



Department of Kansas
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Department Commander



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Department Orders No. 1
Series 2002-2003

April 28, 2002

1. The Sixth Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas was held in Topeka, Kansas, on April 27, 2002. I received the honor of being elected by the members of the encampment to serve as your Department Commander. It is my honor to serve you as your Department Commander.

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

Commander	Alan L. Russ, PCC, Camp #16
Sr. Vice Commander	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, CC, Camp #16
Jr. Vice Commander	Thomas E. Schmidt, Camp #1
Secretary/Treasurer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Department Council	Frank Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
	Kim Nelson, CC, Camp #3
	James Knopke, Camp #16

3. The following members are hereby appointed to serve as Department Officers for 2002-2003. These are as follows:

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
Department Organizer	Alan L. Russ, PCC, Camp #16

4. The Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, has requested, and is so designated, as the host camp for the fall 2002 Council Meeting and Encampment. Brother Frank Bergquist will keep the Department informed of the details as they are completed.

5. The Seventh Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on April 26, 2003. As per the Department By-Laws, the Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, is the official host camp for the encampment. Preliminary details will be announced in the Winter issue of the Sunflower Picket.

6. Brother Ken Spurgeon will be taking over the duties as Newsletter Editor for the Sunflower Picket as part of his duties as Department Senior Vice Commander. I enjoyed editing the four issues of the newsletter during my term as a means to keep the members of the Department of Kansas members informed of the happenings within and throughout the Department. All articles for the Sunflower Picket should now be submitted, preferably in electronic format, to Brother Ken Spurgeon.

7. Again, it is my privilege to serve as your Department Commander. I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

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Department Orders No. 2
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July 5, 2002

1. Whereas, on 10 December 2001, then Department Commander Randall M. Thies issued Department Orders No. 2 of Series 2001-2002, suspending the charter of **Pawnee Camp No. 15**, Department of Kansas; and
2. Whereas, the Department Secretary did properly publish Department Orders No. 2 and distribute it to members of **Pawnee Camp No. 15**, Department of Kansas; and
3. Whereas, **Pawnee Camp No. 15**, Department of Kansas, has ceased holding meetings and functioning as a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and
3. Whereas, the officers and members of **Pawnee Camp No. 15**, Department of Kansas, have not requested reinstatement of their charter, nor having submitted reports and payments to bring the camp into a current status;
4. Therefore, as Department Commander, Department of Kansas, it is my duty to recommend to the Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, under the provisions of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, specifically, Article VI, Formation and Disbandment, Section 2, the charter of **Pawnee Camp No. 15**, Department of Kansas, **be revoked**.

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Department Orders No. 3
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August 5, 2002

1. It is with deep sadness and regret that I announce the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey who passed away on July 28, 2002.
2. PC-in-C Rippey was the senior Past Commander-in-Chief and the last man to serve two terms as Commander-in-Chief, during 1963-1964 and 1964-1965. He was a member of the Department of New York.
3. As charged by Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell on August 4, 2002, I do hereby order the draping of the Department Charter and all Camp Charters until September 4, 2002.

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Department Orders No. 4
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September 6, 2002

1. The Department of Kansas will hold its Fall Meeting of the Council on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at 10 AM.
2. The meeting will be held at the Disabled American Veterans, 3011 S. George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Kansas. Lunch will be provided.
3. Items to be included in the agenda are:
 - a. Items to be considered for revisions to Department Bylaws to be submitted to Camps. The Council is not be able to amend the Bylaws; however, recommended changes to bylaws must be submitted to the various camps at least thirty days prior to the Department Encampment.
 - (1) Removal of appointed officers from “automatic delegate” status to Department Encampments.
 - (2) Adding Department Monuments and Memorials officer to list of appointed officers.
 - (2) Including specific provisions allowing for the inclusion of associate and junior members.
 - (3) How the Department wishes to handle members at large (continue to assign them to a Department MAL camp or assign them to the closest camp).
 - b. Review of Department books, as required in National regulations.
4. Any other necessary business of the Department which may come before the Council at that time.

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Department Orders No. 5
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September 6, 2002

1. As directed by the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas shall be held on April 26, 2003, at Wichita, Kansas.

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Department Orders No. 6
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January 20, 2003

1. It is with deep sadness and regret that I announce the death of **Mrs. Gertrude Janeway**, who passed away at her home on January 17, 2003. Mrs. Janeway was the last recognized widow of a Union veteran of the Civil War. She was 93 years old and was still living in the three-room log cabin where she had lived most of her life. Mrs. Janeway was an Honorary Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2. Mrs. Janeway was the widow of John Janeway, whom she married when she was 18 and he was 81. Her husband was John Janeway, who served as a Private with Company B, 14th Illinois Cavalry under the name of John W. January. Private January was mustered into service on June 21, 1864. He was captured by the enemy on July 31, 1864, and was held as a Prisoner of War in Andersonville, Georgia, and Florence, South Carolina, where he suffered greatly. Private Janeway was mustered out on July 31, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.
3. This is truly the passing of an era. In honor of the memory of Mrs. Gertrude Janeway, I do hereby order the draping of the Department Charter and all Camp Charters until February 17, 2003. Rest in peace, Mrs. Janeway.

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Department Orders No. 7
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April 26, 2003

1. One of the duties of the Department Commander is to present the various Department Awards at the Annual Encampment. This is not an easy task, for, although each Camp will have nominated a person for each of the individual awards, and, likewise, their Camp for the Camp award, it is still necessary to pick only one for each category, when all are deserving. And so, with no slight to others who were nominated the following Department Awards are announced:

CORPORAL LEONIDUS B. DAVIS AWARD FOR RECRUITER OF THE YEAR
KENNETH R. SPURGEON, P.C.C., CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1

CAPTAIN PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR
FRANK BERGQUIST, P.D.C., CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1

WILLIAM H. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR
CORPORAL PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1

2. Congratulations to the above individuals and Camp. Your efforts and contributions to your Camp, the Department of Kansas, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are what makes this organization what it is today. Thank you.

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