

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**JANUARY 12, 2013
EMPORIA, KANSAS**

**ROY A. LAFFERTY, PDC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Department Officers

2012-2013

Department Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Senior Vice Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Junior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Council Member.....	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Council Member.....	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Council Member.....	Mark A. Britton, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Immediate Past Department Commander	James R. Knopke, PDC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Patriotic Instructor	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Chaplain.....	Mark A. Britton, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.....	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Graves Registration Officer	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Historian.....	Blair D. Tarr <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>

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January 12, 2013
Emporia, Kansas**

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 Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on January 12, 2013, at the Emporia Senior Center, Emporia, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:05 AM by Senior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow. At that time, the Past Department Commanders in attendance were announced and filed into the room. A vacant chair remained in memory of PDC Dean K. Speaks and PDC Kenneth D. Strader.
3. After the Past Department Commanders were seated, the gavel was passed to Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, who received honored guests, National Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor, PDC, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and his wife, National Vice President Diane Mellor, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Both gave brief comments.
4. At 10:10 AM, Commander Lafferty officially opened the encampment. The opening was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.
5. The Department Secretary called the roll of officers, and reported all officers present:
 - Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16, present
 - Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member and Chaplain Mark A. Britton, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member, Patriotic Instructor, Graves Registration Officer, and Eagle Scout Coordinator, William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, present.
6. The opening of the Encampment concluded with Chaplain's prayer.
7. Commander Lafferty 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. 16	
Department Commander	0	1	0	0	1
Past Department Commander	2	1	1	2	6
Camp Commander	1	1	1	1	4
Past Camp Commander	4	2	2	2	10
Department Elected Officer	0	0	0	0	0
Delegate	4	3	1	3	11
Alternate Delegate	0	0	0	1	1
Jr. Member/Jr. Associate	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL PRESENT	11	10	5	9	35
VOTING STRENGTH	11	8	5	8	32

9. Commander Lafferty appointed PDC Alan L. Russ as Chairman of the Encampment Bylaws Committee, with PDC Thomas E. Schmidt and PDC James R. Knopke as committee member.

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10. Commander Lafferty appointed PCC Rocky L. Bartlow as Chairman of the encampment Resolutions Officers' Report Committee, with PCC Kent M. Melcher and PCC Mark A. Britton as committee members.

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

Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Commander's Report [Page A-1]
Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC – Senior Vice Department Commander [Page A-1]
Kent M. Melcher, PCC – Junior Vice Department Commander [Page A-1]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary Report [Page A-2]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer Report [Page A-4]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-5]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-5]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-6]
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Civil War Memorials Officer Report [Page A-7]
Blair D. Tarr – Historian Reports [Page A-6]
Mark A. Britton, PCC – Chaplain's Necrology Report [Page A-7]

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander Jonathan F. Birket [Page B-1]
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Paul Jefferson [Page B-1]
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander David P. Tollefson [Page B-1]
Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Conrad M. Fisher [Page B-1]

13. Secretary Russ reported the following correspondence had been received by the Department Secretary since the last Encampment..

- a. Letter from National Secretary Eugene Mortoff about the requirement for Departments to vote on ratification of a proposed Constitutional amendment.
 - i. Commander Lafferty referred action to "New Business."
- b. Statement of intent by Eugene Mortoff, PDC, Department of Chesapeake, to run for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
 - i. Commander Lafferty ruled no further action was required.

14. Commander Lafferty noted there was no unfinished business from the Sixteenth Encampment. He did recognize Graves Registration Officer Fischer, who addressed the Encampment about the need to follow the policies and procedures for requesting grave markers from the Veterans Administration.

15. Commander Lafferty then called for Committee and other reports.

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

- a. Report on 2012 National Encampment – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-1]
- b. Bylaws Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-2]
 - i. Commander Lafferty declared the proposed changes to the Department Bylaws be addressed under "New Business."
- c. Commander Lafferty declared that the Nominating Committee report was to be held until the start of the nomination process.

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- d. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Council member, presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-2]

17. At 11:55 AM, Commander Lafferty directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. Commander Lafferty then declared a recess for lunch. The Encampment was reconvened at 1 PM, moving to "New Business."

18. At the end of the lunch recess, Commander Lafferty, SVDC Bartlow, and JVDC Melcher paid an official visit to the Department of Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

19. At 1:15 PM, the Encampment was reconvened for the purpose of addressing "New Business" to come before the Encampment.

20. Secretary Russ was called upon to present the proposed Constitutional Amendment to the Encampment. It was moved and seconded to approve the amendment. After discussion, Commander Lafferty called for a show of hands for those in favor of the motion. Those voting in favor were counted. The same was done for those opposed to the motion. The final vote was 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 not voting. Commander Lafferty declared the motion carried and instructed the secretary to notify the National Secretary.

21. Secretary Russ was then called upon to present the proposed amendments to the Department of Kansas Bylaws. Each amendment was presented, moved to be accepted, and voted upon. All six amendments were passed. Amendment 2012-02, which changes the preamble to the Bylaws based upon the pending National Constitution amendment, will not be approved by CinC Mellor until after the Constitutional Amendment has been ratified. The secretary will submit the amendments to the CinC, with 2012-02 being submitted for separate action.

22. Commander Lafferty requested to know which past department commanders planned to attend the 2013 National Encampment. Commander Lafferty stated he and Secretary Russ would be attending in their capacities as PDC. SVDC Bartlow stated he would be attending, most likely in the capacity as Department Commander. PDC Schmidt and PDC Sundell stated they were also planning to attend in that capacity.

23. Commander Lafferty stated the Department of Kansas was entitled to six delegates to the National Encampment. Commander Lafferty asked for nominations from the floor for the election of delegates to the 132nd National Encampment. PDC Russ nominated the following to be delegates:

- a. PCC William E. Fischer, Jr., Camp 5
- b. PCC Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16
- c. Jonathan F. Birket, Camp 1
- d. Paul Jefferson, Camp 4
- e. David P. Tollefson, Camp 5
- f. Conrad M. Fisher, Camp 16

24. The motion for election of delegates was seconded and approved. These brothers will be so indicated on the Form 49 submitted to National Headquarters.

25. Commander Lafferty recognized PDC Russ, who moved, "All Members and Associates of the Department of Kansas who are in good standing as of this date (January 12, 2013) and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the 132nd National Encampment nor elected as a "Delegate" to the 132nd National Encampment shall be elected as "ALTERNATE DELEGATES" to the 132nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 9-10, 2013, in Brookfield, Wisconsin. A listing of those so elected as Alternate Delegates shall be included in the official proceedings of this encampment and shall be attached to the Department of Kansas Certificate of Election and Installation of Department Officers (SUVCW Form 49) and forwarded to the National Headquarters." Motion was seconded and passed. [Page F-5]

26. Commander Lafferty announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 18th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on January 11, 2014. Commander Lafferty entertained a motion that the encampment be hosted by the Department at large. Motion by Paul Jefferson was seconded and passed.

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27. Commander Lafferty called upon Treasurer Russ to present discussion on the proposed budget for 2013. Copies had been distributed to the members of the Encampment. This was for information purposes, as the Department Council will act on the budget at its post-Encampment meeting.

28. Commander Lafferty stated the Department needed to establish the Department per capita for 2014. The current per capita is \$4.00. PDC Thomas Schmidt moved the Department per capita remain at \$4.00 for 2014. Motion was seconded and passed.

29. Secretary Russ was recognized and requested Commander Lafferty turn the gavel over to SVDC Bartlow. SVDC Bartlow then recognized Secretary Russ. Secretary Russ presented a nomination from himself and PDC James Knopke that PDC Thomas E. Schmidt and PDC Roy A. Lafferty both be awarded Emeritus status at the conclusion of this Encampment. Motion carried.

30. SVDC Bartlow then returned the gavel to Commander Lafferty.

31. PCC Lane Smith, Camp 5, was recognized and mentioned the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Westport was being scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2014. He wants to be sure the SUVCW is involved.

32. CinC Mellor was granted the floor for the purpose of addressing the Encampment. He gave an update on the medical status of PCinC/National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, the changes for the Gettysburg Remembrance Day event, signature events, and very favorable comments on the Department of Kansas Encampment.

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

34. At this time, Commander Lafferty asked the Nominating Committee to present its report. PDC Alan L. Russ presented the report. [Page C-2]

35. Commander Lafferty 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. Those nominated were:

Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16
Senior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16
Junior Vice Department Commander	Mark A. Britton, Camp 1
Council Member (term expiring 2015)	James R. Knopke, Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2014)*	Roger D. Lester, Camp 16

**unexpired term*

36. There were no motions from the floor to nominate any additional candidates, and PDC Randal Durbin moved nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and passed.

37. The Department Secretary read the names of those nominated for office. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

38. Paul Jefferson moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

39. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PCC Rocky Barlow moved the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

40. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize and thank the Emporia Senior Center for providing the meeting facilities. Paul Jefferson, Camp 4, moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

41. Commander Lafferty recognized Secretary Russ, who moved, "The proceedings of this encampment, upon approval by the voting members of the Department Council, and when signed by the outgoing and incoming Department Commander,

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shall be accepted as the official proceedings of the encampment, be distributed to the camps of the Department, furnished to the National Headquarters, and be posted on the Department website at that time.” Motion was seconded and passed.

42. Commander Lafferty presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year

PCC Rocky L. Bartlow
Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

43. At this time, Commander Lafferty turned over the gavel to Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor for the installation of officers.

44. Commander-elect Rocky L. Bartlow was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those elected and appointed, to wit:

Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16
Senior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16
Junior Vice Department Commander	Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
Council Member (term expiring 2015)	James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2014)	Roger D. Lester, Camp 16
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Patriotic Instructor	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Graves Registration Officer	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

45. Commander Mellor proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective stations.

46. Outgoing Department Commander Lafferty ceremonially passed the Department flag to incoming Department Commander Bartlow.

47. Commander Bartlow presented PDC Lafferty with a certificate as the Fifteenth Department Commander. He then presented certificates to PDC Lafferty and PDC Thomas Schmidt for Emeritus status.

48. Commander Bartlow proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 3 PM.

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These proceedings of the Seventeenth 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,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Outgoing Commander

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC
Incoming Commander

ATTACHMENTS

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ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Brothers,

It is hard to believe that this short term is over. As for the activities this year:

- On the Saturday before Memorial Day I attended the rededication of the GAR Pavilion in Wichita hosted by the Patrick Coyne camp. There Barb Knopke and I laid a wreath and I had the honor of raising the flag.
- I also that Saturday had the honor to participate with the Old Abe camp in the Edward A. Simmons Tombstone Dedication in Lincoln Kansas.
- In November I swore in the Camp officer of the Franklin Camp in Olathe. I enjoyed visiting old and new friends.
- In December I swore in the Old Abe camp officers and enjoyed a lively discussion of the movie "Lincoln" as well as a few lawyer jokes.
- I also swore in the camp officers of my own camp in Lawrence.
- I also attended the Fall Council Meeting also held here in October.

It has been an honored to serve the last two terms as your commander but I am ready to hand over the reins to the new incoming officers.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Roy Lafferty, PDC
Department of Kansas

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Due to the resignation of brother Wandel, I was recently promoted from JVDC to SVDC and have only served a short time. However, I explored the responsibilities of the position and found, along with representing the Department Commander, I was primarily responsible for submitting articles to the Banner on behalf of the Department.

I was not able to obtain information from the camps in time to make the autumn edition but have been successful in putting together an article with pictures for the winter edition and am hopeful all or parts of it will represent Kansas. I received submissions complete with pictures from Cpl Coyne Camp Commander Jonathan Birket and Old Abe Camp Signals Officer Nick Burchett.

I also attended Cpl Coyne Camp's November meeting representing DC Lafferty to swear in the 2013 camp officers.

I will make all efforts to pass along an understanding of the SVDC position to the officer who takes that position in 2013 so Kansas can be well represented in future issues of the Banner.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow, PCC
Senior Vice Department Commander

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Having stepped into the position of Junior Vice Commander in the fall of 2012, I have only one item to include in my 2012 report. It was shortly after my election that I received from Brother Tad Campbell, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, information he received through the national website of a Kansan who had completed a membership application, with appropriate documentation of Union military ancestry. The candidate had paid the required membership application fees.

I immediately e-mailed the candidate, welcoming his membership in the Department of Kansas. I informed him that the Department has four camps, located in Wichita, Topeka, Lawrence, and Olathe, and that he is welcome to join any of these camps. Because he lives in Liberal, and was at that time a member of the Kansas Legislature, I suggested that he might be interested in uniting with Old Abe Camp #16 in Topeka, as he would likely be spending several months in Topeka. I included meeting information for Old Abe Camp, and informed him that his membership would be voted on by the members of the Camp and that there would be an initiation service.

I did not hear anything from the candidate for several weeks, until finally he e-mailed to say that he had lost his re-election bid to the legislature. Therefore, he said he would not be in Topeka at a time that would coincide with an Old Abe Camp meeting.

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I returned his e-mail immediately and suggested that he make contact with any of the officers of Corporal Coyne Camp, as that would seem to be the most logical location for his membership. I included information from the Department website about Camp #1 as well as the address for the Department website.

As of this date, I am not aware that he has made contact with Camp #1, nor have I heard anything further from the candidate. I will make another contact with him in January, unless I learn that he has placed his membership with one of our camps.

I am grateful to be able to serve the Department of Kansas in our mission to honor those who fought so nobly to preserve the Union. Let us also always conduct ourselves in ways that will unite our beloved country in brotherhood, justice, and peace.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent M. Melcher, PCC
Junior Vice Department Commander

SECRETARY

The proceedings of the 16th Annual Department Encampment, April 28, 2012, 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 on the Department website at www.suvcwks.org under the "Official Documents" section.

The Department strength as of March 31, 2012 was:

Hereditary Members:	110 (including 7 Life Members)
Associates:	5
Juniors:	6
Junior Associates:	0
Dual	2
Total:	121 (with 115 reportable to National)

The Department strength as of December 31, 2012 is:

Hereditary Members:	114 (including 9 Life Members)
Associates:	5
Juniors:	6
Junior Associates:	0
Dual	2
Total:	125 (with 119 reportable to National)

The above numbers represent an increase of four in reportable strength. Last year we broke even from the previous year; however, for the two previous years we had a net loss of seven. I know there are several additional new brothers since January 1 who are not included in the above numbers. With continued work by the camps, we may well have turned the corner on the decline in strength.

As Department Secretary I attended the 2012 Fall Council Meeting on October 19, 2012.

It continues to be my honor to serve the Department in this capacity this past year, and I look forward to serving the remaining year of my term of office.

There were seven motions placed before the Department Council via the Electronic Boardroom. These include:

MOTION 1

It is moved the Department provide to the Eagle Scout Coordinator a budget of \$200.00 for the period from May 1, 2012, through January 11, 2013, for the purpose of acquiring supplies to be used by that office, including certificates, mailers, and postage. The Eagle Scout Coordinator will submit receipts for any such purchases to the Department Secretary, at which time reimbursement shall be made. A full accounting of expenditures shall be included in the report of the Eagle Scout Coordinator to the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment, January 12, 2013.

Motion by Secretary Russ, seconded. All votes having been cast as of May 20, 2012, the motion received 7 votes in the affirmative, 0 votes opposed, and 0 votes not cast.

YES votes: SVDC Wandel, JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Immediate PDC Knopke

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NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 1 passed as of May 20, 2012.

MOTION 2

The Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment approved the following motion concerning the Department Encampment Proceedings: *“The proceedings of this encampment, upon approval by the voting members of the Department Council, and when signed by the Department Commander, shall be accepted as the official proceedings of the encampment, be distributed to the camps of the Department, and be posted on the Department website at that time.”* **Do you approve the Proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment, as previously submitted to you?**

By Direction of 16th Department Encampment. All votes having been cast as of June 2, 2012, the motion received SIX votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 2 Passed as of June 4, 2012.

MOTION 3

It is moved that Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, be elected by the Department Council to the position of Senior Vice Department Commander effective June 15, 2012, for the remainder of the term ending January 12, 2013, vice Wandel resigned.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded. All votes having been cast as of May 31, 2012, the motion received SIX votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 3 Passed as of June 1, 2012.

MOTION 4

It is moved that Kent M. Melcher, PCC, be elected by the Department Council to the position of Junior Vice Department Commander effective June 15, 2012, for the remainder of the term ending January 12, 2013, vice Bartlow promoted.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded. All votes having been cast as of June 2, 2012, the motion received SIX votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 4 Passed as of June 4, 2012.

MOTION 5

It is moved that Mark A. Britton, PCC, be elected by the Department Council to the position of Council Member effective June 15, 2012, for that portion of the term until January 12, 2013, vice Melcher promoted. The 17th Department Encampment will elect a brother to fill the remaining one year of the term at that time.

Motion by Schmidt, seconded. All votes having been cast as of June 2, 2012, the motion received SIX votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 4 Passed as of June 5, 2012.

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MOTION 6

It is moved the minutes of the 2012 Fall Council Meeting be accepted as submitted.

Motion by Russ, seconded. All votes having been cast as of October 31, 2012, the motion received SEVEN votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Council Member Britton, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 4 Passed as of November 1, 2012.

MOTION 7

It is moved the draft budget, as submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Russ, be accepted as the proposed budget for 2013, with the understanding that the proposed budget will be placed before the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment for comment and review. The newly elected Department Council will be required to take final action on the budget at the post-encampment Council meeting on January 12, 2013.

Motion by Russ, seconded. All votes having been cast as of December 4, 2012, the motion received SEVEN votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Bartlow, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Schmidt, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Melcher, Council Member Britton, Immediate PDC Knopke

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Lafferty declared Motion 4 Passed as of December 5, 2012.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

TREASURER

All funds continue to be maintained in the First National Bank, Saint Francis, Kansas.

As reported last year, the accounting spreadsheets were converted from an "encampment to encampment" reporting period to a fiscal year reporting period. Our fiscal year is the calendar year. As such, the following report is from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Balance on hand January 1, 2012		\$10,056.58
Income January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012:		
National Application Fees	15.00	
National Per Capita	2,489.75	
National Quartermaster	0.00	
Department Per Capita	477.00	
Department Encampment Proceeds	35.00	
Reimbursement for lost badge	<u>22.00</u>	
Total Department Income		3,038.75
Expenses January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012:		
National Application Fees	15.00	
National Per Capita		
National Organization	2,466.75	
Refund to Camp 4 (Nighbert)	<u>23.00</u>	
Total National Per Capita		2,489.75
National Quartermaster	83.75	
Department – General		

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Emporia Senior Center	150.00	
Gift-Schall	142.00	
Meals-Encampment Guests	20.00	
Department Website (hosting and domain renewal)	110.97	
Eagle Scout Coordinator Supplies	92.19	
Office Supplies/Postage	9.62	
Encampment Ribbons (16th Encampment)	54.00	
Encampment Medals (17th Encampment)	<u>465.00</u>	
Total Department – General		<u>1043.78</u>
Total Department Expenses		<u>3,632.28</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2012:		<u>\$9,463.05</u>

I submitted a proposed budget for the Department to the Department Council, and it was approved for submission for review by this encampment with final action to be taken by the incoming Department Council. It is the Department Council's responsibility to oversee the financial matters of the Department; however, they do not work "behind closed doors." Any comments and suggestions are always appreciated in this regard.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as Department Patriotic Instructor (PI). I have provided camps and department officers with more regular PI through email this year than last but still need to improve my efforts. My patriotic and historical activities since the last encampment include:

1. Representing the Frontier Military Historic Byway (FMHB) at Fort Riley event and at annual KDOT Byways meeting in Salina, as well as participating in FMHB interpretive planning.
2. Attending seven separate Memorial Day ceremonies at cemeteries in the Columbus OH area.
3. Commanding the Fort Scott National Historic Site (FSNHS) Color Guard for the Fort Scott National Day of Prayer breakfast and leading the Fort Scott Good Ol' Days parade.
4. Assisting the VFW in placing over 300 full-sized US flags throughout the Fort Scott National Cemetery on July 4.
5. Attending an Underground Railroad conference in Leavenworth and a Civil War seminar at the University of Arkansas; while in AR, I visited Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove battlefields.
6. Helping organize a US Naturalization Ceremony for 85 new citizens.
7. Participating with the VFW in their annual vigil at the Eisenhower Chapel in Abilene.
8. Guiding discussion on the 1st Kansas Colored Vol Infantry at Fort Scott Community College.
9. Attending the dedication of Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site in Butler MO.
10. Developing a tri-fold information brochure for Camp 5 membership recruiting.
11. Writing a FSNHS Candlelight Tour script dealing with public education in 1862 Fort Scott, and serving as a tour leader for 100 visitors.

12. Of note, my daughter, SSgt Molly Smith, OHANG, returned to the US in July following duty at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan; she attended Officer Training School and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in October.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Patriotic Instructor

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

I am pleased to report that over 27,200 Civil War veterans buried in Kansas have been listed in the SUVCW Graves Registration database, with much credit going to my predecessor, Bob Wandel. Just over 3,000 of the listed veterans served in Kansas units, demonstrating that Kansas indeed became the "Soldier State" following the war as many veterans sought new lives for themselves and their families on the central Great Plains.

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I did not gain access to the website as the Department of Kansas Graves Registration Officer (GRO) until several months ago and I did not keep track of how many veterans I entered into the database as the GRO (less than 100?). During my years as an individual contributor to the website, I have personally entered over 2,600 veterans' information from cemeteries across many states.

Please continue to look for opportunities to honor our Boys in Blue by getting markers for unmarked veterans graves (following SUVCW guidelines), replacing illegible or damaged markers, and resetting markers. These are great occasions for your camp to build networks with local historical and genealogical societies, service and veterans' organizations, and youth groups. Doing so lets them know that the SUVCW exists and is an organization that is relevant and ready to partner with them. Grave rededication ceremonies enhance communities and enlighten a new generation to the sacrifices that saved the Union. We can't and shouldn't do it alone. Many hands make for light work, builds goodwill for our organization, and provides opportunities to gain new members.

In F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Graves Registration Officer

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR

As an Eagle Scout, I am honored to serve at the department's Eagle Scout Coordinator. Unfortunately, I am frustrated by the lack of response from my attempted contact with Boy Scout council and district advancement chairpersons across the state. I know how important it is to recognize the hard work and endurance that has led young men to persevere and attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Hence, I pledge to work harder to ensure that more Kansas Eagle Scouts receive the SUVCW Commendation. Between April and December 2012, only six requests were received, with certificates and a history of the SUVCW mailed for presentation to the following Scouts:

Mason Quintanar, Manhattan
Cameron Garwood, Manhattan
John Perbeck, Manhattan
James Hymer, Wichita
Aden Shorney, Basehor
Andrew Wright, Eudora

In F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Eagle Scout Coordinator

HISTORIAN

Last year at this time I indicated that the job that pays the bills was cutting into time to work of SUVCW affairs due to cutbacks. I'm afraid that the words that Will Rogers spoke 80 years ago or so have proven prophetic. In a reference to the Great Depression, he said, "They said things can't go on like this, and they were right. They got worse."

But let's not dwell on that. In the past year I did respond to a few inquiries that came my way, and made some minor progress on the projects entrusted to me. Knowing from experience that often research projects are never really finished, I am still setting a goal of putting the Last Soldier Project and inventory of G.A.R. records in some usable form by the fall of 2014, if not sooner. There are a few reasons for this, and in doing so, I'm obviously talking about the future, rather than the past year.

For starters, at the job that pays the bills you are going to see me make a gradual switch to another war. The centennial of the First World War is coming up, and it is our hope that we will be doing a few things, including working with other organizations in marking this observance.

Before that happens, there will be a Civil War exhibit at the Kansas Museum of History to mark the closing of the sesquicentennial of the war. This exhibit is tentatively scheduled to run October 3, 2014 until May 24, 2015. It has been suggested that this need only be an exhibit of the battle flags, and many of you know that would be near and dear to my heart (At the close of the exhibit I believe I will have been working toward the conservation of the flags for 20 years.)

I would, however like to see a little more to the exhibit. In my mind at this point the tentative title for the exhibit is "The Great Soldier State," and it certainly will include battle flags, as well as information about Kansas troops in the war. But because the Historical Society and the G.A.R. once shared the Memorial Building in Topeka, and an arrangement was made for the Historical Society to absorb the G.A.R. collections into the Society

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collections, there are many items that have nothing to do with battles and aspects of the war that involved Kansas troops.

It might be a tad ambitious, but this exhibit should also include something about the post-war settlement of Kansas that made this the "Great Soldier State." With that, I will be asking for the use of the Monuments and Memorials pages and the G.A.R. Post page on the Kansas SUV CW website for possible use at computer terminals in the gallery.

We'll hope this proves to be a success!

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

Blair D. Tarr
Department Historian and
Chair, Last Soldier and G.A.R. Records Projects

CHAPLAIN NECROLOGY REPORT

No brothers were lost to death within the Department during the last year.

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Chaplain

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog

There have been few additions during the last six months. A new GAR monument was found in Osawatimie Cemetery, a stained glass window was recorded as it past through ebay, and there have been some secondary additions and small corrections.

The Memorials list now contains:

- 198 primary memorials
- 1 primary memorial requiring photos
- 201 secondary memorials
- 6 memorials (unknown) requiring history research
- 2 counties (Logan and Scott) with no memorials found
- 12 gone but not forgotten

The next major effort will be to record and document more of these monuments on SUV CWM #-61 forms and add that information to the website.

A search like this is never complete but, at present, other than researching some of the unknowns, there is little left to do. I encourage all members to keep looking however. There are undoubtedly some monuments or memorials remaining to be found.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Doug McGovern – Civil War Memorials Officer

As a challenge, the following questions are posed. The member providing the most correct answers will win a special prize at the encampment.

Kansas Memorials Questionnaire

1. Are any past Commander in Chiefs of the GAR or WRC memorialized in Kansas?
 2. Name a town in Kansas that has all three types of monuments (primary, secondary, and gone but not forgotten). What are these monuments?
 3. Are there any counties in Kansas that have no civil war related monuments?
 4. Who dedicated a monument to "The Mothers, Grandmothers, Sisters, Daughters, Wives, Sweethearts, And Lady Friends of the Soldiers Of 1861-1865 Who Saved The Union"?
 5. What is special about the monument in Woodlawn Cemetery in Kansas City?
 6. Can you identify three particular monuments that cause one to stop and scratch their head in wonderment?
 7. How many monuments have you submitted to this list? (Extra credit for this one).
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ATTACHMENT B - CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA

Commander Jonathan F. Birket

Brothers:

On May 26th the Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp #1 Wichita, KS hosted the Dept. of Kansas in a rededication ceremony at the G.A.R. Pavilion at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita.

On May 30th at another ceremony the cornerstone was returned with the original artifacts as well as a SUV membership medal and history of the Dept. of Kansas.

Nov. 10th marched in the Wichita Veterans Day Parade.

Participated in the Wreaths across America Ceremony in Winfield, KS on December 15, 2012 at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery.

The camp in trying to recruit new brothers, set up recruiting tables at Civil War Days at Cowtown in Wichita in April 2012 and at the Wichita Military and Gun Show at Cessna Activity Center.

The camp continues to meet on its regularly scheduled night using the ritual and having a short civil war related program as part of the evening schedule.

Many of our members have attended 150th anniversary Civil War Living Histories and Reenactments such as Pea Ridge, Shiloh, Lone Jack, Perryville, Raymond, and Prairie Grove.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Jon Birket

Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP NO. 4, LAWRENCE

Commander Paul Jefferson

Churchill Camp No. 4 had an active year. We had meetings each month. We put out flags for Memorial day at local cemeteries. We did a program at a local school on Civil War history. Members of our camp also put gravestones on several Civil War graves.

Paul Jefferson

Camp Commander

FRANKLIN CAMP NO. 5, OLATHE

Commander David P. Tollefson

Franklin Camp #5 continues to support the Eagle Scout recognition as our Eagle Scout coordinator Bill Fischer recognized two Eagle Scouts with SUVCW certificates this past year.

This camp continues to support the high school ROTC programs: this past year we recognized cadets at Nevada High School Air Force JROTC, Shawnee Mission West and North Navy JROTC and Leavenworth High School Army ROTC programs.

We continue to recognize Veterans at our Memorial Day and Veterans Day services at the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery. This past Memorial Day we honored with SUVCW certificates four WWII veterans and at our Veterans Day service we honored the American Legion Riders of Gardner, Ks which included in their membership were several veterans. In these services we always include as a participant a Boy Scout troop.

We continue to recognize those of our camp membership who are veterans. This past year we presented the SUVCW Military Service medal to two of our membership.

We participate with other organizations when requested. The Gardner Historical Society had a Veterans Recognition service in which we participated. One of our members is a tour guide at the Blackjack Battlefield and another is a reenactor at Old Missouri Town, and others active with the Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City.

We continue to have Patriotic Instruction at each camp meeting.

Lane Smith

PCC

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA

Commander Conrad M. Fisher

Old Abe Camp # 16 has branched out in new directions and maintained programs that we have done for several years under the leadership of Camp Commander Kirk Nystrom. Through the efforts of our Signal Officer and present JVC Nick Burchett we now have a web page and a revised brochure which has been in use for several years.

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It is now ready for distribution to the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, Great Overland Station, Kansas National Guard Museum, and Combat Air Museum. The brochures and applications for membership are with us when we are greeting the public and our tables are a cacophony of Civil War books, periodicals, and memorabilia. This year we are using wireless technology to help interested parties with genealogy research thanks to the skill of S.O. Burchett.

We continued to show our presence in the community by having tables at the Genealogy Fair at the Kansas State Historical Museum, Railroad Days at The Great Overland Station, two events at the Kansas National Guard Museum, and Civil War Days at Ottawa. We have the ability to be at two events on the same day due to active and willing Camp members.

The Camp's major public event is the Memorial Day ceremony and placing flags at the graves of civil war veterans at Topeka Cemetery. We have the participation of the Vietnam Veterans, Boy Scouts, the press, and local politicians.

We continue to monitor the flags for wear at the Great Overland Station and when the weather warms we work at the Topeka Cemetery cleaning Civil War Veterans head stones.

At our meetings we pass the kepi for donations for phone cards for service men and women overseas and have varied programs of Civil War interest.

Respectfully Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Conrad Fisher
Commander

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ATTACHMENT C – COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 131st National Encampment was held on August 10 and 11, 2012, in Los Angeles, California. For the first time since the Department of Kansas was re-established in 1996, we did not have a representative at the National Encampment.

I previously reported to the camps a summary of changes to the National Constitution and Bylaws. The amendment to the Constitution will be addressed under “new business.”

One significant change was the restructuring of the Life Member program.

The wearing of badges of the organization was addressed, with a change that was made only a few years ago being reversed. A brother may no longer wear all of the Class B badges to which he is entitled, but may only wear one of them. Class B badges include the Past Camp Commander Badge, Past Department Commander Badge, and Past Commander-in-Chief Badge.

Wearing of National and Department Encampment badges was clarified. A brother who has attended a National Encampment may wear that badge until the next National Encampment. Likewise, if the Department Bylaws provide for it, a brother who attends a Department Encampment may wear that badge until the next Department Encampment, provided the Department Bylaws allow it. One of the amendments to our Bylaws which is being presented today does just that.

I encourage as many of you who can to attend the 132nd National Encampment on August 9 and 10, 2013, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I will be attending, and I sincerely hope others will be able to.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Department Bylaws Committee, consisting of the Department elected officers and Immediate Past Department Commander, convened on October 20, 2012, in conjunction with the Fall Council Meeting. The committee reviewed six proposed amendments, as shown below. A summary of the amendments, the amendments, and a marked-up copy of the Department Bylaws was distributed to all camps on October 26, 2012, in accordance with the Bylaws.

AMENDMENT 2012-01

This amendment changes the name of the “Corporal Leonidas B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year” to “Corporal Leonidas B. Davis and PDC Dean K. Speaks Award for Recruiter of the Year” and establishes the “John Clem Award for Accomplishments by a Junior Member or Junior Associate” as a permanent award of the Department.

The Davis award was originally established by then Department Commander Dean K. Speaks in 1996 and first awarded in 1997. It was named after Bro. Speaks’ Civil War ancestor. In the desire to honor PDC Speaks, the brother who was the driving force in establishing the original camps in Kansas and getting the Department of Kansas re-established in 1996, it was felt this was the appropriate way to do so.

The John Clem award was established by Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty in 2012 and was first awarded that year. It provides the only means of honoring a Junior Member or Junior Associate by the Department Commander. The award may be awarded to more than one person per year and at times other than the Department Encampment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 2012-02

This amendment modifies the preamble of the Department of Kansas Bylaws to clarify the Marine Corps as a distinct service during the Civil War and to include the Revenue Cutter Service. An amendment to the National Constitution is also out to the Departments for ratification to change the preamble of the Constitution. The National Constitution and Regulations are in full agreement with the proposal.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 2012-03

This amendment removes Department Rules, Regulations, and Policies from being included in the Department Bylaws by reference. Per National Regulations, changes to Department Bylaws are not effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief. If policies and such are included by reference, they are, in effect, part of the Bylaws, and any changes to them could not go into effect until approved by the CinC. (See National General Order No. 5) This amendment leaves control of the rules, regulations, and policies under the sole control of the Department so long as they do not conflict with the National Constitution or Bylaws.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 2012-04

This amendment empowers to the Department Council to approve and issue a Department Encampment Badge for Department Encampments. It sets out the policy for selling and distributing the badge. The amendment also both permits and restricts the wearing of the Department Encampment Badge per the National Regulations of the Order.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 2012-05

This amendment directs that Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for Junior Members and Junior Associates. It is still up to the camp to decide what amount of dues the camp wishes to charge the Junior Members and Junior Associates of their camp. If approved, this amendment will be effective beginning 2014.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

AMENDMENT 2012-06

This amendment removes the process of camps submitting proposals to host a Department Encampments. It also removes the process for the Council to solicit for a host camp. With this amendment, the Department of Kansas is the "host" of the Department Encampment at a location set by the Department Council. This amendment does not prevent a camp from requesting the Encampment be held in a particular location.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends adoption of this amendment.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Office	Nominee	Camp
Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC	Old Abe Camp No. 16
Senior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, PCC	Old Abe Camp No. 16
Junior Vice Department Commander	Mark A. Britton, PCC	Corp. Coyne Camp No. 1
Council Member (2 year term ending 2015)	James R. Knopke, PDC	Franklin Camp No. 5
Council Member (remainder of 2 year term ending 2014) –currently held by Mark Britton, subject to his election to JVDC)	Roger D. Lester	Old Abe Camp No. 16

The Nominations Committee moves the brothers named be nominated to the positions indicated.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY;

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Old Abe Camp 16

James R. Knopke, PDC
Franklin Camp 5

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

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department for 2012-2013 finds them to be in order.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Chairman

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ATTACHMENT D – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

AMENDMENT 2012-01

AN AMENDMENT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CORPORAL LEONIDAS B. DAVIS AWARD AND ESTABLISHING THE JOHN CLEM AWARD AS A PERMANENT AWARD OF THE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER VII DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Article III: PERMANENT AWARDS.

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:

Section A. CORPORAL LEONIDAS B. DAVIS & PDC DEAN K. SPEAKS 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, Junior Members, and Junior Associates) 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.

Section B. 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 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.

Section C. 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.

Section D. 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.

Section E. JOHN CLEM AWARD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY A JUNIOR MEMBER OR JUNIOR ASSOCIATE.

This award is presented by the Department Commander to a Junior Member or Junior Associate within the Department for noteworthy accomplishments by that brother. This award may be presented to more than one brother during the year. It may be presented by the Department Commander at times other than the Department Encampment. Camp Commanders are encouraged to notify the Department Commander of Junior Members or Junior Associates within their camp whom they feel are deserving of this award.

AMENDMENT 2012-02

AN AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE PREAMBLE OF THE BYLAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of the Soldiers, Sailors, ~~and~~ or Marines who served in the Army, ~~and~~ Navy, ~~Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service~~ of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, have joined this Patriotic and Fraternal Order for the purposes and ~~objectives~~ ~~objects~~ set forth by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in doing so pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefather's deeds, render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

AMENDMENT 2012-03

AN AMENDMENT REMOVING DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FROM THE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS BY REFERENCE AND ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**CHAPTER IV
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS**

Article III: ELECTRONIC BOARD ROOM

Section A. ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRONIC BOARD ROOM.

An electronic boardroom shall be established for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department between the Department Encampments and Council meeting.

Section B. PUBLISHED POLICY REQUIRED.

A Department policy shall be established for the Department Council to submit motions to the Department Commander through approved electronic means, to conduct discussion of such motions through electronic means, to allow the voting members of the Council to electronically cast votes, for the Department Commander to announce the results of the vote, and for the Department Secretary to officially publish the results to the camps in a timely manner.

~~**Section C. POLICY INCLUDED IN BYLAWS BY REFERENCE.**~~

~~Department policy on the establishment and use of the Electronic Boardroom is hereby included by reference.~~

**CHAPTER IX
GENERAL**

Article I: ~~INCLUSION OF~~ RULES, ~~AND~~ REGULATIONS, ~~AND~~ POLICIES

~~Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules, regulations, policies, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto:~~

~~All rules, regulations, and policies of the Department of Kansas, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, shall require the approval of the Department Commander or a Department Encampment, and they can be used to manage the Department in support of these Bylaws.~~

Section A. POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

~~All policies of the Department of Kansas which have been approved by a Department Encampment, until such time as the policy is officially rescinded by a subsequent encampment.~~ The Department Commander may establish formal policies for the Department of Kansas, subject to approval by the next Department Encampment.

Section. B. APPROVED ACTIONS OF DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS.

1. All actions approved by a Department Encampment shall be effective upon publishing of the official proceedings of the Department Encampment.
2. Actions approving changes to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas shall be effective per Chapter IX, Article III, of these Bylaws.
3. Actions by a subsequent Department Encampment may rescind or repeal an action of a previous Department Encampment.

AMENDMENT 2012-04

AN AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT BADGES

**CHAPTER IV
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS**

Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section L. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT BADGE.

1. The Department Council shall have the authority to determine that a Department Encampment Badge shall or shall not be issued for an encampment. If an encampment badge is to be issued, the Department Council shall review and approve a design for a suitable Department Encampment Badge. Such badge shall contain appropriate encampment information on it and be suspended from a ribbon drape.
2. All Brothers of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, who are encampment attendees shall be permitted to purchase the badge at the Encampment at a reduced rate determined by the Department Council. Likewise, all Sisters of a Department of Kansas Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic who are in attendance when their encampment is held in conjunction with the SUVCW, will be permitted to purchase a badge at the Encampment for the reduced rate. Remaining encampment badges may be sold at the conclusion of the Department Encampment, first to SUVCW and Allied Order encampment attendees, and then, to other brothers of the Order as a souvenir, at the full price as determined by the Council.
5. An encampment attendee is permitted to wear the Department Encampment Badge in accordance with National Regulations of the Order as a Class D Badge until the next Department Encampment. Those who did not attend the encampment, but purchased the badge as a souvenir, are not permitted to wear the encampment badge.
6. Any brother entitled to wear the Department Encampment Badge who attends a National Encampment of the SUVCW during the period he is entitled to wear the Department Encampment Badge, is authorized to wear the badge at the National Encampment.

AMENDMENT 2012-05

AN AMENDMENT EXEMPTING JUNIOR MEMBERS AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES FROM DEPARTMENT DUES

**CHAPTER VI
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Article I: FINANCES

Section A. DUES AND REVENUE.

- a. The Department shall regulate its own dues and revenues. The amount of said dues shall be set by the Department Encampment and recorded in the official proceedings, thereof.
 - b. ~~Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for Junior Members and Junior Associates of their camps.~~
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AMENDMENT 2012-06

***AN AMENDMENT REMOVING THE USE OF A HOST CAMP
FOR DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS***

**CHAPTER IV
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS**

Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section F. ~~HOST CAMP. LOCATION OF MEETINGS.~~

- ~~1.—A camp which wishes to host the Annual Department Encampment, shall submit a proposal to the Spring Council Meeting the year preceding the subject encampment.—~~
 - ~~2.—Proposals to host the Annual Department Encampment shall include the proposed location, the ability to meet the facility needs for the encampment, to include meeting facility for the LGAR, primary point of contact for additional information, and estimated cost of Section Noon meal, if provided.~~
 - ~~3.—Camps who intend to submit proposals shall notify the Department Secretary at least one week prior to the Spring Council Meeting in order that adequate time may be allocated during the meeting.~~
 - ~~4.—In the event that no proposals are submitted, the Department Council may solicit proposals from one or more camps or vote that the Department shall function in the capacity of host camp.~~
 - ~~5.—The Department Council shall review submitted proposals and submit them to the Annual Department Encampment for final approval.~~
- ~~The Department Council shall set the location for the Department Encampment.~~
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**Department of Kansas
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

recipient of

U.S. Grant Cup for 2004, 2005, and 2006
for Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership
(The only department to win the award for three consecutive years)

Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award for 2006
for Greatest Number of New Members

Marshall Hope Award for 2006
for Best Department Newsletter



17th Annual Department Encampment

**Emporia, Kansas
January 12, 2013**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Department Commander

(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC

Senior Vice Commander

(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Kent M. Melcher, PCC

Junior Vice Commander

(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Alan L. Russ, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor

(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

Council Member

(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC

Council Member, Patriotic Instructor, Eagle

Scout Coordinator, and Graves Registration

(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)

Mark A. Britton, PCC

Council Member and Chaplain

(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Blair D. Tarr

Historian

(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Douglas E. McGovern, PCC

Civil War Memorials Officer

(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Encampments and Department Commanders

No.	Years	Commander	Camp	Location	Date
17	2012-2013	Roy A. Lafferty	4	Emporia	January 12, 2013
16	2011-2012	Roy A. Lafferty	4	Emporia	April 28, 2012
15	2010-2011	James R. Knopke	5	Lawrence	April 30, 2011
14	2009-2010	James M. Converse	5	Wichita	April 24, 2010
13	2008-2009	Craig A. Sundell	4	Olathe	April 25, 2009
12	2007-2008	Roy A. Lafferty	4	Lawrence	April 26, 2008
11	2006-2007	Randal L. Durbin	16	Wichita	April 28, 2007
10	2005-2006	James R. Knopke	16	Topeka	April 22, 2006
9	2004-2005	Thomas E. Schmidt	1	Lawrence	April 23, 2005
8	2003-2004	Kenneth E. Spurgeon	1	Beloit	April 24, 2004
7	2002-2003	Alan L. Russ	16	Wichita	April 26, 2003
6	2001-2002	Randall M. Thies	16	Topeka	April 27, 2002
5	2000-2001	Kenneth D. Strader	1	Hutchinson	April 07, 2001
4	1999-2000	Franklin C. Bergquist	1	Wichita	April 15, 2000
3	1998-1999	Dean K. Speaks	3	Topeka	May 8, 1999
2	1997-1998	Dean K. Speaks	3	Beloit	April 25, 1998
1	1996-1997	Dean K. Speaks	3	Salina	February 22-23, 1997

Agenda

- 9:00 AM** **Registration Opens**
- 9:55 AM** **Seating of Past Department
Commanders**
- 10:00 AM** **Encampment Opening**
- 10:05 AM** **Business of the Encampment**
- 12:00 Noon** **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM** **Business of the Encampment**
- 2:55 PM** **Closing Ceremony**
- 3:00 PM** **Adjournment**
- 3:15 PM** **Winter Training Session**
- 4:15 PM** **Council Meeting**

HONORED GUESTS

Perley E. Mellor, PDC
National Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Union War

Diane M. Mellor, PDP
National Vice-President
Auxiliary to the SUVCW

2014 Department Encampment
Saturday, January 11, 2014
Emporia, Kansas

Battle Hymn of the Republic

by Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel, writ in burnished rows of steel;
"As ye deal with my contemners, So with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on!"

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
ATTACHMENT F – CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS (SUVCW FORM 49)

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION
OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
(SUVCW FORM 49)
FOLLOWS

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of Kansas EIN 48-1187461 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Emporia, Kansas

On the 12th day of January, 2013 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC	5015 110th St	Meriden	KS	66512	785-817-1540	commander@suvchwks.org
Senior Vice Commander: Kent M. Melcher, PCC	4017 SW Stonybrook Dr	Topeka	KS	66610	785-783-7879	svc@suvchwks.org
Junior Vice Commander: Mark A. Britton, PCC	740 N Woodlawn Blvd	Derby	KS	67037	316-788-5176	jvc@suvchwks.org
Council Member 1: Roger D. Lester	1015 SW Garfield, #17	Topeka	KS	66604	785-338-2558	council1@suvchwks.org
Council Member 2: James R. Knopke, PDC	21733 W 56th St	Shawnee	KS	66212	913-422-4953	council2@suvchwks.org
Council Member 3: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	council3@suvchwks.org
Secretary: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
Treasurer: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
Patriotic Instructor: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	Patriotic@suvchwks.org
Chaplain: Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	2613 Pickwick Place	Lawrence	KS	66049	785-841-6652	Chaplain@suvchwks.org
Graves Registration Officer: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	Graves@suvchwks.org
Historian: Blair D. Tarr	617 SW Taylor, Apt 11	Topeka	KS	66603	785-234-0458	History@suvchwks.org
Civil War Memorials Officer: Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	100 W 20th Ave	Hutchinson	KS	67502	620-662-2247	Memorials@suvchwks.org
Eagle Scout Coordinator: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	EagleScout@suvchwks.org
Counselor: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
GAR Highway Officer: NA						
Department Organizer: NA						

Office:						
Office:						
Office:						
Office:						

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
See attached listing for elected delegates and alternate delegates.							

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Franklin C. Bergquist	Wichita	KS	67216	Alan L. Russ	Saint Francis	KS	67756
Kenneth R. Spurgeon	Towanda	KS	67144	Thomas E. Schmidt	Peabody	KS	66866
James R. Knopke	Shawnee	KS	66218	Randal L. Durbin	Overbrook	KS	66524
Roy A. Lafferty	Lawrence	KS	66049	Craig A. Sundell	Lawrence	KS	66044
James M. Converse	Beavercreek	OH	45431				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
1/12/2013				
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Perley E. Mellor, PDC	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC	David W. Demmy, Sr.

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The following brothers were elected under the provisions of Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Jonathan F. Birket	WICHITA	KS	67212	William E. Fischer ,PCC	FORT SCOTT	KS	66701-8521
Conrad M. Fisher	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3578	Paul Jefferson	LAWRENCE	KS	66044-2377
Kent M. Melcher ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1384	David P. Tollefson	RAYTOWN	MO	64133-3461

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as ALTERNATE DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The following brothers were elected under the provisions of Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Wendell Maurice Bazil	PEABODY	KS	66866-2501	Shawn W. Bell	ROSE HILL	KS	67133-8228
Richard T. Bennett ,PCC	WICHITA	KS	67211-5505	Darren L. Biggs	EMPORIA	KS	66801-7909
Philip W. Blake	WICHITA	KS	67203-2229	James E. Bradley	WESTMORELAND	KS	66549-9707
Kenneth P. Bradley	DERBY	KS	67037-0605	Roland R. Brees	FAIRVIEW	KS	66425-9535
George M. Brenner	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-2549	Mark A. Britton ,PCC	DERBY	KS	67037-1903
Darrell R. Brooks	MANHATTAN	KS	66503-3012	Mark L. Brown	WICHITA	KS	67203-3054
Nick Burchett	TOPEKA	KS	66608	Travis H. Burns	HALSTEAD	KS	67056-9107
David J. Canfield	WICHITA	KS	67212	Richard B. Carter	KANSAS CITY	KS	66102-5546
Carl E. Chance	WICHITA	KS	67204-4751	David W. Cosloy	BEL AIRE	KS	67220-1916
James P. Coyne ,PCC	WINFIELD	KS	67156-2323	Dennis M. Dailey	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-3205
Donald L. Dockett	OAK GROVE	MO	64075-0443	Jeffrey L. Dunaway ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1643
Jeffrey D. Finn	GARNETT	KS	66032-1746	D. Darrel Gilliland	TOPEKA	KS	66605-2132
Jonathon P. Goering	WICHITA	KS	67203-3139	Harold E. Goss	LEAWOOD	KS	66206-2460
James H. Graves	WICHITA	KS	67204-4462	Michael J. Hadl ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-4064
Michael L. Halfman	WICHITA	KS	67230-9106	Brandon J. Hanscom	MILFORD	MA	01757-1647
John H. Hartford	MANHATTAN	KS	66502-4558	Gerald S. Harvey	LAWRENCE	KS	66046
Gary F. Hicks	PLAINVILLE	KS	67663-2534	Wesley A. Hogan	ELK CITY	KS	67334-0226
Terry L. Iseli	RILEY	KS	66531-9633	John Jewell	OVERBROOK	KS	66524
Robert Jochen	GARDNER	KS	66030-1480	Kent R. Johnson	MAPLE HILL	KS	66507-0264
Dan E. Karr ,PCC	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-0243	David J. Kunkel	WICHITA	KS	67207-4905
Brent A. Lawrence	GARDNER	KS	66030-1405	Dennis L. Lawrence	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-9169
Roger D. Lester	TOPEKA	KS	66604	Raymond H. Longacre	EPHRATA	PA	17522-9704
John M. McCoin	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3599	Douglas E. McGovern ,PCC	HUTCHINSON	KS	67502-2846
Earl T. McIntosh	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1488	S. Todd Meek ,PCC	WICHITA	KS	67217-3661
Steven E. Meis	OLATHE	KS	66061-2848	Joshua K. Melcher	WICHITA	KS	67203-3039
Roger B. Miller	BONNER SPRINGS	KS	66012-0417	Dennis D. Nelson	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66214-2687
Kim L. Nelson ,PCC	BELOIT	KS	67420-2142	Wayne T. Nighbert	TROY	TX	76579-2630
Wayne T. Nighbert ,PCC	FT LEAVENWORTH	KS	66029-0008	K. Kirk Nystrom ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66616-1355
K. Matthew Nystrom	PHOENIX	AZ	85029-6104	Verle L. Olson	SHAWNEE	KS	66203-4105
Thomas L. Page	WICHITA	KS	67201-9138	Thomas O. Page	WICHITA	KS	67203-2633
Franklyn Pekarek	SALINA	KS	67401-5383	Michael Pelton	LEAVENWORTH	KS	66029
Don W. Phillips	WICHITA	KS	67217-1278	Stanley L. Reed	MARION	KS	66861-0254
Jerry W. Reiman	TOPEKA	KS	66614-1739	William F. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67212-1171
Dale L. Rouse ,PCC	MCPHERSON	KS	67460-7077	Alan L. Russ ,PDC	SAINT FRANCIS	KS	67756-0673
Lane K. Ryno	EMPORIA	KS	66801-6036	Clifford A. Salisbury	PALMER	AK	99645-0993
James A. Scheidel	DUNKIRK	MD	20754-9243	James A. Scheidel ,PCC	ANDOVER	KS	67002-9025
Ethan A. Schmidt	LUBBOCK	TX	79424-4501	Jesse Sherwood	STILWELL	KS	66085-9002
Phillip A. Sill	TRIBUNE	KS	67879-0532	Harold L. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67215-1538
John L. Skelton	MAIZE	KS	67101-9615	Lawrence H. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67212-1313
Bruce R. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Cade E. Smith	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66204-2334
Douglas G. Smith ,PCC	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-3443	Gerard J. Smith	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2406
Lane D. Smith ,PCC	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-2430	Paul R. Smith	WICHITA	KS	67212
Ryan S. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Audie L. Strotkamp	PEABODY	KS	66866-1237
Herschel L. Stroud	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2550	Andrew K. Sundell	CASPER	WY	82604-9304
Blair D. Tarr	TOPEKA	KS	66603-3243	Loren L. Taylor	KANSAS CITY	KS	66109-4508
Daniel J. Thalmann	GREENLEAF	KS	66943-9445	Michael A. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210
Richard L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012	Matthew G. Toll ,PCC	SAINT LOUIS	MO	63114
Charles C. Troutner	EDGERTON	KS	66021-0073	Alan L. Van Loenen ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66047-9430
Brian R. Van Schmus ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-4545	Robert D. Wandel	ANDOVER	KS	67002-8285

Robert L. Wandel ,PCC
R. Michael Welton
Wayne L. White
Benjamin B. Ziemann

LAWRENCE KS 66046-5137
OLATHE KS 66061-3034
WELLINGTON KS 67152-8042
GLENWOOD SPRINGS CO 81601-4142

David S. Welfelt
Timothy R. Welton
Laird M. Wilcox
Jacob A. Ziemann

NEWTON KS 67114-9003
OLATHE KS 66061-3034
OLATHE KS 66062-6207
CLAREMONT CA 91711-7004

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

ATTACHMENT G – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 45 Associates: 2 Total: 47

Shawn W. Bell	Franklin C. Bergquist (PDC)	Jonathan F. Birket (CC)
Mark A. Britton (PCC)	Douglas E. McGovern (PCC)	S. Todd Meek (PCC)
William F. Riedell (Del)	Dale L. Rouse (PCC)	Thomas E. Schmidt (PDC)
Paul R. Smith (Del)	Audie L. Strotkamp (Del)	

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	4
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Present	11
Total Voting Members for Camp 1	11

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 22 Associates: 1 Total: 23

Paul Jefferson (CC)	Roy A. Lafferty (DC)	Wayne T. Nighbert, Sr. (PCC)
Michael Pelton (Del)	Craig A. Sundell (PDC)	Michael A. Todd (Del)
Reese L. Todd (Jr Member)	Richard L. Todd (Del)	Ryan L. Todd (Jr Member)
Alan L. Van Loenen (PCC)		

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate	3
<u>Junior Members/Junior Associates</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Present	10
Total Voting Members for Camp 4	8

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 20 Associates: 2 Total: 22

William E. Fischer, Jr. (PCC)	James R. Knopke (PDC)	Lane D. Smith (PCC)
David P. Tollefson (CC)	Charles C. Troutner (Del)	

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	5
Total Voting Members for Camp 5	5

OLD ABE CAMP 16**Topeka****Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 23 Associates: 0 Total: 23**

Rocky L. Bartlow (PCC)	Nick Burchett (Del)	Randal L. Durbin (PDC)
Conrad M. Fisher (CC)	D. Darrel Gilliland (Alt)	Roger D. Lester (Del)
Kent M. Melcher (PCC)	Alan L. Russ (PDC)	Blair D. Tarr (DO)

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Present	9
Total Voting Members for Camp 16	8

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT**Department Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 110 Associates: 5 Total: 115**

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	6
Camp Commander	4
Past Camp Commander	10
Elected Department Officer	0
Delegate	11
Alternate Delegate	1
<u>Junior Members/Junior Associates</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Present	35
Total Voting Members for Department	32

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
ATTACHMENT H –PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS, PAST CAMP COMMANDERS,
ENCAMPMENTS, CAMPS, AND FORMER CAMPS OF THE DEPARTMENT

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BROTHERS HOLDING HONOR OF
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (PDC)

Franklin C. Bergquist (1999-2000)
James M. Converse (2009-2010)
Randal L. Durbin (2006-2007)
James R. Knopke (2005-2006 & 2010-2011)
Roy A. Lafferty (2007-2008, 2011-2013)
Alan L. Russ (2002-2003)
Thomas E. Schmidt (2004-2005)
Kenneth E. Spurgeon (2003-2004)
Craig A. Sundell (2008-2009)

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BROTHERS HOLDING HONOR OF
PAST CAMP COMMANDER (PCC)

Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16 (2010)
Richard T. Bennett, Camp 1 (2011-2012)
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)
William E. Fischer, Jr. Camp 5 (Camp 21-Ohio)²
Michael J. Hadl, Camp 4 (2008 & 2011)
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)
S. Todd Meek, Camp 1 (2009-2010)
Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16 (2011)
Kim L. Nelson, Camp 1 (Camp 3, 1996-2004)¹
Wayne T. Nighbert, Sr., Camp 4 (2012)
K. Kirk Nystrom, Camp 16 (2012)
Dale L. Rouse, Camp 1 (2006)
Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (2001)
James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1 (2005)
Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (2003)
Douglas G. Smith, Camp 1 (2000)
Lane D. Smith, Camp 5 (2008-2011)
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)
Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4 (2010)

Note 1: Reinstatement of PCC voting status approved by the 12th Annual Department Encampment, 2008.

Note 2: Reinstatement of PCC voting status approved by the 15th Annual Department Encampment, 2011.

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
14	April 24, 2010	Wichita	James M. Converse
15	April 30, 2011	Lawrence	James R. Knopke
16	April 28, 2012	Emporia	Roy A. Lafferty
17	January 12, 2013	Emporia	Roy A. Lafferty

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

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, Inactive 1998, Suspended May 14, 2005

Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit

Organized July 6, 1996, Suspended February 1, 2007

Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton

Organized September 18, 2005, suspended October 17, 2009

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, Inactivated 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, Inactive 2000, Suspended May 14, 2005

Incoming Department Officers

2013-2014

Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Senior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Junior Vice Department Commander	Mark A. Britton, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2014)	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2015)	James R. Knopke, PDC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2014)	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2014)	Roger D. Lester <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Immediate Past Department Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Patriotic Instructor	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Graves Registration Officer	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Historian.....	Blair D. Tarr <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	Civil War Memorials Officer <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>



LET US NEVER FORGET.