



The Sunflower Picket



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MEETING DATES FOR 2003 - Coyne Camp

APRIL 24

STATE ENCAMPMENT @ WICHITA – APRIL 26

MAY 22

JUNE 26

SEPTEMBER 25

OCTOBER 23

NOVEMBER 20

The Camp meets at the DAV Clubhouse, 3011 George Washington Blvd, Wichita on the 4th Thursday of month at 7 PM with meeting dates as listed above. Your attendance is needed and appreciated.

JOSEPH GASTON CAMP 3, BELOIT

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 Secretary/Treasurer..... Dean Speaks

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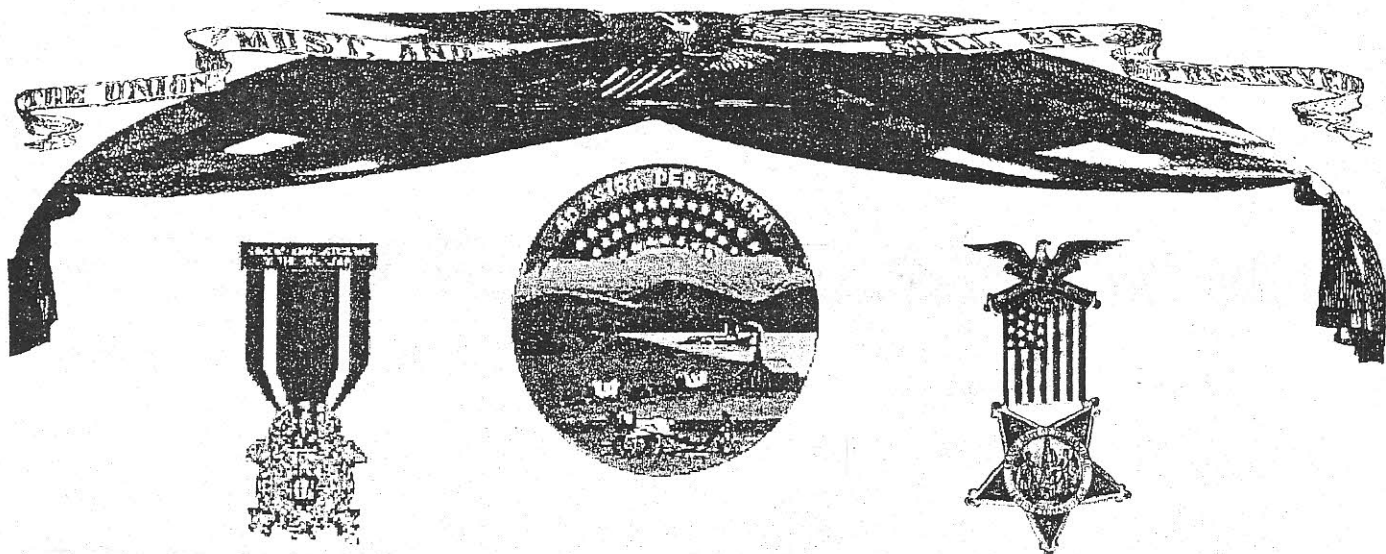
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“This organization received special recognition at the 23rd National Encampment I have endeavored to give it cordial support on this account and also because I believe in its present and prospective usefulness. It has had a rapid growth within the past year; more than 30, 000 have been mustered since June 30, 1890. Thirty-two States and Territories have been organized as Divisions, with more than twenty-five subordinate Camps.

The Sons of Veterans claim no rights, privileges or benefits for themselves except the privilege of assisting the Grand Army of the Republic in all its work. Surely no one ought to withhold support of an organization of this character, much less the veterans themselves. In the Department of Georgia alone, this year (1891) ten thousand graves of our dead comrades were decorated with flags and flowers purchased by the Sons of Veterans, and they assisted in observing Memorial Day throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The Sons of Veterans are now united and harmonious, having but one organization, one banner and one determination, and that is to prove themselves worthy of their sires and to become worthy citizens of a common country saved and preserved by their fathers. Remember, “they are our boys, and to them we must soon commit our trust.”

From a speech by GAR Commander-in-Chief Veazey at 25th National Encampment in August 1891 at Detroit, Michigan.



KANSAS SONS OF UNION VETERANS

State Encampment!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2003

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS CLUBHOUSE
3011 GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD.**

WICHITA, KS

Schedule:

- 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. - Lunch for SUV Members & Guests**
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Department of Kansas Business Meeting**
- 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public Program Including:**
 - Kansas Air National Guard Colors Presentation**
 - Arnold Scofield, Fort Scott historian, Speaking on "Fort Scott, Bastion on the Marmaton"**
 - Presentation Honoring SUV Union Civil War Ancestors**
- 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Period Dance with "Flatland String Band"**

Other Activities:

- Display of Civil War & GAR Memorabilia**
- Raffle of 1911 Medallion of GAR Building in Topeka, KS**