

Third Term of Department Commander Dean Speaks

**Department Orders #1
Series 1998-99 July 1998**

Order of Suspension of Camp Charter

The Col. John A. Martin Camp #8 of Salina has failed to pay per-capita taxes or file Form 27 reports to the Department for the following quarters:

3rd Quarter FY97 (Due 03-31-97)

4th Quarter FY97 (Due 06-30-97)

1st Quarter FY98 (Due 09-30-97)

2nd Quarter FY98 (Due 12-31-97)

3rd Quarter FY98 (Due 03-31-98 - Payment Made - No paperwork filed)

4th Quarter FY98 (Due 06-30-98)

On several occasions in the past 4 months, including Department Orders #5, Series 1997-98, dated April 1998, the Col. John A. Martin Camp #8 has been requested to forward **all** past due reports and payments of per-capita taxes to the Department Secretary/Treasurer or risk the possibility of suspension of the Camp Charter. As of July 12, 1998 the Department has had no response from the Camp nor have we received any reports.

Chapter I, Article VI, Section 4 of the Regulations of the Order state:

"The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate quarterly reports to the Department Secretary on the first days of January, April, July and October upon the forms prescribed by the Order, and furnished by the Department Secretary, showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita tax, covering the entire membership, due from the Camp, to the Department Headquarters, on or before the tenth (10th) day of the month, the other copy to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the same to the Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose."

Chapter I, Article I, Section 7 of the Regulations of the Order state:

"A Camp failing to pay per capita tax or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander. Suspended Camps may be reinstated by forwarding reports and paying all arrearages of per capita tax."

By authority vested in me under Chapter I, Article I, Section 7 of the Regulations of the Order I hereby **Suspend the Charter** of the Col. John A. Martin Camp #8 of Salina, Kansas. This order of suspension shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the aforementioned Camp complies with the stated section of the Regulations.

The Camp Commander or the Camp Secretary/Treasurer have been given until July 31, 1998 to contact the Department Commander or Department Secretary/Treasurer in reference to the Camp's intentions in regard to complying with this order. If contact is not made by that date the Department Commander will request that the Commander-in-Chief revoke the Charter of and Disband said Camp under the provisions in Chapter I, Article I, Section 5 of the Regulations of the Order.

Copies of this suspension order shall be mailed to each member of the Camp and certified copies shall be mailed to the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary/Treasurer. A copy of this order shall also be sent to

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Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, Department Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Page and Department Counselor Van Delhotal.

Issued this 12th Day of July, 1998 in Beloit, Kansas.

Dean K. Speaks
Department Commander

Attest:

Thomas Page
Department Secretary/Treasurer

**Department Orders #2
Series 1998-99 July 1998**

At the 2nd Annual Department Encampment, held in Beloit on April 25, 1998, I received the honor of being elected by the delegates present to serve a 3rd term as your Department Commander. I deem it a true honor that the members of this Department have placed their faith in me to serve you for the last 2 years and again this year.

This Department has come a long way in the past 3 years, going from a scattering of members-at-large across the State to a full fledged Department with 7 Camps. In the past 4 months alone we have formed and instituted 3 new Camps in Topeka, Great Bend and Larned. I believe that this growth rate is unprecedented in our Order and we have attained a National reputation for getting things done.

Elected and installed during the Encampment to serve during the coming year are the following Department Officers:

Commander Dean K. Speaks, PCC Camp #3

Sr. Vice Commander Franklin C. Bergquist, CC Camp #1

Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth D. Strader, Camp #1

Secretary/Treasurer Thomas L. Page, Camp #1

Department Council Van Delhotal, Camp #1

Randall M. Thies, CC Camp #16

James C. Martin, Camp #8

I have appointed several members to serve as Department Officers for 1998-99. These include the following:

Patriotic Instructor Randall M. Thies

Counselor Van Delhotal

Chaplain Kim L. Nelson

Webmaster Will Page

Historian James C. Martin

Graves Registration Officer David Clapsaddle

The Encampment voted to hold at least 2 extra Department meetings during the year (making a total of 3) with the possibility of a 4th. The two that we decided on will be a Fall and a Winter meeting. The Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp #1 in Wichita has extended an invitation to be the host of the Fall meeting. This meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, 1998 at the D.A.V. Building, 3011 George Washington Blvd in Wichita starting at 1:00 p.m.

The Encampment also voted to authorize the Department Commander or his appointed representative to contact the National Camp-at-Large located in Omaha, Nebraska about the possibility of joining our Department. This Camp has been in existence for several years, but has not been heard from at the National level for some time. It is the feeling at National, as well as by our Encampment, that if we approach the Camp about providing Department support, we can assist them with any matters pending and help form more new Camps in Nebraska. We are one of the closest Department's to them and can therefore provide the most help statewide in Nebraska.

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The Encampment decided to hold off on naming a location and date for our next Annual Encampment until a later Department meeting. This is because of the low turnout at our previous Encampments. The possibility of a neutral site will be explored more fully.

The motion was made and passed that we explore the possibility of co-hosting the 2001 National Encampment with the Department of Missouri at a city somewhere within the two states. Cities currently under exploration are Kansas City, Springfield, MO and Wichita.

Recent concerns about Camps not paying their per capita taxes and filing their reports have surfaced. All Camps have complied with Department Orders #5, Series 1997-98, with the exception of the Col. John A. Martin Camp #8 in Salina. The Encampment voted to support the Department Commander in the Suspension of the Charter of this Camp and any other that fails to comply with the Regulations on this matter.

Per Department Order #1, Series 1998-99, I have Suspended the Charter of the Col. John A. Martin Camp #8 in Salina, effective immediately and until such time as they comply with the Regulations of the Order, Chapter I, Article I, Section 7.

The Encampment voted to create the category of Department Member-at-Large instead of creating a Camp-at-Large within the Department. This is done to comply with the Constitution & Regulations of the Order. It will allow us to have members in areas of the State that are not currently served by a Camp but will still allow those members to participate with the Department. The Department Secretary/Treasurer will maintain the membership list and will handle the dues and fees from these members.

Camp Secretaries are reminded that the quarterly per capita tax forms (Form 27 & Form 27D) along with payment of per capita taxes are due to the Department Secretary now for the 4th Quarter of FY1998. Please also send him a complete listing of your member's names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for our Department Database. This will enable us to check our list against the National list to make sure everyone receives their Banner, etc.

If any member is not receiving their copy of the Banner please let me know and I can e-mail their information to the National Membership List Coordinator.

To all those who have been ill I extend my wishes for a speedy recovery. To those who have lost loved ones I extend my deepest sympathies.

In F. C. & L.,

Dean K. Speaks
Department Commander

Attest:

Thomas L. Page
Department Secretary/Treasurer

**Department Orders #3
Series 1998-99 August 1998**

The Col. John A. Martin Camp #8, Department of Kansas, presently located in Salina, Kansas is, as of this date, no longer functioning in its present form. All members of said Camp shall be issued Transfer Cards by the Department Commander to be deposited, within the time frame specified by the Constitution & Regulations of the Order, with either another Camp or with the Department Membership-at-Large.

The Col. John A. Martin Camp #8, Department of Kansas is, from this date forward, designated as the receiving Camp for Department Membership-at-Large Members, Associates and Juniors.

The service area of this Camp shall be those areas of the jurisdiction of the Department of Kansas that are not presently, or become in the future, served by another Camp located in said jurisdiction.

The Department Commander of the Department of Kansas shall be considered the Camp Commander of this Camp and shall, from this date forward, act in such capacity.

The Department Secretary/Treasurer of the Department of Kansas shall be considered the Camp Secretary/Treasurer of this Camp and shall, from this date forward, act in such capacity.

The membership of this Camp shall pay their required application fees and yearly membership dues to the Department Secretary/Treasurer and shall be issued membership cards by same upon receipt of their dues for the year.

All funds of this Camp shall be deposited in the Department bank account and shall be considered Department funds, with a complete accounting of said funds provided on a yearly basis to the Department Encampment by the Department Secretary/Treasurer. These funds may also be deposited in a separate account for these purposes in the name of said Camp. This account, shall it be deemed necessary, shall be maintained by the Department Secretary/Treasurer. All funds of the previous version of this Camp are, from this date forward, deemed Department Funds and shall be transferred to the Department Account or to the separate account maintained by the Department for this Camp. This is in accordance with Chapter I, Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution & Regulations of the Order.

This Order shall remain in effect until such time as it is revoked or vacated by the Department Commander of the Department of Kansas.

Issued this 6th Day of August, 1998 in Beloit, Kansas.

Attest:

Dean K. Speaks
Department Commander

Thomas Page
Department Secretary/Treasurer

**Department Orders #4
Series 1998-99
May 2, 1999**

The 3rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held on Saturday, May 8, 1999 in Topeka. The meeting will be held at the Kansas State Historical Society Library starting at 9:00 a.m.

I will be stepping aside as you Department Commander this year. I truly appreciate the confidence that the members of this Department have placed in me these past 3 years. It is indeed an honor to have been selected by your peers to serve in this capacity. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Brothers for the trust that you have placed in me these past 3 years. I am extremely proud of this Department and will continue to serve in whatever capacity I can in the future.

The Brothers attending the Department Encampment need to be thinking about a successor to this office. The following is a listing of eligible candidates:

Jerry Seery, PCC Camp #1

Frank Bergquist, CC Camp #1

Kim Nelson, CC Camp #3

David Clapsaddle, CC Camp #15

Randy Thies, CC Camp #16

Chuck Smith, CC Camp #52

There will also be proposed changes in Department Bylaws to be reviewed and voted on at the Encampment. The National Counselor suggests these changes in order to bring our Bylaws into compliance with the National Constitution & Regulations prior to their final approval by the Commander-in-Chief.

I have been informed by Brother David Clapsaddle, of Larned, and Brother Chuck Smith of Great Bend, that the GAR Hall located in Great Bend was slightly damaged by a fire in a neighboring building recently. Apparently, there is some discussion in the City of Great Bend about the possibility of razing this building to create room for something else. Gentlemen, to my knowledge, this is the ONLY remaining intact GAR Hall in existence in Kansas. It was deeded over to the Barton County Historical Society a few years ago but still contains several GAR records and relics (which are to be removed by the Society for safekeeping). It is unclear at this point who actually owns these records and relics and whether they were part of the deeding process for the building. I believe we must do whatever is humanly possible to save this building as part of our heritage! This will be discussed in greater detail at the Department Encampment.

It is with great sadness that we received word of the passing, on December 26, 1998, of Mrs. Zelma Strader of Argonia, a real daughter of a Civil War Soldier. Our sympathies go out to her son, Brother Ken Strader of the Coyne Camp, as well as to all of her family. Although I was only able to know her for a short time I will never forget this kind and gentle lady.

Camps are reminded that any proposed changes in the National Constitution & Regulations must be voted on and passed along from the Department Encampment. Please bring any proposed changes and/or resolutions to the Encampment.

Issued this 2nd Day of May, 1999 at Beloit, Kansas

Dean K. Speaks

Department Commander