

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

**Department Commander Communique No. 01
(Series 2024-2025)**

FUNDRAISING COHORT

Brothers:

I have recently observed some clear miscommunications with respect to emails, meeting discussions, and groups intended for “fundraising ideas” versus activities related to the Special Committee on the Feasibility of Hosting a National Encampment in the Department of California and Pacific (D.O. #2 2024-2025). Although the two topics are not mutually exclusive, for our purposes, they *are* separate and distinct matters, and should be treated as such. To that end, I am issuing this Communique to clarify this distinction, what is permissible, and what is not permissible under D.O. #2.

For clarification, I am authorizing an *informal* “**Fundraising Cohort**” of any Brothers who desire to gather and organize, either in person or by electronic device, only for the purposes of educating one another on the options for fundraising by the sale of fireworks and by other means, as it relates to potentially hosting a National Encampment. This Cohort shall be ***separate and distinct*** from the. “Special Committee on the Feasibility of Hosting a National Encampment in the Department of California and Pacific”. Brothers appointed to the Special Committee are free to participate with the Cohort, but are reminded that Department Order No. 2 Series 2024-2025, Section b, ***strictly prohibits*** fundraising activities for purposes of potentially hosting a future National Encampment. In other words, this Communique establishes that the Cohort may explore various options for fundraising, but take no actions in furtherance of such fundraising. Any information gathered from the Cohort shall be shared with the Special Committee on the Feasibility of Hosting a National Encampment in the Department of California and Pacific.

Furthermore, this Communique clarifies that the purpose for this fundraising restriction is to facilitate Department Council in the furtherance of their, “devise and recommend” responsibilities, to research the logistical details needed for them to develop and present suitable polities for, among other things, managing financial reports, receipts, disbursements, surpluses, debts, etc., as

related to hosting a National Encampment, if and when a Host Encampment Committee is appointed.

In other words, D.O. #2 means that individual Brothers and Camps remain prohibited from conducting fundraising activities *on behalf of the Department*. The following fundraising exceptions are permitted:

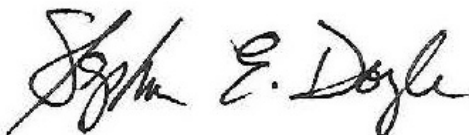
- An individual Brother is free to initiate fundraising *on his own behalf*.
- A single Camp is free to initiate fundraising on behalf of the Camp, with the approval of the Camp Council.
- A Collective Group of Camps are free to initiate joint fundraising activities *on behalf of the respective Group of Camps*, by mutual agreement and with the approval of the respective Camp Councils.

In addition, any such permissible fundraising that subsequently results in a donation to a potential Host Committee shall adhere to Department Orders, Encampment Directives, or policies established for such purposes.

In the meantime, the Department may continue to receive donations from any Brother, Sister, Camp, other individual, or entity as we normally would, provided that such donation shall not be earmarked for a potential National Encampment hosted by the Department of California and Pacific, unless and until, a Department Host Encampment is created *and applicable donation policies* for the Host Committee are established. Any such donation shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Department Treasury.

Issued this 17th day of July, 2024.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen E. Doyle, (PDC), Commander,
Department of California and Pacific,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.