

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2006-2007

APRIL 24, 2006

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled delegates at the Tenth Department Encampment at Topeka, Kansas, on April 22, 2006, 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 Tenth Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Council	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
	James M. Converse, Franklin Camp 5

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

Patriotic Instructor	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Chaplain	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Historian	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Counselor	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Graves Registration Officer	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Department Webmaster	Jonathan P. Goering, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Guard	Robert Barnes, Camp 1
Guide	Brian Van Schmus, Camp 4
Color Bearer	S. Todd Meek, Camp 1

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

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

6. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to PDC Frank C. Bergquist, Department Graves Registration Officer, 4255 Laura Circle, Wichita KS 67216-4210.

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

8. The 11th Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2007, in Wichita. Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp. The camp will report to the fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment.

9. I want to thank all brothers who agreed to serve on the department staff this year. No Department Commander can carry the full load of responsibility, nor should he ever try to claim the credit for the accomplishments during his term. It will be to the credit of the excellent staff and all department members for any activities and programs we carry out in the future. I look forward to our next activity and meeting.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ Randal L. Durbin
Randal L. Durbin, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
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APRIL 27, 2006

MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Tenth Department Encampment approved status of "standing committee" for the Mine Creek Battlefield committee. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate and work with the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Kansas State Historical Society to explore ways improve the condition of the battlefield, to enhance the experience of visitors to the battlefield, and to help ensure the preservation of the battlefield.
2. As per Article X, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, this committee shall consist of no more than five members. Three members shall appointed from the Department, one member from Mine Creek Camp 6, and the Department Commander. The committee shall elect its chairman, annually, at the first meeting after the Department Encampment.
3. The committee shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.
4. I hereby appoint the following members to the Mine Creek Battlefield Standing Committee:

Randal L. Durbin, PCC, Department Commander
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Roy A. Lafferty, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
Robert L. Woody, Mine Creek Camp 6

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3
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MAY 12, 2006

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTMENT

1. In accordance with Article X, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the following special committee is re-appointed.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

2. The purpose of this committee is to prepare and present proposals to the National Site Selection Committee requesting for the Department of Kansas to host a National Encampment. Committee shall remain in contact with the National committee and arrange to meet with them annually during the National Encampment. Once an agreement by National has been received for hosting a National Encampment, the function of the Department National Encampment Committee shall become that of organizing all efforts for the actual hosting of the encampment.

3. The committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the chairman. The committee shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

4. I hereby appoint the following members to the National Encampment Committee:

James R. Knopke, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16 (Chairman)
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16

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APPOINTMENTS OF PROJECTS CHAIRMAN

1. Brother Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe Camp 16, is hereby appointed as chairman for the following projects:

LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

GAR RECORDS PROJECT

2. As project chairman, he shall serve as the point of contact for these projects within the Department of Kansas. He is authorized to pursue these projects in the name of the Department, and may appoint team members to assist him, as necessary. The project chairman should work closely with the Department Historian to avoid duplication of efforts.

3. Those brothers of the Department interested in assisting in these projects should contact the project chairman at the following:

Blair D. Tarr, 617 SW Taylor St., Apt 11, Topeka KS 66603-3243, Email: BTarr@kshs.org

4. The purpose of the **Last Soldier Project** is to attempt to identify and gather information on all Union Civil War soldiers who hold a status of "Last Soldier" in the 105 Kansas counties. This may include the last to die, the last burial, and the last to live in the county.

5. The purpose of the **GAR Records Project** is to support the National Organization's effort to identify the location of all existing GAR records. The purpose of this project is to assist in future research efforts with regard to the records.

6. The project chairman shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on the activities for the year. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

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MAY 15, 2006

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

1. The Tenth Department Encampment approved an amendment to the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas creating a “standing committee” for the proposed bylaws amendments. This Department was notified on May 14, 2006, by Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby that he has approved the amendment. Therefore, said amendment is now in effect.
2. The Bylaws Committee is hereby appointed under the provision of Article XV, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. The purpose of the committee shall be as prescribed by Article XV, with regard to proposed amendments submitted at other than a Department Encampment.
3. The committee shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.
4. I hereby appoint the Elected Officers of the Department to act as Bylaws Committee.

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JANUARY 15, 2007

SUSPENSION OF CAMP CHARTER

1. Whereas, the membership of JOSEPH GASTON CAMP NO. 3 of Beloit, having stated an intention to discontinue functioning as an active camp and not hold elections of officers for 2007, and the camp having not held these elections and filed required forms; and
2. Whereas, In May 2005, JOSEPH GASTON CAMP NO. 3, with permission of the National Council of Administration, was permitted to hold camp elections outside of the required time frame for such elections; and
3. Whereas, in May 2005, five brothers were assigned to the camp, plus one dual brother, and there has been no change in the membership for the camp since that date; and
4. Whereas, Chapter I, Article I, Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, states the following:

***Section 3.** No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten Brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every Brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.*

***Section 4.** In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.*

5. Whereas, with regard to Section 3, above, JOSEPH GASTON CAMP NO. 3 has only five brothers of record, and as such, there is no possibility for a qualified demand from ten brothers of the camp for its continuance;
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 JOSEPH GASTON CAMP NO. 3, Beloit, Kansas. This order of suspension effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Camp complies with the Regulations of the Order or the charter is revoked.

6. The Camp Commander and the Camp Secretary are given until February 15, 2007, to contact the Department Commander and/or the Department Secretary in reference to complying with this order. The balance of the Camp funds shall be forwarded by check or money order to the Department and made payable to "DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, SUVCW". Appropriate arrangements for the transfer of physical property shall also be made by that time.

7. Copies of this suspension order shall be mailed to the Camp Commander, Camp Secretary/Treasurer, and each brother of the camp. A copy of this order shall also be sent to the National Commander-in-Chief, Department Secretary/Treasurer, and Department Counselor.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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FEBRUARY 12, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. As the Eleventh Annual Encampment, Department of Kansas, approaches, and in accordance with the tradition of the Department, I hereby appoint a

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

for the purpose of finding qualified brothers of the Department who are willing and able to serve as the elected officers of the Department. Said committee will report their recommendations of a slate of officers to the Department Encampment for further action by the Encampment.

2. All brothers who are interested in being considered for election to a Department Office, including Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer, and three Council positions, should make their name known to one of the members of the Nominating Committee prior to the Encampment. Please also note that this does not preclude nominations from the floor at the Encampment.

3. The following brothers are hereby appointed to serve as the Encampment Nomination Committee:

James R. Knopke, PDC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe, Chairman
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita, Member
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka, Member

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