

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**APRIL 25, 2009
OLATHE, KANSAS**

**CRAIG A. SUNDELL, PCC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

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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 Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 25, 2009, at American Legion Post 153, Olathe, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:45 AM by Department Commander Craig A. Sundell. 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 Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander James M. Converse, PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5, present
 - Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member and Chief of Staff Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member, Graves Registration Officer, and Guide Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.
 - Council Member and Patriotic Instructor Matthew G. Toll, PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Chaplain Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4, present.
 - Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, present.
 - Color Bearer S. Todd Meek, Camp 1, present.
 - Guard David P. Tollefson, Camp 5, present.
5. The opening of the Encampment concluded with Chaplain's prayer, followed by the Encampment attendees singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
6. The Encampment received visiting National Council of Administration Member Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri, representing Commander in Chief David V. Medert, PDC, Department of Ohio. PDC Petrovic presented greetings on behalf of the Commander in Chief.
7. Commander Sundell informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.
8. 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	3	1	1	0	2	7
Camp Commander	1	1	0	0	0	2
Past Camp Commander	1	1	2	0	1	5
Department Elected Officer	0	1	0	0	0	1
Delegate	1	2	1	0	1	5
Alternate Delegate	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PRESENT	6	7	4	0	4	21
VOTING STRENGTH	6	7	4	0	4	21

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OFFICER REPORTS

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

Commander Craig A. Sundell, PCC – Commander’s Report [Page A-1]
James M. Converse, PCC – Senior Vice Department Commander Report [Page A-1]
James R. Knopke, PDC – Junior Vice Department Commander Report [Page A-1]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary’s Report [Page A-2]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer’s Report [Page A-2]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer’s Report – 2010 National Encampment Account[Page A-3]
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC – Chief of Staff Report [Page A-3]
Matthew G. Toll, PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-3]
Blair D. Tarr – Historian, Last Soldier Project, and GAR Records Project Reports [Page A-3]
Brian R. Van Schmus – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-4]
Robert L. Wandel – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-5]
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Chaplain’s Necrology Report [Page A-5]

CAMP REPORTS

10. The following camp reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written. Mine Creek Camp 6 and Old Abe Camp 16 did not present Camp Reports.

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander S. Todd Meeks, [Page B-1]
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented for Camp Commander Brian R. Van Schmus, [Page B-1]
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by David P. Tollefson on behalf of Camp Commander Lane D. Smith, PCC, [Page B-1].

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 allowing the Commander-in-Chief to hold implementation of a change to the National Regulations in abeyance if he determines it to be in conflict with the Federal Charter or the Constitution of the SUVCW. Commander Sundell ruled the amendment would be addressed under “new business.”
 - b. The other correspondence concerned a nominations National Junior Vice Commander in Chief and National Council of Administration. The correspondence was summarized and made available to those desiring to read the complete texts.
12. There being no unfinished business, Commander Sundell called for committee reports to be presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Credentials Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-1]
2010 National Encampment Committee – James R. Knopke, PDC [Page C-1]
Mine Creek Battlefield Committee Report – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC [Page C-1]
Report on 2009 National Encampment – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC [Page C-2]
Report on 2008 Central Region Association Conference – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-2]]

14. Commander Sundell declared that the Bylaws Committee report was to be held until “new business” and the Nominating Committee report was to be held until the start of the nomination process.

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DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

15. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Council member, presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-3]

16. As it was now 11:45 AM and approaching the designated lunch time. Commander Sundell directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. He then declared a recess until 1 PM, and also requested that the Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, and National Representative Petrovic would accompany him on a visitation to the Department of Kansas LGAR Encampment in the other room. This visitation would occur prior to the Encampment resuming.

NEW BUSINESS

17. At 1:05 PM, the Encampment was called back into session by Commander Sundell, with the Chaplain re-opening the Bible.

18. The proposed amendment to the National Constitution, concerning the authority of the Commander-in-Chief to hold an approved change to the National Regulations when in conflict with the Federal Charter or National Constitution, was approved by vote of the Encampment. The Secretary was directed to notify the National Secretary of the results.

19. Commander Sundell called upon PDC Russ, as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, to present the amendments which had been presented to the committee during the year. PDC Russ presented each of the amendments (2009-01 through 2009-04) [Page D-1] to the Encampment, at which time they were voted on and approved.

20. Commander Sundell noted that no proposed amendments had been referred to the Encampment Bylaws Committee.

21. Commander Sundell requested to know who planned to attend the 2009 National Encampment as "automatic" attendees. Commander Sundell (Camp 4) stated he would be attending (as PDC); along with PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (as PDC); PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (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); and the new Department Commander, in that capacity.

22. Commander Sundell stated that the Department of Kansas was entitled to seven delegates to the National Encampment. He then asked the Encampment who else was desiring to attend the National Encampment as a delegate. PCC Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5; Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4; Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4; and S. Todd Meeks, Camp 1, stated their intentions to attend. PDC Durbin moved that the brothers attending without "automatic" status should be declared delegates to the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

23. Commander Sundell 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.

24. Commander Sundell announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 14th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 24, 2010. Also, per the bylaws, the camp next in line to host the Encampment is Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton. Commander Sundell asked if anyone from Mine Creek Camp 6 was present to accept the hosting of the 14th Annual Encampment. There being no one from Mine Creek Camp 6 present, Commander Sundell moved to the next camp in line, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka. He asked if anyone from Old Abe Camp 16 was present to accept the hosting of the 14th Annual Encampment. Old Abe Camp 16 passed on accepting the hosting of the 14th Annual Encampment. Commander Sundell then moved to the next camp in line, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita. He asked Camp Commander Meeks if Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 would accept the hosting of the 14th Annual Encampment. Camp Commander Meeks replied that the Wichita camp will be the host camp.

25. PDC Dean K. Speaks asked to approach the podium to speak. He then asked the Encampment to declare Brother Robert Petrovic to be an "Honorary Kansan" in recognition of the number of Department of Kansas Encampments he has attended, along with the assistance of Brother Petrovic to the Department in preparing for the 2010 National Encampment. This was heartily accepted by the Encampment.

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26. PDC Speaks then challenged the Department to help raise money for hosting the 2010 National Encampment in Overland Park. He offered that he would match, one for one, each dollar raised between this Department Encampment and the Fall Council Meeting (October 10, 2009), up to a maximum of \$2,500. To start off the fund-raising, he presented the Department with a check for \$500.00. PDC Speaks next challenged the Department to increase its strength by fifty percent between now and the next Department Encampment (April 24, 2010). Based upon the Department strength as of March 31, 2009, this would be an increase of 74 brothers. He stated that all categories (members, associates, junior members, and junior associates) would count toward reaching this goal. If the goal is reached, PDC Speaks stated he would donate \$1,000 to the Department. Commander Sundell expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Department, for PDC Speaks' challenge and the potential good it would do for the Department.

27. Commander Sundell recognized PDC Thomas E. Schmidt. PDC Schmidt challenged all brothers and camps to raise funds for the 2010 National Encampment in order to maximize Brother Speaks' contribution.

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

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

30. Commander Sundell then placed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee into nomination for their respective positions, and officially discharged the Nominating Committee with a "Thank you" from the Department.

31. Commander Sundell then opened the floor to other nominations. None were submitted.

32. 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 James M. Converse, Camp 5
Senior Vice Commander	PDC James R. Knopke, Camp 5
Junior Vice Commander	PCC Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5
Council Members	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
	PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4
	PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1

33. Commander Sundell asked for additional nominations from the floor of the Encampment. No further nominations were submitted and nominations were closed.

34. PDC Frank Bergquist moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

35. Commander Sundell requested a motion from the floor to recognize Franklin Camp 5 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Randy Durbin moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

36. Commander Sundell requested a motion from the floor to recognize American Legion Post 153 for providing the meeting facilities. PCC Matt Toll moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

37. At this time, Commander Sundell presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year
PCC James M. Converse, Franklin Camp 5

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William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

38. PDC Petrovic thanked Commander Sundell for his service on behalf of the Department of Kansas.

39. Incoming commander, PCC James M. Converse, was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those so appointed, to wit:

Chaplain	PCC Mark A. Britton, Camp 1
Patriotic Instructor	PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4
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	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
Webmaster	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16

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

41. Commander Converse was given the charge for his office. The badge of office as Department Commander, gavel, Rituals of the Order, Federal Charter of the Order, National Constitution and Regulations of the Order, and Department Bylaws were presented to incoming Department Commander Converse by PDC Petrovic.

42. The Department flag was then transferred from outgoing Commander Sundell to incoming Commander Converse.

43. Commander Converse presented PDC Craig A. Sundell with a certificate of recognition for his service as the Eleventh Department of Kansas Commander and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.

CLOSING

44. Commander Converse then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 2:15 PM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Officer Reports
Attachment B	Camp Reports
Attachment C	Committee Reports
Attachment D	Amendments to Bylaws
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/ Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/ James M. Converse

James M. Converse, PCC
Commander

/s/ Craig A. Sundell

Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Immediate Past Commander

/s/ James R. Knopke

James R. Knopke, PDC
Senior Vice Commander

/s/ Matthew G. Toll

Matthew G. Toll, PCC
Junior Vice Commander

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member

/s/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Council Member

/s/ Robert L. Wandel

Robert L. Wandel
Council Member

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brothers,

In early May, I represented the Department at the Annual Banquet of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Topeka. On Memorial Day, I attended ceremonies at the Olathe Cemetery and the Union Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. In June, I represented the Department at the dedication of the Quindaro Historic site in Kansas City, Kansas.

I participated as a member of the SUVCW honor guard at the funeral of Brother John Spencer in Fort Scott, Kansas.

I attended the Central Region Association conference in St. Louis on October 5. On Veterans Day, I marched with fellow brothers in parades in Ottawa, Kansas, and, later, in Leavenworth, Kansas.

In November and December, I presided over the officer installations of Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 in Wichita, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 in Lawrence, Mine Creek Camp 6 in Fort Scott, and Old Abe Camp 16 in Topeka. I attended the Winter Training Session in Emporia in January. I also made a presentation on "Kansas in the Civil War" to the Mitchell County Historical Society in Beloit, Kansas.

Finally, I attended the Spring Council Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas in March. I attended regular camp meetings in Lawrence and Olathe, when it was possible.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Craig A. Sundell
Department Commander

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

Regular publication of the SUNFLOWER PICKET is a primary responsibility of the SVC. It was done in exceptional fashion by Brother Alan Russ, PDC, and I was able to help tabulate contributor articles as they were submitted. I continued as editor of Franklin Camp's THE OLD FLAG, publishing twelve issues for the members and friends of Franklin Camp. This publication is available online at Franklin Camp's webpage, www.suvcwolathe.org and permanently archived at the KSHS and Johnson County Museum.

In April, I attended the final Mahaffie Civil War on the Border reenactment event, manning Franklin Camp's recruiting/information booth and greeting the public and reenactors who were able to stop by. Several visitors brought their Civil War ancestors' documentation on the second day, asking for us to research their ancestor further.

I attended two NJROTC Awards Ceremonies where Franklin Camp Commander Smith presented the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC Awards in May. Meeting these young people is very gratifying. Shawnee Mission West and Shawnee Mission North High School administration and the parents and guests attending the events learned of SUVCW at these ceremonies.

In September, I marched with Franklin Camp at the Bushwacker Days Parade in Olathe, coinciding with the 1862 date that Quantrill conducted his raid on Olathe. In the Department Commander's absence, I chaired the fall council meeting held for the first time in Olathe. In January, I attended the Department Winter Training session in Emporia.

I have enjoyed my time serving as your Senior Vice Commander, and thank each member of the Department for the opportunity. I look forward to the strong future of the Department of Kansas.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

James M. Converse, PCC
Senior Vice Department Commander

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

I have not received or processed any applications from the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the past year.

Functions attended.

1. Franklin Camp #5 Memorial Day Ceremony, May 24th
2. National Encampment in Peabody, MA., August 7th - 9th
3. Old Settler's Parade in Olathe, KS., September 6th
4. Central Region Association conference in St. Louis, MO., October 3rd - 4th
5. Fall Council Meeting in Olathe, KS, October 18th
6. Franklin Camp #5 Veterans Day Ceremony, November 8th
7. SUVCW Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg, PA, November 22nd
8. Department Training Session in Emporia, KS, January 10th

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9. SUVCW Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration in Washington DC, February, 12th
 10. Spring Council Meeting in Olathe, KS, March 14th
 11. Celebration of Ms. Mary Hayes Carroll, a real daughter, put on by Franklin Camp #5
 12. SUVCW Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL, April, 18th
- Submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC
Junior Vice Department Commander

SECRETARY REPORT

The proceedings of the 12th Annual Department Encampment, April 26, 2008, were properly published and approved by the full Department Council. Electronic copies were furnished to each Department Officer and Camp Secretary. They are also available at the Department website www.suvcwks.org.

The Department strength as of March 31, 2008 was as follows:

Hereditary Members:	132 (including 8 Life Members)
Associates:	9
Junior Members:	6
Total:	147 (with 141 being reportable strength to National)

The Department strength as of March 31, 2009 is:

Hereditary Members:	133 (including 8 Life Members)
Associates:	9
Junior Members:	5
Junior Associates:	0 (not currently authorized in Department)
Total:	147 (with 142 reportable strength to National)

The above numbers represent a net gain of one reportable brother for the Department, although the overall strength remained unchanged.

As Department Secretary I attended the Department at the 2008 Fall Council Meeting, 2009 Winter Training Session and 2009 Spring Council meeting. I also attended the National Encampment at Peabody, Massachusetts, in August 2008, and attended the Central Region Association Conference at St. Louis, in October 2008.

It continues to be my honor to serve the Department in this capacity this past year, and I look forward to continuing in my current term of office for the next two years.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

TREASURER REPORT – DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand April 26, 2008		\$ 3,940.37
Receipts April 26, 2008 to April 25, 2009:		
National Application Fees	40.00	
National Per Capita	2,083.50	
National Quartermaster	58.00	
Department – General	444.50	
Department – Special	<u>219.00</u>	
Total Receipts		2,845.00
Expenditures April 26, 2008 to April 25, 2009:		
National Application Fees	60.00	
National Per Capita	2,461.50	
National Quartermaster	58.00	
Department – General	<u>361.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>2,940.50</u>
Balance on Hand April 25, 2009:		\$ 3,844.87
Obligated Funds:		
National Application Fees	10.00	
National Per Capita	<u>2,016.00</u>	
Total Obligated Funds		<u>2,026.00</u>
Available Funds as of April 25, 2009		<u>\$ 1,818.87</u>

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TREASURER REPORT – 2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT FUND

Balance on hand April 26, 2008		\$ 685.40
Receipts April 26, 2008 to April 25, 2009:		
Liberty Bonds	320.00	
Lincoln Medallion Sales	850.00	
Donations (fundraiser)	60.00	
Total Receipts		1,230.00
Expenditures April 26, 2008 to April 25, 2009:		
Encampment Advertisements (2008 Encampment)	40.00	
Encampment Table (2009 Encampment)	20.00	
Lincoln Medallion Purchases	616.00	
Encampment Raffle Item (2009 Department)	60.00	
Total Expenditures		<u>736.00</u>
Balance on Hand as of April 25, 2009		<u>\$ 1,179.40</u>
Merchandise on Hand: 25 Lincoln Medallions; 1 SUV CW Pocket Watch (Total value: \$210.00)		

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

In my role of Chief of Staff for the Dept of Kansas I was involved in the giving guidance and direction to all Department Officers when called upon for such. I hope I have fulfilled satisfactory the duties of this appointed role in the Department. In this position as well being a Dept Council Member I attended the 2008 Fall Council Meeting in Olathe, KS on Oct. 18, 2008, Winter Training Session in Emporia, Ks on January 10, 2009, and the Spring Council Meeting on March 14, 2009 in Olathe, KS.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Chief of Staff

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Brothers;

As Department Patriotic Instructor for the 2008-2009 season, I have attended numerous outings with the Olathe Camp as well as a few others. I have attended the Veterans Day event held at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery, as well as the sister event to that in May, the Memorial Day event. I have contributed to the Department newsletter The Sunflower Picket many articles related to Patriotism regarding the recent changes to the US Flag code and others. Also had the honor to attend the Real Daughter Ceremony in Lees Summit, Missouri for Mary Carrol Hayes as a representative of the Department of Kansas. I also participated in the Old Settlers Day parade with Franklin Camp No. 5. I received at the National Patriotic Instructors request, 3 reports of Camp Patriotic activities from various camps in the department, I then forwarded them on to him. I was able to represent the Department at the Funeral of a Valued Brother, Commander John H. Spencer, Commander and Charter Member of Mine Creek Camp No. 6.

I wish to thank the constituency for allowing me the pleasure of being your Patriotic Instructor for this term. It was my honor to serve you all.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Matthew G. Toll, PCC
Patriotic Instructor

HISTORIAN REPORT

I hope it will please the Department Commander that I have combined my three reports. From November on I have had family matters out of state to deal with, and it has restricted my ability to work on SUV CW affairs. I regret this, but it has been unavoidable.

As the Department Historian I have responded to a few inquiries that have come my way. While most are about soldiers who may have lived in Kansas, some have been in regards to GAR Post Records and who may have them.

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In this respect it's very convenient having the KSHS Archives a short walk from my office, but it has also been useful having some knowledge of historical museums throughout the state.

The Last Soldier Project is an area where progress needs to be stepped up a bit, as the Department in the past has discussed using this information during the Sesquicentennial, perhaps producing a book. I believe we are still 13 counties short of having a Last Soldier for each county, and there are others that need to be firming up by further research.

The search for GAR Records continues, although finding out about records in the 105 counties has come about by some of the inquiries to the Historian. This needs a more thorough search of museums and libraries across the state, and I would ask my brothers if they know of the location of GAR records, that they forward that information to me.

A major disappointment of the year is that I expected to have a proposal at this encampment regarding archival material that should be kept by the camps and the Department, so that copies can be turned over the archives of the Kansas Historical Society—and local historical societies—for safe keeping. I swear this will be done this coming year.

In spite of all this, I'm going to ask for assistance in identifying and locating GAR plots in local cemeteries, and identifying the posts that purchased the plots. For instance, in Topeka we have five GAR plots in four cemeteries, purchased by four posts. My thought with this is that a listing of GAR plots may have value with genealogists, and may not be entirely incompatible with the GAR Memorials and Monuments Project.

Submitted in F.C. & L,

Blair D. Tarr
Department Historian &
Chairman, Last Soldier and GAR Records Projects

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

It has been my honor to continue as Eagle Scout Coordinator for the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This is an important part of our outreach program. In addition, these young men have earned our recognition for their hard work.

During the past twelve months, I have received and processed requests from the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, or directly, for 30 certificates.

Jordan Yulich – Lawrence, KS	Luke Reynolds - Overland Park, KS
Devon Giffin – Lawrence, KS	Neal Brock - Overland Park, KS
Nathan Ideus – Lawrence, KS	R. Liam Reilly - Overland Park, KS
Michael Bennett – Lawrence, KS	Cody Knapik – Lawrence, KS
Eric Wilson Winfield, KS	Dominick Reiske – Lawrence, KS
Ronald Heator Overland Park, KS	Holden Bradley Rolfs – Stilwell, KS
Andrew R. Szczesny - Lenexa, KS	Richard I Peat III – Arkansas City, KS
John Archambeau – Winfield, KS	Ian Lamb – Haysville, KS
Ryan Caez – Kingsland, GA	Marshall Allan Pickarts – Wichita, KS
Andrew Scott Braden – Lawrence, KS	Eric W. Noell – Leavenworth, KS
Trevor Davies – Lawrence, KS	Kyle J. Custer – Overland Park, KS
Thomas Bolton – Overland Park, KS	Jim Adams – Eudora, KS
Warren Swenson - Overland Park, KS	David Lewis – Eudora, KS
Christopher Contreras - Overland Park, KS	Bryce Alan Loesing – Wichita, KS
Aaron Haffey - Overland Park, KS	James Amos Manning – Wamego, KS

I have continued to attend Pelathe District (Douglas County) Scout leaders meetings and present our program. In March I printed a letter addressed to Scoutmasters in the district explaining how to request certificates. This has been met with positive interest.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of PCC Jim Converse and Franklin Camp #5 in Olathe for their efforts. Jim has been in touch with the Heart of America Council, which serves the greater Kansas City area. We are working on including a letter in the packet that goes to all Eagle Scouts offering the certificate. Camp #5 has also linked a request form on their camp website.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Brian Van Schmus
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator

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GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

This last year has flown by and with the high price of gasoline it has been harder to get out and visit cemeteries to look for Civil War veterans tombstones. There are several individuals from camps throughout Kansas who have reviewed one or two counties. We are continuing to try to get as much information about the CW vets buried in Kansas prior to the 2010 National Encampment.

As the Graves Registration Officer, I have responded to several questions about CW vets buried in Kansas. These requests have taken me to Reading, Atchison and Lawrence cemeteries. I have taken and sent photos of the tombstones requested to the individuals for their records.

I would encourage anyone who has some spare time to help search cemeteries and report what CW vets are buried there to me.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Robert L. Wandel
Department Graves Registration Officer

CHAPLAIN'S NECROLOGY REPORT

The loss of five brothers within the Department were reported during the last year.

MAJ. RAY ELWICK

April 12, 1920 – September 3, 2008

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, Kansas

DR. JOHN H. SPENCER, PCC

December 1, 1947 – January 3, 2009

Mine Creek Camp No. 6, Pleasanton, Kansas

ROBERT J. (Bob) ENRIGHT

May 5, 1928 – March 17, 2009

Franklin Camp No. 5, Olathe, Kansas

JESSE E. EARNEST

March 21, 1930 – March 24, 2009

Mine Creek Camp No. 6, Pleasanton, Kansas

BORIS N. BULATKIN, PCC

1938 – April 15, 2009

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, Kansas

Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of our fallen brothers.
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Chaplain

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CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

The Corp. Patrick Coyne camp has remained active throughout the year. Last May for our meeting, we dedicated a new headstone, for Michael Switzer in Halstead,KS. We provided a color guard, firing detail, and a ceremony in his honor.

We have continued our overseas soldiers programs. We are sending requested items to the Kansas Air National Guard Air Control Squadron that are deployed at this time.

We will also be helping Sgt. Wayne Price, when he deploys in May.

The camp has recently taken on a new project at the Highland cemetery in Wichita. We will be cleaning and straightening the headstones of Civil War Soldiers. We are only in the planning stage right now, but hope to be ready to start this summer.

The Maple Grove Pavilion project, which seems to be in our report every year, is nearing completion. The stone work is done, the roof has been built and put on. They will be placing the headstones back and hopefully it will be completed by the end of the year. We are looking forward to the rededication ceremony.

Our camp meeting programs have had a Lincoln theme this year in honor of his birth bi-centennial and have been very interesting. We did not have a Lincoln Remembered Day this past fall, due to not being able of getting a keynote speaker. But it will be back this year. We have already scheduled with Bill Worley Adjunct Professor with the University of Missouri-Kansas City to be the speaker. It will be Oct. 10, the topic being "Lincoln in Kansas" which ties with the 150th anniversary of his trip to Kansas in 1859 and Lincoln's birth bi-centennial celebration. We invite everyone to attend and enjoy a great meal and program.

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Todd Meek
Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

The past 12 months have been busy. We have continued to invite speakers to our monthly meetings. Highlights include . In addition, Brother Dennis Dailey brought a Lincoln flag he owns to the March meeting. It is an 8'x10' and is called the Lincoln flag due to the 34 stars on the Union.

We were successful in getting a camp banner this year. This was put to good use when Brothers marched in the Ottawa Veterans Day parade.

On Memorial Day weekend members of our camp were joined by area Scouts in placing flags on markers of Union veterans in Lawrence cemeteries. The local media once again covered our activity, giving us a good opportunity to promote our group.

In September members of our camp, along with support from Battery B, 3rd Kansas Artillery reenactors helped with a Cub Scout camping weekend. The theme was Civil War days. The Scouts cooked red beans and rice, shot BB guns from behind logs, ate hardtack, and learned how a cannon is loaded and fired. The culmination of the activity was the firing of the howitzer. This made quite an impression on the Scouts.

We attempted something new last fall. We invited Hershel Stroud to do a presentation on Civil War medicine and invited area Boys Scouts to attend. Attendance was not what we hoped, but it is something we plan to improve on this fall. We have designated our October meeting for area Scouts to join us.

We continued to schedule speakers at our meetings. This past year we have had Kirby Ross talk about Samuel S. Hildebrand, the Missouri bushwhacker; Bill McFarland speak on his book about cavalry in the Civil War, Dale Vaughn talked about his book The Chance about the 1st Kansas Colored Troops.

Finally, we continue to maintain Adams Cemetery in Lawrence and help with the cleanup of Black Jack Battlefield in Baldwin and Mine Creek Battlefield.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Brian Van Schmus
Camp Commander

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp membership increased by one new member.

Camp Activities:

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Mahaffie Reenactment held in April with a recruiting booth. Unfortunately that event has been permanently cancelled and we are looking for an event to replace it.

Memorial Day Ceremony with the Color Guard represented by the Johnson County Sheriff's Dept. with the featured speaker Dept Commander Craig Sundell. Over 350 Union veterans buried at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery.

Our first parade was Sept 6th at the Old Settlers Day Parade in Olathe which included our new camp banner. New Franklin Camp flag provided by member Dave Tollefson.

Veterans Day ceremony was held on the Saturday before Veterans Day with the Color Guard represented by the SMW NJROTC cadets. Also participating was Boy Scout Troop #259. The featured speaker was Lt Cmdr Sheldon Vasquez, "The soldier that is willing to defend his country is not an ordinary but an exceptional citizen".

On Veterans Day itself our camp was asked to participate with the local SCVCW group to provide a color guard at the Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth.

Patriotic Instruction continues to be an important part of our monthly meetings with 7 programs this past year.

Participation in the NJROTC awards ceremony at SMN and SMW with the SUVCW award. We will continue to participate in this awards ceremony and expand to include a school in the Kansas City, Ks school district.

Begin participation in the SUVCW Eagle Scout awards.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Lane Smith
Camp Commander

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

21 brothers of the Department are in attendance, broken down as follows:

Department Commander:	1
Past Department Commanders:	7
Camp Commanders:	2
Past Camp Commanders:	5
Department Elected Officers	1
Delegates	5
Alternate Delegates	0
Total Voting Members	21

By camp, the count is as follows:

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita	6
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence	7
Franklin Camp 5, Olathe	4
Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton	0
Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka	4
Total Voting Members	21

A quorum is present.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Chairman, Encampment Credentials Committee

2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Progress is being made for the 2010 National Encampment, so let's bring you up to date.

1. We are ready for this year's National Encampment in Kentucky. We have reserved a booth and have our items selected for this year's information packet. Those that are going to Kentucky and would like to help us man the booth, please see me.
2. Yesterday we met with our contacts at the Marriott for a walk through now that the renovations are done. Let me say that they did a great job and our guest will be very happy with the accommodations. While we were there, we double checked the meeting rooms for the Allied Orders and discussed the menu and price for the Banquet dinner.
3. Tom Schmidt has secured the entertainment for the Camp Fire and the Banquet. For the Camp Fire we will have the Lecompton Players do a period piece on Bleeding Kansas. They informed us that they will write a special play for this occasion with four to five characters that will represent the main political players of the time. Then for the Banquet we will have one half of the Free Staters, Jon & Betsey, and they will play period music from the mid 1800's. As we are in the sesquicentennial time of the pre Civil War we thought it would be appropriate to have entertainment that reflects that time.
4. For Thursday's tour we are looking into offering one that would include going to The Arabia Steamboat Boat and the WW I museum. Alan Russ is gathering information on this.
5. Tom is in the process getting pricing on the Encampment Medal and the Commemorative Medal.
6. For a fund raiser the 2010 National Encampment Committee and past Department Commanders have donated funds to purchase a SUVCW pocket watch that will be raffled off at this Encampment. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

We are a little over 1 year and 3 months before the 2010 National Encampment and as we get closer to that time we will be calling upon our members for help. In my travels this past year other members of the Allied Orders have expressed to me their anticipation of coming to Kansas in 2010. Gentlemen with your help we will not disappoint them.

Submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC
Chairman, 2010 National Encampment Committee

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

Department Order 3 of April 26, 2008, appointed the following brothers to the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee for the term from April 26, 2008 through April 25, 2009.

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Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. P. Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (Chairman)
Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence (replacing 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 the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society to explore way 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.

The committee did not meet during its appointed term. It was the intent of the committee to encourage department members to participate in the annual Civil War Preservation Trust work day on April 4, 2009 but conflicts arose that prevented at least (2) camps from participating. As a result it was with regret the Department of Kansas did not have a presence at the work day.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Chairman, Mine Creek Battlefield Committee

REPORT ON THE 2008 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 127th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW Peabody, Massachusetts, August 7-10, 2008

On August 7, 8 and 9 of 2008, James Knopke, PDC, Alan Russ, PDC and I attended the National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts.

The business of the order went smoothly. There was a discussion about the religious symbolism used in our meetings; the body expressed the opinion that it should remain as is.

I attended a 30 minute Chaplin's meeting lead by National Chaplin Jerome Kowalski. He covered the duties of a Chaplin and suggested a book on Civil War Chaplains so we would know our historical role.

On the last day Brothers Knopke, Russ and I, passed out packets advertising the 2010 encampment that our department will host. They were well received.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Roy Lafferty, PDC

2008 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION REPORT

The 2008 Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (CRA) Conference was held on October 4, 2008, in St. Louis. The Department of Kansas was represented by Department Commander Craig A. Sundell, PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC James R. Knopke, PDC Roy A. Lafferty, and Blair D. Tarr. Also, National President Barbara Knopke represented both the National Organization of the LGAR and their Kansas Department.

Commander Alan Teller (SUVCW-IN) chaired the meeting. The primary item for the agenda was the finalization of bylaws for the CRA. This process has been ongoing for the last couple of years. PDC Don Palmer (SUVCW-MO) presented the proposed bylaws. The attendees went through each section, addressing proposed changes, and deciding on the final form for the bylaws. When agreement was reached, the bylaws were submitted to a vote of the attendees for acceptance, and was passed by the body. The CRA now functions under its bylaws.

The conference addressed where upcoming conferences would be held. The goal was to ensure we would know at least two years in advance where the conference would be held. The Department of Kansas had previously declined holding the 2009 conference, due to this date being in the middle of planning for the 2010 National Encampment in August of 2010. The upcoming dates are as set by the bylaws on the first Saturday of October. The upcoming dates and locations are:

October 3, 2009 – Indiana (probably Indianapolis)
October 2, 2010 – Kansas
October 1, 2011 – St. Louis, Missouri

2008-2009 Officers were elected. It is the custom of the CRA for the officers to alternate between the SUVCW and one of the women's organizations. The newly elected officers are:

Commander – PDC Walter Busch, SUVCW-MO
Senior Vice Commander – LeeAnn Teller, DUVCW-IN
Junior Vice Commander – Michael Beck, SUVCW-IN

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Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term) – Robert Shaw, SUVCW-IN
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Department Secretary

REPORT BY DEPARTMENT COUNCIL DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department for 2008-2009 finds them to be in order.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member

Robert L. Wandel
Council Member

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

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

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ATTACHMENT D – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

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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ATTACHMENT E – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 63 Associates: 3 Total: 66

Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC Mark A. Britton, PCC John H. Hartford
S. Todd Meek Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC Dean K. Speaks, PDC

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	3
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	6
Total Authorized for Camp 1	12

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 21 Associates: 2 Total: 23

Dennis M. Dailey Michael J. Hadl, PCC Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Richard D. Schrader DC Craig A. Sundell, PCC Brian R. Van Schmus
Robert L. Wandel

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Present	7
Total Authorized for Camp 4	8

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 15 Associates: 2 Total: 17

James M. Converse, PCC James R. Knopke, PDC Matthew G. Toll, PCC
David P. Tollefson

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	4
Total Authorized for Camp 5	7

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**MINE CREEK CAMP 6
Pleasanton**

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 11 Associates: 2 Total: 13

None Present

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

**OLD ABE CAMP 16
Topeka**

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 23 Associates: 0 Total: 23

Randal L. Durbin, PDC Dan E. Karr, PCC Alan L. Russ, PDC
Blair D. Tarr

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	4
Total Authorized for Camp 16	6

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Strength as of March 31, 2009: Members: 133 Associates: 9 Total: 142

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	7
Camp Commander	2
Past Camp Commander	5
Elected Department Officer	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Present	21
Total Authorized	34

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
13	April 25, 2009	Olathe	Craig A. Sundell

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (PDC)

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)
Craig A. Sundell (2008-2009)

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS PAST CAMP COMMANDERS (PCC)

Michael W. Anderson, Camp 4 (2007)
Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1 (1998)
Mark A. Britton, Camp 1 (2007)
James M. Converse, Camp 5 (2006)
James P. Coyne, Camp 1 (2008)
Jeffrey L. Dunaway, Camp 16 (2002)
Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16 (2004-2005)
Delton E. Gilliland, Camp 16 (2008)
Michael J. Hadl, Camp 4 (2008)
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)
Lane D. Smith, Camp 5 (2008)
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 Sons of Veterans 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, Salina/DMAL

Organized July 11, 1996 at Salina, Suspended July 12, 1998
Designated Department 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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