

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2025-2026

April 6, 2025

ADMINISTRATION

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twenty-Ninth Department Encampment held at Topeka, Kansas, on April 5, 2025, command is hereby assumed, and headquarters are 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 elected, or continue to serve in an unexpired term, to the offices indicated:

Senior Vice Dept. Commander	James D. Thornton , Franklin Camp 5
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Secretary (term expiring 2028):	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16
Treasurer (term expiring 2028):	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16
Council (term expiring 2026):	James H. Graves, PCC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Council (term expiring 2026):	Barrett E. Young, PCC , Humboldt Camp 9
Council (term expiring 2027):	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
Council (IPDC) (term exp. 2026):	Conrad M. Fisher, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16

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

Chief of Staff	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe 16
Patriotic Instructor	Michael J. Hadl, PCC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Chaplain	Jeffrey A. Winters , Franklin 5
Graves Registration Officer	Joseph E. Chrisman, PCC , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Historian	Joshua S. Gillihan-Young , Franklin 5
GAR Records Officer	Gregg L. Talkington , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Counselor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC , Old Abe 16
Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Eric L. Crittenden , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Civil War Memorials Officer	Joshua S. Gillihan-Young , Franklin 5
Signal Officer <i>(pending Council approval)</i>	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Assistant Treasurer-1	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Assistant Treasurer-2	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16

4. All special reports, coordination of commander's schedule, and special correspondence should be directed to the Department Chief of Staff:

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, 125 NW Courtland Ave., Topeka KS 66606

5. All business correspondence and official reports should be sent to the Department Secretary:

Alan L. Russ, PDC, 2825 Crystal Lake Dr., Salina KS 67401.

6. All bills, and requests for payment should be sent to the Department Treasurer:

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, 125 NW Courtland Ave., Topeka KS 66606

7. All requests for monument and memorial grants and all completed monument and memorials registration forms should be sent to the Department Secretary.

Joshua S. Gillihan-Young, 6403 Sloan Ave., Kansas City KS 66104-1360

8. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to the Department Graves Registration Officer:

Joseph E. Chrisman, PCC, 16195 51st Road, Winfield KS 67156-7002

9. All Civil War Memorials information and requests for monument and memorial grants and all completed monument and memorials registration forms should be sent to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer:

Joshua S. Gillihan-Young, 6403 Sloan Ave., Kansas City KS 66104-1360

10. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to the Department Commander:

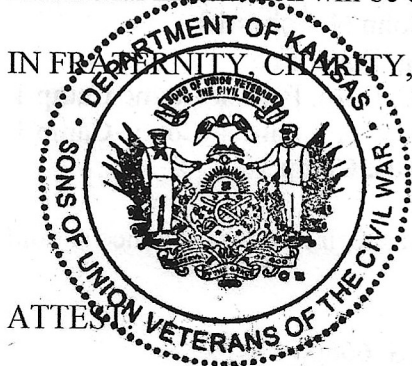
Eric L. Crittenden, 9760 322nd Road, Arkansas City KS 67005-6416.

11. Department Officers should attempt to attend as many events as possible throughout the year.

12. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, elected delegates, and all other brothers of the Department who are able to do so, are highly encouraged to attend the SUVCW National Encampment on August 8 and 9, 2025, in Houston, Texas.

13. The 30th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on March 28, 2026, at Topeka, Kansas. If necessary, April 25, 2026, has been designated as the alternate date. Additional information will be distributed later.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



ATTEST

Kent M. Melcher, PDC
Department Commander

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary