

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
January 13, 2018
Overland Park, Kansas**

1. As required by Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by Article VI, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on January 13, 2018, at Overland Park, Kansas.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:00 AM by Senior Vice Department Commander Michael A. Todd.
3. SVDC Todd acknowledge that National Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake, had to cancel at the last minute due to weather conditions between Maryland and Kansas. CinC Day appointed PDC Alan L. Russ to represent him as a National Officer of the Order.
4. At 10:10 AM, SVDC Todd officially opened the encampment. The opening was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.
5. The Department Secretary called the roll of officers, and reported all officers present:
 - Department Commander Mark A. Britton, PDC, Camp 1, absent excused.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Michael A. Todd, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Secretary/Treasurer and Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 167, present.
 - Council Member James R. Knopke, PDC, Camp 5, absent.
 - Council Member William Riedell, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member and Chaplain Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present
 - Patriotic Instructor Conrad M. Fisher, Camp 16, present
 - Graves Registration Officer Joshua S. Young, Camp 5, present.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Historian Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, absent
6. The Chaplain’s prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
7. SVDC Todd then declared the Twenty-Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be open for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.
8. At this time, the Secretary Russ presented the Credentials report of those present at the Encampment, as follows. A quorum was declared to be present.

Encampment Status	Present
Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	3
Camp Commander	2
Past Camp Commander	3
Department Elected Officer	2
Delegate	6
Alternate Delegate	0
Jr. Member/Jr. Associate	0
TOTAL PRESENT	16
VOTING STRENGTH	16

9. SVDC Todd appointed PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC Rocky L. Bartlow, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty to the encampment bylaws committee.
10. SVDC Todd appointed PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC Rocky L. Bartlow, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty to the encampment Resolutions Officers’ Report Committee.
11. SVDC Todd informed the Encampment of “housekeeping rules” to be used during the meeting.

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

Commander Britton (presented by Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC) – Commander’s Report
Michael A. Todd, PCC – Senior Vice Department Commander
K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC – Junior Vice Department Commander
Alan L. Russ, PDC – Secretary Report
Alan L. Russ, PDC –Treasurer Report
Roy A. Laffery, PDC – Council Member
Conrad M. Fisher, PCC – Patriotic Instructor Report
Joshua S. Young – Graves Registration Officer Report
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC – Chaplain Report and Necrology Report]

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

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 – Presented by Camp Commander William Riedell
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 – Presented by Camp Commander Ryan Todd
Franklin Camp 5 – Presented by Camp Commander William Stoker
Humboldt Camp 9 – Presented by Robert Boyd II as Camp Commander-elect
Old Abe Camp 16 – Presented by Rocky L. Bartlow for Camp Commander Randall L. Durbin

14. Secretary Russ reported the correspondence which had been received has previously been distributed to all officers and camp secretaries.

15. SVDC Todd then called for Committee and other reports.

16. The following committee reports were presented:

- a. Bylaws Committee Report – Alan L. Russ, PDC. There were no proposed amendments submitted to the committee.
- b. Report on 2017 National Encampment – Michael A. Todd, PCC
- c. Department Encampment Committee – Kent M. Melcher, PCC [Page A-24]
 - i. Brother Russ moved that the Department Council be authorized to consider and approve issues pertaining to the Twentieth Annual Department Encampment. Motion carried.
- d. William Riedell, Department Council member, reported as to the satisfactory state of the funds of the Department.

17. At 11:55 AM, SVDC Todd directed the Chaplain to close the Bible. SVDC Todd then declared a recess for lunch. The Encampment was reconvened at 1:15 PM, moving to “New Business.”

18. At 1:00 PM, SVDC Todd and other department officers paid a visit to the Department of Kansas Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The encampment was reconvened at 1:15 PM.

19. There were no recommendations in officer reports to be referred to committee. The Encampment Resolutions and Officer Report Committee had no report to submit.

20. SVDC Todd requested to know which past department commanders planned to attend the 2018 National Encampment in Massachusetts. SVDC Todd stated that he, as incoming Department Commander, would be attending in that status. PDC Lafferty stated he will try to attend in his capacity as PDC.

21. Commander Bartlow stated the Department of Kansas was presumed to be entitled to six delegates to the National Encampment. The actual number will be determined when the annual report is filed in April. Commander Bartlow asked for nominations from the floor for the election of delegates to the 134th National Encampment. PDC Russ nominated the following to be delegates:

- a. Conrad Fisher
- b. William Riedell
- c. Ryan Todd
- d. William Stoker
- e. Robert Boyd II

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f. K. Kirk Nystrom

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

23. SVDC Todd recognized PDC Russ, who moved, "All Members and Associates of the Department of Kansas who are in good standing as of this date (January 13, 2018) and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the 137th National Encampment nor elected as a "Delegate" to the 137th National Encampment shall be elected as "ALTERNATE DELEGATES" to the 134th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Massachusetts." Motion was seconded and passed.

24. SVDC Todd announced that, per the Department Bylaws, the 23th Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas would be on January 12, 2019. Humboldt Camp 9 has requested to host the encampment. Motion was seconded and passed.

25. Discussion was held concerning whether or not to change when the department encampment is held each year. Lane Smith moved to leave it as it currently is. Motion was seconded and passed.

26. SVDC Todd stated the Department needed to establish the Department per capita for 2019. The current per capita is \$4.00. PDC Russ moved the Department per capita be suspended for 2019 with the intention that camps would use the amount to build their camp accounts. Motion was seconded and passed.

27. Humboldt Camp (through Robert Boyd) requested to handle editing and publishing the Sunflower Picket. This was agreed to by the encampment.

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

29. SVDC Todd took nominations from the floor for all of the offices up for election. Those nominated were:

Department Commander	Michael A. Todd, Camp 4
Senior Vice Department Commander	K. Kirk Nystrom, Camp 16
Junior Vice Department Commander	Robert D. Boyd II, Camp 9
Council Member (term expiring 2020)	Walter R. Schley Jr., Camp 5
Council Member (term expiring 2020)	Roy A. Lafferty, Camp 4

30. There were no motions from the floor to nominate any additional candidates. A motion was made by Lane Smith to close nomination. Motion was seconded and passed.

31. In accordance with Roberts Rules of Order¹, candidates for a position which was not contested were declared by SVDC Todd as elected.

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

33. SVDC Todd presented the following awards on behalf of outgoing Department Commander Mark Britton to the indicated recipients:

Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Brother of the Year

Dale L. Rouse, PCC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year

Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

34. At this time, SVDC Todd turned over the gavel to PDC Alan L. Russ for the installation of officers.

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

Department Commander	Michael A. Todd, Camp 4
Senior Vice Department Commander	K. Kirk Nystrom, Camp 16

¹ RRO 11th ed., pg 443,10

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Junior Vice Department Commander
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Civil War Memorials Officer
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Counselor

Robert D. Boyd II, Camp 9
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Walter R. Schley Jr, Camp 5
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4
Conrad M. Fisher, Camp 16
Joshua S. Young, PCC, Camp 5
Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1
Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

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

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

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

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary