

SERIES 2024 – 20254

Conrad M. Fisher, Department Commander
April 6, 2024 – April 5, 2025

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2024-2025

April 6, 2024

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twenty-Eighth Department Encampment held at Lecompton, Kansas, on April 6, 2024, 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	Kent M. Melcher, PDC , Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	James D. Thornton , Franklin Camp 5
Secretary (term expiring 2025):	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16
Treasurer (term expiring 2025):	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe Camp 16
Council (term expiring 2025):	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4
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 (IPDC) (term exp. 2025):	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

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

Patriotic Instructor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC , Old Abe 16
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Graves Registration Officer	Joshua S. Young , Franklin 5
Counselor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC , Old Abe 16
Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Eric L. Crittenden , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Chief of Staff	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe 16
Assistant Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Signal Officer (<i>pending Council approval</i>)	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

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.

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

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

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

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

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

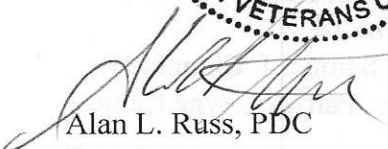
11. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, elected delegates, and all other brothers of the Department who can do so, are highly encouraged to attend the SUVCW National Encampment on August 2 and 3, 2024, in Lexington, Kentucky.


10. The 29th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 5, 2025, at Topeka, Kansas. If necessary, April 29, 2025, has been designated as the alternate date. Additional information will be distributed later.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



ATTES:


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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
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April 7, 2024

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE

1. As per Chapter V, Article III, Section E, Department of Kansas Bylaws, the Department Bylaws Committee is established.
2. The purpose of the committee is to review and/or propose changes to the Department Bylaws, as may become necessary. This includes reviewing changes to the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order as passed by a National Encampment for any effect they may have on Department Bylaws. The committee shall ensure all requirements in Chapter IX, Article III, Department Bylaws, are complied with concerning all proposed amendments.
3. The following brothers are appointed to the Department Bylaws Committee.

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Chairman – Old Abe Camp 16

Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Member – Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Member – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Member – Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Barrett E. Young, PCC, Member – Humboldt Camp 9

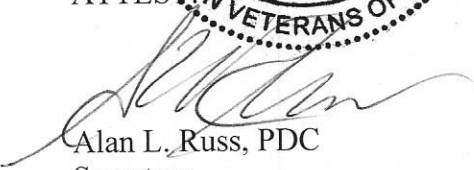
Conrad M. Fisher, PCC, Member (ex officio) – Old Abe Camp 16

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3
SERIES 2024-2025

April 7, 2024

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

1. As per Chapter V, Article III, Section B, Department of Kansas Bylaws, the Department Encampment Committee is established as a special committee. This special committee shall serve until amendments to the Department of Kansas Bylaws, are approved by the Commander-in-Chief, at which time the committee shall automatically reform as a Standing Committee of the Department of Kansas under authority of new section Chapter V, Article III, Section E, when approved by CinC, SUVCW.

2. The purpose of the committee is to provide for and ensure the requirements for Department Encampments are met.

3. The following brothers are appointed to the Department Bylaws Committee.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Chairman – Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Michael A. Todd, PDC, Member – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

Barrett E. Young, PCC, Member – Humboldt Camp 9

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Member – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

Conrad M. Fisher, PCC, Member (ex officio) – Old Abe Camp 16

4. Duties of Committee shall include the following:

a. Encampment Planning. This shall include confirmation of the encampment site and facilities for the immediate upcoming Department Encampment and advising potential host camps in selecting possible encampment site and necessary facilities for the following year's Department Encampment. The committee shall also help arrange for and coordinate encampment facilities by working with the host camp for the Department Encampment. They shall prepare an information sheet for brothers of the Department of Kansas containing encampment information, including location, date, times, meal information, etc., to be distributed to the various camps. The committee shall also oversee facilities preparation.

b. Encampment Preparation. The committee shall be responsible for the preparation and printing of Encampment programs; coordinating with the Department Chaplain for preparation and printing of Memorial Service programs, if applicable; and preparing and printing Encampment name tags. The committee chairman shall periodically furnish the Department Secretary with the names and numbers of encampment attendees who have registered.

c. Encampment. The committee shall oversee the Encampment registration desk; ensure all attendees sign the registration forms; and report attendance and category of attendees to the Encampment.

d. Reporting. The Committee Chairman shall submit a written report to the Department Commander within thirty days of the conclusion of the Department Encampment. He shall submit the committee recommendations for the location of the future encampment (fifteen months out) to the Department Council. All receipts for reimbursement of expenses shall be submitted to the Treasurer throughout the year. Final receipts will be submitted within thirty days of the conclusion of the Department Encampment. A written report for inclusion in the Department Encampment committee reports shall be submitted per separate instructions.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4
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April 7, 2024

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. In accordance with Chapter V, Article III, Section E, Subsection 3, Department of Kansas Bylaws, the Department Technology Committee is established.

2. The purpose of the Department Technology Committee is to serve as the Department's advisory body on electronic communication technology and the management of assigned resources in such a manner as to reflect positively on the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

3. The following brothers are appointed to the Department Bylaws Committee.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Chairman (Department Signals Officer) – Old Abe Camp 16

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Member (Website Manager) – Old Abe Camp 16

Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Member (Social Media Manager) – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Member – Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10

Michael A. Todd, PDC, Member – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

Conrad M. Fisher, Member (ex officio) – Old Abe Camp 16

4. The committee chairman is authorized to appoint non-voting aides to the committee as deemed necessary.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5
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April 12, 2024

CONFLICT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT BYLAWS AND NATIONAL REGULATIONS

1. References:

- a. National Regulations Chapter II, Article I, Section 3, footnote 37.
- b. National Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4.
- c. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C.

2. Reference 1a, above, states “³⁷ All Department Bylaws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief. Any provision of a Department By-law which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or Regulations is null and void. Department policies which are not part of the Department Bylaws do not require the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. CinC Mellor, 132nd, 279 (General Order 5).”

3. Reference 1b, above, states “Section 4. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as five Brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every Brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty days’ notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.” The required number of Brothers in good standing was changed from “ten” to “five” at the 142nd National Encampment in 2023.

4. Reference 1c, above states “No Charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten brothers thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Department Commander and each and every brother of the Camp shall receive at least twenty (20) days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.”

5. I find Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C, is inconsistent with National Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 4, as it pertains to the number of Brothers in good standing who may demand a camp’s continuance.

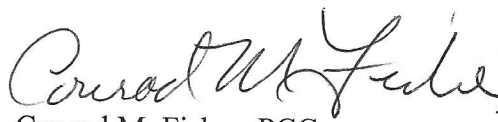
6. Therefore, Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article II, Section C, as it pertains to the number of Brothers in good standing who may demand a camp’s continuance, is null and void.

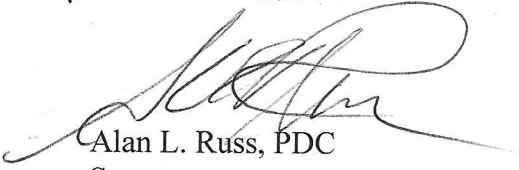
7. This item has been referred to the Department Bylaws Committee to for amendment of the Bylaws.

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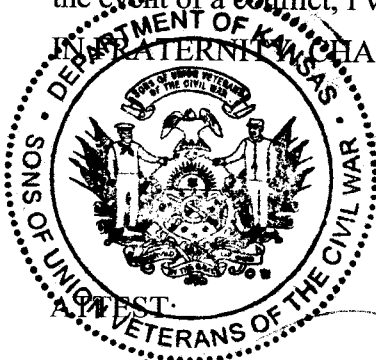
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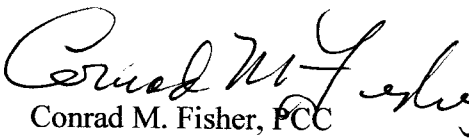
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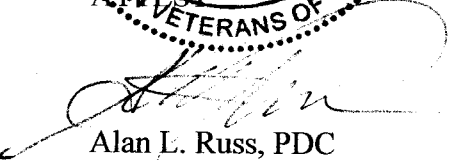
August 2, 2024

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

1. References:
 - a. SUVCW National Regulations Chapter I, Article V, Sections 2 and 3.
 - b. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article III, Section A.
 2. In accordance with the above references, a camp shall elect the Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Council, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in August and the first meeting in December, inclusive.
 3. The officers of the Camp shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting of September and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, by the Department Commander or a person designated by him.
 4. All camp secretaries shall notify the Department Chief of Staff (chiefofstaff@suvchwks.org) of the date their camp will be installing its officers. This notification must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of installation.
 5. Camp officers are normally elected at one meeting and installed at the next meeting; however, it is permissible to hold elections and installation at the same meeting, provided the meeting is held between the first meeting of September and the first meeting of December, inclusive. Camps cannot install officers in August, and they cannot elect officers at a January meeting.
 6. The Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (Form 22) should be completed and signed immediately after the installation of officers. Ensure you are using the current version of the form. It should be forwarded to the Department Secretary within seven days of installation.
 7. As Department Commander, I plan to install the camp officers for as many camps as I can. In the event of a conflict, I will designate someone to perform the installation for me.
- IN PATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,




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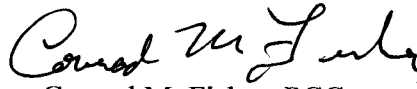
August 3, 2024


**DEPARTMENT PER CAPITA
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025**

1. References:
 - a. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter VI, Article III, Section A, Subsection a.
 - b. Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment, Item 27.
2. The Twenty-Eighth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment voted to set the Department of Kansas per capita for 2025 at \$7.00.
3. On September 11, 2023, the Department of Kansas Council approved that Department of Kansas per capita shall not be pro-rated quarterly for those brothers who join the Department on or after January 31, 2024.
4. All new applications for membership submitted by camps after January 1, 2025, to the Department Secretary, shall include in the accompanying payment the appropriate National per capita, Department per capita in the amount of \$7.00, and an application fee of \$5.00.
5. Those brothers being reinstated after January 1, 2025, shall include in the accompanying payment the National per capita in the amount of \$33.00, Department per capita in the amount of \$7.00, and the National reinstatement fee of \$10.00.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8
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December 1, 2024

PROPER WEAR OF SUVCW BADGES

1. Reference: National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 7.
2. Badge/medal wear, whether it be in the military, a veterans' group, or in a fraternal/lineal society such as the SUVCW, is an encapsulation of one's service to that organization, and is typically highly regulated.
3. As Department Commander, I have had the opportunity to attend National Encampments, other Departments, visit our camps, and participate in activities. It is not unusual to note badges are being worn improperly. I do not think this is being done intentionally, but, rather, by not knowing what the rules say.
4. There are specific requirements for how and when SUVCW badges can be worn. The full directives for wearing SUVCW badges are contained in the National Regulations, which can be found at <https://suvchw.org/charter-constitution-and-regulation>. They are detailed in Chapter V, Article VI-Badges and Medals, which begin on page 144 (2024edition).
5. Since this order addresses the wearing of badge, there are some basic rules for SUVCW badge wear. A full accounting can be found at Chapter V, Article VI-Badges and Medals, and I encourage all Brothers to review this section (and take some time to look through the Regulations).
6. Some of the common mistakes we see are:
 - a. Wearing a membership badge and a commander badge at the same time. Only one Group A badge may be worn at a time.
 - b. Wearing a Past Department Commander badge and a Past Camp Commander badge at the same time. Only one Group B badge may be worn at a time.
 - c. Wearing both a War Medal and a Military Service Medal. Only one Group C badge may be worn at a time.
 - d. Wearing older National Encampment or Department Encampment badges. Only the badge for the immediately previous encampment can be worn, and only if the member attended the encampment.
 - e. Mixing full sized badges and miniature badges (to include membership badges from other organizations). Either wear the full-sized badges or the miniature badges, but never mix them.
7. Also, sometimes it has been noticed that a Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Membership Badge is being worn. Such wear is controlled by SUVCW Regulations and is not permitted except when actively involved in a "first person portrayal of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic."
8. As stated in National Regulations Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 (page 144):

Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. Should the individual desire, he may also wear badges, awards and decorations awarded to him by U. S. Government and military

officials, patriotic and hereditary societies and foreign governments. The order of precedence of the awards shall be:

First: Awards of the United States Government, to include military decorations and medals of the Armed Services in order of precedence set by the U.S. Government and Armed Forces.

Second: Foreign decorations in the order which they were received

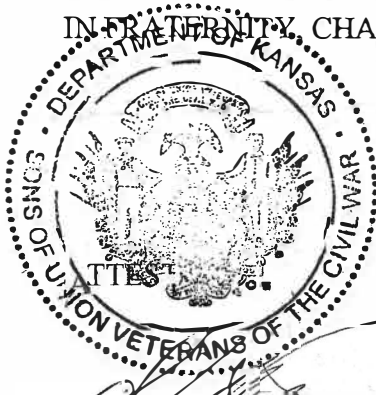
Third: State awards in order of precedence recommended by the state

Fourth: Medals and Badges of this Order, along with other military, veterans, hereditary and patriotic societies, in the order of the founding of each.

9. I have attached a guide to the proper wearing of the badges of the SUVCW. This guide is not new and has been distributed at various times to camps.

10. I encourage you to proudly wear your badges of the Order at SUVCW activities; however, please wear them properly and proudly!

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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Attachment:
Guide to Wearing SUVCW Badges

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

GUIDE TO WEARING SUVCW BADGES

Badges and Medals are addressed in Chapter V, Article VI, National Regulations

SUVCW Badges of the Order are worn on the left side starting with Group A Badges, Group B Badges, Group C Badges, and Group D Badges, subject to restrictions shown below.

GROUP A BADGES

Only one Group A badge may be worn at a time.

Group A Badges are badges of the order. Only one Group A Badge may be worn at a time. They include the following: **Membership Badge, Associate Badge, Junior Badge, Commander-in-Chief Badge** [Note 1], **Department Commander Badge** [Note 1], **Camp Commander Badge** [Note 1], **National Officer Badge** [Note 2], and **Department Officer Badge** [Note 3].



Note 1: In order to wear a commander badge the brother must currently hold the office.

Note 2: The brother must currently be a National elected office or have served to the end of the term of office for a National elected office.

Note 3: The brother must currently hold a Department elected office or have been awarded "Emeritus" status by a Department encampment.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE WORN ON GROUP A BADGES

½" GOLD STAR

Brothers awarded National Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, only.

LIFE MEMBER BAR

For brothers who are Life Members of the SUVCW.

YEARS OF SERVICE NUMERALS

For 10 or more years of continuous years of membership. The years of service numerals are available beginning with 10, and in increments of 5 years, thereafter.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PIN

Graduates of the SUVCW Memorial University may wear their Memorial University pin on the ribbon of the badge.

GROUP B BADGES

Only one Group B Badge may be worn at a time.

The Group B Badge is also considered a "badge of the order," and may be worn with or without wearing a Group A badge. A brother may not wear more than one badge from this group at the same time.

Group B Badges are the **Past Commander-in-Chief Badge, Past Department Commander Badge, and Past Camp Commander Badge.**



GROUP C BADGES

(War Medal, Military Service Medal)

Only one Group C Badge may be worn at a time.

The Group C Badges are the **War Medal** [Note 4] and the **Military Service Medal**. When worn, the War Medal or Military Service Medal must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge. A brother cannot wear both the War Medal and the Military Service Medal at the same time.



War Medal

Military
Service Medal

Note 4: A device identifying the period of service shall be worn on the War Medal.

GROUP D BADGES

Group D badges are worn on the left side with the Groups, A, B, and C badges. When worn, a Group D Badge must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge. Group D Badges include the **Sons of Veterans Badge** for current members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), **National Encampment Badge** [Note 5], and a **Department Encampment Badge** [Note 6].

During a National or Department Encampment, the National or Department Encampment badge will be worn on the right side. After the encampment, the encampment badge will be worn on the left only be worn until the next equivalent encampment.



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Encampment
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Note 5: Encampment badges are neither awards nor personal decorations, but in keeping with the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic, they may be worn to recognize participation in an event or activity. An encampment badge may only be worn until the next equivalent encampment.

Note 6: If a department encampment badge was issued, a department encampment badge may only be worn until the next equivalent encampment by those who attended the Department Encampment.

HOW TO PROPERLY WEAR BADGES

Groups A, B, C, and D Badges are to be worn on the LEFT side, except that a Class D National or Department Encampment Badge will be worn on the RIGHT side during the actual Encampment. After the encampment, the badge is worn on the left until the next encampment.

NEVER WEAR THE FOLLOWING **GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC BADGES**

Badges, ribbons, and medals of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War unless that Brother is actively involved in a first person portrayal of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time the badge is being worn. Reproduced miniature versions of G.A.R. badges may be worn.



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMEMORATIVE BADGES

National Encampment Commemorative Badges are usually sold by the host department to help them recover the expenses of hosting the National Encampment. These commemorative badges are **NOT** badges of the Order and are not to be worn as SUVCW Badges.



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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9
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December 15, 2024

CAMP PROPERTY REPORTS

1. References:
 - a. National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, and Article VII.
 - b. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter II, Article V, Section B.
2. There may be situations where the property of a Department of Kansas camp could become compromised or lost due to incomplete or inaccurate recordkeeping or outright theft.
3. Per SUVCW National Regulations, Chapter I, Article VII, Section 5, camp treasurers “shall have charge of its [*the camp’s*] property not otherwise provided for.” The camp treasurer is not responsible for physically holding all camp property; however, the treasurer is responsible for maintaining the official camp property inventory.
4. Without accurate recordkeeping, camps risk inadvertent or deliberate loss of its property, some of which may have been handed down by G.A.R. posts or other Boys in Blue, or by organizations or individuals who may have donated Civil War artifacts, objects, or ephemera that are tangible links to the shared past.
5. Furthermore, National Regulations Chapter I, Article I, Section 5, states,

In case of the surrender or forfeiture of the Camp Charter, all the Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, ... All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its Charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its Brothers.
6. Because camp property is to be turned over to the Department when a camp charter is surrendered, it is imperative for the Department to have a full accounting, in advance, so that camp property does not simply “disappear.”
7. Therefore, I am ordering all camps of the Department of Kansas to take an inventory of all camp property, including any camp property on loan.
8. Camp treasurers shall electronically provide a report, in MS Excel or MS Word, to the Department of Kansas Treasurer. This report will list all camp property individually on separate lines, to include a description of each item, when it was procured (if known), circumstances surrounding the procurement (if known, i.e. donated or purchased), where the item is maintained, and what camp brother is in possession of and responsible for said item.
9. If camp property is on loan, indicate to where it is on loan, contact information for the repository, when it was loaned, condition when it was loaned, and whether there is signed loan paperwork between the camp and the repository. Professional standards for loans recommend terms not exceeding five years, although loans can be renewed if it is in the interest of both parties.
10. Camp treasurers shall electronically forward the camp property report to Department of Kansas Treasurer Rocky L. Bartlow not later than 1 May 2025, and annually thereafter. As a reminder,

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camp commanders are ultimately responsible for ensuring this report, and all required reports are completed and forwarded on time.



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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10
SERIES 2024-2025

January 17, 2025

NOTIFICATION OF TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article I, Section B, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** will be held on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, as follows:

Registration opens: **11:30 AM**

Business Meeting: **12:00 Noon – 4:30 PM**

Place: **Kansas National Guard Museum, 125 SE Airport Drive, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas**

[In case of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the backup date for the encampment will be Saturday, April 26, 2025.]

2. The Annual Department Encampment is for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department, including amendment of Department bylaws; approving policies and procedures; discussing and acting upon items which shall come before the encampment; and election and installation of Department officers for 2025-2026. All brothers of the Department are encouraged to attend this Encampment.

a. Voting Members of the Encampment are:

- i. Elected officers of the Department of Kansas.
- ii. All brothers who currently hold the honor of Past Department Commander (PDC) with the Department of Kansas.
- iii. All current Camp Commanders within the Department of Kansas.
- iv. All brothers who currently hold the honor of Past Camp Commander (PCC) with a camp within the Department of Kansas.
- v. All authorized Delegates, as elected by the various camps of the Department of Kansas. As of the date of this order, camps are authorized the following number of delegates (this is in addition to those listed in 2, a, i through iv, above).

Camp 1	4	Camp 4	3
Camp 5	5	Camp 9	2
Camp 10	3	Camp 16	5

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 in good standing with their respective organization.

3. Department Officer Reports, Department Committee Reports, and Camp Commander Reports:

a. Elected and Appointed Department Officers, and Department Committee Chairmen shall submit a written report of their activities in their capacity as an elected or appointed Department Officer or Committee Chairman since the last Department encampment.

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b. All Camp Commanders shall submit a written report of the activities of their camp since the last Department encampment.

c. Reports shall be submitted to **arrive no later than Saturday, March 22, 2025**, via email to the Department Chief of Staff at chiefofstaff@suvchwks.org. This is to allow time to compile and distribute the reports to the officers and camps in a timely manner.

d. The various reports will NOT be read at the Department Encampment, as each attendee will be furnished a copy of the reports at the encampment. Submitters will be called upon to state if there are any corrections to the report or if the report contains any recommendations. If the report does contain a recommendation, the recommendation shall be read and sent to the appropriate encampment committee for further action.

e. If any officer, chairman, or camp commander has nothing to report, he should submit an email as required in paragraph 3c, above, stating "Nothing to Report."


f. Reports not submitted by March 22, 2025, will not be included with the consolidated reports and will not be allowed to be presented from the floor at the encampment.

4. Additional information concerning the Department Encampment is posted on the Department website (www.suvchwks.org).

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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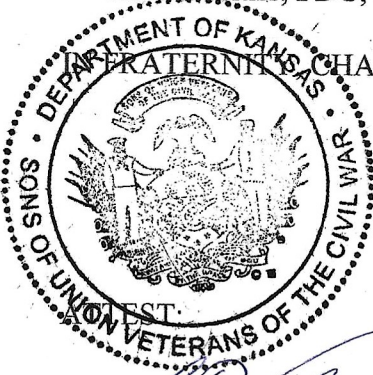
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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT TREASURER

1. References:
 - a. National Regulations Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1.
 - b. Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter V, Section C.
2. The following brother is appointed as Assistant Treasurer for the purpose of receipt and disbursement of funds of the Department regarding processing applications, reinstatements, and reports. As such, he shall properly maintain financial records and keep the Department Treasurer informed of all activities pertaining to these funds.

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

BROTHERHOOD, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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April 5, 2025

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS
FOR 2024-2025**

1. In accordance with Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter VII, Article III, the following award recipients are hereby announced.

CAPTAIN PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR BROTHER OF THE YEAR

Presented by the Department Commander to the brother whom the Department Commander has determined to have performed significant service to a camp or the Department within the past year.

MICHAEL J. HADL, PCC
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4

LEANDER STILLWELL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented by the Department Commander to the brother who has performed significant service to the Department of Kansas or the organization as a whole over an extended period of time.

THOMAS E. SCHMIDT, PDC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1

WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR

Presented by the Department Commander to the camp within the Department which demonstrated the greatest degree of support to the goals and ideals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in such areas as community involvement, memorial ceremonies, public education, conduct of camp meetings, and such.

PRIVATE JOHN N. ECKES CAMP NO. 10
Winfield, Kansas

2. Congratulations to all the award recipients and thank you for a job well done.

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