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127th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT August 8 and 9, 2008 Peabody, Massachusetts

The 127th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on August 8 and 9, 2008, in Peabody, Massachusetts. The Encampment was held in conjunction with the 122nd National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the 122nd National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). The encampment was hosted by the Department of Massachusetts. The Department

of Kansas was represented by PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC James R. Knopke, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty.

Friday morning started off with the Joint Memorial Service, honoring all of those of the three orders who passed away during the previous year. This was followed by the Joint Opening Ceremony with the SUVCW and the ASUVCW. Following the formalities, the business session began in earnest with the presentation of officer and committee reports.

As much of the activities of the encampment will be in the encampment issue of the *Banner* or in National General Orders, it will not be repeated here.



Kansas Delegation to National Encampment (left to right): PDC Alan L. Russ, National Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC James R. Knopke, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty.

The following National officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were elected at the encampment for 2008-2009:

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| Commander-in-Chief | PDC David V. Medert (OH) |
| SVCinC | PDC Leo F. Kennedy (RI) |
| JVCinC | PDC James R. Hanby, Sr. (MD) |
| CofA (exp. 2011) | PDC Perley E. Mellor (MA) |
| CofA (exp. 2009) | PDC Henry E. Shaw, Jr. (OH) |

Incoming Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert was installed by his father, PCinC David R. Medert. This is the first time a son of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Order has assumed that same office. We offer our congratulations to CinC Medert and all of the newly elected officers.

Department of Kansas PDC Alan L. Russ was again appointed as National Membership at Large Coordinator for the SUVCW. He also continues to hold a position on the National Policies and Procedures Committee.

KANSAN ELECTED AS LGAR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Barbara Knopke, who was elected to the office of National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) at their National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts, and was installed on August 9, 2008. President Knopke has been instrumental in the Department of Kansas maintaining its vitality.

She joined the LGAR in 2001. Recently, she, along with her daughter, Jennifer Knopke, were the driving

force in organizing the new Ercelle Speaks Circle in Johnson County, Kansas, to which she now belongs. She held various positions within the Emma Edmond Circle and Department of Kansas. Barb has a great love for genealogy and has done extensive research on both her husband's and her heritage. She has direct lines going back to colonial times and has had direct ancestors who participated in all wars and conflicts except WWI and the Korean Conflict. Her great-great grandfather, George Washington Dittmore, served during the Civil War as a private in Company A, 13th Kansas Infantry, from 1862 to 1865. Another great-great grandfather, Frederick Samuel Moser, also my served as a private in Company C, 13th Kansas

Infantry, during the same period. President Knopke was born and raised on Long Island, New York, but has called Kansas her home since 1981. She states that, "I feel blessed with my wonderful husband, Jim, who is a member of the SUVCW, and our daughter, Jennifer, who is also a member of LGAR." She is also active in the Daughters of the American Revolution.



President Knopke says, "I am in awe of my heritage and what my ancestors achieved. I feel it is my duty to keep their memory and that of all patriots of this great country alive."

Barb is the wife of Department of Kansas Junior Vice Department Commander Jim Knopke, PDC.

2010 ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

PDC James R. Knopke

Here is an update on the committee activities. First, as Chairman of this committee, I have appointed PDC Roy Lafferty to the committee. Most do not know this, but before Roy was Department Commander, which gave him a seat on the old dissolved National Encampment Committee, he had attended every meeting we held with Jim Houston, the Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee. Our committee allows members who attend a National Encampment to sit in on our meetings with Jim Houston as observers. The only time we could not do this was in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, when Brother Houston was short on time and we were able to meet by chance early one morning instead of eating breakfast. With Roy's background in what we are about, we welcome him as our newest member.

Alan Russ, Roy, and I had a short meeting with Brother Houston and his committee members this past August at the National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts. They were pleased to see that the Department of Kansas Encampment Committee was well represented at the encampment, as no one from next year's host committee from Kentucky made it to Peabody. We assured Jim that we will be represented in force at next year's National Encampment in

Louisville, Kentucky. We will have a promotional booth informing members about the 2010 National Encampment and Kansas. We will be asking for help from our brothers to man this booth. For those who have never been to National, this would be a great time to go and see what it is all about. There will be more on this as we get closer to the encampment. Brother Houston asked about the renovations to the Marriott, and we told him they are on track to have it done by 2009, which pleased him. He asked about what kind of tour we would offer for those who would be in Overland Park on Thursday of 2010. We informed him that we were looking at two tours. One tour would include the World War I Museum and the Steam Boat Arabia. The other tour would consist of the Mine Creek Battlefield, the Fort Scott National Historical Site and National Cemetery No. 1.

Another thing we also did at National was to hand out a packet of information about Kansas to all attendees in order to start promoting the 2010 Encampment. From the feedback we heard, these packets were well received by all.

By now, you should have heard about one of the fundraisers we are doing where we are selling the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemorative Medallion. This medallion is of high quality and sells for \$10 each. These can be given as a "thank you" to camp program speakers, to ROTC recipients when presenting the SUVCW ROTC Medal, in appreciation to camp members for work performed above the call of duty, to family members, and as birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, and stocking stuffers, etc. When you purchase a medallion, you will be helping us to put on a great National Encampment in 2010. Proceeds from the sale also go to the SUVCW Charitable Foundation (the SUVCW National 501(c)(3) organization which provides funds for monument restoration). Contact your camp secretary, PDC Alan Russ, or PDC Jim Knopke to purchase a medallion.

We are now less than twenty-two months away from hosting the 2010 National Encampment, and we will be asking for your help as we continue to form committees. As our Nation approaches the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, it is a great opportunity for us to remind everyone it started here in "Bleeding Kansas." Be a part of it.

NEW BROTHERS

The following brothers have joined the Department of Kansas between July 1 and September 30, 2008.

Name	Camp
Brown, Mark L.	Camp 1, Wichita

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of September 30, 2008:

Camp	Members	Assoc.	Mbrs		Total
			Jr.	Assoc.	
01-Corp. Coyne	67	3	1	0	71
04-Sgt. Churchill	19	2	1	0	22
05-Franklin	16	2	2	0	20
06-Mine Creek	14	2	0	0	16
16-Old Abe	22	0	0	0	22
Total	138	9	4	0	151

Dual members are only reported in their primary camp.



Memorials Officer
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC

Moving Cannons – Good or Bad?

The Department of Kansas has at least two cannons that have been moved from their original locations in cemeteries. The Seneca cemetery cannon is now in front of the Seneca VFW post. The Stafford cannon is now in the Stafford museum. National was queried regarding our responsibility to address the movement of cannon from their original site. Specifically, Brother Kevin Tucker, the National Memorials Officer, was asked, "What is the SUVCW responsibility in a case

like this? It is really not practical to tell the locals to put it back when such a move will require rebuilding part of a cemetery. In some cases, the cemetery may be either isolated or located on a major through highway that is not in the vicinity of a town or other possibility of being routinely monitored (contributing to the possibility of vandalism or theft – often the original reason for the relocation)."

The response establishes priorities. First is to make sure that the artifacts are preserved. If movement is necessary to protect it from an imminent hazard, that would be legitimate. (Note that this might also apply to the Colored Soldiers monument in Woodland Cemetery in Kansas City.)

The next priority is that the memorial be displayed appropriately. If it is displayed such that it represents the honor we owe our ancestors who fought and died for us, it is appropriate.

The last priority is to preserve the memorials in the way that they were originally intended. When possible, original memorials should not be changed. If they have been changed in the past, it is desirable to restore them to their original condition and location.

Brother Tucker further suggests that the approach to local officials be done in a friendly and non-threatening manner: "There are too many who shoot from the hip in their zeal to protect the artifacts, and end up causing an adversarial relationship with the custodians, instead of a cooperative one. I always recommend a conversation with the local Veterans' agent to get the lay of the land. These folks are almost always sympathetic to our cause, and can point you toward local officials with similar sympathies."

Proposed actions by the Department of Kansas should be discussed at the next Department Council Meeting or Encampment.



Eagle Scout Coordinator
Brian R. Van Schmus

Eagle Scout Certificates

It has been a good start so far this year. I have processed ten requests for letters and certificates since our Department Encampment on April 26. I have been working to raise awareness of our group and program, and I have attended Boy Scout leaders meetings to promote this activity. In addition, I submitted a notice of the local scout district's email list serve. As a result of that, I received interest and requests for certificates. My hope is to continue this activity and extend it to other areas of the state. If any of your have any connections with Scout leaders in your area, please let them know of this great way to recognize this achievement. Please feel free to give them the email address on the Department website, and it will go straight to me.



Patriotic Instructor
Matthew G. Toll, PCC

Gentlemen, another quarter has escaped us. I recently had the pleasure of attending our city's annual Old Settlers Parade in Olathe. The Franklin Camp even represented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of Kansas by marching in this parade. I have to tell you, nothing will bring a tear to your eye like seeing that old veteran in his VFW cap struggling to stand at attention, the uniformed soldier snapping his heels together and saluting, and the "hockey mom" standing proud with her hand over her heart, as the flag of this great Nation passes in procession. Since becoming the Department Patriotic Instructor, I have asked myself what or how does one be patriotic?

The dictionary defines "Patriotism" as; "a proud supporter or defender of his or her country and its way of life." The definition is simple, love and support your

country. How? We can show our patriotism by properly flying the U.S. Flag at the appropriate time, participating in public activities like parades, showing support to the men and women who volunteer to serve the United States of America, and by educating the public on these principles. I think the most important for this season is to motivate others to vote. Teach them to educate themselves and not throw caution to the wind, but to investigate each candidate running at every level of office and make an informed decision. I think Abraham Lincoln said it best: "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed."¹ I think this quote sums it up. We Americans do have a voice! Let it be heard.

Brothers, until next time I find myself in; Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Matt Toll, PCC, Patriotic Instructor
¹ Basler, Roy P., ed. *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, Volume III, p. 27.



Chaplain
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Reflections from Washington D.C.

It is 7 PM on September 11. I'm tired, and I just returned to my hotel room in Washington DC at 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. after eight hours of meetings. My travel companion had a friend to meet; and I have an article to turn in to Alan for the *Sunflower Picket*. This is my last night here, and this is my last chance to see the new World War II Memorial. Alan will understand...

I walk out the front door of the hotel, and I realize, I'm on the Street where the Grand Review took place 143 years ago. For two days the heroes that saved the Union marched proudly down this street in the direction I was going.

I cross a side street and there is the Willard Hotel. The original building is long gone but this is the place where Grant stayed when he was given command of the Army. Plaques on the wall talk of other great leaders such as Churchill that stayed there.

I take a route so I can pass the White House and I see a large statue – it is Sherman on a horse. Below is a list of battles: New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, The March to the Sea. My ancestor, Lorenzo Lafferty, was at all of those places with the 53rd Indiana. This does not just commemorate Sherman; this is for Lorenzo and his "pards," too. Wow, my connection to history.

I now stand before the White House. Just minutes ago I saw a news reporter on television standing with it in the background. It's a surreal feeling. I reflect on the fact that we, as a nation, have been blessed to have some exceptional men live there. Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Reagan all come to mind. I pray men like those will continue to inhabit that house. It's starting to get dark so I move on.

I approach the World War II Memorial from the northeast. I know it is there, but it is barely visible from where I am. It is just like many of the men I have known from that generation – there is a slight hint that they served, but you have to continue on to know for sure. As I stand before the memorial, there is a large granite tablet that says:

HERE IN THE PRESENCE OF WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN,
ONE THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FATHER AND THE OTHER
THE NINETEENTH CENTURY PRESERVER OF OUR NATION,
WE HONOR THOSE TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICANS WHO
TOOK UP THE STRUGGLE OF THE SECOND WORLD
WAR AND MADE SACRIFICES TO PERPETUATE
THE GIFT OUR FOREFATHERS ENTRUSTED TO US:
A NATION CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE.

In the distance I can see an illuminated Lincoln facing me. I turn and see the Washington Monument standing tall.

I start on the Pacific side of the monument, and there is a quote about Pearl Harbor. It reminds me of what

today is. I remember the words above a lonely Pacific cemetery entrance, "We gave up our tomorrows for your today." That applies not only to those this memorial was dedicated to, but those that ran up the towers, those who have gone to Iraq and Afghanistan, and all the many others who made the ultimate sacrifice over the last 232 years. I stroll around for an hour and am moved. Now, it is dark, and I need to go pack.

On my return trip, I pass the Washington Monument ringed with another reminder of the date, flags at half mast. I cannot think of a better example of service than Washington. Here is a man who twice gave up the power to return home to be a citizen when he could have set himself up as King.

I reflect over what I experienced as I return to my room. When I got there I said a prayer, thanking God for those that came before and for what they have done. I also pray that I do my small part to perpetuate the gift our forefathers entrusted to us.



Graves Registration Robert L. Wandel

Those of you who have adopted a county for the graves registration, please let me know what the status is of your work. There are many counties left to have graves registered records completed. I know that the price of gas has cut into the number of the counties that I can reach to get information for the graves database.

Bill McFarland has written a book about the 8th Kansas Infantry, the title is Keep the Flag to the Front. It is well written and has photographs and stories about some of the men from the 8th Kansas.

I was contacted by a Mr. Martin from Texas asking about his relative, Col. John Martin from Atchison, who raised a company of men for the 8th Kansas. In doing so I went to the cemeteries in the city of Atchison and have also been working other cemeteries in Atchison county.

Any help that you can give to the location of soldiers buried in Kansas will be greatly appreciated.
With Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Bob Wandel



Junior Vice Commander James R. Knopke, PDC

I hope that your summer was as great as mine. For me, I have enjoyed this summer's weather, as it was cooler and wetter than normal. My wife and I went to Beloit, Kansas, in July for the 113th anniversary of Mary A. Livermore Circle 66, of the LGAR, and I could not believe how green everything was for that time of year. Hopefully this mild weather will hold for the rest of the year.

Those camps which took a few months off this summer are getting back into the swing of things. From what I am hearing, all camps have activities planned for this fall. As a friendly reminder, these functions represent a good opportunity for recruiting new members for your camp. Here is a different way of recruiting that was forwarded to our Department Officers by PDC Alan Russ. It was used by the new Department of Georgia and South Carolina to help get new members. At one of the re-enactments, they decided not to have a booth, rather, but to make up a few hundred flyers and place them on the windshields of the cars in the parking lot, along with handing some out. Because of that, they received three requests for memberships. What works in the South should work in the North. This is just one more thing your Camp can add to its recruiting efforts.



Senior Vice Commander James M. Converse, PCC

My official Department activities during this quarter have been nil, with no invitations or visits to statewide camp meetings or events. I did march with Franklin Camp 5, my home camp, at the Old Settlers Parade in

early September. It was a pleasure to see and hear the parade-goers applaud our wonderful National flag, carried by Camp Commander Lane Smith, at the head of our column. Many older patriots who stood up, hand-over-heart, some with great effort and discomfort from their lawn chairs (and some wheelchairs), received my warm handshake and salute in return. Younger folks were awe-struck with what they were witnessing, and curious. No doubt, many people of all types learned of the SUVCW that Saturday, as we marched in the finest tradition of the Grand Army of the Republic behind the Camp's new banner.

Franklin Camp 5 meetings have been on a two-month summer hiatus, but The Old Flag, the Camp's monthly newsletter, which I have the privilege of editing, was published with no interruptions during the period. A personal mission I have had since Franklin Camp's Charter was issued in 2005 has been to find the framed group photograph or portrait of our predecessors, the members of Franklin Post 68 in Olathe, Kansas. This portrait graced the meeting room that the post used one hundred years ago. While looking for the location of the building that Franklin Post used for their twice-monthly meetings, several excellent individual photos of Franklin Post members were discovered in the Appendix pages of a Johnson County hardbound Atlas housed at the Johnson County Library Central Resource Branch.

Lastly, please make every effort to exercise your privilege and duty to elect the new leaders of our great country. Our forefathers paid the highest price possible to protect our freedoms. In November, the time will arrive to make our voices heard at all levels of government.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Jim Converse, PCC, Department SVC



Commander's Corner Craig A. Sundell, PCC

Brothers, summer has passed and hopefully so have the tropical storms which make it as far up river as Kansas. For me this is a time of reflection on what has passed in the last few months and what needs to be done, now the weather is more to my liking!

I missed the National Encampment in Boston, but commend the brothers who represented us so well there. On Saturday, September 13, I represented our Department at the dedication of the Quindaro Ruins site and recognition of the first monument erected to John Brown in Kansas. I saw the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry re-enactors pass before me.

The word SYNTHESIS screamed out to me as I saw the event and came to know the site better. Brothers, we have at our feet some of the richest Civil War history as ANY place in America. It begins with "Bleeding Kansas" and the war's onset, continues with the role of militia units which were first to protect the new president, units which were sent outside the Kansas boundaries against their will and wishes, had the largest per capita population in Union arms, boasted the first black unit of the war raised in the North, and the first tricolor (black, white and American Indian) unit. Terrorists and counter terrorists (guerrillas) made fear and panic a daily occurrence for those who remained in many parts of the state.

Quindaro began as a group of 13 Wyandott Indian lots which soon were shared with white and black settlers. Many of the blacks escaped slavery by crossing the Missouri River from Parkville. Daily, they feared recapture, and other community members feared retribution. The frozen river which led to freedom also supported slavers who came to retrieve human property still recognized as such by civil and military authorities under the fugitive slave act. As I gazed down upon the



ruins of this town of synthesis being resurrected from one hundred years of proximity to the Missouri River, I thought of our organization. We also are a synthesis and a tapestry. We have the wisdom and experience of our past commanders, the metal of our individual camps and their officers intertwined with the enthusiasm of some of our newest members. We have the challenge of the National Encampment in 2010, continuing our recruiting efforts, and graves and memorials registration. We ALSO must look to the future. YES, I mean the work we commence with scouts, students and outreach to the general public. We have plans and activities for Veterans Day, which is growing closer.

The history of the Civil War and the service and sacrifice of our GAR ancestors, whom we honor, is also a great tapestry or synthesis. Some see each thread and know its place or purpose. We can only pray to see which adds color, strength or texture. We can be watchful for the threads which may lead this wondrous thing to unravel, if unattended.

I look forward to visiting ALL the Department Camps before Christmas.
In Fraternity, Charity AND Loyalty
Craig Sundell, PCC, Department Commander

CAMP NEWS

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 - Wichita

Camp Commander	James P. Coyne
Senior Vice Commander	S. Todd Meek
Junior Vice Commander	Richard T. Bennett
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

Camp meetings are held at the DAV Clubhouse, 3011 George Washington Blvd., in Wichita. The meetings are at 7pm, on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Camp does not meet in July, August, or December. The November meeting is on the third Thursday, due to Thanksgiving.

Fall is upon us and soon our camp will be meeting again. I trust everyone had a good summer; however, my summer never ends.

Our September meeting will be for laying plans for our annual fundraiser, "Lincoln Remembered". This will take place probably in January or March, around Lincoln's 200th birthday.

We usually have a pot-luck dinner, and invite a keynote speaker. Attendance usually runs about eighty people for a great night of good entertainment.

In November, we will change officers. It has been a wonderful experience serving my term as Camp Commander. I could not ask for a better group of gentlemen.

My apologies for not being able to attend this year's Department encampment, but we married off our youngest son, and I knew where my priority had to be or I would have gotten in big trouble. We all know if Mama isn't happy, nobody's happy!

I am happy and proud to be a member of such a great organization as the SUVCW.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Jimmy Coyne
Camp Commander

Sgt Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4-Lawrence

Camp Commander	Michael Hadl
Senior Vice Commander	Brian Van Schmus
Junior Vice Commander	Robert L. Wandel
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Van Loenen, PCC

Camp meetings are held at the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, in beautiful downtown Lawrence. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month, with programs starting about 7:30 PM. All SUVCW Brothers and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

In May several members of our camp, along with several Boy Scouts, again put 350 U.S. Flags on the graves of Civil War veterans on Memorial Day at three Lawrence cemeteries. At our June meeting, Kirby Ross

spoke about his book, Samuel S. Hildebrand ` Missouri Bushwhacker.` At our July meeting, Harry Smith of the Webelo Cubs, spoke about us working on getting the Cubs interested in the Civil War and helping us taking care of Civil War Veterans graves. Also in July, I spoke at Oskaloosa Old Town Museum about my Civil War Ancestors and genealogy in general. All the camps should try and keep in touch with their area groups about these subjects and work together to promote one another. At our August meeting, part of the Civil War on the Western Frontier in Lawrence, Bill McFarland spoke about his book Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry. Also that week, several camp and department brothers fired the cannon for the start of the Watkins Museum "Run for History" fund raiser. After the race, they spent the rest of that day showing people how they shoot the cannon. We had a tent set up with Civil War-era items.



Alan Van Loenen (left) explains some of the equipment of the Civil War soldiers to the Webelos.

This past September 6, Alan Van Loenen, Bob Wandel, and yours truly went to the Webelos Cubs camp just north of Clinton Lake to shoot the cannon for them. Alan and Bob brought pictures of the Civil War to show, and Alan brought lots of Civil War equipment to show them. I was attached temporarily to the Third

Kansas Company B Light Artillery. I was so honored (and I still have all of my fingers). We had a great time, as did the Webelos.

This past summer, our camp purchased a new banner to carry in parades, and it sure is nice looking!

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Michael J. Hadl
Camp Commander

Franklin Camp 5 – Olathe

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Camp Commander	Lane D. Smith
Senior Vice Commander	Brent Lawrence
Junior Vice Commander	Cade Smith
Secretary/Treasurer	Matthew G. Toll, PCC

Camp meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held in the Governors West Conference Room, Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe Street. The Camp does not meet in the months of July, August, and December. This year, the November meeting will be held on the third Thursday, November 20, 2008.

The camp was able to display its new camp banner at the Old Settlers parade in Olathe on September 6. Camp Commander Lane Smith led our camp, carrying the 35 star American flag of the 1863 era. He was followed by PDC Jim Knopke and brother Dave Tollefson, who were carrying the camp banner. Jim was dressed in his SUVCW vest and hat and Dave his re-enactors uniform, with both looking very much the part in carrying the banner. As we passed the reviewing stand, Jim and Dave were complimented on their uniforms. Following the banner was PCC Jim Converse and PCC Matt Toll, both dressed as camp commander Smith in a white shirt, blue trousers and our recent purchased SUVCW caps. Each member also wore their medals. Because of the banner identifying who we are, several times during the 2 mile march we received applause from people, and several veterans

saluted as we passed. Jim and Matt shook a few hands and also saluted those who saluted us and the flag. As camp commander I can honestly say I was very proud of our camp and of the SUVCW presence in the parade.



Left to right: PDC Jim Knopke, PCC Matt Toll, PCC Jim Converse, Dave Tollefson, and Camp Commander Lane Smith at the Old Settlers Day Parade in Olathe.

Photo courtesy Franklin Camp 5 Old Flag newsletter.

Future events scheduled for the camp are its Veterans Day ceremony which will be held on Saturday, November 8 at the GAR monument in the Olathe cemetery. Our camp has also been asked to provide a presence in the Veterans Day parade on November 11 in Leavenworth. Planning for both events is underway.

Election of next year's officers will take place at the October meeting with induction at the November meeting.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Lane Smith
Camp Commander

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