

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**JANUARY 10, 2015
EMPORIA, KANSAS**

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

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 Glory Camp 7, Saint Francis)</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 Glory Camp 7, Saint Francis)</i>

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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
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January 10, 2015
Emporia, Kansas

1. As required by Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by Article VI, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on January 10, 2015, at the Emporia Senior Center, Emporia, Kansas.

2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:10 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, National Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell, Department of California & Pacific. Commander Campbell was presented gold encampment badges by Commander Bartlow. Commander Campbell gave a brief personal greeting to the Encampment.

4. At 10:20 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 7, 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, present
 Color Bearer Shawn Bell, Camp 1, present
 Guard Ryan Todd, Camp 4, present
 Guide Conrad Fisher, PCC, present

6. The Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

7. Commander Bartlow then declared the Nineteenth 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 Secretary 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. 7	No. 16	
Department Commander	0	0	0	0	1	1
Past Department Commander	1	1	1	1	1	5
Camp Commander	1	1	0	0	1	3
Past Camp Commander	3	3	2	0	4	12
Department Elected Officer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delegate	1	1	0	0	4	6
Alternate Delegate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jr. Member/Jr. Associate	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PRESENT	6	6	3	1	11	27
VOTING STRENGTH	6	6	3	1	11	27

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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.

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-3]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary Report [Page A-3]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Treasurer Report [Page A-4]
Roger D. Lester, PCC – Council Member [Page A-6]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-7]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-8]
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-9]
Blair D. Tarr – Historian Report [Page A-9]
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Chaplain Report and Necrology Report [Page A-9]
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Civil War Memorials Officer Report (not presented) [Page A-10]

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander Shawn W. Bell [Page A-11]
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Michael Todd [Page A-11]
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Lane D. Smith for Camp Commander Eric Myers [Page A-12]
Old Glory Camp 7 – Presented by Alan L. Russ for Camp Commander Chance T. Marble [Page A-13]
Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Craig E. Dunstan [Page A-13]

14. Following the report from Old Abe Camp 16, Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell presented the Meritorious Service Award to Brother Jerry Reiman, Old Abe Camp 16, for his work with Civil War grave markers.

15. Secretary Russ reported the correspondence which had been received has previously been distributed to all officers and camp secretaries, with the exception of a statement of intent to run for the office of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake. This letter of intent, plus any additional such letters of intent later received, will be furnished to those planning to attend the National Encampment in Richmond.

16. Commander Bartlow then called for Committee and other reports.

17. The following committee reports were presented:

a. Bylaws Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page A-15]

i. Amendments 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 were approved by two-thirds vote of the Encampment as submitted.

ii. Amendment 5 was submitted to the Encampment. Brother Russ moved that the motion by the committee to accept Amendment 5 be amended to remove the proposed Chapter III, Section E, Subsection 2, pertaining the designating a department encampment committee as a permanent committee from the amendment. Motion to amend the committee's recommendation was approved. Motion to approve the amended motion passed with the required two-thirds majority.

iii. Amendments 6 through 11 were approved by two-thirds vote of the Encampment as submitted.

b. Report on 2014 National Encampment – Kent M. Melcher, PCC [Page A-25]

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c. Department Encampment Committee – Kent M. Melcher, PCC [Page A-24]

i. Brother Russ moved that the Department Council be authorized to consider and approve issues pertaining to the Twentieth Annual Department Encampment. Motion carried.

d. Nominating Committee – Alan L. Russ, PDC

i. Brothers recommended by the Nominating Committee were placed into nomination for the respective office, with nominations from the floor to be taken later.

ii. Commander Bartlow officially discharged the Nominating Committee with the “thank-you” of the Department.

e. PDC James R. Knopke, Department Council member, reported as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department.

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

19. At 1:15 PM, Commander Bartlow again declared a brief recess so he, CinC Campbell, 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 1:30 PM.

20. The Encampment Resolutions and Officer Reports committee reported that there was one recommendation they considered, specifically from the Department Historian that “the Department of Kansas take part in an event during the course of ‘The Great Soldier State: Kansas and the Civil War’ exhibit that might help raise funds for the flags. The exhibit will be up until May 24, 2015.” The committee recommended approval. The encampment concurred with the recommendation.

21. Commander Bartlow requested to know which past department commanders planned to attend the 2015 National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia. Commander Bartlow stated the incoming Department Commander would be attending in that status, and that he planned be attending in the status of PDC. Secretary Russ will be attending as a National Elective Officer, and PDC Lafferty stated he will be attending in his capacity as PDC.

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 134th National Encampment. PDC Russ nominated the following to be delegates:

- a. PCC William E. Fischer, Jr., Camp 5
- b. Shawn Bell, Camp 1
- c. Michael Todd, Camp 4
- d. Eric Myer, Camp 5
- e. Chance Marble, Camp 4
- f. Craig Dunstan, 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 10, 2015) and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the 134th National Encampment nor elected as a “Delegate” to the 134th National Encampment shall be elected as “ALTERNATE DELEGATES” to the 134th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 21-22, 2015, in Richmond, Virginia. 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]

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25. Commander Bartlow announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 20th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on January 9, 2016. Per Department Bylaws, the Department Council has established that the Department, as a whole, shall host the encampment.

26. Commander Bartlow called upon Treasurer Russ to present discussion on the proposed budget for 2015. 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 2016. The current per capita is \$4.00. PCC Bill Fischer moved the Department per capita remain at \$4.00 for 2016. Motion was seconded and passed.

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

29. Commander Bartlow reminded the encampment that the brothers recommended by the Nominating Committee had been placed into nomination for their respective positions. Those nominated were:

Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16
Senior Vice Department Commander	Mark A. Britton, Camp 1
Junior Vice Department Commander	William E. Fischer, Jr., Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2017)	James R. Knopke, Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2016)	Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4

30. There were no motions from the floor to nominate any additional candidates, nominations were closed. In accordance with Roberts Rules of Order¹, candidates for a position which was not contested were declared by Commander Bartlow as elected.

31. Commander Bartlow requested a motion from the floor to recognize and thank the Emporia Senior Center for providing the meeting facilities. Kirk Nystrom, Camp 16, moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

32. 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 outgoing Department Commander 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." Motion was seconded and passed.

33. 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
Old Glory Camp 7, Saint Francis

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Brother of the Year
William E. Fischer, Jr.
Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year
Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

34. At this time, Commander Bartlow turned over the gavel to CinC Tad D. Campbell for the installation of officers.

35. Commander-elect Kent M. Melcher was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those elected and appointed, to wit:

¹ RRO 11th ed., pg 443,10

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 Council Member (term expiring 2016)
 Council Member (term expiring 2016)
 Chaplain
 Patriotic Instructor
 Graves Registration Officer
 Civil War Memorials Officer
 Historian
 Eagle Scout Coordinator
 Counselor

Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16
 Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
 William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
 Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 7
 James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5
 Roger D. Lester, Camp 16
 Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
 Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
 K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16
 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 7

36. CinC Campbell proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective stations.

37. Commander Melcher proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 3:30 PM.

38. Attendance by camp and status at the encampment was as follow:

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2014: Members: 43 Associates: 1 Total: 44

Shawn W. Bell (CC) Jonathan F. Birket (PCC) Mark A. Britton (PCC)
 S. Todd Meek (PCC) William F. Riedell (Del) Thomas E. Schmidt (PDC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	1	3	0	1	6	6

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4, LAWRENCE

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2014: Members: 19 Associates: 2 Total: 21

Paul Jefferson (PCC) Roy A. Lafferty (PDC) Dennis L. Lawrence (PCC)
 Michael A. Todd (Del) Ryan L. Todd (Del) Alan L. Van Loenen (PCC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	1	3	0	1	6	6

FRANKLIN CAMP 5, OLATHE

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2014: Members: 26 Associates: 4 Total: 30

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

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	0	2	0	0	3	3

OLD GLORY CAMP 7, SAINT FRANCIS

Camp Strength as of October 7, 2014*: Members: 4 Associates: 1 Total: 5

* Date camp organized

Alan L. Russ (PDC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

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OLD ABE CAMP 16, TOPEKA

Topeka

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2014: Members: 31 Associates: 0 Total: 31

Rocky L. Bartlow (PCC)

Craig E. Dunstan (CC)

Randal L. Durbin (PDC)

Conrad M. Fisher (PCC)

D. Darrel Gilliland (Del)

Richard W. Hummel (Del)

Roger D. Lester (PCC)

Kent M. Melcher (PCC)

K. Kirk Nystrom (PCC)

Jerry W. Reiman (Del)

Blair D. Tarr (Del)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
1	1	1	4	0	4	11	11

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
1	5	3	12	0	6	27	27

These proceedings of the Nineteenth 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

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT COUNCIL ON

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Kent M. Melcher, PCC
Incoming Department Commander

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC
Outgoing Department Commander

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A Officer, Camp, and Committee Reports
- Attachment B Encampment Programs
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**CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BROTHERS HOLDING HONOR OF
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (PDC)**

Rocky L. Bartlow (2013-2015)
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 R. 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 (2013-2014)
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)
Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (2005)
Dennis L. Lawrence, Camp 4 (2014)
Roger D. Lester, Camp 16 (2014)
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)
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 (2013-2014)
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
19	January 10, 2015	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 Glory Camp 7, Saint Francis

(Named in honor of the original Sons of Veterans camp located in Saint Francis)
Organized October 7, 2014

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

OFFICER, CAMP, & COMMITTEE REPORTS



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OFFICER REPORTS TO THE NINETEENTH DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

The 2014 Department encampment was held at Emporia on January 11 where I was elected to a second term as Commander. We were proud to have PCinC Brad Schall in attendance to represent the Commander-in-Chief and swear in our officers. PCinC Schall was raised in Kansas and we enjoyed hearing his stories and renewing the ties of friendship.

I have attempted to continue the two-fold focus started in 2013 of promoting comradery between camps and adding youth. The second focus has been stymied due to the Sandusky incident and attending direction from our Commander in Chief in GO#6 to abstain until advice could be received. Given the latest direction on GO#22 I am hopeful that focus can recommence. We currently engage Boy Scout groups and other youth in Memorial Day ceremonies and several camps also participate in awarding the SUVCW ROTC award. Regarding the first item, we have had some success as I will note below.

On Sunday, March 23, the department and I joined with the Department of Missouri in a ceremony to remember Medal of Honor recipient Private John Henry Ricksecker, who is buried at the Forest Hill cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. PCC Lane Smith of Franklin Camp #5 in Olathe represented Kansas as Chaplain.

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 in Wichita, Lawrence, Olathe, and Topeka. In addition, and at the request of, and funding by, PC-in-C Schall, Lawrence and Wichita camps placed wreaths in the GAR section of Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson; Lincoln monument in downtown Hutchinson; the GAR section of Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita; and the GAR section of Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Placing of the wreaths will be an annual event.

The Department brothers are working together well. On Saturday July 26, brothers held a ceremony in Sylvia, KS for Charles H Yust and via PDC Randy Durbin we were given the opportunity to honor Private Phillip Nickelson of the 114th Illinois at Garnett, KS. I attended another event, a ceremony for Rufus Anderson in Humboldt, KS on September 20. I'm very proud to report brothers representing all our camps responded on each of these occasions and are making the commitment to attend along with other veterans groups and re-enactors to support these soldiers and their families. 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. Camps work continually to preserve markers of Union soldiers, field requests for helping with replacement cemetery markers, performing ceremonies and help in researching ancestors. They will not be forgotten on our watch.

I was also excited to attend the department's first Civil War Sesquicentennial event on October 18, the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Our department Patriotic Instructor Bill Fischer works for the National Park Service at Fort Scott spearheaded the effort. The department received the Albert Woolson Award for Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

In addition, our camps continue to show care 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.

Camps and the department are current with our annual forms and IRS filings for 2014 thanks in large part to the diligent efforts of our department secretary PDC Alan Russ and we are proud that our brother also serves as the national Secretary. I am also glad to report a membership of 131 members and associates and one junior, up from 121 in 2013.

Of all the events of 2014, the most impactful is the addition of a new camp, Old Glory #7, in St. Francis on October 9, extending the reach of the department to the western frontier of the state. This is the first camp added to the department in many years. Along with the hopeful prospects of another camp in Humboldt stirred up by the Pvt Rufus Anderson ceremony, I am confident of the health of the department and a bright future.

Finally, many brothers from Kansas including myself were pleased to attend, along with many of our brothers from across the country, the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia on August 15-16. As part of the trip, I was also able to tour the Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga battlefields where my

ancestor fought and see the actual locations. I felt the encampment and trip back into history was beneficial for myself, the department, and the order.

I look forward to our department encampment in January 2015.

I have no recommendations to make at this encampment.

Submitted respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow, PDC
Department Commander, Kansas

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Brothers:

It has been my pleasure to serve again this year with our capable and dedicated Department Commander, Rocky Bartlow. Commander 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 attention to the sacrifice of those who fought so valiantly to preserve the Union. Memorial Day observances and ceremonies, headstone dedication services, participation by our camps in community events and parades, and cleaning and maintaining gravestones and monuments all serve to inform the public of the mission and purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It is especially gratifying to see the work of all of our camps, and the Department of Kansas, reported in the news media. In Topeka, both the Capital-Journal newspaper and WIBW-TV covered the 2014 Memorial Day services, which featured as guest speaker City Council member Chad Manspeaker, and participation by Scouts and Junior ROTC units.

In Humboldt, Kansas, the local newspaper ran a front-page article prior to the Department's headstone dedication service for Private Rufus Anderson. Pvt. Anderson was born into slavery in Nashville, TN, and as an adult escaped slavery in Arkansas. He found passage by the Underground Railroad to the free state of Kansas, where he joined the First Kansas Colored Regiment, under the alias of James Smith, so that his slave masters would not be able to find him. After the war, he settled in Humboldt, where several of his descendants still live. The newspaper encouraged community members to attend the dedication, which about 40 citizens did, in addition to Pvt. Anderson's family, the high school band, and an honor guard from the Chanute, KS, American Legion Post. The newspaper sent a reporter to cover the dedication and ran a follow-up article after the event.

Publicity surrounding the Humboldt ceremony has sparked interest in starting a new Camp in the Department. The museum Board in Humboldt and its primary historian, Ms. Carolyn Whitaker, have, with great enthusiasm, offered to identify descendants of civil war soldiers in order to recruit them for our order. The museum has also offered space for the new camp to organize and meet. Department Patriotic Instructor William Fischer, Jr., is serving the Department in organizing the Humboldt camp.

In August, TV news anchor Larry Hatteburg filmed Old Abe Camp member Jerry Reiman as he cleaned headstones in the Topeka Cemetery. Most days, brother Reiman arrived early in the morning to scrub headstones with water and soft brushes. From last winter through late spring, he had cleaned approximately 1,000 headstones, removing years of mold and mildew to make the stones readable again. The three-minute interview appeared on KAKE-TV's news feature, "Hatteberg's People."

It was my pleasure last winter to represent Commander Bartlow at Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp #1 in Wichita to install their officers. I was also pleased to be able to install officers at Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 in Lawrence on December 18, 2014.

It was also my pleasure to represent the Department of Kansas as a voting delegate to the 133rd National Encampment of the SUVCW in Marietta, GA. With seven voting members of the Department in attendance (including National Secretary Alan Russ), Kansas was represented by one of the larger delegations. I also participated in Memorial Day ceremonies in Topeka and two gravestone dedication services. These events continue to be a source of solemn joy and pride, which give me a great deal of personal satisfaction. I have provided assistance to relatives of Pvt. John Riley Sprague to apply for a

headstone for this Civil War soldier, who is buried in the Topeka Cemetery. A dedication ceremony is planned for spring, 2015.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent M. Melcher, PCC

Senior Vice Department Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Since the Department Encampment in January, 2014 I have been working in conjunction with the National Junior Vice Commander on any application that come from the National website or other such methods. We have had a few of these over the past few months with all of them selecting a camp in which to hold their membership. It is good to see that the word is still getting out that the SUVCW exists and that brothers are wanting to join.

I have been active in the Patrick Coyne Camp #1 over the months since the Encampment. Besides attending the camp meetings I have been actively involved in the work project of cleaning and resetting of grave markers in the Highland Cemetery in Wichita. Great progress has been made in getting many stones in far better shape than we found them. Highland Cemetery is in great need of attention as it is pretty much neglected by the City of Wichita for lack of interest and funds. Most of the stone that have been cleaned and or reset are found in the section that is mostly Colored Troops. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to help to honor those who served our country so well in the great conflict.

On Memorial Day I attended the community services in Florence, KS where two of my Union ancestors are buried and the home of Patrick Coyne to which the Wichita camp is named. The community did a fine job of honoring all those individuals that have served our country in time of need and paid fitting tribute to their lives and honor. This event also allowed me the time to pay personal tribute to my family members and also to locate the grave of Pvt. Green Ashurst of the 114th Regiment United States Colored Infantry who is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in Florence. He was a member of the Florence Post of GAR along with my great-great grandfathers and Patrick Coyne. Pvt Ashurst was at Appomattox at the time of the surrender of Lee and his army, I can only imagine what that important event meant to him.

I also had the privilege of participating in the rededication of the grave of brother Charles H. Yust in Sylvia, KS. It was a great event and included a moving tribute to the Yust family. I was also able to render aid to my fellow brother Ken Bradley as he struggled with the heat and standing for some time. The color guard and the canon detail added a great deal of splendor to the ceremony. The camp is to be commended for the fine service and getting the details arranged for such an event.

I along with several of the brothers attended the National Encampment in Marietta, GA. It was a great event with many memorial moments as we conducted the affairs of the order. It was also my personal privileged to go to the dedication of the Wisconsin monument at the battle of Allatoona. My great-great grandfather William Britton fought there and was part of the Illinois 7th that used their Henry Rifles (16 shooters) to "Hold the Fort" and rout the confederate troops. It is always humbling to walk on the ground that our ancestors walked and fought so many years ago.

I look forward to our Department Encampment in January.

Submitted respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mark A. Britton, PCC

Junior Vice Department Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SECRETARY

The proceedings for the 18th Annual Department Encampment, January 11, 2014, were properly published and were approved by the full Department Council. Electronic copies were furnished to each Department Officer and Camp Secretary. Paper copies were furnished to the Commander-in-Chief and

the National Executive Director. The proceedings are also available on the Department website at www.suvchwks.org under the "Official Documents" section.

The Department strength as of the March 31, 2014, cut-off date for the Department Annual Report was:

Hereditary Members:	119 (including 7 Life Members)
Associates:	7
Juniors:	1
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	127 (with 126 reportable to National)
Dual	2 (including 2 Life Members)

The Department strength as of December 31, 2014 is:

Hereditary Members:	122 (including 7 Life Members)
Associates:	8
Juniors:	1
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	131 (with 30 reportable to National)
Dual	5 (including 2 Life Members)

The above numbers represent an increase of four in reportable strength. Last year we had a net increase of four.

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

April 12, 2014 – Lincoln Tomb Service and National Council of Administration meeting, Springfield, Illinois.

June 6, 2014 – Department of Colorado & Wyoming Encampment, Denver, Colorado.

August 14-17, 2014 – National Encampment, Marietta, Georgia.

November 15-16, 2014 – Remembrance Day and the National Council of Administration meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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, 2014.

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 2014 \$ 9,548.48

Income January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

DE: Department General	
DE-01: Department Per Capita	525.00
DE-99: Department Miscellaneous	221.00
DE: Other Income	<u>6.75</u>
TOTAL DE Department General	752.75
EN: Encampment	
EN-02: Badge Sales	382.00
EN-98: Badge Sales (Previous Encampments)	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL EN Encampment	472.00

Officer Reports to the Nineteenth Department Encampment, January 10, 2015

NA: National Organization		
NA-01: National Per Capita	2,806.00	
NA-02: Application Fee	<u>60.00</u>	
TOTAL NA National Organization	<u>2,866.00</u>	
 TOTAL INCOME - General Fund		4,090.75
Expenses January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:		
DC: Commander		
DC-01: Postage	<u>9.80</u>	
TOTAL DC Commander	9.80	
DE: Department General		
DE-06: Department Website	84.00	
DE-99: Miscellaneous (includes station banners; sesquicentennial medals for Mine Creek event)	<u>560.00</u>	
TOTAL DE General	644.00	
EN: Encampment		
EN-01: Facilities	100.00	
EN-02: Badges and Nametags	366.00	
EN-03: CinC Hotel and Meals	<u>248.49</u>	
TOTAL EN Encampment	714.49	
NA: National Organization		
NA-01: National Per Capita	2,806.00	
NA-02: Application Fee	<u>60.00</u>	
TOTAL NA National Organization	<u>2,866.00</u>	
 TOTAL EXPENSES – General Fund		<u>4,234.29</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2014:		<u>\$9,404.94</u>
 SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND		
Balance on hand January 1, 2014		\$ 0.00
Income January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:		
ME: Special Memorials Fund		
ME-01: Donations	<u>3,082.44</u>	
TOTAL INCOME Special Memorial Fund		3,082.44
Expenses January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:		
ME: Special Memorials Fund		
ME-02: Memorials	<u>2,435.61</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES Special Memorial Fund		<u>2,435.61</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2014:		<u>\$ 646.83</u>

The 2014 preliminary budget was presented at the 2014 Department Encampment and was approved by the Department Council at the meeting immediately following the 2014 Encampment. A proposed budget for 2015 will be submitted to the Department Council, and will be distributed at the 2015

Encampment for the information of the brothers present. It will be submitted for approval by the Department Council at their meeting immediately following the 2015 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 is always available.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

COUNCIL MEMBERS

In January, as in every month of the year, the Brothers of Camp Old Abe passed a kepi at our meeting to raise money in order to buy telephone calling cards for the troops overseas. A discussion was held regarding the site of future camp meetings, but in the end the camp decided to continue to hold their meetings at Perkins Restaurant on Wannamaker Road in Topeka. PDC Durbin was contacted about holding a ceremony in Garnett to honor a veteran buried there. The ceremony was eventually held in August 2014. The camp also discussed having members or guests speak about topics relating to the Civil War. Several members of the camp attended a viewing of the movie "Road to Valhalla" in Lawrence. Several members of the Camp attended the Department Encampment in Emporia.

In February several Brothers began planning to attend the National Encampment in Atlanta Georgia. Also, plans were initiated to hold the annual Fall Council Meeting in conjunction with the anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Camp Commander Lester presented 2013 Department awards. Old Abe received the William W Nixon Award for Camp of the Year and the Capt Patrick H Coney Award for Brother of the Year was awarded to Brother Jerry Reiman. Patriotic instruction was provided by PCC Nystrom. The camp learned about a group of Union soldiers from Kinston, North Carolina who were hanged in a region where loyalties were constantly shifting during the war.

In March members of Camp Old Abe along with other Brothers from the Departments of Kansas and Missouri, took part in a Medal of Honor ceremony to honor the memory of Private John Henry Ricksecker at Forest Hills Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. The camp also discussed the possibility of being involved in the Massing of the Colors ceremony at Great Overland Station. Members of the camp also discussed plans to attend the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony. Brother Randal Durbin portrayed General U.S. Grant during our meeting and gave a fine presentation.

In April for Good of the Order: PCC Lane Smith of Franklin camp gave a presentation on the Shenandoah Valley campaign. SVC Burchett also sent around a photo of a drawing made of Lincoln after he died and believed to be the only one extant. It is currently for sale at \$175,000 but the camp felt we didn't have the funds to purchase it.

In May the camp gained a new member. The camp also held Memorial Day observances at Topeka Cemetery, which was well attended and covered by the media. At the May meeting the camp discussed our ongoing work to clean Civil War veteran tombstones.

In June Brother Herschel Stroud and his wife Jackie gave a performance in period dress regarding the family of Abraham Lincoln, his children and grandchildren.

July The camp discussed plans for a memorial ceremony for a Civil War veteran, Phillip Nickelson, in Garnett, Kansas and also finalized planning for travel to the National Encampment in Atlanta.

August SVC Dunstan presided over the camp meeting as CC Lester was out of state. The camp discussed final preparations for the Phillip Nickelson memorial ceremony.

In September the camp discussed the events of the National Encampment. The camp also had a very interesting discussion on the Battle of Chattanooga. Due to the length of the meeting PCC Melcher postponed his slide presentation to October.

In October PCC Melcher gave his slide presentation regarding Missionary Ridge and the Siege of Chattanooga. Several members of the Camp attended the event at the Mine Creek Battlefield.

In November the camp held it's elections, with the installation of new officers taking place at the December meeting. The camp received several additional applications for membership in the final months of the year.

Presented in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Roger D. Lester, PCC
Council Member

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

As Department Patriotic Instructor (PI), I have provided camps and department officers with PI throughout the year, although I have missed many weeks highlighting notable Civil War events from 1864. 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 "The Underground Railroad," Fort Scott National Historic Site [FSNHS] (January).
2. Toured the Iowa State Capitol and Iowa Historical Society, which has many exhibits/displays related to the Civil War (February).
3. Organized the showing of "The Abolitionists" PBS American Experience series highlighting the role of abolitionists in making the issue of slavery the pre-eminent national concern that led to the Civil War. Part of the Gilder Lehrman-NEH "Created Equal" Civil Rights program. Included a guided discussion by Professor Diane Mutti Burke (UMKC), an expert on the pre-Civil War era. (February and April)
4. Supported FSNHS's annual Civil War Encampment (April).
5. Provided Camp 5 SUVCW ROTC Award for a Nevada (MO) High School AFJROTC cadet. (April)
6. Provided Camp 5 SUVCW ROTC Award for a Pittsburg State Univ Army ROTC Cadet. (April)
7. Attended Memorial Day Service at Fort Scott National Cemetery. (May)
8. Presented program on using Civil War-era censuses to learn about the effects of the Civil War at monthly program of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks (Springfield MO). (June)
9. Attended Gilder Lehrman Summer Seminar "The Causes and Consequences of the Civil War" with Professor Gary Gallagher at the University of Virginia. Visited the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond and Petersburg National Battlefield. (June)
10. Attended Charles Henry Yust headstone dedication at Hayes Township Cemetery, Reno County KS (July). Had previously coordinated with Mike and Ryan Todd in obtaining headstone from VA. (July)
11. Attended Philip Nickelson headstone dedication at Garnett Cemetery, Anderson County KS. (August)
12. Gave presentation on 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry and the USCT as part of Lawrence's Civil War on the Western Frontier commemoration. (August)
13. Organized FSNHS "Symbols of Sacrifice" remembrance for US military fallen in the War on Terrorism which included a Military Timeline by Phelps Camp 66 SUVCW, Springfield MO. (September)
14. Coordinated Dept of KS Sesquicentennial Signature Event with Kansas Historical Society for the 150th Anniversary remembrance of the Battle of Mine Creek at the state historic site. (October)

15. Conducted a Kansas Humanities Council *Shared Stories of the Civil War* on “Price’s March of 1864.”
16. Assisted local VFW post in placing 350 full-sized US flags at Fort Scott National Cemetery (Nov)
17. Organized Boy Scout Mo-Kan District Camporee at Fort Scott. At FSNHS scouts learned about role of town in Civil War, conducted service projects, and made presentations that earned them the BSA Historic Trails Award. (November)
18. Wrote two scene scripts for FSNHS’s annual Candlelight Tour. Scenes dealt with the 1864 mobilization of the 24th Kansas Militia at Fort Scott in response to Price’s Raid and Benjamin Hepler’s role as an officer of prisoner exchange in the aftermath of the Battle of Mine Creek. Hepler was Asst Surgeon for the 24th Kansas Militia. More than 600 people attended. (December)
19. Met informally with several people in Humboldt who wanted more info on the SUVCW. Hope is that a camp may eventually be organized there. (December)
20. Continue to work on new Bleeding Kansas and Civil War exhibits for Fort Scott NHS. Ready in 2015.
21. Became the Acting Chief of Interpretation & Resource Management for Fort Scott NHS. (January)

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Patriotic Instructor

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

We continue to make progress in locating our Boys in Blue who eternally rest in the Sunflower State. As of 29 Dec 2014, there are 29072 Civil War veterans’ Kansas gravesites listed in the national SUVCW Graves Database. This is an increase of about 860 additions to the database since the beginning of the year; I have personally added nearly 400 of those Kansas gravesites. I continue to enter gravesites outside of the state through my personal user account, which, as of the same date, totals 2865 entries, roughly 69 more than reported at the end of 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, enlistment/discharge dates, and Kansas GAR Post membership to dozens of individual Kansas grave pages; doing so doesn’t add to the tally but is just as important.

I had the pleasure of assisting Mike and Ryan Todd in obtaining a military headstone from the VA for Ryan’s ancestor, Charles Henry Yust, 21st Missouri Infantry, then attending a dedication ceremony with other Department of Kansas Brothers and well over 100 Yust family members who had come from across the country to rural Reno County, Kansas, for a family reunion. The ceremony was held in the Hayes Township Cemetery, which is still surrounded by Yust farmland.

The SUVCW has been a key player in working with the VA to relax its requirement for next-of-kin to be part of the military headstone request process. We must be ever vigilant to ensure that headstones requested are accurate and meet eligibility requirements, or the VA may make it even tougher for us to ensure that our Boys in Blue are not forgotten. Any member of the department who knows of a need for a headstone, please contact me and we’ll work together to ensure the process is completed properly and that our departed comrade is duly remembered.

I must also offer special commendation to Sister Dorothy Reling of Cawker City KS. She is a member of LGAR Livermore Circle No. 66, and has researched and provided me with grave registration information on all of the Civil War veterans interred in Jewell County KS. Huzzah, Sister Reling!

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Graves Registration Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

EAGLE SCOUT 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, we are still only reaching a small minority of the total number of new Eagles Scouts across the state. I have sent 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:

Braedon Fox, Fort Leavenworth
Seth Schrader, Wichita
Jared Walker, Salina
Chase Johnson, Topeka
Robert Judd, Joplin

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

William E. Fischer, Jr.
Eagle Scout Coordinator

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

HISTORIAN

Just a quick statement to indicate that I have answered a few inquiries that have come my way, and have tried to return to both the Last Soldier and G.A.R. Records projects. But frankly both have sat behind a project that was part of the job that pays the bills.

On October 3, 2014, the exhibit, "The Great Soldier State: Kansas and the Civil War," opened at the Kansas Museum of History. The Historian is the curator of record for this exhibit. It gives one last chance before the end of the Civil War Sesquicentennial to raise attention to the battle flags and the need for conservation with still some 30 flags in need of help. The flags are the major focus of the exhibit, with information about the regiments represented as to where they served, with some supplemental information and artifacts.

I had hoped to have more information about the post-war years and influence the civil War had in Kansas. There is some of that, just not as much as I would have liked.

I am recommending that the Kansas SUVCW to take part in an event during the course of "The Great Soldier State: Kansas and the Civil War" exhibit that might help raise funds for the flags. The exhibit will be up until May 24, 2015.

Yours in F.C. & L.,

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Department of Kansas take part in an event during the course of "The Great Soldier State: Kansas and the Civil War" exhibit that might help raise funds for the flags. The exhibit will be up until May 24, 2015.

CHAPLAIN

On November 12, 2014, Brother Phillip Blake, Corporal Coyne Camp 1, passed away.
I attended the Black Jack battlefield work day

I attended 3 headstone dedications: Charles Yost's on July 28th in Sylvia; Philip Nickelson on August 9th in Garnett and Rufus Anderson's on September 20 in Humboldt.

I also attended the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia August 15 and 16.
Submitted In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Chaplain

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Late breaking news! The monuments website has been revised and reissued at:
www.kscwmonuments.com

Complete Revision:

All entries reviewed for appropriate classification and need for inclusion. Categories have been added and some old entries rearranged or deleted.

The Memorials list now contains:

- 4 fully documented memorials (CWM#61 included)
- 202 primary memorials
- 178 secondary memorials
- 3 counties (Logan, Scott, and Wichita) with no memorials found
- 4 incomplete memorial listings requiring history research
- 5 monuments gone but not forgotten
- 4 cannons gone but not forgotten
- 5 stained glass windows gone but not forgotten
- 3 memorial trees gone but not forgotten

Comments, Corrections, Problems with the website and additional monument entries are welcomed.

Doug McGovern – Civil War Memorials Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

CAMP REPORTS TO THE NINETEENTH DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1, WICHITA

Brothers:

Since our last report at the Department of Kansas Encampment meeting in January 2014 the camp has been very active. We have continued programs on different topics on the Civil War at our meetings.

To honor the 2014 Memorial Day holiday the camp participated in Peabody Kansas Memorial Day program. At our May meeting we did a short ceremony at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Highland Cemetery and walked around the cemetery to see what Civil War headstones needed to be reset as part of our camp project.

The camp sent a care package overseas to a soldier in Afghanistan.

In April some of our members of our camp setup a recruiting booth back in April during Cowtown's Civil War Weekend in Wichita. They also did a recruiting booth in Nov at a local Military and Gun Show at Cessna Activity Show in Wichita.

The camp also took on a cemetery project at Highland Cemetery in Wichita. A number of the civil war veteran stones needed to be raised and straightened and some replaced as well all need to be cleaned. This is an area of the cemetery with a memorial cannon, flag pole and benches dedicated by the WRC in 1911 and the Eggleston GAR Post in Wichita. The camp is continuing to clean and reset Civil War headstones throughout Highland Cemetery and had Saturday work days in May and June and September. They have almost completed 1 section of the cemetery.

The Wichita camp provided a firing detail and took part in the formal part of the ceremony for the Pvt. Charles Yust headstone dedication on July 26, 2014 in Sylvia, KS. Over 150 people were in attendance and the event was covered by the Hutchinson News.

The camp held election of officers in October and these were officers were installed by Dept. Jr. Vice Commander Mark Britton at the November meeting.

The members participated in laying wreaths and providing a firing detail at the Wreaths Across America event the Winfield Cemetery in Winfield, KS on Dec. 13, 2014.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Shawn Bell
Camp Commander

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Camp Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

SERGEANT SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP NO. 4, LAWRENCE

On behalf of the Brothers of the SUVCW Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill, Camp 4 - Lawrence; and towards our efforts dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War; and towards efforts dedicated to preserving the rich history of the Union veterans through education; and towards efforts to saving and protecting our nation's endangered memorials, graves, and monuments; I have listed below and respectfully submit to you our camp activities for 2014.

School Programs and Living History Programs:

- * January: Leavenworth, KS @ Fort Leavenworth post Civil War school program
- * April: Baldwin City, KS - USD348 Civil War Living History Day (330 students 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 8th); along with 3rd Kansas Artillery re-enactors and 9th Kansas Cavalry (media coverage 2 newsprints)
- * May: Valley Falls, KS - Civil War school program
- * May: Riverside, MO - Park Hill High School Civil War school program

Camp Events:

- * 2014 Memorial Day - over 500 flags placed at graves in memory of Union Civil War Veterans (along with coop efforts with local cub scouts) in 7 Douglas County Cemeteries; 3 Lawrence, 2 Baldwin City, 1 in Vinland, and Black Jack Cemetery
- * Headstone re-dedication and ceremony for Capt. Charles Yust - Sylvia, Reno County, KS - over 140 in attendance; with SUVCW Brothers from Wichita Camp 1, 3rd Kansas Artillery re-enactors, and 8th Kansas Infantry re-enactors (media coverage in 3 newsprint periodicals)

* 6 Civil War theme program speakers at our monthly meetings; Educational programs included presentations on Civil War Stamp and Coins; A Sharps Rifle; Civil War Artifacts display in the Watkins Museum; Old Sacramento a Civil War on the Frontier program; and an Eagle Scout presentation of refurbishing 3 long neglected Civil War Veteran graves East of Lawrence; and a Scout presentation of geo-mapping of Civil War graves in 3 Lawrence cemeteries.

* Headstone dedication for Philip Nickelson in Garnett, KS; with SUVCW Brothers from Old Abe Camp 16 - Topeka and Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 - Wichita

* Headstone dedication for Rufus Anderson in Humboldt; with Brothers from other SUVCW Camps

* SUVCW Brothers attended February monthly meeting of the Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 - Wichita

Other Civil War Events:

* SUVCW Brothers participated in annual clean-up efforts at Black Jack Battlefield National Historic Landmark in Baldwin City, KS in April

* SUVCW Brothers participated in Civil War Round Table event in May

* SUVCW Brothers participated in Buffalo Bill Days in Leavenworth, KS - Civil War encampment and Living History event in August

* SUVCW Camp Brother attended National Encampment in Marietta, GA in August

* SUVCW Brothers participated in Ottawa Veterans Day Civil War educational display in November
Reminder - Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 - Lawrence meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at the Watkins Museum at 11th & Massachusetts in downtown Lawrence; we want extend an invitation to all SUVCW Camp Brothers to attend a meeting with us in 2015.

If you should have any questions regarding the SUVCW Camp 4 - Lawrence activities for 2014, please contact me at your convenience.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I am;

Mike Todd
Camp Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

FRANKLIN CAMP NO. 5, OLATHE

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 attempted to follow the war thru the sesquicentennial as the battles and campaigns occurred. Thus far in 2015 we are scheduled with speakers thru the June meeting.

We had a Memorial Day service on the Saturday, May 10th with a program and participation by the Boy Scouts. We also honored four veterans of the Vietnam War, one of those veterans displaying his Honors blanket that had been presented to him. We also had a Veterans Day service on Nov 8th. We attempt to honor veterans at each of those services. This past Veterans Day service we honored two veterans of the Korean War and one from the Vietnam War. The services are held at the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery and include participation by members of the camp and the Boy Scouts.

We continue to participate in the ROTC program. We presented medals and certificates this year at 4 schools and will present such awards at the next years 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.

This past October we had a recruiting booth at the Shawnee Indian Mission Festival on October 11th, and the Battle of Westport Reenactment on October 25th.

Our membership currently stands at 31 members with the membership drive for 2015 currently underway.

Lane D. Smith, PCC
Camp Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

OLD GLORY CAMP NO. 7, SAINT FRANCIS

On September 30, 2015, most of the prospective members of the camp met to organize the camp. The new brothers were initiated, election of officers was completed, and the new officers were sworn in.

CinC Tad D. Campbell approved the formation of the new camp, and date of ranking was established as October 7, 2014.

The officers of the camp are:

Camp Commander: Chance T. Marble

SVC: Patrick K. Owens

JVC: Ethan L. Smith

Secretary/Treasurer: Alan L. Russ, PDC

Council Members: Bruce Frahm, Patrick K. Owens, Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC

The camp plans to meet quarterly, with the meeting to be in April.

Our membership currently stands at six members/dual members and one associate.
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chance T. Marble
Camp Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA

The brothers of Old Abe Camp No. 16 have just finished a very busy year.

In January several brothers attended the Department Encampment in Emporia. Old Abe camp received the William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year. The Patrick H Coney Award for Brother of the Year was awarded to brother Jerry Reiman. PCC Melcher was award the Corp Leonidas B. Davis and PDC Dean Speaks Award for Recruiter of the Year.

Also in January several members traveled to Lawrence to attend a viewing of the film "Road to Valhalla". Brother PDC Durban was one of the reenactors in this third film of a trilogy.

At the March Camp Meeting Brother PDC Durbin portrayed General U.S. Grant and gave a fine presentation. In March several brothers attended a ceremony at Kansas City, Missouri honoring Pvt. John Henry Ricksecker with the Medal of Honor.

At the April Camp Meeting PCC Smith of Franklin camp gave a presentation on the Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

In May the Camp conducted our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Topeka Cemetery. There was good attendance from the Public and excellent media coverage of the event.

At the June Camp Meeting Brother Herschel Stroud and Mrs. Jackie Stroud were in attendance in period attire, to tell the camp about the family of Abraham Lincoln in particular the relationship of President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. The performance was well received by the brothers in the camp.

In August the Camp conducted a Tombstone Dedication Ceremony for Civil War veteran, Philip Nickelson in Garnett, KS. Also in August Brother Jerry Reiman played in the Kaw Valley Concert Band at a program in Lawrence at The Watkins Museum of History on "Civil War on the Western Frontier".

In August DC Barlow, PCC Melcher, PCC Fischer and VC Dunstan attended the National Encampment in Marietta Georgia.

In September several brothers of the Camp assisted with the Rufus Anderson Memorial ceremony in Humboldt, KS. Also in September JVC Reiman noted he had been interviewed for his cemetery work by Larry Hatteburg for his series "Hatteburg's Kansas People".

At the October camp meeting PCC Melcher presented a program on Chickamauga. In October several members attended the Mine Creek Sesquicentennial Event and the Department Council Meeting.

At the November camp meeting the camp held elections.

At the December camp meeting officers were installed.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Dunstan
Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The following amendments were submitted by the Department Secretary for consideration by the Department Bylaws Committee.

AMENDMENT 01

This change requires the Department Commander to suspend a camp which fails to pay per capita dues or does not submit required reports. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure the Department Commander does not let the failure of a camp cause the Department of Kansas to be suspended.

CHAPTER II CAMPS

Article II. CAMP CHARTERS

Section B. SUSPENSION OF CAMP CHARTER.

A Camp failing to pay per-capita dues or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law, ~~may~~ **will** be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per-capita dues.

AMENDMENT 02

This amendment addresses the issue of camps which meet less than monthly with regard to the holding of elections of officers and the installation of officers.

Article III. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Section A. ANNUAL ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

Camps shall hold annual elections of officers as follows:

1. Camps which hold meetings in December shall hold the election of camp officers at their first November meeting. The officers shall be installed at the first December meeting.
 2. Camps which do not meet in December shall hold the election of camp officers at their first October meeting. The officers shall be installed at the first November meeting.
 3. Camps which meet less than monthly must hold a meeting in **October**, November, or December for the purpose of electing officers. The camp must then hold a meeting in November, December, or January for the installation of officers. If the camp chooses, it may hold the election and installation of officers at the same meeting provided the meeting is held in November or December. The camp must assure this does not delay the forwarding of the report of election and installation of officers.
 4. Camps shall furnish the exact dates of their scheduled election and installation to the Department Secretary no later than September 30, each year.
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AMENDMENT 03

This amendment eliminates the requirement for a Winter Training Session.

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

Article II: OTHER MEETINGS

~~Section B. WINTER TRAINING SESSION.~~

~~The Winter Training Session shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the Department Encampment. The purpose of the Winter Training Session is to provide updated information and training to the elected officers of the Camps. This meeting is scheduled to have the greatest impact on the newly elected camp officers.~~

- ~~1. Trainers/Presenters will be the elected Department officers or designee.~~
- ~~2. Attendees should be the Camp Commanders, Camp Senior Vice Commanders, Camp Junior Vice Commanders, and Camp Secretaries/Treasurers.~~

AMENDMENT 04

The following changes concerning Department Officers changes the wording from referencing the job descriptions published by the National Order to referring to the National Regulations. The job descriptions are in the process of being incorporated directly into the regulations and will not be separately published.

It also adds duties for the Department Historian, Department Graves Registration Officer, Assistant Treasurer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, and Eagle Scout Coordinator.

The positions of Assistant Secretary, Civil War Memorials Officer, Assistant Treasurer, and Eagle Scout Coordinator now indicate they are option positions. This is because they are not required by the National Regulations, and it leaves the Department with the flexibility.

CHAPTER V DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Article II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

The Department Commander shall be the executive officer of the Department, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Department. He shall preside at all meetings of the Department Encampment; appoint all the standing and other committees (of which he shall be a member ex-officio) unless otherwise prescribed by the Encampment. He shall supply to each Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer an adequate supply of report blanks. He shall at frequent intervals contact Camps, their Officers, Department Officers, and issue Department Orders and official communications. He should perform all other such duties as prescribed for his position in ~~“Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers”, prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section B. SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

The Senior Vice Department Commander shall temporarily and respectively perform the duties of the Department Commander in the case of the senior officers' incapacity or inability to perform his duties. The Senior Vice Department Commander should also perform such other duties as are described for his own position in ~~“Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers”, prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section C. JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

The Junior Vice Department Commander shall temporarily and respectively perform the duties of the Department Commander in the case of the senior officers' incapacity or inability to perform his duties and the inability of the Senior Vice Department Commander to perform the duties. The Junior Vice Department Commander should also perform such other duties as are described for his own position in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section D. SECRETARY OR SECRETARY/TREASURER.

The Department Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer, in his capacity as Secretary, shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall, by the due date established in National Regulations, make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the National Executive Director, together with the amount due for per-capita dues and application fees. He shall, by the fifteenth day of each month, forward to the National Executive Director all Camp Status Reports received from Camps for the previous month. He shall forward a report of the election of officers, delegates and alternates to the National Secretary and National Executive Director within the time limits imposed by National Regulations, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office as described in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section E. TREASURER OR SECRETARY/TREASURER.

The Department Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer, in his capacity as Treasurer, shall hold the funds of the Department and pay out the same upon requisition in due form from the Department Secretary, approved by the Department Commander. He shall have charge of all property of the Department not otherwise provided for, shall keep a true and accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, and perform such other duties as described in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section F. COUNCIL.

The Department Council, immediately after its installation, shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary. It shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Department to meet all of its necessary expenditures, and shall audit the receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department and make a report, thereof, to the Department Encampment. Any permanent vacancy in a Department elective office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a Brother elected via majority vote of the Department Council. The Department Council shall also meet during the Fall for the purpose of auditing the records of the Department and discussing the state of the Department. This meeting shall normally be in October at a time and place determined by the Department Commander. The Department Council shall perform such other duties as described in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section G. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

The Department Patriotic Instructor shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic occasions and events and perform such other duties as pertain to his office as described in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section H. CHAPLAIN.

The Department Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the Department Encampment, shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office as described in ~~"Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section I. COUNSELOR.

The Department Counselor shall act as a legal advisor to the Department Commander and the Department on matters concerning the Department or Camps and perform such other duties as described in ~~“Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers”, prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section J. ASSISTANT SECRETARY (OPTIONAL).

The Assistant Department Secretary shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Department Secretary.

Section K. CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER (OPTIONAL).

The Department Civil War Memorials Officer shall serve as the Department point of contact for all matters pertaining to the Memorials and Monuments program and perform such duties as described in ~~“Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers”, prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy~~ National Regulations of the Order.

Section L. HISTORIAN.

The Department Historian shall collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order which are given to or developed by the Department. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

Section M. GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER.

The Department Graves Registration Officer shall coordinate the locations, recording, and ascertaining of the condition of grave markers or memorials of Civil War veterans buried within the Department. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

Section N. ASSISTANT TREASURER (OPTIONAL).

The Assistant Department Treasurer shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Department Treasurer.

Section O. GUIDE.

The Department Guide is to assist the Commander in the floor work of the Ritual during the Department encampment and to follow any orders given by the Commander. These include ensuring that the Camp room is in proper order and that the altar and stations are properly arranged; acting as an escort for all visitors; ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Camp meeting; and becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

Section P. COLOR BEARER.

The Department Color Bearer is to care for the Department colors and to assist the Department Guide during the Department encampment. The duties of the Color Bearer include placing the altar cloth and an unopened Bible on the altar prior to the opening of the encampment; placing station banners at the stations prior to the opening of the encampment; assisting the Guide in ascertaining if everyone present is entitled to remain for the Department Encampment; presenting the United States Flag during the Pledge of Allegiance by the encampment; attending to the altar and stations by removing altar cloth, Bible and station banners following the close of the encampment; and becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

Section Q. GUARD.

The purpose of the office of Guard is to secure the door to the Department Encampment and to admit only those Brothers and visitors who are qualified or entitled to enter. The duties include securing the door of the Camp meeting; checking dues receipts or cards of Brothers and admitting only qualified Brothers and authorized visitors; allowing no one to enter during the opening or closing of the Camp; allowing no one to enter during the initiation of candidates; becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

Section R. EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR (OPTIONAL).

The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator shall facilitate the distribution of Eagle Scout Certificates within the Department and compile statistics on the number of certificates requested and the number of certificates presented and transmit this information to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office. He shall perform other such duties as described in National Regulations of the Order.

AMENDMENT 05

This affects standing and special committees of the Department.

It clarifies that a special committee appointed by a Department Commander ceases to exist at the end of the next Department Encampment. Only the Department Encampment has the authority to create or continue a special committee beyond the next encampment.

It changes the section on committee membership to state that the norm is for a committee to have five members; however, it introduces flexibility for the commander to deviate from that number.

Section D is added to clarify standing committees as being long term in nature. It also clarifies that only a department encampment can create a standing committee. The committee authorization must then be included in the Department Bylaws.

Section E is added to list standing committees of the Department, along with their purpose and responsibilities. The Vision Committee and Department Encampment Committee are being proposed as permanent standing committees of the Department.

**CHAPTER V
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Article III: COMMITTEES

Section A. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT.

The Department Commander shall appoint the members of all committees of the Department.

Section B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Department Commander, at his discretion, may appoint Special Committees whose duties and life span shall be directed by the Department Commander in the orders establishing said committees. ~~The committee may not continue beyond the next Department Encampment without the approval of the Department Encampment. The establishing order shall indicate the life span of the committee.~~

Section C. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

~~Each~~ Normally, each committee shall consist of no more than five members. ~~The committee chairman and~~ shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

Section D. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees, by definition, are long-term committees. As such, standing committees may only be created by the Department Encampment, and authorization for them must be included in the Bylaws.

Section E. DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. VISION COMMITTEE.

a. Purpose. To encourage camp and department activity. This committee is tasked with soliciting ideas from the camps of the Department and submitting them to the committee for review. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Department Commander on a regular basis.

b. Membership. The chairman and members of the committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander.

2. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

a. Purpose: To provide for and ensure the requirements for Department Encampments are met.

b. Committee Membership: The committee membership shall provide representation for all camps of the Department. The chairman and members of the committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander.

c. Duties:

- (1) Arrange for and confirm encampment site and facilities for upcoming Department Encampments.
- (2) Act as host for Department Encampment.
- (3) Prepare and print encampment brochures, encampment name tags, and encampment programs.
- (4) Oversee encampment registration.
- (5) Arrange for and oversee sale of encampment medals, if such medals have been approved by the Department Council.
- (6) Arrange for and oversee facilities preparation.
- (7) Publicize the encampment within the Department and the community.
- (8) Determine options for the Noon meal.
- (9) Coordinate with Department Secretary for names and numbers of encampment attendees.

d. Reporting Requirements:

- (1) Submit a written report to the Department Commander as to the progress of the committee no later than April 30 each year.
- (2) Submit a written report to the Department Council at the Fall Council meeting containing the committee recommendations for the location of the future encampment (fifteen months out) and preliminary budget requirements for the upcoming and following year.
- (3) Submit a written report to the Department Commander within thirty days of the conclusion of the Department Encampment.
- (4) Submit receipts for reimbursement of expenses to the Secretary throughout the year. Final receipts will be submitted within thirty days of the conclusion of the Department Encampment.

AMENDMENT 06

This change corrects the period allowed for a camp to be formed.

**CHAPTER VI
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Article I: FINANCES

Section B. CHARTER FEES.

The Department shall pay to the National Organization, the appropriate fee, as established by the National Organization, for the Department Charter and for each Camp Charter, which amount shall accompany the application and shall be forfeited if the Camp is not instituted within ~~six (6)~~ twelve (12) months from the date of application. The Department shall pay to the National Organization, the appropriate fee, as established by the National Organization, for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped.

AMENDMENT 07

This clarifies that it is the three elected “Council Members” who are responsible for the annual audit of Department funds. It also adds the National requirement for them to report the results to the Department Encampment.

CHAPTER VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article II: BOOKKEEPING

Section B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITS.

Annual financial statements of the Department, prepared with generally accepted accounting principles, shall be prepared after the end of each fiscal year and shall be presented to the Department Encampment. All financial statements shall be subjected to an annual audit **by the elected Council Members**; the results of which shall be reported to the Department Council, ~~and~~ the Department Commander, **and the Department Encampment.**

AMENDMENT 08

The first part of the change is to allow Department funds to be deposited in a certificate of deposit, in addition to checking and savings accounts.

The second part includes the certificate of deposits from which funds may be withdrawn and adds the requirement for written approval of the Department Commander to withdraw funds, except in cases where it is a budgeted item, only the Department Commander is needed to approve the withdrawal, as the Council approved the budget.

CHAPTER VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article II: BOOKKEEPING

Section C. DEPARTMENT FUNDS.

a. All Department funds shall be deposited in a reliable depository as the Department Council may direct. The Department may have ~~a~~ checking and ~~a~~ savings accounts. **When determined to be worthwhile, a portion of the funds may be placed in certificates of deposit.**

b. The Department Treasurer or Department Secretary/Treasurer may disburse funds from the checking account. The Department Treasurer or Department Secretary/Treasurer may not disburse checking account funds in excess of \$50.00 for any one single item without written approval on a Department Voucher. Approval shall be secured from the Department Commander, the Department Council, or be contained in the official minutes or proceedings of an official Department meeting.

c. The Department Treasurer or Department Secretary/Treasurer may not withdraw or transfer funds from the savings account **or certificates of deposit** without written approval on a Department Voucher from the Chairman of the Department Council **and the Department Commander. In cases where the expense is a budgeted item of the Department, only the Department Commander need approve the expenditure.**

AMENDMENT 09

This change removes mileage as a reimbursable expense for Department Officers. We have never actually reimbursed for mileage.

CHAPTER VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article II: BOOKKEEPING

Section D. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

Department Officers may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of their respective office provided, however, that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. In the case of a request from the Department Commander, approval for reimbursement of expenses must be secured from the Department Council. Typical expenses would include, but not be limited to, long distance telephone costs, and postage. ~~and mileage.~~

AMENDMENT 10

This amendment addresses the Department of Kansas Guard. It allows the Department Commander the authority to establish or not establish the Guard. It also adds the requirement that an annual roster of membership shall be provided if the Department Guard has been established.

CHAPTER VIII DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD

Article I: ESTABLISHMENT

Section A. AUTHORITY.

a. Under the authority of Chapter IV, Article I, Section I, National Regulations of the Order, the Department of Kansas ~~has established the~~ may establish a DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD, herewith referred to as the "Department Guard," as an independent military organization within the Department of Kansas.

b. ~~The Department Commander is not required to establish a Department Guard.~~

Section B. PURPOSE.

~~If established,~~ it shall be the purpose of the Department Guard to provide a uniformed presence for parades, services, and ceremonies under the auspices of the Department of Kansas.

Section D. ROSTER.

The commanding officer shall furnish the Department Secretary a current roster of the Department Guard ~~annually or~~ whenever any changes to the roster occur.

AMENDMENT 11

This amendment addresses the Department of Kansas dues for brothers who are a dual member or dual associate of a camp. It allows that:

A brother would only have Department of Kansas dues paid for him by a camp one time, that being by his primary camp. If his primary camp is not within the Department of Kansas, then the dual camp would pay Department dues.

A brother would only have National Per Capita paid for him by a camp one time, that being by his primary camp, regardless of primary camp's department. This is based upon the expected change to the National Regulations and requires the National Per Capita to be paid until the change to the National Regulations is in effect.

This does not affect what the camp collects for dues, as there is nothing requiring a camp to reduce the amount of dues collected from the brother. If a camp does wish to reduce its dues accordingly, then this must be included in the camp bylaws.

CHAPTER VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article I: FINANCES

Section A. DUES AND REVENUE.

a. The Department shall regulate its own dues and revenues. The amount of said dues shall be set by the Department Encampment and recorded in the official proceedings, thereof.

b. Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for Junior Members and Junior Associates of their camps.

c. Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for dual brothers of their camp, provided the primary camp of the brother is within the Department of Kansas.

d. Camps are not required to pay annual National Per Capita for dual brothers of their camp, unless required to do so by National Regulations.

e. Nothing in subsections b, c, and d, above requires a camp to reduce the dues it collects from juniors or dual brothers. Any such reduction in the dues for brothers who fall within these categories shall be addressed in the bylaws of the Camp.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS: The submitted amendments be accepted by the Department Bylaws Committee and submitted to the Department Encampment for approval.

VISION COMMITTEE

(Special Committee expiring January 10, 2015)

The Vision Committee, comprising of PCC Mike Hadl, PCC Mark Britton, Nick Burchett, and PDC Rocky Bartlow has been inactive this year largely due to the order of national not to pursue juniors until the issue of how to protect them was settled. Since the encouragement of youth to enter our camps was one of the two major items of our focus, this put a damper on our activities.

We have as a department, and in my position as department commander, pushed for better work between camps and building of comradery among the brothers of the department through shared events, namely memorial dedication ceremonies. Those items are detailed in my Department Commander's report. This was our second item of focus.

Brother Burchett's received an honorable discharge from the order in 2014 and I did not fill his position for the remainder of the year nor did we meet again as a committee. However I fully support the idea of the committee and the incoming commander's efforts in the coming year as he may have fresh ideas that will benefit the department.

The committee recommends the Vision Committee be made a standing committee of the Department of Kansas.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC
Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS: Vision Committee be made a standing committee of the Department of Kansas *[Note: Requires amendment to the Department Bylaws – See proposed Amendment 5 in Bylaws Committee Report.]*

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

(Special Committee expiring January 10, 2015)

Members of the Committee:

Nancy Durbin, LGAR

Lane Smith

Tom Schmidt

Roy Lafferty

Kent Melcher

Rocky Bartlow, ex officio

Recommendations to the Fall Council meeting on October 18, 2014:

- 1.) 2015 Department Encampment to be held at the Emporia Senior Center on January 10, 2015. In the event of inclement weather, the Encampment would be postponed until January 24, 2015.
- 2.) Registration will begin no later than 9:30 a.m., with business meeting to be held beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- 3.) Lunch for the 2015 Encampment will be provided by the LGAR, as in the past.
- 4.) Business session to be followed by a short Department Council meeting.
- 5.) 2016 Department Encampment to be held in Salina on January 9, 2016. In the event of inclement weather, the Encampment would be postponed until January 23, 2016.
- 6.) Two possible venues are offered for consideration by the Council: Ambassador Hotel (1616 W Crawford) or in a local church. (Decision to be made by discussion at the Fall Council meeting in consideration of details, including budget, which is attached.)
- 7.) Registration to begin at 9:00 a.m., with business meeting to be held beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- 8.) Lunch provided on site, either by the hotel or the church.
- 9.) Lunch to include presentation by a guest speaker on some aspect of the Civil War in Kansas or the Midwest. (Including a guest speaker would provide an opportunity to invite high school and college history teachers and students, as well as the general public in the Salina area. Such a strategy would provide guests with information about the work of the SUVCW in Kansas, and

could encourage those with interest to become members of the SUVCW or the LGAR. Guests could register with the Department and pay for lunch.)

- 10.) Business session to be followed by a short Department Council meeting.
- 11.) Sixty 20th Anniversary Encampment medals to be purchased at about \$7.00 each.
- 12.) Medals to be included in Encampment registration fee of \$10.00.
- 13.) Any remaining medals to be sold for \$15.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent M. Melcher, PCC
SVC and Committee Chair

REPORT ON 133RD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 133rd National Encampment was held on August 15 and 16, 2014, in Marietta, GA. The Department of Kansas was well represented by voting members DC Rocky Bartlow, PDC Roy Lafferty, PCC Kent Melcher, PCC Mark Britton, PCC Conrad Fisher, Brother Craig Dunstan, and National Secretary Alan Russ, PDC. In fact, the seven members from Kansas made up one of the larger delegations in attendance. Brothers Bartlow, Lafferty, and Dunstan were accompanied by their wives.

Special recognition in the form of a unique pin was afforded to those whose ancestors fought in the Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Atlanta campaigns. For several of us in the Kansas delegation, this recognition was a touching reminder of the dedication and sacrifices of our ancestors on Georgia soil.

Reports and/or business items of interest:

Because IRS filing requirements had changed, National was required to resubmit its application for 501(c)(3) status, which it completed in April, 2014. As of the date of the National Encampment, no word had been received from the IRS concerning its decision.

For many years the late Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) introduced legislation each year to move the Memorial Day observance back to the traditional date of May 30. Rep. Coleen Hanabusa (D-HI1) now does so in place of Sen. Inouye. With no other sponsors, the bill has no realistic chance of passage.

The Encampment thanked the Department of Ohio for its efforts to get the Department of Veterans Affairs to rescind its policy of requiring descendants to sign applications for veterans' headstones, and encouraged the Department to continue those efforts on behalf of the SUVCW. No word has yet been received from the VA concerning the requested policy change.

Tours of Civil War sites were especially well attended: Kennesaw Mountain and the Marietta National Veterans Cemetery were favorites.

The 134th National Encampment will be held in Richmond, VA, on August 14 and 15, 2015, with festivities beginning on Thursday, the 13th. The Richmond Encampment will, of course, commemorate 150 years since the end of the Civil War. It promises to be memorable for that reason, and also, as all are aware, because many of the war's critical battles took place within a small radius around Richmond. No doubt attendees will have several options to sign up for tours of some of these battlefields. As 2015 progresses, the department will need to communicate who of our members plan to attend and coordinate our plans for lodging, and perhaps for transportation. Let's have a large contingent from "The Soldier State"!

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Kent M. Melcher, PCC

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 lightning 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.

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

Albert Woolson Award for 2014

for Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event



19th Annual Department Encampment

Emporia, Kansas

January 10, 2015

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Douglas E. McGovern, PCC

Civil War Memorials Officer

(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Encampments and Department Commanders

No.	Years	Commander	Camp	Location	Date
19	2014-2015	Rocky L. Bartlow	16	Emporia	January 10, 2015
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 Council Meeting

HONORED GUEST

Tad D. Campbell, PDC

National Commander-in-Chief

Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Union War

2016 Department Encampment

Saturday, January 9, 2016

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 10th day of January, 20 15 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: Kent M. Melcher, PCC ✓	4017 SW Stonybrook Dr	Topeka	KS	66610	785-783-7879	commander@suvchwks.org
Senior Vice Commander: Mark A. Britton, PCC ✓	740 N Woodlawn Blvd	Derby	KS	67037	316-788-5176	svc@suvchwks.org
Junior Vice Commander: William E. Fischer, Jr. ✓	PCC 2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	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: Roy A. Lafferty, PDC ✓	2613 Pickwick Place	Lawrence	KS	66049	785-393-0971	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: K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC ✓	946 NE Chester Ave	Topeka	KS	66616	785-357-1117	Patriotic@suvchwks.org
Chaplain: Roy A. Lafferty, PDC ✓	2613 Pickwick Place	Lawrence	KS	66049	785-393-0971	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						

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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.)

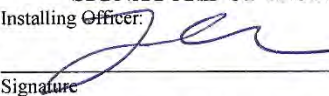
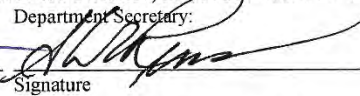
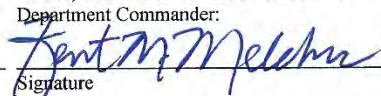
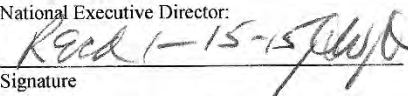
Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
See attached listing for elected delegates and alternate delegates.							

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:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
1/10/2014				
Printed Name:	Tad D. Campbell, PDC	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Kent M. Melcher, PCC	David W. Demmy, Sr.

Date received at National Headquarters: SCANNED 1-10-15

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected on January 10, 2015, 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 Code
Shawn W. Bell	ROSE HILL	KS	67133-8228	Chance T. Marble	GOODLAND	KS	67735
Craig E. Dunstan	TOPEKA	KS	66604	Lawrence Eric Myers	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66214
William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC	FORT SCOTT	KS	66701-8521	Michael A. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATES

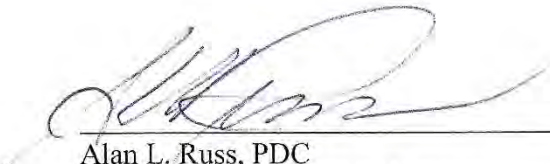
The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected on January 10, 2015, to represent this Department as ALTERNATE DELEGATES to the next National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The following brothers were elected under the provisions of Chapter 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 Code
Richard T. Bennett, PCC	WICHITA	KS	67211-5505	John Jewell	OVERBROOK	KS	66524
Darren L. Biggs	EMPORIA	KS	66801-7909	Kent R. Johnson	MAPLE HILL	KS	66507-0264
Jonathan F. Birket, PCC	WICHITA	KS	67212	Terry E. Justice	WICHITA	KS	67202-2435
Kenneth P. Bradley	DERBY	KS	67037-0605	Dan E. Karr, PCC	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-0243
James E. Bradley	WESTMORELAND	KS	66549-9707	Brent A. Lawrence	GARDNER	KS	66030-1405
Roland R. Brees	FAIRVIEW	KS	66425-9535	Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-9169
Mark A. Britton, PCC	DERBY	KS	67037-1903	Roger D. Lester, PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66614
Darrell R. Brooks	MANHATTAN	KS	66503-3012	John M. McCain, PhD	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3599
Mark L. Brown	WICHITA	KS	67203-3054	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	HUTCHINSON	KS	67502-2846
David J. Canfield	AUGUSTA	KS	67010-1172	Earl T. McIntosh	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1488
Richard B. Carter	KANSAS CITY	KS	66102-5546	S. Todd Meek, PCC	WICHITA	KS	67212-6026
Carl E. Chance	WICHITA	KS	67204-4751	Steven E. Meis	OLATHE	KS	66061-2848
David W. Cosloy	BEL AIRE	KS	67220-1916	Joshua K. Melcher	WICHITA	KS	67203-3039
James P. Coyne, PCC	WINFIELD	KS	67156-2323	Kenneth A. Miller	MERRIAM	KS	66203-2433
Dennis M. Dailey	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-3205	Roger B. Miller	BONNER SPRINGS	KS	66012-0417
Donald L. Docktor, II	OAK GROVE	MO	64075-0443	Gary R. Minsey	MISSION HILLS	KS	66208
Jeffrey L. Dunaway, PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1643	J. Thomas Morgan	TOPEKA	KS	66614
Conrad M. Fisher, PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3578	Kim L. Nelson, PCC	BELOIT	KS	67420-2142
Bruce J. Frahm	COLBY	KS	67701-9526	Dennis D. Nelson	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66214-2687
D. Darrel Gilliland	TOPEKA	KS	66605-2132	Wayne T. Nighbert, Sr., PCC	FT LEAVENWORTH	KS	66029-0008
Jonathon P. Goering	WICHITA	KS	67203-3139	Wayne T. Nighbert, Jr.	TROY	TX	76579-2630
Harold E. Goss	LEAWOOD	KS	66206-2460	K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66616-1355
James H. Graves	WICHITA	KS	67204-4462	K. Matthew Nystrom	PHOENIX	AZ	85029-6104
Michael J. Hadl, PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-4064	Verle L. Olson	SHAWNEE	KS	66203-4105
Michael L. Halfman	WICHITA	KS	67230-9106	Patrick K. Owens	SAINT FRANCIS	KS	67756
Neal J. Hanley	LANSING	KS	66043-6271	Thomas O. Page	WICHITA	KS	67203-2633
Brandon J. Hanscom	MILFORD	MA	01757-1647	Michael D. Pelton	LEAVENWORTH	KS	66048
Gary F. Hicks	PLAINVILLE	KS	67663-2534	Don W. Phillips	WICHITA	KS	67217-1278
Carl D. Holmes	LIBERAL	KS	67905-2288	Mason J. Ramirez	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3546
Richard W. Hummel	OVERBROOK	KS	66524	Stanley L. Reed	MARION	KS	66861-0254
Terry L. Iseli	RILEY	KS	66531-9633	Jerry W. Reiman	TOPEKA	KS	66614-1739
Paul Jefferson, PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66044-2377	Erick B. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67226

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATES (continued)

Name (First Middle Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First Middle Last)	City	State	Zip Code
William F. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67212-1171	Audie L. Strotkamp	PEABODY	KS	66866-1237
Dennis D. Rogers	TOPEKA	KS	66610	Herschel L. Stroud	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2550
Dale L. Rouse, PCC	MCPHERSON	KS	67460-7077	Stanley P. Sutton	TOPEKA	KS	66614-4740
Lane K. Ryno	EMPORIA	KS	66801-6036	Blair D. Tarr	TOPEKA	KS	66603-3243
Clifford A. Salisbury	PALMER	AK	99645-0993	Loren L. Taylor	KANSAS CITY	KS	66109-4508
David D. Schafer	STONEWALL	TX	78671-0316	Daniel J. Thalmann	GREENLEAF	KS	66943-9445
James A. Scheidel	DUNKIRK	MD	20754-9243	Ronnie R. Thompson	KANSAS CITY	MO	64116
James A. Scheidel, Jr., PCC	ANDOVER	KS	67002-9025	John D. Thorup	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-3437
Ethan A. Schmidt	CLEVELAND	MS	38732	Richard L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012
James M. Sharp	LENEXA	KS	66227	Reese L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012
Jesse Sherwood	STILWELL	KS	66085-9002	Ryan L. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210
Phillip A. Sill	ATTICA	KS	67009	Matthew G. Toll, PCC	SAINT LOUIS	MO	63114
Lawrence H. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67212-1313	David P. Tollefson, PCC	RAYTOWN	MO	64133-3461
John L. Skelton	MAIZE	KS	67101-9615	Charles C. Troutner	EDGERTON	KS	66021-0073
Harold L. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67215-1538	Robert L. Tucker, Jr.	Wichita	KS	67216
Gerard J. Smith	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2406	Alan L. Van Loenen, PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66047-9430
Bruce R. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-4545
Lane D. Smith, PCC	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-2430	William E. Webster	WHITING	KS	66552
Cade E. Smith	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66204-2334	David S. Welfelt	NEWTON	KS	67114-9003
Douglas G. Smith, PCC	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-3443	R. Michael Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034
Paul R. Smith	WICHITA	KS	67211	Timothy R. Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034
Ethan L. Smith	GOODLAND	KS	67735	Wayne L. White	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-8042
Ryan S. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Laird M. Wilcox	OLATHE	KS	66062-6207
Jonathan G. Spurgeon	TOWANDA	KS	67144-9112	Joshua S. Young	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-4427
William J. Stoker	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212				

The above listed delegates and alternate delegates are as duly elected at the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, January 10, 2015.


 Alan L. Russ, PDC
 Secretary, Department of Kansas

Incoming Department Officers

2015-2016

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LET US NEVER FORGET.