

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**JANUARY 11, 2014
EMPORIA, KANSAS**

**ROCKY L. BARTLOW, PCC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

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>

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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 11, 2014, at the Emporia Senior Center, Emporia, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:05 AM by 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. Commander Bartlow received our honored guest, Past National Commander-in-Chief D. Brad Schall, Department of California & Pacific, who was representing National Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley. Brother Schall was presented a gold encampment badge by Commander Bartlow. Brother Schall gave brief personal greetings to the Encampment.
4. At 10:10 AM, Commander Bartlow 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 Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5, present.
 - Council Member Roger D. Lester, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member, Patriotic Instructor, Graves Registration Officer, and Eagle Scout Coordinator, William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Chaplain and Immediate Past Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, absent.
6. The Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
7. Commander Bartlow then declared the Eighteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.
8. At this time, the PDC Alan Russ presented the Credentials Committee report of those present at the Encampment, as follows. A quorum was declared to be present.

Encampment Status	CAMPS				TOTAL
	No. 1	No. 4	No. 5	No. 16	
Department Commander	0	0	0	1	1
Past Department Commander	2	1	1	2	6
Camp Commander	1	1	1	1	4
Past Camp Commander	2	2	2	2	8
Department Elected Officer	0	0	0	0	0
Delegate	2	3	0	3	8
Alternate Delegate	0	1	0	0	1
Jr. Member/Jr. Associate	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PRESENT	7	8	4	9	28
VOTING STRENGTH	7	7	4	9	27

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

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10. Commander Bartlow appointed PCC Kent M. Melcher as Chairman of the encampment Resolutions Officers' Report Committee, with PDC James R. Knopke and PCC Mark A. Britton as committee members.
11. Commander Bartlow informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.
12. The following Department Officer reports were presented by the officer and accepted by the Encampment as written:
 - Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC – Commander's Report [Page A-1]
 - Kent M. Melcher, PCC – Senior Vice Department Commander [Page A-2]
 - Mark A. Britton, PCC – Junior Vice Department Commander [Page A-2]
 - Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary Report [Page A-3]
 - 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-6]
 - William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-6]
 - Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Chaplain's Necrology Report [Page A-7]
13. 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 Dennis L. Lawrence [Page B-1]
 - Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander David P. Tollefson [Page B-1]
 - Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Roger D. Lester [Page B-2]
14. Secretary Russ reported the all correspondence which had been received has previously been distributed to all officers and camp secretaries.
15. Commander Bartlow noted there was no unfinished business from the Seventeenth Encampment.
16. Commander Bartlow then called for Committee and other reports.
17. The following committee reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written:
 - a. Report on 2013 National Encampment – Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC [Page C-1]
 - b. Bylaws Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-1]
 - c. Commander Bartlow declared that the Nominating Committee report was to be held until the start of the nomination process.
 - d. PDC James R. Knopke, Department Council member, presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-2]
18. At 11:45 AM, Commander Bartlow directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. Commander Bartlow then declared a recess for lunch. The Encampment was reconvened at 12:55 PM, moving to "New Business."
19. At 1:05 PM, Commander Bartlow again declared a brief recess so he, PCinC Schall, and the other department officers could pay a visit to the Department of Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The encampment was reconvened at 1:15 PM.
20. There were no items assigned to the Encampment Bylaws Committee or the Encampment Resolutions and Officer Reports committee.
21. Commander Bartlow requested to know which past department commanders planned to attend the 2014 National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. Commander Bartlow stated he would be attending in the status of Department Commander, if reelected. Secretary Russ and PDC Lafferty stated they will be attending in their capacity as PDC.

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22. Commander Bartlow stated the Department of Kansas was presumed to be entitled to six delegates to the National Encampment. The actual number will be determined when the annual report is filed in April. Commander Bartlow asked for nominations from the floor for the election of delegates to the 133rd 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. PCC Conrad M. Fisher, Camp 16
- d. PCC Mark A. Britton, Camp 1
- e. Craig Dunstan, Camp 16
- f. Roger D. Lester, Camp 16

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

24. Commander Bartlow recognized PDC Russ, who moved, "All Members and Associates of the Department of Kansas who are in good standing as of this date (January 11, 2014) and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the 133rd National Encampment nor elected as a "Delegate" to the 133rd National Encampment shall be elected as "ALTERNATE DELEGATES" to the 133rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 15-16, 2014, in Marietta, Georgia. 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]

25. Commander Bartlow announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 19th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on January 10, 2015. Commander Bartlow entertained a motion that the encampment be hosted by the Department at large. Motion by PDC Randal Durbin was seconded and passed.

26. Commander Bartlow called upon Treasurer Russ to present discussion on the proposed budget for 2014. 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.

27. Commander Bartlow stated the Department needed to establish the Department per capita for 2015. The current per capita is \$4.00. PCC Kent Melcher moved the Department per capita remain at \$4.00 for 2015. Motion was seconded and passed.

28. PCC William Fischer advised the encampment of the Kansas City Public Library's website featuring the "Civil War on the Western Border."

29. PCinC Schall, at this time, presented greetings from CinC Ken Freshley. Afterward, the Department presented PCinC Schall with a gift of delegate medal from the 1910 GAR Department Encampment which was held in Hutchinson, Kansas.

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

31. At this time, Commander Bartlow asked the Nominating Committee to present its report. PDC Alan L. Russ presented the report. [Page C-1]

32. Commander Bartlow 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
Senior Vice Department Commander
Junior Vice Department Commander
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2017)

Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16
Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16
Mark A. Britton, Camp 1
Alan L. Russ, Camp 16

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Council Member (term expiring 2016)
Council Member (term expiring 2016)

William E. Fischer, Jr., Camp 5
Roger D. Lester, Camp 16

33. 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.

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

35. PDC Roy Lafferty moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

36. Commander Bartlow 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.

37. Commander Bartlow 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 Department Commander, 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.

38. Commander Bartlow presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Corporal Leonidas B. Davis and PDC Dean K. Speaks Award for Recruiter of the Year

PCC Kent M. Melcher
Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Brother of the Year

Jerry W. Reiman
Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

Leander Stillwell Award for Outstanding Achievement

PDC Roy A. Lafferty
Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year

Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

39. At this time, Commander Bartlow turned over the gavel to PCinC D. Brad Schall for the installation of officers.

40. 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
Senior Vice Department Commander
Junior Vice Department Commander
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2017)
Council Member (term expiring 2015)
Council Member (term expiring 2014)
Chaplain
Patriotic Instructor
Graves Registration Officer
Civil War Memorials Officer
Historian
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Counselor

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16
Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16
Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5
Roger D. Lester, Camp 16
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1
Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

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41. PCinC Schall proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective stations.
42. PCinC Schall presented Commander with the badge of the honor as Past Department Commander.
43. Commander Bartlow proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 2:00 PM.

These proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment for the Department of Kansas are certified to be complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT COUNCIL ON _____

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Rocky L. Bartlow

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC
Department Commander

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ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC

The Department of Kansas recently changed our by-laws to move our Department Encampment from April to January. This was the first year for that change and I had the privilege of being elected Department Commander in January for a one-year term. We were also privileged to have Commander-in-Chief Mellor and ASUVCW Senior Vice President Diane Mellor in attendance and swearing in our department officers.

During my term I have focused on several goals including promoting activities that help camps cooperate together as a department and making the SUVCW relevant to the next generation by doing things that draw in young people and encourage them to participate in camps. I would like to see Kansas be the Department with the highest number of juniors in the nation. To that end, we have continued the use of a Vision Committee, first started by PDC Roy Lafferty during his term, and formed of brothers of several camps. We met several times and worked to come up with ideas promoting the goals stated above. The committee stopped meeting for the summer due to scheduling constraints and then there was a temporary recruiting halt on juniors due to desire from national to get a handle on how to properly protect young people and the order in light of the Sandusky episode and so issued GO 6. We owe it to the youth we work with and to the order to make sure it is handled correctly. We plan to proceed when that is sorted out.

One of our recommendations was to encourage camps to get together for events and one such was a workday at the Black Jack battle site. I encourage camp secretaries to share minutes of their meetings and camp events so that brothers from other camps may participate. One of the best opportunities is joint grave services of which I will note in greater detail later.

Vital to our purpose as a department is the proper commemoration of Memorial Day. To that end, the four camps of the department have participated in multiple events this year including Veterans Memorial Park and two others in Wichita, three cemeteries in Lawrence, and Topeka Cemetery and one other in Topeka. The list is not exhaustive. We also field requests for helping with replacement cemetery markers and perform ceremonies for families, which sometimes requires hours of driving to attend. The Department currently has several requests for help in researching ancestors, obtaining headstones, and performing ceremonies for soldiers. Kansas, as the Soldier's State due to the myriad of soldiers who came here after the war, has many Civil War soldiers so it presents a daunting task in properly recording and honoring those great soldiers and sailors. We consider it one of our highest honors to do that so that they may receive the due owed to the honored dead of our country.

Along that line was a notable event, the Crooms memorial service in Hutchinson, attended by brothers from several camps, most coming quite a distance. It was encouraging to see the department brothers work together to make sure a boy in blue wasn't forgotten. The event was attended by Mr. Crooms family and PCinC Brad Schall whose ancestor was a GAR camp brother of Mr. Crooms. I was unable to be in attendance but was extremely proud to receive PCinC Schall's card of thanks, commending the brothers of the department for doing their honorable duty. It was one of the high points of the year and spoke well of our brothers.

The brothers of the department are also busy with making the department known at many community events including gun shows, genealogy seminars, and military and patriotic events. We use these opportunities to show various historical items, help visitors find their Civil War ancestors, pass out information and membership applications, and discuss the Civil War in general. We have found these events to be profitable in generating new members.

Our camps also are careful to remember those who currently serve our country in providing items requested by them including calling cards so they can stay in contact with their families.

I was able to attend the 2013 National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI and the Department of Kansas Fall Council meeting and am looking forward to attending the 2014 encampment in Marietta, GA.

In conclusion, I believe for the SUVCW to be relevant in the next years, we must engage the youth of our culture and continue our primary task of making sure the Union soldier isn't forgotten. It is my hope

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that the abovementioned challenge represented in GO 6 will be soon addressed and we can move forward drawing in new blood so we can continue the primary task. The Boys in Blue simply must not be forgotten.

Submitted respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow, PCC
Department Commander

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Brothers:

It has been my pleasure to serve with our capable and dedicated Department Commander in the administration of department business this past year. Brother Bartlow has provided excellent leadership to promote Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty among our Order. He has also inspired our camps to undertake public ceremonies and public service that call to the attention of the general public the sacrifice of those who fought so valiantly to preserve the Union. In the current environment of division and disrespect in public life, the principle of Union must be our primary rallying cry.

I am pleased to celebrate with all of you that membership in our Camps has increased in the past year. The renewed interest by the public in our work, and the resulting increase in membership applications, can largely be attributed to three things.

First, members of our Camps have, with pride and excitement, told friends and family members about the important work of our camps. That work includes, but is not limited to, holding Memorial Day services, setting and dedicating new headstones, cleaning and resetting existing stones, locating and registering previously unknown graves, and maintaining a list of Civil War Monuments and Memorials in Kansas. In addition, our brothers have reached out to potential new members by inviting them to attend our monthly meetings and our special services.

Second, camps have done some excellent publicity concerning their projects, Memorial Day services, and headstone dedications. The activities of our camps have caught the imagination, and garnered the respect, of the general public especially during this sesquicentennial period of the Civil War. Also, Camp Signals Officers maintain informative Camp websites, in addition to the Department website.

Third, our brothers have warmly welcomed visitors, and have included new members as active participants in camp programs and business, and as camp officers. From the very first meeting, visitors and new members recognize the respect with which SUVCW members treat our rituals and the history of the organization.

With you, brothers, I am very excited about the potential for a new Camp in the Department of Kansas. Let us thank Brother Alan Russ for his work to “test the waters” in St. Francis and northwest Kansas. Let us pray that his work will be productive and that we will be able to employ the ritual for organizing a new camp, perhaps in 2014.

Finally, as Senior Vice Department Commander it is my responsibility to promote Charity among our members. Charity involves more than just giving of our financial resources to aid those in need, which obviously is very important. Charity is, moreover, an attitude of gratitude and humility, as well as respect for others. I pray that we may fully embody Charity in all our interactions in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent M. Melcher, PCC
Senior Vice Department Commander

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Commander, this year I forwarded three applications for new members from national. Two were placed in the Lawrence Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 and one in the Topeka Old Abe Camp #16. Recruiting must continue to be the focus across the SUVCW from National through Departments and down to individual camps and members. Camps are encouraged to consider the various events in which they participate not only to honor our ancestors that served but also as opportunities to recruit the

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other men that will join us in that honoring. As we reach out and touch our community in dedications of headstones, Memorial Day observation, parades, and various other venues we are reaching toward the future to speak about the past.

It has indeed been a great pleasure to honor the memory of all our ancestors that served in the Civil War by serving as the Department of Kansas Jr Vice Commander. I look forward to continuing my service in this way as the wishes of the Department permit. If at any time I can offer help or assistance to any camp or member of this Department I am able and ready to assist.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Junior Vice Department Commander

SECRETARY

The proceedings of the 17th Annual Department Encampment, January 12, 2013, were properly published and were 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, 2013 was:

Hereditary Members:	112 (including 9 Life Members)
Associates:	6
Juniors:	3
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	121 (with 118 reportable to National)
Dual	2

The Department strength as of December 31, 2013 is:

Hereditary Members:	117 (including 6 Life Members)
Associates:	7
Juniors:	1
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	125 (with 124 reportable to National)
Dual	2

The above numbers represent an increase of four in reportable strength. Last year we also had a net increase of four. I know there will be 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.

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

MOTION 1

The Seventeenth 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 outgoing and incoming Department Commander, 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." By Direction of 17th Department Encampment. All votes having been cast as of February 15, 2013, the motion received seven votes in the affirmative, 0 votes opposed, and 0 votes not cast.

YES votes: SVDC Melcher, JVDC Britton, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Knopke, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Lester, Immediate PDC Lafferty.

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: None

Commander Bartlow declared Motion 1 passed as of February 16, 2013.

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MOTION 2

A motion by Secretary Russ, seconded by Brother Knopke, to approve the minutes of the 2013 Fall Council Meeting, as corrected. All votes having been cast as of November 7, 2013, the motion received six votes in the affirmative, NO votes opposed, and NO votes not cast.

YES votes: JVDC Britton, Secretary/Treasurer Russ, Council Member Knopke, Council Member Fischer, Council Member Lester, Immediate PDC Lafferty.

NO votes: None

NOT VOTING: SVDC Melcher

Commander Bartow declared Motion 2 Passed as of November 8, 2013.

During the past year, I have attended the following functions:

April 13, 2013 – Lincoln Tomb Service, Springfield, Illinois.

April 13, 2013 – National Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois

August 8-11, 2013 – National Encampment, Brookfield, Wisconsin

October 19, 2013 – Department Fall Council Meeting, Emporia, Kansas

November 23, 2013 – Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

November 24, 2013 - National Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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. Our fiscal year is the calendar year. As such, the following report is from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

Balance on hand January 1, 2013		\$ 9,463.05
Income January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013:		
National Per Capita	2,581.75	
Department Per Capita	501.00	
Encampment Badge Sales	260.00	
Department Encampment Proceeds & Miscellaneous	208.00	
National Application Fees	<u>60.00</u>	
Total Department Income		3,610.75
Expenses January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013:		
National Per Capita	2,581.75	
Encampment Medals (18th Encampment)	366.00	
CinC Hotel and Meals at Encampment	263.65	
National Quartermaster	85.00	
Department Website (hosting)	84.00	
Department Miscellaneous	66.52	
National Application Fees	60.00	
Eagle Scout Coordinator Postage	<u>18.40</u>	
Total Department Expenses		<u>3,525.32</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2013:		<u>\$9,548.48</u>

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The above report represents an increase in the ending balance over the previous year amounting to \$85.43.

The 2013 preliminary budget was presented at the 2013 Department Encampment and was approved by the Department Council at the meeting immediately following the 2013 Encampment. A proposed budget for 2014 has been submitted to the Department Council, and is being passed out at the 2014 Encampment for the information of the brothers present. It will be submitted for approval by the Department Council at their meeting immediately following the 2014 Encampment. It is the Department Council's responsibility to oversee the financial matters of the Department, including the approval of the Department budget; however, they do not work "behind closed doors." Any comments and suggestions are always appreciated in this regard, and information concerning expenses of the Department are always available.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

I thank Commander Bartlow for having confidence to allow me to continue to serve as Department Patriotic Instructor (PI) for 2013. I have provided camps and department officers with PI throughout the year, although I have missed many weeks highlighting notable Civil War events from 1863. My patriotic and related historical activities since the last encampment include:

1. Organized and hosted a Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) *Shared Stories of the Civil War* event on "Guerilla Warfare: Bushwhackers and Jayhawkers," Fort Scott National Historic Site [FSNHS] (March).
2. Drafted the nomination for FSNHS to become a certified Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site (site was certified in April).
3. Supported FSNHS's Civil War Encampment (April).
4. Presented Camp 5 SUVCW ROTC Award to Nevada (MO) High School AFJROTC Cadet Taler Monroe (April).
5. Presented Camp 5 SUVCW ROTC Award to Pittsburg State Univ Army ROTC Cadet Paul Keeping (April).
6. Participated in a Frontier Military Historic Byway awareness event in Merriam KS (May).
7. Planned to attend Memorial Day service at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lawrence (cancelled due to lightning, May).
8. Organized and hosted a KHC *Shared Stories of the Civil War* event on "Quantrill's Raid and Order No. 11," FSNHS (August).
9. Attended SUVCW National Encampment (August).
10. Participated in first "live" historical Twitter event recounting Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence – QR1863 (August).
11. Lead organizer for FSNHS's *Symbols of Sacrifice* remembrance (6,700+ US flags on site's parade ground honoring those lost in War on Terrorism), activities included presentation by Governor Brownback (September).
12. Presentation on Bourbon County KS census project (effects of Civil War through census examination) at American Association for State and Local History annual meeting, Birmingham (September).
13. Visited Buchenwald Concentration Camp, Germany (September).
14. Visited birthplace (Frittlingen, Germany) of gg-grandfather, Roman Braun, 2nd Indiana Cavalry (September).
15. Attended SUVCW Dept of KS Fall Council Meeting, Emporia (October).

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16. Attended Camp 5 Veterans Day ceremony, Olathe (November).
17. Keynote speaker for Nevada High School (MO) Veterans Day ceremony (November).
18. Organized and hosted a presentation by Royal Valley Middle School (Mayetta KS) students on their mural honoring the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry (November).
19. Contributor and reviewer for KS Byways Interpretive Plan (January-December).
20. Wrote script on General Order No. 11 for annual FSNHS Candlelight Tour and tour leader for 100 visitors (December).

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Patriotic Instructor

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

We continue to make progress in locating our Boys in Blue who eternally rest in the Sunflower State. There are 28,213 Civil War veterans' Kansas gravesites listed in the national SUVCW Graves Database (as of 29 Dec 2013). This is an increase of more than 1000 over last year's report. Since gaining access to the Kansas GRO account late in 2012, I have added 335 Kansas gravesites. I continue to enter gravesites outside of the state through my personal user account, which now totals 2796 entries, roughly 200 more than reported last year. While not a large number of new graves added, I try to be as thorough as possible and include as much information as possible, which can prove time consuming. Many existing entries are unnecessarily bare bones, and I have added information such as birth/death dates and enlistment/discharge dates to dozens of Kansas graves; doing so doesn't add to the tally but is just as important.

I have spent much time this year trying to locate the graves of members of the 24th KS Militia. Roughly 1000 men was mobilized and activated for much of October 1864 to assist in the defense of Fort Scott and SE Kansas during Price's Confederate advance through Missouri. These men have been overlooked because of their short service as reservists but they have earned inclusion in the database. Since they were generally not members of the GAR, their service not listed in KS state censuses, were non-recipients of government pensions, and their headstones don't indicate military service, these boys have been difficult to track down. So far, I have located just over 110 of their graves, some as far away as California and Washington state.

I was fortunate to spend time with SUVCW GRO Bruce Frail at the National Encampment in Wisconsin this past August. Brother Frail was able to clarify some questions I had, as well as share his vision for future database improvements. The SUVCW continues to work with the VA to seek resolution for the next-of-kin requirement for headstone requests, which hampers our ability to honor our fallen.

One particular highlight of the year was assisting Ms Janice Lovelace of Seattle in obtaining a VA headstone for her great-grandfather's unmarked grave in Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson. Private John Crooms, born enslaved in Kentucky, served in the 5th US Colored Cavalry. Coyne Camp No. 1 did a great job conducting a memorable dedication service for Ms Lovelace, who was able to attend. The Hutchinson newspaper also provided good coverage of the event. Huzzah to all involved – this is what our Order is all about!

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Graves Registration Officer

EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR

I currently serve as the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner for Mo-Kan District, Ozark Trails Council, BSA, and enjoy working with scout leaders to recognize youth who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. I have sent emails to all Boy Scout councils in Kansas with attention to council and district executives highlighting our free recognition program. While I received positive response from many, and

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we have doubled the number of certificates issued over the previous year, we are still only reaching a small minority of the total number of new Eagles Scouts across the state. I will send out reminders again this year to the scout councils. Since the last encampment, SUVCW Dept of Kansas Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates have been presented to:

William B. Batson, Fort Leavenworth
Aaron J. Itschner, Salina
Noah S. Kincaid, Lansing
Zach Lambert, Pittsburg
Max J. Lauver, Salina
Erin D. Munoz, Fort Leavenworth

Richard G. Shoemaker, Galena
Dakota M. Soukup, Winfield
Gavin K. Spence, Lawrence
Alec J. A. Stindt, Topeka
Brock R. Vavra, Galena

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Eagle Scout Coordinator

CHAPLAIN NECROLOGY REPORT

It is with sadness I report the following brothers are no longer with us.

John H. Hartford (3/10/1926 - 6/21/2013) of Corp Coyne Camp 1, his ancestor, grandfather John Hartford;

Wesley A. Hogan (7/31/1929 - 8/13/2013) of Corp Coyne Camp 1, his ancestor, grandfather Andrew Jackson Hogan;

Thomas L. Page (9/28/1937 - 8/4/2013) of Corp Coyne Camp 1, his ancestor, grandfather John Henry Page;

Submitted In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Chaplain

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

There have been no new additions during this year. 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

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ATTACHMENT B - CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA

Commander Jonathan F. Birket

Brothers:

The camp hosted the 2013 Dept. of Kansas State Encampment at Emporia, KS on Jan. 12, 2013. The event was well attended.

In May the camp held their monthly meeting at the Veterans Memorial Park and conducted a ceremony in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday. Camp members also participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Peabody, KS.

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

In September the camp put together a new headstone dedication ceremony for Civil War soldier John Crooms at the Eastside Cemetery in Hutchinson, Kansas on behalf of the Dept. of Kansas.

In October 2013 Brother Jon Birket was re-elected Camp Commander and continues to provide great enthusiasm and leadership to the camp.

In December camp members participated in the Wreaths across American Ceremony in Winfield, KS at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery.

The camp continues to meet on its regularly scheduled night using the ritual, a short business meeting and having a Civil War related program as part of the evening schedule. Camp programs have ranged from reports on Civil War ancestors, Sherman's March to the Sea to story behind an armory explosion in Pennsylvania,

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Jon Birket
Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP NO. 4, LAWRENCE

Commander Dennis Lawrence

The Churchill Camp for the 5th year in a row participated in Kansas Day activities at Eisenhower Elementary School located on Post at Ft. Leavenworth. We also did 3 other school programs in Missouri, Overland Park and for the second year in Baldwin.

The Camp also placed flags on the graves of Union veterans for Memorial Day.

In April the camp participated in Civil War Trust's Park Day activities at Black Jack Battlefield.

On December 7th the Camp acted as the Color Guard at the Lawrence Old Fashioned Horse Drawn Parade.

December was also our 10th anniversary of the camp.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Dennis Lawrence
Camp Commander

FRANKLIN CAMP NO. 5, OLATHE

Commander David P. Tollefson

Except for the months of July, August and December, the camp meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Bass Pro Shop restaurant, Olathe, Ks. Meeting begins at 7:00 however there is a social hour beginning at 6:00 in which members may order from the food menu.

In addition to the normal business meeting, each meeting concludes with Patriotic Instruction. Many programs are from camp members and on occasion we will have an outside guest with a program. We have attempted to follow the war thru the sesquicentennial as the battles and campaigns occurred.

We have a Memorial Day service on the Saturday before that holiday and Veterans Day service, again the Saturday before that holiday,. We attempt to honor veterans at each of those services. The services

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are held at the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery and include participation by a Boy Scout troop.

We continue to participate in the ROTC program, this past year there were 4 schools we participated with in their recognition service.

Bill Fischer continues as our Boy Scout coordinator and has recognized scouts who have achieved the Eagle Scout award.

We continue to have a monthly newsletter that is sent to each member during the meeting months.

We participate in the Gardner Civil War Expo in June and the Party in the Park in July, sponsored by the Jackson County Parks and Rec. Included at both these events is a recruiting booth.

Our membership currently stands at 24 members, we are now in the annual renewal membership drive.

David Tollefson
Commander

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA

Commander Conrad M. Fisher

Camp Old Abe #16, Topeka, Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War continued to see growth in 2013, adding several new members. The camp was busy with many projects throughout the year to honor the memory of our Civil War ancestors and to continue the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In January, as in each month of the year, the camp collected funds for the purchase of prepaid telephone cards, which are sent to Kansas National Guard members serving overseas. The camp also began planning the annual Topeka Cemetery Memorial Day ceremonies.

In February the camp discussed various ways to be more visible in the community, such as inviting members of the Junior ROTC program to participate in the Memorial Day observance, and the purchase of a table banner, which will also be used when brothers march in parades.

In March Old Abe Camp 16 welcomed guest speaker Robert Jones, of Kennesaw, Georgia, who gave a presentation on the Battle of Chickamauga, which was particularly well attended by brothers and guests, being the largest gathering for a camp meeting in recent memory. We also initiated new brother Carl Dean Holmes into the camp. With the coming of spring, our monthly work days began once again at Topeka Cemetery where brothers worked to clean tombstones in the G.A.R. section of the cemetery, and the flag was replaced in preparation for the annual Memorial Day ceremonies held there.

In April we initiated Brother Craig Dunstan into Camp Old Abe at our monthly meeting. On April 27 Camp Old Abe participated in the Massing of the Colors ceremony at Gage Park in Topeka along with many other organizations. The camp also had an information table at the event for recruiting purposes.

In May, the camp and guests enjoyed a video produced by the History Channel regarding the Battle of Mine Creek. The camp was presented with a certificate by the Military Order of the World Wars for the Camp's involvement in the Massing of the Colors in Gage Park in Topeka in April and the camp also learned of several potential new members who learned of our Order through our recruiting activities at that event. Several members of the camp attended a presentation given at the Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library at a meeting of the Lincoln Club of Topeka involving medical technology during the Civil War.

Memorial Day observances were held at the G.A.R. section of the Topeka Cemetery. This year flags were placed in the G.A.R section of the cemetery prior to the ceremony, and the camp has decided to continue doing it this way in the future. At the 2013 Memorial Day Ceremony we had participation from BSA, JROTC, Vietnam Veterans of America, and American Heritage Girls groups. A smaller ceremony was held at Rochester Cemetery, on the north side of Topeka.

At the June meeting the camp discussed the recent Memorial Day ceremonies and plans for next year's event, including the possibility of having a Massing of the Colors ceremony as part of the ceremony. The camp also gained a new member which resulted from our recruiting efforts at the Massing of the Colors ceremony.

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In August several camp members travelled to Milwaukee for the National Encampment and later presented a report to the camp on the events there. JVC Burchett discussed an event to commemorate Order #11 in Kansas City. The camp membership discussed having members give presentations about civil war history at camp meetings as a way to generate interest in camp meetings.

In September the camp grew again, adding several new members. Camp Commander Fisher and Junior Vice Commander Burchett worked at the Topeka Railroad Festival to recruit new members, with Senior Vice Commander Lester attending as well. On September 28th, 2013 Camp Commander Fisher and Senior Vice Commander Lester attended the grave dedication ceremony of John Crooms, at Eastside Cemetery in Hutchinson, which was hosted by the Wichita camp.

At our monthly meeting in October, we initiated new member Stan Sutton, and Senior Vice Commander Lester gave a brief presentation on the Andersonville prisoner of war camp. Junior Vice Commander Nick Burchett discussed various methods to clean tombstones during camp work days at the Topeka Cemetery. On October 19th many members attended the Fall Council meeting in Emporia and others including JVC Burchett attended the Topeka genealogy festival. Also during October Commander Fisher and JVC Burchett traveled to Whiting, Kansas to initiate new member William Webster.

In November camp elections were held and three guests were in attendance at the camp meeting. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of moving the site of camp meeting but the discussions were tabled pending the gathering of more information. Patriotic instruction included a fine presentation in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address.

At the December meeting the camp invited guests to the meeting and officers for the coming year were installed.

In conclusion, Camp Old Abe, #16 Topeka, Department of Kansas, continues to grow in numbers and has been very active in working to honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union veterans of the American Civil War.

Presented in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Roger Lester
Commander

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ATTACHMENT C – COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 132nd National Encampment was held on August 9 and 10, 2013, in Brookfield, WI. CC Fisher and I traveled by train from Topeka to Milwaukee, via Chicago and it was quite an experience. We were sad that SVC Kent Melcher, who had planned to travel with us, was unable due to an ankle injury. At the encampment we were joined by PDC Alan Russ, PDC Roy Lafferty, and department PI/GRO Bill Fischer.

Many of the brothers were able to attend tours on Thursday August 8 at the Sprecher brewery and the Soldier's Home of Milwaukee.

The business of the encampment included a rousing discussion of how to handle departments who were tardy in their reports, discussion of the proper protection of junior members in light of the Penn State incident, as well as a touching show of financial support for one department needing funds to complete a monument.

The brothers of Kansas were also proud to see our own department secretary, PDC Russ, installed as the national secretary along with the new slate of officers which includes our new Commander in Chief Ken Freshley of Ohio.

Some brothers left after the proceedings on Saturday but for those of us who stayed over to Sunday, we enjoyed an uplifting worship service led by national Chaplain Jerry Kowalski. All the brothers safely journeyed home.

I encourage as many of you who can to attend the 133rd National Encampment on August 15 and 16, 2014, in Marietta, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. Many of us, especially those whose ancestors took part in the Chickamauga/Chattanooga and Atlanta campaigns, are excitedly looking forward to attending and I would encourage all the department brothers to consider joining us. Information is already out for lodging, encampment registration, badges, and tours. You will not want to miss this opportunity.

Onward to Atlanta!

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow, PCC

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Department Bylaws Committee, consisting of the Department elected officers and Immediate Past Department Commander, on October 19, 2013, in conjunction with the Fall Council Meeting.

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 Eighteenth 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
Secretary/Treasurer (Term ending 2017)	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Old Abe Camp No. 16
Council Member (Term ending 2016)	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC	Franklin Camp No. 5
Council Member (Term ending 2016)	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;

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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 2013-2014 finds them to be in order.

James R. Knopke, PDC
Council Chairman

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ATTACHMENT D – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

There were no proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas for consideration by the Encampment.

**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



18th Annual Department Encampment

**Emporia, Kansas
January 11, 2014**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC

Department Commander
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Kent M. Melcher, PCC
Senior Vice Commander
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Junior Vice Commander
(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

James R. Knopke, PDC
Council Member
(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC
Council Member, Patriotic Instructor, Eagle Scout Coordinator, and Graves Registration
(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)

Roger D. Lester
Council Member
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Chaplain
(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)

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
18	2013-2014	Rocky L. Bartlow	16	Emporia	January 11, 2014
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**
- 9:45 AM** **Memorial Service**
- 10:00 AM** **Seating of Past Department
Commanders**
- 10:05 AM** **Encampment Opening and
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**
- 4:00 PM** **Council Meeting**

HONORED GUEST

D. Brad Schall, PCinC
Past National Commander-in-Chief
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Union War

2015 Department Encampment
Saturday, January 10, 2015

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.

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ATTACHMENT F

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 11th day of January, 2014 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:						
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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	Rocky L. Bartlow	Meriden	KS	66512

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

Date: 1/11/2014

Installing Officer: <u>D. Brad Schall</u>	Department Secretary: <u>Alan L. Russ</u>	Department Commander: <u>Rocky L. Bartlow</u>	National Executive Director: <u>David W. Demmy, Sr.</u>
Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name: D. Brad Schall, PCinC	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC	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
Mark A. Britton ,PCC	DERBY	KS	67037-1903	Craig E. Dunstan	TOPEKA	KS	66604
William E. Fischer ,PCC	FORT SCOTT	KS	66701-8521	Conrad M. Fisher ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3578
Roger D. Lester	TOPEKA	KS	66604	Kent M. Melcher ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1384

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 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. Selected Alternate Delegates may be called upon to serve as a Delegate under the provisions of Chapter III, Article II, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order, by the Department Commander, or, in his absence, the Chairman of the Kansas Delegation.

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
Jonathan F. Birket ,PCC	WICHITA	KS	67212	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	Darrell R. Brooks	MANHATTAN	KS	66503-3012
Mark L. Brown	WICHITA	KS	67203-3054	Nick Burchett	TOPEKA	KS	66618
Travis H. Burns	HALSTEAD	KS	67056-9107	David J. Canfield	AUGUSTA	KS	67010-1172
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. Docktor	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
Neal J. Hanley	LANSING	KS	66043-6271	Brandon J. Hanscom	MILFORD	MA	01757-1647
Gary F. Hicks	PLAINVILLE	KS	67663-2534	Carl D. Holmes	LIBERAL	KS	67905-2288
Terry L. Iseli	RILEY	KS	66531-9633	Paul Jefferson ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66044-2377
John Jewell	OVERBROOK	KS	66524	Kent R. Johnson	MAPLE HILL	KS	66507-0264
Terry E. Justice	WICHITA	KS	67202-2435	Dan E. Karr ,PCC	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-0243
Brent A. Lawrence	GARDNER	KS	66030-1405	Dennis L. Lawrence	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-9169
John M. McCoin	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3599	Douglas E. McGovern ,PCC	HUTCHINSON	KS	67502-2846
Gary J. McIntosh	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1488	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
Kenneth A. Miller	MERRIAM	KS	66203	Kim L. Nelson ,PCC	BELOIT	KS	67420-2142
Dennis D. Nelson	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66214-2687	Wayne T. Nighbert ,PCC	FT LEAVENWORTH	KS	66029-0008
Wayne T. Nighbert	TROY	TX	76579-2630	K. Matthew Nystrom	PHOENIX	AZ	85029-6104
K. Kirk Nystrom ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66616-1355	Verle L. Olson	SHAWNEE	KS	66203-4105
Thomas O. Page	WICHITA	KS	67203-2633	Franklyn Pekarek	SALINA	KS	67401-5383
Michael D. Pelton	LEAVENWORTH	KS	66048	Don W. Phillips	WICHITA	KS	67217-1278
Mason J. Ramirez	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3546	Stanley L. Reed	MARION	KS	66861-0254
Jerry W. Reiman	TOPEKA	KS	66614-1739	Erick B. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67226
William F. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67212-1171	Dale L. Rouse ,PCC	MCPHERSON	KS	67460-7077
Lane K. Ryno	EMPORIA	KS	66801-6036	Clifford A. Salisbury	PALMER	AK	99645-0993
David D. Schafer	STONEWALL	TX	78671-0316	James A. Scheidel ,PCC	ANDOVER	KS	67002-9025
James A. Scheidel	DUNKIRK	MD	20754-9243	Ethan A. Schmidt	LUBBOCK	TX	79424-4501
Jesse Sherwood	STILWELL	KS	66085-9002	Phillip A. Sill	TRIBUNE	KS	67879-0532
John L. Skelton	MAIZE	KS	67101-9615	Lawrence H. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67212-1313
Harold L. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67215-1538	Cade E. Smith	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66204-2334
Bruce R. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Lane D. Smith ,PCC	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-2430
Ryan S. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Gerard J. Smith	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2406
Douglas G. Smith ,PCC	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-3443	Paul R. Smith	WICHITA	KS	67211
Jonathan G. Spurgeon	TOWANDA	KS	67144-9112	Audie L. Strotkamp	PEABODY	KS	66866-1237
Herschel L. Stroud	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2550	Stanley P. Sutton	TOPEKA	KS	66614-4740
Blair D. Tarr	TOPEKA	KS	66603-3243	Loren L. Taylor	KANSAS CITY	KS	66109-4508
Daniel J. Thalmann	GREENLEAF	KS	66943-9445	John D. Thorup	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-3437
Michael A. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210	Reese L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012
Richard L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012	Ryan L. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210
Matthew G. Toll ,PCC	SAINT LOUIS	MO	63114	David P. Tollefson ,PCC	RAYTOWN	MO	64133-3461
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	William E. Webster	WHITING	KS	66552
David S. Welfelt	NEWTON	KS	67114-9003	R. Michael Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034
Timothy R. Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034	Wayne L. White	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-8042
Laird M. Wilcox	OLATHE	KS	66062-6207	Joshua S. Young	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-4427

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

ATTACHMENT G – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2013: Members: 49 Associates: 2 Total: 51

Franklin C. Bergquist (PDC) Jonathan F. Birket (CC) Mark A. Britton (PCC)
Terry E. Justice (Del) S. Todd Meek (PCC) William F. Riedell (Del)
Thomas E. Schmidt (PDC)

Department Commander 0
Past Department Commander 2
Camp Commander 1
Past Camp Commander 2
Elected Department Officer 0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate 2
Total Present 7
Total Voting Members for Camp 1 7

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2013: Members: 18 Associates: 2 Total: 20

Paul Jefferson (PCC) Roy A. Lafferty (PDC) Dennis L. Lawrence (CC)
Wayne T. Nighbert, Sr. (PCC) Michael Pelton (Del) Michael A. Todd (Del)
Reese L. Todd (Del) Ryan L. Todd (Alt)

Department Commander 0
Past Department Commander 1
Camp Commander 1
Past Camp Commander 2
Elected Department Officer 0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate 4
Total Present 8
Total Voting Members for Camp 4 7

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2013: Members: 20 Associates: 2 Total: 22

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

Department Commander 0
Past Department Commander 1
Camp Commander 1
Past Camp Commander 2
Elected Department Officer 0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate 0
Total Present 4
Total Voting Members for Camp 5 4

OLD ABE CAMP 16

Topeka

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2013: Members: 25 Associates: 0 Total: 25

Rocky L. Bartlow (PCC) Craig E. Dunstan (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)

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

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Strength as of March 31, 2013: Members: 112 Associates: 6 Total: 118

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	6
Camp Commander	4
Past Camp Commander	8
Elected Department Officer	0
Delegate	8
<u>Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	28
Total Voting Members for Department	27

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTEENTH 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)

Rocky L. Bartlow (2013-2014)
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)
Jonathan F. Birket, Camp 1 (2013)
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
Conrad M. Fisher, Camp 16
Michael J. Hadl, Camp 4 (2008 & 2011)
Paul Jefferson, Camp 4 (2013)
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)
David P. Tollefson, Camp 5 (2013)
Alan L. Van Loenen, Camp 4 (2006)

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
18	January 11, 2014	Emporia	Rocky L. Bartlow

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

2014-2015

Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC <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 2017)	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 2016)	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2016)	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>



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