

SERIES 2009 – 2010

**James M. Converse, Department Commander
April 25, 2009 – April 24, 2010**

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2009-2010

April 25, 2009

1. Having been elected and installed as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Thirteenth Department Encampment at Olathe, Kansas, on April 25, 2009, command is hereby assumed and headquarters 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 also elected at the Thirteenth Department Encampment to the positions indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	James R. Knopke, PDC , Franklin 5
Junior Vice Commander	Matthew G. Toll, PCC , Franklin 5
Secretary/Treasurer	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16
Council	Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4 Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1 Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4

3. The following brother, having been elected in 2008 to a three-year term in the position indicated, continues in that office:

Secretary/Treasurer (2008-2011) **Alan L. Russ, PDC**, Old Abe 16

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

Patriotic Instructor	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Chaplain	Mark A. Britton, PCC , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Historian	Blair D. Tarr , Old Abe 16
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16
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	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16

5. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to the Department Secretary: PDC Alan L. Russ, P.O. Box 68, Auburn KS 66402-0068.

6. All requests for monuments and memorials grants, and all completed monuments and memorials registration forms should be sent to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer: PCC Douglas McGovern, 100 W. 20th Ave., Hutchinson KS 67502-2846.

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

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

9. Department Officers for 2009-2010 should plan to attend the following meetings and events during the year. Appointed Department Officers and Camp Commanders are encouraged to attend the meetings.

October 17, 2009	Fall Council Meeting (location to be announced)
March 13, 2010	Spring Council Meeting (tentatively in Emporia)
April 24, 2010	14th Annual Department Encampment

10. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, along with any other brother who is able to, are encouraged to attend the following meetings.

August 14-15, 2009	National Encampment, Louisville KY
October 3, 2009	Central Region Association Conference, Indianapolis IN

11. All elected Camp Officers, both current and who are will be serving during 2010, should plan to attend the Winter Training Session.

January 9, 2010	Winter Training Session (tentatively in Emporia)
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12. The 14th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on April 24, 2010. Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 has accepted the responsibility to be the host camp, holding the encampment in either Wichita or Emporia. The camp will report to the Fall Department Council meeting as to its ability to host the encampment, the location, and the status thereof.

13. My thanks are extended to the members of the Department of Kansas for the trust they have placed in me by electing me as Department Commander. I will earnestly endeavor at all times to live up to that trust. My goals for the coming year are to continue the fine work of my predecessors to increase membership, establish new camps, and improve communications within the Department. Camp commanders are encouraged to take advantage of the newly founded Junior Member and Junior Associate status in SUVCW to invite our fathers, sons, grandfathers, and grandsons to share the SUVCW experience together, whether in one home camp or in camps across the country. In the eyes of excited junior members are the future of a young and vibrant SUVCW. Special appreciation is extended to Brother Alan Russ, PDC, for his always "on task" and long faithful years as secretary/treasurer of the department. I look forward to visiting each camp in the department and to attend as many of your camp activities as possible. Please contact me as early as possible for these invitations, as my personal goal for this year is to bring my son and grandson in Ohio into our Brotherhood.

14. I also want to extend my thanks, and the thanks of the Department, to the Franklin Camp Department Encampment Committee for a job well done in hosting the 2009 Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
SERIES 2009-2010

April 25, 2009

**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 25, 2009, through April 24, 2010, unless sooner relieved.

Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka (*Chairman*)
James M. Converse, PCC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
James R. Knopke, PDC, Franklin Camp 5, Olathe
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita
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 Fourteenth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3
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April 25, 2009

**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 25, 2009, through April 24, 2010, unless sooner relieved.

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita (*Chairman*)
Randal L. Durbin, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita
Robert L. Wandel, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Lawrence
Arnold W. Schofield, PCC, 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 Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4
SERIES 2009-2010

April 25, 2009

**APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT CHAIRMAN
LAST SOLDIER PROJECT and GAR RECORDS PROJECT**

1. Brother **Blair D. Tarr**, Old Abe Camp 16, is hereby appointed as chairman for the Last Soldier Project and the 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.
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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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5
SERIES 2009-2010

April 25, 2009

**WEAR OF ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICER BADGE
BY THE ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

In accordance with Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b), Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Elected Department Officers, have been furnished with the badge of Elected Department Officer by the Department. As such, each Elected Department Officer is hereby 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. The exception to this directive is that a current Camp Commander who is also serving as an elected Department Officer shall wear the membership badge of Camp Commander during his term as Camp Commander.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6
SERIES 2009-2010

September 12, 2009

NOTIFICATION OF FALL COUNCIL MEETING

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section H, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FALL COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **October 17, 2009**, as follows:

Time: **1:00 PM**

Place: **Lane Museum, 640 E. Woodson Ave., Lecompton, Kansas**

2. The Fall Council Meeting is for the purpose of conducting the routine business of the Department, to include approving expenditures, policies, and procedures. The Department Council will not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. The membership of the meeting shall be as follows:

a. **Voting Members.** The elected offices of the Department and the immediate PDC.

b. **Non-voting Members.** Appointed Department Officers and all holding the honor of Past Department Commander (PDC).

c. **Other Attendees (without vote).** All other brothers of the Department.

3. Any attendee may present an appropriate item to the meeting or provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed with the consent of the Department Commander.

4. All **Camp Commanders** should be prepared to report on the activities of their camp. This provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps.

5. The Department Bylaws Committee shall meet in conjunction with this meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws. Any approved amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 24, 2010, for its approval.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7
SERIES 2009-2010

September 12, 2009

SUBMISSION OF CAMP REPORTS

1. It is important that we continue to ensure all reports are submitted by camps to the Department, and by the Department to National, on a timely basis. The following are established by National Regulations or Department of Kansas Bylaws:

a. **No “Handwritten” Reports.** General Order No. 2, issued December 1, 2008, requires that all forms and reports to be submitted to National Headquarters, other than applications for membership, must be “typed.” This can be accomplished by either using the “fill-in” versions and printing them or by printing the blank form and using a typewriter to fill it in.

b. **Certificate of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (Form 22).** This form is to arrive at the Department Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days after the installation of officers at the camp. Normally, this form will be completed immediately after the installation, and it should be taken by the installing officer. Remember that a complete roster of camp brothers must accompany the Form 22. This form must be “typed.”

c. **Camp Annual Report (Form 27).** This report should be completed as soon as possible after March 31, 2009. It is required to arrive at the Department Secretary no later than three (3) days prior to the Department Encampment, which will be April 21, 2010. An updated copy of the camp roster must also accompany this report. This form must be “typed.”

d. **Camp Status Report (Form 30).** These reports, along with any supporting documents and applications must arrive at the Department Secretary no later than the 15th day of the month following the month the action was effective. This form must be “typed.”

3. I am sure all camps will meet these requirements. Any camp who fails to hold elections on time or fails to submit a report on time must be suspended. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let me or the Department Secretary know.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8
SERIES 2009-2010

September 12, 2009

ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD

1. Under the authority of Chapter IV, Article I, Section I, National Regulations of the Order, the undersigned does hereby establish the **DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS GUARD**, herewith referred to as the "Department Guard," as an independent military organization within the Department of Kansas.
2. It shall be the purpose of the Department Guard to provide a uniformed presence for parades, services, and ceremonies under the auspices of the Department of Kansas.
3. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall hold a commissioned officer rank up to and including the rank of captain. Such rank shall be awarded by the Department Commander. All such appointments shall be announced by Department Order.
4. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall have the authority to recommend the appointment of a senior non-commissioned officer with the rank of first sergeant. Such rank shall be awarded by the Department Commander. All such appointments shall be announced by Department Order.
5. The commanding officer of the Department Guard shall have the authority to appoint necessary color bearers and color guards with ranks of corporal and sergeant. The commanding officer shall notify the Department Commander of any such appointments and shall request that the appropriate Department Order be published.
6. The commanding officer shall furnish the Department Secretary a current roster of the Department Guard whenever any changes to the roster occur.
7. All members of the Department Guard shall wear appropriate Civil War era uniforms, accompanied by appropriate equipment, as directed by the commanding officer.
8. As directed by the National Regulations of the Order, the Department Guard, when participating "where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard." (Chapter IV, Article I, Section I)
9. Any Camp Guard units, whether officially established or not, shall fall under the command and authority of the commanding officer, Department of Kansas Guard, at any function or activity where the Department of Kansas Guard is officially present.
10. It is my privilege to appoint **THOMAS E. SCHMIDT, PDC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, as **Commanding Officer**, Department of Kansas Guard, with the rank of **Captain**, effective this date.

11. It is also my further privilege to appoint **S. TODD MEEK, PCC**, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, as **First Sergeant**, Department of Kansas Guard, with the rank of **First Sergeant**, effective this date.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9
SERIES 2009-2010

October 17, 2009

SUSPENSION OF CAMP CHARTER

1. The acting Camp Commander and the Secretary/Treasurer of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6 of Pleasanton** have not informed the Department the camp is still functioning as an active camp, and **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6** has not had a quorum present at any meeting in 2009. **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6** leadership has not indicated they will be holding an election for officers for 2010, as required by National Regulations and Department Bylaws.

2. On September 16, 2009, the Department Secretary, under my direction, mailed letters to each brother of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6**, informing them of the proposed surrender of the camp charter. Said letter contained a pre-addressed return envelope and response card where the brother could "demand continuance" of the camp charter. As required by National Regulations, the brothers of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6** were given twenty days to return said response card to the Department Secretary stating their preference with regard to the surrender of the charter and their preference as to their subsequent camp assignment, in the event the camp chapter is surrendered.

3. Chapter I, Article I, Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, states the following:

Section 3. 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 days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the Charter.

Section 4. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department. Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its Charter shall also be fraudulent and void. 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.

4. As of this date, the Department Secretary has only received **three** written replies and **one** verbal reply from brothers of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6** concerning the surrender of the camp charter. None replied to "demand its continuance."

5. **THEREFORE**, by authority vested in me under Chapter I, Article I, Section 7 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Article IV, Sections D and E of the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, I do hereby **SUSPEND THE CHARTER of MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6, Pleasanton, Kansas**. The order of suspension is effective this date. It shall remain in effect until such time as the Camp complies with the Regulations of the Order or the charter is revoked. After one year, unless otherwise indicated, the Department Commander will request that the Commander-in-Chief revoke the camp charter.

6. Prior to **November 17, 2009**, acting Camp Commander Arnold W. Schofield, PCC, and Camp Secretary/Treasurer Alfred C. Kolom of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6**, shall contact the Department Commander and/or the Department Secretary in reference to complying with this order. The balance of Camp funds shall be forwarded by check or money order to the Department and made payable to "DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS, SUVCW". Appropriate arrangements for the transfer of camp records and physical property of the camp shall also be made by that time.

7. The following brothers of **MINE CREEK CAMP NO. 6**, are hereby transferred to the camp indicated, effective this date. The gaining camp is hereby directed to contact each of the brothers and welcome them to the camp.

Transfer to Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita

Finn, Jeffrey D.

Transfer to Franklin Camp No. 5, Olathe

Allen, Charles J.A.

Allen, Loren B.

Bell, Kenton E.

Earnest, Billy J.

Earnest, Jesse L.

Earnest, Rodney G.

Goss, Harold E.

Greek, Ronald E., Jr.

Kolom, Alfred C.

MacDougall, Marvin B.

Marsh, Charles M.

Schofield, Arnold W., PCC

Woody, Robert E.

Termination of Dual Membership in Mine Creek Camp No. 6

Durbin, Randal L., PDC (primary camp is Old Abe Camp No. 16)

8. Copies of this suspension order shall be mailed to the acting Camp Commander, Camp Secretary, and each brother of the camp. A copy of this order shall also be sent to the National Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Executive Officer, and Department Secretary.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10
SERIES 2009-2010

December 10, 2009

NOTIFICATION OF WINTER TRAINING SESSION

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section I, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **WINTER TRAINING SESSION** shall be held on **Saturday, January 9, 2010**, as follows:

Time: **1:00 PM**

Place: **Senior Center, 630 E. 12th St., Emporia, Kansas**

2. The purpose of the Winter Training Session is to provide updated information and training to Camp elected officers, especially those who are newly elected. Department Officers will conduct the training.

3. All Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries should plan to attend. Other camp officers are highly encouraged to also attend.

4. A major emphasis at the training session will be on preparing and submitting camp reports, to include the upcoming Camp Annual Report (Form 27). This will include a working session using each camp's own information. Each camp secretary will end up with a "working copy" of their annual report.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ James M. Converse
James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 11
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February 5, 2010

NOTIFICATION OF SPRING COUNCIL MEETING

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section J, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **SPRING COUNCIL MEETING** shall be held on **March 13, 2010**, as follows:

Time: **1 PM**

Place: **Kansas Trane Co., 120 S. Ida St., Wichita KS 67211**

2. The Spring Council Meeting is for the purpose of conducting the routine business of the Department, to include approving expenditures, policies, and procedures. The Department Council will discuss the status of plans for the 2010 Department Encampment and review applications from camps wishing to host the 2011 Department Encampment. The Department Council will not take actions which are reserved for the Department Encampment. The membership of the meeting shall be as follows:

a. **Voting Members.** The elected offices of the Department and the immediate PDC.

b. **Non-voting Members.** Appointed Department Officers and all holding the honor of Past Department Commander (PDC).

c. **Other Attendees (without vote).** All other brothers of the Department. Camp Commanders should attend, if possible, or ensure they have a representative at the meeting.

3. Any attendee may present an appropriate item to the meeting or provide discussion or comments on an item being discussed with the consent of the Department Commander.

4. All **Camp Commanders** should be prepared to present a brief report on the activities of their camp. This provides an opportunity for communication between the Department Officers and the camps.

5. The Department Bylaws Committee shall meet in conjunction with this meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws. Any approved amendments shall then be submitted to the annual Department Encampment on April 24, 2010.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ James M. Converse
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ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 12
SERIES 2009-2010

February 26, 2010

NOTIFICATION OF 14th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

1. In accordance with Article VI, Section J, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**, as follows:

Time: **10:30 AM – 4 PM**
Place: **Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Building**
3011 S. George Washington Blvd.
Wichita KS 67211

2. Camp Secretaries shall forward a listing of those attending from their camp to the Department Secretary, to arrive no later than April 17, 2010, in order that name tags may be prepared.

3. Attendees shall send meal reservations for the noon meal, along with \$10.00 per person, to PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, 404 N. Walnut St., Peabody KS 66866, to arrive no later than April 17, 2010. Checks should be made payable to "Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, SUVCW."

4. The Annual Department Encampment is for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department, to include amending Department bylaws, approving policies and procedures, discussing and acting upon item which shall come before the encampment, and election and installation of Department officers for 2010-2011. All brothers of the Department are encouraged to attend this Encampment.

Voting Members of the Encampment: Elected offices of the Department of Kansas; all Past Department Commanders; current Camp Commanders; all Past Camp Commanders; all authorized Delegates of the various camps.

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.

5. Camps must ensure that all camp reports and payments have been submitted so as to arrive at the Department Secretary by no later than April 21, 2010. Camps who have not submitted their reports will not be seated at the encampment.

6. Those brothers who are also MOLLUS companions, should plan to attend a brief MOLLUS meeting at 10 AM on April 24, 2010. Contact Kansas MOLLUS Commander Alan L. Russ at suvcwks16@mindspring.com for any questions concerning this meeting.

7. Our sisters from the Kansas Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be holding their Department meeting at the facility in conjunction with our meeting.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ James M. Converse
James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 13
SERIES 2009-2010

MARCH 9, 2010

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. As the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Kansas, approaches, and in accordance with the tradition of the Department, I hereby appoint a

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

for the purpose of finding qualified brothers of the Department who are willing and able to serve as the elected officers of the Department. Said committee will report their recommendations of a slate of officers to the Department Encampment for further action by the Encampment.

2. The following brothers are hereby appointed to serve as the Encampment Nomination Committee:

Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Wichita, Member
Alan L. Russ, PDC, Old Abe Camp 16, Topeka, Member

3. This action does not preclude nominations for offices being taken from the floor of the Encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ James M. Converse
James M. Converse, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

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MARCH 10, 2010

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATHS OF
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER DEAN K. SPEAKS
AND
LGAR PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT ERCELLE SPEAKS
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the deaths of Past Department Commander Dean K. Speaks, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, Wichita, Kansas, and his mother, LGAR Past National President Ercelle Speaks, Livermore Circle, Beloit, Kansas. Brother Dean Speaks passed away on Monday, March 8, 2010. Sister Ercelle Speaks followed him to the next life on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.
2. Brother Speaks was 52 years of age. He was the driving force in revived Department of Kansas into existence in 1996 and served as its Department Commander from 1996 to 1999. He followed that by serving five years as the Department Secretary/Treasurer and one year as a Council Member. In 2007, the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment awarded Dean "Emeritus" status. In 1996, National Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert awarded him the Cornelius Whitehead Award for "most outstanding member" of the Order. In 2004, Department Commander Kenneth Spurgeon presented Brother Speaks with the Leander Stillwell Outstanding Achievement Award as its first recipient. Brother Speaks had previously served in the Department of Iowa as Department Commander and as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. He was a Life Member of the SUVCW and a member of Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1, transferring to that camp in 2007. He honored the memory of his ancestor, Corporal Leonidas B. Davis, Co. F, 3rd Iowa Infantry, and Co. A, 5th Iowa Cavalry.
3. Sister Ercelle Speaks was 93 years of age. She had been a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) for most of her life and had served in most of its offices. She served as National President of the LGAR from 1994 to 1995. She is the namesake for the Ercelle Speaks Circle, LGAR, in Johnson County, Kansas.
4. Funeral services for Brother Dean Speaks and Sister Ercelle Speaks will be held at 1:30 PM on Friday, March 12, 2010, at the First Christian Church, Beloit, Kansas. All brothers are encouraged to pay their respects at that time.
5. Letters of condolences may be sent to PDC Thomas E. Schmidt, 404 N. Walnut St., Peabody KS 66866.
6. I am ordering the Department of Kansas charter and all Department of Kansas camp charters to be draped for a period of thirty days from the date of this order. Additionally, members shall wear the black "In Memoriam" ribbons with their membership badge in accordance with National Regulations Chapter V, Article III, Section 9. The Department website shall also be draped for this period of time.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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APRIL 24, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

1. Reference Article XII, Section C, of the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas.
2. The following brothers are hereby presented the award indicated:

WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR
CORP. PATRICK COYNE CAMP NO. 1
Wichita, Kansas

CAPT. PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR
DALE L. ROUSE, PCC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1

LEANDER STILLWELL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
DOUGLAS E. McGOVERN, PCC
Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp No. 1

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