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Franklin Camp #5, Olathe, Kansas, Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
*Recipient of William W. Nixon, Camp of the Year Award, 2008-2009, Department of Kansas*

## CAMP CALENDAR

### March, 2010

- 17... St. Patrick's Day
- 20... Spring Begins
- 25... Franklin Camp Meeting, Patriotic Instruction, Commander Smith & Verle Olson reviewing the book "The South was Right", Bass Pro Shop Fish Co. Restaurant, 12051 Bass Pro Dr, Olathe, KS – Dinner, 6PM, Meeting, 7PM
- 28... Palm Sunday
- 29... Passover Begins

### April, 2010

- 2... Good Friday
- 4... Easter Sunday
- 10... Mine Creek Battlefield Cleanup Day, Pleasanton, KS 10am-3pm
- 29... Franklin Camp Meeting, Patriotic Instruction, Sec/Treasurer Brent Lawrence "Old Blood and Guts and Stonewall Jackson" Student and Teachers, Bass Pro Shop Fish Co. Restaurant, 12051 Bass Pro Drive, Olathe, KS – Dinner, 6PM, Meeting, 7PM

*Franklin Camp Meetings are normally held the fourth Thursday of each month at the Islamorada Restaurant, located in the Bass Pro Retail Store, 12051 Bass Pro Blvd, Olathe Kansas 66061.*

## CAMP COMMANDER'S CORNER



*Lane D. Smith,  
Franklin Camp #5 Camp Commander  
Photo -Editor*

### **Patriotic Instruction**

Many thanks to Dave Tollefson for his presentation at our February Camp Meeting. Dave's ancestor was with the 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana, General Woods' Division, 14<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, General George Thomas, Commander. I'm reading a biography of Thomas and there wasn't any better.

The 86<sup>th</sup> was one of the regiments that attacked Missionary Ridge during the Chattanooga Campaign in late 1863. They were supposed to stop at the base of the ridge, but without orders, continued on up to the very top and overran the Confederates on the ridge, sending them in retreat. Dave has a book. Published by three members of the Regiment in 1895. containing the full regimental history of this unit in first-person frontline detail, throughout the war. His ancestor was captured at Stones River and served time as a prisoner of war at the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. He was later paroled, weighing less than 80 lbs, and survived only due to a Baltimore Maryland family taking him in and feeding him cranberries until his health returned to a degree allowing him to continue back to his home at Oxford, Indiana. He later emigrated to Atchison, Kansas, where he married and became a successful farmer. Also. Dave had several items on display that his ancestor had accumu-

lated during the war including a pocket Bible.

Our Patriotic Instruction for March will be led by Commander Smith and Verle Olsen. When announced that the subject would be a book review, "The South was Right" it was learned that Verle was also reading this book. We only have about 35 minutes for Patriotic Instruction and there is so much in this book that could be discussed. However, we will review what we can in that period of time.

April's Patriotic Instruction will be led by Senior Vice Commander Brent Lawrence, and May will be Brother Roger Miller.

### **Meeting Date Change**

There are five Thursday's in April. We always have our meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of each month. However, I will be out of town on the fourth Thursday, and asked the camp to consider moving the April meeting to the fifth Thursday, which is April 29<sup>th</sup>. The camp agreed so mark their meeting calendars accordingly.

### **National Battlefield Cleanup Day**

In the last Old Flag, it was announced that April 10<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled day for continued annual cleanup of Mine Creek, 10 am to whenever, generally 2 or 3 o'clock. At the next meeting I will be asking for those who will be able to help. Our

Sons of Confederate Veterans brethren will be helping that same day. I will bring my chain saw and will let you know of other tools that may be necessary. Arnold Schofield will have a Mine Creek t-shirt for all participants.

Generally, I like to go down a little early and have breakfast at the Cup Cake café in Pleasanton. It's not very fancy but I've dined there before and they really serve good breakfasts including biscuits and gravy, my favorite. By the way, bring your own drinking water during the cleanup.

### **Membership**

This is the last month to renew your membership. Be sure your renewal is to Wade Lawrence before the end of the month. Call Commander Smith if you have questions, 913-649-1515.

### **A Presidents Salty Uncles**

President Theodore Roosevelt's maternal uncles lived in Liverpool, England after the war and told the young Teddy of their high seas adventures during the war. Teddy wrote that his one uncle built the CSS ALABAMA, which fired the last gun discharged from her batteries in the fight with the USS KEARSARGE. It's also interesting to note that Teddy Roosevelt's mother may have been Margaret Mitchell's inspiration for Scarlett O'Hara in her acclaimed novel "Gone With The Wind". Mitchell visited the home of Bulloch Hall in Roswell, Geor-

gia, in the 1920's and later recalled its "atmosphere of dignity, ease, and courtesy that was the soul of the Old South". That visit inspired many of the scenes and characters found in her novel.

### **Invitation**

I did receive a reply from the President Obama's Scheduling Events Department concerning the Memorial Day service and the expected response was that the President would not be able to attend. I'm sure our service will still be a successful one nonetheless.

### **CWRT of KC**

The next Roundtable meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> with President Lincoln as our featured speaker. April 27<sup>th</sup> speaker is President Jefferson Davis. Again, any and all are welcomed guests to the Roundtable meeting, except for the fact that it is a dinner meeting at the Homestead Country Club and the cost of \$25.00. If anyone is interested please contact Commander Smith as reservations are required.

### **Quote:**

*"No tongue can tell, no mind conceive, no pen portray the horrible sights I witnessed this morning".* Captain John Taggart, 9<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, at Antietam, Sept 17, 1862.

## Southern Unionists

Confederates were Southerners, but not all Southerners were Confederates. Muster rolls estimate that 100,000 or more white Southerners fought for the North. Eastern Tennessee contributed a particularly large number of men to the Union, with Tennessee as a whole, 42,000. Texas 2,200, Arkansas 10,000, Louisiana 7,000, Alabama 3,000, North Carolina 5,000, Virginia and West Virginia 30,000 with smaller numbers from Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida also contributing to the Union war effort.

## Oakwood Cemetery, Parsons Kansas

Brother Ron Greek notified us of this beautiful cemetery dedicated by the Antietam Post G.A.R. at Parsons, [http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/civilwar/civil\\_war\\_veterans.htm](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/civilwar/civil_war_veterans.htm), <http://www.kscwmonuments.com/Counties/Labette-county.htm#Parsons-LabetteCo>. I thought our GAR monument in Olathe Memorial Cemetery was impressive, and it is, but this is really something. <http://images.search.yahoo.com/search/images?p=oakwood+cemetery%2C+kansas&toggle=1&cop=mss&ei=UTF-8&fr=yfp-t-701> See these sites and you'll be impressed. Over 350 Union veterans are buried in this cemetery. The Antietam GAR Post did it right.

## 2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT FORMS ONLINE

2010 is now here, and August will be coming up so quickly. Make plans now to attend the SUVCW National Encampment at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel, August 12-15, 2010

<http://www.suvcwks.org/2010%20Encampment/Kansas2010.htm>

## FRANKLIN CAMP MEETING SITE

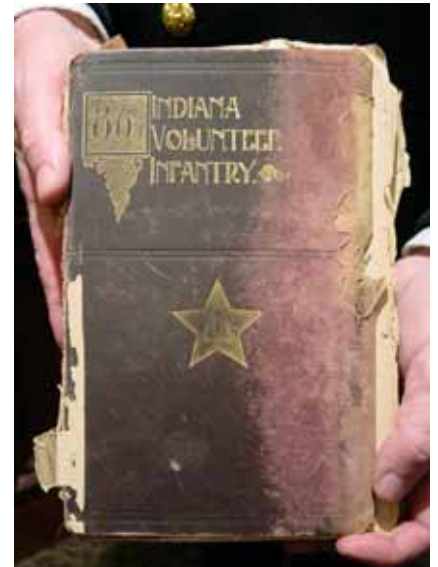


## MARCH PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION A HIT



Brother David Tollefson holding his g2grandfather's bayonet  
Photo - Editor

At our February Camp Meeting, Franklin Camp #5 received an excellent Patriotic Instruction, courtesy of Brother David Tollefson, who serves as one of the counselors of the Camp. His ancestor, Corporal Van Over enlisted as a 16-year-old private in the 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His youth and speed served him well on Missionary Ridge and in Libby Prison.



David Tollefson's 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regimental History Book, passed down from his g2grandfather  
Photo - Editor



David Tollefson sharing excerpts from his g2grandfather's Regimental History Book with Franklin Camp brothers  
Photo - Editor



David's g2grandfather was among the men of the 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry who, without orders, ran headlong up Missionary Ridge, thus routing the enemy and sending them into retreat.



Pvt Van Over was later taken prisoner and found himself starving to death at the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Once pardoned, he found his way to a family in Baltimore who took him in and fed him cranberries, bringing him back to health to get back to his Regiment. He continued to fight until the conclusion of the war.



*Commander Smith introducing Brother Tollefson* Photo – Editor



*Pvt Van Over hailed from Oxford, Benton County, Indiana. The proud record of the 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana is well-preserved in his hometown and county.*

*Photos - Editor*



*Oxford, Indiana West Side Cemetery. Note the wind generator in background, one of hundreds of these giant machines, generating electricity for the area grid. Never-stopping winds probably covered the area in the 1800's.*

*Photo - Editor*

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT MEDAL

The editor has now seen a production copy of the special Kansas medal that is available for purchase now, and delivery at the upcoming National Encampment, to be held at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel, August 12 – 15, 2010. These numbered medals, struck only for this historic event, will make wonderful keepsakes, gifts, and legacies. When they are all ordered, there will be no second opportunity. Do not delay, order yours today.

<http://www.suvcwks.org/2010%20Encampment/Kansas2010.htm>

## BATTLEFIELD CLEANUP DAY

Franklin Camp is participating in this year's Mine Creek Battlefield Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 3pm. Dress warm and bring a few yard tools. Anything else will be provided.



*Brother Lawrence at 2008 Mine Creek Cleanup*

*Photo - Editor*

## FRANKLIN CAMP ROSTER

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