

**Department Orders No. 1
Series 2003-2004**

May 19, 2003

1. The Seventh Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas was held in Wichita, Kansas, on April 26, 2003. I received the honor of being elected by the members of the encampment to serve as your Department Commander. It is my honor to serve you as your Department Commander.
2. Elected and installed during the Encampment to serve during the coming year are the following Department Officers:

Commander	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PCC, Camp #1
Sr. Vice Commander	Thomas E. Schmidt, CC, Camp #1
Jr. Vice Commander	James R. Knopke, CC, Camp #16
Secretary/Treasurer	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Department Council	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
	Randall Durbin, Camp #16
	James A. Scheidel, Camp #1
3. The following members are hereby appointed to serve as Department Officers for 2003-2004. These are as follows:

Patriotic Instructor	James A. Scheidel, Camp #1
Counselor	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
Chaplain	Rev. Kenneth Bradley, Camp #1
Historian	Dean K. Speaks, PDC, Camp #3
Graves Registration Officer	Franklin C. Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas E. McGovern, Camp # 1
Department Organizer	Kenneth R. Spurgeon, PCC, Camp #1
Eagle Scout Organizer	Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp #16
4. The Eighth Annual Department Encampment for the Department of Kansas will be held in Beloit, Kansas, in April, 2004. As per the Department By-Laws, the Joseph Gaston No. 3, Beloit, is the official host camp for the encampment. Preliminary details will be announced in the Winter issue of the Sunflower Picket.
5. Brother Tom Schmidt will be taking over the duties as Newsletter Editor for the Sunflower Picket as part of his duties as Department Senior Vice Commander. I enjoyed editing the four issues of the newsletter during my term as a means to keep the members of the Department of Kansas informed of the happenings within and throughout the Department. All articles for the Sunflower Picket should now be submitted, preferably in electronic format, to Brother Tom Schmidt.
6. A "Mine Creek Union Monument" committee is formed consisting of Brothers Ken Spurgeon, Camp #1, Frank Bergquist, PDC, Camp #1, Alan Russ, PDC, Camp #16 and Randy Durbin, Camp #16. The objectives of this committee is to raise funds for the construction of a Union monument at Mine Creek State Historic Site.
7. A "Last Soldier" Committee is formed consisting of Brothers Tom Schmidt, Camp #1, Norm Kimrey, Camp #1, James Scheidel, Camp #1, Jim Knopke, Camp #16, and Blair Tarr, Camp #16. The objectives of this committee shall be to locate and/or compile information regarding the last Union veteran that died in each of Kansas' 105 counties.
7. Again, it is my privilege to serve as your Department Commander. I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY:

Kenneth R. Spurgeon
Department Commander

ATTEST:

Dean K. Speaks
Department Secretary/Treasurer

May 19, 2003

1. The Fall Council shall be held at Topeka, Kansas on October 11, 2003. All Department and Camp Officers please make an effort to attend.

Department Commander
Kenneth R. Spurgeon

ATTEST:

Dean K. Speaks
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Department Order No. 3

October 9, 2003

1. Pursuant to Department Orders No. 2, the Department of Kansas will hold its Fall Meeting of the Council on Saturday, October 11, 2003, at 1 PM at the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS.
2. Items to be included in the agenda are:
 - a. Report of the Officers, and Camp Commanders.
 - b. Report on the National Encampment – Alan Russ, PDC
 - c. Report on Central Region Conference – Alan Russ, PDC
 - d. Bylaws discussion (any changes needed)
 - e. Current forms and publications – Alan Russ, PDC
 - f. Status of Lawrence Camp & Auxiliary ? – Alan Russ, PDC
 - g. 2005 Central Region Conference – Department of Kansas ?
 - h. Mine Creek Battlefield monument donation report – Dean Speaks, PDC and Dept. Commander Ken Spurgeon.
 - i. Mine Creek Dedication Ceremony – Ken Spurgeon
 - j. Recruiting and New Camp discussion – Ken Spurgeon
 - k. Department Encampment at Beloit – Dean Speaks, PDC
 - l. Lincoln Remembered, November 15, 2003 – Tom Schmidt, CC
 - m. Levels of participation – Ken Spurgeon.
 - n. Any other necessary business of the Department, which may come before the Council at that time.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kenneth R. Spurgeon
Commander, Department of Kansas