

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**APRIL 24, 2010
WICHITA, KANSAS**

**JAMES M. CONVERSE, PCC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

KANSAS REMEMBERS

ERCELLE E. SPEAKS

**PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT, LADIES OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

JUNE 5, 1916 – MARCH 9, 2010

and

DEAN K. SPEAKS

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, SONS OF
UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

JULY 25, 1957 – MARCH 8, 2010

In a period of two day in March of 2010, Kansas lost two long-time members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. On Monday, March 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past Department Commander Dean K. Speaks passed away at his home in Salina, Kansas. In less than twenty-four hours, his mother, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Past National President Ercelle E. Speaks joined him in the arms of their Savior.

Both had devoted much of their lives to the Allied Orders. Brother Dean was directly responsible for the re-establishment of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, in 1996. He served as National Membership at Large Coordinator in the 1990's, and was awarded the "Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award" as the "National Member of the Year" in 1996. Dean was one of the first brothers of the Department of Kansas to be awarded "Emeritus" status.

Sister Ercelle served in many posts at both the Department and National level with the LGAR, culminating with her service as National President in 1994-1995. The Kansas LGAR had previously honored her with the naming of its newest circle as the Ercelle Speaks Circle in Johnson County, Kansas.

It had been the dream of Brother Dean and his mother that Kansas would host a National Encampment. Dean was looking forward to being at this very encampment to renew old acquaintances. There would not be a Department of Kansas, nor this encampment within the Kansas borders if Brother Dean had not had a vision.

We will miss them both, but, as long as there is a Department of Kansas, they will always be with us. As we attend the 2010 National Encampment, and as we walk among our Brothers from throughout this country, know full-well that Brother Dean's and Sister Ercelle's spirits are walking here with us.

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Wichita, Kansas**

ENCAMPMENT OPENING

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 Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 24, 2010, at the D.A.V., Wichita, Kansas.

2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:55 AM by Department Commander James M. Converse. At that time, the Past Department Commanders were announced and filed into the room. A vacant chair remained in memory of PDC Dean K. Speaks and PDC Kenneth D. Strader.

3. The opening ceremony was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.

4. The roll call of officers was conducted with the following officers present or absent, as indicated:

- Department Commander James M. Converse, PCC, Camp 5, present.
- Senior Vice Department Commander James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5, present
- Junior Vice Department Commander Matthew G. Toll, PCC, Camp 5, absent excused
- Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
- Council Member Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
- Council Member, and Graves Registration Officer Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4, present.
- Council Member and Patriotic Instructor Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present.
- Chaplain Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1, present.
- Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent excused.
- Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4, present.
- Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, present.
- Color Bearer S. Todd Meek, PCC, Camp 1, present.
- Guard Jonathan F. Birket, Camp 1, present.
- Guide Dale L. Rouse, Camp 1, present.

5. The opening of the Encampment concluded with Chaplain’s prayer, followed by the Encampment attendees singing the “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

6. The Encampment received visiting National Council of Administration Member Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri, representing Commander in Chief Leo F. Kennedy, PDC, Department of Rhode Island. PDC Petrovic presented greetings on behalf of the Commander in Chief.

7. Commander Converse informed the Encampment of “housekeeping rules” to be used during the meeting.

8. At this time, the PDC Alan Russ presented the Credentials Committee report of those present at the Encampment, as follows:

Encampment Status	CAMPS				TOTAL
	No. 1	No. 4	No. 5	No. 16	
Department Commander	0	0	1	0	1
Past Department Commander	3	1	1	2	7
Camp Commander	1	1	0	1	3
Past Camp Commander	4	2	0	0	6
Department Elected Officer	0	0	0	1	1
Delegate	7	1	0	1	9
Alternate Delegate	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL PRESENT	16	5	2	5	28
VOTING STRENGTH	15	5	2	5	27

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OFFICER REPORTS

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

Commander James M. Converse, PCC – Commander’s Report [Page A-1]
James R. Knopke, PDC – Senior Vice Department Commander Report [Page A-2]
Robert L. Wandel – Junior Vice Department Commander and Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-2]
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary/Treasurer Report [Page A-3]
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-4]
Blair D. Tarr – Historian Reports [Page A-5]
Brian R. Van Schmus – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report [Page A-5]
Mark A. Britton, PCC – Chaplain Report and Necrology Report [Page A-5]

CAMP REPORTS

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander S. Todd Meek, PCC [Page B-1]
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Robert L. Wandel [Page B-1]
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by James R. Knopke, PDC, on behalf of Camp Commander Lane D. Smith, PCC [Page B-2]
Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander Rocky L. Bartlow [Page B-2]

CORRESPONDENCE

11. Reading of incoming correspondence was conducted by the Department Secretary.
- a. Correspondence concerned nominations for Commander-in-Chief, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Junior Vice Commander in Chief, and National Council of Administration. The correspondence was summarized and made available to those desiring to read the complete texts.
12. There being no unfinished business, Commander Converse called for committee reports to be presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Report on 2009 National Encampment – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC [Page C-1]
Report on 2009 Central Region Association Conference – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page C-1]
2010 National Encampment Committee Report – James R. Knopke, PDC [Page C-1]
Report on 2010 Central Region Association Conference – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC [Page C-2]
Mine Creek Battlefield Committee Report – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC [Page C-2]

14. Commander Converse declared that the Bylaws Committee report was to be held until “new business” and the Nominating Committee report was to be held until the start of the nomination process.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

15. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Council member, presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-3]

NEW BUSINESS

16. Commander Converse called upon PDC Russ, as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, to present the amendments which had been presented to the committee during the year. PDC Russ presented declared that the proposed amendments had

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previously been distributed to each camp as required by Department Bylaws. The proposed amendments [Page D-1] were briefly described to the Encampment, after which time, PDC Russ moved they be adopted. Motion was seconded and carried.

17. Commander Converse noted that no proposed amendments had been referred to the Encampment Bylaws Committee.

18. As it was now approaching the designated lunch time. Commander Converse directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. He then declared a recess until 1 PM, and also requested that the Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, and National Representative Petrovic would accompany him on a visitation to the Department of Kansas LGAR Encampment in the other room. This visitation would occur prior to the Encampment resuming.

19. At 1:10 PM, the Encampment was called back into session by Commander Converse, with the Chaplain re-opening the Bible.

20. Commander Converse requested to know who planned to attend the 2010 National Encampment as “automatic” attendees. The following brothers, either previously or at this time, stated they planned to attend:

- a. Commander Converse, Camp 5(as PDC)
- b. PDC Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1(as PDC)
- c. PDC Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (as PDC)
- d. PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon, Camp 1 (as PDC)
- e. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1(as PDC)
- f. PDC Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16 (as PDC)
- g. PDC James R. Knopke; Camp 5 (as PDC)
- h. PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (as PDC)
- i. PDC Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (as PDC)

21. Commander Converse stated the Department of Kansas was entitled to six delegates to the National Encampment. He then asked the Encampment who planned to attend the National Encampment. The following brothers, either previously or at this time, stated they planned to attend and were nominated by PDC Knopke to be delegates, motion was seconded and approved. These brothers will be so indicated on the Form 49 submitted to National.

- a. Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16
- b. Shawn K. Bell, Camp 1
- c. S. Todd Meek, PCC, Camp 1
- d. Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
- e. Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC, Camp 4
- f. Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4

22. The following additional brothers also stated their intention to attend as alternate delegates.

- a. Jonathan F. Birket, Camp 1
- b. Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
- c. Mark Brown, Camp 1
- d. James M. Coyne, PCC, Camp 1
- e. Michael J. Hadl, PCC, Camp 4
- f. Terry A. Iseli, Camp 1
- g. Kent M. Mechler, Camp 16
- h. Kim L. Nelson, PCC, Camp 1
- i. Dale Rouse, PCC, Camp 1
- j. James A. Scheidel, Jr., PCC, Camp 1

23. Commander Converse recognized PDC Russ, who moved that all other brothers of the Department, who are in good standing and do not hold another qualifying status to attend the National Encampment shall be declared as Alternate Delegates. Motion was seconded and passed.

24. Commander Converse announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 15th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on April 23, 2011. He recognized PDC Russ, who moved that, because April 23, 2011, was the day before

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Easter, the 15th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas shall be held on April 30, 2011. Motion was seconded and passed.

25. Commander Converse noted that, per Department Bylaws, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence, had proposed to host the 15th Annual Encampment. He recognized Camp 4 Commander Robert L. Wandel, who moved the 15th Annual Department Encampment be held in Lawrence. Motion was seconded and passed.

26. Commander Converse recognized PDC Russ to submit proposed resolutions of support for candidates to National offices. PDC Russ moved to submit a resolution from the Department in support of the candidacy of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief D. Brad Schall, Department of California and Pacific, to the position of National Commander-in-Chief. Motion was seconded and carried.

27. PDC Russ moved to submit a resolution from the Department in support of the candidacy of National Secretary Donald Palmer, Jr., Department of Missouri, to the position of National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Motion was seconded and carried.

28. PDC Russ moved to support the candidacy of National Council of Administration Member Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri, to re-election to that position.

29. Commander Converse recognized PDC Russ. PDC Russ moved, per the Bylaws of the Department, to separate the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer into the separate offices of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer. This change would become effective at the Fifteenth Annual Department Encampment on April 30, 2011. Both offices would be elected for three year terms. Motion was seconded and approved.

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

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

31. At this time, Commander Converse asked the Nominating Committee to present their report. PDC Alan L. Russ presented the report. [Page C-3]

32. Commander Converse then placed the recommendations of the Nominating Committee into nomination for their respective positions, and officially discharged the Nominating Committee with a "Thank you" from the Department.

Department Commander
Senior Vice Commander
Junior Vice Commander
Council Members

PDC James R. Knopke, Camp 5
PDC Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4
Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (term expiring 2011)
PDC Randal L. Durbin, Camp 16 (term expiring 2012)
Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16 (term expiring 2012)

33. Commander Converse then opened the floor to other nominations. None were submitted.

34. There being no more new business, the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers. The Department Secretary read the names of those nominated for office. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

35. Kent Mechler moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

36. Commander Converse requested a motion from the floor to recognize Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Randy Durbin moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

37. Commander Converse requested a motion from the floor to recognize the Disabled American Veterans organization for providing the meeting facilities. PDC Russ moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

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38. At this time, Commander Converse presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year
PCC Dale L. Rouse, Camp 1, Wichita

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

Leander Stillwell Award for Outstanding Achievement
PCC Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1, Wichita

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

39. Commander Converse turned over the gavel to PDC Petrovic for the installation of officers. PDC Petrovic thanked Commander Converse for his service on behalf of the Department of Kansas.

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

Chaplain	Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
Patriotic Instructor	S. Todd Meek, PCC, Camp 1
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, Camp 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC, Camp 4
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
Webmaster	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

41. PDC Petrovic proceeded to install the new Department Officers, after which the new officers were instructed to assume their respective stations.

42. Commander Knopke was given the charge for his office. The badge of office as Department Commander, gavel, Rituals of the Order, Federal Charter of the Order, National Constitution and Regulations of the Order, and Department Bylaws were presented to incoming Department Commander Knopke by PDC Petrovic.

43. The Department flag was transferred from outgoing Commander Converse to incoming Commander Knopke.

44. Commander Knopke presented PDC James M. Converse with a certificate of recognition for his service as the Twelfth Department of Kansas Commander and presented him with the Past Department Commander badge.

CLOSING

45. Commander Knopke then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 3:15 PM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Officer Reports
Attachment B	Camp Reports
Attachment C	Committee Reports

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Attachment D Amendments to Bylaws

Attachment E Encampment Attendees

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

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

/s/ James R. Knopke

James R. Knopke, PDC
Commander

/s/ James M. Converse

James M. Converse, PDC
Immediate Past Commander

/s/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Senior Vice Commander

/s/ Robert L. Wandel

Robert L. Wandel
Junior Vice Commander

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member

/s/ Randal L. Durbin

Randal L. Durbin, PDC
Council Member

/s/ Blair D. Tarr

Blair D. Tarr
Council Member

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OFFICER REPORTS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

James M. Converse, PCC

After being elected and installed as the Department of Kansas Department Commander at the 13th Annual Department Encampment in Olathe, Kansas, on 25 April 2009, the whirlwind of activities that surround this elected position began. Accepting the challenges from PDC Dean Speaks impacted a great deal of the efforts expended by the Department the entire year.

Effort was begun to gather ideas and programs to assist the camps in addressing the newly-accepted Junior Member and Junior Associate youngsters at the camp level. Department SVC Matt Toll visited and discussed this subject with each of the active camps and reported results and recommendations back to me. The mid-to-long-term future of SUVCW lies in building new members and leaders in our ranks, with these leaders beginning their SUVCW journey as the Juniors amongst us.

I represented Franklin Camp #5 at the Shawnee Mission North High School Naval Junior ROTC Awards Night on 2 May, 2009. This national champion award-winning group clearly appreciates their relationship with the SUVCW. It is a great honor to place the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC medal on the chest of one of these wonderful high school cadets, the future leaders of our industries, cities, states and country. On 6 May, I attended Shawnee Mission West's NJROTC Awards Ceremony where Cadet Lt Commander Andrew Croft returned my salute after receiving his medal, ribbon and certificate.

I attended and was honored to speak at Franklin Camp's Memorial Day Ceremony, Saturday, 23 May, at the G.A.R. Circle at Olathe Memorial Cemetery, Olathe, Kansas.

I also marched with Franklin Camp #5 at the well-attended Shawnee Days Parade, Shawnee, Kansas, on 6 June. Many parade attendees stood and saluted our Union Flag as we passed by.

On 20 July, I delivered and set a Confederate gravestone for a distant cousin in Hutchinson, Kansas. Research ultimately showed the veteran to be a non-bloodline relative, but the experience was indeed memorable. The local newspaper printed my quote, that the war was over and the time to honor all of the brothers-in-arms had come to Private Beasley.

With our Department of Kansas delegation, I attended the 2009 SUVCW National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky 13-15 August. It was an honor to place our Department Flag alongside each Department Flag of the SUVCW. At this time, I heard details of the intense and detailed planning and preparations that PDC Jim Knopke's committee had developed in preparation for the 2010 National Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas. As an ad hoc member of this committee, I remain in awe of their effort and congratulate each member of the committee, PDC Jim Knopke, Chairman, PDC Alan Russ, PDC Tom Schmidt and PDC Roy Lafferty. Each attendee of the history-making 2010 Annual Encampment will enjoy the results of their efforts and as a Department, we thank them for their extraordinary efforts.

I marched with Franklin Camp at the Old Settlers Parade in Olathe, Kansas on 12 September. My wife's family is amongst the Old Settler group in Olathe. It is always an honor to carry our country's flag before the public with our SUVCW brothers alongside.

I also marched behind Franklin Camp's banner at the Overland Park Fall Parade on 26 September. Although short in length, this parade has excellent public attendance. Applause for the SUVCW contingent was ongoing the entire parade route.

I led the Fall Council Meeting at the Lane Museum at Lecompton, Kansas, on 17 October as well as attended Franklin Camp's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery on 7 November.

On 10 November, I spoke at the Cedar Creek Elementary School in Olathe, Kansas. The students wanted to hear what I had done during my term in the Navy, 1968-1974, but I was able to link my service with that of our Civil War forefathers, who fought, literally, to save their country from dissolving into chaos. These youngsters are so anxious to hear of the heroes of our country. If the opportunity to speak before any group of this kind, youngsters or adults, presents itself, I would heartily recommend sharing your first-hand knowledge of your Civil War Union forefathers with them.

I was proud to march for the first time up and down the historic streets of Leavenworth Kansas on Veterans Day, 11 November. Franklin Camp and the Lenexa Kansas SCV group combined efforts on the parade to make one unit in honor of both Armies engaged in the Civil War.

I installed the new officers of Patrick Coyne Camp #1 in Wichita Kansas on 19 November, Old Abe Camp #16 in Topeka Kansas on 3 December, and Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 in Lawrence on 17 December.

I attended a National Encampment meeting and the Department Winter Training Session in Emporia Kansas on 9 January.

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When PDC Dean Speaks and his mother, Estelle Speaks, passed away in March, I attended their funeral with other Department officers in Beloit Kansas on 12 March. The love and affection shown for these Department of Kansas and LGAR pioneers during this ceremony was abundant. They are deeply missed.

I attended the Department Spring Council Meeting in Wichita Kansas on 13 March.

As Franklin Camp Communications Officer, I edited and published eleven issues of Franklin Camp's newsletter THE OLD FLAG, a commitment I have held since founding the BUGLER and its subsequent-named THE OLD FLAG in 2006. These newsletters find their way to the hands of prospective SUVCW members and associates, other media, and friends, all to the benefit of the mission of our Order. Our Department newsletters are also archived into the history of our State at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, and locally, in Franklin Camp's case, at the Johnson County Museum Archives in Shawnee Kansas. I would encourage each camp of the Department to add your individual piece of this history to the archives of Kansas. What our Union Army forefathers did was important, as is what we are doing to preserve their memory. This is ongoing history being made.

The main accomplishment of this year for the Department is forthcoming in the 2010 National Encampment taking place in Overland Park Kansas. The lion's share of Department leadership has been dedicated to planning and executing this great event. I believe their effort and follow-through to be of superior caliber. I would encourage each SUVCW member to let you Camp Commanders know that you are planning on attending at least one day of this historic event hosted by our Department. I will see you there.

It is with great regret that I am moving permanently from Kansas to Ohio after this Department Encampment adjourns. It has been my honor to serve the Department as Camp Commander, Department Council, Department JVC, Department SVC and now Department Commander. Since I will maintain my membership with Franklin Camp and the Department of Kansas, I look forward to contributing all that I can to the benefit and success of the Department.

My grandfather, Private (Wagoner) Robert B. Converse, of Company D, 177th Pennsylvania Infantry, who was Chaplain, and later, Post Surgeon of Gregory Post 326, Pawnee Rock, Kansas and then Member of Joseph Shaw Post 235, Annapolis, Illinois, would be proud indeed of the honor you have vested in me.

Brothers, I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

James R. Knopke, PDC

Functions attended.

1. Franklin Camp #5 Memorial Day Ceremony, May 23, 2009.
2. SUVCW ceremonies at the 1st Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA., May 30, 2009.
3. National Encampment in Louisville, KY, August 13-15, 2009.
4. Central Region Association conference in Kokomo, IN, October 2-3, 2009
5. Fall Council Meeting in Lecompton, KS October 17, 2009.
6. Franklin Camp #5 Veterans Day Ceremony, November 7, 2009
7. SUVCW Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg, PA, November 21, 2009.
8. Department Training Session in Emporia, KS, January 9, 2010.
9. PDC Dean Speaks funeral in Beloit, KS, March 12, 2010.
10. Spring Council Meeting in Wichita, KS, March 13, 2010.
11. SUVCW Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL, April 17, 2010.

Submitted In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC
Senior Vice Commander

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

Robert L. Wandel

Since my election of office in March, 2010 I have worked really hard as Dept. JVC. I have not done anything to advance the work of the SUVCW but I have not done anything to hinder the work either.

As Dept. GRO I have been working on and trying to keep track of cemeteries covered in Kansas. I have and will continue to encourage all camp GROs or camp members to send me a list of cemeteries that they have collected names and/or photos of tombstones of Civil War Veterans who are buried in any of the counties in Kansas.

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If the names have not been added to the National GRO database I will submit them. I will continued to add a county by county data into the national database. I know that there are many cemeteries and that we will not be able to reach them all but with the camps help maybe we can capture a large amount of them.

Thanks for your work in helping me to keep the Graves Registration in Kansas a continuing and good work.

Remember that Kansas was known as "the Great Soldier State" and we want to remember those who lived, died here and are buried here in Kansas. We remember them for their great contribution to the keep of the States United. With Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Robert L. Wandel
Dept. JVDC & GRO

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Alan L. Russ, PDC

The proceedings of the 13th Annual Department Encampment, April 25, 2009, were properly published and approved by the full Department Council. Electronic copies were furnished to each Department Officer and Camp Secretary. They are also available at the Department website www.suvcwks.org.

The Department strength as of March 31, 2009 is:

Hereditary Members:	133 (including 8 Life Members)
Associates:	9
Juniors:	5
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	147 (with 142 reportable strength to National)

The Department strength as of March 31, 2008 was as follows:

Hereditary Members:	120 (including 6 Life Members)
Associates:	7
Junior:	6
Junior Associates:	0
Total:	133 (with 127 being reportable strength to National)

The above numbers represent a net loss of fifteen reportable brothers for the Department. Many of these were former brothers of the Mine Creek Camp.

As Department Secretary I attended the Department at the 2009 Fall Council Meeting, 2010 Winter Training Session and 2010 Spring Council meeting. I also attended the National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky, in August 2009, and attended the Central Region Association Conference at Kokomo, Indiana, in October 2009.

It continues to be my honor to serve the Department in this capacity this past year, and I look forward to continuing in my current term of office for the next year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

TREASURER REPORT – DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand April 25, 2009		\$ 3,844.87
Receipts April 25, 2009 to April 24, 2010:		
National Application Fees	40.00	
National Per Capita	2,169.00	
National Quartermaster	72.50	
Department – General	1,657.00	
Department – Special	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Receipts		4,316.00
Expenditures April 25, 2009 to April 24, 2010:		
National Application Fees	50.00	
National Per Capita	4,635.00	
National Quartermaster	72.50	
Department – General	<u>790.50</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>5,548.00</u>
Balance on Hand April 24, 2010:		\$ 2,685.37
Obligated Funds:		
National Application Fees	0.00	
National Per Capita	0.00	
Department Special	<u>219.00</u>	

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Total Obligated Funds	<u>2,026.00</u>
Available Funds as of April 24, 2010	<u>\$ 1,818.87</u>
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,	

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

TREASURER REPORT – 2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT FUND

Balance on hand April 25, 2009		\$ 1,179.40
Receipts April 25, 2009 to April 24, 2010:		
General Fund	6,354.25	
Liberty Bonds	1,960.00	
Vendor/Display Tables	40.00	
Banquet	1,512.00	
Commemorative Medals	1,680.00	
Tours	360.00	
Printing and Publications	<u>360.00</u>	
Total Receipts		12,266.25
Expenditures April 25, 2009 to April 24, 2010:		
General Fund	2,506.00	
Liberty Bond Redemptions	0.00	
Vendor/Display Tables	0.00	
Banquet	960.69	
Commemorative Medals	2,140.00	
Tours	400.00	
Printing and Publication	<u>403.57</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>6,410.26</u>
Balance on Hand as of April 24, 2010		<u>\$ 7,035.39</u>

Obligated Funds:		
Vendor/Display Tables (includes Dept table)	60.00	
Banquet Cost (includes Dept providing 10 meals)	1,691.49	
Tours	0.00	
Printing and Publications (estimated)	600.00	
Campfire (estimated)	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Obligated Funds		<u>2,851.49</u>
Funds Available as of April 24, 2010		<u>\$ 4,183.90</u>
Liberty Bonds		<u>\$ 2,980.00</u>
Net Funds as of April 24, 2010		<u>\$ 1,203.90</u>
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,		

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Encampment Treasurer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

As Department Patriotic Instructor for the past year, I have attended the following events:

- Placing flags on the graves of Civil War Veterans in Oak Hill and Pioneer Cemeteries in Lawrence with the local Cub Scouts, Royal Ambassadors and the Churchill Camp;
- 2009 National Encampment and the Central Regional Conference, both of which I will report on later;
- Ottawa Veteran's Day Parade;
- 2010 Department Training Session;
- Spring Council Meeting;

I need to meet with the camp Patriotic Instructors or a camp representative to fill out the department report.

I want to thank the brothers of the Department for the honor of serving as your Patriotic Instructor for this term.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Roy Lafferty, PDC
Patriotic Instructor

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HISTORIAN REPORT

Blair D. Tarr

As with last year's report, I hope it will please the Department Commander that I have combined my three reports.

During the last year I have not been able to pursue these projects as much as I would like, but people have continued to send me materials regarding the Last Soldier Project and the GAR Records. As the Department Historian I have responded to the inquiries that have come my way. Most of these are from descendants who live out of state, and are trying to connect with their Kansas ancestor.

The Last Soldier Project is still an area where progress needs to be stepped up a bit, as the Department in the past has discussed using this information during the Sesquicentennial, perhaps producing a book. I believe we are still 13 counties short of having a Last Soldier for each county, and there are others that need to be firmed up by further research. This is not much of a change from last year.

The search for GAR Records continues, although finding out about records in the 105 counties has come about by some of the inquiries to the Historian. This needs a more thorough search of museums and libraries across the state, and I would ask my brothers if they know of the location of GAR records, that they forward that information to me.

A continuing disappointment of the year is that I expected to have a proposal at this encampment regarding archival material that should be kept by the camps and the Department, so that copies can be turned over the archives of the Kansas Historical Society—and local historical societies—for safe keeping.

On the national level, Ed Harris, chairing the organization's Battle Flag Committee, has been in contact and at least did get the attention of Senate President Steve Morris. Nothing concrete has come out of this, as of this date, but the efforts are appreciated.

I have also been helping a distant camp outside the Department. Members of the Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp #14 and Mary R. Campbell Auxiliary #16 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania—which by some coincidence, happens to be my hometown—have purchased the 1893 G.A.R. Hall in the city, and sharp eyes reading the Autumn, 2009 Banner may have noted they held their first meeting in the building in at least 35 years last August. I've been sending them some articles about the local G.A.R. / S.U.V. there, and also informed them where they might find some of the original furniture and camp materials.

I continue to ask for assistance in identifying and locating GAR plots in local cemeteries, and identifying the posts that purchased the plots. For instance, in Topeka we have five GAR plots in four cemeteries, purchased by four posts. My thought with this is that a listing of GAR plots may have value with genealogists, and may not be entirely incompatible with the GAR Memorials and Monuments Project.

Submitted in F.C. & L,

Blair D. Tarr
Department Historian
Chair, Last Soldier and GAR Records Projects

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

It has been my honor to continue as Eagle Scout Coordinator for the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This is an important part of our outreach program. In addition, these young men have earned our recognition for their hard work.

During the past twelve months, I have received and processed requests from the National Eagle Scout Coordinator, or directly, for 30 certificates.

Cody M. Hill – Topeka, KS

Stephen Joseph Davis – Leavenworth, KS

Brandon Ian Majacher – Manhattan, KS

Graham Edward Grable – Manhattan, KS

Brett Sidesinger – Topeka, KS

Aaron Haffey - Overland Park, KS

Gabriel Greene – Haysville, KS

Ryan Marienau – Lawrence, KS

Derek Kappelman– Lawrence, KS

Jonathan Gabler– Lawrence, KS

Henry Chapman– Lawrence, KS

James Amos Manning – Wamego, KS

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Brian Van Schmus, PCC
Eagle Scout Coordinator

CHAPLAIN'S NECROLOGY REPORT

Mark A. Britton, PCC

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

Kenneth G. Regennitter, January 14, 1928 – November 9, 2009, Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas

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Robert C. Warner (Real Son), August 15, 1917 – December 7, 2009, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1,
Wichita, Kansas

Dean K. Speaks, PDC, (Emeritus) July 25, 1957 – March 8, 2010, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1,
Wichita, Kansas

Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of our fallen brothers.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Chaplain

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CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA

Commander S. Todd Meek, PCC

The Coyne camp made it a priority during 2009 to remember Abraham Lincoln at its camp meetings. This was done by having all 2009 programs on Lincoln to honor the bi-centennial of his birth. This was a huge success and some great presentations were done.

In 2009 the camp took on a project at Wichita's Highland Cemetery – WRC/GAR section. They scheduled Saturday workdays last summer and raised and straightened 13 stones, cleaned all the stones in the area, cleaned the area around the memorial cannon and benches as well as trimming the area. They plan to repaint the cannon and benches this spring and hold their Memorial Day meeting ceremony there in May 2010.

In honor of Memorial Day 2009 the camp held its annual meeting/ceremony in Hutchinson and with color guard and firing detail performed the "Last Soldier Ceremony" for the (2) Civil War Medal of Honor recipients that are buried in Hutchinson cemeteries. They have continued their "Adopt an Overseas Soldier Program" with a box of wanted items going to 4/82nd HHC unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan in March 2010. The camp received a listed of needed items by a personal contact with a member of the unit. Members purchased items from this list and brought them to a camp meeting for shipment overseas. These items are very much appreciated by the men and women serving our country so far from home.

The camp stepped up in a big way financially on the camp level and individually when the call came from the Dept of Kansas for purchase of Liberty Bonds or donations in order to meet the goal for matching funds for the 2010 National Encampment. Prior to the call the camp had already purchased Liberty Bonds but bought (2) more so they could be matched. The individual members of the camp either bought bonds or made donations in a significant amount towards the \$2500 so the Department would be sure to receive the matching dollars.

The camp became aware in the fall of 2009 of a real son, Robert Warner, living Derby having moved up from Texas. The family contacted PDC Frank Bergquist after reading an article that Frank had written in a local publication. PDC Bergquist and PDC Tom Schmidt arranged a meeting with Mr. Warner and his family. As a result of this meeting Tom was able to contact the Dept of Texas and get Mr. Warner transferred into the Coyne Camp. The family shared the story of Mr. Warner's father, William C. Warner, who was a survivor of the steamship Sultana explosion after being in a prisoner of war. He eventually settled near Wellington, KS. With regret and sadness Mr. Robert Warner passed away in December but the family was very grateful for what the camp had done for Brother Warner. The camp is planning a camp program on Mr. William C. Warner as told by Robert C. Warner at one of the Sultana survivor conventions.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Todd Meek

Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4, LAWRENCE

Commander Robert L. Wandel

April through October meetings were held with special speakers including speakers for Civil War on the Western Frontier a civic celebration in Lawrence.

Three ROTC medals were awarded to cadets from the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

Memorial Day flags were placed on Civil War vets in the Lawrence area cemeteries with the aid of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and a group of young men from a local church.

The camp nominated and elected candidates in the November meeting for the installation of the officers in the December 2009 meeting.

A work project to move two Civil War markers was approved by the City with the work to be done this spring or summer. An application has been submitted to National for \$250.00 to accomplish this work.

The camp banner was displayed in the parade in Lecompton's Territorial Days. The camp marched in the Wellsville parade, the Maple Leaf Festival parade, the Ottawa Veterans Day celebration parade and the Lawrence Old Fashion Horse parade. The camp banner and or the camp flags were used in the parades to further the promotion of the SUVCW in our area.

The camp has applied for the opportunity to hold the Department Encampment for 2011. The camp has also applied for a SUVCW monument relocation funds to relocate two civil war memorials in the city of Lawrence.

Several new members have been added to the camp but we also have lost three members so the camp needs to work to get more members.

Submitted with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Robert L Wandel

Camp Commander

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FRANKLIN CAMP 5, OLATHE Commander Lane D. Smith, PCC

The camp meets the 4th Thurs of each month at the Bass Pro Shop Restaurant in Olathe. We do not meet during the months of July, Aug and Dec. However we have scheduled a July business meeting in preparation for the Aug Natl Encampment.

We continue to have Patriotic Instruction at each meeting. Dave Tolefson was our January speaker giving a history of his ancestor's regimental roll throughout the war but in particular the Battle of Chattanooga. Dave also had several civil war ancestral collectable items to display. Commander Smith gave a presentation for Feb of the Civil War influence on Pres Trumans political and presidential career and in March he and Verle Olsen led a discussion on the book "The South was Right". SrV Commander Brent Lawrence and member Roger Miller will be our Patriotic Instructors for April and May respectively.

Our camp had a presence at the Natl Battlefield clean up day when we helped at Mine Creek on Apr 10.

We continue to make plans for future events, our Memorial Service at the GAR monument on May 29th, and we received a request to participate in the Old Shawnee Days parade on June 5th. There will be two to three other parades where our presence will be known with the highlight being the Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth when we jointly provide a color guard with our SCV counterparts.

We have also had an inquiry from the Gardner History Museum concerning participation in some kind of history fair to be conducted in October. We will pursue this opportunity, however little is known at this time as to what will constitute our participation.

Lane Smith
Camp Commander

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA Commander Rocky L. Bartlow

As of our recent meeting, April 1, 2010, we had 23 renewals with two members dropped from the roll. It is also my sad duty to report that one member, Kenneth Regennitter, passed away last year.

We began our cemetery work days at the Topeka Cemetery at the end of March and will continue throughout the summer. Our plans are to identify headstones of Civil War veterans that are broken and document in an attempt to have them repaired. We are also planning our annual Memorial Day flag planting and have purchased 300 more new flags in anticipation of that event. This event is coordinated by brother Earl McIntosh and involves many Boy Scout groups. Included in the flag planting this year will be the Mt. Auburn cemetery which is adjacent to the Topeka Cemetery.

Several of the brothers of the camp also participate in reenactment groups, Civil War roundtables and period appearances. Of course we all continually explore the historical roots of our ancestors and report our findings to the enjoyment of the camp. SVC Melcher recently toured Chickamauga meeting with a prominent historian of the battlefield and gaining invaluable information about his ancestor's activity there. Commander Bartlow also recently toured his family roots in southern Ohio and GAR graves in that area which also contains connections to General U.S. Grant, General William Nelson, and Confederate General Albert Sydney Johnston.

The camp is looking forward to the National Encampment in August and actively promoting the event as well as the "Bleeding Kansas" Sesquicentennial Commemorative Medal. We have approved and are in the process of purchasing a full page ad in the National Encampment Book.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow
Commander

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON THE 2009 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 128th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW

On August 13th – 16th of 2009, 9 brothers of the Department of Kansas attended the National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the largest group from Kansas to attend National. Those in attendance were

Department Commander

James M. Converse, PCC (Camp 5)

Past Department Commanders

Alan L. Russ, PDC and Kentucky Colonel (Camp 16)

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC (Camp 1)

James R. Knopke, PDC (Camp 5)

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC (Camp 4)

Delegates

Lane D. Smith, PCC (Camp 5)

Brian R. Van Schmus (Camp 4)

Robert D. Wandel (Camp 4)

Robert L. Wandel (Camp 4)

The business of the order went smoothly with no controversial topics were discussed. The big event was the fire alarm set off by a smoke machine at 2 on Saturday morning. After awhile you get used to seeing Darth Vader, the tattooed lady and a man with three heads.

The Department set up a table to advertise this year's Encampment. We raised several hundred dollars selling chances on the Mine Creek print as well as the Bloody Dawn and Touched by Fire videos.

Like the previous year we passed out packets advertising this year's encampment. Judging by the comments it should be well attended.

Roy Lafferty, PDC

2009 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION REPORT

The 2009 Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (CRA) Conference was held on October 3, 2009, in Kokomo, Indiana. The Department of Kansas was represented by Department PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC Roy Lafferty, and PDC James R. Knopke. Also, National President Barbara Knopke represented both the National Organization of the LGAR and their Kansas Department.

Commander Walt Busch (SUVCW-MO) chaired the meeting. The normal business of the order was conducted, with a program on Recruiting and Retention, conducted by Michael Beck.

The conference addressed where upcoming conferences would be held. The goal was to ensure we would know at least two years in advance where the conference would be held. The upcoming dates are as set by the bylaws on the first Saturday of October. The upcoming dates and locations are:

October 2, 2010 – Kansas (location to be determined)

October 1, 2011 – St. Louis, Missouri

2009-2010 Officers were elected. It is the custom of the CRA for the officers to alternate between the SUVCW and one of the women's organizations. The newly elected officers are:

Commander – LeeAnn Teller, DUVCW-IN

Senior Vice Commander – Michael Beck, SUVCW-IN

Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term) – Robert Shaw, SUVCW-IN continues in his term.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC

Department Secretary

2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

PDC James R. Knopke, Chairman

Here is an update from last year's report. You remember the report that I had Alan read for me as I was recovering from having a nettle stuck in my left eye to repair my retina the day before last year's Encampment. Any way here is the update.

1. At 2009 National Encampment, we distributed our packet and raised about \$400 dollars on our raffle of the Mine Creek Print.
2. Everything with the Marriott is going fine at this time.

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3. We have the Lecompton Players set for the Friday night Camp Fire and Jon & Betsy of the Free-Staters will perform at the banquet.
4. For Thursday's tour, we are going to the World War I museum.
5. We have purchased and received our medals for the Encampment and I asked Tom as this time to pass samples around.
6. We have purchased coffee mugs as gifts for the banquet and are looking at adding chocolate covered sunflower seeds, which are something, unique to the Midwest.
7. Brothers have been asking me what can they do to help and now is when we will need your help on the following:
 - a. One to two Brothers to help on the tour buses on Thursday.
 - b. Three or more Brothers to help stuffing the handout bags on Wednesday night.
 - c. Three or more Brothers to help on passing out the handout bags on Thursday and Friday at the registration table.
 - d. We may need some help in late July and early August weekends on printing and assembling the National Encampment book.

If you are willing to help, please let anyone on the 201 National Encampment Committee know.

We are four months out from the National Encampment at which time we will be sitting on the threshold of the sequential of the Civil War. We want this Encampment to be the prequel to the next four years just as it was the prequel 150 years ago. This is Kansas part to the Civil War and this is what we want the members of the Allied Orders to leave with at the end of the 2010 National Encampment. The committee would like to thank all our Brothers for their past and future support. It is your time to be a part of something that will never happen again, please join us.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jim Knopke, PDC
Chairman

2010 CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

We are still looking for a place to host the 2010 conference October 2 of this year. Unfortunately the conference is scheduled the same time as a race weekend at the Kansas Speedway which rules out Eastern Kansas.

We have looked at Ft. Scott but found the hotel space unacceptable.

We are currently looking at Hutchinson, but if you have any suggestions please contact Jim Knopke or myself.
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Roy Lafferty, PDC

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Chairman

Department Order 3 of April 25, 2009, appointed the following brothers to the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee for the term April 25, 2009 through April 24, 2010.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. P. Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (Chairman)

Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

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

Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

Arnold W. Schofield, PCC, Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton (Camp 6 Representative)

The purpose of the this committee is coordinate and work with the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society to explore ways to help improve the condition of the battlefield, to enhance the experience of visitors to the battlefield and to help ensure preservation of the battlefield.

I met with the individual members of the committee, with exception of Arnold W. Schofield, on Saturday, April 17, 2010 to get input about direction and viability of the committee. It was their opinion the committee should remain in place and continue to try to interact with Mine Creek Battlefield on an as needed basis per the mission stated above and help the it in anyway we can.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Chairman, Mine Creek Battlefield Committee

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DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department for 2009-2010 finds them to be in order.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member

Blair D. Tarr
Council Member

Roy A. Lafferty
Council Member

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee was appointed by the Department Commander for the purpose of submitting nominations for the elected officers of the Department to the Department Encampment. The committee hereby submits to this Fourteenth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment the following names in nomination for the offices indicated.

Office	Nominee	Camp
Department Commander	James R. Knopke, PDC	Franklin Camp 5
Senior Vice Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
Junior Vice Commander	Robert L. Wandel	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
Council Member (term expiring 2011)	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Council Member (term expiring 2012)	Randal L. Durbin, PDC	Old Abe Camp 16
Council Member (term expiring 2012)	Blair D. Tarr	Old Abe Camp 16

The Nominations Committee herewith enters nominations of these brothers to the positions indicated.
SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY;

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Old Abe Camp 16

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

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ATTACHMENT D – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS

Article II: PURPOSE

~~Section A.~~ To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 - 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

~~Section B.~~ *[Moved to Art. IV, Section L]*

Article III: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Section A. NON-PROFIT. The Department shall not be conducted for profit.

Section B. NON-SECTARIAN AND NON-PARTISAN. The Department, being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan, shall not introduce, discuss or foster sectarian or partisan topics.

Article IV. FORMATION AND DISBANDMENT CAMPS

Section A. FORMATION. A Camp may be formed by authority of the Department Commander with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section B. CAMP NAMES AND NUMBERS. Camps shall be named in accordance with the National Regulations of the Order (Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1). The camp number will be assigned sequentially, with the exception that no number previously used by a camp of this Department since the formation of the Department in 1996 shall be reused.

Section C. CAMP CHARTER. Upon the formation of a Camp, there shall be issued to it a Charter, which shall be signed by the Department Commander, attested by the Department Secretary, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief. The Charter fee for a new Camp shall be ~~as established by the National Organization~~ twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fee shall be paid to the Department and shall accompany the application for a Charter.

Section H.D. SUSPENSION OF CAMP CHARTER. A Camp failing to pay per-capita tax or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law, may be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per-capita taxes.

Section D-E. SURRENDER OF CHARTER. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty (20) days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.

Section F. FAILURE TO PAY PER-CAPITA OR FORWARD REPORTS. A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per-capita tax and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked.

Section B-G. REVOCATION OF CHARTER. The Department Commander shall have the authority to recommend to the Commander-in-Chief the revocation of the Charter of any Camp which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order.

Section E-H. DISPOSITION OF CAMP PROPERTY. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all of the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per-capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which this Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without written consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its brothers.

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Section G.I. REINSTATEMENT OF CAMPS. Camps having been ~~dropped-suspended~~ may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee of \$25.00 and may retain their original Charter.

Section ~~I.J.~~ ASSOCIATES AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES. The Department permits Camps to admit Associates and Junior Associates to the Camp, provided the Camp complies with all of the provisions of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Camp bylaws must permit Associates and Junior Associates in the camp in order to allow Associates and Junior Associates to join the camp.

Section ~~J.K.~~ DEPARTMENT MEMBERS AT LARGE (DMAL).

(a) In accordance with Chapter II, Article X, Section 1, National Regulations, the Department shall ~~not maintain~~ allow Department Members at Large (DMAL).

(b) Brothers shall be assigned to the DMAL only after the application has first been processed as shown, below. No brother will be placed directly into the DMAL without having first been assigned to a camp for the remainder of the current membership year unless approved by the Department Commander.

(c) When applications are received from the National Organization for MAL, the Department Junior Vice Commander shall contact the brother and give him the opportunity to select one of the Camps in the Department to join.

(d) If the new MAL does not elect to choose a Camp, he shall be assigned to the Camp closest to his place of residence.

(e) The Department Council shall develop and maintain a map of the Department to serve as a guideline for Camp assignment.

(f) A separate camp shall not be established for DMAL. The Department Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative requirements concerning brothers assigned to the DMAL.

Section L. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS. Camps shall hold annual elections of officers as follows:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Camps which meet less than monthly must hold a meeting in November or December for the election and installation of officers at the same meeting. The camp must assure this does not delay the forwarding of the report of election and installation of officers.

(d) Camps shall furnish the exact dates of their scheduled election and installation to the Department Secretary no later than September 30, each year.

(e) The Department Commander shall install all camp officers, if possible. In those instances where the Department Commander is unable to install the new officers, he shall appoint a brother to install the camp officers.

(f) The Department Commander or other installing officer shall forward the report of election and installation of camp officers to the Department Secretary within seven (7) days of the installation.

Section M. USE OF RITUAL AND CEREMONIES AT CAMP MEETINGS. The Ritual and Ceremonies of the Order are an integral and historic part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As such, all Camps within the Department of Kansas shall conduct meetings as provided in the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order, except when circumstance are prohibitive.

Article V: MEMBERSHIP

Section A. GOVERNING OF DEPARTMENT. The Department shall be governed by its Department Encampment, subordinate to the National Organization.

Section B. MEMBERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT. The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows:

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(a) All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or, having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and its sitting Camp Commanders.

(b) One Delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership, and one additional Delegate for every ten brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the annual report ending March 31 immediately prior to the Department Encampment. As such, the camp annual reports must be submitted to the Department Secretary so as to arrive no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled date of the Department Encampment.

(c) Its own Elective Officers.

(d) Any brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander, with its voting privileges at the Department Encampment.

~~Section C.~~(e) Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Department Encampment may be filled by a vote of the delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint brothers to fill vacancies.

~~Section D.~~(f) A Camp which fails to pay its per-capita tax or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation at the Department Encampment.

Section EC. RESTORATION OF RANK OF PAST CAMP COMMANDER. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander the brother shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a brother. If acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Department Commander, setting forth the causes of loss of rank, and reasons for the request of restoration. The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment where, if acted upon favorably, such rank shall be restored.

Article VI: MEETINGS

Section A. DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT. The Department shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Annual Encampment shall be held on the **Fourth weekend in April** each year. If, for any reason, the "Host Camp" (as defined in Article VI, Section F) determines that it needs the date(s) of the Annual Encampment to be changed on a "one-time" basis, then the Department Commander shall call for a Special meeting of the Department Encampment (as defined in Article VI, Section B), at a time and place of the Department Commander's choosing, by and with the consent of the Department Council, for the express purpose of changing the date(s) of the Annual Department Encampment.

Section B. SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS. Special meetings of the Department Encampment may be called by the Department Commander, by and with the consent of the Department Council; but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called, which call shall state the purpose and object of said meeting.

Section C. QUORUM. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Section D. DISPLAY OF FLAGS AND CHARTER. All meetings of the Department shall have a United States Flag, the Department Flag, and the Department Charter displayed.

Section E. CONDUCTING MEETINGS. All meetings of the Department shall be conducted via the guidelines of the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ritual of the Order, and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, in that order.

Section F. HOST CAMP.

(a) A camp which wishes to host the Annual Department Encampment, shall submit a proposal to the Spring Council Meeting the year preceding the subject encampment.

(b) Proposals to host the Annual Department Encampment shall include the proposed location, the ability to meet the facility needs for the encampment, to include meeting facility for the LGAR, primary point of contact for additional information, and estimated cost of Noon meal, if provided.

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(c) Camps who intend to submit proposals shall notify the Department Secretary at least one week prior to the Spring Council Meeting in order that adequate time may be allocated during the meeting.

(d) In the event that no proposals are submitted, the Department Council will solicit proposals from one or more camps.

(e) The Department Council shall review submitted proposals and submit them to the Annual Department Encampment for final approval.

Section G. INABILITY OF HOST CAMP TO HOST ENCAMPMENT. In the event that the designated "Host Camp" for that year's Annual Encampment shall be unable, for any reason, to host that year's Encampment they shall notify the Department Commander, in writing, as soon as this information becomes available. The Department Commander may call a special meeting of the Department Encampment in accordance with Article VI, Section B, to resolve the situation.

Section H. FALL COUNCIL MEETING. The officers of the Department shall conduct the "Fall Council Meeting" each year on the **third Saturday of October**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander.

(1) **Purpose.** The Fall Council Meeting shall be for the purpose conducting the routine business of the Department, to include approving expenditures, policies, and procedures. The Department Council will not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. Likewise, any action of the Department Council may be overruled by action of the next Department Encampment.

(2) **Voting Members.** The elected offices of the Department and the immediate Past Department Commander are the voting members of the Department Council.

(3) **Non-voting Members.**

(a) All appointed Department Officers are members of the Council, without vote, and should be in attendance.

(b) All brothers of the Department holding the honor of Past Department Commander are members without vote, and, as such, encouraged to attend the meeting.

(4) **Other Attendees.**

(a) Camp Commanders, or their designated representative, should attend. They should be prepared to report on the activities of their camp. This provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps. Camp Commanders or representatives are attendees without membership on the Council and without vote.

(b) All brothers of the Department are permitted and encouraged to attend the meeting without voice or vote. Any attendee may request of the Department Commander to present an item to the meeting or to provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed at the meeting. It shall be the decision of the Department Commander as to whether this shall be permitted.

Section I. WINTER TRAINING SESSION. The Winter Training Session for the Department shall be conducted on the **second Saturday of January**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander. 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.

Section J. SPRING COUNCIL MEETING. The officers of the Department shall conduct the "Spring Council Meeting" each year on the **second Saturday of March**. The location and time for the meeting shall be determined by the Department Commander, with preference given to locating it at the camp which will be the host camp for the upcoming Department Encampment. The attendees, purpose, and limitations are as described for the Fall Council Meeting, above.

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Article VII: OFFICERS

Section A. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

(1) The Officers of the Department shall be the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three brothers of the Department Council, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, and Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard. The offices of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer may be combined into the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer. The incoming Department Commander may delay appointing brothers to the offices of Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard until the next Department Encampment, at which time he will appoint them *pro tempore*.

(2) The combined office of Department Secretary/Treasurer may be replaced with the separate offices of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer.

(a) Such change shall require a majority vote of the Department Annual Encampment, with such vote occurring prior to the official call for nominations for the office.

(b) Such change shall only occur at the end of the normal term of office for the then current Department Secretary/Treasurer.

(c) Such change shall not require further amendment to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas to implement.

(3) The separate offices of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer may be replaced with the combined office of Department Secretary/Treasurer.

(a) Such change shall require a majority vote of the Department Annual Encampment, with such vote occurring prior to the official call for nominations for the offices.

(b) Such change shall only occur at the end of the normal term of office for the then current Department Secretary and Department Treasurer.

(c) Such change shall not require further amendment to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas to implement.

Section B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES, AND ALTERNATES.

(1) The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary/Treasurer or Department Secretary and Department Treasurer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order.

(a) A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Secretary, and Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary/Treasurer).

(b) Delegates and Alternates will be elected by a plurality of the votes.

(c) When electing Department Council Members for terms of office with differing length of terms, or when filling an unexpired term, The positions will be elected separately, as follows. Positions being elected for two-years terms will be elected first. All Council Members for two-year terms may be elected in the same vote. Next, any positions for one-year terms, normally to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term, will be elected. All Council Members for one-year terms may be elected in the same vote. Council Members will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

(d) If there is but one nominee for an office the Department may elect by viva voce vote.

(2) Provided, that no brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander unless he has served as a Camp Commander. No brother shall be eligible for election to the office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment.

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(3) No brother shall be eligible for election to the Department offices of Senior Vice Department Commander or Junior Vice Department Commander unless he has served, or is currently serving, as a Camp Commander. No brother shall be eligible to be nominated for election to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander or Junior Vice Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment. In the case of a nominee for Senior Vice Department Commander or Junior Vice Department Commander, the nomination of a brother to these offices, and the election thereto, may occur in his absence provided that:

(a) A motion to nominate in his absence is made and approved by two-thirds(2/3)of the voting membership present at the Department Encampment; and

(b) The brother to be nominated has submitted, in writing, a statement, that, if he is elected to the position for which he is to be nominated, he will provide satisfactory service during his term of office; and

(c) The brother to be nominated has stated in writing that he knows of no reason to prevent him from performing his duties during the coming year, and that he will attend the following Department Encampment.

Section C. APPOINTED OFFICERS. On assuming office, the Department Commander shall appoint all other Department Officers not elected; and may appoint an Assistant Secretary and/or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The duties of appointed positions, for which no appointee is designated, shall be retained by the Department Commander.

Section D. TERMS OF OFFICE. The term of all elective and appointed officers shall be as follows:

(1) The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, and Junior Vice Department Commander shall be elected for a term of one year. No Department Commander may be reelected to that position for more than three (3) consecutive terms, or if such election will result in him serving as Department Commander for more than 45 consecutive months.

(2) The term of all elective ~~and appointed~~ officers, except the office of Secretary/Treasurer or Department Secretary and Department Treasurer, ~~and Council Members~~, shall be for one year.

(3) The term of office for Secretary/Treasurer or Department Secretary and Department Treasurer shall be for three (3) years, commencing with the 2008 term.

~~(3)~~(4) Department Council Members will be elected for a two-year term of office, with one position being elected in odd-numbered years and two positions being elected in even-numbered years. Any Council Member vacancy which should occur between Department Encampments shall be filled in accordance with Section F, below. In the case where the term of office for that position would normally extend beyond the next Department Encampment, the remainder of the term shall be filled by a brother elected at that Department Encampment. This provision shall be implemented at the 14th Department Encampment in 2010, with two positions being elected for two-year terms of office and one position being elected for a one-year term of office at that time.

~~(4)~~(5) Appointed officers of the Department shall be appointed by the Department Commander to serve for a period of up to one year, unless sooner relieved. All appointments shall expire automatically at the end of the next Department Encampment, unless otherwise defined by these Bylaws.

Section E. INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. The installation of Department Officers shall be performed at the Encampment by some person chosen by the Department Commander Elect.

Section F. VACANCY IN DEPARTMENT ELECTIVE OFFICE. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department Encampment.

Section G. REMOVAL OF OFFICER. Any officer delinquent in or failing to perform the duties of his office may be removed from office by the Department Commander or by the Commander-in-Chief.

Article VIII. 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

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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.

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.

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.

Section C.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 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 thirty (30) days after such election, 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.

Section D.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.

Section E.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 perform such other duties as described in "*Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers*", prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy. 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.

Section F.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.

Section G.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.

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Section H.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.

Section H.J. ASSISTANT SECRETARY. The Assistant Department Secretary shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Department Secretary.

Section J.K. CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER. 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 Programs and Policy.

Article IX: FINANCES

Section A. DUES AND REVENUE. The Department shall regulate its own dues and revenues. The amount of said dues shall be set by the Department Encampment.

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) 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.

Article X: COMMITTEES

Section A. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT. The Department Commander shall appoint the members of all committees of the Department.

Section B. MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE. The Mine Creek Battlefield Committee, established by the Tenth Annual Department Encampment, shall be responsible for working with both the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society for the purpose of bettering the Mine Creek Battlefield. Such committee shall keep the Department Commander informed of its activities. The chairman of the committee shall report annually to the Department Encampment. The committee shall consist of five brothers appointed by the Department Commander, ~~one of whom shall be a brother with Mine Creek Camp 6.~~

Section C. *(Deleted)*

Section D. 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.

Section E. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. Each committee shall consist of no more than five members 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.

Article XI: BOOKKEEPING

Section A. FISCAL YEAR OF DEPARTMENT. The fiscal year of the Department shall begin on 01 January and end on 31 December of each year.

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; the results of which shall be reported to the Department Council and the Department Commander.

Section C. DEPARTMENT FUNDS. 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 account. 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

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one single item without written approval on a Department Voucher. Approval shall be secured from the Department Commander or the Department Council. The **Department Treasurer or** Department Secretary/Treasurer may not withdraw or transfer funds from the savings account without written approval on a Department Voucher from the Chairman of the Department Council.

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, postage and mileage.

Article XII. DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Section A. AUTHORITY. Authorization for Department Awards are provided. The name and type of awards shall be determined by the Department Commander. A copy of the citation presenting any award to a brother of the Department of Kansas shall be placed in the recipient's file with his Camp Secretary along with being recorded in the minutes of the Department Encampment for the award year by the Department Secretary.

Section B. EMERITUS STATUS. In accordance with National Regulations of the Order, a brother who has served as an elected Department officer may be granted Emeritus status, subject to provisions listed below. Such status shall be in recognition for contributions and length of service as an elected officer of the Department of Kansas.

a. Granting of Emeritus status must be approved by vote of the membership at a regular Department Encampment. Request for granting of Emeritus status may be made by camp resolution, or a letter of recommendation from another brother. Request must be received by the Department Secretary prior to the beginning of the Department Encampment.

b. Emeritus status shall not be granted to a currently serving elected officer of the Department nor to a brother who has been elected as an officer and is about to take office. It may be awarded to current officers who is leaving office at the end of the current encampment.

c. Emeritus status is granted permanently; however, such status may later be withdrawn for cause by action of a subsequent Department Encampment.

d. A brother who has received Emeritus status and is elected to a Department office at a subsequent Department Encampment or is appointed to fill an unexpired term of an elected Department office shall retain Emeritus status.

e. A brother so granted Emeritus status is entitled to wear the badge of a Department elected officer, as described in the National Regulations of the Order.

Section C. PERMANENT AWARDS. The following awards, having been well established within the Department of Kansas by precedent, are established as permanent awards of the Department. These awards, and their criteria, are as follows:

(1) **CORPORAL LEONIDAS B. DAVIS AWARD FOR RECRUITER OF THE YEAR.** This award may be presented by the Department Commander to the brother who has recruited the most new brothers (Members, Associates, Junior Members, and Junior Associates) since the previous Department Encampment. The determination of which brother is to receive credit for a new brother is based upon the name entered on the application for membership as "Recommended by SUVCW Brother." Applications received from the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are not considered when determining the number of "recruits." The Department Commander may determine not to present the award any year he feels no one has recruited enough brothers to set him apart in this regard.

(2) **CAPTAIN PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR BROTHER OF THE YEAR.** This award is presented by the Department Commander to the brother whom the Department Commander has determined to have performed significant service to a camp or the Department within the past year. The Department Commander shall seek recommendations from the various Camp Commanders for this award.

(3) **LEANDER STILLWELL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.** This award may be presented by the Department Commander to the brother who has performed significant service to the Department of

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Kansas or the organization as a whole over an extended period of time. The Department Commander may seek recommendations from Camp Commanders, Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, and others. This award is neither required nor expected to be awarded each year.

(4) **WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR.** This award is presented by the Department Commander to the camp within the Department which demonstrated the greatest degree of support to the goals and ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in such areas as community involvement, memorial ceremonies, public education, conduct of camp meetings, and such. The Department Commander shall seek recommendations from the various Camp Commanders for this award.

Article XIII. INCLUSION OF NATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules and regulations, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto:

1. Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
2. Rules and Regulations, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
3. Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers.
4. Policies and Procedures of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article XIV. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

There shall be no suspension of these Bylaws during any meeting of the Department.

Article XV. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Section A. AMENDMENT PROCESS. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Department Encampment by a 2/3 vote of the voting brothers present at said meeting, subject to the following:

(a) The Department Commander shall appoint a Bylaws Committee, or designate that the full council shall function as the committee, for the purpose of reviewing and/or proposing changes to the Department Bylaws. Copies of proposed changes to the bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee, shall be forwarded to each camp secretary no later than 30 days prior to the Department Encampment.

(b) Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Bylaws Committee, through the Department Secretary, no later than 45 days prior to the Department Encampment. All proposed amendments must be submitted by the Camp Commander, attested by the Camp Secretary, after having been voted on at a previous meeting of the proposing Camp.

(c) A proposed amendment not previously submitted, as above, may be introduced at the Department Encampment by any Voting brother of the Encampment. The proposed amendment shall be reviewed by an Encampment Bylaws Committee during a break in the business meeting. Such committee shall present its recommendation concerning the amendment to the encampment where the encampment will then act upon the proposal.

(d) Before becoming effective, all Bylaws and Bylaw amendments shall be approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing.

Section B. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS BYLAWS. All Bylaws heretofore adopted by the Department are hereby repealed.

Article XVI. DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD

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

Section B. PURPOSE. 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.

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Section C. COMMANDING OFFICER. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall hold a commissioned officer rank up to and including the rank of captain. Such rank shall be awarded by the Department Council upon the recommendation of the Department Commander. A commanding officer may be appointed for a period of up to three (3) years. All such appointments shall be announced by Department Order.

Section D. FIRST SERGEANT. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall have the authority to recommend the appointment of a senior non-commissioned officer with the rank of first sergeant. Such rank shall be awarded by the Department Council upon the recommendation of the Department Commander. A first sergeant may be appointed for a period of up to three (3) years. All such appointments shall be announced by Department Order.

Section E. COLOR BEARERS AND COLOR GUARDS. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall have the authority to appoint necessary color bearers and color guards with ranks of corporal and sergeant. The commanding officer shall notify the Department Commander of any such appointments and shall request that the appropriate Department Order be published.

Section F. ROSTER. The commanding officer shall furnish the Department Secretary a current roster of the Department Guard whenever any changes to the roster occur.

Section F. UNIFORMS. All members of the Department Guard shall wear appropriate Civil War era uniforms, accompanied by appropriate equipment, as directed by the commanding officer.

Section F. SUBORDINATE TO SVR. As required by the National Regulations of the Order, the Department Guard, when participating “where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard.” (Chapter IV, Article I, Section I)

Section F. CAMP GUARDS SUBORDINATE TO DEPARTMENT GUARD. Any Camp Guard units, whether officially established or not, shall fall under the command and authority of the commanding officer, Department Guard, at any function or activity where the Department Guard is officially present.

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ATTACHMENT E – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2010: Members: 59 Associates: 3 Total: 62

Shawn W. Bell	Richard T. Bennett	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC
Jonathan F. Birket	Mark A. Britton, PCC	James P. Coyne, PCC
John H. Hartford	Terry L. Iseli	S. Todd Meek
Kim L. Nelson, PCC	Don W. Phillips	Virgil E. Reed
Dale L. Rouse, PCC	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC
Audie L. Strotkamp		

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	3
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	4
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Present	16
Total Authorized for Camp 1	15

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2010: Members: 21 Associates: 1 Total: 22

Michael J. Hadl, PCC	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC
Robert D. Wandel	Robert L. Wandel	

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	2
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Present	5
Total Authorized for Camp 4	7

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2010: Members: 18 Associates: 3 Total: 21

James M. Converse, PCC	James R. Knopke, PDC
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Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	1
Camp Commander	0
Past Camp Commander	0
Elected Department Officer	0
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Present	2
Total Authorized for Camp 5	5

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OLD ABE CAMP 16			
Topeka			
Camp Strength as of March 31, 2010:	Members: 22	Associates: 0	Total: 22
Rocky L. Bartlow	Randal L. Durbin, PDC	Kent M. Melcher	
Alan L. Russ, PDC	Blair D. Tarr		
Department Commander	0		
Past Department Commander	2		
Camp Commander	1		
Past Camp Commander	0		
Elected Department Officer	1		
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>1</u>		
Total Present	5		
Total Authorized for Camp 16	7		

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT			
Department Strength as of March 31, 2010:	Members: 120	Associates: 7	Total: 127
Department Commander	1		
Past Department Commander	7		
Camp Commander	3		
Past Camp Commander	6		
Elected Department Officer	1		
<u>Delegate/Alternate Delegate</u>	<u>10</u>		
Total Present	28		
Total Authorized for Department	34		

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

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS (PDC)

Franklin C. Bergquist (1999-2000)
Randal L. Durbin (2006-2007)
James R. Knopke (2005-2006)
Roy A. Lafferty (2007-2008)
Alan L. Russ (2002-2003)
Thomas E. Schmidt (2004-2005)
Kenneth E. Spurgeon (2003-2004)
Dean K. Speaks (1996-1999)
Craig A. Sundell (2008-2009)
James M. Converse (2009-2010)

CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS PAST CAMP COMMANDERS (PCC)

Michael W. Anderson, Camp 4 (2007)
Franklin C. Bergquist, Camp 1 (1998)
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)
Delton E. Gilliland, Camp 16 (2008-2009)
Michael J. Hadl, Camp 4 (2008)
Dan E. Karr, Camp 16 (2005-2007)
James R. Knopke, Camp 5 (Camp 16, 2003)
Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4 (2005)
Douglas E. McGovern, Camp 1 (2004)
S. Todd Meek, Camp 1 (2009)
Kim L. Nelson, Camp 1 (Camp 3, 1996-2004)
Dale L. Rouse, Camp 1 (2006)
Alan L. Russ, Camp 16 (2001)
James A. Scheidel, Jr., Camp 1 (2005)
Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1 (2003)
Arnold W. Schofield, Camp 6 (2005-2007)
Douglas G. Smith, Camp 1 (2000)
Lane D. Smith, Camp 5 (2008-2009)
Kenneth E. Spurgeon, Camp 1 (2002)
Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (2004)
Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5 (2007)
Alan L. Van Loenen, Camp 4 (2006)

ACTIVE CAMPS

Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

(Named in honor of Private Patrick Coyne, Co. C, 1st Kansas Infantry)

Organized June 27, 1996

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

(Named in honor of MOH recipient Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill, Co. G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery)

Organized December 13, 2003

Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

(Named in honor of the original G.A.R. Post located in Olathe)

Organized October 17, 2005

Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

(Named and numbered in honor of the original Sons of Veterans camp located in Topeka)

Organized December 13, 1997

INACTIVE/FORMER CAMPS

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

Organized June 29, 1996, 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, Inactive 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, Suspended May 14, 2005



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