

## **SERIES 2007 – 2008**

**Roy A. Lafferty, Department Commander  
April 28, 2007 – April 26, 2008**

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1  
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APRIL 28, 2007

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled delegates at the Eleventh Department Encampment at Wichita, Kansas, on April 28, 2007, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Department Commander should be sent to the above address.

2. The following brothers were also elected at the Eleventh Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	Craig A. Sundell, PCC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Junior Vice Commander	James M. Converse, PCC, Franklin Camp 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
	Michael W. Anderson, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
	Matthew G. Toll, Franklin Camp 5

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

Patriotic Instructor	S. Todd Meek, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Chaplain	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe 16
Historian	Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe 16
Counselor	William D. Stilley, Franklin 5
Graves Registration Officer	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Brian R. Van Schmus, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Department Webmaster	Jonathan P. Goering, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

4. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, Department Secretary, 404 N. Walnut St, Peabody KS 66866-1148.

5. All requests for monuments and memorials grants, and all completed monuments and memorials registration forms should be sent to PCC Douglas McGovern, 100 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

6. All graves registration forms and information should be sent to Robert L. Wandel, Department Graves Registration Officer, 2731 Bonanza St., Lawrence KS 66046-5137

7. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Brian R. Van Schmus, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, 2619 Missouri St. Lawrence KS 66046-4545.

8. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas is scheduled to be held on April 26, 2008, in Lawrence. Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 has accepted the

responsibility to be the host camp. The camp will report to the fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment.

9. I want to thank all brothers who agreed to serve on the department staff this year. No Department Commander can carry the full load of responsibility, nor should he ever try to claim the credit for the accomplishments during his term. It will be to the credit of the excellent staff and all department members for any activities and programs we carry out in the future. I look forward to our next activity and meeting.

10. The charge for the SUVCW is “Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union 1861 – 1865.” Therefore, I ask all camps in the Department to look for ways to be more active in their communities. Concentrate on educational and remembrance activities, as this is the cornerstone of our organization. This will help us grow; men are attracted to organizations that are active.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

Roy A. Lafferty, PCC  
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC  
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2  
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**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

1. As required by Bylaws of the Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the **Bylaws Committee** for the term from April 28, 2007, through April 26, 2008, unless sooner relieved.

**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (*Chairman*)

**Michael W. Anderson**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

**James M. Converse, PCC**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

**Roy A. Lafferty, PCC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

**Craig A. Sundell, PCC**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

**Matthew G. Toll**, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe

**Robert L. Wandel**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

2. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. It shall function in accordance with Article XV, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Twelfth Annual Department Encampment.

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**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**MINE CREEK BATTLEFIELD COMMITTEE**

1. As established by the Tenth Annual Department of Kansas Encampment, I hereby appoint the following brothers to the **Mine Creek Battlefield Committee** for the term from April 28, 2007, through April 26, 2008, unless sooner relieved.

**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (*Chairman*)

**Randal L. Durbin, PDC**, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka

**Kenneth E. Spurgeon, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita

**Robert L. Wandel**, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence

**John H. Spencer**, Mine Creek Camp 6, Pleasanton (*Camp 6 Representative*)

2. This committee shall meet during the year, as necessary. The committee chairman shall present a status report to the Department Council at the Fall Council Meeting and at any other time requested by the Department Commander. Additionally, the committee chairman shall present a report of the committee activities for the year to the Twelfth Annual Department Encampment.

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTMENT**

1. In accordance with Article X, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the following special committee is re-appointed.

**NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE**

2. The purpose of this committee is to prepare and present proposals to the National Site Selection Committee requesting for the Department of Kansas to host a National Encampment. Committee shall remain in contact with the National committee and arrange to meet with them annually during the National Encampment. Once an agreement by National has been received for hosting a National Encampment, the function of the Department National Encampment Committee shall become that of organizing all efforts for the actual hosting of the encampment.

3. The committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the chairman. The committee shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on their activities for the year. A copy of the committee report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

4. I hereby appoint the following members to the National Encampment Committee:

**James R. Knopke, PDC**, Franklin Camp 5 (Chairman)

**Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

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

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**APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT CHAIRMAN**

1. Brother Blair D. Tarr, Old Abe Camp 16, is hereby appointed as chairman for the following projects:

**LAST SOLDIER PROJECT**

**GAR RECORDS PROJECT**

2. As project chairman, he shall serve as the point of contact for these projects within the Department of Kansas. He is authorized to pursue these projects in the name of the Department, and may appoint team members to assist him, as necessary. The project chairman should work closely with the Department Historian to avoid duplication of efforts.

3. Those brothers of the Department interested in assisting in these projects should contact the project chairman at the following:

Blair D. Tarr, 617 SW Taylor St., Apt 11, Topeka KS 66603-3243, Email: BTarr@kshs.org

4. The purpose of the **Last Soldier Project** is to attempt to identify and gather information on all Union Civil War soldiers who hold a status of "Last Soldier" in the 105 Kansas counties. This may include the last to die, the last burial, and the last to live in the county.

5. The purpose of the **GAR Records Project** is to support the National Organization's effort to identify the location of all existing GAR records. The purpose of this project is to assist in future research efforts with regard to the records.

6. The project chairman shall prepare a report to be presented to the Department Encampment on the activities for the year. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Department Commander and the Department Secretary who shall include such reports in the minutes of the Department Encampment.

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1. Reference Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b), Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Elected Department Officers, having been furnished with Badge of the Department Officer by the Department, are here by ordered to wear their Department Officer Badge in place of their Membership Badge for the duration of their term of service as an elected Department Officer. Upon leaving elected office; Department Badge will be returned to the Department or his successor. Lost or damaged badges shall be replaced by the officer.
3. The exception to this order is for current Camp Commanders who shall wear their Camp Commander Badge during their term as Camp Commander.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7  
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OCTOBER 10, 2007

1. Over the past several years Jon Goring has served as the Department of Kansas Webmaster. He has served the department well by creating and maintaining one of the best department sites. Due to time constraints Jon Goring has submitted his resignation as the department's web master.
2. I want to express my gratitude to Brother Goring not only from me but from the past commanders he served and the Department as well for the service he provided the Department.
3. I appoint Alan Russ to serve as Department Webmaster effective the date of this order.

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1. The Department is issuing a new web site electronic communications policy. All department and elected camp officers and webmasters are directed to become familiar with this new policy.
2. Camp Commanders shall direct their camp secretaries provide the department webmaster with an alternative email address for an elected officer with out email.
3. Current nonconforming email addresses provided by the department will be discontinued on January 1, 2008 unless an agreement is made by the department webmaster and the address holder.

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