

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 08  
SERIES 2025-2026

January 7, 2026

**NOTIFICATION OF THIRTIETH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article I, Section B, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **THIRTIETH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, as follows:

Registration opens: **10:30 AM**

Memorial Service, followed immediately by Business Meeting: **11:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

Place: **Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas**

*[In case of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the backup date for the encampment will be Saturday, April 25, 2026.]*

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 2026-2027. 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	4
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 voice and vote): Brothers and sisters of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing with their respective organization may attend as spectators.

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.

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 14, 2026**, via email to Department Chief of Staff Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, at [chiefofstaff@suvchwks.org](mailto: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 with 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 14, 2026, 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](http://www.suvchwks.org)).



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