

**Term of Department Commander Randall M. Thies
Series 2001-2002**

Department Orders #1

1. At the 5th Annual Department Encampment, held in Hutchinson, Kansas, on April 7, 2001, I received the honor of being elected by the delegates present to serve as your Department Commander. It is an honor to serve this Department as your Commander.

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

Commander	Randall M. Thies, PCC, Camp #16
Sr. Vice Commander	Alan L. Russ, CC, Camp #16
Jr. Vice Commander	Douglas Smith, PCC, Camp #1
Secretary/Treasurer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Department Council	Frank Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
	Kim Nelson, CC, Camp #3
	Blair Tarr, Camp #16

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

Patriotic Instructor	Earl McIntosh, Camp #16
Counselor	Frank Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
Chaplain	Delbert Downs, Camp #16
Historian	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Graves Registration Officer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Civil War Memorials Officer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Signal Officer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3

3. I am encouraging all members of the Department to attend a gathering of the Department, to be held in conjunction with the Department Council's Fall meeting. The council meeting and Department gathering shall be held, as follows:

Date:	Saturday, October 20, 2001
Time:	10 AM
Location:	Larned, Kansas

Planned activities include a tour of the Larned cemetery project, the Great Bend G.A.R. hall, and the Great Bend Historical Society (which contains many of the items from the G.A.R. hall). Lunch will be provided for a nominal charge at the Episcopal Church.

Randall M. Thies, PCC
Department Commander

Attest:

Dean K. Speaks, PDC
Secretary

**Department Orders No. 2
December 10, 2001**

Order of Suspension of Camp Charter

1. The Pawnee Camp No. 15 of Larned has failed to pay per-capita taxes or file Form 27 reports to the Department for the following quarters:

- 3rd Quarter 2000 (Due 09-30-00)
- 4th Quarter 2000 (Due 12-31-00)
- 1st Quarter 2001 (Due 03-31-01)
- 2nd Quarter 2001 (Due 06-30-01)
- 3rd Quarter 2001 (Due 09-30-01)

2. During the past several months, the Pawnee Camp commander expressed disinterest in having the camp return to an active status within the SUVCW. This was further noted during the Department Fall Conference, held in Larned on October 20, 2001, at which time other camp members in attendance likewise expressed no interest in being active members of the SUVCW.

3. 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."

4. 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."

5. Therefore, 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 Pawnee Camp No. 15, Larned, 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.

6. The Camp Commander or the Camp Secretary/Treasurer have been given until January 10, 2002, 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.

7. 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 the National Commander-in-Chief, Department Secretary/Treasurer, and Department Counselor.

Issued this 10th Day of December, 2001, in Topeka, Kansas.

Randall M. Thies, PCC
Department Commander

Attest:

Dean K. Speaks, PDC
Secretary