

**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF CIVIL WAR**

**POLICY FOR DECLARING PERIOD OF MOURNING  
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**

1. This policy declares when a period of mourning shall be observed within the Department of Kansas and the various camps thereof. A period of mourning is used for the purpose of showing respect to a deceased brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. When a period of mourning is declared by proper authority, the Department charter and/or camp charters of the various camps within the Department shall be appropriately draped. When a charter has been ordered to be draped, the members under the command so ordered shall be authorized to wear the appropriate sign of mourning with their membership badge, as per Chapter V (General Regulations), Article III (Badges and Decorations), Section 9, National Regulations.
3. The following circumstances will be justification for a commander to direct the draping of charter(s) and a period of mourning. The period of mourning is no more than 30 days. The period of mourning must be stated in the Department or Camp order.
  - a. When ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This will apply to the Department charter and all camps for the period of time published in the General Order.
  - b. When ordered by the Department Commander. The Department Commander shall direct the draping of the Department charter and all camp charters within the Department. A Department Order will be published announcing the action. The Department Commander shall declare a period of mourning for the following reasons:
    - (1) Death of a currently serving Department officer.
    - (2) Death of a Past Department Commander (PDC).
    - (3) Death of a currently sitting Camp Commander.
    - (4) Death of a Past Camp Commander (PCC).
    - (5) Death of a currently sitting Department of Kansas President of one of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.
  - c. When ordered by a Camp Commander. A Camp Commander may direct the draping of their camp charter by publishing a camp order announcing the action. The Camp Commander may declare a period of mourning for the death of a current camp member, associate, or junior member who belongs to the camp.
4. The Department Commander and Department Secretary shall be notified as soon as possible after the death of any brother within the Department of Kansas. When the death involves a brother listed in 3b, above, the Department Commander will immediately coordinate with the Department Secretary for the issuance of the appropriate department order.

5. Any questions or concerns about this policy should be directed to the Department Commander.

APPROVED BY THE 9TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

/s/ Thomas E. Schmidt  
THOMAS E. SCHMIDT, P.C.C.  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ  
ALAN L. RUSS, P.D.C.  
Secretary

Attachment 1 – Sample Order

Attachment 2 – Wearing of “In Memoriam” Ribbon

**SAMPLE ORDER ANNOUNCING DRAPING OF CHARTER(S)  
(Department Order Shown)**

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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
9999 Anystreet Avenue  
Somewherein, Kansas 66001-9999

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1  
SERIES 2009-2010

APRIL 30, 2009

1. It is with regret that I must announce the death of Past Department Commander John Q. Union on April 29, 2009. PDC Union was a member of Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita. PDC Union served as Department Commander during the 2007-2008.

3. *[Any personal information, SUVCW service, etc. may be included in this section.]*

2. I am ordering the Department charter and all Department of Kansas camp charters to be draped for a period of 30 days from the date of this order. Additionally, members should wear black "In Memoriam" ribbons with their membership badge in accordance with National Regulations Chapter V, Article III, Section 9.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY:

TODD LINCOLN, P.C.C.  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

ANDREW JOHNSON, P.C.C.  
Secretary

**PROPER WEAR OF "IN MEMORIAM" RIBBON**

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The "In Memoriam" ribbon is to be worn behind the membership badge of the order (class A badge) or the appropriate honors badge (class B badge) if a class A badge is not worn.