

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2008-2009

April 26, 2008

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twelfth Department Encampment at Lawrence, Kansas, on April 26, 2008, 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 Twelfth Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	James M. Converse, PCC, Franklin 5
Junior Vice Commander	James R. Knopke, PDC, Franklin 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Council	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
	Matthew G. Toll, PCC, Franklin 5
	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

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

Chief of Staff	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Patriotic Instructor	Matthew G. Toll, PCC, Franklin 5
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe 16
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Corp Patrick Coyne 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Brian R. Van Schmus, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Department Webmaster	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16

4. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to the Department Secretary: PDC Alan L. Russ, 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 the Department Civil War Memorials Officer: PCC Douglas McGovern, 100 W. 20th Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

6. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to the Department Graves Registration Officer: Robert L. Wandel, Department Graves Registration Officer, 2731 Bonanza St., Lawrence KS 66046-5137

7. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator: Brian R. Van Schmus, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, 2619 Missouri St. Lawrence KS 66046-4545.

8. Elected Department Officers for 2008-2009 should plan to attend the following meetings and events during the year. Appointed Department Officers and Camp Commanders are encouraged to attend the meetings.

October 18, 2008

Fall Council Meeting (tentatively in Emporia)

March 14, 2009

Spring Council Meeting (tentatively in Olathe)

April 25, 2009

13th Annual Department Encampment, Olathe

9. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, along with any other brother who is able to, are encouraged to attend the following meetings.

August 8-9, 2008

National Encampment, Peabody MA

October 4, 2008

Central Region Association Conference, St. Louis MO

10. All elected Camp Officers, both current and who are will be serving during 2009, should plan to attend the Winter Training Session.

January 10, 2009

Winter Training Session (tentatively in Emporia)

11. The 13th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 25, 2009, in Olathe. Franklin Camp 5 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 and the status thereof.

12. A hearty “Thank You” to every brother who has agreed to serve on the Department staff this year. Please keep in mind that, AS A TEAM, we will be ever so much stronger than as individuals. We have a wealth of different experience from both this organization and our lives. If we can humbly propose and listen to the best ideas from each member I am confident we will accomplish much and solve any problem which may arise, while stabilizing and nurturing the growth of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its noble goals of Honor and remembrance of those who preserved the Union.

We need to stabilize and expand the heart of our organization, which is our individual camps. Brothers, we have much important business to conduct, including hosting of a National Encampment in two years. We also have a great and unique opportunity to kindle the spark of public interest in the actions of our Union ancestors into a healthy campfire of knowledge and support.

I urge all brothers to continue policies of patriotic instruction and education open to the general public in Camp meetings and further charge individuals and camps to continue and expand activities at the K-12 school level and with the Eagle Scout and ROTC programs to actively engage not just the current but the next and future generations of Americans. Our history is far too important to our country and its future to allow it to fade to gray! Remember and embrace our legacy of Kansas as “The Soldier’s State.”

Those who are unwilling to fight for their rights and the rights of others are undeserving of rights for themselves. Those who will not speak to others of their history are responsible for the loss of that history. May we stand committed, strong and active. These traits will strengthen us individually and as a group, as well as attracting new comrades. Let each of us help a fellow brother whenever we can and by the act of giving, receive twofold in return. With the help of the Great Architect, I humbly pray for our success.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

Craig A. Sundell, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
SERIES 2008-2009

April 26, 2008

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

1. As required by Bylaws of the Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the **Bylaws Committee** for the term from April 26, 2008, through April 25, 2009, unless sooner relieved.

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka (*Chairman*)
James M. Converse, PCC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
James R. Knopke, PDC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita
Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
Matthew G. Toll, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

2. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. It shall function in accordance with Article XV, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3
SERIES 2008-2009

April 26, 2008

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE**

3. As established by the Tenth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the **Mine Creek Battlefield Committee** for the term from April 26, 2008, through April 25, 2009, unless sooner relieved.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (*Chairman*)

Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

John H. Spencer, Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton (*Camp 6 Representative*)

4. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4
SERIES 2008-2009

April 26, 2008

**APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT CHAIRMAN
LAST SOLDIER PROJECT and GAR RECORDS PROJECT**

1. Brother **Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe Camp 16, is hereby appointed as chairman for the Last Soldier Project and the 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.
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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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5
SERIES 2008-2009

April 26, 2008

**WEAR OF ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICER BADGE
BY THE ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

In accordance with Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b), Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Elected Department Officers, have been furnished with the badge of Elected Department Officer by the Department. As such, each Elected Department Officer is hereby ordered to wear their Department Officer Badge in place of their Membership Badge for the duration of their term of service as an elected Department Officer. Upon leaving elected office; Department Badge will be returned to the Department or his successor. Lost or damaged badges shall be replaced by the officer. The exception to this directive is that a current Camp Commander who is also serving as an elected Department Officer shall wear the membership badge of Camp Commander during his term as Camp Commander.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6
SERIES 2008-2009

May 5, 2008

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE**

1. Membership on the **Mine Creek Battlefield Committee** for the term from April 26, 2008, through April 25, 2009, is changed as follows.

Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita, is replaced by **Roy A. Lafferty, PDC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence, effective this date.

2. All other membership, as announced in Department Order 3, Series 2008-2009, remains in effect.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7
SERIES 2008-2009

September 15, 2008

NOTIFICATION OF FALL COUNCIL MEETING

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section H, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FALL COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on October 18, 2008, as follows:

Time: 11 AM

Place: Bass Pro Shop, 12051 Bass Pro Drive, Olathe, Kansas (back room of restaurant)

2. The Fall Council Meeting is for the purpose of conducting the routine business of the Department, to include approving expenditures, policies, and procedures. The Department Council will not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. The membership of the meeting shall be as follows:

a. Voting Members. The elected offices of the Department and the immediate PDC.

b. Non-voting Members. Appointed Department Officers and all PDCs.

c. Other Attendees (without vote). All other brothers of the Department.

3. Any attendee may present an appropriate item to the meeting or to provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed with the consent of the Department Commander.

4. Camp Commanders should be prepared to report on the activities of their camp. This provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps.

5. The Department Bylaws Committee shall meet in conjunction with this meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws. Any approved amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 25, 2009.

5. Regretfully, I have another commitment which prohibits me from attending this meeting. As such, Senior Vice Department Commander James M. Converse will be chairing the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8
SERIES 2008-2009

September 15, 2008

SUBMISSION OF CAMP REPORTS

1. Late submission of reports by camps and departments continues to be a problem at the National Organization level. Fortunately, the Department of Kansas has a valid reputation for compliance with the National requirements. As noted in National Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.'s, report to the 127th National Encampment, the Department of Kansas was one of only four departments who submitted their annual reports on time for each of the last five years. This is something about which we can all be proud, because it takes a team effort to make it happen.
2. With the above being said, it is important that we continue to ensure all reports are submitted by camps to the Department, and by the Department to National, on a timely basis. The following due dates are established by National Regulations or Department of Kansas Bylaws:
 - a. **Certificate of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (Form 22).** This form is to arrive at the Department Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days after the installation of officers at the camp. Normally, this form will be completed immediately after the installation, and it should be taken by the installing officer. Remember that a complete roster of camp brothers must accompany the Form 22.
 - b. **Camp Annual Report (Form 27).** This report should be completed as soon as possible after March 31, 2009. It is required to arrive at the Department Secretary no later than three (3) days prior to the Department Encampment, which will be April 22, 2009. An updated copy of the camp roster must also accompany this report.
3. I am sure all camps will meet these requirements. Any camp who fails to hold elections on time or fails to submit a report on time must be suspended. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let me or the Department Secretary know.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9
SERIES 2008-2009

January 5, 2009

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF CAMP COMMANDER JOHN H. SPENCER
AND THE DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Commander John H. Spencer, Mine Creek Camp No. 6. Brother Spencer was the current camp commander for Mine Creek Camp No. 6. He died at his home on Saturday, January 3, 2009.
2. Funeral services for Brother Spencer will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the Fort Scott Presbyterian Church, 308 S. Crawford Street, Fort Scott, Kansas. SUVCW brothers and re-enactors will provide an Honor Guard for Brother Spencer. All brothers are encouraged to pay their respects at that time.
3. John H. Spencer was a charter member of Mine Creek Camp No. 6, transferring to that camp at its inception on September 18, 2005. He had first joined the SUVCW with the Department of Kansas Membership at Large on March 16, 2005. Brother Spencer proudly honored the memory of his ancestor, Sergeant John W. Barkley, who honorably served with Company E, 1st Missouri State Militia Cavalry from March 1862 through March 1865.
4. Letters of condolences may be sent to his widow, Mrs. Jan Spencer, at 816 E. National St., Fort Scott, Kansas 66701-2941.
5. I am ordering the Department charter and all Department of Kansas camp charters to be draped for a period of thirty days from the date of this order. Additionally, members should wear the black "In Memoriam" ribbons with their membership badge in accordance with National Regulations Chapter V, Article III, Section 9. The Department website shall also be draped for this period of time.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10
SERIES 2008-2009

April 19, 2009

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
PAST CAMP COMMANDER BORIS N. BULATKIN
AND THE DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Past Camp Commander Boris N. Bulatkin, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1. Brother Bulatkin was camp commander for Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1 during 2001. He passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.
2. Funeral services for Brother Bulatkin will be held at 2 PM on Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Old Mission Mortuary, Wichita, Kansas. All brothers are encouraged to pay their respects at that time.
3. Boris N. Bulatkin was a Life Member of the SUVCW and a member of Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, transferring to that camp in 1998. He had first joined the SUVCW with the National Membership at Large on July 25, 1995. Brother Bulatkin proudly honored the memory of his ancestor, Private James Preston Worrell, who honorably served with the 82nd Missouri State Militia.
4. Letters of condolences may be sent to his widow, Mrs. Elaine Bulatkin, 411 Mayood, Wichita KS 67217.
5. I am ordering the Department of Kansas charter and all Department of Kansas camp charters to be draped for a period of thirty days from the date of this order. Additionally, members shall wear the black "In Memoriam" ribbons with their membership badge in accordance with National Regulations Chapter V, Article III, Section 9. The Department website shall also be draped for this period of time.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/Craig A. Sundell
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/s/Alan L. Russ
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 11
SERIES 2008-2009

April 24, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

1. Reference Article XII, Section C, of the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas.
2. The following brothers are hereby presented the award indicated:

WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR
FRANKLIN CAMP NO. 5
Olathe, Kansas

CAPT. PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR
JAMES M. CONVERSE, PCC
Franklin Camp No. 5, Olathe

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