, also of Mine Creek Camp 6 and President of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation. Both men would like to sincerely thank the brothers who participated in the 7th Annual Battlefield Work Day. It was a day full of not only work, but fun and fraternal comradeship. We look forward to having an even larger group participating next year.



DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of March 31, 2007:

	Members	Assoc.	Juniors	Total
01-Corp. Coyne	63	2	1	66
04-Sgt. Churchill	21	2	0	23
05-Franklin	17	2	3	22
06-Mine Creek	10	2	0	12
16-Old Abe	21	0	0	21
Total	132	8	4	144

Dual members are only reported in their primary camp.

NEW BROTHERS

The following brothers have joined the Department of Kansas between January 1 and March 31, 2007.

Name	Camp
Bartlow, Rocky L.	Camp 16, Topeka
Buckallew, Larry E.	Camp 1, Wichita
Campbell, Fred F., Jr.	Camp 6, Pleasanton
Kolom, Alfred J.	Camp 6, Pleasanton
Nelson, Dennis D.	Camp 5, Olathe
Puett, Jack M.	Camp 16, Topeka
Roush, Skylar G.	Camp 5, Olathe
Salisbury, Clifford A.	Camp 4, Lawrence
Shankland, Kenneth C.	Camp 4, Lawrence



Memorials Officer
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC

Kansas Civil War

Memorial/Monument Catalog

The catalog (and website) have been updated with small changes and a few additions. At present, there are 195 primary memorials listed, 110 secondary memorials listed, four lost (destroyed) monuments listed, and twelve counties which do not, as yet, have entries. Logan County (named after General John Logan) has been searched, with no monuments identified. Jefferson County also seems to have no memorials, but a further review is in process. The remainder of the unlogged counties are in the far south-west part of the state.

As brothers travel back and between various meetings, encampments, and events, take the time to stop and appreciate some of our heritage. A good example is the small cemetery on the ridge above Elmdale (northwest of what is left of the town).

The twenty foot high granite monument at the cemetery, costing \$200, was paid for by subscription raised under the direction of the U. S. Grant post No. 201, Department of Kansas, GAR. On the east side is this inscription: "In Memory Of The ~ Soldiers And Sailors ~ Of ~ 1861 To 1866." On the west side: "Grand Army Of The Republic, 1861, Veterans 1866. Dedicated ~ By The ~ U. S. Grant Post, No. 20 ~ May 30, 1898." There is also a lovely little chapel and a number of Civil War veteran headstones. Note that this is right on the route between Wichita and Emporia, Topeka, and Lawrence.



Graves Registration

Robert L. Wandel

As the new Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Kansas, I would like to encourage each and every one to aid in locating and noting the condition of Civil War soldiers' tombstones. We also need to bring to attention the conditions to the proper authorities, and the need for repair or replacement of these grave markers.

If you have an interest in helping, drop me an e-mail, and I may be able to let you know what cemeteries have been covered. Then you can grab your camera and take photos of tombstones in cemeteries in your area. Record the cemetery and all information that can be obtained and send the information to me in digital format including the photo.

Thanks for your help in this effort. If I can be of help in supplying tombstone registration forms please let me know and I will send them to you.

Since Kansas has been known as "The Soldier State" it would be great to have as much information on the soldiers that we can find.



Patriotic Instructor

S. Todd Meek

Independence Day

Greetings.

I hope to find everyone in good spirits and health. Independence Day is coming up very soon. As everyone knows the meaning of the Fourth of July, I hope everyone gets out and honors that true meaning. Mine Creek Camp 6 is marching in the parade at Emporia, Kansas, and asked at the State Encampment that brothers from the entire Department of Kansas come out and join them. This would be a great way to celebrate Independence Day and support the Department. As specific times become available for the parade, we will get them to everyone. Even if you do not have a uniform, all are welcome to come out and join us. As plans for a new camp in Emporia are on the

horizon, this will be a great way to show who the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are.

Memorial Day has just past, and I know many of you were out decorating graves. Many held ceremonies. I would like to personally say, "Thank you" to all of the brothers and family that took the time to honor the Grand Army of the Republic on the day they set aside. Remember, it is the duty of all Sons of Union Veterans to observe the day and persuade others to do the same.



Chaplain

Alan L. Russ, PDC

The Camp Chaplain

First, it is my honor and privilege to serve the Department of Kansas in the capacity of Department Chaplain. With the help of all you and strength from our Divine Provider, it is my hope my job will be judged as worthy of the trust put in me.

I am taking the opportunity in this first article to ensure Camp chaplains are better informed in the duties they are to perform and the communications required from them. The following is from the *Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers*.

"Purpose - The purpose of the office of Chaplain is to conduct such devotional services as directed by the Camp or Department.

"Activities of Camp Chaplain - The activities of the Camp Chaplain should include: (1) Conducting prayer at all meetings; (2) Conducting grave site services for Brothers and important dignitaries; (3) Conducting memorials for grave dedication or rededication ceremonies of veterans - especially Union veterans; (4) Serving as custodian of the Camp Bible unless assigned to another Camp officer; (5) Preparing an annual necrology of Camp Brothers and submitting the list to Department Chaplain; (6) Serving as coordinator for the Camp's Memorial Day ceremony; (7) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Rituals and Ceremonials."

Most of these functions are pretty straight-forward and have an appropriate service or ceremony format within the *Rituals and Ceremonies* of our Order. If you, as Camp Chaplain, do not have a copy of the new 2006 edition of the R&C, I encourage you to get one and become familiar with it.

Also, if your camp has the misfortune to lose a brother due to death, please notify me directly as soon as possible. This lets me provide the information to the National Chaplain in a timely manner. It also ensures that the Department will include this brother in the Memorial Service at the next Department Encampment.

If you, as a Camp Chaplain, need any assistance or have any questions, please contact me. I will help however I can. My contact information is given on the first page of this newsletter.



Historian

Blair D. Tarr

SUVCW Records

You have often seen in this newsletter a reminder to send your camp newsletter to the Archives of the Kansas State Historical Society. It is not to be taken lightly; the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders left many of the records of the Department of Kansas in the hands of the Historical Society. It is part of the historical record of our ancestors. By adding the work of the current Department of the Sons of Union Veterans in Kansas, we contribute to that legacy.

One of the things I hope to have in place—with the blessing of the Department, of course—is a process for the addition of the Order's records to the Society Archives. I will meet with my colleagues in Topeka to see which materials are acceptable for inclusion. Then, a proposal will be presented to the Council.

I expect that will include newsletters and department proceedings, which already find their way into the Archives. But it probably should also include membership rolls, minutes, photographs, copies of grave registration forms, and material generated by projects such as the Last Soldier and GAR Records—for starters.

There is quite a bit of value in doing this. Placing the records in an established archive lessens the chance that they will be misplaced or lost, which has already happened to some GAR records. It would not require giving up material you may still need; copies after all, are better than nothing.

I already handle the duty of collecting archival material for the Kansas Museums Association and delivering it to the Society archives, and I can tell you it works well in preserving the records of an organization that does not have a central office to call its own.

In any case, please keep your camp and department records in order, so that someday, our descendants will be able to understand what preceded them.

Last Soldier Project

This issue's report is all about the Last Soldier Project. Like the last issue, it points out some of the fun and problems this project has with the original mandate of recognizing "the last Union veteran buried in each county."

By all rights, Charles Harrison Wingrove should be able to claim to be the last Union veteran buried in some Kansas county. After all, he is, unless another claimant comes forward, the last Civil War veteran in Kansas. But why should it be that easy?

Charley Wingrove was born January 6, 1846 in French Creek, Upshur County, Virginia. In case you're wondering, Upshur is one of those counties that corrected the error of Virginia's ways and became part of the new state of West Virginia during the Civil War. This little matter split many families in the western counties of Virginia, including the Wingroves. An older brother chose to side with the South. Charley and a younger brother remained with the North.

Charley's service was with Company M of the Third West Virginia Cavalry. Most of the action he saw was in the Shenandoah Valley late in the war, and in nearby areas. He was at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender.

After the war, he settled in Clay County, where he spent the rest of his life, and became a fixture in the life of Clay Center. He passed away on October 6, 1948, the last of the Boys in Blue in Kansas, and 102 years old. The last few years of his life were spent at the Winter Veterans Hospital in Topeka.

So you might think that Charley Wingrove is the Last Soldier buried in Clay County, wouldn't you? He's not. He was buried in the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, which gives him a claim of being the Last Soldier buried in Leavenworth County. That still remains unconfirmed, and indeed, because National Cemeteries can include soldiers buried over a wide geographic area, Charley may not be the last buried in Leavenworth County. It doesn't matter. We will still think of Charley Wingrove as the state's last connection to the Civil War.

Requests for Information

Even before I became the Department Historian, I have received inquiries from many of you regarding Civil War soldiers and GAR members in Kansas. For instance, it was very pleasing to find the speech delivered by Medal of Honor recipient William P. Hogarty, which in turn was used by Franklin Camp 5 this past Memorial Day weekend at a rededication ceremony at Hogarty's grave in Kansas City.

Requests are an occupational hazard of working for a Historical Society. I receive them daily, and not just on the Civil War. Diners, furniture, and a wide variety of topics cross my desk, and I do try to accommodate

them all. I won't discourage any of you from sending them. Most of the time, I can do a quick check and come up with something. But if it looks like a considerable amount of time is going to be needed, well, I may instead provide you with advice on how to proceed. I hope you will understand. For some reason, they expect me to do other things like exhibits and other programs!



Junior Vice Commander

James M. Converse, PCC

A packet was received from the Department Secretary with basic instructions on distributing the National at-large membership applications to the Camp Secretaries, and follow-up. It is hoped that the many activities of the Department of Kansas Camps will stimulate those interested in SUVCW membership to find the www.suvcw.org site, learn of the mission and activities of the organization, and decide to join us as member, junior, or associate. To date, no National at-large applications have been received.

I have continued to edit and produce THE BUGLER, the newsletter for Franklin Camp 5. I represented our Camp at the Navy JROTC Award Ceremonies at Shawnee Mission West High School and Shawnee Mission North High School to award our JROTC/ROTC awards to an exceptional cadet at each school. The Drill Team from Shawnee Mission North performed the now-famous Marine Corps' Seven-Minute Silent Drill to the excitement of the dignitaries, parents, family, and friends attending. It was thrilling. This performance at the National NJROTC competition at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, earned the National Championship title for the school. I encourage our Camp leadership to locate the JROTC and ROTC programs in their areas, and support them in every way possible. Seeing is believing, and these are, indeed, our future leaders, both civilian and military, learning of pride, commitment, study, attention to detail and discipline. What a wonderful program.

I also participated with Franklin Camp in their 2007 Memorial Day events, including ceremonies at the GAR Circle at Olathe Memorial Cemetery, and also at Quindaro Cemetery in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas. The Wyandotte County event was the grave rededication of Captain William Patrick Hogarty, US Army (retired) who was the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry at the Battle of Antietam and also the Battle of Fredricksburg. The Wyandotte County History Museum co-sponsored the event. Department Commander Lafferty spoke at both events, delivering the moving speech "A Medal of Honor", written and spoken by Captain Hogarty in 1906, in the character of Captain Hogarty. Hogarty family members and guests attending truly enjoyed his stirring speech.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to the nominating committee and to the attending delegates who voted for me to wear the badge of Department of Kansas Junior Vice Commander. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities upcoming before our brotherhood with great excitement.



Senior Vice Commander

Craig A. Sundell, PCC

Brothers,

Thank you for my election to SVC at the Department Encampment in April. It was very gratifying to be a part of the excellent Encampment, well hosted by our Wichita brothers, and well attended by the Department camps.

A theme which I would like to emphasize this year, especially in our contacts with the media, is "Kansas, the Soldier State." This name was earned in the Civil War and post-Civil War era when Kansas had the highest percentage of service age men serving in the

Union forces. After the war, a huge number of veterans (Union and Confederate) came to Kansas and settled here. The history of Kansas settlement and development on a town by town and county by county basis was largely written by these Union Veterans. Brian Van Schmus artfully mentioned this in his interview with the *Lawrence Journal World* and it was cited in the May 29, 2007, coverage of the Rededication of the GAR monument in the Pioneer Cemetery in Lawrence in the *Lawrence Journal World*. I urge everyone to learn more about the appellation, "Soldier State," and use it whenever possible in local and regional media contacts. It is a great and unique part of the Department of Kansas' GAR and SUVCW history. Former President, Dwight Eisenhower, said, "The war in Europe was won in the map rooms of Ft. Leavenworth." Kansas is providing many members of our force in the Middle East yet today, as well as being the home base for many important units in service here and abroad. The legacy continues.

It is an excellent way to honor the memory of our Union ancestors. It is also a valuable tool to catch the attention of the public as we strive to recruit, retain, and strengthen our ranks in the Department of Kansas.

I was able to attend Memorial Day observances in Quindaro Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas, hosted by Franklin Camp 5 on Saturday, May 26, and the rededication of the GAR Memorial and monument to unknown Union veterans in Pioneer Cemetery in Lawrence, hosted by Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 on May 28. My congratulations and thanks for the excellent efforts of the many Brothers who worked long and hard to effect these new projects and recognitions of Union veterans. The publicity in both cases adds to the positive public image I hope we will continue to have for our organization. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 and Old Abe Camp 16 also were extremely active; however, I was unable to attend their activities.

I was quite proud to attend and see the efforts of others shine! It reminded me that our organization is a UNION of brothers, like our venerable ancestors, who depend on others and pitch in whenever and wherever possible. Keep up the excellent work and remember, part of our responsibility in honoring our Union ancestors is to preserve and propagate their actions and achievements. This is done as much by our public, as well as private, actions, and images.



Commander's Corner

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC

After only being commander for one month, I have been blown away by the passion and enthusiasm of the brothers of our department. The camp activities I have seen or been told about demonstrates the strength of our department. People want to be part of active organizations; this will only help our department grow. Keep up the good work.

The Saturday after the encampment, I had the opportunity to help Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 in Wichita open the Museum of World Treasures Stephen Foster exhibit at Wichita State University. It was a good chance for me to meet some of the Corp. Coyne camp brothers.

I also participated with Franklin Camp 5 in both of their memorial services. The memorial service for Captain Hogarty went extremely well. His descendants and the Wyandotte Historical Society asked lots of questions, and some good contacts were made. I also enjoyed my time with the brothers of the Franklin Camp.

I also helped place flags on veterans' graves with Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, as well as participating in the rededication (*continued on page 6*)



MEMORIAL DAY 2007 ACTIVITIES

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Department of Kansas Camps again active over this past Memorial Day weekend. The following are the reported activities, by camp.

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 Wichita

Honoring Lt. Col. Henry Hartford

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 has made it a habit over the last four to five years to have their May meeting offsite and do a ceremony in recognition of Memorial Day. This year they gathered on Thursday evening, May 24, in Hutchinson, Kansas, at Eastside Cemetery to honor Civil War soldier, Lt. Col. Henry Hartford at his grave. Lt. Col. Hartford is the grandfather of camp member John Hartford.

Henry Hartford enlisted as a "first defender" with the 1st New Jersey Volunteers and served throughout the war, being discharged in the fall of 1865. He moved up through the ranks from private to his final rank of Lt. Colonel. He was wounded at least three times seriously, including at Gettysburg and Petersburg. The story of the Petersburg wound was interesting, in that he was shot in the hip and sent home to die. His mother probed the wound and found a piece of the uniform still in the wound. She removed it, and he soon got well and returned to his unit. He was part of the Grand Review in May of 1865. Following the war, he and his brother came to Kansas, eventually settling on a homestead near Hutchinson. In 1874, he served as the second sheriff of Reno County. He became a very successful stockman, raising Shorthorn cattle and Berkshire hogs. At the time of his retirement he owned over one thousand acres of land. He died in 1919.

An adapted version of "The Last Soldier" ceremony was delivered by Camp Commander Mark Britton, Memorials Officer Doug McGovern, and Chaplain Dale Rouse. The Colors were presented by JVC Todd Meek and Robert Barnes. PDC Tom Schmidt was in command of the firing detail, which consisted of himself, Jon Goering, Michael Gaskins, and SVC James Coyne.

Also at the cemetery, after the "The Last Soldier" ceremony, new member Michael Gaskins was inducted into the camp with the short form of the initiation ceremony. After the events at the cemetery, the group, along with members of the Hartford family, went to the Reno County Museum in Hutchinson to view Henry Hartford's uniform and Civil War papers.

Beloit Activities

Additionally, on May 25, 2007, Brother Kim Nelson worked with the VFW, American Legion, and the local Boy Scouts in Beloit, Kansas, to place American Flags on the graves of veterans buried in Elmwood Cemetery and St. John's Cemetery in Beloit. Over 900 flags were placed on that date, with Brother Nelson personally placing the flags on the graves of the Union soldiers buried in the GAR section. On the evening of May 28, 2007, the groups then recovered the flags.

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 Lawrence

Oak Hill Cemetery

In spite of a steady rain, the members of Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 gathered at Oak Hill Cemetery in east Lawrence on Saturday morning, May 26, to place American flags by the graves of Civil War veterans. This has been a camp activity for several years, now.

Special thanks go to Junior Vice Commander Brian Van Schmus, the members of Cub Scout Pack 3052, and Boy Scout Troop 59 for their special help during this event. The *Lawrence Journal-World* newspaper and Sunflower Channel 6 cable news were on hand to document the proceedings. Later in the day, some members of the camp visited other cemeteries in the Lawrence area to perform the same duty.

Pioneer Cemetery

On Monday afternoon, May 28, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, rededicated a GAR monument in Pioneer Cemetery on the West Campus of the University of Kansas. The monument was originally dedicated in 1906 to honor the unknown dead buried in the cemetery. Several victims of the Quantrill raid are buried in Pioneer Cemetery, as well. The original plaque was stolen from the monument soon after its dedication, and the monument itself was hidden for many years by juniper bushes.



Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 Color Guard hold the Colors as Robert L. Wandel reads the original GAR dedication speech.

Right: Dept. Cdr Roy Lafferty delivers the remarks at the rededication.

The camp has been raising funds and planning for this event for a couple of years. About fifty people attended the rededication ceremony from the Lawrence community. The *Lawrence Journal-World* newspaper and Sunflower Channel 6 cable news also attended, resulting in excellent press coverage. Robert L. Wandel, camp secretary, read the original dedication speech, and Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty provided remarks. Special thanks go to the brothers who attended this event in Civil War uniforms. The ceremony was a great success, and the rain held off until it was over!

The camp expresses a special thanks to the following: The KU Endowment, the University of Kansas Facilities and Operations Division, and Ben Graham for his excellent work on the monument. The stark contrast between the "before" condition of the

monument and the revitalized appearance of it is amazing!

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Civil War Union Veterans Honored at Two Memorial Day Ceremonies

Olathe Cemetery, Olathe, Kansas

Saturday, May 26, found Franklin Camp 5 members busy performing two solemn ceremonies in honor of our Union Civil War forefathers. At 11 AM, the observance began with Junior Daniel Stilley leading the procession into the GAR Civil War Monument Circle at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery in Olathe. Department of Kansas Commander, Roy Lafferty delivered an impressive keynote speech.



Rifle Squad and speakers at Memorial Day Ceremony, GAR Monument Circle, Olathe Memorial Cemetery.

Photo by Jennifer Knopke

A wreath was placed at the base of the GAR Monument by Commander Roy Lafferty, Barbara Knopke, National Senior Vice-President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Camp Commander Matt Toll.



Wreath-laying honors at the base of the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery.

Photo by Jennifer Knopke

Grave Rededication Service

for

Captain William Patrick Hogarty Quindaro Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas

Following the Olathe ceremony, Franklin Camp 5 personnel caravanned to the Quindaro Cemetery, located at 38th and Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, Kansas. There, a very special 1 PM Memorial Day Grave Rededication Service was delivered for Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Captain William Patrick Hogarty, US Army (retired). Initially, it was believed that Captain Hogarty had been awarded two Medals of Honor; however, after some research, it has been

clarified that he received one Medal of Honor for the combination of two separate exhibitions of gallantry and bravery under murderous conditions. The first was at the Battle of Antietam, and the second occurrence was at the Battle of Fredricksburg. Captain Hogarty lost his left arm during the Fredricksburg battle, thus ending his combat participation in the War.



Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard and Rifle Squad with Elliott's Scouts at post during ceremony. Photo by Jennifer Knopke

Captain Hogarty remained with the U.S. Army after the Civil War, performing recruiting duty in Independence, Missouri. He then moved into retirement at Quindaro Township, now well within the borders of Kansas City, Kansas.



Graveside service. Photo by Jennifer Knopke

There, Captain Hogarty hand-built a magnificent home for his wife, Harriet, and their three daughters, Ella, Sara, and Margaret. Here, they entertained family members visiting from his native New York during the early 1900's. Daughters Margaret and Sara became doctors, with Margaret staying in Quindaro. Sara married Dr. Lawrence Cleverdon and moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where, together, they practiced medicine the rest of their lives.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard participated with Franklin Camp 5 in the service, providing the Color Guard, a portion of the firing squad, and the bugler. The Elliot's Scouts re-enactors provided the remainder of the firing squad.



Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Bugler plays TAPS at the service for Captain Hogarty.

Photo by Jennifer Knopke

MINE CREEK CAMP 6 Pleasanton

The Mine Creek Camp 6 participated in the Mound City Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 28. The Mine Creek Camp's newly formed Color Guard was featured. A gun salute in front of the Civil War soldier's statue followed the salute by the American Legion firing detail. Three volleys using the Spencer Carabines were executed to perfection.

The Mound City American Legion Post was very pleased to have the SUVCW participation. We anticipate this will become an annual event for our Color Guard.



The Mine Creek Camp 6 Color Guard.

OLD ABE CAMP 16 Topeka

Topeka Cemetery



The GAR section, Topeka Cemetery.

Photo by Rick Baker

Once again, Old Abe Camp coordinated the placing of US Flags on the graves of Civil War veterans buried in Topeka Cemetery in Topeka. For those not familiar with Topeka Cemetery, it covers almost 90 acres and has over 34,000 burials in it. Of that number, almost 1,100 are Union Civil War veterans.

For many years, the graves of these veterans remained unadorned on Memorial Day, until in 2002, Old Abe Camp began the task of identifying all of the Civil War veterans' graves. That year was the first year the camp placed flags on the graves of those buried outside of the GAR section. The GAR section, alone, is the final resting place for 268 veterans, including some of the members of the Second Kansas State Militia

killed in the Battle of the Big Blue on October 22, 1864. The remaining 800+ veterans are buried throughout the rest of the cemetery.

Once again, through the efforts of Brother Earl McIntosh, volunteers from the local Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Topeka High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC were on hand to provide the necessary manpower to make the event a success. At 8 AM on Saturday, May 26, almost forty volunteers were lining up to get their assignments, grave location maps, and flags. After some basic instructions, the volunteers began their work under the direction of Old Abe members. Even the occasional light rain did not slow them down.



Scouts wait for their section assignments and final instructions before beginning to place flags on the graves of the veterans. Photo by Rick Baker

At 9 AM, a small group of high school girls from the Topeka Boys and Girls Club began placing the flags on the graves in the GAR section. By 10 AM, the task had been completed. At 6 PM on Memorial Day, May 28, a number of the volunteers again assembled at the North end of the cemetery to begin the walk-through to recover the flags.

Without the support of groups such as the Scouts and the Marine Corps Junior ROTC, this act of remembering our Civil War veterans would only have been able to be accomplished on a much smaller scale. Seeing the care and dedication demonstrated by these young citizens helps to remind all of us that there is another generation who will carry the torch after us.



Scouts Sam Holsten (l.) and Matthew Steinert (r.) place a US Flag at the grave of a Union veteran in Topeka Cemetery. Photo by Alan Russ

Other Activities

Members of Old Abe Camp also attended Memorial Day ceremonies conducted by other camps, including the rededication of the newly replaced headstone of a Medal of Honor recipient by Franklin Camp 5 and the rededication of the GAR monument replacement plaque at Pioneer Cemetery in Lawrence, which was held by Sgt. Churchill Camp 4.

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of the GAR Monument at Pioneer Cemetery. The monument looks much better, and the camp received lots of local publicity.

In the coming months, I hope to visit with Old Abe Camp 16 and Mine Creek Camp 6.

The Department is looking into participating in the Independence Day parade in Emporia. I do not believe that the details have been finalized at publication time, but keep July 4 open. This is a chance for the Department to make itself known in an area where no camp currently exists.

We're doing the "boys in blue" proud. Keep up the good work.

CAMP NEWS

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 - Wichita

Camp Commander	Mark A. Britton
Senior Vice Commander	James P. Coyne
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Meek
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

Camp meetings are held at the DAV Clubhouse, 3011 George Washington Blvd. in Wichita. The meetings are held at 7 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month. In November, the Camp meets on the third Thursday. The Camp does not meet in July, August, or December.

In April our camp presented an SUCVW ROTC award at the annual Derby HS Junior ROTC spring awards ceremony with an additional presentation of an award at Wichita South High School.

Our May meeting as has been our custom was to perform "The Last Soldier's Ceremony" at a local cemetery with special camp interest. This year we honored Lt. Colonel Henry Hartford an ancestor of one of our members John Hartford, at the Hutchinson's Eastside Cemetery. The camp provided a color guard and firing detail for the event. These events are usually attended by family members and friends.

Our Color Guard has been busy with duty at the Museum of World Treasures opening of an exhibit for Stephen Foster, as well as for the traveling Lincoln exhibit currently on display at the Library of Wichita State University.

The camp continues to be involved with the Maple Grove Heritage Association in connection with the preservation and restoration of the Maple Grove GAR Pavilion project. We are pleased to announce that restoration has begun this year and it is scheduled to be completed sometime this fall. We look forward to being involved in the rededication ceremonies that are being planned. We have also recently become involved in the exploration of the erection of a monument in Wichita for all who served in the Civil War. Planning of this project involves the SUCVW and SCV.

Our camp meeting attendance runs around twenty members in attendance. During the last few months, the camp has enjoyed some great informational and educational programs, in addition to our regular business. The programs have ranged from camp members sharing about their civil war ancestors, to guest speakers. We have also enjoyed a presentation by Doug McGovern on the Civil War monuments in Kansas.

A number of our members were involved in the at the Department of Kansas training day in February, and a good group of our members were participants in the Mine Creek work day on April 7. We also look forward to participating at Emporia on July 4.

Our last meeting before Fall will be held at the Museum of World Treasures at 10 AM on Saturday, June 30.

Sgt Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4-Lawrence

Camp Commander	Michael W. Anderson
Senior Vice Commander	Michael Hadl
Junior Vice Commander	Brian Van Schmus
Secretary/Treasurer	Robert L. Wandel

Camp meetings are held at the Watkins Museum of History, 11th and Massachusetts Streets, at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month, with monthly programs starting around 7:30 PM. All SUCVW Brothers and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 in Lawrence has spent the past several months planning for our Memorial Day weekend activities, which will be discussed later in this newsletter. During the summer months, we will be involved in the planning and implementation of events for the "Civil War on the Western Frontier," to be held in Lawrence August 9-21, 2007.

Franklin Camp 5 - Olathe

Camp Commander	Matthew G. Toll
Senior Vice Commander	William D. Stilley
Junior Vice Commander	Lane D. Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	Verle L. Olson

Camp meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held in the Governors West Conference Room, Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe Street.

Franklin Camp 5 Camp Commander Matt Toll, PCC Jim Converse, and PDC Jim Knopke, were in attendance at the Department Encampment. This was a fun and enlightening experience for me to see how the Department level works. And may I add that Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 did a fine job hosting, too!

In Franklin Camp 5, we are trying to get a hold on membership retention and recruiting. Our camp meetings have become an excellent and informative time for patriotic instruction, Senior Vice Commander Lane Smith really gets some great speakers. It seems the speaker overruns the business portion of the meetings, so we have had a "Staff Meeting" to discuss the things we miss at the meetings. In our recent "staff meeting" we discussed job descriptions and who does what at the camp level. This will give our young camp a better grasp on how to work in the future and be successful at it. We have embraced a lot of advice from other camps and the Department, and are working towards using this information to gain the efficiency our camp needs. We also discussed the possibility of the officers holding their positions for a two year term, if re-elected. This would allow for the commander, which is usually just getting into the groove, to excel at the job the following year. This also allows the commander to better prepare the SVC for the duties of commander, at least until the camp becomes more experienced. We also discussed at the staff meeting the "goings on" at the National Encampment. Brother Knopke gave an inspiring account of the function. I will be looking forward to being one of the delegates from the Department of Kansas and Franklin Camp 5 in St. Louis this year!

Matt Toll, Commander

Franklin Camp 5 participated in the Civil War on the Border at the Mahaffie farmstead. Our camp participated by having a booth to promote not only our camp, but the SUCVW in general. Several members assisted in this project by promoting camp membership and assisting, as much as possible in the directing of interested parties to resources in the research of family members.

Memorial Weekend was a very busy and satisfying weekend for the camp. On Saturday, May 26, several members arrived early at the Olathe cemetery to place flags at the graves of known Union Civil War soldiers buried in that cemetery, and there are many. Our JVC,

Bill Stilley, is in charge of the project of locating and documenting each grave and new graves are being found each year. It will take several years to complete the documentation project of all the graves. At 11 AM, Commander Matt Toll directed a memorial service at the Union Monument circle, with prayers and readings to memorialize these Civil War veterans. Members of the Elliott Scouts provided the volley salute.

Upon completion of that service, we then hurried to the Quindaro Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas, to rededicate the monument to Medal of Honor recipient Capt William Hogarty. That event, organized by current Department Junior Vice Commander Jim Converse PCC, and directed by Camp Commander Toll, was well publicized in the Kansan newspaper and was attended not only by family members of Capt. Hogarty, but also members of the Wyandotte County Historical society, the general public, and retired and current military personnel. The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department provided the Color Guard, their bugler played taps, and they also assisted by providing members for the volley salute with members from the Elliott Scouts. It was a service also recorded by Channel 41 news. Cpt Hogarty received his Medal of Honor for service at the battle of Fredericksburg, where his left arm was hit by cannon fire and later was amputated. He also was in the earlier battle of Antietam and in other skirmishes

Our camp meetings have had great patriotic instruction with Col. (Ret) Scott Porter giving a presentation on the Battle of Camden Point, Lt. Col. (Ret) Ed Kennedy giving a presentation on Black Confederate soldiers, and Arnold Schofield giving a presentation on the Battle of Mine Creek and its current restoration.

Camp membership

This camp was recently represented by Jim Converse at the JROTC/ROTC awards program at Shawnee Mission North and Shawnee Mission West High Schools. This award from the SUCVW is awarded to an exceptional cadet from that organization. The Shawnee Mission North drill team at the NJROTC competition earned the national championship title for that school. We would encourage the various camps to locate the JROTC and ROTC programs in their areas and support them in every way possible. SUCVW camps can participate in sponsoring competitions. Also it may provide an opportunity for our camps when there is need of a Color guard at certain camp events. Our camp has requested the participation of these young men and women to participate as Color guards at our November Veterans Day activities and next year's Memorial Day activities. What a great way to involve young people in our organization.

Mine Creek Camp 6 - Pleasanton

Camp Commander	Arnold W. Schofield
Senior Vice Commander	John H. Spencer
Junior Vice Commander	Kenton E. Bell
Secretary/Treasurer	Robert E. Woody II

Camp meetings will be held at the Carriage House in Fort Scott, at 7 PM on April 3, June 5, August 7, November 6, and December 4 for 2007. The meetings include dinner and a program.

On February 6, the Camp's first meeting of the year was held at the Carriage House in Fort Scott. Five potential members were present. Following the opening ceremonies, State Commander Randal Durbin gave a brief history of the SUCVW and answered questions regarding membership and family genealogy. John Spencer, the camp's Senior Vice Commander, then gave a program on Monuments, Near and Far. This was a Power Point presentation of Monuments at Gettysburg Battlefield and Monuments in eastern Kansas. Included in these were the various Soldiers' Statues in Mound City, Fort Scott, and Iola.

The second meeting was held on April 3rd at the same location. Two new members were mustered into the camp. Fred Campbell, a retired teacher and local historian from Fort Scott, and Alfred Colom, an attorney practicing in Pleasanton were the new inductees. Commander Arnold Schofield presided over the meeting. Senior Vice Commander John Spencer set up a display of GAR medals and part of his Civil War carbine collection.

April 7, the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Mine Creek SUVCS camp hosted a work day at Mine Creek Battlefield. Eighteen Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War brothers, from many different locations in Kansas, participated. Brush was cut and burned, and log and limbs were cut and removed from the immediate upstream channel above the Benteen Bridge. It was a very timely accomplishment, since, in May high water reached the approach to the bridge and may have caused damage to the bridge had the debris and logs not been removed earlier. A hearty thanks to all who participated!

During the months of April and May, the Mine Creek Camp Color Guard was formed, colors obtained, and training begun. On May 28, the newly formed unit participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Soldier's Plot, Mound City Cemetery. This plot was originally established for the burial of the Union dead from the Battle of Mine Creek. Two men bore the National and State Colors, while two guards, armed with Spencer carbines, fired three volleys in perfect unison. The local American Legion members were gracious enough to allow us to participate in this event.

Preliminary study has begun in the old Iola Cemetery, where a GAR section has many stones that are in need of straightening and cleaning. A local Iola historian has been contacted and we will be working with the local citizens to restore these gravestones.

Several of our camp members plan to participate in the Emporia Sesquicentennial parade on July 4. Our Senior Vice Commander, John Spencer, rode in the Centennial parade in 1957 on his newly acquired horse. He will be participating and encourages our SUVCVB brethren to join in the celebration.

Old Abe Camp 16 - Topeka

Camp Commander	Dan E. Karr
Sr Vice Commander	Delton Gilliland
Jr Vice Commander	John Jewell
Secretary/Treasurer	Blair D. Tarr

Camp meetings are held at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Rd., in Topeka, at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month.

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

DEPARTMENT ORDER 1 APRIL 28, 2007

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled delegates at the Eleventh Department Encampment at Wichita, Kansas, on April 28, 2007, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Department Commander should be sent to the above address.

2. The following brothers were also elected at the Eleventh Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	James M. Converse, PCC Franklin Camp 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 Michael W. Anderson, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 Matthew G. Toll, Franklin Camp 5

3. I have appointed the following brothers to the positions and responsibilities indicated:

Patriotic Instructor	S. Todd Meek, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Chaplain	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe 16
Counselor	William D. Stillely, Franklin 5
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel

Civil War Memorials Officer	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 Douglas E. McGovern, PCC Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Brian R. Van Schmus Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Webmaster	Jonathan P. Goering, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

4. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Secretary, 404 N. Walnut St, Peabody KS 66866-1148.

5. All requests for monuments and memorials grants, and all completed monuments and memorials registration forms should be sent to PCC Douglas McGovern, 100 W. 20th Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

6. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to Robert L. Wandel, Department Graves Registration Officer, 2731 Bonanza St., Lawrence KS 66046-5137

7. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Brian R. Van Schmus, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, 2619 Missouri St. Lawrence KS 66046-4545.

8. The 12th Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas is scheduled to be held on April 26, 2008, in Lawrence. Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp. The camp will report to the fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment.

9. I want to thank all brothers who agreed to serve on the department staff this year. No Department Commander can carry the full load of responsibility, nor should he ever try to claim the credit for the accomplishments during his term. It will be to the credit of the excellent staff and all department members for any activities and programs we carry out in the future. I look forward to our next activity and meeting.

10. The charge for the SUVCVW is "Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union 1861 - 1865." Therefore, I ask all camps in the Department to look for ways to be more active in their communities. Concentrate on educational and remembrance activities, as this is the cornerstone of our organization. This will help us grow; men are attracted to organizations that are active.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,
/s/ Roy A. Lafferty
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER 2 APRIL 28, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
BYLAWS COMMITTEE

1. As required by Bylaws of the Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the Bylaws Committee for the term from April 28, 2007, through April 26, 2008, unless sooner relieved.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (Chairman)
Michael W. Anderson, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
James M. Converse, PCC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
Matthew G. Toll, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

2. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. It shall function in accordance with Article XV, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Twelfth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,
/s/ Roy A. Lafferty
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER 3 APRIL 28, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE

1. As established by the Tenth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee for the term from April 28, 2007, through April 26, 2008, unless sooner relieved.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (Chairman)
Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka
Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita
Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
John H. Spencer, Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton (Camp 6 Representative)

2. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Twelfth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,
/s/ Roy A. Lafferty
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER 4 APRIL 28, 2007

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTMENT

1. In accordance with Article X, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the following special committee is re-appointed.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

2. The purpose of this committee is to prepare and present proposals to the National Site Selection Committee requesting for the Department of Kansas to host a National Encampment. Committee shall remain in contact with the National committee and arrange to meet with them annually during the National Encampment. Once an agreement by National has been received for hosting a National Encampment, the function of the Department National Encampment Committee shall become that of organizing all efforts for the actual hosting of the encampment.

3. The committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the chairman. The committee shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

4. I hereby appoint the following members to the National Encampment Committee:

James R. Knopke, PDC, Franklin Camp 5 (Chairman)
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,
/s/ Roy A. Lafferty
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER 5 APRIL 28, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT CHAIRMAN

1. Brother Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe Camp 16, is hereby appointed as chairman for the following projects:

LAST SOLDIER PROJECT
GAR RECORDS PROJECT

2. As project chairman, he shall serve as the point of contact for these projects within the Department of Kansas. He is authorized to pursue these projects in the name of the Department, and may appoint team members to assist him, as necessary. The project chairman should work closely with the Department Historian to avoid duplication of efforts.

3. Those brothers of the Department interested in assisting in these projects should contact the project chairman at the following:
Blair D. Tarr, 617 SW Taylor St., Apt 11, Topeka KS 66603-3243, Email: BTarr@kshs.org

4. The purpose of the Last Soldier Project is to attempt to identify and gather information on all Union Civil War soldiers who hold a status of "Last Soldier" in the 105 Kansas counties. This may include the last to die, the last burial, and the last to live in the county.

5. The purpose of the GAR Records Project is to support the National Organization's effort to identify the location of all existing GAR records. The purpose of this project is to assist in future research efforts with regard to the records.

6. The project chairman shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on the activities for the year. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,
/s/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

DEPARTMENT ORDER 6 APRIL 28, 2007

1. Reference Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b), Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. Elected Department Officers, having been furnished with Badge of the Department Officer by the Department, are here by ordered to wear their Department Officer Badge in place of their Membership Badge for the duration of their term of service as an elected Department Officer. Upon leaving elected office; Department Badge will be returned to the Department or his successor. Lost or damaged badges shall be replaced by the officer.

3. The exception to this order is for current Camp Commanders who shall wear their Camp Commander Badge during their term as Camp Commander.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ Roy A. Lafferty
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

126th National Encampment

August 9 through 12, 2007

Saint Louis, Missouri

The host hotel is the Frontenac Hilton Hotel in Frontenac, Missouri. Frontenac is a suburb located west of Saint Louis, Missouri. Four of the five Allied Orders will be meeting at that location during our encampment. Only the Women's Relief Corps will not be present.

As usual, the business meeting is held on Friday and Saturday. A campfire program is scheduled for Friday evening, and the Allied Orders Banquet is Saturday evening.

There are numerous Civil War related sites to see within a short distance of Saint Louis. Be sure to plan a little extra time before or after the encampment to take advantage of the area. Additionally, the Department of Missouri will be hosting tours on Thursday.

It is not too early to start planning. For additional information, watch upcoming issues of the Banner. You may also contact one of your Department Officers for additional information.

Central Region Association Allied Orders of the G.A.R. 2007 Annual Conference, October 6, 2007 Crawfordsville, Indiana

The Department of Indiana will be hosting the 2007 Annual Conference of the Central Region Association (CRA), Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Crawfordsville, Indiana, is located just Northwest of Indianapolis.

Additional information will be furnished as it becomes available. Keep your eye on this space for updates.

THE LAST WORD

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Editor

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Next Issue

The Fall issue will be mailed by October 1, 2007. This issue will focus on the National Encampment and upcoming camp activities for the year. If you do not see enough in the *Sunflower Picket* about your Camp and what it has been doing, then YOU need to send an article to the Newsletter Editor. This falls under the duties of Camp Senior Vice Commanders.

Camp Commanders, Camp Senior Vice Commanders, and Department officers need to submit information and articles to the Newsletter Editor by **September 15, 2007**, preferably in electronic format. Camps may want to send the information about their Memorial Day activities, preferably with a photo, as a separate article.

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