

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1
SERIES 2021-2022

January 9, 2021

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twenty-Fifth Department Encampment held remotely, on January 9, 2021, 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 Dept. Commander	Robert D. Boyd II, PCC , Humboldt 9
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	Ryan L. Todd, PCC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Secretary (term expiring 2022):	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16
Treasurer (term expiring 2022):	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2022):	Walter H. Schley , Franklin 5
Council (term expiring 2022):	Terry E. Justice , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Council (term expiring 2023):	William F. (Frank) Schomaker , Humboldt 9

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

Patriotic Instructor	Steven W. Hamlin , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Chaplain	Roy A. Lafferty, PDC , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4
Historian	Blair D. Tarr , Old Abe 16
Counselor	Alan L. Russ, PDC , Old Abe 16
Graves Registration Officer	Joshua S. Young , Franklin 5
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, PCC , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

Joshua S. Young, 6403 Sloan Ave, Kansas City KS 66104.

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

K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC, 112 SE 6th Ave., Ste 102, Topeka, KS 66603.

8. Department Officers should try to attend as many events as possible throughout the year.

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 6 and 7, 2021, in Saint Louis, Missouri.

10. The 26th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on March 26, 2022. Additional information will be distributed later.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ K. Kirk Nystrom
K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Department Commander

ATTEST:

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

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2
SERIES 2021-2022

February 9, 2021

1. Effective this date, I have appointed the following brother to the position and responsibilities indicated:

Assistant Department Treasurer **Conrad M. Fisher**, Old Abe 16

2. Brother Fisher shall perform such duties under the direction of the Department Treasurer as outlined under the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas and the Regulations of the Order.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3
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February 17, 2021

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF
PAST CAMP COMMANDER WAYNE THOMAS NIGHBERT, SR.
AND DECLARATION OF PERIOD OF MOURNING**

1. It is with great sadness I report the death of Past Camp Commander Wayne Thomas Nighbert, Sr., Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas. Brother Nighbert passed away Monday, November 2, 2020.
2. Brother Nighbert was seventy-three years of age. He joined Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 on March 18, 2010, and had been a member in good standing since that time. He was a Life Member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (No. 759). Brother Nighbert was elected as Camp Commander of Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 in November 2011 and served through 2012 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 in accordance with Department Policy 2005-01. Additionally, members shall wear the black "In Memoriam" ribbons with their membership badge in accordance with National Regulations Chapter V, Article VI, Section 9.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ K. Kirk Nystrom
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ATTEST:

/s/ Alan L. Russ
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4
SERIES 2021-2022

February 26, 2021

**INSTALLATION OF
PVT. JOHN N. ECKES CAMP 10**

1. It is with great pleasure I announce the installation of **PVT. JOHN N. ECKES CAMP 10** as an active camp within the Department of Kansas. Installation of the camp is effective February 25, 2021. This is the official date of rank for the camp established by Commander in Chief Brian C. Pierson. We welcome Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10 and its fifteen brothers to the Department of Kansas.

2. As such, I commend the efforts of all involved in the process, including:

Camp Organizer Kent M. Melcher, PDC, for his efforts in this process.

The new brothers of the camp who put forth their time and effort over the past several months to ensure the camp would come into being.

Camp Commander Kent M. Melcher and all of the newly elected officers of the camp who stepped up and took a leadership role in the camp to ensure its future success.

3. It is through the efforts of all the brothers of the Department of Kansas we have realized much success within the Department, as exemplified by the installation of Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10. Thank you to all for your support.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ K. Kirk Nystrom
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5
SERIES 2021-2022

April 28, 2021

**APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Department of Kansas Bylaws, Chapter V, Article III, Sections A and B, I am appointing the following special committee: Department Budget Committee.
2. The purpose of this committee is to develop a fiscal budget for the Department of Kansas. This budget proposal will cover the period from the 2022 Annual Department Encampment until the 2023 Annual Department Encampment.
3. The committee shall address expected income and expenditures for the period of the proposed budget.
4. The committee shall submit an interim report to the Department Commander no later than December 31, 2021. In accordance with the Bylaws, a final report shall be presented to the Department Encampment on March 26, 2022.
5. It is responsibility of the Department Council to approve the budget. This should be accomplished at the post-encampment council meeting on March 26, 2022.
6. As a special committee, this committee shall cease to exist effective March 26, 2022, the date of the 2022 Annual Department Encampment.
7. I hereby appoint the following brothers to the Department Budget Committee in the capacity indicated:


Chairman	K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Member	Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC
Member	Robert D. Boyd II, PCC
Member	Alan L. Russ, PDC
Member	Michael A. Todd, PDC

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Department Commander

ATTEST:



Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6
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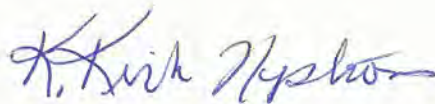
September 1, 2021

APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER

1. Effective this date, I appoint **Rocky D. Ansell**, Humboldt Camp 9, as Department Civil War Memorials Officer.
2. Officer shall familiarize himself with the duties of the position as contained in National Regulations of the Order Chapter, Article IX, Section 2; and Department of Kansas Bylaws Chapter V, Article II, Section K.
3. 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:

Rocky D. Ansell, 105 W. 3rd St., Elsmore KS 66732.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7
SERIES 2021-2022

October 9, 2021

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Effective this date, I appoint a special committee to be the **Department Bylaws Committee**.

a. Authority: Chapter V, Article III, Sections A and B; and Chapter IX, Article III, Section A; Bylaws of the Department of Kansas.

b. Purpose: This committee shall develop and/or review all proposed amendments to the Department of Kansas Bylaws in accordance with Chapter IX, Article III, Section A, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas. These proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the various camp secretaries no later than December 26, 2021.

c. The committee shall review all properly submitted recommendations to amend the bylaws for compliance with the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

d. The committee shall report its recommendations on the various amendments in writing to the next Department of Kansas Encampment.

e. Committee Members:

Alan L. Russ, PDC	Old Abe Camp 16	Chairman
Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC	Old Abe Camp 16	Member
Dean I. Dillard	Humboldt Camp 9	Member
George E. Goff	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Member
Conrad M. Fisher, PCC	Old Abe Camp 16	Member
Roy A. Lafferty, PDC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Member
Walter H. Schley, Jr.	Franklin Camp 5	Member
Ryan L. Todd, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Member
K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC	Old Abe Camp 16	Member (ex-officio)

2. This committee shall cease to exist effective March 26, 2022, concurrent with the Twenty-Sixth Annual Department of Kansas encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Department Commander

ATTEST:



Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8
SERIES 2021-2022

October 9, 2021

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1. Effective this date, I appoint a special committee to be the **Department Nominating Committee**.

a. Authority: Chapter V, Article III, Sections A and B; Bylaws of the Department of Kansas.

b. Purpose: This committee is tasked with providing to the Department of Kansas Encampment and eligible and willing slate of officers for the 2022-2023 terms of office.

c. The committee shall ensure each submitted nominee is able and willing to serve during their term of office.

d. The committee shall provide each candidate a description of the duties of the office for which the committee plans to nominate the candidate. These duties shall be as defined in the National Regulations of the Order and the Bylaws of the Department of Kansas.

e. The committee shall report its nominations in writing and from the floor to the next Department of Kansas Encampment.

f. Committee Members:

Michael A. Todd, PDC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Chairman
Terry E. Justice, PCC	Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1	Member
Dennis L. Lawrence, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Member
Kent M. Melcher, PDC	Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10	Member
William J. Stoker, PCC	Franklin Camp 5	Member
Ryan L. Todd, PCC	Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4	Member
Barrett E. Young, PCC	Humboldt Camp 9	Member

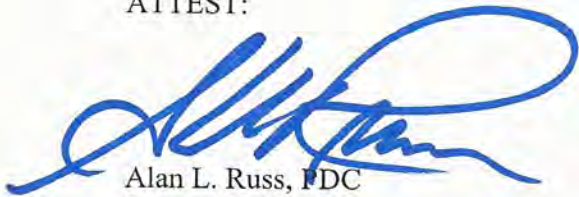
2. This committee shall cease to exist effective March 26, 2022, concurrent with the Twenty-Sixth Annual Department of Kansas encampment.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Department Commander

ATTEST:



Alan L. Russ, PDC
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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9
SERIES 2021-2022

January 10, 2022

NOTIFICATION OF TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article I, Section B, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**, as follows:

Registration opens: **8:30 AM**

Business Meeting: **9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Place: **Emporia Senior Center, 603 E. 12th Ave., Emporia, Kansas**

3. 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 items which shall come before the encampment, and the election and installation of Department officers for 2022-2023. All brothers of the Department are encouraged to attend this Encampment.

a. **Voting Members of the Encampment:** Elected officers of the Department of Kansas; all brothers holding the honor of Past Department Commander with the Department of Kansas; all current Camp Commanders within the Department of Kansas; all brothers holding the honor of Past Camp Commander with a camp within the Department of Kansas; all authorized Delegates, as elected by the various camps of the Department of Kansas.

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.

4. **Department Officer Reports, Department Committee Reports, and Camp Commanders Reports:**

a. Elected and Appointed Department Officers, and Department Committee Chairmen shall submit a written report of their activities in their capacity as an elected or appointed Department Officer since the last Department encampment.

b. All Camp Commanders shall submit a written report of the activities of their camp since the last Department encampment.

c. All written reports shall be submitted via email to the Department Secretary at alanruss2825@gmail.com to **arrive no later than Wednesday, March 16, 2022**, to allow for time to compile and distribute the reports to the officers and camps in a timely manner.

d. The various reports will NOT be read at the Department encampment, as each attendee shall have been furnished a copy of them. The submitters will be called upon to state if the

report contained any recommendations. If so, the recommendation shall be read and sent to the appropriate encampment committee for further action.

e. If any officer, chairman, or camp commander has nothing to report, he should submit an email as required in paragraph 4c, above, stating "Nothing to Report."


f. Reports not submitted by the March 16, 2022, deadline will not be included with the consolidated reports and will not be allowed to be presented at the encampment.

5. **Kansas LGAR.** Our sisters from the Kansas Department of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be holding their annual department meeting at the facility in conjunction with our meeting.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

/s/ *K. Kirk Nystrom*
K. Kirk Nystrom, PDC
Department Commander

ATTEST:


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DEPARTMENT ORDER 10
SERIES 2021-2022

March 3, 2022

LOBBYING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Brothers of the Order,

As we are a 501(c)3 Organization, we have a number of wonderful benefits. However, along with the benefits comes responsibility. Specifically, we are restricted with regard to lobbying. Because this could include many actions that might seem harmless or acceptable, I am sending this message that I hope will clarify those items which are prohibited. Our thanks to brother Alan Russ for compiling this information.

1. Reference General Order No. 14 (Series 2020-2021), subject: Lobbying, as issued by then Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson on April 13, 2020.

2. The above reference gives very specific rules concerning the lobbying (attempting to influence legislation) by the brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As stated in the reference, a 501(c)3 organization can do a limited amount of lobbying, but too much could jeopardize its tax-exempt status. Per General Order No. 14:

a. Legislation includes action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council, or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions, public referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure.

b. Legislation does not include actions by executive, judicial, or administrative bodies.

c. An organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

3. All camps and brothers who are considering lobbying on behalf of the Department of Kansas or its camps shall comply fully with General Order No. 14. This includes Scope, Restrictions and Prohibitions, and obtaining prior Permission to Lobby from the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. Additionally, records keeping and reporting must strictly be maintained by the lobbying unit.

4. General Order No. 14 states the following with regard to the **Rights of Brothers as Private Citizens**.

Brothers are free to communicate as private citizens with their local, state, or national representatives on any legislation; however, in this case, they must refrain from mentioning or otherwise implying they are representing the SUVCW, nor may they use letterhead of the SUVCW National Organization, Department, Camp, or SVR Military District or Unit.

5. As stated in General Order No. 14, penalties for noncompliance with the order, the “National Organization must practice prudence and take action for the good of the Order against any sub-

ordinate body which fails to follow [*General Order No. 14*], namely suspension as well as other actions necessary to ensure the Order retains its 501(c)3 tax exempt status.

6. This Department Order, along with General Order No. 14 (Series 2020-2021), shall be an agenda item at the next meeting of all camps within the Department of Kansas.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

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