

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**



**MARCH 26, 2022
EMPORIA, KANSAS**

**K. KIRK NYSTROM, PDC
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Department Officers

2021-2022

Department Commander	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Senior Vice Department Commander	Robert D. Boyd, II, PCC <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Junior Vice Department Commander	Ryan L. Todd, PCC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Secretary (term expiring 2022)	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Treasurer (term expiring 2022)	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2022)	Terry E. Justice, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2022)	Walter R. Schley, Jr. <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2023)	William F. Schomaker <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Immediate Past Department Commander	Michael A. Todd, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Patriotic Instructor	Steven W. Hamlin, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Assistant Treasurer	Conrad M. Fisher, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Graves Registration Officer	Joshua S. Young <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Historian.....	Blair D. Tarr <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Civil War Memorials Officer	Rocky D. Ansell <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>

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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 Twenty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, was held on March 26, 2022, in Emporia, Kansas.
2. In the absence of Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, the Encampment was called to order at 9:58 AM by Senior Vice Department Commander Robert D. Boyd II. This followed the memorial service. The opening was conducted per the Ritual and Ceremonials of the Order.
3. SVDC Boyd appointed PDC Michael A. Todd to act as Department SVDC.
4. The Department Secretary called the roll of officers, and reported all officers present:
 - Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC, Camp 16, absent excused.
 - Senior Vice Department Commander Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9, present.
 - Junior Vice Department Commander Ryan L. Todd, PCC, Camp 4, present
 - Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present
 - Treasurer. Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, Camp 16, present.
 - Council Member Walter H. Schley Jr., Camp 5, present.
 - Council Member Terry E. Justice, PCC, Camp 1, present.
 - Council Member William F. Schomaker, Camp 9, absent.
 - 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 Rocky D. Ansell, Camp 9, absent.
 - Historian and GAR Records Officer Blair D. Tarr, Camp 16, absent.
 - Counselor Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16, present.
5. SVDC Boyd then appointed the following brothers for the encampment:
 - Color Bearer Bridger P. Keyes, Camp 9
 - Guide Michael A. Todd, Camp 4
 - Guard George E. Goff, Camp 4
6. The Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
7. SVDC Boyd then declared the Twenty-Sixth 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. SVDC Boyd welcomed National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island, to the encampment. SVCinC Frail briefly addressed the encampment.
9. The Credentials report was presented, as brothers signed in as they arrived at the encampment. A quorum was declared to be present. Summary of attendance is shown below. Appendix A contains the listing of attendees and their status.

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Encampment Status	Present
Department Commander	0
Past Department Commander	7
Camp Commander	4
Past Camp Commander	7
Department Elected Officer	1
Delegate	12
Alternate Delegate	0
TOTAL PRESENT	31
VOTING STRENGTH	31

10. SVDC Boyd appointed PDC Alan L. Russ (Chairman), PDC Michael A. Todd, and PDC Roy A. Lafferty to the encampment bylaws committee.
11. SVDC Boyd appointed PCC Ryan L. Todd (Chairman), PCC William J. Stoker, and James Graves to the Encampment and Resolutions Committee.
12. SVDC Boyd informed the Encampment of “housekeeping rules” to be used during the meeting.
13. 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.
14. Brother Halfman moved to accept the officers reports as submitted. Motion passed.
15. Brother Lafferty moved to accept the camp reports as submitted. Motion passed.
16. Secretary Russ noted for the encampment that none of the reports contained recommendations requiring action by the encampment.
17. Secretary Russ reported the correspondence which had been received has previously been distributed to all officers and camp secretaries.
18. PDC Michael Todd presented the report of the nominating committee. Nominations were to be officially entered later in the encampment.
19. SVDC Boyd then announced the Department awards and certificates on behalf of Commander Nystrom as SVCinC Frail presented them.

Past Camp Commander Certificates for 2021:

Terry E. Justice, PCC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita
 Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
 William J. Stoker, PCC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
 Barrett E. Young, PCC, Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt
 Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10, Winfield
 Gary W. Kraus, PCC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

Memorial University Certificate of Completion to PDC Alan L. Russ, Old Abe Camp 16

PDC Certificate to PDC Michael A. Todd, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

William W. Nixon Award for Camp of the Year – Franklin Camp 5

Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award – Gary W. Kraus, PCC, Old Abe Camp 16

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Captain Patrick H. Coney Award for Brother of the Year – Eric L. Crittenden, Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10, Winfield

Corporal Leonidas B. Davis & PDC Dean K. Speaks Award for Recruiter of the Year – Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

20. Secretary Russ, as chairman of the Department Bylaws Committee, presented the committee report, along with the recommendations of the committee. The proposed amendments were submitted to the encampment for vote. A two-thirds vote of approval for amendments 2022-01 through 2022-11 was received, with all amendments being adopted with the required two-thirds margin of votes cast.

21. 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.

22. SVDC Boyd then took the encampment into new business.

23. SVDC Boyd addressed the encampment with regard to the 2022 National Encampment, to be held in Michigan, August 11 through 14. The business meeting is to be held on August 12 and 13. SVDC Boyd stated he plans to attend as Department Commander, if so elected. The following past department commanders stated their intention to attend: PDC Bartlow, PDC Lafferty, PDC Melcher, PDC Russ, PDC Schmidt, and PDC Todd.

24. SVDC Boyd called for nominations to elect delegates to the 2021 National Encampment.

25. PDC Schmidt moved the following brothers be elected as delegates to the National Encampment. Motion carried.

PCC Conrad M. Fisher
George E. Goff
Roderick A. Hathaway

26. 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.

27. SVDC Boyd asked if any camps were willing to host the 2023 Department Encampment. PDC Melcher, on behalf of Camp 10 stated they wished to host the encampment on March 18, 2023, in Winfield, with a back-up date of March 25, 2023. PDC Schmidt moved Camp 10 be the host camp, with the encampment on March 18, 2023, with March 25, 2023, as a back-up date. Motion carried.

28. PDC Russ moved the department per diem for 2023 be set at \$5.00. Motion carried.

29. SVDC Boyd passed the gavel to acting SVDC Michael Todd who then chaired the proceedings as Brother Boyd made the following motion from the floor. Brother Boyd moved to allow \$480.00 toward Camp and National Fees of \$20.00 per application for the year of 2023 for applicants. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the vote was called. Motion failed.

30. PDC Schmidt moved that “all future issues of *The Sunflower Picket*, Department of Kansas, SUVCW, newsletter, will be reviewed by the elected officers (Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Council) of the Department of Kansas before it is released for distribution to the membership. This review is for accuracy, content, and professionalism. The newsletter is not for personal opinion, bias or inaccuracies. It is for

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dissemination of relevant factual information to the Department members about items that can help inform and grow the Order in a positive way. Communications by the officers in *The Sunflower Picket* should be so stated as who from and be done as so stated above. If the Department is going to send it out to all members the latest email address list that the Department secretary has should be used. It can also be sent to the local camp secretaries for distribution if needed.”

Motion was seconded. After some discussion, Brother Halfman moved to amend the motion to add the following to the first sentence: “All future issues of *The Sunflower Picket*, Department of Kansas, SUVCW, newsletter, will be reviewed by the elected officers (Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Council) of the Department of Kansas **[requiring only the approval of any three]** before it is released for distribution to the membership.”

Motion to amend was seconded, and the motion to amend the original motion passed.

The motion, as amended, was then voted on with the amended motion passing.

31. Brother Stoker moved to extend a “thank you” to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for making lunch available to us. Motion passed.

32. SVDC Boyd proceeded with the nomination of officers. The following brothers were nominated for the indicated office.

Department Commander - Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9

Senior Vice Department Commander - Ryan L. Todd, PCC, Camp 4, nominated by Nominating Committee; however, he declined to accept the nomination. Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1, was then nominated by PDC Michael Todd.

Junior Vice Department Commander Conrad M. Fisher, PCC, Camp 16

Secretary (term ending 2025) Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp 16

Treasurer (term ending 2025) Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, Camp 16

Council Member (term ending 2024) Michael A. Todd, PDC, Camp 4

Council Member (term ending 2024) Walter H. Schley Jr., Camp 5

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

34. There being no contested positions, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, candidates for a position which was not contested were declared by SVDC Boyd as elected.¹

35. PCC Stoker moved to thank the Emporia Senior Center for providing the meeting facilities. Motion carried.

36. PDC Bartlow moved to accept the proceedings of this encampment as approved when they have been approved by the Department Council. Motion carried.

37. There being no further business to come before the encampment, SVDC Boyd turned over the gavel to SVCinC Frail for the installation of officers.

38. Commander-elect Robert D. Boyd II was asked to provide a list of appointed officers to the secretary. The secretary read those elected and appointed, to wit:

Department Commander

Robert D. Boyd II, PCC, Camp 9

Senior Vice Department Commander

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Camp 1

¹ RRO 11th ed., pg 443,10

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Patriotic Instructor	Steven W. Hamlin, Camp 1
Chaplain	Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Camp 10
Graves Registration Officer	William J. Stoker, PCC, Camp 5
Civil War Memorials Officer	Rocky D. Ansell, Camp 9
Historian	Joshua S. Young, Camp 5
Color Bearer	Bridger P. Keyes, Camp 9
Guard	George E. Goff, Camp 4
Guide	Michael A. Todd, PDC, Camp 4

39. SVCinC Frail proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective virtual stations.

40. Commander Robert D. Boyd II proceeded to close the Encampment, as per the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 1:40 PM.

These proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth 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

Approved by the Department of Kansas Council.

Attachment:

A Roster of Encampment Attendees

B Department Officer Reports, Camp Commander Reports, and Department Committee Reports

**ATTACHMENT A
ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES**

CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP 1, WICHITA Strength-February 28, 2022: 33

Baxter, Timothy A. (Del) Colby, Randolph J. (Del) Graves, James H. (CC)
 Halfman, Michael E. (Del) Hamlin, Steven W. (Del) Justice, Terry E. (PCC)
 Schmidt, Thomas E. (PDC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	1	1	0	4	7	7

SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP 4, LAWRENCE Strength-February 28, 2022: 20

Goff, George E. (Del) Hadl, Michael J (PCC) Lafferty, Roy A. (PDC)
 Lawrence, Dennis L. (CC) Todd, Michael A. (PDC) Todd, Ryan L. (PCC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	2	1	2	0	1	6	6

FRANKLIN CAMP 5, OLATHE Strength-February 28, 2022: 35

Guliford, Floyd E. (Del) McPherson, Richard N. (Del) Schley, Walter H. Jr. (DO)
 Smith, Lane D. (PCC) Stoker, William J. (CC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	0	1	1	1	2	3	5

HUMBOLDT CAMP 9, HUMBOLDT Strength-February 28, 2022: 11

Boyd, Robert D. II (PCC) Dillard, Dean I. (Del) Keyes, Bridger P. (CC)
 Young, Barrett E. (PCC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	0	1	2	0	1	4	4

PVT. JOHN N. ECKES CAMP 5, WINFIELD Strength-February 28, 2022: 14

Hathaway, Roderick A. (Del) Melcher, Kent M. (PDC)*

**Also the current camp commander.*

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2

OLD ABE CAMP 16, TOPEKA Strength-February 28, 2022: 33

Bartlow, Rocky L. (PDC) Durbin, Randal L. (PDC) Fisher, Conrad M. (PCC)
 Hummel, Richard W. (Del) Ronald H. Martin (Del) Reves, Robert J. (Del)
 Russ, Alan L. (PDC)

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	3	0	1	0	3	7	7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ENCAMPMENT

Department Commander	Past Department Commander	Camp Commander	Past Camp Commander	Elected Dept. Officer	Delegate/Alt. Delegate	TOTAL PRESENT	VOTING STRENGTH
0	7	4	7	1	12	31	31

DC=Dept Cdr PDC=Past Dept Cdr CC=Camp Cdr PCC=Past Camp Cdr DO=Dept Elected Officer Del=Delegate Alt=Alternate Delegate

OFFICER, CAMP, &
COMMITTEE REPORTS



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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OFFICER REPORTS

Department Commander - K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC

It has been my honor to serve as Department Commander for 2020 and 2021. My term is now ending.

Due to inclement weather in past years, not every camp could join us for our traditional January Encampments. This had been an on-going problem each year. The major reason for the January dates had been the hope and expectation that National Officers would be available to attend.

At the request of Senior Vice-Commander, Robert Boyd, and others, a committee was established to consider changes to the Department's annual encampment date. Much helpful discussion occurred. Committee members also obtained additional input from their own camps. After much discussion, it was proposed to move the Annual Encampments to late March, with the 2022 date being Saturday March 26. This was approved at the January 2021 Annual Encampment.

With great Joy, I was able to assist in the Chartering of a new Camp in May 2021. The Charter of the Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp, No. 10 was presented by myself and Department Secretary Alan Russ. The ceremony at the Cowley County Historical Museum in Winfield was well attended. It looks to be a very healthy camp, with brothers in attendance from a number of surrounding towns. They will meet monthly. They are being ably led by Camp Commander Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Senior Vice Camp Commander Joseph E. Chrisman, Junior Vice Camp Commander William K. Mueller and Secretary/Treasurer Eric L. Crittenden.

To the disappointment of all, the COVID Virus has continued to be an issue through 2021 and even into 2022. Government and local restrictions, and the extreme potency of the virus, altered many 2021 plans. Because a significant number of brothers of the Order are older than 70, with those over 70 considered high-risk, and to comply with governmental restrictions, we have had to revise how camps meet. In some cases this meant masks, social distancing, with very few inter-camp visits. Some camps were able to provide a Zoom option, along with in-person meetings.

I know all of you share my hope (and prayer) that later in 2022 will see a restoration of normalcy! Perhaps the sharing of speakers and visitation between camps to mutually encourage each other may resume.

Our 2021 National Encampment was in St. Louis with no ZOOM option, only in-person attendance. Kansas had a good representation in those meetings. With St. Louis being so close, some brothers drove and others went by train. Reports were offered upon return, at the individual camps.

Finally thanks on behalf of myself and the entire Department go out to Department Secretary Alan Russ, who is stepping down from that role. His knowledge of the rule and regulations of our Order are matched by none, on a state or a National level. He will be sorely missed!

Respectfully, in memory of those whose footsteps we follow,

I present this Report,

Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Senior Vice Department Commander - Robert D. Boyd, II, PCC

We survived this pandemic and became a stronger more loyal and dedicated Department of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve with our Department Commander in the administration of the department business this past year. Due to the Co-vid 19 pandemic all the hopes and dreams of the Commander have been limited. Brother Nystrom has provided excellent leadership to promote Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty among our Order.

Commander Nystrom had planned to visit each Camp along with the senior vice Commander. During the current environment of division in our government; the principal of the Union must be our primary

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rallying cry. I am pleased to celebrate with all of you that despite the pandemic, membership in our camps have not dropped in the past year.

The Co-vid 19 pandemic has stalled many actions in our camps, but we keep striving against this pandemic. Many of our meetings were cancelled, or performed by Zoom. I had the privilege of attending a camp meeting of Coyle Camp # 1, in Wichita, Kansas. I attended a Camp meeting at Camp # 4, Lawrence, Kansas. I attended a meeting of Franklin Camp # 5, Olathe, Kansas. I have not missed a meeting of Humboldt Camp # 9, Humboldt, Kansas. I have not attended a meeting of Eckes Camp # 10, Winfield, Kansas. I also attended a Camp meeting of Old Abe Number 16 in Topeka Kansas.

Due to the possibility of CO-VID 19, the Department Commander, I represented the Department at the National Encampment in Saint Louis, Missouri. There were seven other officers & members who accompanied me as representatives of the Department of Kansas. I met many old faces, but met many new Commanders from the surrounding states.

The meeting resulted in many new friendships with representatives from Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska & South Dakota, and Texas. Department Secretary Alan Russ and I attended the Nebraska Department Council. A friendship ensued and we returned to Nebraska with 8 more representatives from the Department of Kansas for the Kirkhead Ceremony.

I have an ambition of Gaining 10 to 12 members per year, giving the Camp a 50% reward for new members, and getting relatives to join. A new joint initiation is scheduled for June and October.

Undaunted by the virus, many of our camps have met and carried on their normal activities. As Senior vice Commander it is my responsibility to promote Peace, harmony, and charity to all of our Camps. I look forward to be elected as your first black and handicapped Department Commander. I am proud of the Department of Kansas for being so progressive.

Submitted respectfully in Fraternally, Charity, and Loyalty,
Robert Boyd II

Senior Vice Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Junior Vice Department Commander - Ryan L. Todd, PCC

First, I want thank the Brothers of the Department for allowing me this opportunity to serve the Department as the Junior Vice Commander during this past year.

Although the Department did not receive any membership applications from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Office, we did receive and successfully processed 8 new membership applications through multiple Camps.

As duly noted in the January 2022 publications "The Scribe" by Brother Alan Russ, the 8 new members were added to the Department as follows;

+4 in the CPL. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1 - Wichita

+2 in the SGT. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 - Lawrence

+1 in the Franklin Camp No. 5 - Olathe

+1 in the Old Abe Camp No. 16 - Topeka

The additions of these 8 new members brings our total membership to 151. Then, subtracting the 5 dual memberships and the Junior Membership, the Department of Kansas reporting strength is 145 members.

The effort and commitment of all Department Members towards maintaining our rank and file, participating in Department and Camp governance, and recruiting additional members are all vital keys to the success of our mission to preserve the memory of the Boys in Blue. I want encourage each camp member to contact friends, relatives and associates to help them explore their genealogy for possible Civil War ancestry, as this will provide them a unique tie to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and potential membership.

I would like to add that my obligations in serving in the Kansas Army National Guard prevented me from attending the National Encampment in Saint Louis, Missouri this past August.

I respectfully submit this report to the Department of Kansas on this 26th day of March, 2022.

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In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Ryan Todd,
Junior Vice Department Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Department Secretary - Alan L. Russ, PDC

On January 9, 2021, I was elected to fill the remaining one year of the term for Department Secretary after the previous secretary resigned without notice the day before. The only materials that I received back from the previous secretary were those boxes I had given to him when he took office in 2019. There was nothing covering the period between January 2019 and January 2021. Subsequent request failed to be productive. With the help of our National Executive Director, David Demmy, and our camp secretaries, I was able to generally reconstruct the department membership list, along with obtaining copies of the 2020 missing reports, etc. This process took many hours to accomplish, but it gave us the starting point for the 2021 Camp and Department Annual Reports.

During my fourteen months as Department Secretary I published five issues of *The Scribe*, the unofficial publication of the Department Secretary. The purpose of *The Scribe* was to keep camp commanders, secretaries and treasurers informed about due dates, new orders and forms, upcoming events, etc. in the hopes of making their job a little easier. Hopefully, this form of communication will continue.

All Department reports from January 9, 2021, to date, were submitted to National Headquarters prior to their due date, thus ensuring the Department was never at risk of being suspended.

On March 31, 2021, the date of the last annual report, the total strength of the Department of Kansas was 143. As of December 31, 2021 (the end of the latest quarter), the total strength was at 151, a gain of eight brothers since March 31, 2021. After discounting for dual brothers (as National does to get a *true strength*), our actual reportable strength is 145. This is the number used for determining delegates at the National Encampment. Here are the numbers by camp:

<u>Camp Name & Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Associates</u>	<u>Junior Members</u>	<u>Junior Associates</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1	31	1	1	0	33	+4
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	18	4	0	0	22	+2
Franklin Camp 5	31	5	0	0	36	+1
Humboldt Camp 9	12	0	0	0	12	0
John N. Eckes Camp 10	15	0	0	0	15	0
Old Abe Camp 16	33	0	0	0	33	+1
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS	140	10	1	0	151	+8
Dual Brothers	5	0	0	0	5	0

Department Reportable Strength (minus Dual Brothers and Juniors) 145

Last year I was elected to fill the remaining one year of the term, and that time has now come to an end. I am leaving the office at the close of this encampment. I will neither seek nor hold any further elected office of the Department of Kansas.

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Department Treasurer - Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC

The Department has accounts at Envista Credit Union in Topeka and is divided into three sub accounts: Checking, Saving, and Schall Fund. The year started with \$11,925.05 in all accounts (\$5259.89, \$5195.59, \$1469.57 respectively). On 12/31/2021 we ended the year with \$11,678.01 (\$4317.20, \$5,889.81, \$1471 respectively). Itemized expenses and income are on the attached spreadsheet.

I worked with a committee appointed by the Department Commander to make a proposed 2022 budget to be presented for approval at this encampment. It is attached as well and to be noted at this point the

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expenses will exceed income IF such income is limited to dues only. We currently have plenty of surplus but of course a negative budget will in due course need to be addressed.

I am working with camps on our EIN report and as of this writing only have one camp (#10) without at 2021 990N report due to an issue with their fiscal year. This will be resolved and the National EIN report turned in by the due date in May.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Rocky L Bartlow, PDC
Department Treasurer

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Patriotic Instructor - Steven W. Hamlin

Patriotic Instructor Annual Report. Five of six camps submitted their Form 40 Camp Patriotic Instructor Report for 2021.

The department participated in the following public events to promote patriotism in our communities:

Coyne Camp - Participated in grave marking ceremony for Edward T Beard, civil war veteran buried in Highland Cemetery in Wichita, KS.

Humbolt Camp - Article of Jan meeting Humbolt camp meeting with picture was featured in regional newspaper.

Cpl Patrick Coyne Camp Hosted Wreaths Across America at Maple Grove Cemetery and Highland Cemetery in Wichita, KS.

Old Abe camp cleans and remounts many civil war graves each year.

We have a memorial day service at Topeka cemetery, it is a solemn memorial service with taps and drums. A Civic leader speaks, a civic and Civil War leader is reenacted, Civil war graves are decorated with flags with the help of the Boy Scouts.

Eckes Camp (new camp) started a Facebook page to post information.

Humbolt Camp placed markers on GAR graves at Miami county (KS) cemetery. Place flags on Memorial Day in Allen Co. Decorate graves in Barbour County near Civil War Fort Denver for 5th KS Volunteer Cav.

Eckes Camp hosted a rededication of the GAR memorial in Arkansas City, Kansas in October.

Coyne Camp hosted a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Wichita's Maple Grove Cemetery in December.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Steven W. Hamlin

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Chaplain - Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

The Department sadly reports the loss of two brothers since the last Department Encampment on January 9, 2021.

John Mack McCain (January 21, 1931 – January 13, 2021) – Member, Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas.

Stanley P. Sutton (March 18, 1943 – September 26, 2021) – Member, Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas.

“The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.”

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Dept. Chaplain

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Graves Registration Officer - Joshua S. Young

This will serve as a report for the annual activities of the Department of Kansas Graves Registration Officer.

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Departments Graves Registration Officer for the past few years and it has been a very enjoyable and fulfilling time. Our Department has been able to assist individuals from all over the country, locate information (and sometimes the grave) of their Kansas Civil War Veteran.

Unfortunately, this past year has not been very eventful. I have not received any sort of contact, concerning the final resting place of a Kansas Soldier. This might be due to my contact information not being listed on the Departments webpage. I have brought this to the attention of Department leadership, so I am optimistic that will not be an issue in the upcoming year.

Due to recent changes, I will be able to dedicate more time, and more energy, into my position as Graves Registration Officer. I hope to work closely with the Department webpage webmaster to include a tab where webpage visitors can search a Kansas-specific Graves Registration Database.

I also plan on incorporating a helpful step-by-step set of instructions for individuals who are interested in having a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-provided headstone placed at the gravesite of a Civil War veteran. Many Veterans were laid to rest without having a Veteran headstone placed at their grave, and a lot of times, their descendants reach out asking how they can have a headstone installed. I believe the handy step-by-step instructions will be very helpful for visitors to our Department webpage.

Under the Department Commander's leadership, the Department of Kansas Graves Registration Program will continue to flourish in the coming year.

I remain your faithful servant in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Joshua S. Young

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Historian - Blair D. Tarr

Report not submitted.

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Civil Wars Memorial Officer - Rocky D. Ansell

The following is my report for the Department of Kansas SUVCW Memorials Officer.

On August 31 of last year I submitted an application for the position of Department of Kansas SUVCW Memorials Officer. On September 1, 2021 I received via email Department Order 6 advising my appointment to that position.

I have been working with the member of Humboldt Camp #9 regarding Civil War Veterans buried in the Evan Young Cemetery near Humboldt, Kansas. Two members of the Deal family, Sgt Daniel Deal and Pvt Martin VanBuren Deal, were interred at Evan Young Cemetery, and I've identified two additional civil war veterans with the possibility of more, at that cemetery. Unfortunately, some time in the past this cemetery was relinquished back to private ownership and is not readily accessible by the public. For several years members of Humboldt Camp #9 have been pursuing the possibly of erecting a monument recognizing members of the Deal family, and other civil war veterans from Humboldt, Kansas area, at the Mount Hope Cemetery at Humboldt. So far several plots have been identified as belonging to the GAR, which should allow Humboldt Camp #9 to utilize said plots for a suitable public monument in tribute to those civil war veterans we are able to identify. Work on this project continues.

Recently I was notified that a descendent of Charles W. Romp (Civil War soldier, Iowa 24th Volunteer Infantry, Union Army) was seeking assistance in obtaining a veterans grave stone. To date I have been unable to locate the Romp family plot at Fowler Cemetery in Neosho County, Kansas. This cemetery is in a rural part of the county and has fallen into a state of disrepair and so far records of which grave in the family plot belongs to Charles Romp have not been found. I continue to utilize the resources I can find so I can assist the family with getting a grave stone for their Civil War veteran.

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Lastly, I've been assisting others with development of "virtual" list of Civil War Veterans buried in SE Kansas on Find-A-Grave.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Rocky D. Ansell

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

CAMP REPORTS

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1 – Commander James H. Graves, PCC

The following is a short summary for the Cpl. P. Coyne Camp #1 in Wichita since our last report at the Department of Kansas Encampment meeting in January 2021.

The camp was unable to meet in person in January and February 2021 due to COVID-19 and the closing of our meeting location in that regard. Our first in-person meeting was held in March of 2021 and those have continued on our scheduled nights throughout the remainder of the year.

The camp has had an increase in membership in 2021 with 4 new members joining the ranks. They are all active in attending meetings on a regular basis which add to our attendance on the given meeting night.

After having completed the Highland Cemetery project in Wichita in Nov 2020 (after 11 years), to raise, straighten, and clean all the civil war veteran's headstones, we put together an agreement with Maple Grove Cemetery to do the same around the Pavilion starting in March of 2022. These 88 headstones surrounding the restored Pavilion. This will be an ongoing project for the camp. Workdays have been scheduled starting in March 2022.

The camp placed (3) wreaths in honor of Memorial Day. The locations were the Pavilion at Maple Grove Cemetery, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Wichita, and the GAR plot at Highland Cemetery all in Wichita.

In October a small number of members attended the civil war monument re-dedication at the invitation of the Eckles Camp # 10 in Winfield.

In November the camp held elections for 2022 camp officers. These officers were installed by Past Department Commander Tom Schmidt with brother James Graves elected as Camp Commander succeeding brother Terry Justice who held the position for 3 years.

On December 18 the camp sponsored the Wreath's Across American Program at the GAR Pavilion at Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita. The camp sold wreaths to be placed at the headstones surrounding the pavilion and participated in the ceremony. Brother Steve Hamlin coordinated the effort for the event. 85 wreaths were placed which covered all but 3 of the 88 headstones. The 3 needed wreaths were purchased on the day of the event so that all the headstones surrounding the pavilion were taken care of.

As part of its regular meeting format, using the prescribed ritual guidelines, a short program on a civil war topic is presented. These have been very interesting and informative. Programs range from member ancestor history, local cemetery information, GAR memorabilia and civil war engagements. Our meeting attendance seems to hold steady in the range of 8-14 attendees with the majority of meetings having double digit attendance.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

James H. Graves – Camp Commander Cpl. P. Coyne Camp #1

PDC Thomas E. Schmidt – Camp Secretary/Treasurer Cpl. P. Coyne Camp #1

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 – Commander Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC

In 2021 Camp 4 added 4 new members to Camp 4.

Camp 4 in 2021 presented SUVCW ROTC ribbons to the University of Kansas Army, Navy, Air Force ROTC units. Awards for the same ROTC units have been ordered from the National Quartermaster for presentation in April-May 2022.

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Camp 4 placed about 400-500 flags on graves of Union Civil War veterans in Lawrence, KS area cemeteries for Memorial Day 2021 and are scheduled to do the same for Memorial Day 2022.

Some members of Camp 4 have presented U.S. Civil War programs to Kansas area schools.

Camp 4 continues to have monthly programs on the third Tuesday of each month, except for the month of July at the American Legion Post 14 at 3408 W. 6th Street, Lawrence, KS. Monthly meetings start at 6:30 PM and have Civil War related programs, except for the months of November and December which are “business” meeting. For all Camp 4 meeting Lawrence, KS area public are invited to attend.

All 2021 Camp officers are serving the same positions for 2022.

F, C, & L

Dennis Lawrence, Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Franklin Camp No. 5 – Commander William J. Stoker, PCC

This past year was profoundly affected by the continuing Covid pandemic. Franklin Camp resumed in person meetings in March outdoors. Our first normal meeting was in April at Pegah’s restaurant in Lenexa. All our meetings until then had all been canceled due to Covid. As usual we had a speaker at all of our in person meetings. Keara Torkelson, a survivor of the Fort Hood shooting, Jim Thornton, speaking on John Brown, Charles Heller, the Maryland Regiments, Chris Edwards, talking about Quantrill, and Dan Stilley, the 8th Kansas at Chickamauga were our speakers this past year. Franklin Camp is blessed with a large number of willing and talented speakers among our membership. Our participation in the Shawnee Mission Indian Festival had been one of our most successful recruiting events. Unfortunately due to state regulation the festival was canceled again this year. We did have our usual Veterans Day ceremony at the Franklin Camp GAR Memorial in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery. We honored three local veterans and awarded them each a Quilt of Valor. Our current membership stands at 37. While we expect some turnover of membership we are hoping to maintain that level of membership with some change in individuals. We are also planning on continuing our return to normal with our meetings and activities for 2022. Pegahs has been a good location for our meetings with a nice private space, a large television to display graphics, good service and food. We will continue this year with our traditional schedule of meeting the fourth Thursday of each month except in July, August, and December. In November we move to avoid Thanksgiving and will work with Pegahs to schedule that meeting. We have speakers arranged for the rest of 2022, and are hoping to move closer to normal in 2022.

William J. Stoker, PCC, Camp Commander

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Humboldt Camp No. 9 – Commander Bridger P. Keyes

The purpose of the office of Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2021 was yet another challenging year. The trials, though not quite to challenging as the year before, have had its lingering effects impacting our organization. Though the times be trying, morale is high and the determination to due our duty in honor of those who have gone before us is still present in the midst of our camp.

Many brothers busied themselves with placing flags at local cemeteries on Memorial Day honoring the fallen. A couple brothers in particular have been very dedicated to doing so every year.

We have been presented the opportunity to assist the local Humboldt Museum by cleaning up and refinishing an original cannon that is one of their outside displays. The museum has been so gracious as to let us host our meeting these many years and we are eager to help them out in any way.

Brothers Robert Boyd, Dean Dillard and Barret Young represented us in the annual Good Ole Days Parade in Fort Scott, Kansas. This is usually a large gathering with ample opportunity to get our name out there and let the good people in our area know who we are and where we are!

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I took part in the living history event at the Mine Creek Battlefield Site near Mound City, Kansas. I was able to talk to many people about Civil War history and point them towards looking into their own family history and see what part their ancestors may have taken in the conflict. I was also able to inform them of the locations of our SUVCW Camps in hopes to pique their interest in joining our cause.

Brother Barret Young and Robert Boyd proudly represented our Camp at the 140th National Encampment! We were proud of their commitment and willingness to be a part of the event, going shoulder to shoulder with members of the SUVCW from around the country.

Brothers Barret and Robert also attended the reinternment of a Civil War Soldier in Plattsmouth, Nebraska along with other SUVCW brothers from another Camp.

It is our hope that we will not grow complacent in our goal to preserve the history and memory of those who fought, bled, and died in the service of our country. This is a call to arms that I myself have just cause to heed. We look forward to what the future holds, and our goal is to accomplish much

Your Humble Servant,
Bridger Keyes

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10 – Commander Kent M. Melcher, PDC

Private John N. Eckes Camp #10, Department of Kansas, is one year old, with a Date of Rank of February 25, 2021. Dealing with the restrictions of the pandemic made the chartering process difficult: our members held some meetings via ZOOM, which was less than ideal. However, the Camp made important decisions about when to meet and where. We also talked about the purpose of the SUVCW and adopted some Camp priorities. Throughout the process, Brother Alan Russ served as a guide with his wealth of knowledge of requirements for the formation of a new Camp. As the Camp organizer, I will always be indebted to Brother Russ for his counsel.

The most significant decision that our brothers made was to name the Camp after Private John N. Eckes, who served with Company E, 47th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Private Eckes was honored with a Congressional Medal of Honor for his participation in action at Vicksburg on May 22, 1863. (See below.) Private Eckes is buried in Union-Graham Cemetery in Winfield.

In the past year, Eckes Camp #10 has conducted two rededications of Civil War monuments. The first, at the Oxford, Kansas, Cemetery, was assisted by an honor guard firing team, with taps, from the American Legion in Winfield. The second, at Riverview Cemetery in Arkansas City, Kansas, was assisted by an honor guard flag team consisting of the American Legion and VFW from Arkansas City, as well as by brothers of the Sons of the American Revolution in Wichita. Brother Jimmy Coyne fired three volleys from his Enfield rifle. The Cowley County Courier-Traveler newspaper ran stories in advance of both events, with photographs of the monuments. In Oxford, about ten people from Oxford and Winfield attended. Over thirty people attended in Arkansas City. Both events were planned in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary celebrations of the two communities.

The Camp manned information booths at Oxford and Arkansas City, as well as at an event in Sedan, Kansas. A few weeks after the Sedan event, we were invited to present a program for the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Brothers Eric Crittenden, Terry Justice, and I drove to Sedan to make the presentation. In the fall, I was asked to bring the address for the annual Wreaths Across America program at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Winfield. Over two hundred people attended that event.

This year, Camp priorities include holding regular monthly workdays at cemeteries in communities near Winfield. There are hundreds of stones to clean and some that need to be reset. The Camp is blessed to have as a charter member Brother Joe Chrisman, SVC, who is the Sexton of the city cemeteries in Winfield. He is providing expertise and guidance as we plan the cleaning and resetting work.

There are some unmarked Civil War veterans' burials in local cemeteries. Brother Terry Justice, PCC, is doing amazing work cataloguing the cemeteries to find those graves so that the Camp can work with the cemeteries' Sextons to order stones.

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The Camp's current membership is sixteen, chartering with fifteen and initiating a new member at our February meeting. The Camp is blessed by what each of our brothers brings in dedication to the cause of "keeping green" in the memory of our citizens the sacrifices of those who fought to preserve the Union, 1861-1863.

Winfield has a long tradition of holding a Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Cemetery, which is planned by the local veterans' organizations. While we hope to be invited to be part of that observance, the Camp has also discussed conducting a ceremony at one of the several nearby cemeteries that do not have an observance.

Finally, there are several Civil War monuments in the area that the Camp plans to assess as to needed maintenance. That is a priority that may take a while for the Camp to undertake, as some of the monuments may require significant funding to complete.

Brothers, it is my privilege to serve as Commander of Eckes Camp #10. My thanks to all our brothers in the Department for your support as we have gotten started.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent M. Melcher, PDC

"The Forlorn Hope": General Ulysses S. Grant ordered an assault on the Confederate-held heights at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The plan called for an all volunteer storming party to build a bridge of "facines" across a deep ditch and plant scaling ladders against the 16-foot-high enemy embankment in advance of the main attack. The volunteers knew the odds were against survival and, in fact, in nineteenth century vernacular, the mission was labeled a "forlorn hope". Only single men were accepted as volunteers. Twice as many men as needed came forward, from which 150 were selected. The assault began in the early morning following a naval bombardment. Union soldiers came under enemy fire immediately and were pinned down in the ditch they were to cross. Despite repeated attacks by the main Union body, the men of the forlorn hope were unable to retreat until nightfall. Of the 150 men in the storming party, nearly half were killed. Seventy-nine survivors were awarded the Medal of Honor.

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

Old Abe Camp No. 16 – Commander Gary W. Kraus, PCC

Annual election of Camp officers was considered at our November meeting. The consensus was to renew the 2021 roster of elected officers for 2022. It will once again consist of Camp Commander Gary Kraus, Senior Vice Commander Kirk Nystrom, Junior Vice Commander Conrad Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer Rocky Bartlow, Council Members Jerry Reiman, Kirk Nystrom and Randy Durbin.

The roster of officers were sworn in by DC Kirk Nystrom at our December meeting. The meeting concluded with the recognition of the 24th anniversary of the Camp's founding.

We are pleased to announce the swearing in of two new members, Brennan Soukoup and Jack Sanders. We also accepted the transfer of two brothers from the Department of New Jersey, Jonathan Andrew Kraus (Andy) and Nicolai Marzo Kraus (Kolya). Sadly, we also note the passing of Brother Stan Sutton. Grave side commemoration of his service remains in the planning stages.

The Camp performed seven work days in the GAR section of the Topeka Cemetery. a major accomplishment this year has been the cleaning of most stones. As in years past, Brother Reiman continues researching the names on some of the stones on which they work and reporting about them at Camp meetings.

Old Abe Camp #16 was able to conduct a Memorial Day Observance ceremony this past year. The US Army and the US Marine Corps JROTC's assisted performing the flag ceremonies. Senator Rick Kloos spoke to those gathered for the ceremony. We were pleased to have a WIBW reporter covering the ceremony. An excellent report presented on their evening news broadcasts highlighted our honoring of the Boys in Blue.

The Camp also placed a window display that addressed observance of Memorial Day during May. We appreciate Julie's Coffee Shop, downtown Kansas Avenue providing the space for the display. Several Brothers and their family members did excellent work. Huzzah!

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The Camp has initiated an effort to obtain signage directing travelers to the GAR Memorial Building on the northeast corner of the Tenth Street and Jackson intersection. The Camp prepared and sent a letter requesting action on the matter to Representative Annie Kuether, in whose district the Memorial is located. We also contacted all the Camps in the Department of Kansas, explaining what we desired to do and requesting that they contact their respective representatives as well as Rep. Kuether. Several camps have done so.

Three members represented our Camp at the National Encampment in St. Louis this year. When a service was held in Nebraska to consecrate a grave for a Pvt. Kinkead, two Brothers represented us there.

We presented Junior ROTC medals and certificates to five high school programs as well as awarded one Eagle Scout Award this year.

We were able to schedule Civil War historian Robert Jones to present a program, 'The Impact of Railroads In the Civil War'. This was the second time he informed and entertained our Camp, nine members and eight guests attended the September program.

A kepi is passed every meeting, any moneys collected being donated to the American Battlefield Trust which works to preserve Civil War as well as Revolutionary War battlefields and historic sites. A donation of \$167 was sent to take advantage of a nine times matching opportunity that the Trust had secured.

In F, C & L,

Gary Kraus - CC

RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

Department Bylaws Committee - Alan L. Russ, PDC, Chairman

The Department Bylaws Committee was established under authority of Department Order No. 7 (series 2021-2022) as a special committee of the Department. Proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws were distributed to the committee members for their review. This was followed by a virtual meeting of the committee to decide and vote on what recommendations the committee would make to the Department Encampment. A summarized statement concerning these amendments follows, along with the committee recommendation. The full amendments are attached at the end of the reports.

2022-01 This amendment establishes precisely who shall be responsible for payment of a charter fee for a new camp. Currently, the charter fee is paid to the Department, and it is up to the camp organizer to either pay the charter fee or take up collections to pay the fee.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-02 This amendment changes the periods during which camp elections and installations of camp officers by referring directly to the National Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-03 This amendment corrects outdated references in Chapter IV, Article I, Section B (3)

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-04 This amendment clarifies the use of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised within the Department and clarifies its relation to the other governing documents of our Order.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-05 This amendment clarifies who shall set the location for a Department Encampment.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-06 This amendment clarifies who comprises the Department Council. This does not change the make-up of the council, but fully describes the council membership. This amendment

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eliminates the previous electronic board room, as Department Council meetings may be virtually held at the direction of the commander.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-07 This amendment clarifies the maximum size for committees and adds the Department Commander as a member (ex officio).

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-08 This amendment adds the Department Bylaws Committee as a standing committee and defines its membership and how it is organized. This amendment also removes the appointment of a special Department Bylaws Committee in Chapter IX based upon the committee becoming a standing committee.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-09 This amendment clarifies the payment of National Per Capita by dual brothers by changing the wording to stress the current regulations while still allowing for a change to the National Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-10 This amendment rescinds the existing Chapter VIII, as it pertains to the Department of Kansas Guard. This chapter was added in 2010 in anticipation of establishment of an organized Department of Kansas Guard. The department guard has never been established.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

2022-11 This amendment adds requirements for the Department Bylaws to contain the signatures of the Department Commander, Department Secretary, and the Commander-in-Chief. Although this has been the practice in the Department of Kansas, it is now included based upon changes to the National Regulations which were approved by the 2021 National Encampment.

RECOMMENDATION: The committee recommends this amendment be adopted.

**Amendments to Department Bylaws as Recommended by the
Department Bylaws Committee**

AMENDMENT 2022-01

**CHAPTER II
CAMPS**

Article II. CAMP CHARTERS

Section 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 as determined by National Regulations of the Order. The fee shall be paid ~~to~~ by the Department and shall accompany the application for permission to form a camp.

AMENDMENT 2022-02

**CHAPTER II
CAMPS**

Article III. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Section A. ANNUAL ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

1. Camps shall hold annual elections and installation of officers ~~as follows:~~ in accordance with and during the period specified in National Regulations of the Order Chapter I, Article V, Sections 2 and 3.

~~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.~~

~~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.~~

~~3.—Camps which meet less than monthly must hold a meeting in October, November, or December for the purpose of electing officers. The camp must then hold a meeting in November, December, or January for the installation of officers. If the camp chooses, it may hold the election and installation of officers at the same meeting provided the meeting is held in November or December. The camp must assure this does not delay the forwarding of the report of election and installation of officers.~~

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

AMENDMENT 2022-03

**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 ~~Chapter IV~~, Article ~~V I~~, 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 ~~Chapter IV~~, Article ~~V I~~, Section ~~B H~~), 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.

AMENDMENT 2022-04

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Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

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.~~

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meetings of the Department and its elements in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution or Regulations of this Order, except as in the Ritual and herein otherwise provided.

AMENDMENT 2022-05

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

Article I: DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Section F. LOCATION OF MEETINGS.

The ~~Host Camp or the~~ Department Council shall set the location for the Department Encampment.

AMENDMENT 2022-06

CHAPTER IV DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MEETINGS

~~Article II: 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.~~

Article II: DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

Section A. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Department Council shall consist of the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, three (3) elected members of the Council, and the immediate Past Department Commander.

2. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and the Department Counselor, shall be non-voting members of the Department Council. Non-voting members of the Department Council have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Department Council (including while in executive session) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Department Council. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions.

3. The Department Commander may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information.

4. The Department Council shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in the National Regulations or Department of Kansas Bylaws.

2022-07

**CHAPTER V
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Article III: COMMITTEES

Section A. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT.

The Department Commander shall appoint the members of all committees of the Department.

Section 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. The committee may not continue beyond the next Department Encampment without the approval of the Department Encampment. The establishing order shall indicate the life span of the committee.

Section C. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

~~Normally, each~~ Each committee shall consist of no more than five members **in addition to the Department Commander, who shall serve as member (ex officio)**. The committee chairman 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.

AMENDMENT 2022-08

**CHAPTER V
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Article III: COMMITTEES

Section D. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees, by definition, are long-term committees. As such, standing committees may only be created by the Department Encampment, and authorization for them must be included in the Bylaws.

Section E. DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. VISION COMMITTEE.

a. Purpose. To encourage camp and department activity. This committee is tasked with soliciting ideas from the camps of the Department and submitting them to the committee for review. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Department Commander on a regular basis.

b. Membership. The chairman and members of the committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander.

2. DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE.

a. Purpose. To review and/or propose changes to the Department Bylaws, as may become necessary. This includes reviewing changes to the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order as passed by a National Encampment. The committee shall ensure all requirements in Chapter IX, Article III, are complied with concerning proposed amendments.

b. Membership. The chairman and members of the committee shall be appointed by the Department Commander.

**CHAPTER IX
GENERAL**

Article 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:

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

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of proposed changes to the bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee, shall be forwarded to each camp secretary no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Department encampment.

2. Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Bylaws Committee, through the Department Secretary, no later than one hundred and five (105) days prior to the Department encampment. All proposed amendments must be submitted by the Camp Commander, attested by the Camp Secretary, after having been voted on at a previous meeting of the proposing Camp.

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.

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

AMENDMENT 2022-09

CHAPTER VI FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article I: FINANCES

Section A. DUES AND REVENUE.

a. 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.

b. Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for Junior Members and Junior Associates of their camps.

c. Camps are not required to pay annual Department dues for dual brothers of their camp, provided the primary camp of the brother is within the Department of Kansas.

d. Camps are ~~not~~ required to pay annual National Per Capita for dual brothers of their camp, ~~unless if~~ required to do so by National Regulations.

e. Nothing in subsections b, c, and d, above requires a camp to reduce the dues it collects from juniors or dual brothers. Any such reduction in the dues for brothers who fall within these categories shall be addressed in the bylaws of the Camp.

AMENDMENT 2022-10

CHAPTER VIII ~~DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD [Rescinded]~~

~~Article I: ESTABLISHMENT~~

~~Section A. AUTHORITY.~~

~~a.—Under the authority of Chapter IV, Article I, Section I, National Regulations of the Order, the Department of Kansas may establish a DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD, herewith referred to as the “Department Guard,” as an independent military organization within the Department of Kansas.~~

~~b.—The Department Commander is not required to establish a Department Guard.~~

~~Section B. PURPOSE.~~

~~If established, 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 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.~~

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~~Section 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 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 D. ROSTER.~~

~~The commanding officer shall furnish the Department Secretary a current roster of the Department Guard annually or whenever any changes to the roster occur.~~

~~Section 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 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.~~

AMENDMENT 2022-11

CHAPTER IX GENERAL

Article 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:

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

5. The Department Commander shall sign the Department's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Department Secretary.

6. The Department Secretary shall sign the Department's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Commander-in-Chief for approval once they have been signed by the Department Commander.

7. The Department Secretary shall forward a copy of the Department's Bylaws signed by the Commander-in-Chief to the Executive Director each time they are modified and no later than 45 days after receiving the approved Department Bylaws from the Commander-in-Chief.

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

1/1/2021 Statement Date
 12/31/2021 Beginning Balance \$ 5,259.89

Date	Activity	Description	Debit	Credit
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Receipts

2/12/21	104370197	Wampler (camp 5) Hathaway, Jones, Mueller, Talkington, E; Talkington, G		168.00
3/3/2021	106287212	10-Jones,J;Jones,K;Floyd,T;Bradbury,C 489)		112.00
3/3/2021	106287208	9-Greek #1022		33.00
4/29/2021	Transfer	From Savings	2,245.00	
5/24/2021	114445683	5-Winters #2038		22.25
8/4/21	121617086	1-Harrison, Robinson, Burke		66.00
8/14/21	Mobile DEP	ERROR-Should have been dep to Bartlow acct		65.00
8/14/21	Mobile DEP	ERROR-Should have been dep to Bartlow acct		65.00
9/13/2021	12563356	4-Winters		16.50
9/17/2021	126058052	4-Saunders		16.50
10/8/2021	Transfer	16-Bartlow Mourning Ribbons		4.00
10/9/2021	Transfer	ERROR-Transfer from Bartlow Acct	130.00	
10/9/2021	128277810	1-Mourning Ribbons		10.00
11/5/2021	130901552	9-Young (see below)		5.00
11/18/2021		9-Young		5.00

Expenses

1/2/21	1046	Rocky Bartlow (PDC badge)	120.00	
2/2/21	r5m0k-ttksk	Void	0.00	
2/9/21	r6zpw-01wt9	Void	0.00	
2/26/2021	1048	Natl Org (5-Mem; 10 start;9-rein; 10-members		313.00
1/14/2021	1047	SUVCW National (Camp 16-Soukup)	28.00	
4/20/2021	1050	USPS (Postage)	12.20	
4/20/2021	1049	Dept of Missouri-SUVCW (Ad)	40.00	
4/23/2021	1001	Natl Org (Dept P/C)	2,889.00	
5/19/2021	1003	Natl Org (Winters Camp 5)		22.25
6/8/2021	1002	Lee Media Group (Domain Host)	100.99	
6/16/2021	1004	Void	0.00	
8/4/2021	1005	Nat Org (Harrison, Robinson, Burke)	66.00	
9/1/2021	Transfer	Correction of Error on 8/14/2021	130.00	
11/5/2021	Return	11/5 deposit returned-no amount	5.00	
9/3/2021	1006	Natl Org(16-Puett/ 4-Winters)	33.00	
9/14/2021	1007	Natl Org (4-Saunders)	16.50	
11/6/2021	Transfer	Correction of error on 10/9	130.00	

Total Expenses \$ 3,905.94
 Total Receipts \$ 2,963.25
 Balance \$ 4,317.20

Obligated Funds

12/18/2021	1009	Alan Russ (postage)	48.36	
11/2/2021	1008	Nat Org (9-Young)	5.00	
Total Obligated Funds			\$ 53.36	

Available Funds \$ 4,263.84
 Envista End of Year Statement Total: \$ 4,317.20

* Cleared Bank

BUSINESS SHARES ACCOUNT

1/1/2021 Statement Date
 12/31/2020 Beginning Balance \$ 5,195.59

Date	Activity	Description	Debit	Credit
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Receipts

1/15/2021	101545598	Camp 16 (Soukup Membership)		28.00
1/31/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.44
2/28/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.40
3/31/2021	109011158	OA16 per capita		644.00
3/31/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.45
4/28/2021	111827840	9-National Per Capita (1023)		253.00
4/29/2021	111928388	4-National Per Capita (384)		444.00
4/28/2021	111827858	5-National Per Capita (2037)		812.00
4/28/2021	111827851	10-National Per Capita (1001)		138.00
4/28/2021	111827847	1-National Per Capita (1149)		598.00
4/30/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.49
5/31/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.50
6/1/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.48
7/31/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.50
8/31/2021	DEP	Dividend		0.50
9/3/2021	Transfer	16-Puett		16.50
9/30/2021	Deposit	Interest		0.48
10/31/2021	Deposit	Interest		0.50
11/30/2021	Deposit	interest		0.48
12/31/2021	Deposit	interest		0.50

Expenses

4/29/2021	Transfer to checking		2,245.00	
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Total Expenses \$ 2,245.00
 Total Receipts \$ 2,939.22
 Balance \$ 5,889.81

Obligated Funds

Total Obligated Funds \$ 0.00
 Available Funds \$ 5,889.81
 Envista End of Quarter Statement Total: \$ 5,889.81

DEPARTMENT TREASURER REPORT AND 2022 DEPARTMENT BUDGET

SCHALL ACCOUNT

1/1/2021		Statement Date		
12/31/2021		Beginning Balance		\$1,469.57
Date	Activity	Description	Debit	Credit
<u>Receipts</u>				
1/31/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
2/28/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.11
3/30/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
4/20/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
5/1/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
6/30/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
7/31/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
8/31/2021	Dep	Dividend		0.12
9/30/21	Dep	Dividend		0.12
10/1/21	Dep	Dividend		0.12
11/30/21	Dep	Dividend		0.12
12/31/21	Dep	Dividend		0.12
<u>Expenses</u>				
Total Expenses			\$0.00	
Total Receipts				\$1.43
Balance				\$1,471.00
<u>Obligated Funds</u>				
Total Obligated Funds			\$0.00	
Available Funds				\$1,471.00
Envista End of Year Statement Total:				\$1,471.00

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Code	Item	Expense	Budgeted	Income
N-QM	National Quartermaster		0.00	
D-WH	Web hosting		100.00	
D-POSTAGE	Postage		125.00	
N-EN-DC	Dept Commander National Encampment			
	Expense		130.00	
N-EN-REG-DC	Dept Commander National Encampment			
	Registration		10.00	
N-EN-PROG	National Encampment Advertisement		40.00	
D-EN-FAC	Dept Encampment Facility Expense		100.00	
D-EN-SUPPLIES	Dept Encampment Supplies		140.00	
D-LICENSE	Dept License for ZOOM-Pro		200.00	
N-PERCAPITA	National Per Capita		0.00	
D-PERCAPITA	Department Per Capita			0.00
TOTAL			\$ 845.00	\$ 0.00
OVER/(SHORT)			(\$ 845.00)	

Incoming Department Officers

2022-2023

Department Commander	Robert D. Boyd, II, PCC <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Senior Vice Department Commander	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Junior Vice Department Commander	Conrad M. Fisher, PCC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Secretary (term expiring 2025)	Alan L. Russ, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Treasurer (term expiring 2025)	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2023)	William F. Schomaker <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2024)	Michael A. Todd, PDC <i>(Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence)</i>
Council Member (term expiring 2024)	Walter R. Schley, Jr. <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Immediate Past Department Commander	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC <i>(Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka)</i>
Patriotic Instructor	Steven W. Hamlin, PCC <i>(Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita)</i>
Chaplain	Kent M. Melcher, PDC <i>(Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10, Winfield)</i>
Graves Registration Officer	William J. Stoker, PCC <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Historian	Joshua S. Young <i>(Franklin Camp 5, Olathe)</i>
Civil War Memorials Officer	Rocky D. Ansell <i>(Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt)</i>
Counselor	[Vacant]



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