



**DEPARTMENT ORDERS
SERIES 2022-2023**
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



ORDERS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FRANK C. AVILA

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

**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 1
Series 2022-2023**

**ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS,
& DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**



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

Section 1: COMMAND. Having been duly re-elected Department Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I resume command of the Department of California and Pacific, for the 2022-2023 term. I assure all of you that my fellow Department Officers and I, will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the Department does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of our Organization. My tenure will be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence should be sent to me at me via email at <commander@suvpac.org>.

Section 2: ELECTED OFFICERS. Department Brothers who were duly elected (and re-elected) and installed by Commander in Chief Michael A. Paquette at the 136th Annual Department Encampment of 19 March 2022 in Bakersfield, California, are as follows:

- Commander – Bro. Frank C. Avila (PDC)
- Sr. Vice-Commander – Bro. Stephen E. Doyle (PCC)
- Jr. Vice-Commander – Bro. Wayne L. Eder
- Secretary – Bro. Randy Dhindsa
- Treasurer – Bro. Randy Dhindsa
- Council – Bro. Daniel R. Earl (PCC) (chair)
- Council – Bro. Robert J. Mayer (PCC) (secretary)
- Council – Bro. Dean R. Smith (PCC) (member)

Section 3: APPOINTED OFFICERS. Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Assistant to the Department Commander – Chief of Staff – Bro. Daniel R. Earl (PCC)
- Chaplain – Bro. Rudy E. Velasco III (PDC)
- Counselor – Bro. Daniel R. Earl (PCC)
- Graves Registration Officer – Bro. Kenneth G. Felton (PCC)
- Historian – Bro. David A. Davis (PCC)
- Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Jerry R. Sayre (PDC)

- GAR Records Officer – David A. Davis (PCC)
- GAR Highway Officer – Bro. Charles L. Beal (PCC)
- Civil War Memorials Officer – Bro. Dean A. Enderlin (PDC)
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Bro. Randall W. Hawkinson (PCC)
- Guide – Bro. Kenneth R. Walker
- Color Bearer – Bro. Kurtis F. Dunphy (PCC)
- Guard – Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC)
- Camp Organizer – Owen R. Stiles (PCC)
- *The California Column* Newsletter Editor – Bro. Owen R. Stiles (PCC)
- Signals Officer/Webmaster – Bro. Tad D. Campbell (PCinC)

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Frank C. Avila, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:
 Frank C. Avila, Commander
 Department of California and Pacific
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



ATTEST:/s/ Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer
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DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 2
Series 2022-2023
PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
RANK BESTOWED UPON
DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-TREASURER

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

Section 1: RESOLUTION. At the 136th Annual Department Encampment, the Delegates proudly and unanimously adopted the following resolution, bestowing upon Brother Owen Stiles voting privileges at the National Encampment, to wit:

Whereas, Brother Owen R. Stiles, PCC, was first elected to the offices of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer in March 2012; and,

Whereas, Brother Owen R. Stiles, PCC, has faithfully, honestly, and impartially performed the duties of his office; and,

Whereas, Brother Owen R. Stiles, PCC, after serving as Department Secretary-Treasurer for ten consecutive years, has decided to “retire” from the position; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, the Delegates of the 136th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific proudly bestow upon Brother Stiles, the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment.

Unanimously adopted this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-sixth, in the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, State of California, by the Delegates to the 136th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2: BADGE AND USE OF PDC SUFFIX. National Regulations Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph M. Past Department Commander Badge (as amended through the 140th National Encampment August 2021, page 137) addresses the Past Department Commander badge and the use of PDC suffix: only “Brothers who have served a full term as Department Commander or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Department Commander badge and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. . . .”

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Frank C. Avila, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Frank C. Avila, Commander
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ATTEST:/s/ Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 3
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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



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

Section 1: ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT LOCATION. Pursuant to Department Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, "Delegates shall be given the first opportunity to decide, by a majority of those present and entitled to vote, if they wish to determine the site of the following year's Department Encampment, or waive such right and allow the Department Senior Vice Commander and Department Encampment Committee to make such decision. . . ."

Section 2: LOCATION FOR 137TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT. During Good of the Order, after consulting with Brothers, and noting how productively the Four Points by Sheraton, Bakersfield, worked with us to put on our 136th Annual Department Encampment, the following motion was offered by Brother Jerry R. Sayre (PDC) and seconded by Brother Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), which was unanimously adopted by the Delegates:

To designate the Four Points by Sheraton as the site of our 2023 annual Department Encampment, unless in the judgment of the Senior Vice Commander with the concurrence of the Department Commander, a more suitable venue is located.

Section 3: AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC. I am pleased to share with Brothers that during the virtual *Zoom* meeting of the Annual Department Encampment of the ASUVCW Department of California and Pacific, held 26 March 2022, Sisters announced that they would be holding their next Auxiliary Department Encampment *in person* next year, alongside the Brothers of the Department of California and Pacific, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Bakersfield, California.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Frank C. Avila, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:
Frank C. Avila, Commander
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ATTEST:/s/ Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer
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