

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT
ENCAMPMENT**



**APRIL 26, 2008
LAWRENCE, KANSAS
ROY. A. LAFFERTY, PCC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

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April 26, 2008
Lawrence, 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 Twelfth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 26, 2008, at the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 1:30 PM by Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty. At that time, the Past Department Commanders were announced and filed into the room. A vacant chair remained in memory of PDC Kenneth D. Strader.
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 Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Senior Vice Commander Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Junior Vice Commander James M. Converse, PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Secretary/Treasurer Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member and Graves Registration Officer Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.
 - Council Member Michael W. Anderson, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Council Member and Guide Matthew G. Toll, PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Patriotic Instructor S. Todd Meek, Camp 1, present.
 - Chaplain/Webmaster Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4, present.
 - Counselor William D. Stilley, Camp 5, absent.
 - Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, present.
 - Color Bearer James A. Scheidel, Jr., PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Guard Kent L. Johnson, Camp 4, present.
5. The Encampment received visiting National Council of Administration Member Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri, representing Commander in Chief Charles E. Kuhn, PDC, Department of Pennsylvania. PDC Petrovic presented greetings on behalf of the Commander in Chief.
6. Commander Lafferty informed the Encampment of “housekeeping rules” to be used during the meeting.
7. At this time, the PDC Alan Russ presented the Credentials Committee report of those present at the Encampment, as follows:

Encampment Status	CAMPS					TOTAL
	No. 1	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 16	
Department Commander	0	1	0	0	0	1
Past Department Commander	1	0	1	0	2	4
Camp Commander	0	1	0	1	0	2
Past Camp Commander	2	3	2	0	0	7
Department Elected Officer	0	1	0	0	0	1
Delegate	1	3	0	0	3	7
Alternate Delegate	0	3	0	0	0	3
TOTAL PRESENT	4	12	3	1	5	25
VOTING STRENGTH	4	9	3	1	5	22

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8. Commander Lafferty recognized PDC Schmidt, representing Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, who presented a resolution to recognize Kim L. Nelson, formerly PCC with Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit, as PCC with Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1. Motion to accept resolution and grant PCC status with Camp 1 was approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PCC – Commander’s Report [Page A-1]
Craig A. Sundell, PCC – Senior Vice Commander Report [Page A-1]
James M. Converse, PCC – Junior Vice Commander Report [Page A-2]
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC – Secretary’s Report [Page A-2]
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC – Treasurer’s Report [Page A-3]
S. Todd Meeks – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-3]
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Monuments and Memorials Report (Report presented by PDC Tom Schmidt on behalf of PCC McGovern) [Page A-3]
Blair D. Tarr – Historian Report [Page A-3]
Brian R. Van Schmus – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-4]
Robert L. Wandel – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-4]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Chaplain’s Necrology Report [Page A-5]

CAMP REPORTS

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp SVC Todd Meeks, [Page B-1]
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented for Camp Commander Michael J. Hadl, [Page B-1]
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by James R. Knopke, PDC, [Page B-1].
Mine Creek Camp 6 – Presented by Camp Commander John H. Spencer, [Page B-2].
Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Secretary Jack M. Puett, [Page B-3]

CORRESPONDENCE

11. 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 official creation of Junior Members and Junior Associates within the Order. Commander Lafferty ruled that amendment would be addressed under “new business.”
- b. The other correspondence concerned a nominations National Junior Vice Commander in Chief. No action taken.

12. There being no unfinished business, Commander Lafferty called for committee reports to be presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on 2007 National Encampment – Matthew G. Toll, PCC [Page C-1]
Report on Last Soldier Project/GAR Records Project – Blair D. Tarr [Page C-1]

14. At this time, representatives from the Department of Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, headed by Department President Nancy Durbin and National Senior Vice President Barbara Knopke, arrived to pay their respects on the Encampment.

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15. After the departure of the Ladies, committee reports resumed.

Report on 2007 Central Region Association Conference – Roy A. Lafferty, PCC [Page C-2]

16. As it was almost 3 PM, Commander Lafferty declared that the Encampment was in need of a break. The Chaplain closed the Bible, and a fifteen minute recess was taken. After the break, the Chaplain opened the Bible, and Commander Lafferty resumed with committee reports.

Report on Hosting National Encampment – James R. Knopke, PDC [Page C-2]

Mine Creek Battlefield Committee Report – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC [Page C-3]

Bylaws Committee report was to be held until “new business.”

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

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

17. PCC Matthew G. Toll, Department Council member presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-3]

NEW BUSINESS

18. The proposed amendment to the National Constitution, concerning Junior Members and Junior Associates, was approved by vote of the Encampment.

19. Commander Lafferty called upon PDC Schmidt, as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, to present the amendments which had been presented to the committee. PDC Schmidt presented each of the amendments (2008-01 through 2008-07) [Page D-1] to the Encampment, at which time they were voted on and approved.

20. Commander Lafferty announced that the following people had stated intent to attend the 2008 National Encampment: Commander Lafferty, Camp 4 (as PDC), PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (as PDC); PDC James R. Knopke; Camp 5 (as PDC); PCC Criag A. Sundell, Camp 4 (as Department Commander), and PCC James M. Converse, Camp 5 (as Delegate). Commander Lafferty asked if anyone else was also planning to attend. PDC Durbin moved that the brothers attending without “automatic” status should be declared delegates to the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

21. Commander Lafferty recognized PDC Russ, who moved that all brothers of the Department, who are in good standing and do not hold another qualifying status to attend the National Encampment shall be declared as Alternate Delegates. Motion passed.

22. Commander Lafferty announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 13th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 25, 2009. Also, per the bylaws, the camp next in line to host the Encampment is Franklin Camp 5, Olathe. Commander Durbin asked Camp Secretary PCC Matt Toll of Franklin Camp 5 if the camp was willing to accept the hosting of the Encampment. PCC Toll replied that the Olathe camp will be the host camp.

23. PDC Russ presented a motion to create a new committee, with standing committee status, to be known as the “2010 National Encampment Committee.” This committee officially replaces the “National Encampment Committee,” whose purpose was to work to bring a National Encampment to Kansas. Full text of motion is found in attachment D [Page D-5]. Motion passed.

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

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

25. At this time, Commander Lafferty asked the Nominating Committee to present their report. PDC Alan L. Russ presented the report. [Page C-3]

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26. Commander Lafferty 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.

27. Commander Lafferty then opened the floor to other nominations. None were submitted.

28. 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	PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4
Senior Vice Commander	PCC James M. Converse, Camp 5
Junior Vice Commander	PDC James R. Knopke, Camp 5
Secretary/Treasurer	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
Council Members	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
	PCC Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5
	PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1

29. Commander Lafferty then asked for additional nominations from the floor of the Encampment. No further nominations were submitted and nominations were closed.

30. PDC Russ moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

31. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Randy Durbin moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

32. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize the Watkins Museum of History for providing the meeting facilities. Blair Tarr moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

33. At this time, Commander Lafferty presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Leonidus B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year
PDC Franklin C. Bergquist, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (3 Recruits)

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year
PCC Matthew G. Toll, Franklin Camp 5

Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award
PDC James R. Knopke, Franklin Camp 5

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

34. A brief break was taken, after the Chaplain closed the Bible. Upon returning from the break and the opening of the Bible, Commander Lafferty turned over the gavel to PDC Petrovic, who acted as installing officer.

35. PDC Petrovic thanked Commander Lafferty for his service on behalf of the Department of Kansas.

36. Incoming commander, PCC Craig A. Sundell, was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those so appointed, to wit:

Chief of Staff	PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1
Chaplain	PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4
Patriotic Instructor	PCC Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4

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Civil War Memorials Officer
Historian
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Counselor
Webmaster

PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1
Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4
PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16

37. PDC Petrovic then proceeded to install the new Department Officers, after which the new officers were instructed to assume their respective stations.

38. Commander Sundell 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 Sundell by PDC Petrovic.

39. The Department flag was then transferred by the Color Guard to outgoing Commander Lafferty who then passed the colors to incoming Commander Sundell.

40. Commander Sundell presented PDC Roy A. Lafferty with a certificate of recognition for his service as the Tenth Department of Kansas Commander and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.

CLOSING

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

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Officer Reports
Attachment B	Camp Reports
Attachment C	Committee Reports
Attachment D	Amendments to Bylaws and Motion Establishing 2010 National Encampment Committee
Attachment E	Encampment Attendees

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These proceedings of the Twelfth 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/Thomas E. Schmidt

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Recording Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/Craig A. Sundell

Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Commander

/s/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Immediate Past Commander

/s/James M. Converse

James M. Converse, PCC
Senior Vice Commander

/s/James R. Knopke

James R. Knopke, PDC
Junior Vice Commander

/s/Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary (Incoming)

/s/Matthew G. Toll

Matthew G. Toll, PCC
Council Member

/s/Robert L. Wandel

Robert L. Wandel
Council Member

/s/Thomas E. Schmidt

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member

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OFFICER REPORTS

COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

The Saturday after the encampment, I had the opportunity to help Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 in Wichita open the Civil War and Slavery exhibit at Wichita State University.

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

I also helped place flags on veterans' graves with Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, as well as participating in the rededication of the GAR Monument at Pioneer Cemetery.

I took part in the Independence Day parade in Emporia. This is something I hope the department will continue to participate in. I believe that Emporia should be a target for a future camp.

I attended the national encampment in St. Louis, which will be reported on later. I would like to congratulate PCC Doug McGovern on receiving the Meritorious Service Award for his work on the Union Veterans Monuments in Kansas. There is a link on the Department web site where you can check out what Doug has done.

I also attended the Central Regional Conference in Crawfordsville Indiana. It was an interesting event and this will be reported on later.

Our department this fall was selected to host the 2010 National Encampment. I want to express mine and the department's gratitude to PDCs Jim Knopke, Tom Schmidt, and Alan Russ for putting in a lot of hard work to bring this about. The Department also needs to be congratulated, as we are recognized as a growing and vibrant department. Details on this will be discussed later and there will be volunteer opportunities for all.

November through mid January was very busy. I attended a meeting at every camp swearing in their officers and also attended Coyne Camp's Lincoln remembered. I enjoyed getting out and seeing each camp and meeting the others in each.

In mid January I participated in the third annual department training session, this year's session was the best yet and was the first where all camps were represented. Special thanks to Alan Russ and Tom Schmidt for their work.

Earlier this month I attended the Mine Creek work day we had really good participation from the Department once again.

I want to challenge the Department to reclaim the Grant trophy. If each of us will try to recruit one new member, this is an easy goal to obtain. Be thinking of someone, invite and take them to a camp meeting. If they don't live near you, take them to a camp meeting near them. This will only work though if we retain the members we currently have.

The department is doing well, we're doing the "boys in blue" proud. Keep up the good work.

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC

Department Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

The past year has been marked more by my absence than presence. I spent nearly 5 months in Peru, where I was able to continue delivering 4 more talks on the US Civil War and its importance at two Universities and also the Peru National Cultural Institute. I have been trying to get scientific and business matters in order so as to be able to commit more time and energy during this new year before our organization,

I was able to attend 3 Memorial Day events last May and the fall and spring council meetings. I also spent a wonderful evening in Wichita for the Lincoln Remembered dinner. I also attended additional Camp meetings in Lawrence and Olathe. Regretfully, I was not able to attend meetings in Topeka or Mine Creek.

Regular publication of the Sunflower Pickett is a primary responsibility of the SVC. It was done in exceptional fashion by Alan Russ, and I was able to contribute to each issue.

I was very pleased to be a part of developing the 5 year plan started by Commander, Roy Lafferty, and hope to continue its development and implement in the future year.

On a personal note, I was able to read and research over 20 new books on the Civil War with an emphasis on the Trans Mississippi and the Shiloh campaigns, visit the Pea Ridge National Military Park and redecorate 2 of my Civil War Veteran ancestors' graves in Hancock, Iowa. I was also able to add over 500 Civil War patriotic covers to my collection and gave presentations or passive demonstrations of this part of our CW history at least 12 times to school, museum, philatelic and CW groups. I joined the Civil War roundtable of Kansas City at their April meeting and was able to meet with brothers Blair Tarr and Arnold Schofield on this occasion.

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In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Craig Sundell, PCC
Senior Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as Department of Kansas Junior Vice Commander this last year. It has been a year of learning and service that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

I am pleased to report we have one new National member approved and obtained from National JVC-in-C, Leo F. Kennedy PDC. The member is Carroll Christian from Liberal, KS. Brother Christian was assigned to Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, KS.

Due to a family health situation, I was unable to attend National Encampment last August in St. Louis, MO. However, I do strongly recommend the experience to all brothers.

I participated in the Department Training Session at Emporia KS on 12 January 2008 where new camp leaders were exposed to a skilled exercise in camp reporting requirements by Brother Alan Russ, PDC. A Camp Leadership breakout session was led by Brother Tom Schmidt, PDC. It was very gratifying to hear the great ideas for camp growth and activities that were shared during the Camp Leadership breakout.

I also participated in the Spring Council meeting on 8 March 2008 held at the Watkins Museum in Lawrence, Kansas where many issues were discussed and acted on in preparation for the Department Encampment, National Encampment, and the 2010 National Encampment coming to Overland Park, Kansas.

I was proud to attend Franklin Camp #5, my home Camp, meetings where I serve as Historian, Signals Officer, and ROTC Coordinator. Each month, when copies of our monthly camp newsletter, THE BUGLER, are placed in the permanent archives at both the Kansas State Historical Society and the Johnson County Museum, I realize anew the gravity of our efforts to preserve the memory of the GAR and our Civil War veteran forefathers. Our Department is so fortunate to have the KSHS to preserve our records and the history of the GAR in Kansas. And finally, coordinating the two NJROTC (Navy) programs in Johnson County has been a truly wonderful experience. Witnessing these cadets' growth from children to becoming confident young adult leaders under the tutelage of the Naval Science Instructors in these programs renews my faith in the youth of our country. Today's youngsters are picking up the mantle of defending the Constitution of our country, just as our Civil War forefathers did. I am so proud of the SUVCW ROTC Medal program and encourage all of our camps to seek out opportunities to award deserving ROTC/JROTC cadets in your areas.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James M. Converse PCC
Junior Vice Commander

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the 11th Annual Department Encampment, April 28, 2007, were published in the Encampment proceedings. The proceedings were approved by the full Department Council. They are available at the department website suvchwks.org

The minutes of the Fall Council meeting, November 3, 2007, Lawrence, Kansas were published in the Winter 2007 issue of "The Sunflower Picket".

The Department strength as of March 31, 2007 was as follows:

Hereditary Members: 131 (including 9 Life Members)

Associates: 9

Juniors: 4

Total: 144 (with 140 being reportable strength to National)

The Department strength as of March 31, 2008 is tentatively placed at:

Hereditary Members: 134 (including 9 Life Members)

Associates: 9

Juniors: 5

Total: 148 (with 143 reportable strength to National)

As Department Secretary I have represented the department at the 2007 Fall Council Meeting, 2008 Winter Training Session and 2008 Spring Council meeting. It has been a pleasure and unique experience to serve the Department in this capacity this past year. I have an even deeper appreciation for the individual that fills this important role for our department.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Secretary

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TREASURER REPORT

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BALANCE ON HAND	April 29, 2007		\$ 3,630.60
RECEIPTS	April 29, 2007, to April 26, 2008		
	National Application Fees	90.00	
	National Per Capita	2,650.50	
	National Quartermaster	58.00	
	Department - General	987.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			3,785.50
EXPENDITURES	April 29, 2007, to April 26, 2008		
	National Application Fees	110.00	
	National Per Capita	2,596.50	
	National Quartermaster	58.00	
	Department - General	711.23	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			3,475.73
BALANCE ON HAND	April 26, 2008		\$ 3,940.37
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OBLIGATED FUNDS:			
	National Application Fees	25.00	
	National Per Capita	2,412.00	
TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS			2,437.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS AS OF April 26, 2008			\$ 1,503.37

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Treasurer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

As Patriotic Instructor this past year, I have encouraged members to attend Memorial Day events and services. I returned an email from the Department of Oklahoma's Patriotic Instructor. He inquired about the duties of his position on the department level, he being the first person appointed the position in Oklahoma. I informed him to talk to the brothers about Memorial Day, how to fly a flag properly, make sure rituals were being used by the camps, and other such things.

I attended Memorial Day events, a Veterans Day parade, and the spring training day in Emporia.
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Todd Meek
Patriotic Instructor

REPORT OF CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog.

The next round of updating is in progress. Almost 100 entries are being processed representing newly documented monuments and clarifications and corrections to existing entries. Almost all Kansas counties are now represented.

Restoration of the Hutchinson Soldiers and Sailors Monument has been completed. There are plans to add interpretive signs but the cleaning and repair (including replacement of the infantry soldiers hand and Lincoln's finger) is now done.

The National Organization has not yet been contacted regarding the Stafford cannon placement. These will be initiated as the catalog update progresses.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Doug McGovern, PCC
Civil War Memorials Officer

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The Historian responded to several inquiries regarding past Grand Army of Republic Posts and Sons of Union Veterans Camps during the past year. Part of this was spurred by being the Chair of both the Last Soldier Project and the G.A.R. Records project for the Department.

Efforts to have guidelines set up as to what materials the Department and its Camps should save for its Archives have not quite come to fruition. The Historian is working with the Library / Archives Department of the Kansas

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State Historical Society (KSHS) to accomplish this, as they will be the repository for the records generated by the Department and are no longer needed for the purpose of carrying out the business of the Order.

During the past year the Historian received through e-mail many photographs taken of events that the Camps and the Department took part in. Currently the effort is being made to assure those images—or at least a selection of them—are placed in the photographs collection in the KSHS Library / Archives.

Because serving as Department Historian overlaps his responsibilities with the job that pays the bills—Museum Curator at KSHS—a few words should be stated about the Civil War Sesquicentennial that is coming up in 2011. As of yet, there is no national commission for the observance, nor is there one for the state of Kansas. In fact, only a handful of states have formed commissions, although interest in the observance is out there.

In Kansas we have the added circumstance of the statehood sesquicentennial taking place in 2011 as well. Legislation was introduced this year to form a commission for this; no action was taken by the legislature. The problem with this is that any efforts for the Civil War observance may come about by extending the efforts of the statehood commission.

It perhaps is worth making note that with the Civil War Centennial of the 1960s, no commission in Kansas was formed until 1963, and then it piggybacked on efforts Lawrence made to observe the anniversary of the Quantrill Raid, and it also marked the anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek.

Of some encouragement is that the Historian, in his role as curator, was sent to the recent annual meeting of the Civil War Preservation Trust in Springfield, Missouri. Part of the reason for attending was to build or strengthen contacts with people who have researched the Trans-Mississippi war; part was also to allow him to familiarize himself with battlefields where Kansans had fought.

While not on the schedule as of yet, it is likely that the KSHS will have a special exhibit regarding the Trans-Mississippi War at some point during the Sesquicentennial.

Submitted in F.C. & L.,

Blair D. Tarr
Historian

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.

During the past twelve months, I have received and processed requests from the National Eagle Scout Coordinator or directly for 15 certificates.

Hans-Fritz Hunt II	Ft. Leavenworth	Michael L. Whitten	Eudora
Zachary C. Force	Topeka	Nathan Lee Force	Topeka
David Lewis	Eudora	Alvie Jameson Lavery	Eudora
Ian Benjamin Miller	Shawnee	Trey P. R. Holmes	Overland Park
Tanner J. V. Holmes	Overland Park	Patrick Glasgow	Wichita
Shawn M. Bise	Peck	Caleb Klugh	Chanute
Matthew Ballinger	Wichita	Mathew Klausmeyer	Garden Plain
Dominic Greene	Haysville	Andrew William Pickle	Wichita

In addition I attended a Boy Scout leaders meeting for the Pelathe District of the Heart of America council. I made an announcement explaining our group and program of recognition. I presented the Department website address as well as my email address.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Brian Van Schmus
Eagle Scout Coordinator

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

As Graves Registration Officer, I have assisted several individuals to obtain photos of Civil War tombstones of veterans who were buried in Kansas. The Lawrence and Topeka Camps have a tombstone dedication service to be held once the tombstone has arrived and is placed. This request has been provided by a brother SUVCW member in a camp from Las Vegas who has an ancestor buried in Holton, Ks. This event should take place in late April or May.

I have worked with Bob Lowe, the National GRO, to add approximately 500 photos and names of CW veterans who are buried in Kansas to the SUVCW database. Most of the cemeteries are located in Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties. Cemeteries from Brown, Linn, Miami, Johnson, Atchison and other areas were also added to the SUVCW database.

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I am working on a listing for cemeteries in all 105 counties of Kansas. The list will consist of the names or Section, Township and Range of the cemeteries as a location. When a cemetery has been added to the SUVCW database, I will try to keep the listing current. If someone wishes to search a county for cemeteries, I will provide a listing as well as a map showing where the cemeteries are located to them.

This effort is to try to get as many cemeteries listed on the SUVCW database as we can by the 2010 National Encampment here in Kansas.

Submitted in FC&L.

Robert L. Wandel
Graves Registration Officer

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT NECROLOGY REPORT

The loss of three brother within the Department were reported during the last year.

ROBERT M. BROOKS, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas

Born October 28, 1929 – Died April 28, 2007

MARINE L. WOLF, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, Kansas

Born August 28, 1928 – Died October 11, 2007

LOWELL B. DAVIS, Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas

Born July 23, 1926 – Died October 17, 2007

A memorial service was conducted for these brothers immediately prior to the Department Encampment.
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Department Chaplain

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CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

The Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp continues to be active and continues to grow. Earlier this year we absorbed the members of the Beloit Camp which has unfortunately become defunct.

Our Camp continues to be involved in several community events and activities, to mention:

* The Maple Grove Cemetery Civil War Pavilion restoration, which is about two-thirds complete. We look forward to being a large part of the rededication ceremony.

* An annual workday at the Mine Creek Battlefield, to clean the grounds, remove brush and bring it to its topography at the time of the battle.

* The annual ROTC Award presentation in Derby, KS.

* Our May meeting is regularly held, not in a building, but rather, to travel to the grave of a Brother's ancestor and perform the "Last Soldier Ceremony". Last year we traveled to Hutchinson, KS to the grave of Brother John Hartford's ancestor. This year will travel to Halstead, KS and dedicated a new stone at the grave of one Michael Switzer, a Civil War veteran without a proper headstone. We have procured a government headstone and have paid to have it set.

* This past November included two activities: We participated in the Veterans' Day parade in Wichita, providing color guard and appearance. Many of our members are also reenactors. Later in the month our annual fundraiser "Lincoln Remembered" was held with attendance of about 80 people. A meal provided by our members and their spouses was enjoyed, and Dr. Craig Miner, historian at Wichita State University was the keynote speaker. Dr. Miner spoke on "Bleeding Kansas".

Our Camp meetings regularly run about 20 members in attendance, and we are grateful for this number, always a good turnout. Each meeting includes a program given by a member, these range from ancestral histories and artifacts, monuments, book reviews and so on.

Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp is duly proud and honored to be a part of a noble Brotherhood.

James P. Coyne

Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

What the Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 did this past year. In May of last year we rededicated the Civil War monument at Pioneer Cemetery in Lawrence, Kansas. Also in May we again put out flags at three Lawrence cemeteries of our civil war veterans graves. In July our speaker was Robert Collins. He spoke about his book "Jim Lane Scoundrel Statesman Kansan". In August we helped sponsor speakers for civil war on the western frontier events held in Lawrence. It is held around the time of the anniversary of Quantrill's raid on Lawrence. In September we had Colonel Edwin Kennedy speak about his book "Civil War Era Cavalry". In October Roy Bird talked about his book "Civil War and the Indian Wars". In November on the 11 several brothers from our camp walked in the veterans day parade held in Ottawa, Kansas. At our November meeting we nominated new officers. I was humbly elected camp commander for the coming year. In December they and I were installed. In January Barbara Knopke spoke about the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also in January several brothers went to Emporia, Kansas, to attend officers and brothers training session. In February Judy Billings talked about Freedom's National Heritage Area. Of which Douglas County is a part of along with other counties in eastern Kansas and western Missouri. In March after the snow stopped I was finally able to lead our camp in a meeting. We had Richard Wellman speak about his knowledge of the pre civil war era battle of Hickory Point, fought north of Oskaloosa, Kansas. In April we talked about how we were going to conduct this years state encampment, to be held in Lawrence (here today). We also talked about getting a banner for our camp. I am also very proud to announce that this past year we raised enough funds, (with the help of my fellow bothers) to get a beautiful flag and flag poles for our camp.

Submitted in Faith Loyalty & Charity.

Mike Hadl

Camp Commander

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

The camp continues to look for a different meeting location. The City of Olathe has been wonderful to work with in their allowing our camp to meet at City Hall. However we are investigating the possibility of meeting at the

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Olathe American Legion Hall. We will continue to meet on the 4th Thurs of each month. No meetings are scheduled during the summer months of July and Aug.

Unfortunately, membership is down however we feel that those who are current members form a solid core membership. We have recently added one new member from Oak Grove, Mo and brother Converse, just this week, received an inquiry about another who is very interested in membership. This gentleman stopped by our recruiting booth at Mahaffie last year so it does pay to be out there promoting the organization.

Our January patriotic instructor was James "Spike" Speicher, camp commander of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans. His topic was "two soldiers", one Union and one Confederate. He had as a display letters from these two soldiers and their experience in the two armies. Our March speaker had to cancel at the last moment and our April meeting will be a local teacher, Keil Hileman who will display artifacts of the CW and include students of his 8th grade class as part of the presenters of the program. Barb Knopke will speak to our camp in May about the Ladies GAR and forming a new camp in this area and CC Lane Smith will speak in June with a power point presentation titled "Thru the Eyes of Lee", a different look at the Gettysburg campaign.

In the monthly newsletter our editor, Jim Converse, keeps displaying a picture of an old bearded man on the front page, I think it's Moses, and I wonder if Jim is trying to tell the camp that this new Moses is also able to part the seas?

The camp now has a new camp banner that was first displayed at the Mahaffie Days and will be displayed at parades and any function that would be appropriate. I hope someone from our camp will display it at the encampment. SUVCW caps have been ordered for those who man the recruiting booth at Mahaffie.

The camp recognized comrade Jim Converse at it's March meeting with the SUVCW Military Service Medal for his service in the US Navy. A very informative description of his service was in the Apr newsletter. We will continue to honor those of our camp who have served this country, our next recipient will be SVC, Brent Lawrence, who served in the US Army. If all goes as planned, Brent will be honored at the June camp meeting.

The 50/50 drawing continues to be an appreciated fund raiser for the camp. At each meeting the proceeds to the camp run from \$10 to \$18. Even though it is not a large amount it certainly helps keep the camp in the black and allows us to provide a few promotional items that would not otherwise be available.

See the April issue of the *Bugler* for this camps participation in the Mine Creek work project.

In May the camp will provide the SUVCW award to two local JROTC programs for the top cadet at SMN and SMW high schools. PCC Jim Converse has been very active in promoting this award to these fine programs and cadets.

We will also conduct the Memorial Day service at the GAR monument in the Olathe cemetery.

PCC Jim Knopke keeps the camp well informed about the National Encampment that will take place in 2010. See this months *Bugler* for his detailed and informative article.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Lane Smith
Camp Commander

MINE CREEK CAMP 6

Pleasanton

Over the past year the Mine Creek Camp has continued to become more active and has added several excellent members.

In April of 2007 the camp formed a four-man color guard. Uniforms were of Union Cavalry. National and Kansas flags were purchased and reproduction Spencer Carbines are used for the guard. This group joined with the Mound City American Legion Post in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the soldiers' plot, Mound City, Kansas. This is the part of the National Cemetery system where several of the Union casualties of the Battle of Mine Creek are laid to rest.

Several members of the camp participated in "Park Day" at the Mine Creek Battlefield. The 2007 event centered on cutting and clearing brush and large logs around the Benteen Bridge and at the Mine Creek ford. The June flood rearranged the bridge a bit, but camp members were able to position the bridge back onto its foundation within a week, allowing the trail to be reopened to the public. Little damage was done to the bridge.

Two members of the camp participated in the Sesquicentennial parade in Emporia, July 4. Alfred Kolom and John Spencer marched with the proud SUVCW contingent, which drew applause as it marched down Commercial Avenue.

In October the first Pleasanton Days celebration was held in Pleasanton, Kansas – located three miles from Mine Creek Battlefield.

Our Color Guard led the parade and Alf Pleasanton himself, in the person of Randy Durbin, followed the colors, mounted on his gray gelding. The purpose of the celebration was to tie the city of Pleasanton more closely to

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the battlefield. Events were held both in the city park and at the battlefield. It is planned that this will be an annual event, the first weekend in October.

The business meetings of the camp were moved to the Carriage House in Fort Scott from the battlefield visitor's center. The time of the meetings was also changed to the first Tuesday evening of the month. These changes have increased attendance of the meetings considerably.

Some of our programs are as follows:

Monuments of Gettysburg and Monuments Closer to Home – Power Point presentation by John Spencer

A General Grant presentation - Randy Durbin – (the best attended meeting of the year.)

Short History of the GAR in Ft. Scott - Arnold Schofield

The Barnesville Cemetery's Union Unknown Soldiers – Brent MacDougal – our newest member

Field trips are planned to the site of the Marmaton Massacre and the Barnesville Cemetery, both within ten miles of Ft. Scott.

We are continuing our work on the Lathrop Cemetery – on Mine Creek Foundation land where two Union veterans are buried. Major cleanup work was done in the fall. The stones will be cleaned and monthly mowing will commence next month.

Camp Membership now stands at fifteen. Average attendance at the meetings – eight. Next initiation of new members – May 6, 2008. We also have two possible Junior members interested in joining when that issue has been resolved at the National level. Five new members have been initiated into the camp over the past year.

In conclusion, the future appears more secure for the viability of the Mine Creek Camp. With constant recruitment and purposeful goals, the Sons of Union Veterans should continue to be a presence in Southeastern Kansas for many years to come.

Humbly submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

John H. Spencer
Camp Commander

OLD ABE CAMP 16

Topeka

Old Abe Camp 16 meets the first Thursday of each month at Perkins Restaurant in Topeka, commencing at 6:30 PM.

The camp's main project is resetting Union veteran grave markers at Topeka Cemetery, the fourth Saturday of each month. Due to weather and conflicts, the first meeting for this purpose will be on June 28. The camp will gather at Topeka Cemetery on May 24 to place flags at the graves of Union veterans buried there in observance of Memorial Day. Several camp members assisted with a work day at Mine Creek Battlefield on April 5. Several members attended the Department Officers' Workshop in Emporia on January 12.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Delton M. Gilliland
Camp Commander

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON THE 2007 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 126th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW St. Louis, Missouri, August 9-12, 2007

Just a short ride across Missouri, a gathering of a brotherhood began to assemble in early August for the 126th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At this Encampment, friendships will be made and deals are to be brokered, business is to be discussed and votes shall be tallied, thus beginning the 126 year old Encampment, soaked in such tradition it would make the strongest "Patriot" shed the slightest tear.

As Commander-in-Chief James Pahl called the meeting to order, the Encampment of 125 or so sprang to attention, eager to tend to the Order's needs. Placed just to the speakers left, next to the alter was placed a memoriam, or a reminder of our father's who served to keep this great nation whole. Positioned with ever loving care was a vacant chair as to suggest the attendance of the founders of our order the Grand Army of the Republic, and on that chair was a GAR coat complete with membership badge; a GAR belt and saber; and a GAR hat, a small but powerful reminder for the gathering.

As the day's business carried on, various amendments were voted on, speakers spoke and issues debated, all for the good of the order. The meeting would brake occasionally; allowing visitors from the five allied orders to show their appreciation for help received from the years labors. All five Allied Orders being present; the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. This year's Encampment was especially unique with the attendance of the DUVCW. This being one of the only times all five allied orders gathered together since the 1950's, making the occasion particularly exceptional. The visitations were reciprocated with delegates appointed by CinC Pahl from our order to visit the others at various intervals. These delegates also bore gifts from CinC Pahl.

Also the Encampment awards were presented and accepted. Two members of our department being honored for their diligent and hard work; Brother Alan Russ PDC awarded the "Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star" for outstanding service to the order. Also recognized with the "Meritorious Service Award", was Brother Doug McGovern PCC, awarded for his exceptional work with the monuments registrations and organization in the department of Kansas.

After the first day's meetings were adjourned, the membership gathered to present various gifts and skits to Commander-in-Chief Pahl. All Departments wanted to thank him for his time and hard work as Commander-in-Chief. Kansas Department Commander Lafferty, Department Past Commanders, Department Officers, and Delegates that were in attendance, presented CinC Pahl with a limited edition and framed print of the "Battle of Mine Creek", on behalf of the Department of Kansas. CinC Pahl expressed great gratitude for the gift, and later shared that he had hung it in his personal office for all to view.

In closing, my experience at the National Encampment was extraordinary! The comradeship and patriotic devotion of so many was impressive, and would renew any lost sense of patriotic ideals in anyone. I would like to end with a quote from Mr. Lincoln that I feel best describes our Order's work,

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Matthew G. Toll, PCC

Delegate to 2007 National Encampment

REPORT ON LAST SOLDIER PROJECT/GAR RECORDS PROJECT

The chair of these projects, as the old joke goes, would like to report that great strides were made this past year in both these areas. I really would like to report that, but it's not the case.

There are still at fifteen counties for which there is no likely candidate for the Last Soldier. However, correspondence has continued with the other 90 counties, and we have made progress in gaining more information about the Last Soldiers or at least strengthened the evidence proving the title of Last Soldier.

As for the G.A.R. Records, tracking these down has been less successful. Efforts will continue in contacting local museums, libraries and veterans organizations to check on the likelihood these institutions are holding the records.

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Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Blair D. Tarr
Project Chairman

REPORT ON 2007 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CONFERENCE

The 2007 Central Regional Conference (CRC) was held in Crawfordsville, Indiana and the Department of Kansas was represented by PDC Alan Russ and myself.

The day started off with a excellent tour of General Lew Wallace's Library and the Lane house. I gained new respect for the General during this tour. He was on the jury of the Lincoln Conspirators, the judge for General Wirtz who was commandant of Andersonville, an Ambassador, a territorial governor and Author whose most noted work was "Ben Her". The Lane house was also interesting with many period furnishings and GAR memorabilia. If you are ever in the Crawfordsville area make the time to stop and see both.

The training was a lecture and sharing session on looking at why different types of people join any of the Allied Orders and how to recruit. The main points I got out of it was to reexamine why you joined up and look for ways to use that derived information to bring others in.

The main order of business was to work out the bylaws for the organization. From this discussion that consumed the meeting, it is apparent that the CRC is a good and old organization that is currently looking for its purpose. I think we as a Department should continue to support the CRC and to help it become a more relevant organization.

The Conference closed with a banquet and entertainment provided by the singing group that sang Civil War era songs.

The Department of Missouri will host the 2008 Conference. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Holiday Inn South. There will also be an informal dinner on Friday, October 3, for those who wish to participate.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC
Department Commander

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Since we received the call from Brother Jim Houston, Chairman of the National Encampment Committee for National, on September 30, 2007, informing us that the Department of Kansas had been awarded the 2010 National Encampment, your committee has been hard at work. This committee is made up of PDC Alan Russ, PDC Tom Schmidt, PCC Roy Lafferty in his capacity as Department Commander, and PDC Jim Knopke. This committee has officially met several times and plans are being formulated.

Let's bring you up to date:

1. Encampment logo has been designed, and much thanks goes to Tom Schmidt and Jon Goering for their hard work.
2. The Department has setup a separate checking account for accounting purposes which is required by National.
3. Hotel has been chosen and approved by National with the signing of the contract. The Encampment will be held at the Marriott Kansas City Overland Park at 10800 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, Kansas. By the end of 2009, this hotel will have gone through a complete renovation on the inside and the outside. The work started this week.
4. Fund raising plans are coming along.
5. Entertainment for Friday night Camp Fire and for Saturday night banquet is moving forward. Tom Schmidt has retained the help of Jon Goering, of the Wichita Camp.
6. We will bring a handout packet to this year National Encampment, in Peabody, Massachusetts, to start promoting the 2010 Encampment in Kansas.

We have about two years and four months to put this Encampment together, and we will be asking for the talents and resources of the members. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. With the help of many we can make this a successful event that all Brothers of the Department of Kansas will be proud of.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC
Chairman, National Encampment Committee

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MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

Department Order 3 of April 28, 2007 ,appointed the following brothers to the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee for the term from April 28, 2007 through April 26, 2008:

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. P. Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (Chairman)

Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. P. Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

John H. Spencer, Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton (Camp 6 Representative)

The purpose of this committee is coordinate and work with Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society to explore ways to help improve the condition of the battlefield, to enhance the experience of visitors to the battlefield and to help ensure the preservation of the battlefield.

To this end the Department of Kansas again took part in the annual Civil War Preservation Trust work day held this year on Saturday, April 5, 2008. The day of the event was promoted in the department newsletter, the 2007 Fall Council meeting, and 2008 training session held in January at Emporia. A total of 15 SUV brothers representing all the camps of the Department arrived on site and spent the day clearing out unwanted brush and trees. A good day of fun and work was had by all. It is the intention of the committee to continue the participation in this annual work day.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

Chairman, Mine Creek Battlefield Committee

REPORT BY DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department for 2007-2008 and finds them to be in order.

Matthew G. Toll, PCC
Council Member

Michael W. Anderson, PCC
Council Member

Robert L. Wandel
Council Member

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee was appointed by the Department Commander for the purpose of submitting nominations for the elected officers of the Department to the Department Encampment. The committee hereby submits to this Twelfth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment the following names in nomination for the offices indicated.

Office	Nominee	Camp
Department Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
Senior Vice Commander	James M. Converse, PCC	Franklin Camp 5
Junior Vice Commander	James R. Knopke, PDC	Franklin Camp 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Old Abe Camp 16
Council Members	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
	Matthew G. Toll, PCC	Franklin Camp 5
	Robert L. Wandel	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

The Nominations Committee herewith enters nominations of these brothers to the positions indicated.
SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY;

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Old Abe Camp 16

Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Douglas E. McGovern, PCC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

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ATTACHMENT D – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND MOTION ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT 2008-01

SUMMARY: This amendment establishes specific dates for Department Council Meetings and the Winter Training sessions to be held.

DISCUSSION: By establishing specific dates for these events, camps and Department Officers will be able to plan for participation in these events on a long-term time frame. The amendment also clarifies the purpose for the meeting, voting and non-voting members, and the status of other attendees.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section H. FALL COUNCIL MEETING. The officers of the Department shall conduct the “Fall Council Meeting” each year on the **third Saturday of October**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander.

(1) **Purpose.** The Fall Council Meeting shall be for the purpose conducting the routine business of the Department, to include approving expenditures, policies, and procedures. The Department Council will not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. Likewise, any action of the Department Council may be overruled by action of the next Department Encampment.

(2) **Voting Members.** The elected offices of the Department and the immediate Past Department Commander are the voting members of the Department Council.

(3) **Non-voting Members.**

(a) All appointed Department Officers are members of the Council, without vote, and should be in attendance.

(b) All brothers of the Department holding the honor of Past Department Commander are members without vote, and, as such, encouraged to attend the meeting.

(4) **Other Attendees.**

(a) Camp Commanders, or their designated representative, should attend. They should be prepared to report on the activities of their camp. This provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps. Camp Commanders or representatives are attendees without membership on the Council and without vote.

(b) All brothers of the Department are permitted and encouraged to attend the meeting without voice or vote. Any attendee may request of the Department Commander to present an item to the meeting or to provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed at the meeting. It shall be the decision of the Department Commander as to whether this shall be permitted.

Section I. WINTER TRAINING SESSION. The Winter Training Session for the Department shall be conducted on the **second Saturday of January**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander. The purpose of the Winter Training Session is to provide updated information and training to the elected officers of the Camps. This meeting is scheduled to have the greatest impact on the newly elected camp officers.

(1) Trainers/Presenters will be the elected Department officers or designee.

(2) Attendees should be the Camp Commanders, Camp Senior Vice Commanders, Camp Junior Vice Commanders, and Camp Secretaries/Treasurers.

Section J. SPRING COUNCIL MEETING. The officers of the Department shall conduct the “Spring Council Meeting” each year on the **second Saturday of March**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander, with preference given to locating it at the camp which will be the host camp for the upcoming Department Encampment. The attendees, purpose, and limitations are as described for the Fall Council Meeting, above.

AMENDMENT 2008-02

SUMMARY: This amendment adds the requirement for the Department Flag to be displayed at all meetings of the Department.

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DISCUSSION: The Department, having acquired a Department Flag, should proudly include it at its meetings, as is required of the Department Charter and United States Flag.

Article VI: MEETINGS

Section D. All meetings of the Department shall have a United States Flag, the Department Flag, and the Department Charter displayed.

AMENDMENT 2008-03

SUMMARY: This amendment removes the requirement that the incoming Department Commander must appoint a Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard. Instead, it allows these positions to be filled pro tempore when they are needed.

DISCUSSION: Current bylaws require the incoming Department Commander to appoint these positions. Since the following Department encampment will usually be held in another city the next year, this amendment allows the Department Commander to appoint these positions for that encampment from brothers who will be able to attend.

Article VII: OFFICERS

Section A. The Officers of the Department shall be the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three brothers of the Department Council, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, and Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard. The incoming Department Commander may delay appointing brothers to the offices of Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard until the next Department Encampment, at which time he will appoint them *pro tempore*.

AMENDMENT 2008-04

SUMMARY: This amendment further subdivides Section B by adding a title to the section, numbering the two existing subparagraphs as (1) and (2) and adding subparagraph (3). New subsection (3) adds additional requirements that a brother must be present at the Department Encampment in order to be nominated for the positions of Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander. This subsection includes provisions and procedures to allow the Department Encampment to grant an exception to the brother needing to be present. Additionally, it requires that a brother must be, or have been, a Camp Commander prior to being elected as Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander.

DISCUSSION: Current bylaws require that a brother must be present and entitled to vote at the encampment in order to be elected to the position of Department Commander. This is a requirement in the National Regulations. This amendment places the attendance requirement on candidates for SVC and JVC. It also provides that extenuating circumstances may cause the Encampment to desire to allow an exception. No exceptions are allowed for election to the office of Department Commander, as this would be in conflict with National Regulations. As to requiring a brother to have been a Camp Commander prior to being elected to the offices of SVC or JVC, this ensures their qualification to become Department Commander, either to fill a vacancy in that office, or to move up in progression.

Article VII: OFFICERS

Section B. Election of Officers, Delegates, and Alternates.

(1) The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary/ Treasurer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of the Department Council, Delegates and Alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there is but one nominee for an office the Department may elect by viva voce vote.

(2) Provided, that no brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander unless he has served as a Camp Commander. No brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment.

(3) No brother shall be eligible for election to the Department offices of Senior Vice Commander or Junior Vice Commander unless he has served, or is currently serving, as a Camp Commander. No brother shall be eligible to be nominated for election to the office of Senior Vice Commander or Junior Vice Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment. In the case of a nominee for Senior Vice Commander or Junior Vice Commander, the nomination of a brother to these offices, and the election thereto, may occur in his absence provided that:

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(a) A motion to nominate in his absence is made and approved by two-thirds(2/3)of the voting membership present at the Department Encampment; and

(b) The brother to be nominated has submitted, in writing, a statement, that, if he is elected to the position for which he is to be nominated, he will provide satisfactory service during his term of office; and

(c) The brother to be nominated has stated in writing that he knows of no reason to prevent him from performing his duties during the coming year, and that he will attend the following Department Encampment.

AMENDMENT 2008-05

SUMMARY: This amendment establishes a term of office for Secretary/Treasurer as being a period of three years.

DISCUSSION: National Regulations require all Department officers to be elected for a period of one, except that a Department may fix the term for the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary/Treasurer. The regulations also allow that the terms for Council members may be set for a period of two years. This amendment only addresses the office of Secretary/Treasurer. As this position is critical to the continuity of the Department, a three year term brings stability to the position, in that when a brother accepts the position, he will know how long he is expected to serve.

Article VII: OFFICERS

Section D. The term of all elective and appointed officers, ~~except the office of Secretary/Treasurer~~, shall be for one year. ~~The term of office for Secretary/Treasurer shall be for three (3) years, commencing with the 2008 term. [NOTE: In 2008, the sitting Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected to a one-year term, with the term of office being automatically extended to three (3) years from the date last elected upon approval of this amendment by the Commander-in-Chief.]~~

AMENDMENT 2008-06

SUMMARY: This amendment places the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee as a Standing Committee within the Department Bylaws.

DISCUSSION: The Tenth Department Encampment established the committee as a permanent committee. This amendment places that committee within the bylaws, where permanent committees should be contained.

Article X: COMMITTEES

Section B. ~~(Deleted)~~ Mine Creek Battlefield Committee. The Mine Creek Battlefield Committee, established by the Tenth Annual Department Encampment, shall be responsible for working with both the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society for the purpose of bettering the Mine Creek Battlefield. Such committee shall keep the Department Commander informed of its activities. The chairman of the committee shall report annually to the Department Encampment. The committee shall consist of five brothers appointed by the Department Commander, one of whom shall be a brother with Mine Creek Camp 6.

AMENDMENT 2008-07

SUMMARY: This amendment places currently awarded Department awards into the Department Bylaws.

DISCUSSION: Placing these awards into the Department Bylaws will ensure the awards and their original intent is not lost. This gives them permanent status and ensure that consistent criteria will be maintained for awarding them.

Article XII. DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Section C. The following awards, having been well established within the Department of Kansas by precedent, are established as permanent awards of the Department. These awards, and their criteria, are as follows:

(1) **CORPORAL LEONIDUS B. DAVIS AWARD FOR RECRUITER OF THE YEAR.** This award may be presented by the Department Commander to the brother who has recruited the most new brothers (Members, Associates, and Juniors) since the previous Department Encampment. The determination of which brother is to receive credit for a new brother is based upon the name entered on the application for membership as "Recommended by SUVCW Brother." Applications received from the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are not considered when determining the number of "recruits." The Department Commander may determine not to present the award any year he feels no one has recruited enough brothers to set him apart in this regard.

(2) **CAPTAIN PATRICK H.CONEY AWARD FOR BROTHER OF THE YEAR.** This award is presented by the Department Commander to the brother whom the Department Commander has determined to have

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performed significant service to a camp or the Department within the past year. The Department Commander shall seek recommendations from the various Camp Commanders for this award.

(3) **LEANDER STILLWELL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** This award may be presented by the Department Commander to the brother who has performed significant service to the Department of Kansas or the organization as a whole over an extended period of time. The Department Commander may seek recommendations from Camp Commanders, Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, and others. This award is neither required nor expected to be awarded each year.

(4) **WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR.** This award is presented by the Department Commander to the camp within the Department which demonstrated the greatest degree of support to the goals and ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in such areas as community involvement, memorial ceremonies, public education, conduct of camp meetings, and such. The Department Commander shall seek recommendations from the various Camp Commanders for this award.

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MOTION TO ESTABLISH “2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE”

Be it moved:

1. A committee is hereby created, to be named “**2010 National Encampment Committee**,” with said committee to be designated a standing committee of the Department of Kansas.
 2. The membership of the **2010 National Encampment Committee** initially shall consist of the current members of the **National Encampment Committee**, specifically; PDC James R. Knopke, PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, and PDC Alan L. Russ.
 3. The sitting Department Commander shall be a member of the **2010 National Encampment Committee** only during his term of office.
 4. The chairman of the **2010 National Encampment Committee** may further expand the committee by appointing additional members of the committee. Such appointments shall be for the life of the committee, unless otherwise stated at time of appointment.
 5. Any vacancy in the membership of the **2010 National Encampment Committee**, caused by loss of an appointed member for any reason, shall be filled by the committee chairman.
 6. The Department Council, by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the full council, may reject any nominee for appointment to the **2010 National Encampment Committee** or may remove any member thereof.
 7. The **2010 National Encampment Committee** is authorized to receive, maintain, and disburse funds related to the 2010 National Encampment. Such funds shall be maintained in a separate account from the regular funds of the Department. Such funds shall be subject to regular audits by the elected council members of the Department.
 8. The **2010 National Encampment Committee** shall cease to exist after all responsibilities and financial obligations have been completed by the committee, and the chairman has presented a final report has been presented to the 2011 Annual Department Encampment.
 9. Upon the approval of this motion, the current **National Encampment Committee** shall immediately be disbanded and cease to exist.
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**MINE CREEK CAMP 6
Pleasanton**

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2008: Members: 14 Associates: 2 Total: 16

CC John H. Spencer

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

**OLD ABE CAMP 16
Topeka**

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2008: Members: 20 Associates: 0 Total: 20

Rocky L. Bartlow	Randal L. Durbin, PDC	Kent M. Melcher
Jack M. Puett	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Blair D. Tarr

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	0
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Present	6
Total Authorized for Camp 16	5

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Strength as of March 31, 2008: Members: 132 Associates: 9 Total: 141

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	4
Camp Commander	2
Past Camp Commander	7
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Present	25
Total Authorized	22

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Number	Date(s)	Location	Department Commander
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
12	April 26, 2008	Lawrence	Roy A. Lafferty

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (PDC) IN THE DEPARTMENT

Franklin C. Bergquist (1999-2000)
Randal L. Durbin (2006-2007)
James R. Knopke (2005-2006)
Roy A. Lafferty (2007-2008)
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

Michael W. Anderson, Camp 4 (2007)
Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1 (1998)
Mark A. Britton, Camp 1 (2007)
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)
Dan E. Karr, Camp 16 (2005-2007)
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)
Arnold W. Schofield, Camp 6 (2005-2007)
Douglas G. Smith, Camp 1 (2000)
Kenneth E. Spurgeon, Camp 1 (2002)
Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (2004)
Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5 (2007)
Alan L. Van Loenen, Camp 4 (2006)

ACTIVE CAMPS

Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

(Named in honor of Private Patrick Coyne, Co. C, 1st 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, 2nd 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 and numbered 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



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