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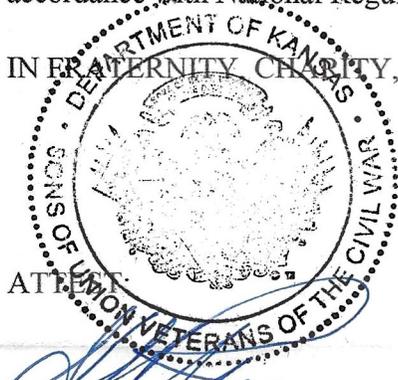
DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER 6
SERIES 2025-2026

February 24, 2026

**DEATH OF BROTHER RICHARD T. BENNETT, PCC
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with sadness and regret I announce the death of Past Camp Commander Richard T. Bennett on February 5, 2026. PCC Bennett was born on December 15, 1950, at Wichita, Kansas. Funeral arrangements are unknown at this time.
2. Brother Bennett joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on February 24, 2005, as a member of Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita, Kansas. He proudly honored his great-grand uncle Abraham Bennett, who served as a Private with Company D, 2nd Regiment Iowa Infantry, from September 22, 1864, until June 3, 1865.
3. Brother Bennett was elected and served as Camp Commander for Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1 for 2011, earning him the honor of Past Camp Commander.
4. Information concerning Funeral/memorial services for Brother Bennett will be provided as the information becomes available.
5. 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 VI, Section 9.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



Kent M. Melcher, PDC
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