

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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Commander@suvcwks.org

DEPARTMENT ORDER 1  
SERIES 2010-2011

April 24, 2010

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Fourteenth Department Encampment at Wichita, Kansas, on April 24, 2010, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Department Commander shall be sent to the above address.

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

Senior Vice Commander  
Junior Vice Commander  
Council

**Roy A. Lafferty, PDC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4  
**Robert L. Wandel**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4  
**Randal L. Durbin, PDC**, Old Abe 16  
**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1  
**Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe 16

3. The following brother, having been elected in 2008 to a three-year term in the position indicated, continues in that office:

Secretary/Treasurer (2008-2011)

**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe 16

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

Patriotic Instructor  
Chaplain  
Historian  
Counselor  
Graves Registration Officer  
Civil War Memorials Officer  
Eagle Scout Coordinator  
Department Webmaster

**S. Todd Meek, PCC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1  
**Mark A. Britton, PCC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1  
**Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe 16  
**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe 16  
**Robert L. Wandel**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4  
**Douglas E. McGovern, PCC**, Corp. Coyne 1  
**Brian R. Van Schmus**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4  
**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe 16

5. 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.

6. 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:

**Douglas McGovern, PCC**, 100 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

7. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to the Department Graves Registration Officer:

**Robert L. Wandel**, 2731 Bonanza St., Lawrence KS 66046-5137

8. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator:

**Brian R. Van Schmus, PCC**, 2619 Missouri St., Lawrence KS 66046-4545.

9. Department Officers for 2009-2010 should plan to attend the following meetings and events during the year. Appointed Department Officers and Camp Commanders are encouraged to attend the meetings.

<b>October 16, 2010</b>	Fall Council Meeting (location to be announced)
<b>March 12, 2011</b>	Spring Council Meeting (tentatively in Lawrence)
<b>April 30, 2011</b>	15th Annual Department Encampment

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

<b>August 13-14, 2010</b>	National Encampment, Overland Park KS
<b>October 2, 2010</b>	Central Region Association Conference, Kansas

11. All elected Camp Officers, both current and who are will be serving during 2010, should plan to attend the Winter Training Session.

**January 8, 2011** Winter Training Session (tentatively in Emporia)

12. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 30, 2011. Sgt Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp, holding the encampment in Lawrence. The camp will report to the Fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment, the location, and the status thereof.

13. With great honor and anticipation, I proudly accept the position of Department Commander for the second time. The next twelve months will be a busy and challenging time for the Department as we host the 2010 National Encampment and the Central Region Association Conference. However, it will be a time for the Department of Kansas to show the rest of the country that Kansas was the place where the Civil War started 150 years ago and that 150 years later it is still the place to be.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

James R. Knopke, PDC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2  
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**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 24, 2010, through April 30, 2011, unless sooner relieved.

**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka (*Chairman*)  
**James R. Knopke, PDC**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe  
**Roy A. Lafferty, PDC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
**Robert L. Wandel**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita  
**Randal L. Durbin, PDC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka  
**Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

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 Fifteenth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ James R. Knopke*  
James R. Knopke, PDC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

*/s/ Alan L. Russ*  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3  
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April 24, 2010

**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 24, 2010, through April 30, 2011, unless sooner relieved.

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

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

**Roy A. Lafferty, PDC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

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

**Arnold W. Schofield, PCC**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

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 Fifteenth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ James R. Knopke*  
James R. Knopke, PDC  
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ATTEST:

*/s/ Alan L. Russ*  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4  
SERIES 2010-2011

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**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.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ James R. Knopke*  
James R. Knopke, PDC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

*/s/ Alan L. Russ*  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5  
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April 24, 2010

**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.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ James R. Knopke*  
James R. Knopke, PDC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

*/s/ Alan L. Russ*  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6  
SERIES 2010-2011

September 2, 2010

**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 16, 2010**, as follows:

Time: **1:00 PM**

Place: **Senior Center, 630 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Emporia, Kansas**

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 officers of the Department and the immediate PDC.

b. **Non-voting Members.** Appointed Department Officers and all who hold the honor of Past Department Commander (PDC).

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

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

4. All **Camp Commanders** should plan to attend, as this provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps. If a Camp Commander is unable to attend, he should ensure another Camp officer is there to represent the camp.

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 recommendations for amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 30, 2011, for its approval.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7  
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September 29, 2010

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF  
PAST CAMP COMMANDER DELTON M. GILLILAND  
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Past Camp Commander Delton M. Gilliland, Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas. Brother Gilliland passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2010.
2. Brother Gilliland was 70 years of age. He joined Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, on March 8, 2004, and had been a member in good standing since that time. Delton Gilliland was elected as Camp Commander of Old Abe Camp No. 16 on December 6, 2007, and served two terms in that capacity. He was awarded the honor of Past Camp Commander for his service. Brother Gilliland honored the memory of his ancestor, First Lieutenant/Adjutant David H. Danhauer, who served with both Company A and Headquarters, 122<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment, from August 19, 1862 to June 26, 1865.
3. Funeral services for Brother Delton M. Gilliland will be held at 1:30 PM on Monday, October 4, 2010, at the Feltner Funeral Home, 822 Topeka Ave., Lyndon, Kansas. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, October 3, 2010, from 3:30 to 5 PM. All brothers are encouraged to pay their respects at that time.
4. Letters of condolences may be sent to Mrs. Janet Gilliland, 307 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lyndon KS 66451.
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,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8  
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December 16, 2010

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF  
PAST CAMP COMMANDER MICHAEL W. ANDERSON  
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Past Camp Commander Michael W. Anderson, Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas. Brother Anderson passed away on Friday, December 10, 2010.
2. Brother Anderson was 55 years of age. He joined Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 on February 19, 2004, and had been a member in good standing since that time. Mike Anderson was elected as Camp Commander of Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 on December 14, 2006, and served throughout 2007 in that capacity. He was awarded the honor of Past Camp Commander for his service. Brother Anderson honored the memory of his ancestor, Private Francis Marion Chase, who served from December 31, 1863 until July 14, 1865, with Company C, 92<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry.
3. Private graveside services for Brother Michael W. Anderson were held in Greenwood Cemetery, Newton, Kansas. Memorials may be given to the Michael William Anderson Memorial Fund, in care of Glidden-Ediger Funeral Home, 222 W. Euclid, McPherson, Kansas 67460.
4. Letters of condolences may be sent to the family in care of the funeral home.
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.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9  
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December 17, 2010

**NOTIFICATION OF WINTER TRAINING SESSION**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section I, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **WINTER TRAINING SESSION** shall be held on **Saturday, January 8, 2011**, as follows:

Time: **9 AM – 12 Noon**

Place: **Senior Center, 630 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Emporia, Kansas**

2. The purpose of the Winter Training Session is to provide updated information and training to Camp elected officers, especially those who are newly elected. Department Officers will conduct the training.

3. All Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries should plan to attend. Other camp officers are highly encouraged to also attend.

4. A major emphasis at the training session will involve the duties of the Camp Secretaries. This will include the preparation and submission of camp reports, to include the upcoming Camp Annual Report (Form 27a). It will include a working session using each camps' own information. Each camp secretary will end up with a "working copy" of their annual report.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10  
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February 15, 2011

**NOTIFICATION OF SPRING COUNCIL MEETING**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section H, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **SPRING COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **March 12, 2011**, as follows:

Time: **10:00 AM**

Place: **Watkins Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, Kansas**

2. The Spring 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 officers of the Department and the immediate PDC.

b. **Non-voting Members.** Appointed Department Officers and all who hold the honor of Past Department Commander (PDC).

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

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

4. All **Camp Commanders** should plan to attend, as this provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps. If a Camp Commander is unable to attend, he should ensure another Camp officer is there to represent the camp.

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 recommendations for amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 30, 2011, for its approval.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 11  
SERIES 2010-2011

April 18, 2011

**NOTIFICATION OF FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section J, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, April 30, 2011**, as follows:

**Time: 10:00 AM – 4 PM**  
**Place: American Legion Bingo Hall**  
**3408 W. Sixth Street**  
**Lawrence KS 67211**

2. Camp Secretaries shall forward a listing of those attending from their camp to the Department Secretary, to arrive no later than April 25, 2011, in order that name tags may be prepared.

3. Those attendees who have not already sent their meal reservations need to send them immediately to Barbara Knopke, 21733 W. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Shawnee KS 66218-8407, along with the \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal. Extra meals will not be available. The meal reservations need to arrive no later than April 23, 2011. Checks should be made payable to the "Ercelle Speaks Circle, LGAR."

4. The Annual Department Encampment is for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department, to include amending Department bylaws, approving policies and procedures, discussing and acting upon item which shall come before the encampment, and election and installation of Department officers for 2011-2012. All brothers of the Department are encouraged to attend this Encampment.

a. **Voting Members of the Encampment:** Elected offices of the Department of Kansas; all Past Department Commanders; current Camp Commanders; all Past Camp Commanders; all authorized Delegates of the various camps.

b. **Non-voting Members of the Encampment:** All Alternate Delegates of the camps.

c. **Other Attendees (without vote):** All brothers and sisters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

5. All camps have submitted their annual camp reports and payments, and are in good standing with the Department and the Order.

6. Those brothers who are also MOLLUS companions, should plan to attend a brief MOLLUS meeting at 9:45 AM on April 30, 2010. Contact Kansas MOLLUS Commander Alan L. Russ at alanruss@eaglecom.net for any questions concerning this meeting.

7. Our sisters from the Kansas Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be holding their Department meeting at the facility in conjunction with our meeting.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

James R. Knopke, PDC  
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ATTEST:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 12  
SERIES 2010-2011

April 30, 2011

**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**  
**OLD ABE CAMP NO. 16**  
Topeka, Kansas

**CAPT. PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR**  
**ROBERT L. WANDEL, PCC**  
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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