

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
May 8, 1999
Topeka, Kansas

The meeting, held at the Cowtown Museum in Wichita, was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Department Commander, Franklin C. Bergquist with 22 members & guests present. Commander Bergquist had the following distinguished guests introduce themselves: Edward J. Krieser, Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW; Gwenda Matheny, Past National President of the DUVCW; Una Camien, Past Department President of the DUVCW; Ercelle E. Speaks, Past National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R.; Betty J. Bergquist, of the Women's Relief Corps; Mary Ann Hogan, of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.

Roll call of Officers showed the following Officers present: Commander, Franklin C. Bergquist; Sr. Vice Commander, Kenneth Strader; Jr. Vice Commander, Randall M. Thies; Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas L. Page and Historian/Special Projects Officer/Council Member Dean K. Speaks, PDC.

The following were appointed to fill empty Officer chairs: Virgil Reed, Color Bearer/Guide; Kim L. Nelson, Chaplain.

There were no activity reports from the Camps and only one Office Report. Department Historian Dean K. Speaks reported on the activities of the last year. Activities involved researching and saving cannons in the following cities: Horton, Topeka (at the Memorial Building), Emporia and Wellington.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Thomas L. Page for the Department to reimburse PDC Dean K. Speaks the sum of \$50.00 for the cost of his Past Department Commander Badge. Second by Randall M. Thies. Passed unanimously.

Department Secretary Thomas L. Page read the 3 proposed Changes to the Constitution approved by the 1999 National Encampment. Motion made by PDC Dean Speaks to approve the amendments as read, was seconded by Randy Thies and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution was presented by PDC Dean Speaks to create the "Joseph Walter Memorial Preservation Award" to be awarded as needed by the Department to Municipalities, Individuals, or Organizations, which demonstrate extra-ordinary efforts to preserve Monuments, Records, G.A.R. Halls, and Civil War Historical Sites in Kansas. Motion made to accept the resolution as written by PDC Dean Speaks, seconded by several members and passed unanimously.

A Resolution was then read to award the "Joseph Walter Memorial Preservation Award" to the City of Wellington for their exceptional care of and restoration of two Civil War cannon in their City, obtained in 1915 by the James Shields Post #57, G.A.R. Motion made to accept the

resolution as written by PDC Dean Speaks, seconded by several members and passed unanimously.

A Resolution was then read to award the “Joseph Walter Memorial Preservation Award” to the State of Kansas, Division of Facilities Management, Department of Administration on behalf of all of the State Departments involved in the recent completion of the renovation of the “Memorial Building” in Topeka while keeping the true meaning of the building as a “Monument” to the Civil War Soldier & Sailor. Motion made to accept the resolution as written by PDC Dean Speaks, second by several members. Following a discussion involving the amount of “arm-twisting” that it took to retain the true meaning of the building the motion passed unanimously.

A Resolution was then read to award the “Joseph Walter Memorial Preservation Award” to the American Legion Post in Emporia for saving the Emporia Civil War cannons from sale to a collector. Seconded by several members and passed unanimously. The Department Secretary is to create the appropriate resolution of award.

Motion made by PDC Dean Speaks for the Department to expend approximately \$75.00 to register an appropriate address on the Internet for the Department. Motion died from lack of a second.

Motion made by DC Frank Bergquist to create a resolution of support for Brother Ed Krieser of Indiana for Commander-in-Chief at this year’s National Encampment. Seconded by several members and passed unanimously. The Department Secretary will create and forward the appropriate resolution to National.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Five new members were initiated into the Order. The initiating Officer was Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser with assistance from Secretary, Tom Page; Color Bearer/Guide, Virgil Reed and Chaplain, Kim Nelson. The new members are: Thomas E. Schmidt; Darren L. Biggs; Wesley A. Hogan; Bell Nestelroud; and Bill McFarland. All are members of the Coyne Camp in Wichita. Welcome to the Order!

NOMINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers of the Department were nominated and elected to serve during the 2000-2001 term:

Commander	Kenneth Strader
Sr. Vice Commander	Randall M. Thies
Jr. Vice Commander	Kim L. Nelson
Secretary/Treasurer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC
Department Council	Thomas L. Page
	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC
	Alan Russ

The following Officers of the Department were appointed to serve during the 2000-2001 term:

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Chaplain
Counselor
Historian
Signals Officer
Graves Registration
Patriotic Instructor
Eagle Scout Certificate

Kenneth Spurgeon
Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC
Dean K. Speaks, PDC
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The officers were installed at 6:15 p.m. by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Gwenda Matheny reported that the DUVCW Tent in Newton was folding and that the DUVCW is planning on donating the stations to the Department of Kansas, SUVCW. These will be stored at the Coyne Camp for use by the Camp and by the Department. A heartfelt thank you to the Daughters for their kind donation.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment the meeting closed at 6:35 p.m. for our Banquet.

AWARDS

The following Department Awards were presented during the Banquet:

William W. Nixon Award for "Camp of the Year"	Old Abe Camp #16, Topeka
Leonidas B. Davis Award for "Recruiter of the Year"	Jeff Dunaway, Topeka
Patrick H. Coney Award for "Member of the Year"	Jeff Dunaway, Topeka
Special Department Commander's Award for Outstanding Service	PDC Dean K. Speaks, Beloit