

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
2613 Pickwick Place, Lawrence Kansas 66049-1731  
Commander@suvcwks.org

DEPARTMENT ORDER 1  
SERIES 2011-2012

April 30, 2011

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Fifteenth Department Encampment at Lawrence, Kansas, on April 30, 2011, 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 Fifteenth Department Encampment to 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:	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2013):	<b>Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Secretary/Treasurer:	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16

3.

The following brother, having been elected in 2010 to a two-year term in the position indicated, continues in that office:

Council (term expiring 2012):	<b>Blair D. Tarr</b> , Old Abe 16
	<b>Randal L. Durbin, PDC</b>

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

Patriotic Instructor	<b>William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC</b> , Franklin 1
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. Coyne 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	<b>Brian R. Van Schmus</b> , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
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. 20th 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:

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

9. Department Officers for 2011-2012 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 15, 2011</b>	Fall Council Meeting (location to be announced)
<b>March 10, 2012</b>	Spring Council Meeting (tentatively in Topeka)
<b>April 28, 2012</b>	16th Annual Department Encampment, Topeka

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 12 and 13, 2011, in Renton, Virginia.

11. All elected Camp Officers, both current and who are will be serving during 2012, should plan to attend the Winter Training Session.

**January 14, 2012** Winter Training Session (tentatively in Emporia)

12. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2012. Old Abe Camp 16 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp, holding the encampment in Topeka. 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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April 30, 2011

**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 30, 2011, through April 28, 2012, 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  
**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 Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3  
SERIES 2011-2012

April 30, 2011

**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 4  
SERIES 2011-2012

April 30, 2011

**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 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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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5  
SERIES 2011-2012

May 19, 2011

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

1. 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 30, 2011, to April 28, 2012, unless sooner relieved.

**Randal L. Durbin, PDC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka (*Chairman*)  
**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita  
**Robert L. Wandel, PCC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence  
**William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe  
**Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

2. 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 Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6  
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August 18, 2011

**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 15, 2011**, as follows:

Time: **10:00 AM**

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 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 amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 28, 2012, for its approval.

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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November 8, 2011

**NOTIFICATION OF WINTER TRAINING SESSION  
AND  
RESCHEDULED FALL COUNCIL MEETING**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section I, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **WINTER TRAINING SESSION** shall be held on **Saturday, January 14, 2012**, as follows:

Time: **9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

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. It will also cover IRS responsibilities, to include IRS 990-N filings.

5. Due to a quorum not being available on October 15, 2011, and in accordance with Article VI, Section H, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FALL COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **January 14, 2012**, as follows:

Time: **11:00 AM – Noon (Meeting will begin immediately after the Winter Training Session if training session ends early)**

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

6. 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.** 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.

7. With the consent of the Department Commander, any attendee may present an appropriate item to the meeting or provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed.

8. 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.

9. The Department Bylaws Committee shall meet in conjunction with this meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws. As required by the Department Bylaws, any approved recommendations for amendments shall be provided to camps no later than March 13, 2012, for their review and be submitted to the Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment on April 28, 2012, for its approval.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*/s/Roy A. Lafferty*  
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ATTEST:

*/s/Alan L. Russ*  
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January 29, 2012

**SPRING COUNCIL MEETING**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section J, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **SPRING COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **March 10, 2012**, as follows:

Time: **9:00 AM – Noon**

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

6. 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.** 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.

7. With the consent of the Department Commander, any attendee may present an appropriate item to the meeting or provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed.

8. 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.

9. The Department Bylaws Committee shall meet in conjunction with this meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws. As required by the Department Bylaws, any approved recommendations for amendments shall be provided to camps no later than March 13, 2012, for their review and be submitted to the Sixteenth Annual Department Encampment on April 28, 2012, for its approval.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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

ATTEST:

*/s/Alan L. Russ*  
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March 10, 2012

**NOTIFICATION OF SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section J, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2012**, as follows:

Time: **10:00 AM – 4 PM**

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

2. Camp Secretaries shall forward a listing of those attending from their camp to the Department Secretary, to arrive no later than April 23, 2012, in order for name tags to be prepared.

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 2012-2013. 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. All camps must have submitted their annual camp reports and payments prior to April 25, 2012 in order to be in good standing with the Department and the Order.

5. 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. The Emma Edmonds Circle, LGAR will be providing meals. Information concerning the purchase of meals will be provided separately.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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Department Commander

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10  
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April 23, 2012

**JOHN CLEM AWARD  
FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY  
JUNIOR MEMBERS AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES**

1. In accordance to Department By Laws article XII section A, I hereby institute the John Clem Award for use in recognizing accomplishments of Junior Members and Junior Associates.
2. This award may be given to a Junior Member or Junior Associate for service in the preservation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War.
3. John Clem attached himself to the Twenty-Second Michigan Infantry in the fall of 1862 while he was eleven years of age. Two years later, he was allowed to enlist and was promoted to sergeant, becoming the youngest enlisted man in the army. That same year, John Clem served at the Battle of Chickamauga, where he was credited with shooting a confederate colonel. Clem also had the distinction of being the last Civil War veteran serving on active duty when he retired as a Major General on August 29, 1916.

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April 28, 2012

**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**

**Kent M. Melcher, PCC**

Old Abe Camp No. 16, Topeka, Kansas

**CORP. LEONIDAS B. DAVIS AWARD FOR RECRUITER OF THE YDEAR**

**Robert L. Wandel, PCC**

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas

**JOHN CLEM AWARD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY  
JUNIOR MEMBERS AND JUNIOR ASSOCIATES**

**Ryan L. Todd**

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas

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