

SERIES 2016 – 2017

Mark A. Britton, Department Commander
January 9, 2016 – January 28, 2017

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Camp Commander, Franklin Camp No. 5 | January 19, 2016 |

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
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January 9, 2016

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twentieth Department Encampment at Salina, Kansas, on January 9, 2016, 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 elected, or continue to serve in an unexpired term, to the offices indicated:

Senior Vice Commander	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC , Humboldt 9
Junior Vice Commander	Michael A. Todd, PCC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Secretary/Treasurer (term expiring 2017):	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Glory 7
Council (term expiring 2017):	James R. Knopke, PDC , Franklin 5
Council (term expiring 2018):	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Council (term expiring 2018):	William Riedell, Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

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

Patriotic Instructor	K. Kirk Nystrom, PCC , Old Abe 16
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Historian	Blair D. Tarr , Old Abe 16
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Glory 7
Graves Registration Officer	William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC , Humboldt 9
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Department Webmaster	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Glory 7

4. All business correspondence, bills, and requests for payment should be sent to the Department Secretary:

Alan L. Russ, PDC, P.O. Box 673, Saint Francis KS 67756-0673.

5. 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:

Douglas McGovern, PCC, 1707 N Limestone LN, Wichita, KS 67230.

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

William E. Fischer, Jr., PCC, 2129 Ironstone Dr, Fort Scott KS 66701-8521.

7. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to the Department Commander:

Mark A. Britton, PCC, 740 N. Woodlawn Blvd, Derby, KS 67037-1903.

8. Department Officers for 2016-2017 should try to attend as many events as possible throughout the year. Brothers of the Department are also encouraged to attend the following meetings.

April 16, 2016

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois

January 14, 2017

21st Annual Department Encampment, (location to be announced)

9. All Department Officers and Past Department Commanders, elected delegates, and all other brothers of the Department who are able to, are highly encouraged to attend the SUVCW National Encampment on August 12 and 13, 2016, in Springfield, Illinois.

10. The 21st Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on January 14, 2017. The location will be announced at a later date.

11. Just over 150 years ago our ancestors would have laid down their guns and resumed their normal lifestyle, but forever changed because of their experiences of war. We have just finished our 20th year as a Department and are in many respects resuming our normal lifestyle. Let us forever be changed by the experience of our Order, let us forever be agents of change to not allow our fellow citizens to forget the sacrifices that were made to keep this country whole rather than in smaller parts. Their lives mattered and so do ours, our lives are here in great part to pay honor to their lives and sacrifices.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

Mark A. Britton, PCC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
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January 19, 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
PAST CAMP COMMANDER DAVID P. TOLEFSON
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Past Camp Commander David P. Tolefson, Franklin Camp No. 5, Olathe, Kansas. Brother Tolefson passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016, on his sixty-ninth birthday.
2. Brother Tolefson was sixty-nine years of age. He joined Franklin Camp No. 5 on April 24, 2008, and had been a member in good standing since that time. Brother Tolefson was elected as Camp Commander of Franklin Camp No. 4 in November 2013 and served through 2015 in that capacity. He was awarded the honor of Past Camp Commander for his service.
5. 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.

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