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### 2008 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT April 26, 2008 Lawrence, Kansas

The Twelfth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment will be held on April 26, 2008, at the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, Kansas. The Encampment is being held in

conjunction with the Annual Encampment of the Kansas Ladies of the GAR.

The schedule for the Encampment is as follows:  
11 AM K.U. Professor Bill Keel will speak on soldiers of German descent in the Civil War.

12 Noon Lunch  
1 PM Memorial Service for Departed Brothers  
1:15 PM Encampment Business Session  
5:15 PM Department Council Meeting

The Noon meal will be catered by Vermont Barbeque and costs \$10.00. Please advise your Camp Secretary NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 9 if you are planning on eating at the Encampment. You will pay for the meal when you register at the Encampment.

There will be limited parking in front of the Watkins Museum at “bagged” meters for those brothers and Ladies of the GAR who might have mobility problems. If you are able to walk from one of the nearby parking lots, please do so. Please do not take the front parking from someone who might really need it.

If at all possible, you should try to attend this Encampment, even if you are not a delegate for your Camp. Please advise your Camp Secretary if you are planning to attend, so we can have name tags ready when you arrive.

### MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD WORKDAY

April 5, 2008 from 9 AM – 4 PM  
Mine Creek Battlefield  
Pleasanton, Kansas

One of the things on our upcoming schedule is the Second Annual Department of Kansas, SUVCW, Mine Creek Work Day on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Mine Creek Battle Field near Pleasanton, Kansas. This is part of the Civil War Preservation Trust work day program across the country, in which volunteers gather at historic sites to lend some sweat equity to their local battlefield. The projects vary in need from site to site.

The Department of Kansas participated for the first time in 2007. A number of SUVCW members from various camps made the trek to the Mine Creek Battlefield and helped with cleaning up the creek over which the Benteen Bridge (built by the Kansas SUVCW) spans, along with clearing brush from the walking trail. The long term plan for the Mine Creek battlefield is to take the land back to what it looked like at the time of the engagement. Everyone who participated last year had a great time and felt like it was a great way to give back to the site. The plan is to try to be on-site by about 9 AM and finish up by 4 PM. Chainsaws are needed if you have one. Please put this date on your calendar, and plan to take part in this worthwhile endeavor.

### WINTER TRAINING SESSION REPORT

The 2008 version of the Department of Kansas Winter Training Session was held January 12, 2008, at the Senior Center in Emporia, Kansas. This was an opportunity for all the camp officers and Department officers to gather in one location and share procedures, best practices, and ideas in a group setting. Attendance was great, as all Camp Commanders and Camp

Secretaries were present for the session. This is the first time to have all of them in attendance.

This year, Alan Russ and Tom Schmidt developed the agenda and content. The format was to have a general session for the participants, and then break out into two work sessions. These would be for those involved with administration (reports, etc.), and the other would be for those in command positions.

Topics covered in the General session included structure and activities of the Department of Kansas, community involvement, fundraising, proper wearing of the Badges of the Order, and the Department website. Under the Administration breakout session, camp orders, annual reports, meeting minutes, financial reports, policies and procedures, and processing membership applications in relationship to when and how they are received were all discussed. In the Command breakout session, camp orders, camp meetings and reports, financial responsibilities, policies and procedures, and an overview of processing of the membership applications were covered.

Feedback was very positive from the many attendees as to the content and take-home information that was presented at this meeting.

### 2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

*PDC James R. Knopke, Chairman*

Since we received the call from Brother Jim Houston, Chairman of the National Encampment Committee for National, on September 30, 2007, informing us that the Department of Kansas had been awarded the 2010 National Encampment, your Committee has been hard at work. This committee is made up of Alan Russ, PDC, Tom Schmidt, PDC, Roy Lafferty, DC and Jim Knopke, PDC. This committee has officially met five times since receiving the call: twice in Emporia, once in Overland Park, and twice in Lawrence.

Let’s bring you up to date:

1. Encampment logo has been designed.
2. The Department has setup a separate checking account for accounting purposes, as is required by National.
3. Hotel selection has been made and approved, and the Chairman of the National Site Selection Committee has signed the contract. The Encampment will be held at the Marriott Kansas City-Overland Park, at 10800 Metcalf Ave., in Overland Park. In 2009, this hotel will have gone through a complete refurbishment on the inside and the outside. It will be like a new hotel.
4. Fund raising plans are coming along, and Alan Russ will address them at the State Encampment.
5. Entertainment for Friday night’s Camp Fire and for the Saturday night banquet is moving forward. Tom Schmidt has retained the help of Jon Goering, of the Wichita Camp.

6. We will bring a handout packet to this year’s National Encampment, in Peabody, Massachusetts, to start promoting the 2010 Encampment in Kansas.

We have about 2 years and 4 months to put this Encampment together, and we will be asking for the talents and resources of our fellow brothers. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. With the help of many, we can make this a successful event that all Brothers of the Department of Kansas will be proud of.

## “The Blue” and “The Gray”

By Blair D. Tarr

The search for the “last soldiers” occasionally turns up some good stories about the old veterans in their late years. Here is one from Wilson County:

The time is late June of 1938. A reporter is filing a story about two old men who have known each other for a while, as residents of the Neodesha area. They now find themselves as roommates at the Wilson County Hospital, their health now gone to the point where they need a little help to continue in life.

The hospital staff has given them nicknames, as both are veterans of the Civil War. One is nicknamed “The Blue.” The other is “The Gray.” Together they are called “The Army.”

The Gray was the first to arrive at the hospital, moving there the previous February. The Blue arrived in May. The Gray turned 89 on April 27th. The Blue had just reached 92 on June 25th.

Perhaps it was fortunate that they never met on the field of battle during the war. They did know each other from early days in Neodesha. The Blue brought wheat from his farm to the mill The Gray operated for a Kansas City concern.

They both raised families. The Blue married in his native Indiana before coming west. The Gray, a Virginian, married in Boonville, Missouri as he made his way west, eventually coming to work at the Frisco railroad shops at Neodesha.

They complemented each other very well. The Blue was not very steady on his feet, moving about with a cane in his right hand, while The Gray supported him on his left side. The Gray also helped him dress. The Gray on the other hand could not see very well. The Blue could, so he read to his comrade.

They claimed to be men without vices. Neither smoked, chewed tobacco, or drank. There was no comment about women.

What they both disliked about their life was the hospital’s insistence that they both get up and eat breakfast. Both would have preferred to sleep in.

Did they ever get into an argument about the war? No. Having attended 40 consecutive Memorial Day observances and seen the passing of old friends with each year, they saw no reason for doing so. The war was over.

The Gray was George W. Pettit, reportedly of the 2nd Tennessee Cavalry, and he also claimed service that took him to Gettysburg and Appomattox. He was the first to go, dying on December 17, 1938.

The Blue was William W. Basore, first of the 100 days unit, the 138th Indiana Infantry, Company E, and then of the 152nd Indiana Infantry, Company D. While he went into Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, he saw no fighting, but guarded railroads. He died on March 8, 1939.

The Army was gone. Let them—and us—have Peace.

[The Blue—William W. Basore—was a member of *Humphrey Post No. 145, GAR, at Neodesha. The above is based on articles in the Kansas City Star, June 26, 1938; Altoona Tribune, December 22, 1938, and Wilson County Citizen, March 10, 1939.]*



## Graves Registration

Robert L. Wandel

Attention all Camp Graves Registration Officers!

I would appreciate it if you would ask members within your camp if they have reported any information from cemeteries to the SUVCW Database. I do not need the names or photos; only if they have been reported and by whom.

I am working on an index for all of the cemeteries in each county. I would like to know which cemeteries have been checked for Civil War Veterans tombstones. Once I have received this information we will know which cemeteries remain to be checked.

The information I will be checking is:

Photos taken?

List of Names?

Who reported the information?

If the information has been sent to the SUVCW Database?

More information on this project will be reported on at the State Encampment.

Thanks for your support.

In F.L.C.

Bob Wandel

Graves Registration Officer

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## Patriotic Instructor

S. Todd Meek

The following article was provided by PDC Alan L. Russ.

### Information Concerning the Placing of a Fringe on the U.S. Flag

Occasionally, one might see or hear a comment that fringe should not be on the Flag of the United States or that the Flag represents some other entity if it is fringed. Here is some pertinent information with regard to concerns about the use of fringe on the Flag of the United States.

Below is the appropriate portion of the Flag Code, along with a report to the Congress of the United States in July 2007. As noted, use of fringe is optional and fully appropriate for indoor and parade flags. It is not considered practical for outdoor flags due to the conditions encountered in an outside environment. The U.S. Flag Code was last updated in 2007. If there was a disagreement concerning the display of fringe on the U.S. Flag or the 1925 Attorney General opinion which found no conflict concerning fringe and the U.S. Flag Code, the U.S. Congress has had over 80 years to amend the code to prevent the display of fringe; however, the code was not amended to do so in the last 40-plus sessions of Congress.

#### The Flag Code

#### Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1

#### § 8. Respect for flag

(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

The following is from the *Congressional Research Service Report for Congress: The United States Flag; Federal Law Relating to Display and Associated Questions, Order Code RL30243, updated 5 July 2007, pages 11-12.* [<http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/RL30243.pdf>]

### Ornaments on Flag Staffs, Fringes on Flag

The Flag Code is silent as to ornaments (finales) for flagstaffs. We know of no law or regulation which restricts the use of a finial on the staff. The eagle finial is used not only by the President, the Vice-President, and many other federal agencies, but also by many civilian organizations and private citizens. The selection of the type finial used is a matter of preference of the individual or organization.

The placing of a fringe on the flag is optional with the person or organization, and no Act of Congress or Executive Order either requires or prohibits the practice. Fringe is used on indoor flags only, as fringe on flags used outdoors would deteriorate rapidly. The fringe on a flag is considered an “honorable enrichment only” and its official use by the Army dates from 1895. A 1925 Attorney General’s Opinion states:

The fringe does not appear to be regarded as an integral part of the flag, and its presence cannot be said to constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statute. An external fringe is to be distinguished from letters, words, or emblematic designs printed or superimposed upon the body of the flag itself. Under the law,

such additions might be open to objection as unauthorized; but the same is not necessarily true of the fringe.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>36</sup> 34 Op. Atty. Gen. 483.



## Junior Vice Commander

James M. Converse, PCC

It has been an exciting quarter serving as Department of Kansas Junior Vice Commander.

One application was received from the National JVCinC through the Department during this reporting period. A new member application from rural Eastern Missouri is now being processed by Franklin Camp 5, Olathe, Kansas, with his initiation to be scheduled when approved. I have also responded to the University of Kansas Army ROTC staff, as they were seeking a camp to assist them in obtaining the SUVCW ROTC Award medal, ribbon, and certificate for one of their top cadets. Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 was asked to coordinate the ordering of the award.

I participated in the Winter Department Training session in Emporia on January 12, where the group of camp secretaries was exposed to a syllabus of administrative knowledge by brother Alan Russ. Camp leaders were brought up to date on new and unique camp growth and program ideas in the session led by brother Tom Schmidt. The newly elected officers gained focus and understanding of the mechanics of camp activities and growth, as well as a firm understanding of the reporting timetables that the Department and National required, made the trip and time well worth the effort. Thanks Tom and Alan.

I also participated in the Department Spring Council Meeting, held at the Watkins Museum in Lawrence, Kansas on 8 March 2008. Planning for the upcoming 2010 National Encampment to be held for the first time ever in Kansas is in an advanced state. A number of bylaw issues were considered and votes made to allow them to be brought before the brothers at the Department Encampment for approval.

And finally, my home camp efforts have been focused with the activities of Franklin Camp in Olathe, serving as Signals Officer, Historian, and Editor of the Camp Newsletter, THE BUGLER, which is published monthly. Also, assisting in coordination of the ROTC/JROTC Awards Program with our two local high school NJROTC programs is a wonderful experience that I support and promote at every opportunity.

I look forward to attending the Department of Kansas Encampment on Saturday, April 26, 2008, in Lawrence, and vigorously encourage all brothers in the Department to attend.



## Senior Vice Commander

Craig A. Sundell, PCC

Spring is upon us now. I have been reading several CW books recently and April, in particular, was a time of resumption of active campaigning during the Civil War. (The best of which is *The Age of Lincoln* by Orville Burton; 2007.) It is a fitting time of renewed effort of the SUVCW in Kansas. We have a spring workday planned for Mine Creek Battlefield, Sat., April 5th. Our Department Encampment is April 26, 2008, in Lawrence. I urge as many of you as possible to attend. This becomes more important as we approach the 2010 time of our hosting the National SUVCW Encampment. We should have good barbeque, a good speaker and always, good fellowship, as well as the business of the Department to consider.

April also was a time of many critical events in CW history.

1822 April 27 Hiram Ulysses Grant born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

1861 April 12 First Shots fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

April 17 State of Virginia Secedes (Lee named commander on 22nd of VA militia).

- 1862 April 16 Lincoln signs the bill ending slavery in Washington, D. C.
- 1865 April 3 Union Troops occupy Richmond, VA.
- April 9 Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox, Court House, Virginia.
- April 14 Lincoln is mortally wounded by John W. Booth.
- April 18 Sherman and Joe E. Johnston agree to end hostilities in the East.

As many of you know, my activities as a paleontologist have taken me to Peru several times in the past two years. I am truly convinced it is difficult to fully appreciate the freedoms and opportunities we take for granted in the US unless you have experienced their woeful lack in other countries. These rights and freedoms were the stuff that caused many of our ancestors to join in the war to preserve the Union. Most soldiers' experiences and attitudes changed during the time of their service. We are all human and change is natural, especially in the face of radically new experience, like the horrors of combat and the suffering of lingering disease and privation. Our ancestors, often started by the excitement of going to "See the Elephant," changed after having seen this beast, or seen the results of its rampage.

Let us remember that this United States of America was not fully formed into the democratic republic we know, until after the Civil War tested and established the limits of our Constitution, Bill of Rights and defined by blood States Rights and Executive Powers. Let us honor our ancestors and their leaders this Memorial Day for their actions.

I hope to put together, with the help of as many brothers as are willing, a 1-2 page listing of some of the many interesting facts, items, and trivia, which WE as Kansans know, but our brothers in other Departments do not about Kansas and the Civil War. Some examples are Kansas being known as the "Soldier's State", due to the large influx of veterans after the war, the Battle of Black Jack as the 'beginning' of armed conflict between organized pro and anti-slavery forces in June 1856, the establishment of a Regiment of Kansas troops which included African-Americans, American Indians, and European Americans. If anyone has any of these delicious morsels and cares to share, please email them to me at cjsund@swbell. I will be working with our Historian, Blair Tarr, to complete the best of these and circulate them at the 2008 and ESPECIALLY the 2009 National SUVCW Encampment, to help attract attendees from other Departments.



**Commander's Corner**

**Roy A. Lafferty, PCC**

This being my last article as commander, and I would like to thank you all for the honor and privilege for allowing me to serve. While I maybe stepping down as commander, I plan to stay active in the Department.

November through mid January was very busy. I attended a meeting at every camp to install the new Camp officers, along with also attending Coyne Camp's "Lincoln Remembered." I enjoyed getting out and seeing each camp and meeting the brothers. If possible, try to attend "Lincoln Remembered" in November. It is a good time for good fellowship, good food and good chance to learn something new about Lincoln.

In mid January, I participated along with other brothers in the third annual Department training session. This year's session was the best, yet, and was the first where all camps were represented. Special thanks to Alan Russ and Tom Schmidt for their work. Be thinking of what you would like to discuss next year and pass the thought on to one of the Department Officers.

The Sunflower Pickett and the Department web site lists activities in the upcoming year. The next event on the calendar is the Mine Creek Work Day. This is a

chance to put action to preserving history. We had thirteen attend last year. Let's beat that number.

We are coming into the home stretch for our year. I want to encourage each brother to attend this year's encampment. It is very enjoyable to meet like minded brothers from across the state. I hope to see you there.

**CAMP NEWS**

**Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 - Wichita**

- Camp Commander James P. Coyne
- Senior Vice Commander S. Todd Meek
- Junior Vice Commander Richard T. Bennett
- Secretary/Treasurer Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

Camp meetings are held at the DAV Clubhouse, 3011 George Washington Blvd., in Wichita. The meetings are at 7pm, on the fourth Thursday of the month. The Camp does not meet in July, August, or December. The November meeting is on the third Thursday, due to Thanksgiving.

It is yet early in the year, and so there is not a great deal to report.

To date, we have "adopted" a soldier for our Adopt-A-Soldier program. He is from Kansas and currently on duty in Iraq.

We have also set in motion an effort to obtain a proper headstone for a Civil War veteran named Michael Switzer, who is buried near Newton, KS.

Our January and February meetings consisted of programs given by Brothers Doug McGovern and Jonathon Goering.

Doug gave an interpretation of a soldier who saw action at the Crater and with General Sherman's march to the sea.

Jonathon presented a program dealing with Horace Greeley's letter to President Lincoln and Mr. Lincoln's reply. Greeley had written an editorial in the *New York Tribune* concerning President Lincoln's "inaction" on several topics.

We are working on gaining new brothers and preparing for the 2010 National Encampment. In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

James Coyne, Camp Commander

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

- Camp Commander Michael Hadl
- Senior Vice Commander Brian Van Schmus
- Junior Vice Commander Robert L. Wandel
- Secretary/Treasurer Alan L. Van Loenen, PCC

Camp meetings are held at the Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, in beautiful downtown Lawrence. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month, with programs starting about 7:30 PM. All SUVCW Brothers and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

At our camp meeting in November we nominated new officers. In December, Department Commander Roy Lafferty installed the new officers. In January, LGAR National Senior Vice President Barbara Knopke spoke about the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. In February Judy Billings of the Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau spoke about the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. The speaker at our March meeting was Richard Wellman, who gave a talk on the pre-civil war area battle of Hickory Point, north of Oskaloosa, Kansas.

Mike Hadl, Camp Commander

**Franklin Camp 5 - Olathe**

- Camp Commander Lane D. Smith
- Senior Vice Commander Brent Lawrence
- Junior Vice Commander Cade Smith
- Secretary/Treasurer Matthew G. Toll, PCC

Through December, Camp meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM. Beginning in January, the meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are

held in the Governors West Conference Room, Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe Street.

**Mine Creek Camp 6 - Pleasanton**

- Camp Commander John H. Spencer
- Senior Vice Commander Arnold W. Schofield
- Junior Vice Commander Charles Marsh
- Secretary/Treasurer Alfred Kolom

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

**Old Abe Camp 16 - Topeka**

- Camp Commander Delton M. Gilliland
- Sr Vice Commander John Jewell
- Jr Vice Commander Rocky Bartlow
- Secretary/Treasurer Jack Puett

In Topeka, we find old Abe Camp 16 approaching spring with the same renewal for a better year. As with all organizations there are cycles, and I feel Camp 16 is on the upswing.

Camp 16 is trying to focus on increasing the attendance and quality of our monthly meetings this year. Camp JVC Rocky Bartlow came up with a good idea for speakers. That being, having brothers of the camp speak in monthly turns on the subject of their ancestors history in the Civil War. To date we have had two presentations and the pleasant discovery that at least four of us can connect with the Army of Tennessee. The four of our camp are descendants of veterans at the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge. And after marching with Sherman's army to the sea we found they ended in different sites for their discharges. Those regiments being the 115th Illinois, 59th Ohio, 107th Illinois, and the 8th Kansas Infantries.

Camp 16 is planning on sending a detachment to the April 5 work day down at Mine Creek Battlefield. Hopefully, Arnold Schofield has requested warmer weather than last year. If not we will tackle the task at hand with whatever the day brings.

Last summer, Camp 16 started another public service project; that being the KSHS "Save the Flags" fund raising effort. This is an ongoing event with our camp, and whenever I set up my living history shop, I set out the camp kettle to solicit donations. The following were events where we did pretty well: The Lecompton Lecture Series, Topeka's Apple Festival, Salina's Wild West Trade Show, Mahaffie Farmstead, and the Freedom Festival at Osawatomie. To date, Camp 16 has raised \$86.00 for the KSHS.

Earlier this year, the camp purchased a new SUVCW camp flag. Alan Russ was named custodian of our new flag, and he graciously donated a staff and stand for our flag. Thanks again Alan for the gift. We look forward to posting our new flag at this year's Department of Kansas Encampment in Lawrence.

March 29 was the date set for the first work day of our Topeka Cemetery headstone project. Our camp has the honor of maintaining the headstones of almost 1,100 Civil War Union veterans at that site. Until I started working this project last year, I did not realize we had so much diversity in other states from which they served. Kansas is certainly the minority in veterans there.

Old Abe Camp 16 is looking forward to the upcoming encampment next month. See you all there.

Jack Puett  
Camp Secretary

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES**

**127<sup>th</sup> National Encampment**

**August 7 through 10, 2008**

**Peabody, Massachusetts**

The 2008 National Encampment will be held in Peabody, Massachusetts. Peabody is located North of Boston.

As usual, the business meeting is held on Friday and Saturday. A campfire program is scheduled for Friday

evening, with the Allied Orders Banquet on Saturday evening.

There are numerous historical sites to see within a short distance of Peabody and Boston. Be sure to plan a little extra time before or after the encampment to take advantage of the area. Additionally, the Department of Massachusetts will be hosting tours on Thursday.

It is not too early to start planning. For additional information, watch upcoming issues of the Banner. You can also contact one of your Department Officers for additional information.

**Central Region Association  
Allied Orders of the G.A.R.  
69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
October 4, 2008  
Saint Louis, Missouri**

The Department of Missouri will be hosting the 2008 Annual Conference of the Central Region Association (CRA), Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Holiday Inn South. There will also be an informal dinner on Friday, October 3, for those who wish to participate.

The hotel is located just East of I-55 at the Butler Hill Road Exit (Exit 195), which is just one mile South of the I-55 and I-270/I-255 interchange.

Put this on your calendar, now, and start making plans to attend. Additional information will be furnished as it becomes available. Keep your eye on this space for updates.

### THE LAST WORD

*Alan L. Russ, PDC, Editor*

#### Receive Your

#### *Sunflower Picket* by Email

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an email with a link to the newsletter when it is available for downloading. If you want to continue receiving the *Sunflower Picket* by mail, take no action. You will continue to receive it as you currently do.

#### Next Issue

The Summer issue will be mailed by July 1, 2008. This issue will focus on the upcoming Department Encampment. It is the intent to publish any proposed Department Bylaws changes in that issue to ensure all delegates and voting members of the Encampment will be informed.

If you do not see enough in the *Sunflower Picket* about your Camp and what it has been doing, then YOU need to send an article to the Newsletter Editor. At the Camp level, this falls under the duties of Camp Senior Vice Commanders.

Camp Commanders, Camp Senior Vice Commanders, and Department officers need to submit information and articles to the Newsletter Editor by **June 15, 2008**, preferably in electronic format. Camps should send the information about their camp activities, preferably with a photograph.

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