



**Department Orders
Department of the Southwest
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 06
(SERIES 2025-2026)**

**Department Council & Department Allied
Orders Relations officer**

After many years of dedicated service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of the Southwest, Brother John R. Conrad, PDC, is stepping back from both his elected and appointed Department officer roles. Brother Conrad will continue to provide guidance and serve as a role model for the Department leadership. On behalf of all the Brothers, I thank Brother Conrad for a job well done.

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, pursuant to the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, National Policies, and the Department Bylaws, the following is ordered:

1. I appoint Brother John W. Lyons to fill the open Department Council Member position for the remainder of the 2025–2026 term. In accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Department of the Southwest Bylaws, I direct the Department Council—consisting of Brother John Lyons, Brother Robert Cox, and Brother John Horton—to meet and elect a Chairman. The Council will report their selection to the Department Secretary, Brother Scott Martorano, at the earliest opportunity.
2. I appoint Brother Kenneth J. Hooker, PDC, to fill the open Allied Orders Relations Officer position for the remainder of the 2025–2026 term.

Ordered this 7th day of November 2025, in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona

Todd T. Hoffay, Department Commander

ATTEST,

Scott T. Martorano. Department Secretary