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This broadside appeared shortly after William Quantrill's raid on Lawrence, Kansas. It contains Kansas governor Thomas Carney's orders directing the Kansas State Militia to muster on September 12, 1863. The text includes details such as where and when militias will muster, how they will elect their officers and non-commissioned officers, the reason for the call-up, and the terms of service related to the call-up.

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By the Proclamation of the Governor, and the Order of his Aid, Col. S. M. Strickler, the Militia are to be thoroughly armed, equipped, and provided with ammunition. It is not presumed by any one that there will ever be a call made upon the Militia, particularly of these Western counties, as all future invasions on the Eastern border will doubtless be but small marauding bands. The principal object is to get the people armed. It is hoped, then, that every good citizen will do his share towards so desirable an object, and come forward cheerfully and speedily and take his place in the ranks of some Militia organization. The people therefore will please assemble in accordance with the following Orders, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1863.

PROCLAMATION

Of his Excellency, THOMAS CARNEY, Governor of the State of Kansas, to the Enrolled Militia of the Western District, Northern Division, comprising the counties of Wabaunsee, Davis, Dickinson, Saline, Ottawa, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Marshall, Washington, Republic and Shirley:

GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has been invaded, and is threatened with further invasion, now, therefore, I, Thomas Carney, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Militia of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do order:

1. The enrolled volunteer Militia of the State is hereby called into active service.

2. The enrolled Militia of the State (including all persons subject to military duty, not members of some volunteer company), are hereby called into active service.

3. The following rules and regulations are presented for the organization of said enrolled Militia:

I. The enrolled Militia of each voting precinct will assemble at such time as may be designated, and immediately proceed to organize themselves into companies of not less than forty nor more than one hundred men.

II. When not less than forty nor more than one hundred men have enrolled themselves in any one company, they shall proceed to elect by ballot, one Captain, three Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, and four Corporals.

III. When such an election shall have been had, report shall at once be made to Division and District Headquarters of the names of the officers so chosen, and a full Muster Roll of said company, and commissions will at once be issued to such officers.

IV. Immediately upon such election said company, with its officers so elected, will be held in readiness for active service.

V. In case such organizations shall not be perfected in the precinct in the time and manner prescribed herein, commanding officers are hereby ordered to detail some commissioned officer with sufficient force to compel the attendance of the enrolled Militia of such precinct at a rendezvous to be appointed, and if then said organization is not voluntarily perfected, officers will be appointed and commis-

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sioned by the Commander-in-Chief to command the Militia of such precinct.

4. The Major Generals of Divisions are hereby directed to superintend the organization herein provided for.

5. In the absence of Major General McDowell, and of all regimental organizations in the counties of the Western District, commanders of companies are hereby ordered to report to Col. S. M. Strickler, of Junction, who, until further orders, will command the Militia of said District, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

6. The enrolled Militia of each voting precinct of said District, will assemble, at such time and place as may be designated by Col. S. M. Strickler, who, in the absence of said Major General, is vested with full power to carry out and perfect said organization in such counties, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

7. Up to the time of the organization of the enrolled Militia, as hereby provided for, any person may join any volunteer military company.

8. The Commander-in-Chief is confident that the horrors of the Lawrence massacre have so deeply impressed the people of Kansas, that no appeal is necessary to urge them to the perfecting of some organization efficient for the protection of their homes and firesides from murder and rapine. It is but just that the duty of home defence should be shared by all, and the Commander-in-Chief is determined to exert the authority given him by the laws to enforce the requirements of this Order.

By order of THOMAS CARNEY,
Gov. and Com.-in-Chief.

S. M. STRICKLER,
Colonel and Aid-de-Camp.

Special Order.

LEAVENWORTH, Aug. 29, 1863.

Col. S. M. Strickler, commanding Western District, N. D., K. S. M.

You are hereby ordered to proceed at once to organize into companies the Militia of the Western District, N. D., comprising the counties of Wabaunsee, Davis, Dickinson, Saline, Ottawa, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Marshall, Washington, Republic and Shirley, and take such measures for the protection of the border as you may deem expedient.

THOMAS CARNEY,
Governor and Commander-in-chief.

General Order No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DISTRICT, N. D.,
K. S. M., Junction City, Sept. 5, '63.

I. In conformity with the orders from the Commander-in-chief, I hereby direct that the citizens of the several counties included in this District meet on Saturday, Sept. 12th, at their usual voting precincts and enroll themselves into companies, elect their officers, and forward the muster rolls to these Headquarters, as soon as the organizations are perfected.

II. Headquarters are hereby established at Junction City.

III. In precincts where there are not sufficient men to form a company they will unite with any adjoining precinct or neighborhood, as may be most convenient, within this District, and without regard to county lines.

IV. Companies organized will parade for drill every Saturday at such hour and place as their officers may direct. Officers will see that arms and equipments are kept in good order.

V. Arms, with equipments and ammunition, will be furnished from these headquarters as fast as they can be procured; companies will, however, arm themselves with rifles, shot-guns and such weapons as they can procure, until they can be more efficiently armed.

VI. Captains of companies now organized will use every effort to fill up their companies to the maximum, and report at once the number of men for duty, number and kind of arms in their possession, and other information respecting the efficiency of their commands.

VII. Companies may decide as to whether they will drill as cavalry or infantry; cavalry will furnish their own horses.

VIII. Battalion drills will be ordered as soon as practicable.

The undersigned trusts that all citizens will at once respond to the call made upon them. The surest protection from thieves and marauding bands is a good healthy local organization. Being well armed and prepared for any emergency is more than half the battle. The militia of this District will only be called into the field in the event of an invasion of the State too great to be overcome by the forces of the district invaded; and if called out will be paid for their services.

Authority is given to enforce the organization as herein provided for; but it is hoped that no occasion will call for the exercise of such authority.

S. M. STRICKLER,
Colonel Commanding
Western District, N. D., K. S. M.
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