

**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**NINTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT**  
**ENCAMPMENT,**  
**LAWRENCE, KANSAS**



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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**April 23, 2005**  
**Lawrence, Kansas**

1. As required by Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by Article VI, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 23, 2005, at the Watkins Museum of History, Lawrence, Kansas.

2. The Encampment was called to order at 1:48 PM by Department Commander Thomas E. Schmidt. The opening ceremony was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.

3. The roll call of officers was conducted with the following officers present or accounted for:

Department Commander Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC, Camp 1, present.

Senior Vice Commander James R. Knopke, PCC, Camp 16, present.

Junior Vice Commander Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16, present.

Secretary/Treasurer and Eagle Scout Coordinator Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.

Council Member and Historian Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp 3, present.

Council Member and Patriotic Instructor James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1, excused.

Acting Patriotic Instructor Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Camp 4, present.

Council Member Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.

Chaplain Jonathon P. Goering, Camp 1, excused.

Acting Chaplain Rev. Kenneth P. Bradley, Camp 1, present.

Counselor and Graves Registration Officer Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC, Camp 1, present.

Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, present.

4. The Encampment received visiting National Council of Administration member Robert Petrovic, PDC, Department of Missouri. PDC Petrovic delivered greetings from the Commander in Chief and informed us of the addition of Eagle Scout certificate information to the National website and the addition of a Patriotic Instructor handbook and brochures to the National website. Also, he reminded the Encampment that the National graves registration database is now on-line on the National website. Also, PDC Petrovic informed us that all of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. will be meeting with the SUVCW National Encampments in 2006 and 2007.

5. Commander Schmidt informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.

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

Commander Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC – Commander's Report [ATTACHMENT B]

James R. Knopke, PCC – Senior Vice Commander Report [ATTACHMENT C]

Randal L. Durbin – Junior Vice Commander Report – Presented brief oral remarks.

(See Mine Creek Battlefield Report)

Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer's Report [ATTACHMENT D]

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [ATTACHMENT E]

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2005 Central Region Conference Report [ATTACHMENT F]

Rev. Kenneth P. Bradley – Necrology Report [ATTACHMENT G]

Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC – Graves Registration Officer Report [ATTACHMENT H]

Dean K. Speaks, PDC – Historian Report [ATTACHMENT I]

Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Monuments and Memorials Report [ATTACHMENT J]

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
[ATTACHMENT K]

Joseph Gaston Camp 3 – Presented by Dean K. Speaks, PDC: Camp is in the process of reorganization. Meeting will be held on May 7, 2005, in Beloit to initiate new members and conduct election of officers.

Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Randal L. Durbin  
[ATTACHMENT L]

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Roy Lafferty  
[ATTACHMENT M]

8. Reading of incoming correspondence was conducted by the Department Secretary. The correspondence all concerned nominations for National office. The Department Secretary will provide copies of the correspondence to all from the Department who will be attending the National Encampment.

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

Mine Creek Battlefield report – Randal L. Durbin [ATTACHMENT N]

Hutchinson Monument Project – Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – See remarks included in  
ATTACHMENT J

Last Soldier Project – Blair D. Tarr [ATTACHMENT O]

2004 National Encampment – James R. Knopke, PCC [ATTACHMENT P]

Nominating Committee report – Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC [ATTACHMENT Q]

10. The Encampment took a brief recess from 2:45 PM until 3:05 PM. During this time, the Department Commander, Department Officers, and Past Department Commanders present called upon the Ladies of the G.A.R. Encampment occurring elsewhere in the building. Department Commander Schmidt presented the president of the LGAR with a “love” gift. The LGAR Emma Edmonds Circle 2000 presented Commander Schmidt with a gift of a check for \$50.00, to be used to defray the costs for the Department of Kansas Flag and accessories.

11. Commander Schmidt announced that the following people had stated intent to attend the 2005 National Encampment: PCC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (as PDC); PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16; PCC James R. Knopke, Camp 16 (as Department Commander); and Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4. Commander Schmidt asked if anyone else was also planning to attend. PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4, stated that he was hoping to be able to attend. PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1, moved that that Brothers Lafferty and Sundell should be declared delegates to the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

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12. Commander Schmidt announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 22, 2006. Also, per the bylaws, the camp next in line to host the Encampment is Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka. Commander Schmidt asked Camp Commander Randal L. Durbin of Old Abe Camp 16 if the camp was willing to accept the hosting of the Encampment. Commander Durbin replied that Topeka will be the host camp.

13. Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, presented the proposed “Policy for Declaring a Period of Mourning Within the Department of Kansas.” Secretary Russ stated that the proposed policy had been electronically transmitted to all Department Officers, Camp Commanders, and Camp Secretaries for review. He then explained the contents of the policy to the Encampment. PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4, moved that the policy be approved as written. Motion was seconded and carried.

14. Commander Schmidt discussed the newly constructed bridge at Mine Creek Battlefield, along with the need to name the bridge. This is the bridge substantially purchased with funds donated by the Department of Kansas. Also, on April 16, 2005, members of the Department constructed the bridge at the battlefield. The Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation granted naming rights for the bridge to the Department of Kansas in acknowledgement of the funds and labor provided. A bronze plaque will be placed next to the approach to the bridge showing the name of the bridge and the participation of the Department of Kansas in its construction. Commander Schmidt asked for suggestions for naming the bridge. Suggested names from the members of the Encampment included:

“Lt. Col. Bazel Lazear” (Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. SM)

“Lt. Col. Frederick Benteen” or “Lt. Col. F. W. Benteen” (Brigade Commander, his forces fought in the area where the bridge was erected.)

“Dedicated to Unknown Dead”

“James Dunlavy<sup>1</sup> & Cavalry M. Young<sup>2</sup>” (Medal of Honor Recipients)

Motion was made by PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1, to name the bridge in honor of Lt. Col. Benteen. Motion was seconded and carried.

15. Secretary Russ stated that he had received two price quotes for the bronze plaque. One quote was for \$265.00 plus shipping costs. The other quote was from Degginger Foundry, a Topeka company for \$200.00, with no shipping involved. Richard Schrader, Camp 4, moved to have the plaque made by Degginger Foundry. Motion was seconded and carried.

16. Secretary Russ presented a sample plaque layout with proposed wording as follows:

Dedicated to the Memory of Those  
Who Served to Preserve the Union  
During the Civil War, 1861-1865

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<sup>1</sup> DUNLAVY, JAMES – Awarded Medal of Honor on 4 April 1865 for action on 25 Oct 1864: Gallantry in capturing Gen. Marmaduke. Source: [www.army.mil/cmh/mohciv.htm](http://www.army.mil/cmh/mohciv.htm)

<sup>2</sup> YOUNG, CAVALRY M. – Awarded Medal of Honor on 4 April 1864 for action on 25 Oct 1864: Gallantry in capturing Gen. Cabell. Source: [www.army.mil/cmh/mohciv2.htm](http://www.army.mil/cmh/mohciv2.htm)

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This bridge was donated by the Department  
of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It is provided to allow visitors a greater access  
to the battlefield, in particular, the main ford of Mine Creek.

Department of Kansas  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
June 25, 2005

The consensus of the Encampment was to modify the wording to state, "This bridge was donated and installed by the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in April 2005."

17. Commander Schmidt announced that the Department was actively pursuing the establishment of three new camps within the Department. The expected locations are Olathe, Mine Creek Battlefield (including Pleasanton and Ft. Scott), and Hutchinson.

PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4, provided that he and other members of Camp 4 had set up a recruiting booth in Olathe on April 16, 2005, at the Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop and Farm Historic Site reenactment. They had 26 people sign up for further information. PCC Sundell and the Department will be pursuing formation of a camp in the near future. Commander Schmidt stated that Arnold Schofield and Dr. John Spencer of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation had recently joined the Department as Members-at-Large. Both are actively interested in forming a camp at Mine Creek. Also, Commander Schmidt announced that PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1, will be working on forming a new camp at Hutchinson, where he lives.

Michael Hadl, Camp 4, mentioned that there was also interest in the Miami county area. He is hoping that Camp 4 will try to hold one of its monthly meetings in that area in the interest of attracting support for a new camp in the area.

18. Commander Schmidt announced that the Department was wanting to bid on holding the National Encampment in the Department of Kansas during either 2008, 2009, or 2010. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by PDC Dean K. Speaks to bid on holding the National Encampment in either 2008, 2009, or 2010. Motion was seconded and carried. Secretary Russ was directed to prepare and submit a formal request to the National Encampment Site Selection Committee for consideration.

19. There being no more new business, the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers. The Department Secretary read the names of those recommended by the Nominating Committee, said report having been accepted by the Encampment. The brothers were asked by Commander Schmidt if they accepted the nomination and were willing to fulfill the duties of the position. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

Department Commander  
Senior Vice Commander  
Junior Vice Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Council Members

PCC James R. Knopke, Camp 16  
Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16  
James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1  
PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16  
PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, Camp 1

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PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4  
Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4

Commander Schmidt then asked for additional nominations from the floor of the Encampment. No further nominations were submitted. PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1, moved that nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and carried. Nominees were elected by acclamation of the Encampment.

20. Commander Schmidt requested a motion from the floor to recognize Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Dean K. Speaks so moved. The motion was seconded and carried.

21. At this time, Commander Schmidt presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Leonidus B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year  
PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year  
PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1

William H. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year  
Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

The Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award was not awarded this year.

22. There being no further business before the Encampment, Commander Schmidt turned over the gavel to PDC Petrovic, who acted as installing officer.

23. PDC Petrovic thanked Commander Schmidt for his service on behalf of the Department and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.

24. Incoming commander, James R. Knopke, was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those so appointed, to wit:

Patriotic Instructor	PCC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4
Chaplain	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
Graves Registration Officer	PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1
Historian	PDC Dean K. Speaks, Camp 3
Civil War Memorials Officer	PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16
Counselor	PDC Franklin L. Bergquist, Camp 1

25. PDC Petrovic then proceeded to install the new Department Officers, after which the new officers were instructed to assume their respective stations. The gavel was then presented to incoming Department Commander James R. Knopke.

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26. The Department flag was then transferred by the Color Guard from outgoing Commander Schmidt to incoming Commander Knopke.

27. Commander Knopke then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 4:20 PM.

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

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



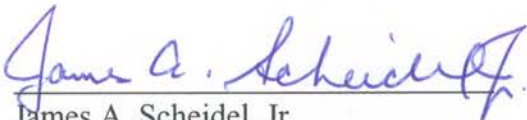
James R. Knopke, PCC  
Commander



Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC  
Immediate Past Commander



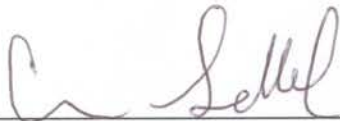
Randel L. Durbin  
Senior Vice Commander



James A. Scheidel, Jr.  
Junior Vice Commander



Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
Council Member



Craig A. Sundell, PCC  
Council Member



Robert L. Wandel  
Council Member



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## ATTACHMENT A

### ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

The following members of the Department of Kansas were in attendance at the Ninth Annual Encampment:

#### **Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita**

Robert E. Barnes	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC	Jonathan F. Birket
Kenneth P. Bradley	Mark A. Britton	James P. Coyne
John H. Hartford	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	Ethan A. Schmidt
DC Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC	Marine L. Wolf

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Present	12
Total Authorized for Camp 1	10

#### **Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit**

CC Kim L. Nelson	Dean K. Speaks, PDC
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Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Present	2
Total Authorized for Camp 3	2

#### **Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence**

Michael W. Anderson	Michael J. Hadl	Paul Jefferson
Kent R. Johnson	CC Roy A. Lafferty	Raymond H. Longacre
John M. McCoin	Richard D. Schrader	Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Alan L. Van Loenen	Brian R. Van Schmus	Robert L. Wandel

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	0
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Present	12
Total Authorized for Camp 4	6

## ATTACHMENT A

### **Col. James A. Martin Camp 8 (MAL)**

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	0
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Present	0
Total Authorized for Camp 8	2

### **Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka**

CC Randal L. Durbin                      D. Darrel Gilliland  
Alan L. Russ, PDC                      Blair D. Tarr

James R. Knopke, PCC

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Present	5
Total Authorized for Camp 16	6

### **TOTAL FOR DEPARTMENT**

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	4
Camp Commander	3
Past Camp Commander	3
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>20</u>
Total Present	31
Total Authorized	28



April 23, 2005

My tenure as Dept. Commander has been a busy one. I started off by representing the Dept by giving a speech at the Soldiers & Sailors Monument cannon dedication in Hutchinson, KS in May of 2004. In May I also participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Peabody and Florence, KS

In August 2004 I attended The SUVCW National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa which was a wonderful experience. In Nov, I called a Fall Council meeting in Lawrence, KS to review the progress of the Dept. In Nov, I also installed the new officers for the Wichita camp. In then had the same privilege at both Topeka and Lawrence camps in Dec 2004.

In February 2005, I put together a planning meeting at the Mine Creek Battlefield visitors center in southeast Kansas to go over details of the proposed bridge project there. Attendees consisted of Jon Spencer of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and our Mine Creek Committee members, Randy Durbin, Ken Spurgeon, Doug McGovern, Jim Knopke and myself. Also in February we held another meeting in Lawrence to finalize plans for the 2005 State Encampment and handled other Dept. business that needed our attention.

In April 16, 2005 I attended the Mine Creek Bridge bridge workday as we built the bridge and made it a reality. What a win/win situation for the Dept. and the Mine Creek Battlefied. The initial fundraising took place at the 2003 State Encampment in Wichita thru the efforts of Past Dept Commanders Alan Russ and Ken Spurgeon,. Thru planning and discussion we came up with a wonderful project for our group as well as great addition for visitors of the battlefield.

Some of the other highlights for me this past year have been the new Dept. web-site that came online in September of 2004 and the job Webmaster Jon Goering is doing. Doug McGovern's work on cataloging the civil war monuments in Kansas. The new Dept. of Kansas flag that was unveiled for the first time today is a great addition for the Dept. This was accomplished thru the efforts of Alan Russ and contributions from the camps as well as individuals. Our continued double digit growth is very rewarding and it is a very distinct possiblity that we may be starting 2-3 new camps in the not to distant future. I hope you agree with me, this is a great time to be part of the Son of Union Veterans organization in Kansas.

Sr. Vice Commander Jim Knopke will soon take his new position as Department Commander and will continue on with many of the initiatives that have been started and I'm sure have some of his own. He will need our help and support on the department level as well as the camp level.

Again, thanks for your help and involvement during my term. May we as members of the Sons of Union Veterans continue to advance its aims and goals.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt  
Kansas Department Commander Sons of Union Veterans





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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
Department Senior Vice Commander

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April 24<sup>th</sup> – Attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment.  
Beloit, KS.

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Participated in the grave side ceremony of Victor  
Tullar and William Nixon; Jewell, KS.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Presented the SUV ROTC Award at Leavenworth High  
School; Leavenworth, KS.

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Participated in the setting of flags for Memorial Day at  
Topeka Cemetery; Topeka, KS.

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> - Attended the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment.  
Cedar Rapids, IA.

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Participated in the Battle of the Blue Ceremony at  
Topeka Cemetery; Topeka, KS.

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Attended the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Mine  
Creek; Pleasanton, KS.

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – Attended Fall Council Meeting  
Lawrence, KS.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Attended meeting on Mine Creek Bridge Project  
Pleasanton, KS.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Attended planning meeting for Department Encampment; Lawrence, KS.

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Work on the Mine Creek Bridge project.



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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 04/23/2005**

BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 24, 2004		\$ 4,197.90
RECEIPTS 04/24/2004 - 04/23/2005		
National Per Capita	1,246.50	
Donations	530.00	
Department Per Capita	370.00	
National Initiation Fees	90.00	
Web Page	50.00	
Reserve for Camp 3	39.00	
"In Memoriam" Ribbons	30.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,355.50
EXPENDITURES 04/24/2004 - 04/23/2005		
Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation	2,200.00	
National Per Capita	1,390.50	
Department Flag	550.00	
Central Region Conference (Facility Deposit)	300.00	
Mounting Set, Department Flag	136.00	
National Initiation Fees	100.00	
National Quartermaster	58.00	
Web Page	50.00	
Encampment Ribbons	35.90	
Other	14.60	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,835.00
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 23, 2005		<u>\$ 1,718.40</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 23, 2005		\$ 1,718.40
OBLIGATED FUNDS:		
National Per Capita	1,152.00	
National Initiation Fees	35.00	
Camp 3	39.00	
TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS		<u>1,226.00</u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS AS OF APRIL 23, 2005		<u><u>\$ 492.40</u></u>
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,		

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Treasurer





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Department Eagle Scout Coordinator

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April 23, 2005

**REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR**

As Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, it is my responsibility to respond to requests for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificates which have been sent to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. These certificates are obtained from the National Organization and are signed by the National Commander in Chief.

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

Drew Patrick Conger, Haysville KS  
David Andrew Pfortmiller, Olathe KS  
Mason L. McCurdy, Eudora KS  
Justin Deaver, Lawrence KS  
Luke F. Kenning, Hutchinson KS  
Manuel Francis Mendoza, Wichita KS  
Matthew Philip Eberle, Topeka KS  
Paul Buckmaster, Shawnee KS  
Nathanael Rathjen, Shawnee KS  
Layton Lupton, Wichita KS  
Christopher B. Martin, Manhattan KS  
Robert P. Bennett, Manhattan KS  
Jason R. Harris, Manhattan KS  
Mark L. Stockham, Manhattan KS  
Zachary Mattingly, Manhattan KS  
Isaac N. Doolittle, Wamego KS  
David Burkemper, Derby KS  
Ian Burford, Wichita KS  
David Snodgrass, Lenexa KS  
Adam Henry Patterson, Wamego KS

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Department Eagle Scout Coordinator

*"To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"*  
Organized 1881 - Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic



**REPORT ON THE 2005 CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE  
ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

April 23, 2005

As approved last year at the Department Encampment, the Department of Kansas will be hosting the 2005 Central Region Conference of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The conference will be held in Lawrence, Kansas, on October 1, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Holidome.

To date, the meeting and banquet rooms at the hotel have been reserved. A block of motel rooms have been set aside for attendees. Also, an article has been submitted to the Banner for publication in the upcoming issue.

The meeting will begin in the morning with a tour of the Lawrence Civil War sites. Lunch will be at the motel. The business meeting will also be conducted at the motel, with a speaker providing instruction, insight, and information concerning fund-raising. This will be followed by the annual business meeting and election and installation of officers.

A banquet will be held that evening at the hotel, with period entertainment provided by the "Free Staters."

As previously discussed with the Department Council and members of the Lawrence camp, support elements will be needed for the usual aspects of the meeting, not unlike what is necessary for the Department Encampment.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, & LOYALTY,

Alan L. Russ, PDC



## **NECROLOGY REPORT**

**April 23, 2005**

The loss of one brother within the Department was reported during the last year.

**Clyde M. (Cy) Reiter, Joseph Gaston Camp 3, Beloit.**

**Died September 14, 2004**

Clyde Melford Reiter was born March 19, 1907 in his family home east of Beloit, the son of John H. and Amanda Ringer Reiter. He died Monday, September 13, 2004 at the Salina Regional Health Center in Salina, Kansas at the age of 97 years.

Cy, as he was known, attended the Second Ward School, and graduated from Beloit High School in the class of 1926.

On May 16, 1929, Cy was united in marriage to Grace Coburn at the United Brethren Parsonage in Beloit. One daughter, Jean, and one son, Tom, were born to that union. After their marriage, the couple lived in Beloit until 1942, when they moved to Wichita, and in 1973, they returned to Beloit to spend their retirement. They had been privileged to spend nearly 69 years of married life together.

From 1932 to 1942, Cy worked at the Beloit Milling Company. He served 30 accident-free years as a bus driver for Continental Trailways, before retiring at the age of 66. Cy enjoyed his retirement by remodeling the home in which he lived until his death. He also enjoyed spending his time with his cousin and good friend, Jim Reiter, as well as traveling on the many bus trips provided by the local banks. Cy was also a sports fanatic, and followed KU basketball and K-State football.

Cy was a member of the Elks Lodge, the United Transportation Union, the NCK Genealogical Society, the Sons of the Union Vets of the Civil War, the Beloit Night Lions Club, was a contributor to the Mitchell County Historical Society, was the Mitchell County Chairman for the American Red Cross, and served as a municipal judge for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Grace; and his daughter, Norma Jean Wells.

Cy is survived by his son, Tom and his wife, Carol Anne of Yorba Linda, California; one grandson, Scott Richard Reiter; one granddaughter, Diane Jean Hamann; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Obituary supplied by McDonald Funeral Home – Beloit, Kansas
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Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of our fallen brother.





## **Department Graves Registration Officer Report**

### **Department of Kansas Encampment 2005**

#### **SUVCW**

##### **Activities:**

- (1) Distributed 124 applications for Grave Markers to Veterans Service Organizations or other interested individuals in Kansas and various other states.**
- (2) Wrote six Letters to the Editor's on the need for the upkeep on Civil War Veterans grave markers and on to be on the look out for stolen metal grave flag holders. (None were published.)**
- (3) Received and processed three requests for individual grave locations.**
- (4) Received one listing of Kansas veterans buried in Colorado. Filed it for research.**
- (5) Assisted individuals and governmental agencies in the completion of applications for new federal grave markers for Civil War veterans;**
- (6) Providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War veteran grave markers/memorials to the National Graves Registration Officer.**
- (7) Did preliminary planning on an inventory of the cemeteries located within the confines the Department's geographical boundaries and documenting the presence of Civil War veteran grave markers and memorials (In cooperation with other Department Officers.)**

**Franklin C. Bergquist**

**Graves Registration Officer**

**Department of Kansas**

**SUVCW**



Dept. Historian Rept. 4-23-05

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Encampment Beloit

June ~~May~~ 2004 - Hutchinson - Soldiers & Sailors Mon.

May 2004 - Memorial Day Salina

Working on Journal of the First 5 years of  
Dept. Proofreading now. Should be ready  
& published by Next Encampment

August - National Encampment Cedar Rapids, IA

Civil War Roundtable Meetings in Salina since Feb.  
Recruiting several from these meetings

Assisted w/ info for new website



## **Memorials and Monuments Report**

April 23, 2005



### **Hutchinson Soldiers and Sailors Monument**

Form CWM #62 (Civil War Memorial Fund Request) has been submitted to National requesting a grant to support the phase II effort at restoration of the Hutchinson Soldiers and Sailors Monument. This request, along with a Kansas Heritage Grant are in support of the cleaning and repair of the statue and monument itself. Receipts from these grants as well as leftover funds from Phase I will be applied to this effort. The grants are presently under review so the schedule for conclusion of this project has not yet been determined.

### **Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog**

It is intended that the location and description of Kansas Civil War Memorials and Monuments be incorporated with the Department website. Accordingly, a draft website stub has been constructed for Department review. It currently contains listings for 12 monuments. When approved, this will include information on all identified Kansas monuments.

The search and cataloging of monuments has progressed well with contributions from a number of brothers. Forty five monuments and memorials have been identified, located, photographed and logged into the master data base. An additional 65 are listed but research, photography, and/or logging in have not as yet been completed. Forty four Kansas counties (of the total of 105) do not have any monuments currently identified.

Submitted by Doug McGovern – Civil War Memorials Officer



## Sons of Union Veterans Department of Kansas

### CIVIL WAR/GAR MEMORIALS PROJECT

#### Kansas Memorials and Monuments

Kansas is known as a Soldier state due to the very large number of Civil War Veterans who settled here. Almost all communities supported a camp of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR. It was typical for those camps to sponsor or erect monuments to honor the Civil War Veteran. Other groups, including the Women's Relief Corps (WRC), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and others also erected memorials and monuments. Many county court house squares, City Parks, and local cemeteries are so honored.

One of the important purposes and goals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is to honor the memory of our Civil War Veterans and to preserve the American tradition of Memorial Day. In Kansas, we are fortunate to have a number of outstanding monuments, memorials, and outdoor sculpture to serve as the focus for these (and other) celebrations and remembrances.

Over the years, much has been done by others to identify GAR monuments and Civil War-related memorials erected by other parties. The effort being put forth by the SUVCW is unique because of the following points. With the help of our Departments across the country, and the local Camps within them, the SUVCW will physically search out and inspect each and every memorial that can be found. This will minimize the chance of any memorial being overlooked and more importantly,

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April 23, 2005

Camp Commander James A. Scheidel, Jr.



Cpl Patrick Coyne, Camp No. 1 Activities

The Wichita camp has been very busy and active since the Department Encampment in April of 2004. The Camp has grown by 8 new members which is a tribute the recruiting efforts of the camp. The past three Camp Commanders have challenged each of our members to recruit one new member a year. This recruiting effort remains robust as we have nearly reached the camp membership goal of 50 total members.

May 2004 was a busy month for our camp. We convened at the family cemetery of Mr. Irvin Work in Gouda Spring Kansas to perform "The Last Soldier" ceremony in honor of his Grandfather. Sgt. George Work USCT. We laid a wreath at the WRC/GAR monument in the Peabody, Kansas cemetery during the Memorial Day ceremonies. We also and participated in the rededication of the civil war cannon/limber restoration project of the GAR Monument in Hutchinson, Kansas.

We again host our second annual "Lincoln Remembered" fundraising event in Nov of 2004. Our members were asked to sell 5 tickets at \$5 each for the event. The program consisted of a carry-in buffet- style dinner, a talk by Carol Dark Ayers author of "Lincoln in Kansas" and period music by the "Free-Staters". The night was a great success as attendance was well over 60 people and well over \$600 raised. Once again this fund raiser enabled us solidify our financial status and fund various projects.

This will be our second year to recognize the outstanding Derby JR Air Force ROTC cadet. We will be recognizing an outstanding cadet on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the ROTC award ceremony.

In October of 2004 the camp again set up a recruiting booth at the Chisholm Trail Gun Show at the Kansas Coliseum. From this effort we gained 2 new members. This continues to be a great recruiting opportunity as thousands of people attended the event. Our next recruiting booth at the Chisholm Trail Gun show will be this October. We have purchased a Civil War Soldiers database on CD and will use as recruiting tool during the gun show.

Our attendance at our monthly meetings has been very consistent throughout the year. At most meetings we have between 12 and 20 attendees. Our meeting format consists of opening ceremonies, business meeting, formal program or presentation, closing ceremonies. Last year we had a wide variety of interesting and educational programs relating to various Civil War Period topics.

Our camp continues to grow built on the foundation laid the pervious two years. With the new members we have solidified our camp from both a membership and attendance standpoint. We continue to have positive growth and activity.

Doug McGovern – 2004 Camp Commander

Jim Scheidel – 2005 Camp Commander



Old Abe Camp # 16, Report April 2004 – 2005

Regular meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, Perkins Restaurant, Wanamaker Rd, 6:30 p.m.

April

Brothers attend Dept Encampment in Beloit

May

Presented ROTC awards to Topeka and Leavenworth students

Participated in Topeka Cemetery cleanup day

Place flags on veteran's graves on Memorial weekend

June

Darrel Gilliland elected to vacant office of JVC

July

Cemetery project equipment stored in vacant mausoleum at cemetery

August

3 Brothers attend national Encampment at Cedar Rapids, Iowa

October

22<sup>nd</sup> Battle of the Blue Memorial ceremony

November

Brothers attend Fall Dept. Encampment in Lawrence

Elected officers for 2005

R Durbin CC  
D Gilliland SVC  
R Theis JVC  
Blair Tarr Sec-Tres  
Delton Gilliland council  
Alan Russ  
Rick Baker

February

Participated in Mine Creek Bridge planning session at Mine Creek

April

3 Brothers help with construction of Mine Creek Bridge

## **Department Report of Samuel J. Churchill #4**

### 1. Greetings

Hello I am Camp Commander Roy Lafferty and on behalf of the Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 I would like to welcome you all to Lawrence... We hope you enjoy the department Encampment while you are here.

### 2. Introduction

As most of you know the Churchill camp is the youngest Camp in the Department, and as this is really our first chance to introduce our selves to the whole department I would like to tell you all why we choose honor Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill.

- He is one of 3 Medal of Honor winners from the CW buried in Lawrence.
- He spent time (at least 1 day) in Kansas during the war.
- He was an artilleryman and the reenacting group that many of our members belong to is an artillery group.

Sgt. Churchill received his MOH at the battle of Nashville for manning is gun by him self. He got off 11 rounds with much effect before receiving assistance.

### 3. Growth

Since last April we have gotten 7 new members and 2 junior members. Last week we received about 25 prospective members that we are currently working on.

### 4. Mission

CHURCHILL Camp has a 2 fold mission. Education & Remembrance. They both work together as a community that is not educated has nothing to remember.

- Education

- i. Meetings

We hold our meetings right here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. 2 out of every 3 meetings we have a speaker. Which include authors (Goodrich & Etcheson); People from historical societies; as well as people that have talked about information about their ancestors diaries who were at Andersonville and Quantel's Raid.

- ii. Civil War on the Western Frontier (CWWF)

The Churchill Camp sponsors 2 lectures at last years CWWF. The talks were on Gen. Fraser who was chancellor at KU and on the Battle of Mine

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Creek. These Lectures attendance drew that more than doubled the attendance of any other lectures that week.

### iii. School Presentations

Some in our group have participated in school programs associated with 3<sup>rd</sup> Kansas Light Artillery group.

### iv. Public Presentations

Last week 4 of our members had an artifacts and recruiting table at the Mahaffie house.

- Remembrance

#### i. Tomb Stones

Brother Wandell of our camp has taken charge as memorials officer of our camp and has done a superb job. He along with some in our camp has:

- Recorded and Photographed 400 tomb stones in Douglas County.
- Cleaned 20 of them.
- Straightened 10 more.
- Raised another 20.

The Camp is currently in the process of buying about 250 flags to place on the graves in Lawrence this coming Memorial Day.

#### ii. Bridge

We had 2 members work with the department on the Mine Creek Bridge project. We would have more if it did not coincide with Mahaffie that weekend.

5. Thank you very much and enjoy encampment...

Roy A. Lafferty  
Camp Commander

## SUV Bridge at Mine Creek

At the 2003 Department of Kansas Encampment in Wichita the membership was informed that the State of Kansas was to erect a monument to the veterans of the Battle of Mine Creek on the battlefield. We were told the Sons of Confederates had raised over \$ 2000 for their monument and we had only a short period of time to raise funds for a monument to Union soldiers. The membership quickly raised over \$ 2000 for our share of the project.

We were next informed the State was not going to allow private groups to erect their respective monuments and the Department was left with the dilemma of what to do with the money we had raised. The membership has always been interested in assisting the site in its efforts to interpret the battle and enhance the trails to give visitors a more convenient means of walking over the battlefield and seeing some of the more important points on the field that were very difficult to reach. With the cancellation of the monument, a committee was formed and it was decided to use the funds towards this end. In conferring with Dr. John Spencer, the President of the Mine Creek Foundation Board, it was determined that the greatest obstacle for visitors at the site was the trail from the museum to the main ford used during the battle. A deep ravine cuts across the path and a temporary plank with steep steps were the only means to cross this area. A small arch bridge spanning the ravine would allow foot traffic, small equipment and handicap access to the main ford. Dr. Spencer located a company in Canada that makes custom bridge kits. After giving this company our specifications a bridge was ordered and it ~~should~~ arrive soon. *arrived in early April.*

A workday was scheduled for Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The footings were poured and construction took place that day. Nine members of the Kansas Department assisted in this project. A plaque commemorating the SUV's contribution to this project will be attached to the structure and a dedication ceremony is planned for June 25<sup>th</sup>. This project will go a long way to enhance the visitor's experience at Mine Creek.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal L. Durbin, Jr. Vice Commander, Dept.of Kansas



## LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

Allen—

Anderson—

Atchison—

Barber—William C. Barnard of Medicine Lodge, Co. I, 167<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry, died May 13, 1937. Buried at Highland Cemetery. (Barber County Index, May 20, 1937, from Rick Baker)

Barton—

Bourbon—Emmanual Oman was identified as the last living Civil War veteran in Bourbon County by the Fort Scott Tribune, May 31, 1941. Oman was 94 at the time and living with his daughter near Hammond.

Brown—George Washington Springer may have been the last veteran buried in Brown County. He is buried at Morrill, which is in the county; but he was identified as the last veteran in Marshall County. Topeka Capital, February 22, 1938 and March 10, 1939.

Butler—A.J. Ralston of Towanda, died at age 96 in 1942. Belonged to Co. I, 50<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Came to Butler County in 1868. See Kansas City Times, April 7, 1942, and Wichita Eagle, February 13, 1942.

Chase—W.W. Wilson, identified as Chase County's last veteran, dies Feb. 2, 1938.

Chautauqua—See Montgomery County.

Cherokee—

Cheyenne—C.H. McCormack of Bird City, still alive at age 93 in April 1939.

Clark—

Clay—Charles Wingrove of Clay Center, at least 102, died October 6, 1948. Appears to be the last Civil War veteran in Kansas. 1894 roster shows an "A. Wingrove" belonging to Phil Sheridan Post #88, G.A.R.; private, 3<sup>rd</sup> West Virginia Cavalry, Co. M. Several cards in library.

Cloud—

Coffey—

Comanche—David F. Edmonds, died at Coldwater on May 21, 1930. Identified as last veteran in the county.

Cowley—Philip Weinrich of Winfield, 92 at 1938 Encampment. **OR**

William Bramwell Caton, died at age 93 in 1941. Last Winfield G.A.R. member

Crawford—

Decatur—

Dickinson—Thomas B. "T.B." Williams of Chapman, died 1943. Department Commander, 1938. Cards in library.

Doniphan—

Douglas—

Edwards—

Elk—

Ellis—

Ellsworth—

Finney—J.W. Wampler, identified as the last Finney County Veteran, died Jan. 10, 1941 at 94.

Ford—George Reighard, died 1936. Also said to be the last buffalo hunter to die in Ford County. 1894 roster shows him as member of Lewis Post 394 G.A.R., Dodge City; private, 184<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, Co. A. (George Laughead, Ford County Historical Society.) Library cards.

Franklin—Peter Kaiser of Ottawa, died May 7, 1940, and buried at Hope Cemetery, Ottawa. 1894 poster shows him as member of Geo. H. Thomas Post #18 G.A.R., Ottawa; private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Infantry, Co. A. (Deborah Barker, Franklin County Historical Society.)

Geary—

Gove—

Graham—

Grant—



Gray—

Greeley—

Greenwood—

Hamilton—

Harper—N.S. Neighbor, final veteran of Harper County, died January 29, 1942 at home at the age of 101. Co. K, 24<sup>th</sup> Ohio.

Harvey—William Harrison Weber, died April 7, 1942 at the age of 103. Lived in Newton.

Haskell—

Hodgeman—

Jackson—

Jefferson—

Jewell—William W. "W.W." Nixon of Jewell City, died 1943. National Commander. 1894 roster shows him as member of S.R. Deach Post #58 G.A.R., Jewell City; private 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Artillery, Co. F. Library cards. **OR**

John P. "J.P." Fair of Mankato, died 1943. 1894 roster shows him as member of Jim Lane Post #34, Mankato; private, 67<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, Co. H. Library cards.

Johnson—

Kearny—

Kingman—Henry H. Isley, 94, last Kingman County veteran, died in 1938.

Kiowa—

Labette—

Lane—

Leavenworth—

Lincoln—

Linn—Samuel Redding, Civil War veteran, still alive in July, 1939.

Logan—

Lyon—John A. Lucas, last Civil War veteran in Emporia, March 1938.

Marion—

Marshall—See Brown County.

McPherson—Rev. Jacob Isaac Newton Lott of McPherson, died October 22, 1946 at 99. "One of 86 G.A.R. members remaining in the U.S." 67<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. Buried McPherson Cemetery. Library card.

Meade—

Miami—1939 obituary for Hampton McDowell mentions two surviving veterans, both living in Paola—James (J.W.) Murray and Brade (or Bras) Frazier.

Mitchell—Joseph Gaston of Beloit. State Council of Administration, 1942. 1894 roster shows him as member of Glen Elder Post #261 G.A.R., Glen Elder; private, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry, Co. H. **BUT**

Gaston's obituary indicates John Bartleson is the last surviving veteran in Mitchell County.

Montgomery—Henry Aiken of Elk City, died at age 101 in Independence, 1940. Library card. (Descendent is Norman Kimrey, Patrick Coyne Camp) While he's buried in Montgomery County, obituary says his home was 11 miles southwest of Elk City in Chautauqua County.

Morris—

Morton—

Nemaha—Samuel B. Anderson of Oneida, died July 6, 1934. 128<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. Buried in Oneida Cemetery. Last member of George Graham Post, G.A.R., Seneca. **OR**

Joshua Henry, Sabetha's last veteran, was going to Gettysburg reunion, 1938.

Neosho—

Ness—

Norton—

Osage—Harrison Black, 97, was the last veteran in Burlingame in 1941. **BUT**

One week earlier, a newspaper report suggested William Hutcheson of Melvern was the last veteran in Osage County.

Osborne—

Ottawa—

Pawnee—

Phillips—

Pottawatomie—

Pratt—

Rawlins—

Reno—J.W. Malloy, a Department Commander and last commander of Joe Hooker Post G.A.R. in Hutchinson. Lived last years of life at Fort Dodge, where he died. Library card. Maybe library cards.

Republic—

Rice—Alonzo McMurphy of Sterling, private, 7<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, Co. A. Died January 17, 1948 at 101, the second to last Civil War soldier in the state. Department Commander 1944-1948. Perhaps last surviving veteran of Battle of Mine Creek. Buried in Sterling Cemetery. 1894 roster shows him to be a member of Mead Post #14 G.A.R., Sterling. Library cards.

Riley—

Rooks—

Rush—Robert Stephens, 99, of Rush County—but little supporting information

Russell—

Saline—Oliver O. Conover, Co. G, 139<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, died May 30, 1934. Member, John A. Logan Post 127, G.A.R. Last member of post in plot at Gypsum Hills Cemetery, Salina, KS. (Mary Douglass)

Scott—

Sedgwick—Five candidates so far—Jacob John, William Leiter, W.B. Rhodes, Allen Baggett, and Thomas B. Russell.

Seward—

Shawnee—Private William Eli Applegate of Topeka, Co. I, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry, died June 5, 1943. Buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka. Member of Topeka Post No. 71, G.A.R. Library cards. (G-G-Grandfather of Rick Baker)

Sheridan—

Sherman—W.F. Bartlett, last vet in 1940 (See Trego County file.)

Smith—

Stafford—Asa O. "A.O." Gere of Stafford, died 1941. 93 at 1938 encampment. 1894 roster shows him as member of Henry Hopkins Post #301, Stafford; private, 26<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, Co. I, and corporal, 154<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, Co. A.

Stanton—

Stevens—

Sumner—

Thomas—

Trego—Daniel Pershing, last vet in 1940.

Wabaunsee—George L. Horton of Harveyville.

Wallace—

Washington—Jasper M. Holloway, 1938.

Wichita—

Wilson—William W. Basore, 1938.

Woodson—

Wyandotte—Francis Brown of Kansas City, KS, 1942 Department Chaplain. **OR**

Samuel Bronson Lightcap, died in 1942 at age 99.



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4/23/2005

123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment

I have been asked by Department Commander Schmidt to give a few words about the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment, which was held this past year in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Those in attendance were Dept. Commander, Tom Schmidt, Jr. Vice, Randy Durbin, Secretary-Treasurer Alan Russ, Memorials Officer Doug McGovern, past Dept Commanders Dean Speaks, Ken Spurgeon and myself. This delegation of seven was the largest ever from Kansas. Of the 183 members in attendance, we represented 4% of the Encampment. Not bad when you consider Pennsylvania had 9 attendees for 4.9% and their state has over 900 members.

Recognition was given to individuals and camps for their outstanding achievements for the good of the order. In that regards, the Department of Kansas was presented with the U S Grant trophy for the highest percentage of growth for the past year. This can be directly attributed to those individuals in our camps who are working to build our Department. To them, we give thanks for a job well done. Keep your fingers crossed, for this year we are in the running again.

Outgoing National Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong was presented with a framed "Battle of Mine Creek" print by our delegation. This was presented to him at the traditional "Campfire" on Friday night. The following morning he expressed his appreciation for the print and said he already knew where he was going to hang it in his home. One would think that now P C in C Armstrong holds a special feeling for Kansas because for the rest of the Encampment he only wore the Kansas sunflower lapel pin given to him at the beginning by our Department Commander Schmidt. For those of you that do not know P C-in-C Armstrong, he has been to Kansas twice. Once as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief for our seventh Encampment and again as Commander-in-Chief for the Mine Creek monument dedication; thus the Mine Creek print. He has shown great interest in the Department of Kansas and we appreciated it.

We have three members that serve at the national level. They are Alan Russ-Program & Policy, Doug McGovern-Civil War Monuments and Ken Spurgeon-National Encampment Credentials. Our thanks to them for a job well done.

For those that have never attended an Encampment, you should think of doing so. I found it very interesting, informative and entertaining. Just ask Jr. Vice Randy Durbin about Hill Camp # 17, from Huntington, Indiana and their rendition of the song "Marching through Georgia".

This year's National Encampment will be at Nashua, NH. and we are looking forward to seeing new faces from Kansas. 2006 will be the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SUVCW and it will be hosted in Pittsburg, PA. 2007 will be in St. Louis. So pick and choose which one sound good to you, your Department will appreciate your attendance.

James Knopke  
Senior Vice Commander  
Department of Kansas

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

April 23, 2005

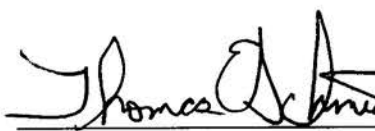
By direction of Department Commander Thomas E. Schmidt, a nominating committee consisting of Department Commander Schmidt, PDC Alan L. Russ, and PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon was appointed for the purpose of bringing a slate of candidates before this Encampment.


The members of the committee, having considered possible recommendations, propose the following slate of candidates to this Encampment to serve as officers of the Department of Kansas for the 2005-2006 term of office.


### Recommendations for Nominations

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Camp</u>
Department Commander	PCC James R. Knopke	Old Abe 16
Senior Vice Commander	Randal L. Durbin	Old Abe 16
Junior Vice Commander	James A. Scheidel, Jr.	Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Secretary/Treasurer	PDC Alan L. Russ	Old Abe 16
Council #1	PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon	Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council #2	Robert Wandel	Sgt. Churchill 4
Council #3	PCC Craig A. Sundell	Sgt. Churchill 4

These nominations are respectfully submitted to the Encampment in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

  
Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC  
Chairman

  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Member

  
Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC  
Member





## ***DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS***

### **ACTIVE CAMPS**

#### **Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita**

Organized June 27, 1996

#### **Joseph Gaston Camp No. 3, Beloit**

Organized July 6, 1996

#### **Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence**

Organized December 13, 2003

#### **Col. John A. Martin Camp No. 8, MAL**

Organized July 11, 1996 at Salina

Suspended July 12, 1998, Designated MAL camp August 6, 1998

#### **Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka**

Organized December 13, 1997

### **FORMER CAMPS**

Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing, Jr. Camp No. 2, Johnson County

Organized June 29, 1996, Suspended

Pawnee Camp No. 15, Larned

Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended December 10, 2001, Revoked July 5, 2002

Pap Thomas Camp No. 52, Great Bend

Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended

### **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 R. Spurgeon
9	April 23, 2005	Lawrence	Thomas E. Schmidt



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