

**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 declared within the Department of Kansas and its camps. 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 or a sister of the Allied Orders.

2. When a period of mourning is declared by proper authority, the Department charter and/or camp charters 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. This may consist of either the black "In Memoriam" ribbon or the black band around the drop of the badge. *[National Regulations Chapter V, Article VI, Section 9]*

3. The following will be justification for a commander to direct the draping of charter(s) and declare a period of mourning. The period of mourning shall not be more than thirty (30) days and 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 published in the General Order. No Department or Camp order needs to be published.

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 Special 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 brother of the Department holding the honor of Past Department Commander (P.D.C.).

(3) Death of a currently sitting Camp Commander.

(4) Death of a brother of the Department holding the honor of Past Camp Commander (P.C.C.).

(5) Death of a currently sitting Department of Kansas President or Past Department President of an Allied Order of the G.A.R.


c. When ordered by a Camp Commander. A Camp Commander may direct the draping of camp charter for the camp he commands by publishing a camp special order announcing the action. The Camp Commander may declare a period of mourning for the death of a member, associate, junior member, or junior associate who is a brother of the camp.


4. The Department Commander, the Department Secretary, and the Department Chaplain 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 subparagraph 3b, above, the Department Commander will immediately coordinate with the Department Secretary for the issuance of the appropriate department order.

APRIL 10, 2023

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




Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary


Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC
Department Commander

Attachment 1 – Sample Order

Attachment 2 – Wearing of “In Memoriam” Ribbon

Approved by Department Council April 10, 2023. 

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

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

DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1
SERIES 2023-2024

APRIL 30, 2023

1. It is with regret I announce the death of Past Department Commander John Q. Union on April 29, 2023. PDC Union was a member of Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita. PDC Union served as Department Commander during for the 2007-2008 term.

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 either the black "In Memoriam" ribbon or the black band on the drop of 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.D.C.
Secretary

PROPER WEAR OF “IN MEMORIAM” RIBBON



If the “In Memoriam” ribbon is to be worn instead of the black band, the 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.