

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**APRIL 28, 2012
EMPORIA, KANSAS
ROY A. LAFFERTY, PDC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

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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 Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on April 28, 2012, at the Emporia Senior Center, Emporia, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10 AM by Senior Vice Department Commander Robert L. Wandel. At that time, the Past Department Commanders in attendance were announced and filed into the room. A vacant chair remained in memory of PDC Dean K. Speaks and PDC Kenneth D. Strader.
3. After the Past Department Commanders had taken their seats or were at their designated station, the gavel was passed to Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, who officially opened the encampment.
4. The opening ceremony was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.
5. The roll call of officers was conducted with the following officers present or absent, as indicated:
 - Department Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander and Graves Registration Officer Robert L. Wandel, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16, present
 - Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member and Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Patriotic Instructor William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5, present.
 - Chaplain Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian R. Van Schmus, Camp 4, absent excused.
6. The opening of the Encampment concluded with Chaplain's prayer.
7. The Encampment received National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Alan L. Russ, PDC, Department of Kansas, in his capacity as the National Representative for CinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr. PDC Russ presented greetings to the Encampment on behalf of CinC Palmer [Page A-1].
8. Commander Lafferty informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.
9. 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	1	0	0	1
Past Department Commander	1	0	1	2	4
Camp Commander	1	0	1	1	3
Past Camp Commander	3	2	1	1	7
Department Elected Officer	0	0	0	1	1
Delegate	2	1	1	2	6
Alternate Delegate	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PRESENT	7	4	4	7	22
VOTING STRENGTH	7	5	4	6	22

10. Commander Lafferty appointed PDC Alan L. Russ as Chairman of the Encampment Bylaws Committee, with PDC Thomas E. Schmidt as committee member.

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11. Commander Lafferty appointed PCC William E. Fischer, Jr., as Chairman of the encampment Resolutions Officers' Report Committee, with PCC Robert L. Wandel and PCC Rocky L. Bartlow as committee members.
12. The following Department Officer reports were presented by the officer and accepted by the Encampment as written:
 - Commander Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Commander's Report [Page A-1]
 - Robert L. Wandel, PCC – Senior Vice Department Commander Report and Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-2]
 - Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC – Junior Vice Department Commander [Page A-2]
 - Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary and Treasurer Report [Page A-2]
 - William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report [Page A-3]
 - Douglas E. McGovern, PCC – Civil War Memorials Officer Report [Page A-5]
 - Blair D. Tarr – Historian Reports [Page A-4]
 - Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC – Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report (presented by PCC Robert L. Wandel [Page A-4])
 - Mark A. Britton, PCC – Chaplain's Necrology Report [Page A-5]
13. The following camp reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written.
 - Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander Richard T. Bennett [Page B-1]
 - Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Secretary Robert L. Wandel, PCC [Page B-1]
 - Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander Lane D. Smith, PCC [Page B-1]
 - Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Camp Commander K. Kirk Nystrom [Page B-2]
14. Secretary Russ reported the following correspondence had been received by the Department Secretary since the last Encampment..
 - a. Statement of intent by Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, to run for National Council of Administration.
 - i. Commander Lafferty ruled no further action was required.
 - b. Statement of intent by Steve Hammond, Department of the Chesapeake, to run for National Council of Administration.
 - i. Commander Lafferty ruled no further action was required.
 - c. Email from the National Secretary forwarding National Councilor Opinion 4, concerning the possible loss of non-profit status for departments and camps.
 - i. Commander Lafferty ruled no further action was required.
15. Commander Lafferty noted there was no unfinished business from the Fifteenth Encampment.
16. Commander Lafferty then called for Committee and other reports.
17. The following committee reports were presented and accepted by the Encampment as written:
 - a. Report on 2011 National Encampment – Roy A. Lafferty, PDC [Page C-1]
 - b. Mine Creek Battlefield Committee Report – Randal L. Durbin, PDC [Page C-1]
 - c. Bylaws Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC [Page D-1]
 - i. PDC Russ moved the proposed changes to the Department Bylaws be accepted. Motion was seconded.

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ii. Commander Lafferty declared that formal discussion on the proposed changes would take place after lunch.

18. At 11:50 AM, Commander Lafferty directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. Commander Lafferty then declared a recess for lunch. The Encampment was reconvened at 1 PM, continuing with committee reports.

a. Continuation of action concerning the proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws.

i. Discussion was held, followed by the vote on the motion. Motion carried.

19. At 1:15 PM, Commander Lafferty directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. Commander Lafferty then declared a recess for the purpose of making an official visit to the Department of Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. They were awaiting the results of the vote on the Bylaws amendments concerning the change of date for the Kansas SUVCW Department Encampment.

20. At 1:30 PM, the Encampment was reconvened, continuing with committee reports.

a. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Council member, presented a report as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department. [Page C-1]

21. Commander Lafferty declared that the Nominating Committee report was to be held until the start of the nomination process.

22. Commander Lafferty requested to know who planned to attend the 2012 National Encampment. No one stated they planned to attend.

23. Commander Lafferty stated the Department of Kansas was entitled to six delegates to the National Encampment. PDC Lafferty asked for nominations from the floor for the election of delegates to the 131st National Encampment. PDC Russ nominated the following to be delegates:

- a. PCC Robert L. Wandel, Senior Vice Department Commander, Camp 4
- b. PCC Rocky L. Bartlow, Junior Vice Department Commander, Camp 16
- c. PCC William E. Fischer, Jr., Department Council, Camp 5
- d. Richard T. Bennett, Camp Commander, Camp 1
- e. PCC Lane D. Smith, Camp Commander, Camp 5
- f. K. Kirk Nystrom, Camp Commander, Camp 16

24. The motion for election of delegates was seconded and approved. These brothers will be so indicated on the Form 49 submitted to National Headquarters.

25. Commander Lafferty recognized PDC Russ, who moved, "All Members and Associates of the Department of Kansas who are in good standing as of this date (April 28, 2012) and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the 131st National Encampment nor elected as a "Delegate" to the 131st National Encampment shall be elected as "ALTERNATE DELEGATES" to the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, August 10-11, 2012, in Los Angeles, California. A listing of those so elected as Alternate Delegates shall be included in the official proceedings of this encampment and shall be attached to the Department of Kansas Certificate of Election and Installation of Department Officers (SUVCW Form 49) and forwarded to the National Headquarters." Motion was seconded and passed. [Page

26. Commander Lafferty announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 17th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on January 12, 2013. He recognized Camp 1 Commander Richard T. Bennett, who moved the 17th Annual Department Encampment be hosted by Camp 1 in Emporia. Motion was seconded and passed.

27. Commander Lafferty directed Commander Bennett, Camp 1, to submit a report to the Fall Council Meeting on October 20, 2012, as to further details regarding the encampment plans.

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28. Commander Lafferty stated the Department needed to establish the Department per capita for 2013. The current per capita is \$4.00. PCC Robert L. Wandel moved the Department per capita remain at \$4.00 for 2013. Motion was seconded and passed.

29. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1, reminded the Encampment that the rededication of the Maple Grove Pavilion in Wichita was scheduled for 10 AM on May 26, 2012. Commander Lafferty will be in attendance. All are invited to attend.

30. PCC Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16, reminded the Encampment that there will be a grave marker rededication at 4 PM on May 26, 2012, in the Lincoln, Kansas area. Camp 1 will provide the firing detail. Commander Lafferty will be in attendance.

31. PDC Russ moved, "The Department of Kansas shall spend \$40.00 to place a department advertisement in the 2012 National Encampment book. Said advertisement will be in the general format of past years." Motion was seconded and approved.

32. PDC Russ moved that an amendment to the Department Bylaws, which would eliminate the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee as a standing committee of the Department, be passed. He stated that, in anticipation of the motion being made from the floor, the Encampment Bylaws Committee reviewed the proposed amendment over the lunch hour. The Department Bylaws Committee recommends the proposal be accepted. PDC Russ moved for its acceptance, with the motion being seconded and carried. [Page D-2]

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

34. At this time, Commander Lafferty asked the Nominating Committee to present its report. PDC Alan L. Russ presented the report. [Page C-1]

35. Commander Lafferty 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.

Council Member (term expiring 2014)
Council Member (term expiring 2014)

PCC William E. Fischer, Jr., Camp 5
PCC Kent M. Melcher, Camp 4

36. There were no motions from the floor, and PDC Russ moved nominations be closed. Motion was seconded and passed.

37. The Department Secretary read the names of those nominated for office. Those brothers were then submitted as candidates for the offices indicated:

38. PDC Russ moved the nominees be elected by acclamation of the Encampment. Motion was seconded and carried.

39. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize Old Abe Camp 16 for all of its efforts in hosting the Encampment. PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp 1, moved for request. The motion was seconded and carried.

40. Commander Lafferty requested a motion from the floor to recognize and thank the Emporia Senior Center for providing the meeting facilities. Paul Jefferson, Camp 4, moved for the request. The motion was seconded and carried.

41. Commander Lafferty recognized Secretary Russ, who moved, "The proceedings of this encampment, upon approval by the voting members of the Department Council, and when signed by the Department Commander, shall be accepted as the official proceedings of the encampment, be distributed to the camps of the Department, and be posted on the Department website at that time." Motion was seconded and passed.

42. Commander Lafferty announced he had created a new award, John Clem Award, only for presentation in recognition of accomplishments by Junior Members or Junior Associates. It is intended that this award can be presented more than once during a year. The award was announced in Department Order No. 10, series 2011-2012.

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43. Commander Lafferty presented the following awards to the indicated recipients:

Corporal Leonidas B. Davis Award for Recruiter of the Year

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

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Member of the Year

PCC Kent M. Melcher
Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year

Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka

John Clem Award for Accomplishments by a Junior Member or Junior Associate

Ryan L. Todd
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

44. At this time, Commander Lafferty turned over the gavel to National Representative Alan L. Russ for the installation of officers.

45. Commander PDC Roy A. Lafferty was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those elected and appointed, to wit:

Department Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Senior Vice Department Commander	Robert L. Wandel, PCC, Camp 4
Junior Vice Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, Camp 16
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2014)	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
Council Member (term expiring 2013)	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1
Council Member (term expiring 2014)	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2014)	Kent M. Melcher, PCC, Camp 16
Chaplain	Mark A. Britton, PCC, Camp 1
Patriotic Instructor	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, PCC, Camp 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Eagle Scout Coordinator	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

46. PDC Russ proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective stations.

47. Commander Lafferty then proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 2:40 PM.

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These proceedings of the Sixteenth 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/ Roy A. Lafferty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Commander

ATTACHMENTS

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OFFICER REPORTS

GREETINGS FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DONALD D. PALMER, JR. TO THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT

Delivered by Alan L. Russ, PDC

It is my honor and privilege to represent National Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr., at the Kansas Department Encampment. CinC Palmer asked me to mention a couple of items to you.

- Membership Survey – The results have been compiled for surveys submitted at the National Encampment last year and through the mail last Fall. The detailed results will be posted on the website, but more importantly, they are being used to develop our strategic plan to achieve our Vision 2020 that was defined in General Order No. 1. I have a copy of the results for Commander Lafferty.
- Much of the efforts of the Commander-in-Chief are helping to direct the Vision & Planning Committee to develop our strategic plan, which will be available by the time of the National Encampment, and working with the Marketing & Promotion Committee in developing a branding strategy for the SUVCW as a precursor to launching a series of advertisements in order to promote our Order.
- We have also redoubled our efforts to build collaborative relationships with the other four Allied Order organizations. We are relatively few in number compared to the Confederate and Revolutionary War societies, and we need to work closer together to build that critical mass in order to make a difference.

Don't forget the National Encampment in Los Angeles! CinC Palmer attended the California & Pacific Department Encampment in March, and, if that was any indicator, this National Encampment will be one to remember.

On behalf of Commander-in-Chief Palmer, have a great encampment.

Alan L. Russ, PDC

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER REPORT

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it was a year ago we met in Lawrence. For me it has been a year of growth and change brought about by the death in less than a month and a half of the two most influential men in my life, my father and grandfather. Being an only son I learned I have many "Brothers" in the Department and want to take this time to thank you all for your support. I specifically want to thank Bob Wandel and Tom Schmidt for filling in for me in swearing in camp officers.

As for the activities this year:

- I attended the dinner with the CinC in Lawrence after the department encampment.
- On the Saturday before Memorial Day I helped place flags on the graves of Union soldiers at Oak Hill and Pioneer Cemeteries in Lawrence. We told stories about some of those buried to the boys helping us place the flags.
- In August I attended the National Encampment in Reston, Virginia.
- In November I attend the Ottawa Veterans Parade
- In December I swore in the Churchill Camp's officers
- In January I attend the Winter Training Session and Council Meeting here in Emporia
- And in March I attended the Spring Council Meeting also held here.

Unfortunately this year has marked a decline for our Department. Only one camp grew, the rest lost members. Men want to be part of a group that is actively doing things and accomplishing goals. In previous years we have had projects that have kept our members energized; I as commander have to take responsibility for this as well as turning it around. I am soliciting camps to submit ideas for activities and ideas to grow our camps. If we do this recruitment will be easier and growth will happen.

I am also asking for a volunteer to resurrect the Sunflower Pickett. A newsletter editor is a thankless job but I believe will be a first step in turning around the decline.

I believe this decline is temporary, the seeds of future growth are scattered throughout our camps. As this Encampment continues you will see examples of some of these seeds. Let's find more, water them with support, and we will return to the growing and vibrant Department we were.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Roy Lafferty, PDC

Department of Kansas

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SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER and GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER Robert L. Wandel, PCC

Once again it has been my pleasure to serve as the Sr. Vice Commander for the Department of Kansas. I have not received any new members from National within the past year. At the chances that I had while installing new officers in the Olathe and Topeka camps I encouraged all of the brothers to recruit new members. I know that it takes many contacts to get just one person who is willing to become a member of our organization.

When I go to Wal-Mart I wear a hat that is from the US Navy because my son gave it to me. I look for others who are wearing caps which show their service in the military. I discuss some military items than tell them about the SUVCW. Most of the time they are interested in the work we are doing but they state that they are too busy to join us. I do hope that someday we will hit the jackpot and get several new members as well as camps.

As Department Graves Registration I have given several talks about the GAR and the SUVCW. Included in these talks I have told about the work that is being done by the SUVCW to try to locate all of the Civil War Veterans who are buried in Kansas. With the help of our Sisters in the LGAR we are currently working on Republic, Smith and Jewell counties. The women have gone to the cemeteries and recorded all the names of the individuals who are buried in these counties. I am entering the names into the SUVCW National Database.

In an effort to find graves of CW Veterans that are not marked with a VA marker or have something written on the tombstones I have been searching the GAR Posts yearly records and making lists for each Post.

I look forward to serving the SUVCW as Sr. Vice Commander for the next year.
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Robert L. Wandel, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander and Dept. GRO

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC

Commander, this year I forwarded two applications for new members from national. Those were placed in Olathe

Franklin Camp #5 and one was placed in the Topeka Old Abe Camp #16.

Recruiting continues to be the focus across the SUVCW from National through Departments and down to individual camps. The camps participate in various events to include Memorial Day, dedications of headstones and memorials, burials of remains, and various non-Civil War community activities such as genealogy groups, Boy Scouts, and so forth, all of which bring the SUVCW into the public eye and increase membership possibilities.

It is hoped, and desired, that these continue and even increase in the 2012-13 year that the memory of the Boys in Blue be sustained.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Rocky L Bartlow, PCC
Junior Department Vice Commander

SECRETARY/TREASURER Alan L. Russ, PDC

The proceedings of the 15th Annual Department Encampment, April 30, 2011, 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 at www.suvcwks.org.

The Department strength as of March 31, 2011 was as follows:

Hereditary Members:	110 (including 7 Life Members)
Associates:	5
Juniors:	5
Junior Associates:	0
Dual	2
Total:	120 (with 115 reportable to National)

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The above numbers represent a no change in reportable strength. The previous year had a net loss of twelve after a previous year loss of fifteen. Time will tell if this is a pause in the downward trim or the bottoming out.

As Department Secretary I attended the 2011 Fall Council Meeting which was rescheduled to January 2012, the 2012 Winter Training Session and 2012 Spring Council meeting. I also attended the National Encampment at Reston, Virginia, in August 2011.

It continues to be my honor to serve the Department in this capacity this past year, and I look forward to serving the remaining two years of my term of office.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

TREASURER REPORT – DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND

All funds are maintained in the First National Bank, Saint Francis, Kansas.

Last year the accounting spreadsheets were converted from an “encampment to encampment” reporting period to the correct fiscal year reporting period. Our fiscal year is the calendar year. As such, the following report is from January 1, 2012, through yesterday.

Balance on hand January 1, 2012		\$ 10,056.58
Income January 1, 2012 to April 27, 2012:		
National Application Fees	0.00	
National Per Capita	2,461.00	
National Quartermaster	0.00	
Department Per Capita	468.00	
Total Department Income		2,929.00
Expenses January 1, 2012, to April 27, 2012		
National Application Fees	0.00	
National Per Capita		
National Organization	2,438.00	
Refund to Sgt Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 (Nighbert)	<u>23.00</u>	
Total National Per Capita		2,461.00
National Quartermaster	0.00	
Department – General		
Emporia Senior Center	150.00	
PCinC Gift	142.00	
Encampment Ribbons	54.00	
PCinC Lunch Cost	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Department – General		356.00
Total Department Expenses		<u>2,817.00</u>
Ending Balance April 27, 2012:		<u>\$ 10,168.58</u>
Obligated Funds:		
National Application Fees	0.00	
National Per Capita	0.00	
PCinC Gift Shipping	50.00	
Take-Me-Global (website)	35.00	
Total Obligated Funds		\$ <u>85.00</u>
Available Funds as of April 27, 2012		<u>\$ 10,083.58</u>

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Treasurer

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC

Thank you for the honor of serving as Dept Patriotic Instructor (PI). I have provided camps with occasional PI through email; I will endeavor to provide consistent PI throughout the coming year. Despite having spent an inordinate amount of time dealing with our two houses for sale in Ohio, Sue and I have enjoyed getting out and seeing the region [we moved to Fort Scott (FS) in June 2010].

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In May, I helped organize a US Naturalization Ceremony at Fort Scott National Historic Site (FSNHS, where I serve as historian) for 96 people from KS and MO who became US citizens; attended Memorial Day services in Fairfax, in far NW Missouri, where local US Congressman, Sam Graves, played “Taps”; was part of the FSNHS Color Guard for the community prayer breakfast; attended the Westland High School AFJROTC Awards Banquet with members of Dennison Camp #1, Dept of OH; and visited Homestead National Monument of America in NE, where the first Homestead Act homestead was issued to Civil War soldier Daniel Freeman.

In June, I was part of the FSNHS Color Guard leading the FS Good Ol’ Days Parade; visited the home of President James Garfield (CW Maj Gen) in Mentor OH; and gave a presentation to FS Rotary on the Civil War’s influence on naming Kansas counties. In August, I helped organize Gov Brownback’s visit to FSNHS; and toured the grounds of the former Western Branch of the National Home for Disabled Veteran Soldiers in Leavenworth. In September I was part of the FSNHS Color Guard for FS Airport Day. In October I hosted a Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) presentation of “Pledging Allegiance,” part of their Shared Stories of the Civil War series of guided discussions. I attended the Veterans Day Parade at Emporia in November. I served as a tour guide for about 150 visitors during the annual FSNHS Candlelight Tour, which focused on events occurring in and around FS in 1861.

In January, I presented two Camp 5 Eagle Scout recognition certificates to scouts in FS and Nevada MO; visited U. S. Grant’s home and the gravesites of W.T. Sherman and D.C. Buell, all in St. Louis; and attended the kickoff of “Sleeping Heroes: The Impact of Civil War Veterans on Kansas Communities” in Topeka. In February I visited the Patee House in St. Joe MO, HQ for Union forces during the CW and eastern terminus of the Pony Express. I was involved with preparation for FSNHS’s “Voices of the Quilts” symposium in March, which included speakers and heirloom quilts covering the Civil War era. Early April saw my assistance required for FSNHS’s annual Civil War Encampment weekend, which included hosting the KHC “Rhetoric of the Civil War Press” Shared Story; I also gave a presentation at the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area partners’ meeting in Baxter Springs examining the affect of the Civil War on Bourbon County KS through review of census records.

Miscellaneous activities throughout the year included visits to the National Cemeteries and Soldier Lots in Fort Scott, Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth, Mound City, and Baxter Springs; continuing to photograph, research and input into the SUVCW Graves Registration database (to date I have entered 2588 veterans); assisting the FSNHS education ranger with on-site school programs; overseeing conservation of Civil War artifacts in the FSNHS museum collection; and planning collaboration on new FSNHS Civil War exhibits. Most importantly, my daughter, SSgt Molly Smith, Ohio Air National Guard, has been serving at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan, since January; she is due home in August, then will attend OTS in AL.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Robert L. Wandel, PCC

[See Senior Vice Department Commander Report]

HISTORIAN REPORT

(Last Soldier Project, GAR Records Project)

Blair D. Tarr

My report is a bit abbreviated this year. While I try to conduct SUVCW business outside of the working hours, sometimes that’s not quite possible when I can only access some records during business hours. As work intensified this year due to cutbacks and positions being left open, I found it more difficult to work on matters of the Order.

However, the Historian was able to still respond to inquiries regarding basic military service and G.A.R. membership that came his way.

What did suffer was work on the Last Soldier Project and the G.A.R. Records in Kansas. The Historian is hoping for more time in the upcoming year to further the work on these projects.

Submitted in F.C. & L.,

Blair D. Tarr

Historian, Department of Kansas

Chair, Last Soldier & G.A.R. Records Projects

EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC

It has been my ongoing duty and honor to serve as Eagle Scout Coordinator for the Department of Kansas, SUVCW. While the numbers are not as high as in years past, this is still a vital part of our mission to continue the recognition of those who served for our country. Because I feel it is so important, it is with deep regret that I must resign as Department Eagle Scout Coordinator. The demands of my personal live have made it difficult to fulfill my

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duties in the manner of which the job requires and the Eagle Scouts deserve. I will continue to promote this program through Boy Scout leadership meetings. Listed below are the certificates issued for the 2011-12 year.

David Jeffrey Janasek – Wichita, KS

Lee Maughmer – Leavenworth, KS

Joshua D. Colvin – Lenexa, KS

Christopher J. Colvin – Lenexa, KS

Joshua Caleb Force – Douglass, KS

Phillip Norbert Tracy – Leavenworth, KS

Joseph Alan Singletary – Leavenworth, KS

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Brian Van Schmus, PCC

Eagle Scout Coordinator

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

Kansas Civil War Memorial/Monument Catalog

Douglas E. McGovern, PCC

As a result of continued vigilance by an SUVCW Brother, there are now TWO dedicated GAR Cemeteries identified! The “new” addition is Rogers Cemetery west of Tribune. It was deeded to the GAR in 1891. At present it is overgrown but still is the site of the graves of Civil War Veterans.

The Memorials list now contains:

- 197 primary memorials
- 1 primary memorial requiring photos
- 197 secondary memorials
- 6 memorials (unknown)requiring history research
- 2 counties (Logan and Scott) with no memorials found
- 11 gone but not forgotten

A search like this is never complete but, at present, other than researching some of the unknowns, there is little left to do. I encourage all members to keep looking however. There are undoubtedly some monuments or memorials remaining to be found.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Doug McGovern

Civil War Memorials Officer

CHAPLAIN'S NECROLOGY REPORT

Mark A. Britton, PCC

NECROLOGY REPORT

No brothers were lost to death within the Department during the last year.

Mark A. Britton, PCC

Chaplain

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

CAMP REPORTS

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA

Commander Robert T. Bennett, PCC

Brothers:

The camp again held their May 2011 meeting at Wichita's Highland Cemetery – WRC/GAR section performing a ceremony in honor of Memorial Day. They had worked on the area in 2010 cleaning, painting the benches and straightening headstones.

The camp in trying to recruit new brothers, set up recruiting tables at Civil War Days at Cowtown in Wichita in April 2011 and in November 2011 at the Wichita Militaria and Gun Show at Cessna Activity Center in Wichita. They added one new member to the camp for this past reporting period.

In October 2011 Brother Richard Bennett was re-elected Camp Commander and continues to provide great enthusiasm and leadership to the camp.

The camp continues to meet on its regularly scheduled night using the ritual and having a short civil war related program as part of the evening schedule. Camp programs have ranged from Abraham Lincoln in February to various members doing a presentation on their civil war ancestor.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Richard T. Bennett
Camp Commander

SERGEANT SAMUL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4, LAWRENCE

Commander Wayne T. Nighbert

The following are services/actions which the Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence, have preformed:

Several members helped in the placing of flags at the three Lawrence cemeteries for Memorial Day with the help of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Three ROTC medals were awarded and presented to KU ROTC cadets.

Several members were present for or marching in the Ottawa and Leavenworth Veterans Day parades, as well as the Wellsville and Baldwin City parades.

Graves registration continues for counties in the Lawrence Area.

Members took part in the burial of the ashes of a Civil War soldier whose ashes had been stored in a funeral home since 1947.

Some members also participated in the 150th celebration of the battles of Wilson's Creek and Shiloh.

With the addition of three Junior members and their interest in the Civil War, the Junior members and their parents are putting on an Living History event at the Baldwin City School.

During Kansas Days, members participated a living history at the Eisenhower School on Ft Leavenworth.

The addition of one Life Member, Wayne T. Nighbert Sr., on 18 March 2012.

A Boy Scout who is working for his Eagle badge is working with the SUVCW to repair a fence and set several tombstones in a local cemetery.

The October 2011 meeting was a showcase of Civil War weapons, uniforms and things that a CW soldier would carry into battle was put on for the Boy Scouts.

Other camp meetings had presentations of Civil War battles, music and information about soldiers from the Lawrence area.

Submitted with Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Wayne T. Nighbert Sr
Camp Commander

FRANKLIN CAMP 5, OLATHE

Commander Lane D. Smith, PCC

The Franklin Camp meets the fourth Thurs of each month at the Bass Pro Shop in Olathe. We do not meet during the months of July, August and December.

Our camp continues to support the JROTC program with certificates and medals to the outstanding cadets selected by the Commanders of the Shawnee Mission West Navy, Shawnee Mission North Navy, Leavenworth Army and Nevada, Mo Air Force Jr ROTC programs. We always have a camp representative at each of these award ceremonies.

Eagle Scout Program: our Eagle Scout coordinator, Bill Fischer, awarded two SUVCW Eagle Scout certificates to two scouts in Ft Scott.

Each Memorial Day and Veterans Day we hold a Veterans Recognition Service at the GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery. We always try to include a ROTC Color Guard, and the Boy Scouts in this service.

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This May we will not only honor the over 750 veterans buried in that cemetery but we will honor five living WWII veterans, one from Junction City who lost an arm at Okinawa.

At each meeting we continue to have Patriotic Instruction as we, as much as possible, are following the war thru this Sesquicentennial of that war. Our instructor is generally a member of the camp. Thus far this year we have studied the 18th Missouri (Union), Ft Henry/Ft Donelson, and Shiloh. Our May program will be the Seven Days battles around Richmond in June, 1862 and June will be the battles of First Independence and Lone Jack by Mike Calvert, Pres of the CWRT of Western Mo.

Lane Smith
Camp Commander

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA **Commander K. Kirk Nystrom**

This Camp has kept to the principles of the Order by individual study, programs, and deeds. Reports such as The South Carolina Declaration of the Causes of Secession by Patriotic Instructor Blair Tarr, or Commander Kirk Nystrom reading a story about Lincoln visiting the hospital bed of Major Houghton, to battlefield acoustics and frozen in death are topics to inform and challenge the members of the Camp. We get the word out. At events we have a display of books, reference material, and SUV literature to inform the public, of who we are and is our reason for being. By practice we know what makes a color guard. Our capabilities have improved over several years and we can now cover two events at the same time. We work at knowing what the public wants from us. It pays dividends. At a headstone laying ceremony we gained 2 members. We are in the habit when we go out, to keep brochures and membership applications handy. We have a tri fold brochure, with basic SUVCW information and how to contact us for more information and to join. The brochures are carried with us and in good supply at events. We have them at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Great Overland Station, Combat Air Museum, KNG Museum, and occasionally at Lecompton. Major events on our calendar are Memorial Day Commemoration at the Topeka Cemetery and dedications at the sites of Union veterans grave sites. We have started to pass the hat at our meetings to buy phone cards for our soldiers in harm's way in foreign lands. We have assisted in the care of the 202 flags at the Great Overland Station. We do a number of things because the feeling is that we like each other and there are interests that keep us coming back. The Secretary/Treasurer, PCC Rocky Bartlow, not only does minutes but also provides us with pages of events, websites of interest, and books recommended by camp members. Submitted In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty for the Commander

Conrad Fisher, SVC

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COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL TOPIC REPORTS

COUNCIL AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Chairman

The Department Council has reviewed the financial records of the Department for 2011-2012 and finds them to be in order.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC

REPORT ON THE 2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

On August 12th and 13th of 2011, Alan Russ, PDC; Jim Knopke, PDC and myself attended the National Encampment in Reston Virginia. It was a joy to see our native son, CinC Brad Shall presiding.

Alan Russ received the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for Outstanding Brother award for his contributions to the Order, something I'm sure we all agree he truly deserves.

It was my seventh encampment, and the thing that stood out to me the most was that I was not required to meet with the encampment committee or rush to make sure that the next session went smoothly.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

PDC Randal L. Durbin, Chairman

Probably the most important change at Mine Creek recently is the employment of a new Site Administrator. His name is Adrian Zink and he is from Larned, Kansas, He graduated for KU in 1985 with degrees in History and Political Science.

He has worked in the National Archives, National Press Club Archives and several other archives. He lives in Olathe and is researching his Civil War ancestry.

Hours of Operation

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday

First Wednesday in April thru the last Saturday in October

Upcoming Events

May 12 – Deb Goodrich Bisel's new book signing

May 19 – Daily Life of Civil War Soldier

June 16 – Turning Points: Mine Creek, The Election of 1864 and Hope for the Union

He intends to initiate a Civil War related film series in the future.

He has installed new exhibits with artifacts in the museum pertaining to the 1998 archeology survey.

He would like to construct and display a diorama of the battle in the museum.

Needs of Mine Creek the SUV could help with;

We could help with the construction of a new shorter trail running closer to the Visitor's Center.

Installation of new signage along the existing trails.

Repairs are needed on the Benteen Bridge.

Removal of trees that have fallen across the trails.

Raising of the trail in low wet areas so the trails can be used during and after wet weather.

He invites reenactors to present living history demonstrations.

Written contracts have now been obtained from renters and the financial situation for the Mine Creek Foundation has stabilized.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal L Durbin PDC

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Office	Nominee	Camp
Council Member (2 year term)	William E. Fischer, Jr., PC	Franklin Camp No. 5
Council Member (2 year term)	Kent M. Melcher, PCC	Old Abe Camp No. 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

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ATTACHMENT D – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS

DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Chairman

As required by the Department Bylaws, the proposed changes to the bylaws were submitted for the review of the camps on March 12, 2012.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Chapters were created in order to better group items, along with giving sections “meaningful” titles. This was followed by some shuffling of where the items appeared in the bylaws, along with renumbering of items. The numbering method used was standardized. These changes did not result in a change to the substance of the bylaws, just its arrangement.

Throughout the bylaws, “per capita tax” was changed to read “per capita dues” to place it in line with National Regulations.

All references to chapters, articles, and sections will be referring to the proposed numbering system.

[CHAPTER II, ARTICLE VI] The section concerning the admission of Associates and Junior Associates was split into two sections in case National changes a requirement at some point affecting just one of the groups. It also is less awkward to read.

[CHAPTER III, SECTION E] With regard to DMAL, we have not used a map for years (thanks to MapQuest, etc.), so that part is being removed. The guidelines are that incoming brothers shall be assigned to the closest camp unless they desire otherwise.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, SECTION B] Moves the date for the Annual Department Encampment from the fourth Saturday in April to the second Saturday in January and establishes an inclement weather date of the fourth Saturday in January.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, SECTION C] This clarifies the standard shown for a quorum applies to regular and special encampments.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, SECTION F-4] Places the responsibility for hosting the Department Encampment on the council if there is not a host camp.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, SECTION I-2] Removes the requirements to have the annual camp reports submitted to the Department three days prior to the Department Encampment. Annual Camp reports are not to be submitted until after March 31, and this change is based upon moving the Department Encampment to January.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE I, SECTION K] Includes procedure to follow to restore the rank of Past Department Commander. Although this has not yet come up in the Department, it is within the realm of possibilities, especially if a PDC from another department were to transfer to Kansas.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE II, SECTION A] If the change to the date for the Department Encampment is approved, then the Fall Council Meeting is the time to go through the final ironing out. Currently, this is done at the Spring Council Meeting.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE II, SECTION B] This will allow the Winter Training Session to be conducted immediately after the Department Encampment and save a trip for those involved.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE II, SECTION C] This change removes the Spring Council Meeting for the Department Council.

[CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE III] Establishment of an “electronic board room” for the council to conduct its business outside the Department Encampment and the Fall Council Meeting.

[CHAPTER V, ARTICLE I, SECTION A] This separates out elected officers from appointed officers so that each may better be addressed separately.

[CHAPTER V, ARTICLE I, SECTION C] Addresses only appointed officers.

[CHAPTER V, ARTICLE I, SECTION D] Removes conflicting information and effective dates that are no longer required.

[CHAPTER V, ARTICLE I, SECTION E] Clarifies that the National representative for the CinC shall install officers, if one is present.

[CHAPTER V, ARTICLE II, SECTION D] Changes requirement from a specific time frame to the time required by National. This ensures we remain in compliance with National Regulations.

[CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE I, SECTION A] Requires that the amount of the Department dues will be included in the encampment proceedings.

[CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE II, SECTION C] Allows for expenditures over \$50.00 based upon the official minutes of a council meeting or encampment. This has been the practice; however, it needs to be stated.

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[CHAPTER VIII, ARTICLE II, SECTION F] Spelled out “SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE” to clarify what SVR means.

[CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE I] This removes us incorporating the National Regulations and other National items into our bylaws by reference. These are all included in the National Regulations by reference, and we are required to comply with the National items, already.

[CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE I, SECTION A] Includes policies which have been approved by Department Encampment by reference.

[CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE I, SECTION B] Includes the actions of the Department Encampments by reference, once the proceedings have been approved, along with clarification about bylaws and the ability of a subsequent encampment to rescind an action.

[CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE III, SECTION A-1] This changes the time frame from when proposed changes to the bylaws need to be sent to camps from 30 days prior to the encampment to November 1 prior to the encampment. Two things drive this change, the first being that if the encampment is being held on the second Saturday in January, 30 days prior is in early December, Two camps do not meet in December, and a third would have already met. This ensures that a camp meeting is available for camps to discuss proposed changes.

[CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE III, SECTION A-2] This is based upon the Fall Council meeting in October being the time the proposed changes must be reviewed by the Department Bylaws Committee in order for the above November 1 deadline to be met.

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Chairman, Bylaws Committee

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Chairman

The following amendment to the Department of Kansas Bylaws was submitted from the Encampment floor. The committee has reviewed the amendment and concurs with the recommendation.

Article III: 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.~~

~~Section C. (Deleted)~~

Section D B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Department Commander, at his discretion, may appoint Special Committees whose duties and life span shall be directed by the Department Commander in the orders establishing said committees.

Section E C. 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.

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Chairman, Encampment Bylaws Committee

[A complete copy of the revised Bylaws, with approved changes indicated in red, follows.]

BYLAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

(As Revised April 28, 2012)

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who served in the Army and Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, have joined this Patriotic and Fraternal Order for the purposes and objectives set forth by the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in doing so pledge ourselves to commemorate our forefather's deeds, render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

CHAPTER I ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

Article I: NAME

The name of the Order shall be the **Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**, hereafter referred to as the Department.

Article II: PURPOSE

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.

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.

CHAPTER II CAMPS

Article ~~IV~~I. FORMING AND NAMING 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.

Article II. CAMP CHARTERS

Section ~~C~~ A. 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 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fee shall be paid to the Department and shall accompany the application for a Charter.

Section ~~D~~ B. SUSPENSION OF CAMP CHARTER.

A Camp failing to pay per-capita ~~tax~~ dues 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 arrear-ages of per-capita ~~taxes~~ dues.

Section ~~E~~ C. 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 ~~G~~ D. 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.

Article III. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Section ~~L~~ A. ANNUAL ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

Camps shall hold annual elections of officers as follows:

~~(a)~~ 1. Camps which hold meetings in December shall hold the election of camp officers at their first November meeting. The officers shall be installed at the first December meeting.

~~(b)~~ 2. Camps which do not meet in December shall hold the election of camp officers at their first October meeting. The officers shall be installed at the first November meeting.

~~(c)~~ 3. 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)~~ 4. Camps shall furnish the exact dates of their scheduled election and installation to the Department Secretary no later than September 30, each year.

~~(e)~~ Section B. INSTALLING OFFICER AND REPORT OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

1. 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)~~ 2. 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.~~ ARTICLE IV. 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 circumstances are prohibitive.

Article V. SUSPENSION, REINSTATEMENT, AND CLOSING OF CAMPS

Section ~~F~~ A. FAILURE TO PAY PER-CAPITA OR FORWARD REPORTS.

A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per-capita ~~tax~~ dues and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked.

Section H B. 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 dues~~ 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.

Section I C. REINSTATEMENT OF CAMPS.

Camps having been suspended may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee of \$25.00 and may retain their original Charter.

ARTICLE VI – ADMISSION OF ASSOCIATES AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

Section J A. 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 B. JUNIOR ASSOCIATES.

The Department permits Camps to admit 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 Junior Associates in the camp in order to allow Junior Associates to join the camp.

CHAPTER III

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

(a) Section A. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.

In accordance with Chapter II, Article X, Section 1, National Regulations, the Department shall allow Department Members at Large (DMAL).

(b) Section B. MUST FIRST BE ASSIGNED TO CAMP.

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) Section C. OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT CAMP.

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) Section D. GEOGRAPHIC ASSIGNMENT TO CAMP.

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) Section E. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES.

The Department Council shall develop ~~and maintain a map of the Department to serve as a~~ guidelines for Camp assignment.

(f) Section F. NO ESTABLISHMENT OF DMAL CAMP.

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.

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

Article ~~V~~ I: MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section A. GOVERNING OF DEPARTMENT.

The Department shall be governed by its Department Encampment, subordinate to the National Organization.

Section ~~A~~ B. DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. The Department shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Annual Encampment shall be held on the ~~Fourth weekend in April~~ **Second Saturday in January** each year.

2. In the event inclement weather is expected to cause hazardous travel conditions for the Department Encampment day, the Department Commander may postpone the encampment until the fourth Saturday of January. Such notice of rescheduling shall be announced no later than the Wednesday evening immediately prior to the scheduled Department Encampment date.

3. 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 C. QUORUM.

A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote **at a regular or special Department Encampment** 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)~~ 1. 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)~~ 2. 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.

~~(c)~~ 3. 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)~~ 4. In the event that no proposals are submitted, the Department Council ~~will~~ **may** solicit proposals from one or more camps **or vote that the Department shall function in the capacity of host camp.**

~~(e)~~ 5. 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 B H. 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. Special department encampments must be attended in person and cannot be conducted electronically.

Section B I. MEMBERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS.

The membership of the Department Encampments shall be constituted as follows:

(+) 1. 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.

(+) 2. 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.~~

(+) 3. Its own Elective Officers.

(+) 4. 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.

(+) 5. 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.

(+) 6. A Camp which fails to pay its per-capita ~~tax~~ dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation at the Department Encampment.

Section C J. 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.

Section K. RESTORATION OF RANK OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

To obtain restoration of rank of Past Department 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 request shall be signed by the Camp Commander and approved by the Camp Secretary, with the seal of the camp attached. The Department Commander shall present same to the Department Encampment under the order of new business, where, if acted upon favorably, the Department Secretary shall forward the request to the Commander-in-Chief. The request shall be signed by the Department Commander, attested to by the Department Secretary with the seal of the Department attached. The National Encampment shall make the decision for or against reinstatement, with the National Secretary notifying the Brother(s) as to the decision of the National Encampment.

Article VI II: OTHER MEETINGS

Section H A. 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, ~~with preference given to locating it at the camp which will be the host camp for the upcoming Department Encampment. If the meeting must be rescheduled, it should be held as soon as possible after the originally scheduled date.~~

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

~~(3)~~ **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)~~ **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 B. 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 Winter Training Session shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the Department Encampment. The purpose of the Winter Training Session is to provide updated information and training to the elected officers of the Camps. This meeting is scheduled to have the greatest impact on the newly elected camp officers.~~

~~(a)~~ 1. Trainers/Presenters will be the elected Department officers or designee.

~~(b)~~ 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.~~

Article III: ELECTRONIC BOARD ROOM

Section A. ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRONIC BOARD ROOM.

An electronic boardroom shall be established for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department between the Department Encampments and Council meeting.

Section B. PUBLISHED POLICY REQUIRED.

A Department policy shall be established for the Department Council to submit motions to the Department Commander through approved electronic means, to conduct discussion of such motions through electronic means, to allow the voting members of the Council to electronically cast votes, for the Department Commander to announce the results of the vote, and for the Department Secretary to officially publish the results to the camps in a timely manner.

Section C. POLICY INCLUDED IN BYLAWS BY REFERENCE.

Department policy on the establishment and use of the Electronic Boardroom is hereby included by reference.

CHAPTER V DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Article I: OFFICERS

Section A. DEPARTMENT ELECTED OFFICERS.

(+) 1. The elected 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, and 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.

(+) 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.

The appointed Officers of the Department are the Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, and Guard. 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. 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*.

Section D. TERMS OF OFFICE.

~~1. 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 officers, except the office of Secretary/Treasurer or Department Secretary and Department Treasurer, and Council Members, shall be for one year.~~

~~(3)~~ 2. The term of office for Department Secretary/Treasurer or Department Secretary and Department Treasurer shall be for three (3) years, ~~commencing with the 2008 term.~~

~~(4)~~ 3. 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.~~

~~(5)~~ 4. 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 the representative of the National Commander-in-Chief. If no National representative is present, the installation shall be performed by a ~~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 II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

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

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 D. SECRETARY OR SECRETARY/ TREASURER.

The Department Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer, in his capacity as Secretary, shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall, by the due date established in National Regulations, make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary’s reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the National Executive Director, together with the amount due for per-capita dues and application fees. He shall, by the fifteenth day of each month, forward to the National Executive Director all Camp Status Reports received from Camps for the previous month. He shall forward a report of the election of officers, delegates and alternates to the National Secretary and National Executive Director within ~~thirty (30) days after such election~~ the time limits imposed by National Regulations, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office as described in “*Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers*”, prepared by the National Organization, Committee on Program and Policy.

Section E. TREASURER OR SECRETARY/TREASURER.

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

Section F. COUNCIL.

The Department Council, immediately after its installation, shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary. It shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Department to meet all of its necessary expenditures, and shall audit the receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department and make a report, thereof, to the Department Encampment. Any permanent vacancy in a Department elective office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a Brother elected via majority vote of the Department Council. The Department Council shall 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 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 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.

Section I. COUNSELOR.

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

Section J. ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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

Section 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 ~~X~~ III: 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.~~

~~**Section C. (Deleted)**~~

~~**Section D B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**~~

The Department Commander, at his discretion, may appoint Special Committees whose duties and life span shall be directed by the Department Commander in the orders establishing said committees.

~~**Section E C. 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.

**CHAPTER VI
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Article ~~IX~~ I: 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 and recorded in the official proceedings, thereof.

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 ~~XI~~ II: BOOKKEEPING

Section A. FISCAL YEAR OF DEPARTMENT.

The fiscal year of the Department shall begin on 1 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 one single item without written approval on a Department Voucher. Approval shall be secured from the Department Commander, ~~or~~ the Department Council, **or be contained in the official minutes or proceedings of an official Department meeting.** 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.

CHAPTER VII DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Article ~~XII~~ I: ~~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~~ Article II. EMERITUS STATUS.

Section A. ESTABLISHMENT OF 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.~~ Section B. GRANTING OF EMERITUS STATUS.

Granting of Emeritus status must be approved by vote of the membership at a regular Department Encampment.

1. 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.~~ 2. 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 are leaving office at the end of the current encampment.

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

⇨ Section B. RETENTION OF EMERITUS STATUS.

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.

⇨ Section C. AUTHORIZATION TO WEAR BADGE.

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.

Article III: ~~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:

(⇨) Section A. 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.

(⇨) Section B. 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.

(⇨) Section C. 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 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.

(⇨) Section D. 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.

**CHAPTER VIII
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD**

Article ~~XVI~~ I: ESTABLISHMENT

Section A. ~~ESTABLISHMENT~~ AUTHORITY.

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.

Article II: ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

Section C A. 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 B. 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 C. 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 D. 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 E. 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 SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (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 G. 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.

CHAPTER IX GENERAL

Article XIII I: INCLUSION OF NATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules, ~~and~~ regulations, ~~policies~~, 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.~~

Section A. POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

All policies of the Department of Kansas which have been approved by a Department Encampment, until such time as the policy is officially rescinded by a subsequent encampment.

Section. B. APPROVED ACTIONS OF DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS.

1. All actions approved by a Department Encampment shall be effective upon publishing of the official proceedings of the Department Encampment.
2. Actions approving changes to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas shall be effective per Chapter IX, Article III, of these Bylaws.
3. Actions by a subsequent Department Encampment may rescind or repeal an action of a previous Department Encampment.

Article ~~XIV~~ II. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

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

Article ~~XV~~ III. 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)~~ 1. 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~~ November 1.
- ~~(b)~~ 2. Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Bylaws Committee, through the Department Secretary, no later than ~~that than 45~~ five (5) days prior to the ~~Department Encampment~~ Fall Council Meeting. 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)~~ 3. 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)~~ 4. 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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
ATTACHMENT E – ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM

ENCAMPMENT PROGRAM FOLLOWS

Battle Hymn of the Republic

by Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps.
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
“As ye deal with my contemnors, So with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel.
Since God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded from the trumpet that shall never call retreat.
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Department of Kansas Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

recipient of

U.S. Grant Cup for 2004, 2005, and 2006
for Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership
(The only department to win the award for three consecutive years)

Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award for 2006
for Greatest Number of New Members

Marshall Hope Award for 2006
for Best Department Newsletter



16th Annual Department Encampment

**Emporia, Kansas
April 28, 2012**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Department Commander

(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)

Robert L. Wandel, PCC
Senior Vice Commander & Graves Registration
(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)

Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC
Junior Vice Commander
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer and Councilor
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Council Member
(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Randal L. Durbin, PDC
Council Member
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Blair D. Tarr
Council Member & Historian
(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Chaplain
(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

Douglas E. McGovern, PCC
Civil War Memorials Officer
(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC
Patriotic Instructor
(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)

Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC
Eagle Scout Coordinator
(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)

Encampments and Department Commanders

No.	Years	Commander	Camp	Location	Date
1	1996-1997	Dean K. Speaks	3	Salina	February 22-23, 1997
2	1997-1998	Dean K. Speaks	3	Beloit	April 25, 1998
3	1998-1999	Dean K. Speaks	3	Topeka	May 8, 1999
4	1999-2000	Franklin C. Bergquist	1	Wichita	April 15, 2000
5	2000-2001	Kenneth D. Strader	1	Hutchinson	April 07, 2001
6	2001-2002	Randall M. Thies	16	Topeka	April 27, 2002
7	2002-2003	Alan L. Russ	16	Wichita	April 26, 2003
8	2003-2004	Kenneth E. Spurgeon	1	Beloit	April 24, 2004
9	2004-2005	Thomas E. Schmidt	1	Lawrence	April 23, 2005
10	2005-2006	James R. Knopke	16	Topeka	April 22, 2006
11	2006-2007	Randal L. Durbin	16	Wichita	April 28, 2007
12	2007-2008	Roy A. Lafferty	4	Lawrence	April 26, 2008
13	2008-2009	Craig A. Sundell	4	Olathe	April 25, 2009
14	2009-2010	James M. Converse	5	Wichita	April 24, 2010
15	2010-2011	James R. Knopke	5	Lawrence	April 30, 2011
16	2011-2012	Roy A. Lafferty	4	Emporia	April 28, 2012

Agenda

9:00 AM	Registration Opens
10:00 PM	Encampment Opening
10:05 PM	Business of the Encampment
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Business of the Encampment
3:55 PM	Closing Ceremony
4:00 PM	Adjournment
4:15 PM	Council Meeting

2013 Department Encampment

Saturday, January 12, 2013

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
ATTACHMENT F – CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT
OFFICERS (SUVCW FORM 49)

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND INSTALLATION
OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
(SUVCW FORM 49)
FOLLOWS

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of Kansas EIN 48-1187461 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Emporia, Kansas

On the 28th day of April, 2012 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	2613 Pickwick Pl	Lawrence	KS	66049	785-841-6652	commander@suvchwks.org
Senior Vice Commander: Robert L. Wandel, PCC	2731 Bonanza St	Lawrence	KS	66046	785-843-2385	svc@suvchwks.org
Junior Vice Commander: Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC	5015 110th St	Meriden	KS	66512		jvc@suvchwks.org
Council Member 1: Kent M. Melcher, PCC	4017 SW Stonybrook Dr	Topeka	KS	66610	785-783-7879	council1@suvchwks.org
Council Member 2: Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC	404 N. Walnut St	Peabody	KS	66866	620-983-2264	council2@suvchwks.org
Council Member 3: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	council3@suvchwks.org
Secretary: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
Treasurer: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
Patriotic Instructor: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	Patriotic@suvchwks.org
Chaplain: Mark A. Britton, PCC	740 N Woodlawn Blvd	Derby	KS	67037	316-788-5176	Chaplain@suvchwks.org
Graves Registration Officer: Robert L. Wandel, PCC	2731 Bonanza St	Lawrence	KS	66046	785-843-2385	Graves@suvchwks.org
Historian: Blair D. Tarr	617 SW Taylor, Apt 11	Topeka	KS	66603	785-234-0458	History@suvchwks.org
Civil War Memorials Officer: Douglas E. McGovern, PCC	100 W 20th Ave	Hutchinson	KS	67502	620-662-2247	Memorials@suvchwks.org
Eagle Scout Coordinator: William E. Fischer, Jr, PCC	2129 Ironstone Dr	Fort Scott	KS	66701	620-223-0310	EagleScout@suvchwks.org
Counselor: Alan L. Russ PDC	P.O. Box 673	Saint Francis	KS	67756	785-332-2118	secretary@suvchwks.org
GAR Highway Officer: NA						
Department Organizer: No such position at Department level.						

Office:						
Office:						
Office:						
Office:						

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

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

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Franklin C. Bergquist	Wichita	KS	67216	Alan L. Russ	Saint Francis	KS	67756
Kenneth R. Spurgeon	Towanda	KS	67144	Thomas E. Schmidt	Peabody	KS	66866
James R. Knopke	Shawnee	KS	66218	Randal L. Durbin	Overbrook	KS	66524
Roy A. Lafferty	Lawrence	KS	66049	Craig A. Sundell	Lawrence	KS	66044
James M. Converse	Beavercreek	OH	45431				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
4/28/2012	/s/Alan L. Russ	/s/Alan L. Russ	/s/Roy A. Lafferty	
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Alan L. Russ, PDC	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The following brothers were elected by the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas to serve as DELEGATES and ALTERNATE DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to any Special National Encampments which may be legally called before the next Encampment of the Department of Kansas. This listing is an attachment to the Certificate of Election and Installation of Department Officers (SUVCW Form 49) and is considered to be an integral part thereof.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The following brothers were elected under the provisions of Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Rocky L. Bartlow ,PCC	MERIDEN	KS	66512-8779	Richard T. Bennett ,PCC	WICHITA	KS	67211-5505
William E. Fischer ,PCC	FORT SCOTT	KS	66701-8521	K. Kirk Nystrom	TOPEKA	KS	66616-1355
Lane D. Smith ,PCC	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66212-2430	Robert L. Wandel ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-5137

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as ALTERNATE DELEGATES to the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The following brothers were elected under the provisions of Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order. Selected Alternate Delegates may be called upon to serve as a Delegate under the provisions of Chapter III, Article II, Section 2, of the National Regulations of the Order, by the Department Commander, or, in his absence, the Chairman of the Kansas Delegation.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Wendell Maurice Bazil	PEABODY	KS	66866-2501	Shawn W. Bell	ROSE HILL	KS	67133-8228
Darren L. Biggs	EMPORIA	KS	66801-7909	Jonathan F. Birket	WICHITA	KS	67203-1664
Philip W. Blake	WICHITA	KS	67203-2229	James E. Bradley	WESTMORELAND	KS	66549-9707
Kenneth P. Bradley	DERBY	KS	67037-0605	Roland R. Brees	FAIRVIEW	KS	66425-9535
George M. Brenner	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-2549	Mark A. Britton ,PCC	DERBY	KS	67037-1903
Darrell R. Brooks	MANHATTAN	KS	66503-3012	Mark L. Brown	WICHITA	KS	67203-3054
Travis H. Burns	HALSTEAD	KS	67056-9107	Richard B. Carter	KANSAS CITY	KS	66102-5546
Carl E. Chance	WICHITA	KS	67204-4751	David W. Cosloy	BEL AIRE	KS	67220-1916
James P. Coyne ,PCC	WINFIELD	KS	67156-2323	Dennis M. Dailey	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-3205
Donald L. Docketor	OAK GROVE	MO	64075-0443	Jeffrey L. Dunaway ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1643
Jeffrey D. Finn	GARNETT	KS	66032-1746	Conrad M. Fisher	TOPEKA	KS	66614-3578
D. Darrel Gilliland	TOPEKA	KS	66605-2132	Jonathon P. Goering	WICHITA	KS	67203-3139
Harold E. Goss	LEAWOOD	KS	66206-2460	James H. Graves	WICHITA	KS	67204-4462
Michael J. Hadl ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-4064	Michael L. Halfman	WICHITA	KS	67230-9106
Brandon J. Hanscom	MILFORD	MA	01757-1647	John H. Hartford	MANHATTAN	KS	66502-7501
Gerald S. Harvey	LAWRENCE	KS	66046	Gary F. Hicks	PLAINVILLE	KS	67663-2534
Wesley A. Hogan	ELK CITY	KS	67334-0226	Terry L. Iseli	RILEY	KS	66531-9633
Paul Jefferson	LAWRENCE	KS	66044-2377	John Jewell	OVERBROOK	KS	66524
Robert Jochen	GARDNER	KS	66030-1480	Kent R. Johnson	MAPLE HILL	KS	66507-0264
Dan E. Karr ,PCC	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-0243	David J. Kunkel	WICHITA	KS	67207-4905
Brent A. Lawrence	GARDNER	KS	66030-1405	Dennis L. Lawrence	OVERBROOK	KS	66524-9169
Roger D. Lester	TOPEKA	KS	66604	John M. McCoin	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3599
Douglas E. McGovern ,PCC	HUTCHINSON	KS	67502-2846	Earl T. McIntosh	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1488
S. Todd Meek ,PCC	WICHITA	KS	67217-3661	Steven E. Meis	OLATHE	KS	66061-2848
Joshua K. Melcher	WICHITA	KS	67203-3039	Kent M. Melcher ,PCC	TOPEKA	KS	66610-1384
Roger B. Miller	BONNER SPRINGS	KS	66012-0417	Dennis D. Nelson	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66214-2687

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Kim L. Nelson ,PCC	BELOIT	KS	67420-2142	Wayne T. Nighbert	FT LEAVENWORTH	KS	66029-0008
K. Matthew Nystrom	PHOENIX	AZ	85029-6104	Verle L. Olson	SHAWNEE	KS	66203-4105
Thomas L. Page	WICHITA	KS	67201-9138	Thomas O. Page	WICHITA	KS	67203-2633
Franklyn Pekarek	SALINA	KS	67401-5383	Don W. Phillips	WICHITA	KS	67217-1278
Stanley L. Reed	MARION	KS	66861-0254	Jerry W. Reiman	TOPEKA	KS	66614-1739
William F. Riedell	WICHITA	KS	67212-1171	Dale L. Rouse ,PCC	MCPHERSON	KS	67460-7077
Lane K. Ryno	EMPORIA	KS	66801-6036	Clifford A. Salisbury	PALMER	AK	99645-0993
James A. Scheidel ,PCC	ANDOVER	KS	67002-9025	James A. Scheidel	DUNKIRK	MD	20754-9243
Ethan A. Schmidt	LUBBOCK	TX	79424-4501	Jesse Sherwood	STILWELL	KS	66085-9002
Phillip A. Sill	TRIBUNE	KS	67879-0532	Harold L. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67215-1538
John L. Skelton	MAIZE	KS	67101-9615	Lawrence H. Skelton	WICHITA	KS	67212-1313
Bruce R. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Cade E. Smith	OVERLAND PARK	KS	66204-2334
Douglas G. Smith ,PCC	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-3443	Gerard J. Smith	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2406
Ryan S. Smith	SHAWNEE	KS	66216-5516	Audie L. Strotkamp	PEABODY	KS	66866-1237
Herschel L. Stroud	TOPEKA	KS	66604-2550	Andrew K. Sundell	CASPER	WY	82604-9304
Blair D. Tarr	TOPEKA	KS	66603-3243	Loren L. Taylor	KANSAS CITY	KS	66109-4508
Daniel J. Thalmann	GREENLEAF	KS	66943-9445	Michael A. Todd	BALDWIN	KS	66006-7210
Richard L. Todd	LAWRENCE	KS	66049-3012	Matthew G. Toll ,PCC	SAINT LOUIS	MO	63114
David P. Tollefson	RAYTOWN	MO	64133-3461	Charles C. Troutner	EDGERTON	KS	66021-0073
Alan L. Van Loenen ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66047-9430	Brian R. Van Schmus ,PCC	LAWRENCE	KS	66046-4545
Robert D. Wandel	ANDOVER	KS	67002-8285	David S. Welfelt	NEWTON	KS	67114-9003
R. Michael Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034	Timothy R. Welton	OLATHE	KS	66061-3034
Wayne L. White	WELLINGTON	KS	67152-8042	Laird M. Wilcox	OLATHE	KS	66062-6207
Benjamin B. Ziemann	GLENWOOD SPRINGS	CO	81601-4142	Jacob A. Ziemann	CLAREMONT	CA	91711-7004

4/28/2012

Date

/s/ Alan L. Russ

Alan L. Russ, PDC

Secretary

Department of Kansas, SUVCW

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

ATTACHMENT G – ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1

Wichita

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2011: Members: 45 Associates: 2 Total: 47

Richard T. Bennett (CC) Jonathan F. Birket (Del) Mark A. Britton (PCC)
Douglas E. McGovern (PCC) S. Todd Meek (PCC) William F. Riedell (Del)
Thomas E. Schmidt (PDC)

Department Commander 0
Past Department Commander 1
Camp Commander 1
Past Camp Commander 3
Elected Department Officer 0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate 2
Total Present 7
Total Authorized for Camp 1 11

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4

Lawrence

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 22 Associates: 1 Total: 23

Michael J. Hadl (PCC) Paul Jefferson (Del) Roy A. Lafferty (DC)
Robert L. Wandel (PCC)

Department Commander 1
Past Department Commander 0
Camp Commander 0
Past Camp Commander 2
Elected Department Officer 0
Delegate/Alternate Delegate 1
Total Present 4
Total Authorized for Camp 4 6

FRANKLIN CAMP 5

Olathe

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 20 Associates: 2 Total: 22

James M. Converse (PDC) William E. Fischer, Jr. (PCC) Lane D. Smith (CC)
David P. Tollefson (Del)

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

OLD ABE CAMP 16

Topeka

Camp Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 23 Associates: 0 Total: 23

Rocky L. Bartlow (PCC) Randal L. Durbin (PDC) Conrad M. Fisher (Del)
Roger D. Lester (Del) K. Kirk Nystrom (CC) Alan L. Russ (PDC)
Blair D. Tarr (DO)

Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	2
Camp Commander	1
Past Camp Commander	1
Elected Department Officer	1
Delegate/Alternate Delegate	2
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Total Present	7
Total Authorized for Camp 16	8

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Strength as of March 31, 2012: Members: 110 Associates: 5 Total: 115

Department Commander	1
Past Department Commander	4
Camp Commander	3
Past Camp Commander	7
Elected Department Officer	1
Delegate	6
Alternate Delegate	0
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Total Present	22
Total Authorized for Department	32

**CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BROTHERS HOLDING HONOR OF
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER (PDC)**

Franklin C. Bergquist (1999-2000)
James M. Converse (2009-2010)
Randal L. Durbin (2006-2007)
James R. Knopke (2005-2006 & 2010-2011)
Roy A. Lafferty (2007-2008 & 2011-2012)
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)

**CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BROTHERS HOLDING HONOR OF
PAST CAMP COMMANDER (PCC)**

Rocky L. Bartlow, Camp 16 (2010)
Richard T. Bennett, Camp 1 (2011)
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)
William E. Fischer, Jr. Camp 5 (Camp 21-Ohio)²
Michael J. Hadl, Camp 4 (2008 & 2011)
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 (2009-2010)
Kent M. Melcher, Camp 16 (2011)
Kim L. Nelson, Camp 1 (Camp 3, 1996-2004)¹
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)
Douglas G. Smith, Camp 1 (2000)
Lane D. Smith, Camp 5 (2008-2011)
Kenneth E. Spurgeon, Camp 1 (2002)
Craig A. Sundell, Camp 4 (2004)
Matthew G. Toll, Camp 5 (2007)
Alan L. Van Loenen, Camp 4 (2006)

Note 1: Reinstatement of PCC voting status approved by the 12th Annual Department Encampment, 2008.

Note 2: Reinstatement of PCC voting status approved by the 15th Annual Department Encampment, 2011.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Number	Date(s)	Location	Department Commander
1	February 22-23, 1997	Wichita	Dean K. Speaks
2	April 25, 1998	Beloit	Dean K. Speaks
3	May 8, 1999	Topeka	Dean K. Speaks
4	April 15, 2000	Wichita	Franklin C. Bergquist
5	April 7, 2001	Hutchinson	Kenneth D. Strader
6	April 27, 2002	Topeka	Randall M. Thies
7	April 26, 2003	Wichita	Alan L. Russ
8	April 24, 2004	Beloit	Kenneth E. Spurgeon
9	April 23, 2005	Lawrence	Thomas E. Schmidt
10	April 22, 2006	Topeka	James R. Knopke
11	April 28, 2007	Wichita	Randal L. Durbin
12	April 26, 2008	Lawrence	Roy A. Lafferty
13	April 25, 2009	Olathe	Craig A. Sundell
14	April 24, 2010	Wichita	James M. Converse
15	April 30, 2011	Lawrence	James R. Knopke
16	April 28, 2012	Emporia	Roy A. Lafferty

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, Inactivated October 1, 2005

Pawnee Camp No. 15, Larned

Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended December 10, 2001

Pap Thomas Camp No. 52, Great Bend

Organized February 28, 1998, Suspended May 14, 2005



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