

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
January 9, 2021
Via Remote Access**

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-Fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on January 9,2021, via remote access using the Zoom platform.
2. The Encampment was called to order at 10:25 AM by Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom. This followed the memorial service. The opening was conducted per the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.
3. Department Commander Nystrom appointed PDC Alan L. Russ to act as Department Secretary.
4. The acting Department Secretary called the roll of officers, and reported all officers present:
 - Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Ryan L. Todd, PCC, Camp 4, present
 - Secretary (position vacant) (term ending 2022). Acting Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present
 - Treasurer (term ending 2022) Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member (term ending 2022) Walter L. Schley, Camp 5, present.
 - Council Member (term ending 2022) Terry E. Justice, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Council Member (term ending 2021) Conrad F. Fisher, PCC, Camp 16, present.
 - Immediate Past Department Commander Michael A. Todd, PCC, Camp 4, present.
 - Patriotic Instructor Steve Hamlin, Camp 1, present
 - Chaplain Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4, present.
 - Graves Registration Officer Joshua S. Young, Camp 5, absent.
 - Civil War Memorials Officer Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1, absent.
 - Historian and GAR Records Officer Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, absent.
 - Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
5. The Chaplain’s prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
6. Commander Nystrom then declared the Twenty-Fifth 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.
7. Commander Nystrom welcomed National Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson, Department of Oklahoma, and Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, Department of the Chesapeake, to the encampment. CinC Pierson briefly addressed the encampment.
8. The Credentials report was not presented, as brothers were recorded as they were permitted entry via remote access. A quorum was declared to be present. Summary of attendance is shown below. Appendix A contains the listing of attendees and their status.

| Encampment Status | Present |
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| Department Commander | 1 |
| Past Department Commander | 6 |

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| Camp Commander | 3 |
| Past Camp Commander | 5 |
| Department Elected Officer | 1 |
| Delegate | 6 |
| Alternate Delegate | 0 |
| Jr. Member/Jr. Associate | 0 |
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| TOTAL PRESENT | 22 |
| VOTING STRENGTH | 22 |

9. Commander Nystrom appointed PDC Alan L. Russ, PDC Rocky L. Bartlow, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty to the encampment bylaws committee.
 10. Commander Nystrom informed the Encampment of "housekeeping rules" to be used during the meeting.
 11. The Department Officer and camp reports were received, reviewed, and compiled prior to the encampment. The reports did not contain recommendations requiring action by the encampment.
 12. Acting Secretary Russ reported the correspondence which had been received has previously been distributed to all officers and camp secretaries by Secretary Ballard.
 13. Commander Nystrom then called for the report on the action from the 2019 Department Encampment concerning a bylaws amendment to change when the department encampment is to be held. PDC Russ presented the report. The proposed amendment was submitted to the encampment. Commander Nystrom referred the report to the Encampment Bylaws Encampment.
 14. Commander Nystrom then requested CinC Pierson address the encampment concerning the IRS 501(c)(3) status which now applies to departments and camps. CinC Pierson briefly discussed it and then took questions from the attendees.
 15. Brother Walter Schley presented the report of the Department Council Members and declared the financial records had been reviewed by the council and appeared to be in order.
 16. Commander Nystrom turned the meeting over to Patriotic Instructor Steve Hamlin for a ten-minute Civil War presentation.
 17. Commander Nystrom then took the encampment into new business.
 18. PDC Russ presented the report of the Encampment Bylaws Committee. The committee recommended adoption of the proposed Department Bylaws amendment.
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PREVIOUS WORDING

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section B. DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. The Department shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Annual Encampment shall be held on the **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

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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.

APPROVED WORDING

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section B. DEPARTMENT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. The Department shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Annual Encampment shall be held between the third Saturday of February and the last Saturday in April each year as established by the previous annual or special department encampment.
 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 a subsequent Saturday reasonably close to the originally scheduled date. Such notice of rescheduling shall be announced no later than 6:00 PM the Friday 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 for other than inclement weather, 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.
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19. Commander Nystrom called for discussion, after which a vote was taken. With a vote of sixteen in favor of amending the bylaws exceeding two-thirds of the voting members, Commander Nystrom declared the amendment to have passed.

20. Commander Nystrom asked the encampment to address when the 2022 Department Encampment shall be held, subject to approval of the bylaws amendment by the CinC. CinC Pierson indicated he planned to approve the amendment. After discussion, a motion was made by PDC Russ to hold the 2022 Department Encampment on March 26, 2022. Motion carried.

21. Commander Nystrom then announced that, per the amendment to the Department Bylaws, the Twenty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas will be on March 26, 2022. Camps were to look into the possibility of hosting the encampment and advise the commander accordingly.

22. PDC Bartlow moved the department per diem be again waived for 2022. Motion carried.

23. Commander Nystrom addressed the encampment with regard to the 2021 National Encampment, to be held in the Saint Louis, Missouri, area August 4 through 9. The business meeting is to be held on August 6 and 7. Commander Nystrom stated he plans to attend in that status. The following past department commanders stated their intention to attend: PDC Bartlow, PDC Britton, PDC Lafferty, PDC Melcher, PDC Russ, and PDC Todd. Commander Nystrom called for nominations to elect delegates to the 2021 National Encampment.

24. PDC Russ moved the following brothers be elected as delegates to the National Encampment. Motion carried.

PCC Robert D. Boyd II
Barrett Young
PCC Lane Smith
PCC Conrad Fisher
Gregg Talkington
Walter Schley

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25. PDC Russ moved all remaining Brothers of the Department of Kansas in Good Standing at the time of this Encampment shall be elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Motion carried.

26. Commander Nystrom proceeded with the nomination of officers. The following brothers were nominated for the indicated office.

Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16
Senior Vice Department Commander Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9
Junior Vice Department Commander Ryan L. Todd, PCC, Camp 4
Secretary (unexpired term ending 2022) Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16
Council Member (term ending 2023) William F. (Frank) Schomaker, Camp 9

27. There being no additional nominations for the positions, nominations were closed.

28. There being no contested positions, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order¹, candidates for a position which was not contested were declared by Commander Nystrom as elected.

29. Commander Nystrom asked PDC Melcher to present a report on the status of the forming of Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10 at Winfield. PDC Melcher stated they were in the final stage of forming the camp and would be completing it soon. He stated the camp is currently at nine members. CinC Pierson encouraged the new camp-to-be to submit its Form 55 Application for Charter as soon as they could.

30. Commander Nystrom announced that awards would be presented at a later date.

31. There being no further business to come before the encampment, Commander Nystrom turned over the gavel to CinC Pierson for the installation of officers.

32. Commander-elect K. Kirk Nystrom was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those elected and appointed, to wit:

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| Department Commander | K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16 |
| Senior Vice Department Commander | Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9 |
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| Council Member (term ending 2023) | William F. (Frank) Schomaker, Camp 9 |
| Patriotic Instructor | Steven W. Hamlin, Camp 1 |
| Chaplain | Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Camp 4 |
| Graves Registration Officer | Joshua S. Young, Camp 5 |
| Civil War Memorials Officer | Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Camp 1 |
| Historian and GAR Records Officer | Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16 |
| Counselor | Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16 |

33. CinC Pierson proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective virtual stations.

34. CinC Pierson then virtually presented Department Commander Nystrom with the badge and honor of Past Department Commander.

¹ RRO 11th ed., pg 443,10

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35. Commander K. Kirk Nystrom proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 1:35 PM.

These proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth 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

Attachment:

A Roster of Encampment Attendees

Approved by the Department of Kansas Council on January 17, 2021

**ATTACHMENT A
ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES**

| Name | Camp | Status |
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| Bartlow, Rocky L. | Old Abe 16 | PDC |
| Boyd, Robert D. | Humboldt 9 | PCC |
| Britton, Mark A. | Corp. Patrick Coyne 1 | PDC |
| Crawford, Otis | Humboldt 9 | Delegate |
| Colby, Randolph J. Jr. | Corp. Patrick Coyne 1 | Delegate |
| Hamlin, Steven W. | Corp. Patrick Coyne 1 | Delegate |
| Fischer, William Jr. | Humboldt 9 | PCC |
| Fisher, Conrad M. | Old Abe 16 | PCC |
| Jefferson, Paul | Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 | PCC |
| Keyes, Bridger P. | Humboldt 9 | Delegate |
| Kraus, Gary | Old Abe 16 | Camp Commander |
| Lafferty, Roy A. | Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 | PDC |
| Melcher, Kent M. | Old Abe 16 | PDC |
| Nystrom, K. Kirk | Old Abe 16 | Department Commander |
| Russ, Alan L. | Old Abe 16 | PDC |
| Schley, Walter H. Jr. | Franklin 5 | Elected Department Officer |
| Smith, Lane D. | Franklin 5 | PCC |
| Stoker, William J. | Franklin 5 | Camp Commander |
| Talkington, Gregg | Corp. Patrick Coyne 1 | Delegate |
| Todd, Michael A. | Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 | PDC |
| Todd, Ryan L. | Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 | Camp Commander |
| Young, Barrett E. | Humboldt 9 | Delegate |

| CAMP | DC | PDC | CC | PCC | DO | Delegate | Alt. Del. | TOTAL |
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| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 16 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 22 |