

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1 (Corrected Copy)
SERIES 2026-2027

March 28, 2026

ADMINISTRATION

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Thirtieth Department Encampment held at Topeka, Kansas, on March 28, 2026, 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	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Secretary (term expiring 2028):	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16
Treasurer (term expiring 2028):	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2027):	Jonathan A. Holder , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2028):	Bryan W. Wampler , Franklin 5
Council (term expiring 2028):	Brent D. Whitten , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Council (IPDC) (term exp. 2027):	Kent M. Melcher, PDC , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10

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	Christopher R. Cardone , Old Abe 16
Chaplain	Stanley E. Palmer , Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1
Graves Registration Officer	Joseph E. Chrisman, PCC , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Historian	Joshua S. Gillihan-Young , Franklin 5
GAR Records Officer	Boone O. Dodson , Old Abe 16
Counselor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC , Old Abe 16
Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator	Eric L. Crittenden , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Civil War Memorials Officer	Jeffrey A. Winters , Franklin 5
Signal Officer (<i>pending Council approval</i>)	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Assistant Treasurer-1	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
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 66606-1262

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

Alan L. Russ, PDC, 2825 Crystal Lake Dr., Salina KS 67401-6458

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

Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC, 125 NW Courtland Ave., Topeka KS 66606-1262

7. 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:

Jeffrey A. Winters, 15578 W 166th St., Olathe KS 66062-8139

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

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

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

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 can do so, are highly encouraged to attend the SUVCW National Encampment on July 31 and August 1, 2025, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

13. The 31st Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 3, 2027, at the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site in Fairway, Kansas. If necessary, April 24, 2027, has been designated as the alternate date. Additional information will be distributed later.

IN PERPETUITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



James D. Thornton, PCC
Department Commander

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary