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2023 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 18, 2023, Winfield, Kansas

Private John N. Eckes Camp No. 10 is hosting the 2023 Department of Kansas Encampment on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The Encampment is at the First United Methodist Church, 1000 Millington Street, Winfield. The site is handicap accessible.

Department Order No. 7 (Revised) has the official details for the Encampment Registration will be open from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. The Memorial Service/Business Meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. The Kansas LGAR will again be making lunch available; however, advance purchase is required.

The Encampment information, to include the lunch reservation form and a listing of area motels, is available on the Department website.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023-2024 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Commander Boyd has appointed PDC Michael A. Todd as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The committee is tasked with presenting a slate of candidates for department officers at the Department Encampment.

Offices up for election on March 18, 2023, are:

- Department Commander*
- Senior Vice Department Commander*
- Junior Vice Department Commander*
- Council Member (term expiring 2025)*
- Council Member (unexpired term expiring 2024)*

If you are interested in running for one of the above offices, contact PDC Todd at KSL1987@embargmail.com. Please advise him of your background and qualifications.

As always, nominations will also be solicited from the floor of the Encampment.

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE

Progress continues with the Department website at www.suvcwks.org. The main pages have been completed. The website is draped when the SUVCW is placed into a period of mourning. Also, there is a provision to quickly show official postings toward the bottom of the main page.

Signals Officers PDC Thomas E. Schmidt and PDC Kent M. Melcher continue their efforts to ensure the various pages are updated and information is verified.

The Signals Officers have been working with camps to update the various camp pages on the website. PDC Schmidt is the camp coordinator for Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, and Franklin Camp No. 5. PDC Melcher is the camp coordinator for Humboldt Camp No. 9, Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10, and Old Abe Camp No. 16.

The contractor has been diligently working on converting the legacy Monuments and Memorials website over to the current platform. The original Monuments and Memorials worksite was created as a separate site by PCC Douglas E. McGovern over a period from 2005 to 2010. By combining the two sites, maintenance and update of the Monuments and Memorial pages will become more seamless and have additional manpower to work on it.

You can view the Monuments and Memorials “county” pages from the Department’s website by clicking on the link toward the top of the home page.



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Past Commander in Chief, Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan, passed away January 12, 2023. This website is draped in accordance with G.O. No. 16 dated January 13

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CAMP OFFICERS FOR 2023

The following officers were reported to the Department as having been duly elected and installed with their respective camps for 2023.

CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1, WICHITA

Camp Commander	James H. Graves, PCC	Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Senior Vice Commander	Michael L. Halfman	Patriotic Instructor	Randolph J. Colby, Jr.
Junior Vice Commander	Steven W. Hamlin	Chaplain	Dale L. Rouse, PCC
Council Member	Dale L. Rouse, PCC	Graves Registration Officer	Terry E. Justice, PCC
Council Member	Terry E. Justice, PCC	Historian	Michael L. Halfman
Council Member	Marlin J. Miller	Civil War Memorials Officer	Randolph J. Colby, Jr.

SERGEANT SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL CAMP NO. 4, LAWRENCE

Camp Commander	Michael D. Heck	Treasurer	Michael A. Todd, PDC
Senior Vice Commander	William P. Myers	Patriotic Instructor	Michael J. Hadl, PCC
Junior Vice Commander	George E. Goff	Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC
Council Member	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	Graves Registration Officer	Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC
Council Member	Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC	Historian	Michael J. Hadl, PCC
Council Member	Paul Jefferson, PCC	Civil War Memorials Officer	Paul Jefferson, PCC
Secretary	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC		

FRANKLIN CAMP NO. 5, OLATHE

Camp Commander	William J. Stoker, PCC	Treasurer	Lane D. Smith, PCC
Senior Vice Commander	Richard T. Miller	Patriotic Instructor	Lane D. Smith, PCC
Junior Vice Commander	Daniel W. Stillely	Graves Registration Officer	Joshua S. Young
Council Member	Ronnie R. Thompson	Historian	Roger B. Miller
Council Member	Richard N. McPherson	Civil War Memorials Officer	James P. Edgington
Council Member	James P. Edgington	Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Lane D. Smith, PCC
Secretary	James D. Thornton		

HUMBOLDT CAMP NO. 9, HUMBOLDT

Camp Commander	Bridger P. Keyes, PCC	Secretary/Treasurer	Robert D. Boyd II, PCC
Senior Vice Commander	Rocky D. Ansell	Patriotic Instructor	William E. Fischer, Jr., PDC
Junior Vice Commander	Barrett E. Young, PCC	Chaplain	William F. Schomaker
Council Member	Rocky D. Ansell	Graves Registration Officer	Barrett E. Young, PCC
Council Member	Barrett E. Young, PCC	Historian	Bridger P. Keyes, PCC
Council Member	William F. Schomaker	Civil War Memorials Officer	Rocky D. Ansell

PRIVATE JOHN N. ECKES CAMP NO. 10, WINFIELD

Camp Commander	Joseph E. Chrisman	Patriotic Instructor	Kent M. Melcher, PDC
Senior Vice Commander	William K. Mueller	Chaplain	Roderick A. Hathaway
Junior Vice Commander	Gregg L. Talkington	Graves Registration Officer	Terry E. Justice
Council Member	Terry E. Justice	Historian	Terry E. Justice
Council Member	James P. Coyne	Civil War Memorials Officer	Kent M. Melcher, PDC
Council Member	Roderick A. Hathaway	Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Eric L. Crittenden
Secretary/Treasurer	Eric L. Crittenden		

OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16, TOPEKA

Camp Commander	Conrad M. Fisher, PCC	Patriotic Instructor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Senior Vice Commander	Jack M. Puett	Chaplain	Ronald H. Martin
Junior Vice Commander	John T. Morgan	Graves Registration Officer	Jerry W. Reiman, PCC
Council Member	Craig E. Dunstan, PCC	Historian	Blair D. Tarr
Council Member	Jack A. Sanders	Civil War Memorials Officer	Jerry W. Reiman, PCC
Council Member	Ronald H. Martin	Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Gary W. Kraus, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC		

CAMP STRENGTHS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2023

The following strength figures represent information received by the Department Secretary as of January 31, 2023. This a net increase of four brothers within the Department of Kansas since March 31, 2022. After discounting for dual brothers (as National does to get a true strength), our actual reportable strength is 145.

<u>Camp Name & Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Associates</u>	<u>Jr. Members</u>	<u>Jr. Associates</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1	32	1	0	0	33	0
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	18	4	0	0	22	0
Franklin Camp 5	34	3	1	0	38	+3
Humboldt Camp 9	11	0	0	0	11	-1
John N. Eckes Camp 10	15	0	0	0	15	+2
Old Abe Camp 16	33	0	0	0	33	0
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS	143	8	1	0	152	+4
Dual Brothers	6	0	0	0	6	+1
<i>Department Reportable Strength (minus Dual Brothers and Juniors)</i>					145	

SCOTTISH-AMERICAN SOLDIERS MONUMENT

27 Waterloo Place, Old Town, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.



Monuments to those who served in the American Civil War are frequently found in this country. However, it might be surprising to learn there is one located in the middle of Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. The following information is from <https://www.battlefields.org/visit/heritage-sites/scottish-american-soldiers-monument>.

Unveiled on August 21, 1893, the monument commemorates the lives of the Scotsmen who fought in the American Civil War. The statue was commissioned by American Consul William Bruce and his wife after having met the widow of Sgt. Major John McEwan, who was buried in an unmarked grave. The plot of land was given by the Edinburgh Corporation and money was raised in the United States from prominent people with Scottish ties--such as Andrew Carnegie. The monument was sculpted by George E. Bissell and is the only monument marking the lives lost in the American Civil War outside of the United States. It depicts a standing figure of Abraham Lincoln, with a freed slave giving thanks at his feet.

The *Sunflower Picket* is published by the Department of Kansas to provide information to its brothers. SVDC Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, is the editor for the *Sunflower Picket*. Individuals and camps who wish to submit articles to be considered for publication should email them to Brother Schmidt (email: tschmidt2264@yahoo.com) to arrive no later than April 2, 2023. Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Photos should be in .jpg format.