

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1  
SERIES 2012-2013

April 28, 2012

1. Having been retained as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Sixteenth Department Encampment at Emporia, Kansas, on April 28, 2012, 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 continue in office in the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	<b>Robert L. Wandel, PCC</b> , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	<b>Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC</b> , Old Abe 16
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2014):	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2013):	<b>Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

3. The following brother, have been elected in 2012 to a two-year term in the position indicated.

Council (term expiring 2014):	<b>Kent M. Melcher, PCC</b> , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2014):	<b>William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC</b> , Franklin 5

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

Patriotic Instructor	<b>William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC</b> , Franklin 5
Chaplain	<b>Mark A. Britton, PCC</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Historian	<b>Blair D. Tarr</b> , Old Abe 16
Counselor	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16
Graves Registration Officer	<b>Robert L. Wandel, PCC</b> , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	<b>Douglas E. McGovern, PCC</b> , Corp. Coyne1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	<b>William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC</b> , Franklin 5
Department Webmaster	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16

5. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to the Department Secretary:

**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, P.O. Box 673, Saint Francis KS 67756-0673.

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, PCC**, 2731 Bonanza St., Lawrence KS 66046-5137

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

**William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC**, 2129 Ironstone Dr, Fort Scott KS 66701-8521.

9. Department Officers for 2012-2013 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 20, 2012</b>	Fall Council Meeting (location to be announced)
<b>January 12, 2013</b>	17th Annual Department Encampment, Emporia

10. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, along with any other brother who is able to, are encouraged to attend the SUVCW National Encampment on August 10 and 11, 2011, in Los Angeles, California.

11. All elected Camp Officers, both current and who are will be serving during 2013, should plan to attend the Winter Training Session.

<b>January 12, 2013</b>	Winter Training Session immediately following Department Encampment
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12. The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on January 12, 2013. Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp, holding the encampment in Emporia. The camp will report to the Fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment, the location, and the status thereof.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

Roy A. Lafferty, 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 28, 2012, through January 12, 2013, unless sooner relieved.

**Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka (*Chairman*)  
**Roy A. Lafferty, PDC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
**Robert L. Wandel, PCC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
**Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka  
**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita  
**Kent M. Melcher, PCC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka  
**William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

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 Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3  
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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 proceedings of the Department Encampment.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4  
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April 28, 2012

**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; the Department Badge will be returned to the Department or turned over to his successor. Lost or damaged badges shall be replaced by the officer. The exceptions to this directive are 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 and a brother authorized to wear a National elected officer badge may wear that badge.

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April 28, 2012

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
VISION COMMITTEE**

1. To spur camp and department activity I am requesting each camp commander to poll the brothers of their camp and come up with ideas for projects for both the camp and the Department of Kansas.
2. Department project ideas will be reviewed by the Vision Committee.
3. Membership on the Vision Committee will consist of the Department Commander, as Chairman, and one representative from each camp.
4. Each camp commander is hereby directed to submit your camp's ideas, along with a nomination of a brother from your camp to serve on the committee. These are to arrive at the Department Secretary no later than July 23, 2012.

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May 18, 2012

**RESIGNATION OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
AND GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER**

1. Yesterday, Robert L. Wandel, PCC, tendered his resignation as Senior Vice Department Commander and Department Graves Registration Officer to me because of an increase in his family obligations. I have accepted the resignations.
2. Junior Vice Department Commander Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC, will also perform the duties of the Senior Vice Department Commander until such time as the Department Council, under the provisions of Department of Kansas Bylaws (2010 ed.), Article VII, Section F, shall appoint a new Senior Vice Department Commander.
3. Until such time as I appoint a new Department Graves Registration Officer, all communications concerning that office shall be forwarded to me at the above address.
2. The Department and I thank Brother Wandel for his years of service to the Department of Kansas over the years. Bob served the Department a number of years as Graves Registration Officer, Department Council Member, Junior Vice Department Commander, and Senior Vice Department Commander. We look forward to his continued support as time and events allow.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ Roy A. Lafferty*  
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

*/s/ Alan L. Russ*  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7  
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June 5, 2012

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

1. Due to the resignation of Robert L. Wandel, PCC, as Senior Vice Department Commander, the Department Council has recommended and elected the following brothers of the Department of Kansas to fill the positions indicated. These changes are effective June 15, 2012.

Senior Vice Department Commander	Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC Old Abe Camp 16, vice Wandel
Junior Vice Department Commander	Kent M. Melcher, PCC Old Abe Camp 16, vice Bartlow
Council Member	Mark A. Britton, PCC Corp. Coyne Camp 1, vice Melcher

2. In accordance with Article VII, Section F, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, 2010 edition, the above appointments shall expire at the conclusion of the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment. The Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment shall fill all of these positions by election.

3. In addition to the above changes to the elected officers of the Department, William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, Camp 5, is hereby appointed as Department Graves Registration Officer.

4. I greatly appreciate the efforts of Council Members Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC; Kent M. Melcher, PCC; and William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, to identify, coordinate, and confirm the interest of the above named brothers to fill the vacancies for these elected offices.

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*/s/ Roy A. Lafferty*  
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July 29, 2012

**APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS BYLAWS  
(2012 REVISION)**

1. The Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Kansas voted to amend the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. In accordance with National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the revised Bylaws were forwarded to Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr., on May 3, 2012. The Commander-in-Chief has reviewed and approved the revisions on July 28, 2012.
2. Effective this date, the official version of the Department of Kansas Bylaws is the 2012 revision. The Bylaws are available under the Official Documents section on the Department website. Also, the Department Secretary has forwarded copies to each camp commander and camp secretary.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ Roy A. Lafferty*  
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC  
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August 1, 2012

**NOTIFICATION OF FALL COUNCIL MEETING**

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article II, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FALL COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **October 20, 2012**, as follows:

Time: **9:00 AM - Noon**

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 may not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. The membership of the meeting is as follows:

a. **Voting Members.** Elected officers of the Department and the immediate PDC.

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

c. **Other Attendees (without vote).** All other brothers in good standing 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 not able 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 amendment shall then be submitted to the Seventeenth Annual Department Encampment on January 12, 2013, for its approval.

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*/s/Roy A. Lafferty*  
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August 23, 2012

**NOTIFICATION OF SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article I, Section B, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, January 12, 2013**, as follows:

Time: **10:00 AM – 4 PM**

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

2. If inclement weather is forecast for the day of the encampment, the Department Commander shall announce no later than the evening of January 9, 2013, whether the inclement weather plan will be in effect. In the event the inclement weather plan is put into effect, the encampment date will be Saturday, January 26, 2013.

3. 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 items which shall come before the encampment, and the election and installation of Department officers for 2013-2014. 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 brothers holding the honor of Past Department Commander with the Department of Kansas; all current Camp Commanders; all brothers holding the honor of Past Camp Commander with their camp; 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.

4. 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. Information concerning the noon meal will be provided separately.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/ Roy A. Lafferty*  
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC  
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January 12, 2013

**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**  
**Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1**  
Wichita, Kansas

**CAPT. PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR**  
**Rocky L. Bartlow, PCC**  
Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas

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