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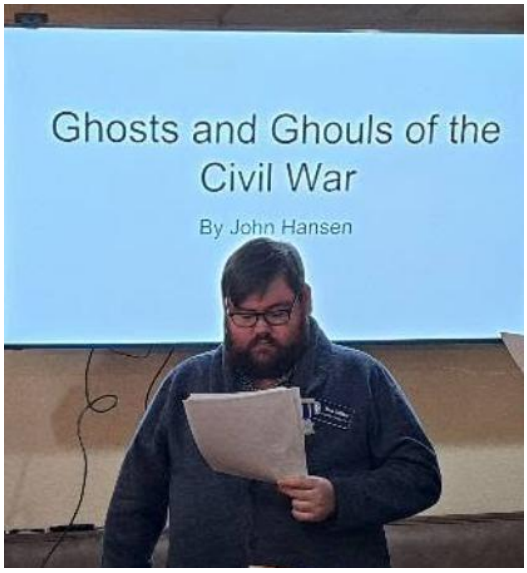
OFFICIAL DISPATCH FOR THE FRANKLIN CAMP #5
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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A HAUNTINGLY SPOOKY MEETING



Whether it was the topic for the evening's presentation that scared everyone away, or the fact that the fourth Thursday of the month was as early as can be on the calendar causing everyone to forget, the October 2026 meeting of the SUVCW Franklin Camp probably set the record for the lowest attendance in camp history. Only nine (9) brothers were in attendance for a creepy and chilling discussion of the paranormal.



Camp Commander Dan Stilley gaveled the meeting to order at 6:00pm, and following the invocation by Brother Bill Stilley, outlined upcoming events for the camp. This includes the Battle of Westport Tour led by Commander Stilley on Saturday, October 24, the headstone dedication of the previously unmarked grave of a Union Veteran on Monday, October 26, in Union Cemetery, and the annual Veterans Day Quilt-of-Valor Ceremony on Saturday, November 7.



Department of Kansas Commander Jim Thornton then called forward the incoming elected camp officers for 2027 to be officially installed. The slate of camp officers will remain the same as 2026.



It was now time for the evening's program which was perfectly scheduled to coincide with the upcoming Halloween festivities. Brother John Hansen provided an enlightening discussion of ghost stories related to the Civil War. From the ghost of Lincoln in the White House to unusual encounters on battlefields, John detailed some creepy tales and real-life experiences, including his own. He also explained some of the modern technology and equipment used in paranormal investigations. To end his program, John opened the floor for those in attendance to detail their own encounters. What a way to begin the Halloween season!

REMINDER

DUE TO
THANKSGIVING

OUR NOVEMBER
MEETING

WILL BE ONE WEEK
EARLIER ON THE
THIRD THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 19 @ 6:00PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A DISCUSSION ON
"COFFEE IN THE
CIVIL WAR"

MEETING OF 10-22-2026

ATTENDANCE: Nine (9) Members in Attendance

Matthew Archambault	Jerry Coffelt
John Hansen	Philip Hansen
Richard Miller	Roger Miller
Daniel Stilley	William Stilley
James Thornton	

6:00pm Call to Order by Commander Daniel Stilley
Invocation Given by Acting Camp Chaplain William Stilley
Opening Procedures – Commander Stilley and Camp Officers

Business:

1) Battle of Westport Tour Led by Commander Daniel Stilley
   a) Saturday, October 24, 10:00am
   b) Meet up at the John Wornall House Museum
   c) Will focus on Loose Park and nearby areas

2) Union Veteran Grave Marking
   a) Monday, October 26, at 10:00am
   b) Union Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri
   c) Previously unmarked grave of John Wesley Martin of Company A, 18th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment

3) Veterans Day Ceremony and Quilt-of-Valor Presentations
   a) Saturday, November 7, 10:00am; Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop
   b) Six QOV recipients for Franklin Camp; plus one additional from Baxter Springs arranged by Brother Rick Parmele

4) Installation of Officers for 2027
   a) Department of Kansas Commander James Thornton

5) Secretary's Report – Brother James Thornton
   a) Recap: Mine Creek Battlefield Heritage Day and Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival
   b) Low participation by Franklin Camp brothers at both events

6) Treasurer's Report – Brother Richard Miller
   a) Bank Account Balance = $606.55; no deposits and no expenditures

7) For the Good of the Camp Discussions

Patriotic Instruction: Brother John Hansen presenting "Civil War and Other Ghost Stories"

7:10pm Closing and Adjournment
Benediction Given by Acting Camp Chaplain William Stilley

He is No Longer Forgotten



For over 125 years, Private John Wesley Martin of Company A, 18th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment lay in an unmarked plot of ground inside the historic Union Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri. A man who served his country in its greatest time of need lay simply and quietly with no stone to mark his final resting place, with people walking by for over 125 years not realizing a fallen soldier was just beneath their feet.

That would all change on Monday, October 26, 2026, when an official government marker was erected upon Private Martin's grave. Thanks to the efforts of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, of which Franklin Camp Commander Daniel Stilley is on the Board of Directors, Private Martin no longer rests unrecognized.



Serving as Master-of-Ceremonies, Commander Stilley presided over a small gathering during a headstone dedication ceremony, unveiling a final recognition for Private John Wesley Martin. Wreaths and floral arrangements adorned the newly marked grave in tribute to Private Martin's service while a harpist provided solemn music.



Also, in attendance representing the SUVCW, was Franklin Camp Brother Bill Stilley who kindly provided these photos.



Emotions Run High During Quilt-of-Valor Ceremony



Emotions and gratitude ruled the morning of October 7 as the SUVCW Franklin Camp and the Quilt-of-Valor Foundation held their annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Quilt-of-Valor presentations. This year, seven United States Veterans were honored with a hand-made patriotic quilt while all U.S. Veterans were saluted.

Prairie Point Quilt and Fabric Shop again went above and beyond with their generosity in hosting the annual event. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the Prairie Point staff had already set up the chairs, set out snacks, plates, napkins, and had coffee and iced tea all ready to go.

Franklin Camp was well represented with a large contingent in attendance, including Brothers Jim Thornton, Lane Smith, Bill Stoker, Walt Schley, Rick McPherson, Richard Miller, John Thorup, Ronnie Thompson, Phil Hansen, John Hansen, Dan Stilley, Bill Stilley, and Rick Parmele. And they all played a role in making the morning a success. The camp and the Quilt-of-Valor ladies work well together to create a streamlined ceremony.

A good-sized crowd was in attendance for the ceremony, probably close to sixty people. Local media were present as well, thanks to a press release sent out by Brother Richard Miller. Local KCTV-5 filmed the entire ceremony. Their news report can be viewed here:
https://www.kctv5.com/2026/11/08/quilts-valor-ceremony-recognizes-veterans-ahead-veterans-day/



As usually happens during the twice a year events, tears flow freely and the veterans receiving the quilts become emotional and choke-up when speaking. The gratitude expressed by these recipients is beyond description, as many of them speak of simply coming home without recognition and some even experiencing insults and taunts upon their return. To them, sitting through a ceremony such as this and receiving recognition for their service to the nation erases a great deal of pain. This comfort is the purpose of a Quilt-of-Valor.

As the ladies explain, the quilt has three layers, and each layer has a purpose. The top layer represents the diverse individuals who have served our country. The middle layer, or batting, provides warmth, symbolizing comfort, peace, and healing. And the bottom layer, or backing, signifies the strength of the recipient, their family, unit, and community.

To view an online album of photos taken by Brother Ronnie Thompson, please visit:
https://photos.app.goo.gl/fzZubwhzvTccx3cs9

STAR TREK MEETS THE CIVIL WAR

A SCI-FI AND AMERICAN HISTORY NERD'S DREAM

By Jim Thornton

By now, all of you know I love American History, especially Civil War history and the time period 1850 to 1870. And some of you also know I am a huge fan of Star Trek and a devout "Trekkie." So, can you possibly imagine my extreme excitement over finding a Star Trek episode involving the American Civil War where Captain James T. Kirk and Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy get trapped in time during one of the bloodiest conflicts in American history?

I must thank my dad for my love of all things Star Trek. He and I would watch the Original Series religiously in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Of course, I have watched every broadcast episode of all Star Trek incarnations multiple times since then. A few weeks ago, I decided to check out some of the fan produced films and series found on the internet. Some are really good, and some are bad & laughable.

One such fan produced series available on YouTube is quite impressive. It is called "Star Trek Continues" and picks up where the Original Series left off. Its premise is to complete Captain Kirk's original five-year mission (the original series was cancelled after three seasons). This group of fans completely rebuilt/recreated the filming sets of the Original Series, along with the costumes and props. Actually, it almost looks better than the Original Series of the 1960's! They filmed eleven one-hour episodes over three years to bring the five-year mission to its conclusion. And did it quite successfully.



Episode Five, "Divided We Stand," was this nerd's dream come true – a Star Trek episode set in the American Civil War! Of course, there was no expectation of historical accuracy. This was, after all, a Star Trek fan production. But, production wise, it was very well done. The production crew made excellent use of Civil War re-enactors in the battle scenes and appeared to use period-correct props and set dressings.

A brief plot synopsis: During an attempt to free the USS Enterprise computer from a nano-virus, an explosion puts Captain James T. Kirk and Dr. Leonard McCoy physically in a coma that leaves their consciousness awake in a turbulent moment in time - the American Civil War, with Kirk in a Union uniform and McCoy in a Confederate uniform – at the Battle of Antietam. I won't go into the details of how this all came about as I would go on for pages.

There are battle scenes, including Kirk being severely injured and McCoy (captured by the Union and voluntarily serving as a battlefield physician) forced to amputate Kirk's leg. It was fascinating to see them use a period-correct bone saw and other medical implements.

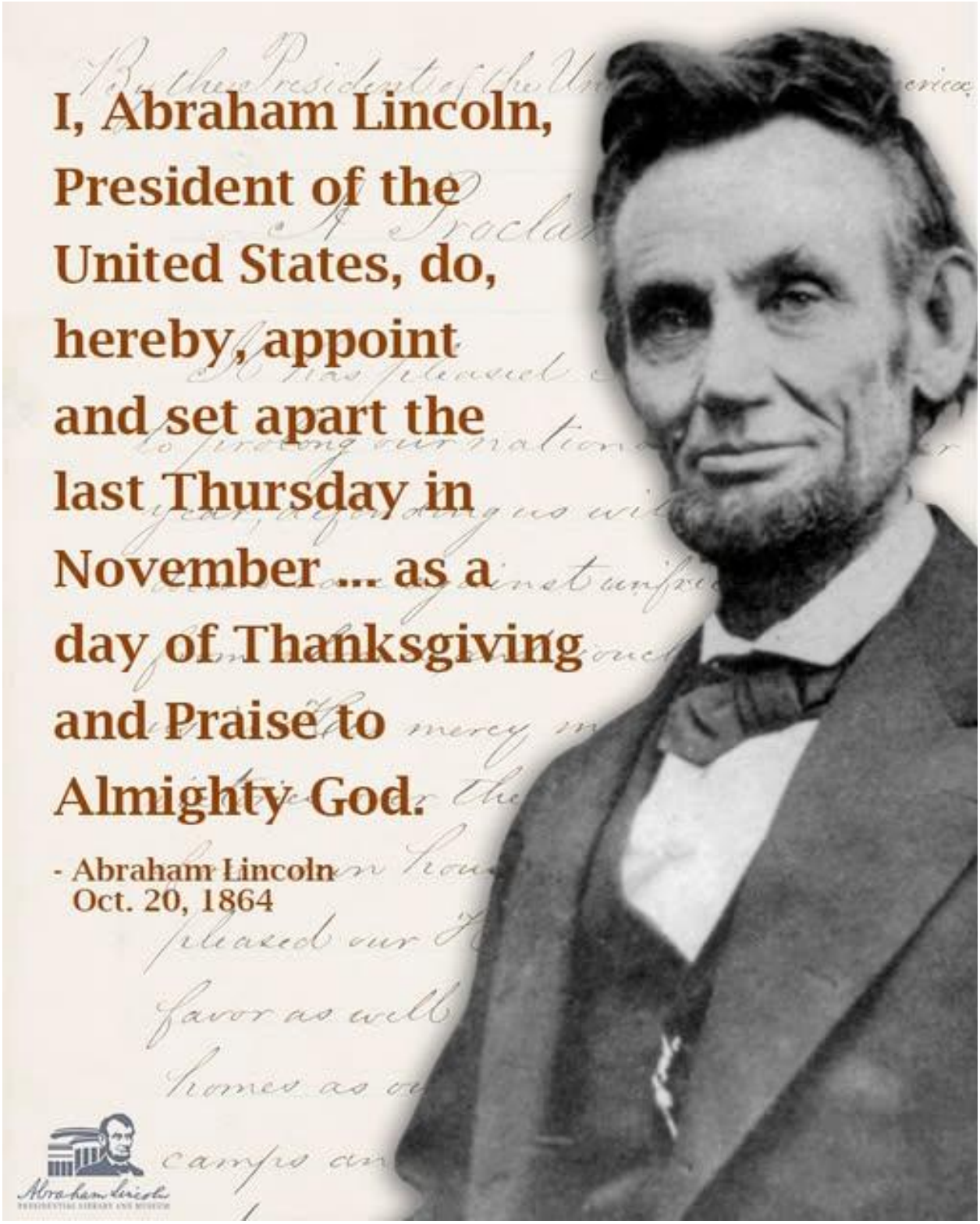
As expected, the Enterprise crew solved the problems and the dilemma of returning Kirk and McCoy.

For one glorious hour, this Trekkie and Civil War history nerd was in heaven!

If you would like to watch, you can find this episode at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KChYhXhj7vY

If you're a Trekkie and a Civil War history buff, this video is for you!


Happy Thanksgiving


I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do, hereby, appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November ... as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God.
- Abraham Lincoln
Oct. 20, 1864

Proclamation of Thanksgiving

by the President of the United States of America

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful years and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the Source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they can not fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict, while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than theretofore. Population has steadily increased notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to *Him* for such singular deliverances and blessings they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity, and union.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

A. Lincoln

Holiday Dinner



Thursday, December 17, 2026

6:00pm

The Third Annual

SUVCW Franklin Camp Holiday Get-Together

For All Brothers and their Guests

Pegah's Family Restaurant at 12122 W. 87th Street

Thursday, December 17, 2026, at 6:00pm

There is no set menu – everyone can order on their own

Wear your Holiday Sweaters or Sweatshirts!!

(**There will be NO camp business discussed or transacted — this is strictly a social event**)

DID YOU KNOW?

THE CONFEDERACY'S ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTHWEST CONFEDERACY

By 1864, with Civil War casualties mounting and no end in sight, growing numbers of northerners wanted a peace settlement. Abraham Lincoln's reelection was questionable. He was considered a divisive president, loathed by many on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line. Perhaps no area was more disgruntled than those states which comprised the old "Northwest Territory" of years past – Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and to a lesser degree, Missouri.

As the war dragged on and the casualties (now in the hundreds of thousands) continued to mount, there were a group of northerners, in particular in the Midwestern states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky, who were deeply angry at Abraham Lincoln and his administration and the fact that they were even in a civil war against the South. They just felt that the North should mind their own business. This movement was gaining momentum, and the population was becoming radicalized. And that radicalization eventually turned into violence. There started to be acts of violence committed against northern soldiers. In Ohio in particular, there were armed insurrections, armed attacks on Northern soldiers, on government workers who were involved with signing men up for the draft. This was a big flash point.


Thomas Hines

Entering into this fracas is Thomas Hines. Thomas Henry Hines was a Confederate cavalryman who was known for his espionage activities during the last two years of the American Civil War, especially for John Hunt Morgan and his band of raiders.

Hines traveled to Richmond, Virginia, after his escape from a Union prison in January 1864. He convinced Confederate President Jefferson Davis of a plan to instill mass panic in the northern states of the old Northwest Territory by freeing prisoners and systematic arson in the larger U.S. cities, including Chicago. Impressed by Hines' plan and wishing to retaliate for the Dahlgren affair, Davis agreed to back him. Davis urged Hines to tell Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin and Secretary of War James Seddon his plan. Both men agreed to the project and encouraged Hines to proceed, with the only hesitation by Davis, Benjamin, and Sheldon being the potentially damaging effect on public opinion of the exposure of such a plan, including what Great Britain and the French Empire would think of Hines' actions.

The plan relied on the Sons of Liberty (a secret, anti-war political society formed by Northern Copperheads (Peace Democrats) who opposed President Abraham Lincoln, the military draft, and the abolition of slavery) and other Northern sympathizers and called for the liberation of Confederate prisoners from northern prison camps. Insurrectionists would use weapons from federal arsenals to arm themselves and overthrow the governments of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. With a Northwestern confederacy allied with the pre-existing Confederate states, a dismembered North would be forced to surrender.

Hines thought entering the Union from Canada would be easier and traveled there during the winter. Hines led the Northwest Conspiracy from Canada in the fall of 1864. Confederate Colonel Benjamin Anderson participated in the plot, along with other Confederate soldiers. It was hoped that Hines and his men would be able to free the Confederate prisoners held at Camp Douglas in Chicago, Illinois. An uprising planned for 20 July was postponed to 16 August, and again to 29 August, the date of the Democratic National Convention at Chicago.

The Confederate-sponsored clandestine plan called for Rebel soldiers from Canada to provide leadership and logistical support for Sons of Liberty operatives across Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. Union arsenals and Great Lakes gunboats would be seized. Federal prisons would be raided, liberating additional Rebel soldiers

to bolster ranks and expand the rebellion. Confederate cavalry would raid Kentucky. Coordination was essential as the August 1864 Democratic Convention convened in Chicago.

While in exiled in Canada, sometime around March 1864, former U.S. Congressman, and notorious Copperhead, Clement Vallandigham became a leader of the Order of the Sons of Liberty and conspired with agents of the Confederate government to form a Northwestern Confederacy, consisting of the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, by overthrowing their governments. Vallandigham requested money for weapons from the Confederates. Part of the Confederate plan, as designed by Vallandigham, was to liberate Confederate prisoners-of-war.

Clement Vallandigham



Vallandigham, photographed at some point during his Congressional career (1858-1863)

Vallandigham successfully crossed back across the border and re-entered the United States. His intent was to attend the Democratic National Convention in Chicago as a district delegate from Ohio and to address the convention promoting the "peace plank" of the platform, which declared the war a failure and demanded an immediate end of hostilities.

Meanwhile, Hines led sixty men from Toronto, Ontario, on August 25, 1864. They arrived during the Democratic Party National Convention in Chicago. The Copperheads had told Hines to wait until that time, as they said that 50,000 Copperheads would be there for the event. However, encountering Copperhead hesitation to assist Hines and his force, and with U.S. authorities knowledgeable of the plot, Hines and his men were forced to flee Chicago on August 30, 1864.

The federal government learned of the plan and reinforced the guard at Camp Douglas, where the first blow was to be struck. Additional troops had also been assigned to Chicago to deter any violent actions during the Democratic National Convention. It is generally assumed an early warning from Canada helped suppress the Northwest Conspiracy. Additional evidence suggests a Richmond Spy Ring led by Elizabeth Van Lew was the initial source. Van Lew was an American abolitionist, Southern Unionist, and philanthropist who recruited and functioned as the primary handler of an extensive spy ring for the Union army in the Confederate capital of Richmond during the American Civil War.

Elizabeth Van Lew



In 1863, Elizabeth Van Lew placed an agent, Mary Bowser, in the Confederate White House assuming the role of enslaved housemaid. Elizabeth had previously taught Mary to read and write, sending her north for additional education. The idea of an enslaved housemaid pilfering information passed to the enemy must have been incomprehensible to Jefferson Davis and his staff. By late 1863 Elizabeth Van Lew was exchanging secret messages with Union General Benjamin Butler.

Intelligence from Richmond was likely the primary source of the early warning for the Lincoln administration. His administration began dealing seriously with the Confederate-sanctioned threat before the conspiracy leaders could set up shop in Canada – giving them a huge leg-up, effectively neutralizing the Northwest Conspiracy.

The Northwest Conspiracy failed because Copperheads, although numbering in the tens of thousands, refused to take arms against the federal government and because Copperhead violence would endanger Democratic prospects in the campaign of 1864. Abandoning hope of Copperhead assistance, the Confederates proceeded in September and October to create diversions on the Canadian border, most important of which were John Yates Beall's raid to liberate prisoners on Johnson Island in Lake Erie and the raid on Saint Albans, Vermont.

Looking Back…

From the Franklin Camp Newsletter "The Old Flag"; Volume 4, No. 5; May 2008

2008 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT REPORT



PCC Matt Toll receiving the Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year
Photo - Editor

On Saturday, April 26, 2008, the Twelfth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas took place at the Watkins Museum of History, Lawrence, Kansas. Franklin Camp #5 was represented by Matt Toll, PCC, Camp Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Knopke PDC, Dual Member Craig Sundell PCC, Department Senior Vice Commander, Jim Converse PCC, Department Junior Vice Commander, and new member, David Tollefson.

We are so pleased to announce that the *Captain Patrick H Coney Award for Member of the Year* was awarded to PCC Matt Toll of Camp 5. Congratulations to Matt for performance and dedication far above and beyond.



2008 Department of Kansas Officers (l-r): PDC Alan Russ, Secretary/Treasurer, PCC Jim Converse, Senior Vice Commander, PCC Craig Sundell, Department Commander, and PDC Jim Knopke, Junior Vice Commander.
Photo - Editor



PDC Jim Knopke receives the Leander Stilwell Outstanding Achievement Award from Department Commander Roy Lafferty PCC, Lawrence, Kansas. *Photo – Editor*

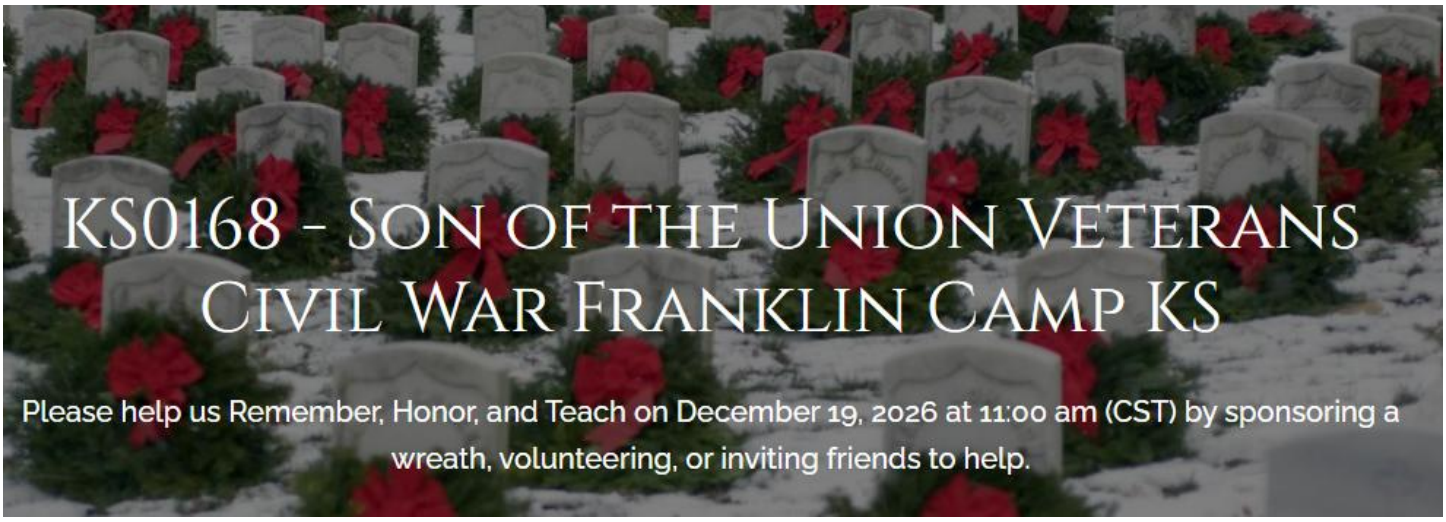
The *Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award* recipient was PDC Jim Knopke from Franklin Camp #5.

Elected Department Officers from the ranks of Franklin Camp #5 include Department Commander, Dual Member Craig Sundell PCC, Department Senior Vice Commander Jim Converse PCC, and Department Junior Vice Commander Jim Knopke PDC. Matt Toll PCC was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor.

Franklin Camp extends congratulations to each of these brothers growing into Department leadership positions and wishing them the most successful year of 2008.

"The Old Flag" was the official newsletter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Franklin Camp 5. It was edited and published monthly by Past Camp Commander Jim Converse 2008-2010.

SPONSOR A WREATH NOW
FOR A U.S. VETERAN'S GRAVE
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY DECEMBER 19



On December 19, 2026, at 11:00 am, The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Franklin Camp KS will be helping Johnson County Memorial Gardens to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Wreath sponsorship is only $17. And $5 comes back to the camp!

Please visit https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/180926/Overview/?relatedId=0 to sponsor a wreath through the SUVCW Franklin Camp. Click the **RED** "Sponsor Wreaths" button and follow the onscreen directions. You may sponsor a wreath for our chosen cemetery, or you will be given an option to designate your wreath to be placed on a loved one's grave at a participating cemetery. A Wreaths Across America volunteer will ensure your wreath is placed on your chosen grave.

The Group ID Number for the SUVCW Franklin Camp No. 5 is KS0168P



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Franklin Camp Website Resources

Franklin Camp Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/805798033688654
Franklin Camp Webpage: https://suvcwks.org/franklin-camp-no-5/

SUV National: http://www.suvcw.org/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SUVCW/

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Franklin Camp Officers

COMMANDER	SR. VICE COMMANDER	JR. VICE COMMANDER	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Dan Stilley	Matthew Archambault	Jeff Winters	Jim Thornton	Richard Miller

NEXT MEETING

Franklin Camp No. 5 meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (third Thursday in November) at Pegah's Restaurant, 12122 West 87th Street, Lenexa, Kansas. The camp does not meet in December.

The Franklin Camp will meet on ***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19,*** at Pegah's Restaurant at 12122 W. 87th Street in Lenexa, Kansas, at 6 p.m. for dinner and conversation. Our featured program will be provided by Brother Jim Thornton presenting *"Coffee and the Civil War."*

Come early and join us for camaraderie, dinner, and education! As always, your wife or significant other is welcome. Feel free to bring guests!

Don't forget to bring a prospective recruit!

UPCOMING PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE FRANKLIN CAMP

November 2026 – Jim Thornton – Coffee and the Civil War

January 2027 – Richard Miller – B-29's and The Battle of Kansas

February 2027 – Bill Stoker -- Advancements in Weaponry and Rifling Technology

March 2027 – Dr. Nate Provost – Battle of Cold Harbor

!!!!Programs Are Needed for 2027!!!!

*****VOLUNTEERS TO PRESENT A PROGRAM AT FUTURE MEETINGS ARE WELCOME! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE E-MAIL A MEMBER OF OUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE*****



Franklin Camp is in need of speakers, presentations, or programs for our 2027 monthly meetings. We currently have presentations lined up through March 2027.

The camp's program committee is currently at work looking to fill the 2027 schedule.

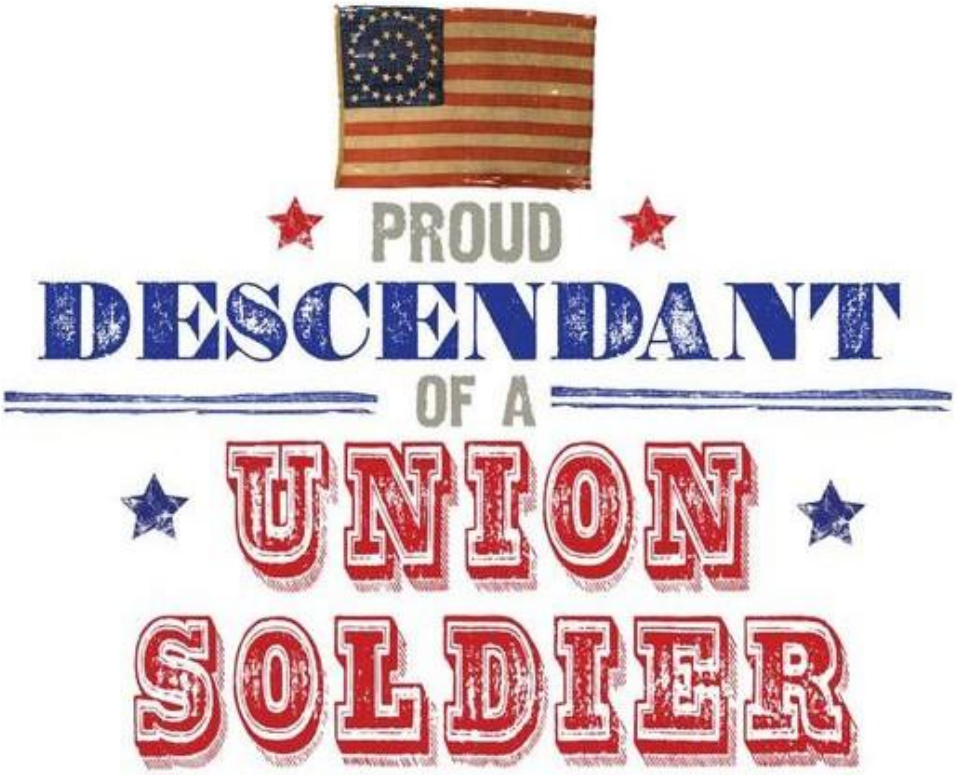
If you have a suggestion or contact information for a possible speaker, please notify one of our camp officers or a member of the programs committee (Richard Miller, Bryan Wampler, John Hansen, Mark Anderson).

Don't hesitate to step up and volunteer to give a presentation. Feel free to give a talk on your own ancestor! Everyone has a story to tell!

WANTED: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Franklin Camp Monthly Bulletin is always looking for articles on topics of interest. If you attend a Civil War event or have something you would like to contribute to the monthly newsletter (maybe a book recommendation and review?), please notify our newsletter editor Jim Thornton at **JDThornton85@live.com**. This year, in commemoration of our nation's 250th Anniversary, we would like to do a series of articles on what it means to you to be an American. What was your proudest moment as an American? Please submit your contribution in a WORD DOC or PDF format to Jim at the e-mail address above.

"THE LAST FIVE LETTERS OF THE WORD HISTORY SPELL "STORY." AND THAT'S EXACTLY HOW HISTORY SHOULD BE TAUGHT. NUMBERS AND DATES HAVE NO SOUL. SUCH PRESENTATIONS FALL FLAT, FOR HISTORY IS ALIVE AND RELEVANT."



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