



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

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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1
Series 2004-2005

April 26, 2004

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled delegates at the 8th Department Encampment at Beloit, Kansas, on April 24, 2004, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Department Commander should be sent to the above address.

2. The following brothers were also elected at the 8th Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	James R. Knopke, PCC, Old Abe Camp 16
Junior Vice Commander	Randal L. Durbin, Old Abe Camp 16
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16
Council	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Joseph Gaston Camp 3 James A. Scheidel, Jr., Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

3. I have appointed the following brothers to the positions and responsibilities indicated:

Patriotic Instructor	James A. Scheidel, Jr., Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Chaplain	Jonathan P. Goering, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Historian	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Joseph Gaston Camp 3
Counselor	Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Graves Registration Officer	Franklin L. Bergquist, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16
Assistant Treasurer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Joseph Gaston Camp 3

3. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to Alan L. Russ, Department Secretary, P.O. Box 68, Auburn KS 66402-0068.

4. All requests for monuments and memorials grants, and all completed monuments and memorials registration forms should be sent to Douglas McGovern, 100 W. 20th Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Alan L. Russ, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, P.O. Box 68, Auburn KS 66402-0068.

6. I proudly accept this position to which I have been elected to serve with anticipation and responsibility. It is with anticipation that I look forward to the journey the next 12 months as we continue to build on the efforts of the past year. It is with a deep sense of responsibility that I think of the charge that has been left to us by our ancestry, the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

7. May our actions and achievements this next year be a memorial to all of our civil war ancestors. May we work together to live up to ideals and legacy they left behind for us to carry on. Let us not drift from their and our motto of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" as we go forward.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC
Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary



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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2
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May 4, 2004

1. Per a motion which passed at our 8th Department Encampment, I am to appoint a committee to work with the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the State visitors site to develop a use for the funds in the Department's Mine Creek Battlefield special fund. The following brothers have agreed to serve on the Mine Creek Battlefield Committee:

Randal L. Durbin, Old Abe Camp No. 16
Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1
Douglas E. McGovern, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1

2. The committee is directed to report back to me within three months, and every three months thereafter, as to what progress and/or direction is being pursued.

3. We do not have to immediately identify the exact use, but the committee needs to interface with the above entities and get dialogue started.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt
Thomas E. Schmidt, PCC
Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary