

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
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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