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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**TENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT**  
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
April 22, 2006  
Topeka, Kansas  
ENCAMPMENT OPENING**

1. As required by Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by Article VI, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 22, 2006, at the Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 1:35 PM by Department Commander James R. Knopke. At that time, the Past Department Commanders were announced and filed into the room. Commander Knopke presented certificates of recognition to them for their service.
3. The opening ceremony was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.
4. The roll call of officers was conducted with the following officers present or accounted for:
  - Department Commander James R. Knopke, PCC, Camp 16, present.
  - Senior Vice Commander Randal L. Durbin, PCC, Camp 16, present.
  - Junior Vice Commander James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1, excused. Position was filled by Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Camp 4.
  - Secretary/Treasurer and Eagle Scout Coordinator Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
  - Council Member Kenneth D. Spurgeon, PDC, Camp 1, present.
  - Council Member and Patriotic Instructor Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4, excused. Position was filled by Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1.
  - Council Member and Chaplain Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.
  - Counselor and Graves Registration Officer Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC, Camp 1, present.
  - Historian Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp 3, excused.
  - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, present.
5. The Encampment received visiting National Senior Vice Commander in Chief James B. Pahl, PDC, Department of Michigan. SVCinC Pahl delivered greetings on behalf of the Commander in Chief.
6. Commander Knopke then introduced Department Commander Paul Hadley, PCC, Department of Nebraska, who was also visiting the encampment.
7. Commander Knopke informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

8. The following Department Officer reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written:

Commander James R. Knopke, PCC – Commander's Report [Page A-1]  
Randal L. Durbin, PCC – Senior Vice Commander Report [Page A-1]  
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary's Report [Page A-2]  
Treasurer's Report [Page A-2]  
Craig A. Sundell, PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report (presented by Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC) [Page A-3]  
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Monuments and Memorials Report [Page A-4]  
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-5]  
Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-5]  
Robert L. Wandel – Chaplain's Necrology Report [Page A-5]

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## CAMP REPORTS

9. The following camp reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written:

- Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander Dale L. Rouse, [Page B-1]
- Joseph Gaston Camp 3 – No Report.
- Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Alan L. Van Loenen, [Page B-1]
- Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander James M. Converse, [Page B-2].
- Mine Creek Camp 6 – Presented by John H. Spencer, [Page B-3].
- Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Randal L. Durbin, PCC, [Page B-4]

## CORRESPONDENCE

10. Reading of incoming correspondence was conducted by the Department Secretary. One letter was a letter of appreciation from the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation expressing thanks for the final payment toward the LTC Benteen bridge and appreciation for the support of the Department of Kansas. The other correspondence all concerned nominations for National office. The Department Secretary will provide copies of this correspondence to all from the Department who will be attending the National Encampment.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. The following committee reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written:

- Report on Hosting National Encampment – James R. Knopke, PDC, [Page C-1]
- Mine Creek Bridge report – Randal L. Durbin, PCC [Page C-1]
- Last Soldier Project – Blair D. Tarr [Page C-2]
- 2005 National Encampment – Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, [Page C-2]
- Alan L. Russ, PDC – 2005 Central Region Conference Report [Page C-3]

Nominating Committee report was to be held until the nomination process.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Under “unfinished business,” Secretary Russ reported that the plaque for the Mine Creek Bridge was procured from Degginger Foundry, Topeka, at a cost of \$270.00. A pedestal was constructed on which to mount the plaque. All was delivered to the battlefield in November. This spring, the Mine Creek Camp installed everything in place.

13. Motion made by Randal L. Durbin for the Department to send a letter to the National Site Selection Committee stating we are still wanting to hold a National Encampment. Motion seconded and passed.

14. The Encampment took a brief recess from 2:50 PM until 3:10 PM. During this time, the Department Commander, Department Officers, visiting dignitaries, and Past Department Commanders present called upon the Ladies of the G.A.R. Encampment occurring elsewhere in the building. Department Commander presented the president of the LGAR with a “love” gift. Kansas LGAR President Barb Knopke presented Commander Knopke with a “love” gift and a \$30.00 donation, to be used to defray the costs for the Mine Creek plaque.

## NEW BUSINESS

15. Commander Knopke announced that the following people had stated intent to attend the 2006 National Encampment: Commander Knopke, Camp 16 (as PDC), PCC Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16 (as Department Commander), PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (as PDC); PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (as PDC); PCC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (as Delegate), PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (as Delegate), and Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4 (as Delegate). Commander Knopke asked if anyone else was also planning to attend. S. Todd Meek, Camp 1, stated he would be attending. PCC Randal M. Durbin, Camp 16, moved that Brothers Lafferty, Wandel, Sundell, and Meeks should be declared delegates to the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

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16. Commander Knopke announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 28, 2007. Also, per the bylaws, the camp next in line to host the Encampment is Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita. Commander Knopke asked Camp Commander Dale L. Rouse of Corp. Coyne Camp 1 if the camp was willing to accept the hosting of the Encampment. Commander Rouse replied that Wichita will be the host camp.

17. Commander Knopke stated that seven proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws were submitted by Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, as per the bylaws. Commander Knopke verified with Secretary Russ that proper notification had been given to all camps of proposed changes to the bylaws. Secretary Russ stated that the bylaws had been complied with. At that time, Secretary Russ read a summary of the bylaws, with action as follows:

**2006-01:** “Member” is a specific term applying to those who are hereditary descendants for the purpose of belonging to the organization. As such, the Department Bylaws currently have several places where the term “member” places unintended restrictions on certain items. This proposed change will use the term “brother” when there is no intention to impose restrictions on non-hereditary brothers of the organization. This change also brings the bylaws into agreement with the National Regulations of the Order. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-02:** The Ritual and Ceremonies of the Order have been an historical part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil since its inception. Ritual and ceremony also played a significant part in the activities of the Grand Army of the Republic. National Regulations state that use by camps is optional, without any further comment or guidance. This proposal removes any ambiguity as to use of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Order at camp meetings and requires its use by camps within the Department of Kansas. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-03:** This proposal brings the Department Bylaws into compliance with the National Regulations by replacing a reference to quarterly reports with reference to the annual report, which ends each March 31. It also sets the requirement that the annual report must arrive at the Department Secretary at least 3 days prior to the department encampment. This is to ensure adequate time to calculate attendance and authorized delegates at the encampment. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-04:** This proposal brings the Department Bylaws into compliance with the National Regulations by updating the title for the Department Civil War Memorials Officer. It also adds Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard as officers of the Department. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-05:** As authorized by National Regulations of the Order, this proposal establishes a means of awarding Emeritus status to a member of the Department, based upon the criteria in the National Regulations. The proposal also defines conditions for award of Emeritus status. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-06:** This proposal includes the Policies and Procedures of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War into the Department Bylaws, by reference. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

**2006-07:** Proposed amendment changes the manner and process in which department bylaws may be changed. Establishes a Bylaws Committee to review or propose changes to the bylaws. Modifies procedure for camps to submit proposals to the committee. Requires the committee to submit proposals to the camps 30 days prior to the encampment. Allows for amendments to be submitted at the Department Encampment. Eliminates need for changes to be later ratified by camps after being approved at the encampment. Motion by Secretary Russ to accept amendment. Seconded and passed.

18. Secretary Russ introduced a resolution of support for National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan, to the position of National Commander-in-Chief. Motion to accept resolution seconded and carried.

19. Secretary Russ introduced a resolution of support for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania, to the position of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Motion to accept resolution seconded and carried.

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20. Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern requested that perhaps a camp near the Kansas City, Kansas, area could “adopt” the Colored Soldier monument at Woodland Cemetery, there. Commander Jim Converse, Camp 5, Olathe, stated his camp will look into doing that.

21. Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern requested that those who find themselves in the Horton, Kansas, area at any time should drive through the cemetery to ensure the cannon tube is still in place, there. The city manager has stated on several instances that he wishes to move it to a different location, in spite of law to the contrary. Brother McGovern just wishes to ensure that an unexpected relocation does not occur.

22. Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern requested the opinion of the Encampment concerning the Department monuments website. He wanted to know if the membership felt that soldiers monuments dedicated in a manner such as “To All Soldiers” should be included on the website. Consensus was “yes,” but, possibly in a different section.

23. Senior Vice Commander Randall L. Durbin asked about the procedure for adding additional delegates to the National Encampment. Procedure as contained in National Regulations and Department Bylaws covered.

24. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt moved that the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee become a Standing Committee of the Department. Motion seconded and carried. Commander Knopke recommended to the incoming commander that a member of Mine Creek Camp 6 be included on the committee.

25. Blair D. Tarr moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Brother Loren Taylor, Old Abe Camp 16, for protecting and preserving the original 1885 charter of the Department when the Department of Kansas ceased to exist in the 1960’s. This charter, and other items, have been returned to the Department by Brother Taylor. Motion seconded and passed. Department Secretary will send an appropriate “Thank You” letter.

26. There being no more new business to come before the Encampment, Commander Knopke proceeded with the nominations and election of officers.

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

27. At this time, Commander Knopke asked the Nominating Committee to present their report. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt presented the report. [Page C-3]

28. Commander Knopke then placed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee into nomination for their respective positions, and officially discharged the Nominating Committee with the “Thanks” of the Department.

29. Commander Knopke then opened the floor to other nominations. None were submitted.

30. There being no more new business, the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers. The Department Secretary read the names of those recommended by the Nominating Committee, said report having been accepted by the Encampment. The brothers were asked by Commander Knopke if they accepted the nomination and were willing to fulfill the duties of the position. Brother Sundell was not present at the Encampment, being out of the country; however, he had previously confirmed that, if elected, he would serve. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

Department Commander  
Senior Vice Commander  
Junior Vice Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Council Members

PCC Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16  
PCC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4  
PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4  
PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16  
Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4  
PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, Camp 1  
James M. Converse, Camp 5

31. Commander Knopke then asked for additional nominations from the floor of the Encampment. No further nominations were submitted. PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1, moved nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and carried.

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32. Nominees were elected by acclamation of the Encampment.
33. Commander Knopke requested a motion from the floor to recognize Old Abe Camp 16 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Tom Schmidt moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried. Department Secretary will send a letter of appreciation.
34. Commander Knopke requested a motion from the floor to recognize the Kansas State Historical Society for providing the meeting facilities without charge. Paul Jefferson moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried. Department Secretary will send a letter of appreciation.
35. At this time, Commander Knopke presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

**Leonidus B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year**  
PCC Craig A. Sundell, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 (16 Recruits)  
PCC Randal L. Durbin, Old Abe Camp 16 (16 Recruits)

**Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year**  
PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

**William H. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year**  
Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

**Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award**  
PDC Alan L. Russ, Old Abe Camp 16

36. There being no further business before the Encampment, the Encampment took a brief break in preparation for Installation of officers.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

37. Upon returning from the break, Commander Knopke turned over the gavel to SVCinC Pahl, who acted as installing officer.
38. SVCinC Pahl thanked Commander Knopke for his service on behalf of the Department of Kansas and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.
39. Incoming commander, Randal L. Durbin, was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those so appointed, to wit:

Chaplain	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
Patriotic Instructor	PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1
Graves Registration Officer	PDC Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1
Civil War Memorials Officer	PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1
Historian	PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, Camp 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
Counselor	PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1
Guard	Robert Barnes, Camp 1
Guide	Brian Van Schmus, Camp 4
Color Bearer	S. Todd Meek, Camp 1
Webmaster	Jonathan Goering, Camp 1

40. SVCinC Pahl then proceeded to install the new Department Officers, after which the new officers were instructed to assume their respective stations.

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41. Commander Durbin was given the charge for his office. The badge of office as Department Commander, gavel, Rituals of the Order, Constitution and Regulations, and Department Bylaws were then presented to incoming Department Commander Randal L. Durbin by SVCinC Pahl.

42. The Department flag was then transferred by the Color Guard to outgoing Commander Knopke who then passed the colors to incoming Commander Durbin.

43. Commander Durbin presented PDC James R. Knopke with a certificate of recognition for his service as the Eighth Department of Kansas Commander.

### CLOSING

44. Commander Durbin then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 4:45 PM.

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### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Officer Reports
Attachment B	Camp Reports
Attachment C	Committee Reports
Attachment D	Encampment Attendees



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These proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment for the Department of Kansas are certified to be complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/Randal L. Durbin

Randal L. Durbin, PCC  
Commander

/s/ James R. Knopke

James R. Knopke, PDC  
Immediate Past Commander

/s/Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander

/s/ Craig A. Sundell

Craig A. Sundell, PCC  
Junior Vice Commander

/s/ Robert L. Wandel

Robert L. Wandel  
Council Member

/s/ Kenneth R. Spurgeon

Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
Council Member

/s/ James M. Converse

James M. Converse  
Council Member



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## ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER REPORTS

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

May 5<sup>th</sup> – I presented that SUVCW ROTC Award at Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth, KS.  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Went to Beloit, KS to help with reorganizing the Joseph Gaston Camp # 3 and install new officers.  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – I attend the Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp # 4 to congratulate them on the good job they did hosting the State Encampment.  
May 28<sup>th</sup> – Helped Old Abe Camp # 16 set flags on the Civil War graves at Topeka Cemetery for Memorial Day, Topeka, KS.  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Attended the first organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Attended the second organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> – Took part in dedicating the Mine Creek Bridge at Pleasanton, KS.  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – Attended the third organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – Attended the fourth organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
August 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> – Attended the National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire.  
August 13<sup>th</sup> – Attended first organizational meeting for a new Camp at Mine Creek, Pleasanton, KS.  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Attended fifth organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – Installation of officers for the new Mine Creek Camp # 6.  
September 19<sup>th</sup> – Sixth and final organizational meeting for a new Olathe Camp.  
October 1<sup>st</sup> – Attended the Central Region Association 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Lawrence, KS.  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – Installation of officers for the new Franklin Camp # 5, Olathe KS.  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Took part in the Veterans Day Ceremony with Franklin Camp # 5, Olathe, KS.  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Attended the Lincoln Remembered fundraiser by Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp # 1, Wichita, KS.  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Installation of new officers at Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp # 1, Wichita, KS.  
November 19<sup>th</sup> – Presided over the Fall Council meeting in Topeka, KS  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – Installed new officers at Old Abe Camp # 16, Topeka, KS  
December 12<sup>th</sup> – Performed the oath of office for the existing officers of Franklin Camp # 5, Olathe, KS.  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Reinstalled the officer of Mine Creek Camp # 6, Pleasanton, KS  
January 29<sup>th</sup> – Installed the officers of Joseph Gaston Camp # 3 , Beloit, KS  
February 4<sup>th</sup> – Took part in the first training camp for Camp & Department officers, Lawrence, KS.  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Presided over planning meeting for State Encampment at Mine Creek Battlefield, Pleasanton, KS.

I would like to thank the Department officers and my appointed officers for their help in making this a very successful year and a special thanks go the Alan Russ, PDC and Tom Schmidt, PDC for going the extra mile these past two months.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

James R. Knopke  
Department Commander

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### REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

It has truly been an honor to serve as your Senior Vice commander this past year. I thank all the brothers in the department for making it such an enjoyable time.

In May, 2005 I attended the reorganization meeting of the Joseph Gaston Camp in Beloit. Over Memorial weekend I attended the burial of the ashes of Corporal John Byrne in Memphis, Missouri. He is the last know unburied Civil War Union Veteran. His ashes were recently found sitting in an urn on a funeral home's shelf by his nieces. It was a very moving ceremony with many SUV brothers from around the country in attendance.

In June I attended the dedication of the Benteen Bridge at Mine Creek and we began the groundwork for forming a new camp. Mine Creek Camp #6 was organized and the charter presented in November.

In October I attended the Central Region conference in Lawrence and the Franklin camp meeting in Olathe.

In November I attended the Fall Council meeting in Topeka.

In January 2006 I attended the Joseph Gaston Camp # 3 camp officer's swearing in ceremony.

In March I attended the State Encampment planning session at Mine Creek.

Commander Knopke has worked very hard to present an enjoyable and informative State Encampment this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the program and meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Randal L. Durbin  
Sr. Vice Commander

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## REPORT OF SECRETARY

1. The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment, April 23, 2005, were published in the Encampment Proceedings. The proceedings were approved by the full Department Council. The proceedings were distributed to each of the camps which were in existence at that time with instructions to ensure all who had attended the encampment, and any others who were interested, should have the opportunity to review them. If someone wishes to review the proceedings, I have a limited number of copies available, here. A copy of the encampment proceedings was furnished to the Kansas State Historical Society for the benefit of your descendents.

2. The Department of Kansas strength, as of March 31, 2005, was as follows:

Hereditary Members: 92 (including 8 Life Members)  
Associates: 5  
Juniors: 2  
Total: 99 (with 97 being reportable strength to National)

3. The Department strength as of March 31, 2006, is:

Hereditary Members: 136 (including 9 Life Members)  
Associates: 10  
Juniors: 6  
Total: 152 (with 146 being reportable strength to National)  
This represents an increase in reportable strength of 50.5% for the year.

4. In an additional duty as Editor for the Sunflower Picket, I published the four quarterly issues. The format was modified, slightly, by going to a smaller font and three columns, to reduce printing costs. Those who have elected to receive the newsletter via email have also help to keep the costs down. I very much appreciate the submission of articles by the Department Officers, camps, and others. It is truly a case where all contributions are appreciated.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary

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## REPORT OF TREASURER

BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 23, 2005		\$1,718.40
RECEIPTS 04/23/2005 – 04/22/2006		
National Per Capita	3,195.00	
Central Region Conference	1,393.44	
Donations	1,384.00	
Department Per Capita	702.00	
National Initiation Fees	305.00	
Web page	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		7,079.44

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EXPENDITURES 04/23/2005 – 04/22/2006		
National Per Capita	2,025.00	
Central Region Conference	1,531.37	
Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation	1,293.00	
National Initiation Fees	325.00	
Degginger Foundry (Mine Creek Bridge Plaque)	270.00	
Web Page	100.00	
Hermann Werks (Encampment Badge prototype)	80.75	
National Quartermaster	63.00	
Camp 3 Reimbursement (MAL transfers)	39.00	
Central Region Dues	<u>5.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>5,732.12</u>
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 22, 2006		<u>\$3,065.72</u>
PENDING RECEIPTS:		
Camp 3 Per Diem	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL PENDING RECEIPTS		100.00
OBLIGATED FUNDS:		
National Per Capita	2,466.00	
Encampment and Mourning Ribbons	72.00	
National Initiation Fees	<u>55.00</u>	
TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS		<u>2,593.00</u>
UNOBLIGATED FUNDS AS OF APRIL 22, 2006		<u>\$ 572.72</u>

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Treasurer

### REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

I am happy to report satisfactory progress and Patriotic instruction in all Camps in the Department. I personally attended more than 6 meetings of the Churchill Camp No. 4 in Lawrence and most had presentations for the Good of the Order by PI C. Sundell or PI Roy Lafferty. These included public presentations by authors Carol Dark Ayres, Robert Bird and Debra Goodrich as well as a nice program by Kathy Lafferty, Librarian at the KU Spencer Research Library. Additionally excellent programs were sponsored by the Churchill Camp for the Civil War on the Western Frontier Days celebration held in Lawrence in August 2005 which I was unable to attend. Brother Roy Lafferty deserves special thanks for his organization of these events.

During the June and July of 2005 I was designated Camp Organizer for a new Camp, Franklin No. 5 in Olathe, KS. Members were initially recruited at the Mahaffie House Civil War Days event in Olathe in April of 2005. Dept. Officers Jim Knopke And Alan Russ were of invaluable help in this effort, which led to the Franklin Camp No. 5 formation in Oct. of 2005. A veterans remembrance ceremony was held on Veteran's Day 2005 by Jim Converse and other members of the Franklin Camp and Dept. of Kansas SUVCW at the GAR memorial circle in Olathe's Woodland Cemetery. As Camp 5 PI, I presented two programs for the good of the order on 'Civil War and GAR History of Olathe' and 'The Battle of Lonejack, MO'. The latter was in response to a city commission meeting and vote on rezoning in Lonejack, MO where Brothers Verle Olsen, Everette Sitzman and C. Sundell were present to oppose the rezoning to commercial status of the western part of the Lonejack Battlefield site. I spoke in behalf of the SUVCW to favor continued preservation of the battlefield site in an as is status and opposed commercial development. Debra Goodrich spoke in Dec. and Carol Ayres spoke for the good of the order in March.

A booth for SUVCW recruitment is being manned for the April 22-23 Mahaffie House CW Days headed by Brother Michael Welton and Everette Sitzman. Any help on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> would be greatly appreciated. The first flag decoration of Union CW veteran graves is planned for Memorial Day 2006 with a special rededication of

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the GAR monument scheduled for Sat. Former Gov. John Anderson has consented to speak at the rededication event. Brothers Matt Toll, Bill Stilley and Jim Converse deserve special thanks for organizing the event and locating and registering the Union Veteran's graves in the Olathe Cemetery.

At the Gaston Camp No.3 in Beloit, I was able to help with a general reorganization and recruited 3 new members as well as becoming a dual member. The Camp has met 3 times since last April on a quarterly basis and Debra Goodrich spoke for the good of the order in a joint meeting with the Mitchell Co. Historical Society on Kansas Day, Jan 29, 2006. I was also able to deliver two separate presentations re: the SUVCW to students in the Beloit School District in May 2005 and Jan 2006 with the help of Brother Gail Pearson.

I have verbally communicated with representatives of Camps No. 1 and 16 and have reason to believe all is well. I did not communicate with Camp No. 6 in Mine Creek, but hope all is proceeding well with those brethren. I was able to attend the SUVCW bridge dedication in the Spring of 2005 at the Mine Creek Center.

Additionally, I attended 2 of the Bleeding Kansas lectures in Constitution Hall in Lecompton, KS and did a presentation to the Lecompton Historical Society in March 2006. SUVCW literature was distributed and several new members are being recruited.

I filed the official Dept. of Kansas Patriotic Instructor's annual report with the National Patriotic Instructor in June of 2005.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Craig Sundell  
Patriotic Instructor

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### REPORT OF CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Individual monument notes

**Pioneer Cemetery, Lawrence, Douglas County** - This small marker, located in the old Oread Cemetery, is in the process of repair and renovation. All of the paperwork has been filed and accepted by the National SUVCW Monuments committee and a grant will be given to help support this work (hopefully soon).

**Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Hutchinson, Reno County** - The funding has been received to finish all of the repairs to this monument. Various broken and missing pieces of the statuary will be repaired and the entire monument will be cleaned. This should complete the full restoration of this monument. The City of Hutchinson has commented that it has taken longer to repair this than the actual war took to fight!

**Woodland Cemetery, Kansas City, Wyandotte County** - This cemetery has a marker "Erected in memory of the known and unknown colored soldiers and sailors who fought in defense of the Union from 1861 to 1865". The monument was erected in 1905 by the W.R.C., and is the only known monument in Kansas that is dedicated to the colored troops. When I last visited this area (Summer 2005), the base of this monument was showing signs of decay. It did not appear that much would be needed to reinforce the base, straighten the monument itself, and thus preserve this unique part of our history. Can one of the Kansas City area camps investigate this with the idea of adopting this marker and getting it repaired?

**Horton Municipal Cemetery, Horton, Brown County** - A cannon is mounted on a concrete pedestal "To invoke thoughts of those who sacrifice for your freedom". The town would like to remount this cannon on a carriage and move it to the courthouse for display. Towards that end, they have gotten ownership of the cannon transferred to the city. However, federal law prohibits movement since the cannon is part of a memorial to the dead. Can one of the eastern Kansas camps adopt this monument to occasionally inspect just to make sure that the cannon has not grown legs and moved to the courthouse?

#### **Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog**

The combination of additional references, photos from individuals trips, and just driving around taking pictures has raised the count of recorded monuments to well over 200. The website listing is in the process of a full revision in order to incorporate this level of change. The date for release of the newest information has slipped to sometime this summer. It is not too late for additional submissions so please furnish copies (or digital files) of anything you have laying around.

Submitted by:

Doug McGovern, PCC

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Civil War Memorials Officer

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

As Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, it is my responsibility to respond to requests for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificates which have been sent to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. These certificates are obtained from the National Organization and are signed by the Department Commander.

During the past twelve months, I have received and processed requests from the National Eagle Scout Coordinator for nine certificates.

James Michaels, Fort Leavenworth  
Tyler Reed, Topeka  
Joshua Thompson, Overland Park  
Matthew Corey, Leawood  
Jeremy Howard, South Coffeyville OK  
Eric Weiss, Overland Park  
Matthew O'Shea, Topeka  
Samuel Courtney, Overland Park  
Isaac Nichols, Topeka

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator

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## REPORT OF GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Activities:

- (1) Distributed ninety-eight (98) applications for Grave Markers to Veterans Service Organizations or other interested individuals in Kansas and various other states by request.
- (2) Wrote letters to the editors on the need for the upkeep on Civil War veterans grave markers and to be on lookout for stolen metal grave flag holders. (None were published by the Wichita Eagle.)
- (3) Received and processed six requests for individual grave locations.
- (4) Received listings of Kansas CW veterans buried in Kansas. Filed them for research purposes.
- (5) Assisted individuals and government agencies in the completion of applications for new federal grave markers for Civil War veterans.
- (6) Provided documentation of location and condition of Civil War veteran grave markers / memorials to the National Graves Registration Officer.
- (7) Did preliminary planning on an inventory of the cemeteries located within the confines of the Department's geographical boundaries and documenting the presence of Civil War veteran grave markers and memorials (in cooperation with other Department Officers).

Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC  
Graves Registration Officer

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## REPORT OF CHAPLAIN NECROLOGY REPORT

The loss of three brothers within the Department was reported during the last year.

**Norman R. Kimrey**  
Corporal Coyne Camp 1, Wichita  
Died September 5, 2005

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**Past Department Commander Kenneth D. Strader**

Corporal Coyne Camp 1, Wichita  
Died December 3, 2005

**Richard E. McIntosh**

Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton  
Died September 17, 2005

Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of our fallen brothers.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Robert L. Wandel  
Department Chaplain

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## ATTACHMENT B - CAMP REPORTS

### CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

#### Wichita

The Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp has experienced a busy and growing year since our last Department Encampment. This past year with an emphasis on recruiting and some hard work, 18 new brothers have been added to our camp.

Last April our camp presented an SUVCW ROTC award at the annual Derby H.S. Junior ROTC spring awards ceremony. This is becoming an annual event for our camp to be involved with. Our May meeting was held in Winfield, Kansas and in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day we performed "The Last Soldier's Ceremony" at the Winfield Cemetery. This took place in front of the large GAR monument which is surrounded by Union Civil War veterans' graves. The camp provided a color detail and firing detail for the event.

In September the camp decided to form a camp color guard. The color guard was utilized in November at both Hutchinson and Wichita Veteran's Day celebrations.

In November the camp held our annual fundraiser, "Lincoln Remembered." Almost 80 people were in attendance. The meal was supplied by camp members. After the meal Tim Rues, a member of the Lecompton re-enactors portrayed James Lane and gave a fine speech concerning Mr. Lincoln and the state of affairs in Kansas. Also Loren Ratzloff, an Abraham Lincoln re-enactor delivered the Gettysburg Address. The camp uses the funds from this event for a variety of camp projects through the year.

The camp continues to be involved with the Maple Grove Heritage Association in connection with the preservation and restoration of the Maple Grove Pavilion project. The Pavilion is the centerpiece of Civil War Veterans' graves in the cemetery and has been in disrepair for years. Hopefully a major source of funds has become available so that refurbishment of the Pavilion can begin soon. Also the camp has started a new program where we try to adopt 1 or 2 active military personnel that are overseas, and try to provide them with some necessary items that they cannot obtain where they are stationed.

Our camp has had some sad times this past year with the passing of two of our brothers. In September, Sr. Vice Commander Norm Kimrey passed away. Camp Chaplain Ken Bradley and PDC Tom Schmidt conducted the funeral service for Brother Norm. In December Past Department Commander Ken Strader passed away with the camp performing a graveside service. Both of our brothers are deeply missed.

Camp meeting attendance runs from 15-22 members. During this last year the camp has had some great informational and educational programs as part of our meetings. These programs have included: author Robert Collins on his new book about General Blunt, Brother Jon Goering on Civil War era banjo music, Susie Schmidt on the hidden meaning in quilts in connection with the underground railroad and Randy Edens who portrayed Buffalo Bill Cody and his life during the Civil War.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Rouse  
Camp Commander

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### SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

#### Lawrence

Listed below are some of the highlights for our camp during April 2005 through April 2006.

- 1) Camp 4 had 3 loses and 6 gains for the reporting year; as of April 2006 Camp 4 has a count of 21 members.
- 2) The grave registration, headed by Brother Bob Wandel had approximately 70 photos of Civil War monuments/markers sent to the State coordinator.
- 3) The camp continued progress with its project of clean up and identification of Civil War graves in "Adams Cemetery", located in north Lawrence, Kansas.
- 4) The camp continued its program of sponsoring and presenting Civil War programs during the Lawrence, Kansas "Civil War on the Western Frontier Days" during August 2005. The two 2005 programs sponsored by Camp 4, one presented by Deborah & Tom Goodrich and one by Herschel Stroud drew the largest attendance of any lecture programs during the week long August 2005 event.

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- 5) The Memorial Day “flag recognition” program continued with Camp 4 placing a US Flag on the graves of over 250 Civil War veteran’s grave sites in the Lawrence, Kansas community. The number of Civil War veteran’s grave sites identified continues to increase and the camp will most likely increase the number of graves sites honored during Memorial Day 2006.
- 6) The camp presented school programs on Civil War history at Havensville, Olathe, and Lawrence, Kansas.
- 7) Camp 4 was represented at the 2005 SUV National Encampment by Brother Roy Lafferty, PCC.
- 8) Camp 4 Officials for 2006 were elected or appointed during the November 2005 meeting: New Officers elected with out going officers in brackets: Commander: Alan Van Loenen (Roy Lafferty) / Sr. Vice Commander: Mike Anderson, Sr. (Alan Van Loenen) / Jr. Vice Commander: Mike Hadl (Mike Anderson) / Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Wandel (Bob Wandel) / Chaplin: Brian Van Schmus (Alan Russ) / Patriotic Instructor: Roy Lafferty (Craig Sundell) / Historian: Mike Hadl (Mike Hadl).
- 9) Camp 4 Commander made other official appointments for 2006: Counselor: Mike Anderson / Guide: Craig Sundell / Color Bearer: Richard Schrader / Guard: Bill Naff / Graves Registration Officer: Bob Wandel / Recruiting Officer: Mike Hadl / Civil War Memorials Officer: Bob Wandel / Signals Officer: Roy Lafferty / and Council Members: Paul Jefferson, Bill Naff, and John McCain.

This Commander’s Annual Report for Sgt Samuel J. Churchill – Camp No. 4 is presented to the Department of Kansas – Tenth Annual Department Encampment in Topeka, Kansas on April 22, 2006. The below Camp 4 Commanders signatures certify that this camp annual report is true and factual to the best of their knowledge.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Roy Lafferty, PCC  
Camp 4 Commander, 2005

Alan Van Loenen  
Camp 4 Commander, 2006

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### FRANKLIN CAMP 5 Olathe

Franklin Camp 5 was chartered in October, 2005.

Four new members added to date, One additional direct application to national counting to next year

Regular Meeting Schedule: Third Monday each month, 7:30PM, Olathe City Hall, Governors Room West/East.

E-mail newsletter published monthly, Second Monday.

Patriotic Instruction Highlights:

Debra Goodrich presentation about Quantrill raid of Olathe (from a Virginian’s perspective)

Carol Ayres presentation on Abraham Lincoln Collection, Leavenworth, Kansas: artifacts, speeches and writings of Lincoln during the first week of his presidential political campaign, traveling to Leavenworth, Kansas. Reinforcement of Kansas as a Anti-Slavery State and the Kansas Republican Party.

Veterans Day Ceremony conducted November, 2005, with Dept of Kansas officials attending, at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery, GAR Monument Circle, Olathe, Kansas. Decoration flags borrowed from Lawrence Camp and much appreciated.

Graves Registration: Under Bill Stilley, Graves Registration/Monuments officer for Franklin Camp, Olathe Memorial Cemetery Civil War Census well underway. Cemetery is fully indexed, with approx. 250 Civil War veterans buried in Cemetery. All graves are to be surveyed and photographed by Memorial Day, with SUVCW National Graves Registration forms submitted.

Monument Restoration: Under Bill Stilley direction, Camp workday scheduled to clean large GAR Memorial in Olathe Memorial Cemetery, and Civil War gravestones surrounding the Memorial Circle, May, 2006.

Mahaffie Days Civil War Reenactment, Olathe, Kansas: Information/recruiting table set up with artifacts and literature promoting SUVCW membership.

Memorial Day, 2006, Rededication of the GAR Monument, Olathe Memorial Cemetery taking place May 27, 2006. Flag markers to be placed on ½ the Civil War Veterans’ graves in the cemetery (2006 budget limitations allow for only 150 flags purchased this year).

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Jim Converse  
Camp Commander

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## MINE CREEK CAMP 6 Pleasanton

The Mine Creek Camp #6 was established on September 18, 2005. A slate of officers was elected and include:

Camp Commander - Arnold Schofield  
Senior Vice Commander – Jeff Finn  
Junior Vice Commander – Kenton Bell  
Camp Secretary Treasurer -- Robert Woody

The camp meets on the third Sunday of each month at the Mine Creek Battlefield visitors center south of Pleasanton.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John Spencer  
Council Member

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## OLD ABE CAMP 16 Topeka

Meetings are currently held at 6:30 p.m., the first Thursday of each month at Perkins Restaurant on Wanamaker Rd, Topeka.

Old Abe Camp 16 welcomes our brothers in the Department of Kansas to the 2006 State Encampment. It is an honor the host this year's encampment. We hope you enjoy your visit to Topeka. If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, please let us know.

The camp schedules work projects on the fourth Saturday of each month (March through October) at the Topeka Cemetery.

Elected Officers for 2006 are:

Randal Durbin, Camp Commander  
Darrel Gilliland, Sr. Vice Commander  
Delton Gilliland, Jr. Vice Commander & Camp Council  
Jim Knopke, Sec/Treas.  
Alan Russ, Chaplain & Camp Council  
Jim McHenry, Patriotic Instructor & Camp Council  
John Jewell, Guide

On Memorial weekend 2005 the camp set out flags on the graves of Union veterans at the Topeka cemetery.

The camp sponsored the SUVCW ROTC award at Leavenworth High School. The award was presented to Zachary Bailey by Department Commander Jim Knopke representing the camp.

In June four members of the camp attended the dedication of the Benteen Memorial Bridge at Mine Creek.

In August two camp members attended the 2005 National Encampment held in New Hampshire.

In October several members attended the Central Regional Conference Held in Lawrence.

In November four camp members attended the Department's Fall Council meeting.

In February 2006 several members attended and the Department of Kansas Training session in Lawrence. Jim Knopke attended as Department Commander and Alan Russ presented a program on generating camp reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal L. Durbin  
Camp Commander



# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**

## **ATTACHMENT C – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **REPORT OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE**

At our last State Encampment we agreed to bid on hosting a National Encampment here in Kansas. In July, of last year, we formed the National Encampment Committee. The members include Alan Russ, PDC, Ken Spurgeon, PDC, Tom Schmidt, PDC and I as chairman. Information was gathered and assembled into two 3” binders. These binders contained information about the State of Kansas, regional areas (Mine Creek, Olathe, Lawrence & Topeka) and the local areas of the Greater Kansas City Metro, three bids from hotels in Overland Park & Olathe and a DVD copy of Touched By Fire donated by Ken Spurgeon and Jon Goering. Our thought was to make a bid to hold the Encampment no later than 2010 as we want to keep it within the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bleeding Kansas.

At National, Alan, Tom, Roy Lafferty and I met with two members of the National Encampment Site Committee, Jim Houston, PDC, the chairman & Bob Petrovic, PDC. We made our presentation and received a very favorably response from them. They said they would put our name on the list as they could not make a commitment to any State Department more then three years out. They lead us to believe that 2010 or 2011 could happen allowing us to keep within our time frame on using Bleeding Kansas as our theme for the Encampment. We all left the meeting with a positive feeling.

To keep our name in front of the Site Committee we will have to meet with them every year at National and let them know that we are still interested in hosting a National Encampment.

James R. Knopke  
Department Commander

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### **REPORT OF MINE CREEK BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

The origins for the Mine Creek Bridge, which eventually was named the Benteen Memorial Bridge, took place at the 2005 National encampment at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A committee consisting of Tom Schmidt, Doug McGovern, Ken Spurgeon and myself met to discuss what to do with the money raised for a memorial to Union veterans at Mine Creek that was taken over by the State Historical Society.

In conversations with the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation President, Dr. John Spencer, it became clear that the most limiting factor for visitors to tour the battlefield was the existence of a ravine which made access to the main ford of the creek extremely difficult.

The committee obtained the go ahead for the project and the bridge was ordered in the winter of 2005.

In April 2005 members of the Kansas Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War constructed a twenty-three foot long bridge over the ravine. This structure enabled the battlefield to designate a circuitous route for a walking trail. This trail allows battlefield visitors to see important sites necessary to understand the battle. It also allows small vehicles to traverse the field for maintenance and for the transporting of disabled persons.

A tour brochure has been published and is available at the Visitors Center for persons interested walking the battlefield. The Kansas Department through many means raised the funds for the purchase of the bridge, which was paid in full this month. Thanks go to Jim and Barbara Knopke for their “cookie jars” which went a long way to raising the final funds to pay the cost of the bridge.

A plaque has been placed beside the bridge recognizing the efforts of the members of the Kansas Department of SUV. At the 2005 State encampment it was voted to name the bridge in honor of Lt. Colonel Frederick Benteen, who’s forces attacked the rebel lines in the area near the bridge.

I hope the members will take the opportunity to visit the Mine Creek Battlefield Site and take pride in the bridge that is so important to the interpretation of the battle.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal L Durbin

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## REPORT ON LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

Probably the biggest development with the Last Soldier Project in the past year is that letters were finally sent out to nearly each county this spring. While a fair amount of progress was made with basic research and leads, clearly a little help from local organizations was needed. Letters went out to historical organizations or public libraries in 98 of the 105 counties. No letters were sent to 7 counties; the leads for the "Last Soldier" are considered sound enough that no further information was requested at this time.

These letters refer not only to the Last Soldier Project, but also provide information about the Monuments / Memorials Project, Graves Registration, and the efforts to locate G.A.R. Records. An emphasis was made that these are all important projects in the face of the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

At this time we have leads for "Last Soldiers" in 47 counties, and an accounting is being attempted to have not only the "last burial" as National directs, but the last surviving soldier in each county. The two are not always the same.

Charles Wingrove may provide an excellent example of this problem. Wingrove was the last Union Civil War veteran in the state of Kansas, dying in October 1948. He is also considered Clay County's last veteran, although at the end of his life he was living at the VA hospital in Topeka. He is buried at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, so he is not the last soldier buried in Clay County.

The project will progress along these lines:

- 1) Leads will continue to be sought in the 58 counties where none currently exist.
- 2) Efforts will progress on research to prepare short biographies of the last burials / last veterans in each county. Attempts will be made to procure photographs.

Past discussion has included the suggestion of the publication of the Last Soldiers, in lieu of trying to mark their graves. I hope to be far enough along by the 2007 Encampment that if this is indeed what we still wish to do, discussion will need to begin on how we will accomplish this.

Blair D. Tarr

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## REPORT ON THE 2005 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

On August 5, 2005 Commander Jim Knopke; Past Department Commanders Alan Russ and Tom Schmidt and Samuel J. Churchill's Camp Commander Roy Lafferty represented the Department of Kansas at the 2005 National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire. Three of the other Allied Orders were also present, the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The encampment started a little late with a memorial service that was attended by all the allied orders that were present. There were several hundred in the room.

This was the first encampment for our new Departmental flag and it took its rightful place with the other flags in the front of the room. Seeing it with the flags from other departments showed buying the larger flag was money well spent.

After the memorial service the all the allied orders went to their respective meeting rooms and the business of the order began.

Various reports were presented and issues discussed

- Reports such as the National Membership at Large by our own Alan Russ.
- Reinstatement of a Past Department Commander's Honors
- Gettysburg Remembrance Day parade

The Department of Kansas was awarded the Grant Trophy for second straight year. The trophy is given to the department with the greatest percentage of growth in the past year. This award is a great reflection of the members of our department and we should take great pride in this.

The Department also made its first pitch to hold a national encampment. As a bystander the pitch seemed to be well received but much work is still ahead.

The best part of the encampment was getting to meet other brothers from around the country as well as getting to know those from our own department.

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## REPORT ON 2005 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CONFERENCE

As approved at the 2004 Department Encampment, the Department of Kansas hosted the 2005 Central Region Conference of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The conference was held in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 1, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Holidome.

The meeting began in the morning with a tour of the Lawrence Civil War sites. Lunch was served at the motel. The business meeting was also conducted at the motel, with Dr. Jay Price providing instruction, insight, and information concerning the different generations we work with. This was followed by the annual business meeting and election and installation of officers.

A banquet was held that evening at the hotel, with period entertainment provided by the "Free Staters." We offer a special "Thank you" to Jon Goering and his wife for providing the entertainment.

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp provided people to help with the logistics. I want to especially thank Roy Lafferty for securing vans at no cost to haul the tour groups around, and Bob Wandel for helping with the driving and other essential tasks.

We had a total attendance of 32, which was down a little from the previous two years. Part of this is attributed to the price of gasoline going up and Kansas being at the far edge of the region. As goes the attendance, so goes the revenue. We had hoped to cover all costs, although we went into the process knowing that we might not. And we didn't. We did not recover the facility charge of \$300.00, which had been paid out of the previous year's budget, although part of this was offset by a donation of \$100.00 from the region to the Department of Kansas. The Department placed the donation to the Mine Creek Bridge fund.

With our bid to host a National Encampment, this served as a learning experience for us. The activities all went off well. The hotel provided excellent support, and it was the first time in many years that the conference had rooms which were not cramped or had to be rearranged before the next portion could occur.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, & LOYALTY,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Event Coordinator

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### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By direction of Department Commander James R. Knopke, a nominating committee consisting of PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, and PCC Randal L. Durbin as members, was appointed for the purpose of bringing a slate of candidates before this Encampment.

The members of the committee, having considered possible recommendations, propose the following slate of candidates to this Encampment to serve as officers of the Department of Kansas for the 2006-2007 term of office.

#### Recommendations for Nominations

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Camp</u>
Department Commander	Randal L. Durbin, PCC	Old Abe 16
Senior Vice Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Old Abe 16
Council #1	Robert L. Wandel	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Council #2	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC	Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council #3	James M. Converse	Franklin 5

These nominations are respectfully submitted to the Encampment in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC  
Member

Randal L. Durbin, PCC  
Member

Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
Member





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**ATTACHMENT D – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES**

**ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES**

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**CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1**

**Wichita**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2006: Members: 62 Associates: 1 Juniors: 1 Total: 64**

Robert E. Barnes	Shawn W. Bell	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC
Darren L. Biggs	Mark A. Britton	Jonathon P. Goering
Wesley A. Hogan	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	S. Todd Meek
Commander Dale L. Rouse	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC
Marine L. Wolf		

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	3
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Present	13
Total Authorized for Camp 1	12

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**JOSEPH GASTON CAMP 3**

**Beloit**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2006: Members: 4 Associates: 1 Juniors: 0 Total: 5**

No attendees from Camp 3.

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**SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4**

**Lawrence**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2006: Members: 18 Associates: 3 Juniors: 0 Total: 21**

Michael J. Hadl	Paul Jefferson	Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Commander Alan L. Van Loenen	Brian R. Van Schmus	Robert L. Wandel
Raymond H. Longacre (dual member without vote)		

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	0
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Present	6
Total Authorized for Camp 4	6



## ***DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS***

### **ACTIVE CAMPS**

**Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita**  
Organized June 27, 1996

**Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit**  
Organized July 6, 1996

**Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence**  
Organized December 13, 2003

**Franklin Camp 5, Olathe**  
Organized October 17, 2005

**Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton**  
Organized September 18, 2005

**Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka**  
Organized December 13, 1997

### **INACTIVE/FORMER CAMPS**

Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing, Jr. Camp No. 2, Johnson County  
Organized June 29, 1996, Suspended May 14, 2005

Col. John A. Martin Camp No. 8, MAL  
Organized July 11, 1996 at Salina, Suspended July 12, 1998  
Designated MAL camp August 6, 1998, Inactive October 1, 2005

Pawnee Camp No. 15, Larned  
Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended December 10, 2001, Charter revoked July 5, 2002

Pap Thomas Camp No. 52, Great Bend  
Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended May 14, 2005

### **DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Department Commander</b>
1	February 22-23, 1997	Wichita	Dean K. Speaks
2	April 25, 1998	Beloit	Dean K. Speaks
3	May 8, 1999	Topeka	Dean K. Speaks
4	April 15, 2000	Wichita	Franklin C. Bergquist
5	April 7, 2001	Hutchinson	Kenneth D. Strader
6	April 27, 2002	Topeka	Randall M. Thies
7	April 26, 2003	Wichita	Alan L. Russ
8	April 24, 2004	Beloit	Kenneth R. Spurgeon
9	April 23, 2005	Lawrence	Thomas E. Schmidt
10	April 22, 2006	Topeka	James R. Knopke



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