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THIS AND THAT

When the last issue of the *Sunflower Picket* was published in January 2008, Roy Lafferty was the Department Commander. As this issue is being published, Brother Lafferty is finishing his third term as Department Commander. He has made it very clear he is not seeking a fourth term. Also, in 2008, your editor lived just outside of Topeka, and has since retired and moved 360 miles West to Saint Francis in the far Northwest corner of Kansas.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of September 30, 2012:

	Members	Assoc.	Juniors	Total
01-Corp. Coyne	45	2	1	48
04-Sgt. Churchill	23	1	4	28
05-Franklin	20	2	0	22
16-Old Abe	24	0	1	25
Total	112	5	6	123

Dual members are only reported in their primary camp.

NEW BROTHERS

We welcome the following brothers who have joined the Department of Kansas between April 1 and September 30, 2012.

Name	Camp
Burchett, Nick (<i>Transfer from Dept of Missouri</i>)	Camp 16, Topeka
Nighbert, Wayne T. Jr.	Camp 4, Lawrence

2013 RENEWAL TIME COMING SOON

The SUVCW membership renewal process is starting sooner than we think. As always, we hope to have the renewals in as early as possible to your camp.

The official membership year is January 1 through December 31, although brothers are allowed until February 28, 2013, to submit their dues. The sooner dues are paid to your camp, the quicker they will be able to complete their annual reporting requirements.

Please help your camp by submitting your dues in a timely manner.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT JANUARY 12, 2012 Emporia, Kansas

Department Order Number 10, issued August 23, 2012, officially announced the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment, to be held on January 12, 2013, in Emporia. Registration will begin at 9 AM, with the official opening of the Encampment at 10 AM.

National Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts, has been invited to attend the Encampment. The Department has not yet heard back from him if he will be personally attending or designate another National officer to represent him at our encampment.

All elected officers of the Department, all Past Department Commanders, all Camp Commanders, and all Past Camp Commanders have "automatic"

voting rights at a Department Encampment. Additionally, each camp is authorized one voting delegate plus one voting delegate for each ten brothers of the camp. Also, any camp brother is allowed to attend as an alternate delegate or observer.

The Encampment will include the reports of the Department officers and committees, reports from the camps of the Department, any old business from the previous encampment, new business to come before the Encampment, and the election and installation of Department officers for 2013-2014.

A noon meal will be available, although details are not available at this time.

Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries will receive updated instructions for reporting attendees at a later time.

WINTER TRAINING SESSION

This year the Winter Training Session will be held immediately following the Department Encampment. It is scheduled to last one hour. The primary item of discussion will be the preparation of the 2013 Camp Annual Report.

All camp secretaries and commanders should plan to attend this session.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

2012 Fall Council Meeting October 20, 2012 Emporia, Kansas

The Fall Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012, beginning at 9 AM. It is expected to end by Noon. The meeting will be held at the Emporia Senior Center, 630 East Twelfth Street, in Emporia. Department Order No. 9 announced the details for the meeting.

The 16th Department Encampment changed the Department Bylaws to eliminate the Spring Council Meeting, leaving the Fall Council Meeting as the only "face-to-face" meeting of the Council.

There is a full agenda planned for the meeting, including reviewing options for the host of the 2014 Department Encampment and possible revisions to the Department Bylaws.

All elected Department officers and the immediate past department commander are voting members of the Council. All past department commanders and appointed department officers are members without vote. Additionally, all brothers of the Department are welcome to attend the meeting.

132nd National Encampment August 8 through 11, 2013

Brookfield (Milwaukee), Wisconsin

The 2013 National Encampment will be held in Brookfield, Wisconsin, just west of Milwaukee. The host hotel is the Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield hotel.

It has been seventy years since a Sixty-Second National Encampment was held in Wisconsin, when it was held in conjunction with the Seventy-Seventh Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thursday evening, August 8, 2013, will feature a tour of the historic Milwaukee Soldier's Home and adjacent Wood National Cemetery.

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

It is not too early to start planning. For additional information, watch upcoming issues of the *Banner*. You can contact one of your Department Officers for additional information or visit the 2013 Encampment website at <http://2013.suvew-wi.org/> for additional details.

LELAND JUSTIN WEBB
Commander-in-Chief
1890-1891



This article was first published in the fourth issue of the 2006-2007 *Sunflower Picket*. It is republished for the information of all.

Leland J. Webb holds the distinction of being the first Camp Commander for Old Abe Camp 16 and the only National Commander-in-Chief for the Sons of Veterans/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be elected from Kansas. He was both a Civil War veteran and a member of the Sons of Veterans.

He served a number of positions in his Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post and served as Aide de Camp to GAR Commander-in-Chief John P. Rea. He was responsible for introducing the resolutions recognizing the Sons of Veterans, USA by the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1884, he served as the first Camp Commander of Old Abe Camp 16. He was elected 3rd Grand Division Commander doubling membership and camps in one year. He served as Kansas Division Commander in 1886.

He served several national positions including Judge Advocate General. He was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans in 1890 and served with distinction.

The following was published by the Headquarters Commandery of the State of Kansas, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, on December 25, 1893, as a memorial to Leland J. Webb.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Companion LELAND JUSTIN WEBB departed this life at Topeka, Kansas, on the 21st of February, 1893, in the forty-seventh year of his age. He was the oldest son of Companion Colonel William C. Webb of Topeka. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on August 5, 1846. In 1853 he went with his parents to Wisconsin, where he passed his boyhood days.

"While a mere boy, Companion LELAND J. WEBB, in October 1861, enlisted as a drummer in Company H, 16th Wisconsin Vol. Inf., and in that and other regiments served in the Union army continuously until his final discharge by reason of the close of the war on July 15, 1865. The last seventeen months of his service was as a Private in Company E, 1st Illinois Light Artillery. He participated in some sixteen engagements during his military service, among them being the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Tupelo, the Seige of Corinth, Guntown, Holly Springs, and Nashville. After removing to Kansas, he served for six months in the 19th Regiment Kansas Cavalry, Col. Samuel J. Crawford.

"In 1868 he located at Fort Scott, Kansas, where in December, 1869, he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Columbus in Cherokee county, in 1870, and was shortly afterward elected first mayor of that town. In 1871 he went to Cowley county, and in 1876 was chosen a Representative in the legislation from that county. In 1880 he removed to Topeka, where he engaged in the practice of law until his decease.

"The patriotism and loyalty of Companion LELAND J. WEBB was the priceless heritage of two centuries of his family history. During the last ten years of his life he was active and prominent in the Orders of Sons of Veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic, and Sons of the Revolution. He was a Past Commander of Lincoln Post No. 1, and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. He joined the Kansas Commandery of the M. O. L. L. U. S., in June 1887, as a member of the Second Class.

"In the family circle he was a devoted husband and loving father. He was a faithful friend, and cherished never-ending gratitude toward all at whose hands he received kindly offices.

"In the death of Companion LELAND J. WEBB the Kansas Commandery of the Military Order of the

Loyal Legion has lost a valued member, whose service in behalf of his country, and of the patriotic orders to which he belonged, and as a citizen of Kansas, deserves the highest regard and the lasting affection of his surviving Companions and Comrades."

THE LAST WORD

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Editor

Sunflower Picket Only Published as Electronic Edition

In order to eliminate costs associated with publishing the *Sunflower Picket*, the newsletter will only be available from the Department in its electronic format.

Even this simple two-page edition, printed in black and white, would still cost about seventy-five cents per copy to print and mail. That would result in a cost of ninety dollars to the Department for an issue. We are intending to publish four issues each year, which would use up most of the Department dues each brother is currently paying.

To avoid these costs, the *Sunflower Picket* will be emailed to each Camp Secretary for them to further email it to the brothers of their camps. It will also be posted on the Department website. For those who do not have email, the Camp Secretary will need to print and mail a copy to them.

Words of Wisdom

"Don't take the bull by the horns, take him by the tale; then you can let go when you want to." – *Josh Billings*



**HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE
 TO JOIN THE SONS OF UNION
 VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,
 LATELY?**