



140th Annual Department Encampment Department of California and Pacific

6 – 7 March 2026

Four Points by Sheraton, Bakersfield, California



6 December 2025

Dear Brothers:

The Department Encampment Committee is pleased to announce that the 140th Annual Department Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held Friday and Saturday, 6-7 March 2026 at the Four Points by Sheraton, located at 5101 California Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

While meal costs have increased very slightly, we have been fortunate to negotiate a lower room rate of \$106+tax/night (**\$19 lower than last year**). **This rate includes a hot breakfast buffet for up to two people per room.** Even with this savings, room rental costs have increased significantly. As a result, it is necessary to modify the registration fee for the 2026 Encampment so we can pay the bills. **Encampment registration for 2026 is \$65 per Brother, with a discounted early-bird rate of \$55, if the registration is received on or prior to 24 January 2026. The registration fee for Junior Brothers is \$50, with a discounted early-bird rate of \$40, if the registration is received on or prior to 24 January 2026.**

The following amenities are included with your stay at Four Points:

- Free guest parking.
- Free guest room Wi-Fi.
- Complimentary breakfast for up to two people per room.
- Outdoor headed pool/whirlpool and 24/hour fitness center.

Four Points by Sheraton Room Rates: \$106+tax

Although the Encampment is held on Friday (6 March) and Saturday (7 March), Four Points has extended the discounted room rate to us on Thursday 5 March and Sunday 8 March. To make reservations at this special rate, please contact the Four Points Sheraton directly at 661-325-9700 no later than 19 February 2026 at 5:00 pm and tell them you are with the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" to receive the early-bird rate.

The final date to make reservations at this special discounted rate is 19 February 2026 at 5:00 pm.

To guarantee a room, we recommend you reserve early!

Meal Options

Our meal selections and costs are:

LUNCH – \$33 – plated lunch selection includes:

Turkey Club • Chicken Salad Sandwich on Croissant • Cobb Salad

DINNER – \$62 – dinner buffet:

Includes salad, Chicken Zinfandel, demi-glazed beef tips, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, and dessert. A vegetarian option will also be available.

**ALL ENCAMPMENT DOCUMENTS AND FORMS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AT:**

<https://suvpac.org/encampment/>

Please return your completed Encampment Registration form no later than **24 January 2026** to receive the early-bird discount.

The **FINAL DEADLINE** for us to receive your registration is **20 February 2026**.

Program Advertisement & Raffle

Due to the increased costs of meeting rooms and associated Encampment expenses, we encourage each Camp and every Brother to secure space for a Program Advertisement (e.g., giving thanks, honoring an ancestor, recognition of a Camp, etc.). This will help defray some of the expenses associated with the Encampment. You can download the Encampment Program Ad form from the Department website for more details. Brothers are also encouraged to make donations of Civil War/GAR related ephemera for the drawing and/or silent auction. This is an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the SUVCW.

On behalf of the Department Encampment Committee, we look forward to seeing you at our 140th Annual Department Encampment in Bakersfield. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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