

## **SERIES 2022 – 2023**

### **Robert D. Boyd II, Department Commander March 26, 2022 – March 18, 2023**

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| 01. | Administration   | March 26, 2022     |
| 02. | Appointment of Department Bylaws Committee                                     | May 27, 2022       |
| 03. | Appointment of Department Special Website Committee                            | June 29, 2022      |
| 04. | Appointment of Department Signals Officers                                     | July 14, 2022      |
| 05. | Appointment of Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator                  | August 1, 2022     |
| 06. | Camp Commander Reports to the Department and Camp Patriotic Instructor Reports | September 28, 2022 |
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| 08. | Notification of Twenty-Seventh Annual Department Encampment                    | January 2, 2023    |
| 09. | Department Awards  | March 18, 2023     |

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 1  
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March 26, 2022

1. Having been elected as Department Commander by the assembled membership and delegates at the Twenty-Sixth Department Encampment held at Emporia, Kansas, on March 26, 2022, 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	<b>Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	<b>Conrad M. Fisher, PCC</b> , Old Abe 16
Secretary (term expiring 2025):	<b>Alan L. Russ, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16
Treasurer (term expiring 2025):	<b>Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC</b> , Old Abe 16
Council (term expiring 2023):	<b>William F. Schomaker</b> , Humboldt 9
Council (term expiring 2024):	<b>Walter H. Schley Jr.</b> , Franklin 5
Council (term expiring 2024):	<b>Michael A. Todd, PDC</b> , Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill 4

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

Patriotic Instructor	<b>Steven W. Hamlin</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Chaplain	<b>Kent M. Melcher, PDC</b> , Pvt. John N. Eckes 10
Historian	<b>Joshua S. Young</b> , Franklin 5
Graves Registration Officer	<b>William J. Stoker, PCC</b> , Franklin 5
Civil War Memorials Officer	<b>Rocky D. Ansell</b> , Humboldt 9
Assistant Secretary	<b>Terry E. Justice, PCC</b> , Corp. Patrick Coyne 1
Assistant Treasurer	<b>Conrad M. Fisher, PCC</b> , Old Abe 16

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:

**Rocky D. Ansell**, 105 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Elsmore KS 66732.

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

**William J. Stoker, PCC**, 9800 W 100<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park KS 66212.

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

**Robert D. Boyd II, PCC**, 412 N. Washington, Chanute KS 66720.

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 12 and 13, 2022, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

10. The 27th Annual Department of Kansas Encampment is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2023, in Winfield, Kansas. March 25, 2023, has been designated as an alternate date, if necessary. Additional information will be distributed later.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,



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DEPARTMENT ORDER 2  
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May 27, 2022

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT STANDING COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Chapter V, Article III, Department of Kansas Bylaws, the Department Bylaws Committee is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the committee is to review and/or propose changes to the Department Bylaws, as may become necessary. This includes reviewing changes to the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order as passed by a National Encampment for any effect those changes may have on the Department Bylaws. The committee shall ensure all requirements in Chapter IX, Article III, Department Bylaws, are complied with concerning proposed amendments.

3. The following brothers are appointed to the Department Bylaws Committee.

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

**Conrad M. Fisher, PCC**, Member – Old Abe Camp 16


**Kent M. Melcher, PDC**, Member – Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10

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

**Michael A. Todd, PDC**, Member – Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4

**Robert D. Boyd II, PCC**, Member (ex officio) – Humboldt Camp 9

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 3  
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June 29, 2022

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL WEBSITE COMMITTEE**


1. In accordance with Chapter V, Article III, Department of Kansas Bylaws, the Department Bylaws Committee is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the committee is to examine options for a new Department of Kansas website and hosting of it.
  - a. The committee shall review hosting options, maintenance options, and other items as necessary.
  - b. The committee provide a preliminary report to the Department Council within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order in order for the council to consider the options and costs.
  - c. Once a direction to proceed has been approved by the Department Council, the committee will be responsible for ensuring that the new website is properly completed.
  - d. The committee shall submit a final report to the Department Council no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of its duties.
  - e. The committee shall ensure all requirements in Chapter IX, Article III, Department Bylaws, are complied with concerning proposed amendments.
3. The following brothers are appointed to the Department Bylaws Committee.

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

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


**Rocky L. Bartlow, PDC**, Member – Old Abe Camp 16

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 4  
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July 14, 2022

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT SIGNALS OFFICERS**

1. In accordance with Chapter V, Article I, Section D-4, Department of Kansas Bylaws, and National Regulations Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, the following brothers are appointed to the positions indicated. Both brothers shall initially work as co-officers in the position.

Department Signals Officer – Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC, Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp 1

Department Signals Officer – Kent M. Melcher, PDC, Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp 10

2. Duties:

- a. The purpose of the Signals Officer is to serve as the senior advisor on electronic communication technology and manage the assigned resources in such a manner as to reflect positively on the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- b. The Department Signals Officer should provide the Commander with advice and assistance relative to matters involving communication and technology.
- c. The Department Signals Officer shall supervise or serve as the Department Webmaster.
- d. The Department Signals Officer should be familiar with and comply with the National Communication Technology policy.
- e. The Department Signal Officer should provide assistance, where possible, to Camp Signals Officers.


3. These appointments shall remain in effect until the next Department Encampment, unless sooner terminated.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 5  
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August 1, 2022

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DEPARTMENT EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR**

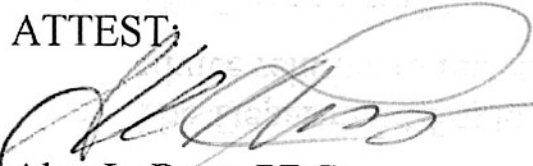
1. In accordance with Chapter V, Article I, Section D-4, Department of Kansas Bylaws, and National Regulations Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1 and Chapter II, Article IX, Section 3, the following brother is appointed to the position indicated.
2. Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – **Eric L. Crittenden**, Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10.
3. Duties:
  - a. The purpose of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator is to recognize the advancement of young scouts belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout and to maintain statistics of requests and presentations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate.
  - b. The Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall comply with the duties listed in National Regulations Chapter II, Article IX, Section 3, and Department Bylaws Chapter V, Article II, Section R, to include communicating with, and providing reports to, the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.
  - c. The Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall provide the Commander with advice relative to matters of the office.
  - d. The Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall provide a written report of his activities to the Department Encampment.
4. Contact information for Brother Crittenden is: Eric L. Crittenden, 9760 322<sup>nd</sup> Rd, Arkansas City KS 67005-6416; email: suvcweckes10@gmail.com
5. This appointments shall remain in effect until the next Department Encampment, unless sooner terminated.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 6  
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September 28, 2022

**CAMP COMMANDER REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
AND  
CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORTS**

**1. CAMP COMMANDER REPORTS.**

a. Because there can be a change in camp commanders as early as November and as late as January, the incoming camp commander might be unprepared to submit a meaningful report to the Department Encampment in March 2023.

b. As Department Commander, I am directing the outgoing camp commander (regardless of whether or not he is reelected as camp commander) to prepare a report of the activities of the camp for that term of officer as commander.

c. The incoming, or reelected, camp commander will be able to supplement that report with any additional information occurring before March for the Department Encampment report.

d. Camp Commander are hereby directed to submit their report via email (preferably as an MS Word attachment) to both the Department Commander and the Department Secretary no later than December 31, 2022.

**2. CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORTS.**

a. Camp Patriotic Instructor are required to submit a camp Patriotic Instructor Report (SUVCW Form 40) covering the period from January 1 through December 31.

b. This report is required to be submitted to the Department Patriotic Instructor in order to allow him to compile the Department Patriotic Instructor Report to submit to National.


c. Camp Patriotic Instructors are hereby directed to submit their report to the Department Patriotic Instructor no later than December 31, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 7  
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December 17, 2022

**LOBBYING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS**

1. REFERENCES:

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

b. Department Order No. 10 (Series 2021-2022), Subject: Lobbying Within the Department of Kansas; as issued by then Department Commander K. Kirk Nystrom on March 3, 2022.

2. The above references give 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 reference 1a, 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.

d. **Such request shall be sent to the Department Commander for his review.** No camp or brother shall send a request directly to the Commander-in-Chief.

e. If the Department Commander finds the request acceptable, the Department Commander will forward the request to the Commander-in-Chief.

f. Additionally, the keeping of records and all required reporting must strictly be maintained by the lobbying unit.

4. General Order No. 14 states the following regarding 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 subordinate 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.

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 8 (REVISED)  
SERIES 2022-2023

January 31, 2023

**NOTIFICATION OF TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

1. In accordance with Chapter IV, Article I, Section B, Bylaws of the Department of Kansas, the **TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS ENCAMPMENT** shall be held on **Saturday, March 18, 2023**, as follows:

Registration opens: **8:30 AM**

Business Meeting: **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Place: **First United Methodist Church, 1000 Millington Street, Winfield, Kansas**

*[In case of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the backup date for the encampment will be Saturday, March 25, 2023.]*

2. The Annual Department Encampment is for the purpose of conducting the business of the Department, including amendment of Department bylaws; approving policies and procedures; discussing and acting upon items which shall come before the encampment; and election and installation of Department officers for 2023-2024. All brothers of the Department are encouraged to attend this Encampment.

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- v. 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 in good standing with their respective organization.

3. Department Officer Reports, Department Committee Reports, and Camp Commander 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.

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c. Reports shall be submitted to **arrive no later than Wednesday, March 8, 2023**, via email to the Department Secretary at [alanruss2825@gmail.com](mailto:alanruss2825@gmail.com). This is to allow 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 submitter will be called upon to state if there are any corrections to the report or if the report contains any recommendations. If the report does contain a recommendation, 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 3c, above, stating "Nothing to Report."

f. Reports not submitted by the March 8, 2023, deadline will not be included with the consolidated reports and will not be allowed to be presented at the encampment.

4. 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.


5. Additional information concerning the Department Encampment is posted on the Department website ([www.suvcwks.org](http://www.suvcwks.org)).

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DEPARTMENT ORDER 9  
SERIES 2022-2023

March 18, 2023

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

1. The following awards were presented at the Twenty-seventh Annual Department of Kansas Encampment on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Winfield, Kansas

**CAPTAIN PATRICK H. CONEY AWARD FOR BROTHER OF THE YEAR**

**Michael A. Todd, PDC**

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence

**WILLIAM W. NIXON AWARD FOR CAMP OF THE YEAR**

**Old Abe Camp No. 16**

Topeka

**LEANDER STILLWELL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

**Joshua S. Young**

Franklin Camp No. 5, Olathe

**CORP. LEONIDAS B. DAVIS and P.D.C. DEAN K. SPEAKS  
AWARD FOR RECRUITER OF THE YEAR**

**Joseph E. Chrisman**

Pvt. John N. Eckes Camp No. 10, Winfield

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