

**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**APRIL 28, 2007  
WICHITA, KANSAS**

**RANDAL L. DURBIN, PCC  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**



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**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 Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 28, 2007, at the D.A.V. Center, 3011 S. George Washington Blvd., Wichita, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 1:35 PM by Department Commander Randal L. Durbin. At that time, the Past Department Commanders were announced and filed into the room.
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 Randal L. Durbin, PCC, Camp 16, present.
  - Senior Vice Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Camp 4, present.
  - Junior Vice Commander Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Camp 4, present.
  - Secretary/Treasurer and Eagle Scout Coordinator Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
  - Council Member and Chaplain Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.
  - Council Member and Historian Kenneth D. Spurgeon, PDC, Camp 1, present.
  - Council Member James M. Converse, PCC, Camp 5, present
  - Patriotic Instructor Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
  - Counselor and Graves Registration Officer Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC, Camp 1, present.
  - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, present.
  - Color Bearer S. Todd Meek, Camp 4, present.
  - Guard Robert Barnes, Camp 1, present.
  - Guide Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4, present.
  - Webmaster Jonathan Goering, Camp 1, absent.
5. The Encampment received visiting National Council of Administration Member Brad Schall, Department of California, representing Commander in Chief James B. Pahl, PDC, Department of Michigan. PDC Schall presented greetings on behalf of the Commander in Chief. The Encampment also received National Eagle Scout Coordinator and former member of the National Council of Administration Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri.
6. Commander Durbin informed the Encampment of “housekeeping rules” to be used during the meeting.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

7. The following Department Officer reports were presented by the officer and accepted by the Encampment as written:
  - Commander Randal L. Durbin, PCC – Commander’s Report [Page A-1]
  - Roy A. Lafferty, PCC – Senior Vice Commander Report [Page A-2]
  - Craig A. Sundell, PCC – Junior Vice Commander Report [Page A-2]
  - Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary’s Report [Page A-2]
  - Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer’s Report [Page A-3]
  - Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-4]
  - Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Monuments and Memorials Report [Page A-4]
  - Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC – Historian Report [Page A-4]
  - Alan L. Russ, PDC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-4]
  - Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-2]
  - Robert L. Wandel – Chaplain’s Necrology Report [Page A-2]

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## CAMP REPORTS

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander Mark A. Britton, [Page B-1]

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented for Camp Commander Michael W. Anderson by Camp SVC Michael J. Hadl, [Page B-1]

Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander Matthew G. Toll, [Page B-2].

Mine Creek Camp 6 – Presented by Camp Commander Arnold W. Schofield, [Page B-2].

Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Dan E. Karr, [Page B-3]

## CORRESPONDENCE

9. Reading of incoming correspondence was conducted by the Department Secretary.

- a. One letter was from the National Organization, SUVCW, concerning required action by the Department on ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the Order concerning a change in tax status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3). Motion was made by Secretary Russ to approve the amendment, motion was seconded and carried.
- b. There were three requests for awarding of “Emeritus” status by the Department. These were to be covered under new business.
- c. The other correspondence concerned nominations of PDC Brad Schall, Department of California, and PDC Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri, for the two positions of National Council of Administration which will be up for election this year. A motion was made by PDC Russ to support these candidacies. Motion was seconded and carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. 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 Battlefield Committee Report – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC [Page C-1]

Report on Last Soldier Project/GAR Records Project – Blair D. Tarr [Page C-2]

Report on 2006 National Encampment – Roy A. Lafferty, PCC [Page C-2]

Report on 2006 Central Region Association Conference – Randal L. Durbin, PCC [Page C-3]

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

## DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

11. PCC James M. Converse, Department Council member presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-3]

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. Motion made by PDC Knopke 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 carried.

13. The Encampment took a brief recess from 2:55 PM until 3:15 PM. During this time, the Department Commander, Department Officers, visiting dignitaries, and Past Department Commanders called upon the Ladies of the G.A.R. Encampment occurring elsewhere in the building. Commander Durbin and Kansas LGAR President Nancy Durbin had previously agreed that, rather than exchanging “love” gifts, they would make a joint donation in the name of the Kansas SUVCW and Kansas LGAR to the Disabled American Veterans. PDC Bergquist accepted the donation on behalf of the DAV.

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## NEW BUSINESS

14. Commander Durbin announced that the following people had stated intent to attend the 2007 National Encampment: Commander Durbin, Camp 16 (as PDC), PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (as PDC); PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (as PDC); PDC James R. Knopke, Camp 5 (as PDC); PDC Dean K. Speaks, Camp 1 (as PDC); PCC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (as Department Commander), PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (as Delegate); and Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4 (as Delegate). Commander Durbin asked if anyone else was also planning to attend. The Encampment was informed the following additional brothers were planning to attend: PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1 (as Delegate); Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5 (as Delegate); PCC James M. Converse, Camp 5 (as Delegate); and Michael W. Anderson, Camp 4 (as Delegate). Mark Britton moved that the brothers attending without "automatic" status should be declared delegates to the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

15. Commander Durbin announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 26, 2008. Also, per the bylaws, the camp next in line to host the Encampment is Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence. Commander Durbin asked Senior Vice Commander Michael J. Hadl of Sgt. Churchill Camp 4 if the camp was willing to accept the hosting of the Encampment. SVC Hadl replied that the Lawrence camp will be the host camp.

16. Secretary Russ proceeded to inform the Department that he had received three requests for award of Emeritus status in accordance with National Regulations, the Department Bylaws, and the Department Policy. Each was reviewed and found to be in compliance. Those nominated are: PDC Dean K. Speaks, Camp 1; PDC Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1; and PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16. PCC Sundell moved these brothers be granted Emeritus status. Motion was seconded and carried.

17. PDC Spurgeon stated that the Forever Free exhibit was coming up at Wichita State University, and they could use help in supporting a booth. He also stated that when their new documentary "Bleeding Kansas" would be holding screening throughout the state before being broadcast on PBS, the SUVCW would be able to have free booth space at these events.

18. Brother John Spencer informed the Department that Emporia would be holding its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 4, with a parade at 11 AM. As this is a location the Department is hoping to start a new camp, he recommended the Department try to participate. This will be coordinated so the Department is represented and has visibility.

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

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

21. Commander Durbin 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.

22. Commander Durbin then opened the floor to other nominations. None were submitted.

23. 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. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

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

PCC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4  
PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4  
PCC James M. Converse, Camp 5  
PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1  
Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4  
Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5  
Michael W. Anderson, Camp 4

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24. Commander Durbin then asked for additional nominations from the floor of the Encampment. No further nominations were submitted and nominations were closed.
25. PDC Speaks moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.
26. Commander Durbin requested a motion from the floor to recognize Corp. Coyne Camp 1 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Tom Schmidt moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.
27. Commander Durbin requested a motion from the floor to recognize the D.A.V. for providing the meeting facilities. PCC McGovern moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.
28. At this time, Commander Durbin presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

**Leonidus B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year**  
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (5 Recruits)

**Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year**  
PDC James R. Knopke, Franklin Camp 5

**Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award**  
PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1

**William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year**  
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

29. Upon returning from the break, Commander Durbin turned over the gavel to PDC Schall, who acted as installing officer.
30. PDC Schall thanked Commander Durbin for his service on behalf of the Department of Kansas.
31. Incoming commander, PCC Roy A. Lafferty, was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those so appointed, to wit:

Chaplain	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
Patriotic Instructor	S. Todd Meek, Camp 1
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4
Counselor	William D. Stilley, Camp 5
Webmaster	Jonathan Goering, Camp 1

32. PDC Schall then proceeded to install the new Department Officers, after which the new officers were instructed to assume their respective stations.
33. Commander Lafferty 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 and Policies were then presented to incoming Department Commander Lafferty by PDC Schall.
34. The Department flag was then transferred by the Color Guard to outgoing Commander Durbin who then passed the colors to incoming Commander Lafferty.
35. Commander Lafferty presented PDC Randal L. Durbin with a certificate of recognition for his service as the Ninth Department of Kansas Commander and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.

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36. At this time, PDC Brad Schall, on behalf of CinC James Pahl, presented the award of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Alan L. Russ, as awarded by the National Council of Administration.

### CLOSING

37. Commander Lafferty then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 4:25 PM.

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### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Officer Reports
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Attachment D	Encampment Attendees

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These proceedings of the Eleventh 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  
Recording Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC  
Commander

/s/ Randal L. Durbin

Randal L. Durbin, PDC  
Immediate Past Commander

/s/ Craig A. Sundell

Craig A. Sundell, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander

/s/ James M. Converse

James M. Converse, PCC  
Junior Vice Commander

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC  
Secretary (Incoming)

/s/ Matthew G. Toll

Matthew G. Toll  
Council Member

/s/ Robert L. Wandel

Robert L. Wandel  
Council Member

/s/ Michael W. Anderson

Michael W. Anderson  
Council Member



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## ATTACHMENT A – OFFICER REPORTS

### COMMANDER'S REPORT

During my term as Department Commander I have come to appreciate the many outstanding members we have in the State of Kansas. Although our numbers dropped this year the membership contains now to a large degree dedicated members that are solid in their support and commitment to the SUV.

Some events I was fortunate to participate since last year's encampment are as follows;

May 27, 2006

Put out flags at the Topeka Cemetery with the Old Abe Camp

Attended the Memorial Ceremony in Olathe conducted by the Franklin Camp

May 28, 2006

Played taps wearing my civil war uniform and SUV badge for the American Legion in Overbrook at three cemeteries.

May 29, 2006

Participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Peabody, Kansas

Picked up flags at the Topeka Cemetery with the Old Abe Camp

July 22, 2006

Participated in the Topeka cemetery project with the Old Abe Camp

August 11 – 12, 2006

Attended the National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

August 26, 2006

Participated in the Topeka cemetery project with the Old Abe Camp.

September 28, 2006

Attended and presented the program at the Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp in Wichita.

October 7, 2006

Attended the Central Region Association of the Allied orders in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

October 14 – 15, 2006

Attended the Civil War event at Cowtown in Wichita where a recruiting table was present.

October 28, 2006

We held the Fall encampment meeting in Emporia.

November 4, 2006

Attended the Blue/Grey Banquet in Ft Scott sponsored by the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation.

November 16, 2006

Installed officers of the Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp in Wichita.

December 7, 2006

Installed the officers of the Old Abe Camp in Topeka.

January 2, 2007

Installed the officers of the Mine Creek Camp

January 18, 2007

Installed the officers of the Franklin Camp in Olathe and the Camp Commander of the Sgt. Samuel Churchill Camp in Lawrence.

April 7, 2007

Attended Department work day at Mine Creek.

April 21 – 22, 2007

Attended the Civil War event at the Mahaffie House in Olathe where a recruiting table was set up by the Franklin Camp.

Also during the year I enjoyed attending the camp meetings of the Old Abe Camp and Mine Creek Camp.

I want to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as your department Commander this past year. The experience of meeting and getting to know the members of the department has been most gratifying.

I look forward to working with the new officers of the department and I know with the fine membership we have here in Kansas we will continue to have a strong organization.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal L Durbin  
Commander

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## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

In June, I had the opportunity to represent our department at the Department of Nebraska's Encampment. It was a great chance to meet our neighbors up north. Their encampment was held at the GAR Memorial Hall in Nebraska City. The Hall now serves as a Museum to veterans of the Civil War and is a treasure that the Department of Nebraska is rightly proud. If you are ever near Nebraska City it is well worth the stop.

In August, I attended the National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pa. which I will report on later.

This September I gave a talk to the Topeka Round Table on Churchill Camp's GAR Monument project.

In October, I submitted an article that appeared in the winter's issue of the Banner. I also talked about the SUVCW to the Leavenworth's Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp (Steel), which was well received.

I attended the fall counsel meeting at Emporia in November, and I swore in most of the Lawrence camp officers in December.

In February I sponsored the Department Training Session at Mine Creek. We had about 14 attend and it was decided that next year's session will be held in Olathe. The Department will provide more information on time, topics and location at a later date.

I participated in the Mine Creek Clean-up this month. The 14 brothers who attended had a great time while going great work. Be looking for this in April next year as this has become an annual event.

I have enjoyed my time serving as your Senior Vice Commander, thank you for the opportunity.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander

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## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report we have 3 new members approved and obtained by us by on-application and approval from National JVC, David Medert. They are:

Rocky Bartlow, Meridan, KS - Assigned to Old Abe Camp #16, Topeka, KS

Skylar Roush, Overland Park, KS -Assigned to Franklin Camp #5, Olathe, KS

Larry Buckallew, Hutchison, KS - Assigned to Wichita Camp #1

I was very pleased to attend my first National Encampment last August in Harrisburg, PA. I strongly recommend the experience to all brothers, especially since this year's encampment is in nearby St. Louis, MO.

I tried to help keep the Beloit Camp viable, but this effort was unfortunate unsuccessful.

I was proud to attend many of the meetings of my home Camp in Lawrence and my dual Camp in Olathe.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Craig Sundell  
Junior Vice Commander

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## SECRETARY REPORT

1. The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment, April 22, 2006, were published in the Encampment Proceedings. The proceedings were approved by the full Department Council. The proceedings were distributed to each of the camps 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, 2006, was as follows:

Hereditary Members: 136 (including 9 Life Members)

Associates: 10

Juniors: 6

Total: 152 (with 146 being reportable strength to National)

3. The Department strength as of March 31, 2007, is tentatively placed at:

Hereditary Members: 129 (including 9 Life Members)

Associates: 7

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Juniors: 4

Total: 140 (with 136 being reportable strength to National)

This represents a decrease in reportable strength of 6.8% for the year.

*[NOTE: Final official strength for March 31, 2007, is 131 Hereditary Members, 9 Associates, 4 Juniors, with total reportable strength of 140.]*

4. Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit, was suspended for failure to hold elections of officers as required by the National Regulations of the Order. Two of the five members have remained with the Department.

5. In an additional duty as Editor for the Sunflower Picket, I published the four quarterly issues. I continue to use the smaller font and three columns to reduce printing costs. Those who have elected to receive the newsletter via email have also helped 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.

6. A suggestion for future consideration by the Department is for the office of Secretary / Treasurer to be changed from a one year term to a three year term. This is permitted under the National Regulations, and it would require a change to the Department Bylaws. Generally, our secretaries have been serving for at least three years. This would help to ensure someone running for the position understands it to be a three year commitment.

5. This is to be my last Encampment as your Secretary. It has been my pleasure to serve you and to see the growth of this organization occur. This year we are in the plateau, and that needed to happen. I look forward to the Department again starting its growth, and I remain available to assist in that however the Department wishes to use me.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary

### TREASURER REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 22, 2006		\$2993.72
RECEIPTS 04/22/2006 – 04/28/2007		
National Per Capita	1,912.50	
Department General	522.50	
Donations	289.00	
National Initiation Fees	80.00	
Joseph Gaston Camp 3 Close-Out	62.38	
“In Memoriam” Ribbon Sales	23.00	
National Quartermaster	<u>8.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,897.38
EXPENDITURES 04/22/2006 – 04/28/2007		
National Per Capita	2,578.50	
National Quartermaster	222.00	
National Initiation Fees	110.00	
“Take-Me-Global” Web Hosting	80.00	
Department Encampment Ribbons	42.00	
National Encampment Advertisement	<u>40.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>3,072.50</u>
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 28, 2007		<u>\$2,818.60</u>
OBLIGATED FUNDS:		
National Per Capita	1,692.00	
National Initiation Fees	25.00	
National Quartermaster	<u>(24.00)</u>	
TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS		<u>1,693.00</u>
UNOBLIGATED FUNDS AS OF APRIL 28, 2007		<u>\$ 1,125.60</u>
PENDING RECEIPTS:		
Camp 5 Per Diem (additional)	105.00	
Camp 6 Per Diem and Application Fees	274.00	

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Camp 16 Per Diem 454.00  
TOTAL PENDING RECEIPTS \$ 833.00

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Treasurer

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### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

As Department of Kansas Patriotic Instructor for past year I wrote four articles for the Department newsletter "The Sunflower Picket". The topics ranged from the history of Flag Day, to challenging camp patriotic instructors to become involved in planning SUV public programs and activities, as well as an article on our duty as an organization in connection with Memorial Day.

In this capacity I also attended the 2006 Fall Council meeting as well as the 2007 Spring Department Training Session.

PDC Thomas E. Schmidt  
Department Patriotic Instructor

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### CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER REPORT

#### Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog

The catalog (and website) have been updated with small changes and a few additions. At present there are 195 primary memorials listed, 110 secondary memorials listed, 4 lost (destroyed) monuments listed and 12 counties which do not, as yet, have entries. Logan County (named after General John Logan) has been searched with no monuments identified. Jefferson County also seems to have no memorials but a further review is in process. The remainder of the unlogged counties are in the far southwest part of the state.

Copies of the files (including spreadsheets, text, pictures, and the web html files) will be distributed at the Department Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Doug McGovern, PCC  
Civil War Memorials Officer

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### HISTORIAN REPORT

The Historian has spent the past year primarily conducting research for various individuals interested in the SUVCW/GAR or their specific veteran. On several cases, I have communicated these requests or referred them to our brother Blair Tarr for more extensive advice or assistance at the Kansas State Historical Society.

The Historian has also spoken to various groups around Kansas including the Shepherd's Center, several county historical societies and schools on the subject of Civil War history. Talks given at the Allen County Historical Society in Iola and at Yates Center, KS were especially geared towards the Sons of Union Veterans and my own ancestor in particular. Allen County especially with its rich Civil War history would be in my estimation an excellent place to begin a camp.

I'd be glad to advise and assist the order in anyway I can in the future.

This report is respectfully submitted

Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
Historian, PDC

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### 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 or directly to me.

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During the past twelve months, I have received and processed requests from the National Eagle Scout Coordinator or directly for 35 certificates.

Christopher F. Barr	Wichita
Ryan D. Beck	Leawood
Daniel R. Brown	Leawood
Daryl B. Brown	Ft Leavenworth
Jared Brown	Leawood
Shawn M. Brown	Ft Leavenworth
Zachary C. Brown	Leawood
Blake Boddington	Topeka
Alexander Collingwood	Overland Park
Andrew Collingwood	Overland Park
Gary E. Collins, II	Leawood
Luke James Drury	Gardner
Joshua H. Dulle	Leawood
Samuel J. Gibson	Leawood
Mason Drew Gritman	Topeka
Fritz Helbert	Topeka
Justin Hershey	Leawood
Parker Hine	Overland Park
Joshua Iszory	Leawood
Cory W. Keehn	Soldier
David John King	Newton
James R. Kirkwood	Topeka
Zachary W. Kolich	Overland Park
Trey Lehleitner	Overland Park
Michael G. McGinnis	Topeka
Jesse N. Mitchell	Hutchinson
Paul F. Mizik	Overland Park
Landon Rosevear	Leawood
Gabriel Blaine O'Shea	Topeka
Mark Schall	Overland Park
Stephen A. Schroer	Leawood
Andrew Neal Shepherd	Haysville
Joseph T. Simmons	Leawood
Paul Joseph Thurbon	Topeka
Justin Lee Whitmer	Haysville

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Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator

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## GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

Activities:

(1) Distributed one hundred twenty (120) applications for Grave Markers to Veterans Service Organizations, Junior ROTC Units and other interested individuals in Kansas and various other states by request.

(2) Wrote a letters to the Editors on the need for the upkeep on Civil War Veterans grave markers and on to be on the look out for stolen metal grave flag holders. (None were published by the Wichita Eagle.) Wrote various columns for the Q&A Times, (Usually on Civil War matters.)

(3) Received and processed two requests for individual grave locations.

(4) Received listings of Kansas CW veterans buried in Kansas. Filed them for research purposes.

(5) Assisted individuals and governmental agencies in the completion of applications for new federal grave markers for Civil War veterans;

(6) Providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War veteran grave markers/memorials to the National Graves Registration Officer.

(7) Worked on the inventory of the cemeteries located within the confines 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  
Graves Registration Officer

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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT NECROLOGY REPORT

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

### **Bill L. Elzea**

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
Died: March 21, 2007

Brother Bill passed away on March 21, 2007. He was born in Council Grove, Kansas on May 22, 1922. He honored his Civil War ancestor - Harrison Elzea a Pvt. in Co. B, 6th Indiana Inf. Bill served in WW II in the Army Air Corps, Air Force and was a Boy Scout Troop Leader, Cub Scout Cub Master, a member of the American Legion Dorsey Post No. 14, Lawrence, and a member of the Seratoma Club from 1970 to 2001. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence.

His smiling face will be missed by his Brothers in Camp # 4.  
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 eventful year since our last Department Encampment. Last April our camp presented an SUVCW ROTC award at the annual Derby HS Junior ROTC spring awards ceremony. This has become an annual event for our camp. This April we again we honored to present the award at Derby HS with an additional presentation of an award at Wichita South High School.

Our May meeting as has been our custom was to perform “The Last Soldier’s Ceremony” at a local cemetery with special camp interest. Last year we honored an ancestor of one of our members at the Andover Kansas Cemetery. The camp provided a color guard and firing detail for the event. These events are usually attended by family members and friends as well as reported in the local newspapers.

In November the camp participated in the annual Wichita Veteran’s Day parade with color guard and members walking in the parade. We also held our annual fundraiser “Lincoln Remembered”. Almost 70 people were in attendance and enjoyed a meal that was provided by our camp members. After the meal Tom Leahey portrayed Abraham Lincoln for our main program. A highlight of the evening was the dedication of our new camp flag in memory of our deceased members Kenny Strader and Norman Kimery.

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

Our camp meeting attendance runs around 20 members in attendance. During this last year the camp has enjoyed so great informational and educational programs in addition to our regular business. The programs have ranged from camp members sharing about their civil war ancestors, to reports on books read on a topic that is relevant to the time of the Civil War. We have also enjoyed a presentation by Doug McGovern on the Civil War monuments in Kansas. Our camp was also represented at the Department of Kansas training day and Mine Creek work day.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Mark Britton  
Camp Commander

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### SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

#### Lawrence

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 of Lawrence continued its fine tradition of Civil War education and remembrance this past year. In April of 2006, Dr. Gerald Pees of Lawrence and Richard Stitt of Kansas City, Missouri, discussed their Civil War veteran relative who survived both Andersonville prison camp and the sinking of the Sultana steamship. Our camp presented a medal at the ROTC award ceremony at the University of Kansas in May, and author Tom Mach talked about his Civil War research for his book All Parts Together. Memorial Day weekend found our camp members placing more than 350 flags on the graves of Civil War veterans in five cemeteries in the Lawrence area. This activity generated positive publicity for our camp in the Lawrence Journal World newspaper and on local cable Channel 6 news.

Our June meeting featured Rebecca Phipps and her staff at the Watkins Museum, our monthly meeting place, taking us on a tour of Civil War and related artifacts in the historical collection. Kerry Altenbernd attended our June meeting and updated us on the preservation efforts at the Blackjack battlefield. The educational programs of the week-long Civil War on the Western Frontier are the highlight of Lawrence in August, and our camp sponsored talks on “Faces of the 8th Kansas” by William McFarland and “Battle of Wilson’s Creek” by Lt. Col. Thomas Zachary, USMC retired. We also had a recruiting both in South Park over the weekend along with a collection of Civil War artifacts, some of which were in a silent auction as a camp fund raiser. Lisa Winters discussed different types of photographic methods practiced during the Civil War period at our September meeting, and Robert Collins spoke about his book General James G. Blunt – Tarnished Glory in October. In November, several camp members attended the Veterans Day Parade in Ottawa for purposes of remembrance and recruiting.

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The year 2007 began with a presentation on “Civil War Medicine” by Herschel Stroud of Topeka. John Jackson discussed “Sleeping Heroes, the Men Who Made Kansas” and his efforts to document Civil War veteran graves all across the state. KU History Professor Jennifer L. Weber gave a presentation on her book Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln’s Opponents in the North at our March meeting. She also had copies of her book, published by Oxford University Press, available for sale at that time.

Sadly, one of our members, Bill Elzea of Lawrence, passed away earlier this year. Several of our camp attended the memorial service and the local American Legion post held a ceremony. Our fund raising efforts during this past year were designated for the restoration of a GAR monument in Pioneer Cemetery on the West Campus of the University of Kansas. This monument was originally dedicated slightly more than 100 years ago, and hope remains that this monument can be re-dedicated during the Memorial Day weekend of 2007.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Michael W. Anderson  
Camp Commander

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### FRANKLIN CAMP 5 Olathe

Franklin Camp #5 has had quite a unique year. We have endured some difficult transitions. I do feel we have over come them and are well on our way to a great year.

The camp does a Memorial Day Ceremony and a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery annually. Brother Bill Stilley has done a tremendous job in getting the Civil War Veterans from there input into the Veterans Registration website. With the information recorded, we use it to put out flags at their headstones. Flags, we have raised money for through small auctions and donations from members. We plan to spread our ceremonies out over time and include other areas or cemeteries around the Kansas City area. We are in hopes of sparking the start of a new SUVCW Camp in Kansas City. We have also setup a recruitment table at the Civil War on the Boarder at Mehaffie House in Olathe.

Over the last few months our Patriotic Instruction has become most interesting. Brother Lane Smith has scheduled some very exciting speakers, which I think will spark more of the membership to attend, and join.

We are entertaining the possibility of changing to a more available location to have our meetings. This would allow for a bit more time to conduct camp business, as well as have the informative speakers.

In closing I would like to thank the officer’s of the Department of Kansas for their support and for the training classes, don’t know where we would be without them. I imagine Alan Russ would be pulling his hair out a little more if we didn’t have something. I would also like to thank Franklin Camp #5 for allowing me the opportunity to serve as their Commander.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Matt Toll  
Commander

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### MINE CREEK CAMP 6 Pleasanton

The following is a brief summary of the activities of Mine Creek Camp #6 from February 19, 2006 – April 26, 2007:

- Sunday, February 19, 2006: Camp Meeting @ Mine Creek Battlefield Visitor Center, Pleasanton, Kansas; Attend. (6).
- Sunday, March 19, 2006: Camp Meeting @ Mine Creek Battlefield Visitor Center, Pleasanton, Kansas; Attend (5).
- Saturday, April 1, 2006: Civil War Preservation Trust Annual Work Day @ Mine Creek Battlefield, Pleasanton, Kansas: (3) members donated 8 hrs each.
- Saturday, November 4, 2006: (3) Members attended & assisted with the Presentation of the Colors @ the Annual Blue & Gray Banquet of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation



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- Saturday, November 19, 2006: Camp Mtg. @ Mine Creek Battlefield Visitor Center; Election of Officers. Commander: Arnold W. Schofield; Senior Vice Commander: Dr. John Spencer; Secretary / Treasurer Robert Woody.
- Tuesday, January 2, 2007: Investiture of Camp officers &
- Camp Meeting @ Mine Creek Battlefield Visitor Center Attendance (5).
- Monday, April 2, 2007: Camp Meeting & Induction of (2) new members: Dr. Fred Campbell from Fort Scott, Kansas & Mr. J. Fred Kolom from Pleasanton, Ks. meeting was held in the Carriage House, south Main St. Ft. Scott, Ks.
- Saturday, April 7, 2007: Civil War Preservation Trust Annual Work Day @ Mine Creek Battlefield. (20) members of the Kansas Department of the SUV participated in clearing brush & small trees adjacent to the Frederick Benteen Memorial Bridge and east of the Battlefield Visitor Center. Participating members were from Camps in Wichita, Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe & Mine Creek.
- Guard is scheduled to participate in 150th Anniversary Parade @ Emporia, Kansas.
- Additional Workdays, Activities & Periodic Meetings are to be scheduled for the balance of 2007.
- Recent G.A.R. Acquisition: A copy of a pamphlet containing the 1884 Roster of Jewell Post No. 3, Dept. of Ks. G.A.R., Pleasanton, Kansas was donated to Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site & copies of same will be given to any SUV member upon request. A copy is also going to be donated to the G.A.R. Collections in the Kansas State Historical Society & the Linn County Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arnold W. Schofield  
Commander

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### OLD ABE CAMP 16 Topeka

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The following outlines the activities of this Camp for the last year.

Old Abe Camp lost its Commander at mid-year when CC Randal Durbin was elected Department Commander at the 10th Annual Department Encampment in April 2006. I was appointed to serve the remainder of his term, and was then elected Commander for the current year.

During the year our membership has declined by two. A member transferred to Franklin Camp 5 and two did not renew their membership. These losses were offset by the gain of new member Jack Puett. He has shown a lot of early interest in our Camp activities, and further takes time to do some reenacting as a Civil War artillery crewman. His membership was effective at our April meeting and he is attending this Encampment

In order to increase public exposure to our unique organization, we developed (borrowing the concept from another Camp) an Information Brochure introducing our Camp, explaining our purpose(s), and listing all appropriate contact information. These are provided as "hand outs" at locations in the Topeka/Shawnee County, historical sites, genealogical research libraries, museums, and similar locations. We believe based on the number of brochures being taken, that there is an increased interest. Time will tell.

Placing flags at the graves of Civil War soldiers buried in the Topeka Cemetery on Memorial Day is our main activity to provide public display of honor to Civil War veterans. For this project, we partner with local Boy Scouts.

We continue to improve the condition of gravestones in the Cemetery there. Over the years, the results of this effort is apparent - many of these very old stones, were sinking, leaning, or overturned. They have been reset or straightened giving a very positive effect to the appearance of those sections. This project is naturally limited to the better weather months of spring and fall. Usually 1 Saturday morning a month, and our members seem to enjoy this involvement in a worthy cause. This year we had some members attend and participate in Work Day conducted by the Mine Creek Camp.

Everyone is looking forward to another successful year.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dan E. Karr  
Commander

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## ATTACHMENT C – COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

This past National Encampment at Harrisburg, PA, Randy Durbin, Department Commander, Alan Russ, PDC, Roy Lafferty, PCC and I met with Jim Huston of the National Site Committee. Again we affirmed to Jim that the Department of Kansas was still interested in hosting a National Encampment hopefully in 2010. Jim was excited that Kansas was still willing to host an encampment and mentioned that they were not sure of '09 because they did not know at that time if Kentucky would be ready and Jim indicated that they might look to us for that year. We informed him that '09 would work for us if that would help out National.

Jim was most appreciative about the binder we supplied them the year before as it gave the committee the basic information they would need. Which was why he was hoping we would take 2009 if need be because we had done more work than any other Department wanting to host one, including Kentucky. From this information he thought that the Sheraton Convention Center of Overland Park met all their needs.

He then wanted to talk about the following three things:

1. He was concerned about the cost of the Brothers getting to Kansas City from the east and west coast and we told him that KCI was a major hub and had lots of flight from both coasts that were cheaper than what we paid to Harrisburg, which was about \$100 more than getting to KC from those major airports. As I remember Jim did not say too much one way or the other about this cost.
2. Also he was concerned about transportation from KCI to the hotel. When I returned from National I met with Nichole with the Sheraton and Mindy with the Overland Park Convention Center about this issue. Nichole informed me that the Sheraton did not have a shuttle service but they were willing to help out in some way. Mindy said that the normal trip from the airport to hotels in that area ran about \$35.00 each way but they could probably get one of the shuttle services to do it for \$20.00 each way. This is 2006 pricing and she was not sure what it would be in 2009 or 2010. Jim was happy to hear about this price reduction.
3. The committee was wondering if the Sheraton would extend the SUVCW special room rate to more rooms if they sold out of all their reserved rooms. The reason he asked this was that in Harrisburg they ran out of rooms and the hotel would not extend the special rate to any remaining rooms. Nichole indicated that as long as they had rooms available they would work with the SUVCW in adding more rooms. This also seemed to impress Jim.

So as it stands now the committee has gone with Kentucky for 2009 and we will again have to make a bid for 2010.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC  
Chairman, National Encampment Committee

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### MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

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At the 2006 Annual Department Encampment the following were appointed to serve on this committee, PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC Randal L. Durbin, PCC Roy A. Lafferty, PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, and Robert L. Woody. The purpose of this committee is coordinate and work with the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society to explore ways to improve the condition of the battlefield, and to enhance the experience of visitors to the battlefield and to help ensure the preservation of the battlefield.

To this end the committee decided to try to interface with Mine Creek as part of the Civil War Preservation Trust work day held annually in the spring. It was felt this was a great way to get SUV members on site and perform various tasks as designated by both the Foundation and site coordinator. The date of April 7, 2007 was designated as CWPT work day at battlefields around the country. Word was sent out to the camps to promote the day and all SUV members were invited to attend. A total of 13 Department of Kansas SUV members arrived on site and spent the day clearing log jams near the SUV bridge and cutting, clearing and burning brush. A day of work, fun, and

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camaraderie was had by all. It was felt this is a very worthwhile endeavor in our relationship with the site and should be continued in the future

Respectively submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

PDC Thomas E. Schmidt  
Member, Mine Creek Committee

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### REPORT ON LAST SOLDIER PROJECT/GAR RECORDS PROJECT

**LAST SOLDIER PROJECT** – As of April 27, 2007, we still have 15 counties in which we don't have a potential "Last Soldier"—which is exactly an improvement of one county over last year's report. But, 90 out of 105 isn't bad!

Progress is being made, however, because claims on the last soldier have been tightened in many of the counties, and additional supporting evidence has been received throughout the year. It does appear that in many counties, this has touched a chord with local historians.

**GAR RECORDS**—This project has been a slower effort to move forward because of the effort to contact each historical society and / or library in each county. Most information accumulated to date has been in response to the Last Soldier project.

Brothers have been transcribing local post records that are available at the Kansas State Historical Society. While it appears to be progressing, this has hit a snag for reasons I'm not sure I completely understand. In any case, part of this seems to be in the transcription of records at local historical societies, and in part because of a staffing change at KSHS. I will talk to KSHS Archives division leaders about how this can or should progress. But for now, anyone interested in volunteering to do so should get in touch with me for the time being.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Blair D. Tarr  
Project Chairman

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### REPORT ON THE 2006 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its 125th Annual Encampment in August 2006 at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Department of Kansas was represented by six brothers: Department Commander Randal L. Durbin, PDC Alan L. Russ (also Department Secretary), PDC James R. Knopke, Department SVC Roy A. Lafferty, Department JVC Craig A. Sundell, and Robert L. Wandel. This is the first National encampment where the entire primary elected Department officers were able to attend since the Department was reformed in 1996.

James Pahl, Department of Michigan, was elected as the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW for the upcoming year, Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania, was elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and David Medert, Department of Ohio, was elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. From a local point of interest, Alan Russ was reappointed as National Membership at Large Coordinator.

JVC Craig Sundell, PCC, Earl McIntosh, PCC and Commander Randy Durbin, PCC were presented awards for recruiting in 2005-2006. PDC Alan Russ received the Marshall Hope Award for the best Department newsletter. Other department awards for recruiting were not presented at the encampment, but these awards show the strength of our department. Keep up the good work. All in attendance had a good experience.

Please consider attending the 2007 National Encampment in Saint Louis, Missouri on August 10th and 11th. With the encampment being this close to home, it is an excellent chance for those of you who have never had the opportunity to see the workings of the Order in action to do so. The Department elects its National delegates today so speak up if you plan to go; however, if a brother later finds out he can attend, the Department Commander can approve the delegate status.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander

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## REPORT ON 2006 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CONFERENCE

PDC Alan Russ, PDC Jim Knopke, and I attended the 2006 Annual Conference for the Allied Orders Central Region. The meeting was held October 7, 2006 at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This was also the location for the 2004 National Encampment.

The meeting was hosted by the Iowa Department with an attendance of around 25 members of the Allied Orders from the Central Region. The morning session covered the efforts of the Iowa Department working with the State to preserve the battle flags of Iowa units and other flags in the possession of the State of Iowa used during the Civil War. The Iowa Department has devoted much time and expense to gather and preserve these flags. We are lucky our State Historical Society here in Kansas began this process several years ago and presented a wonderful display at our encampment in 2002.

The afternoon session was on the subject of working with your state legislators on issues important to the honoring of our Union Civil War veterans. The importance of patience and being mindful of the legislative process while accomplishing your goals was emphasized.

This year's conference will be held October 6th at Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville is the home of Lew Wallace, Civil War General and author of "Ben Hur" while Territorial Governor of New Mexico after the war.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Randal L Durbin, PCC  
Commander

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### REPORT BY DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department and finds them to be in order.

James M. Converse, PCC  
Council Member

Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC  
Council Member

Robert L. Wandel  
Council Member

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### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By direction of Department Commander Randal L. Durbin, a nominating committee consisting of PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC James R. Knopke, and PDC Alan L. Russ 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 2007-2008 term of office.

#### Recommendations for Nominations

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Camp</u>
Department Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Senior Vice Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	James M. Converse, PCC	Franklin 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council #1	Robert L. Wandel	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Council #2	Michael W. Anderson	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Council #3	Matthew G. Toll	Franklin 5

These nominations are respectfully submitted to the 2007 Encampment in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC  
Member

James R. Knopke, PDC  
Member

Alan L. Russ, 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, 2007:            Members: 63            Associates: 2            Total: 65**

Robert E. Barnes	Shawn W. Bell	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC
Philip W. Blake	Kenneth P. Bradley	CC Mark A. Britton
James P. Coyne	Michael Gaskins	John H. Hartford
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	S. Todd Meek	Kim L. Nelson, PCC
Thomas L. Page	Don W. Phillips	Dale L. Rouse, PCC
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Dean K. Speaks, PDC	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC
Marine L. Wolf		

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Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	4
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	3
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Present	19
Total Authorized for Camp 1	16

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

**Lawrence**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2007:            Members: 21            Associates: 2            Total: 23**

Michael J. Hadl	Roy A. Lafferty, PCC	Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Brian R. Van Schmus	Robert D. Wandel	Robert L. Wandel

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Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	0
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Present	6
Total Authorized for Camp 4	6

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**FRANKLIN CAMP 5**

**Olathe**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2007:            Members: 16            Associates: 3            Total: 19**

James M. Converse, PCC	James R. Knopke, PDC	CC Matthew G. Toll
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Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Present	3
Total Authorized for Camp 5	6

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**MINE CREEK CAMP 6  
Pleasanton**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2007:      Members: 10              Associates: 2              Total: 12**

CC Arnold W. Schofield                      John H. Spencer

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Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	0
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	0
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	2
Total Authorized for Camp 6	3

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**OLD ABE CAMP 16  
Topeka**

**Camp Strength as of March 31, 2007:      Members: 21              Associates: 0              Total: 21**

Randal L. Durbin, PCC                      D. Darrel Gilliland                      CC Dan E. Karr  
Jack M. Puett                      Alan L. Russ, PDC                      Blair D. Tarr

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Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	0
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Present	6
Total Authorized for Camp 16	6

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**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT**

**Department Strength as of March 31, 2007:      Members: 131              Associates: 9              Total: 140**

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Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	6
Camp Commander	4
Past Camp Commander	6
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>18</u>
Total Present	36
Total Authorized	37

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***DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS***

**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 E. Spurgeon
9	April 23, 2005	Lawrence	Thomas E. Schmidt
10	April 22, 2006	Topeka	James R. Knopke
11	April 28, 2007	Wichita	Randal L. Durbin

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (PDC) IN THE DEPARTMENT**

Franklin C. Bergquist (1999-2000)  
Randal L. Durbin (2006-2007)  
James R. Knopke (2005-2006)  
Alan L. Russ (2002-2003)  
Thomas E. Schmidt (2004-2005)  
Kenneth E. Spurgeon (2003-2004)  
Dean K. Speaks (1996-1999)

**PAST CAMP COMMANDERS (PCC) IN THE DEPARTMENT**

Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1 (1998)  
Boris N. Bulatkin, Camp 1 (2001)  
James M. Converse, Camp 5 (2006)  
Jeffrey L. Dunaway, Camp 16 (2002)  
Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16 (2004-2005)  
James R. Knopke, Camp 5 (Camp 16, 2003)  
Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (2005)  
Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1 (2004)  
Kim L. Nelson, Camp 1 (Camp 3, 1996-2004)  
Dale L. Rouse, Camp 1 (2006)  
Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (2001)  
James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1 (2005)  
Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (2003)  
Douglas G. Smith, Camp 1 (2000)  
Kenneth E. Spurgeon, Camp 1 (2002)  
Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (2004)  
Alan L. Van Loenen, Camp 4 (2006)

**ACTIVE CAMPS**

**Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita**

*(Named in honor of Private Patrick Coyne, Co. C, 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas Infantry)*  
Organized June 27, 1996

**Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence**

*(Named in honor of MOH recipient Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill, Co. G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Artillery)*  
Organized December 13, 2003

**Franklin Camp 5, Olathe**

*(Named in honor of the original G.A.R. Post located in Olathe)*  
Organized October 17, 2005

**Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton**

*(Named in honor of the Battle of Mine Creek, October 25, 1864)*  
Organized September 18, 2005

**Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka**

*(Named in honor of the original SofV camp located in 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

**Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit**

Organized July 6, 1996, Suspended February 1, 2007

**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

**Pap Thomas Camp No. 52, Great Bend**

Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended May 14, 2005