



**DEPARTMENT ORDERS  
SERIES 2020-2021**  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



**ORDERS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RUDY E. VELASCO III**

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**Department Order No. 1**  
**Series 2020-2021**

**Department of California and Pacific**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Department Headquarters, Elected and Appointed Officers**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1; Having been duly elected Department Commander by the Delegates of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment Business Meeting held virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, it is with sincere appreciation of the trust given to me by the Brothers of this Department that I respectfully assume command of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I hereby establish my residence in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence is welcome and should be sent to my home address: 69586 Borrego Rd, Cathedral City, CA. 92234 or email at [commander@suvpac.org](mailto:commander@suvpac.org)

Camp reports (Forms 22 & 27, IRS Form 990-N etc.) and dues shall be forwarded to the Department Secretary-Treasurer at: 284 Hazel St, Gridley, CA. 95948. Phone (530)846-3251.

Section 2: The following Brothers were duly elected and installed as Department Officers at the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment Meeting by Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris on 6 June 2020;

Commander – Rudy E. Velasco III, PDC  
Sr. Vice Commander – Frank C. Avila, PCC  
Jr. Vice Commander – Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Secretary – Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Treasurer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Council 1 – Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Council 2 – Kurtis F. Dunphy, CC  
Council 3 – Wayne L. Eder

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Patriotic Instructor – Will Tisch, PCC  
Chaplain – Allen R. Davis, PCC  
Historian – David A. Davis, PCC  
Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Guide – Brian R. Stephens  
Color Bearer – Kurtis F. Dunphy, CC  
Guard – Kenneth R. Walker  
Graves Registration Officer – Kenneth G. Felton, PCC  
GAR Records Officer – David A. Davis, PCC  
Civil War Memorials Officer – Dean A. Enderlin, PDC  
GAR Highway Officer – Charles L. Beal, PCC  
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Randall W. Hawkinson, PCC

Camp Organizer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Newsletter Editor – Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Signals Officer/Webmaster – Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PDC  
Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Order No. 2**  
**Series 2020-2021**

**Department of California and Pacific**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Department Awards**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

The following awards were prepared for the virtual meeting of the 135<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific being held on 20 March 2021 via Zoom Electronic Communications. Department Officer Appreciation Certificates and the Award Certificates listed below were mailed to recipients.

- **Major General William “Bull” Nelson Growth Award** for recruiting: none met the criteria this year.
- **Major General Montgomery C. Meigs Graves Registration Award** (3 recipients):  
*Michael S. Emett – General Stoneman Camp 18.*  
*Charles L. Beal PCC – Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17.*  
*Kyle R. Jones – Henry C. Veatch Camp 30.*
- **Department Commander’s Award** (perpetual award for Camp growth, 2 this year.):  
*General W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 – added 9 new Brothers this year.*  
*Sgt. Pittenger Camp 21 – added 9 new Brothers this year.*
- **President Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award** (2 this year):  
*Ron Black – W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2.*  
*Jerry R. Sayre PDC – Sgt. Pittenger Camp 21.*
- **John G. Nicolay Best Camp Newsletter Award:**  
*The Rosecrans Report, Rosecrans Camp 2, Los Angeles.*
- **Kirby R. Morgan Award:** no recommendations this year.
- **Department Officer of the Year Award:** no recommendations this year.
- **Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award:** no recommendations this year.
- **Department Commander Commendations:** (4 this year)

*Charles L. Beal PCC, Generals Sedgwick – Granger Camp 17; in recognition of obtaining and facilitating the installation of 7 VA Markers, 4 of them previously unmarked Civil War Soldiers in Orange County, California cemeteries.*

***Rick T. LaRosa*** – Phil Sheridan Camp 4; in recognition of his foresight and creation of the Camp 4 Memorial Day, Public Relations and Recruitment video.

***Daniel R. Earl, PCC*** – Phil Sheridan Camp 4; in recognition of the vision and production of the Camp 4 Memorial Day, Public Relations and Recruitment video.

***Kimberly Sayre***, Assistant - Sgt Pittenger Camp 21 – in recognition of her assistance in organizing and documenting Camp 21 events, ceremonies and promoting public relations resulting in favorable publicity for our Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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Department Commander  
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ATTEST:

By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 1**  
**Series 2020 – 2021**

**Department of California and Pacific**  
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**Passing of Brother Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a very heavy heart that we report that Brother Daniel Martin Bunnell, Past Department Commander passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020 after a two year battle with cancer.

Section 2: Brother Bunnell was born March 9, 1955 in San Jose, California and developed a love of history very early in life.

Section 3: Brother Bunnell became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1991 and served 5 terms as the Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in San Jose, California. He was instrumental in holding both Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and the Department of California and Pacific together during a difficult time in the mid-1990s. Brother Dan was the Commander of the Department of California and Pacific for two terms and also served on several National Committees and was National Chaplain for the 2014-2015 term. He was also a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 4: Brother Bunnell cherished his membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, honoring the Civil War service of his ancestors;

- Amos Faust of Company C, 21<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry
- Henry Faust of Company G, 21<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry
- Joseph Faust of Company H, 66<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry
- Henry W. Shaw of Company K, 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry

Section 5: The family has announced that due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will only be a small private ceremony – no public service.

Section 6: The Department extends sincere condolences to the Bunnell family. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Sonja Bunnell and family at 20971 Delaware Trail, Los Gatos, CA. 95033-8824.

Section 7: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 8: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PDC  
Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
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ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 2  
Series 2020 – 2021**

**Department of California and Pacific  
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**Passing of Brother Brian Worcester PCC**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a very heavy heart that we report the unexpected passing of Brother Brian Worcester, 78, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Section 2: Brother Worcester, of Reno Nevada, was a U.S. Navy Veteran, a Brother in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and a Charter member of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25. Brother Worcester served a few terms as Camp 25 Commander and belonged to several other Heritage Societies.

Section 3: Service details for Brother Worcester are pending.

Section 4: The Department extends sincere condolences to the Worcester family. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Joanna Worcester, 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025.

Section 5: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 6: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PDC  
Department Commander  
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ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer



**Department Special Order No. 3  
Series 2020 – 2021**

**Department of California and Pacific  
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**Passing of Brother James F. Blauer**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a very heavy heart that we report the unexpected passing of Brother James (Jim) Freeman Blauer on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Section 2: Brother Blauer, born July 20, 1952 in Orange County, CA. attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1966, was a former member of Sgt. Pittenger Camp 21 (San Diego), a charter member of Generals Sedgwick – Granger Camp 17 (Orange County) where he served as Camp Patriotic Instructor and Eagle Scout Coordinator. Brother Blauer was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and several other Heritage Societies.

Section 3: A private Memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2020 at the Elks Lodge in Santa Ana, CA.

Section 4: The Department extends sincere condolences to the Blauer family. Condolences may be sent to the Blauer family c/o Kathy Blauer – 8251 Kingsdale Dr. Huntington Beach. CA. 92646.

Section 5: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 6: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 4**  
**Series 2020 – 2021**

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**Passing of Brother William E. Nelson, PCC**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report the passing of Brother William Elmer Nelson, PCC on 1 November 2020, his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Brother Nelson passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Eagle Rock, California.

Section 2: Brother Nelson joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a member of General W.S. Rosecrans, Camp No.2, Los Angeles in 2002 and became Camp Commander in 2003 serving through 2004. Brother Nelson also served Camp 2 as Chaplain's Aide, Camp Counselor and as a member of the Camp Council.

Section 3: Brother Nelson was a good and deeply devout man and greatly enjoyed his duties as Resident Chaplain at the Solheim Senior Community where he and his wife Ruth resided. Brother Nelson was also a very proud veteran of the United States Navy, serving after the Korean War.

Section 4: A private Memorial service will be held at the Solheim Senior Community but due to the COVID-19 virus, no visitors will be allowed.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to Brother Nelson's wife Ruth and the entire Nelson family. Cards of condolence can be mailed to Ruth Nelson, 2336 Merton Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90041.

Section 6: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 7: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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Department Commander  
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ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 5  
Series 2020 – 2021**

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**Passing of Brother Leonard Becker, PCC**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report the passing of Camp 12 Brother Leonard (Len) Becker, PCC, early this morning, 18 November 2020, at the age of 90.

Section 2: Brother Becker was a charter member of William B. Keith Camp No. 12, Las Vegas, being initiated on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Brother Becker served as Camp Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Camp Historian, Camp Council, Newsletter Editor and Graves Registration Officer.

Section 3: Brother Becker was a very well respected member of Camp 12, very active and was always willing to help in any way possible. He also served in the U.S. Army retiring as Colonel.

Section 4: Services are pending.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to entire Becker family. Cards of condolence can be mailed to; c/o the Becker family 2109 Jeanne Dr. Las Vegas, NV. 89108.

Section 6: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 7: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 6  
Series 2020 – 2021**

**Department of California and Pacific  
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**Passing of Brother Michael D. Peebles**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report that after a long battle with cancer, Camp 30 Brother Michael D. Peebles passed away on 25 November 2020. He was 80 years old.

Section 2: Brother Peebles became a member of the SUVCW and Henry C. Veatch Camp 30 in July 2019, honoring the Civil War service of his ancestor Captain Lewis P. Peebles, Company D of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Section 3: Born in 1940, Brother Michael served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1960 – 1965. He was a Master Mason and served in several roles as a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church where he also sang in the choir.

Section 4: A virtual service will be held on Saturday 23 January 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with St. John's Episcopal Church. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to the COVID19 virus.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to entire Peebles family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Brother Peebles' wife Donna Peebles at 381 Evergreen Way, Yuba City, CA. 95991.

Section 6: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 7: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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ATTEST:  
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Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 7**  
**Series 2020 – 2021**

**Department of California and Pacific**  
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**Passing of Brother Richard D. Raver**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report that, at the age of 90 years, Brother Richard D. Raver of Hemet, CA, passed away from complications of dementia on Friday, 29 January 2021.

Section 2: Brother Raver was a long time member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, transferring his membership from Generals Sedgwick – Granger Camp 17 and becoming a Charter member of Stoneman Camp 18 in 2010. He truly valued his membership in the SUVCW honoring the service of his Civil War ancestor John A. Greiner, private in Company E, 12<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He also enjoyed drumming on his civil war drum, in uniform for Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Section 3: Brother Raver was born on 2 November 1930 and was a ROTC Cadet in school. He served in the U.S. Army as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the early 1950's, stationed in Germany. After returning to the states, he completed his military service in the National Guard.

Section 4: Brother Raver will be interred at Riverside National Cemetery. No services are planned at this time.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to entire Raver family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Richard's wife, Marianne Raver – 1777 Skyview Dr. Hemet, CA. 92545.

Section 6: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Section 7: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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