



**DEPARTMENT ORDERS  
SERIES 2023-2024**  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



**ORDERS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER STEPHEN E. DOYLE**

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## **Department Order No. 1 Series 2023-2024**

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

#### **Elected, Appointed Officers and 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 and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Department Commander by the Delegates of the 137th Annual Department Encampment in regular session at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on 18 March 2023, 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 the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence is welcome and should be sent to my home address: 3023 Mountain Top Drive, Highland, CA., 92346 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: 1771 N. Twinberry Ave., Clovis, CA. 93619-9139. Phone (559)-281-4952.

Section 2: The following Brothers were duly elected and installed as Department Officers at the 137th Annual Department Encampment by Council of Administration Officer Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, on 18 March 2023:

Commander – Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Sr. Vice Commander – Dr. Wayne L. Eder, PCC.  
Vice Commander – Owen R. Stiles, PDC  
Secretary – Randy Dhindsa  
Treasurer – Randy Dhindsa  
Council 1 – Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Council 2 – Robert J. Mayer, PCC  
Council 3 – Dean R. Smith, PCC

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Chief of Staff -- Rudy E. Velasco III, PDC  
Patriotic Instructor – Kyle R. Jones, CC  
Chaplain – Rudy E. Velasco III, PDC  
Historian – David A. Davis, PCC  
Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Guide – Kenneth R. Walker  
Color Bearer – Kurtis F. Dunphy, PCC  
Guard – Paul E. Lavrisheff, PCC  
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, PDC  
Newsletter Editor – Owen R. Stiles, PDC  
Signals Officer/Webmaster – Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty seven, in the city of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

# **Department Special Order No. 1**

**Series 2023 – 2024**

**Department of California and Pacific**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Passing of Brother Kenneth V. Hill**

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 passing of Brother Kenneth V. Hill, on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Section 2: Brother Hill, born 09/19/1924 and started his membership with our Order on 09/30/2015. He was a member of William B. Keith Camp #12 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was their Council Historian.

Section 3: Brother Hill cherished his membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by honoring his grandfather, John Hill, who mustered into Company H of the 10th Regiment as a 1st Lieutenant on September 13, 1862 and was discharged August 13, 1863.

Section 4: 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 5: 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 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty seven, in the City

of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Doyle".

Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 2**  
**Series 2023 – 2024**

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

**Passing of Brother Robert Trueax**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and 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 passing of Brother Robert Trueax, on March 29, 2023.

Section 2: Brother Robert Leroy Trueax, was born on March 29, 1935 in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and passed away on his birthday on March 29, 2023, in Gridley, California at the age of 88. He was a retired Tool and Die Maker.

Section 3: Brother Trueax was a member of Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30 and had previously been their Secretary for many years. He joined SUVCW to honor his Civil War relative, Private William L.E. Trueax. Private Trueax served in Company D, 40th Regiment, Indiana Infantry and enlisted 12/31/1861 until he was mustered out on 12/31/1865.

Section 4: A “Celebration of Life” Service for Brother Trueax will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 01:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 445 Kentucky St., Gridley California, 95948. The Department extends our sincerest condolences to the Trueax Family.

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 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty seven, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC



Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
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ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

# Department Order No. 2

## Series 2023-2024

### Department of California & Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Observance of Memorial Day 2023

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of 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: Upon becoming members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we pledged ourselves for the purpose of, and among other things, *to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorials Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 to 1865.*

-Section 2: Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief, John A. Logan's General Order No. 11 instructs us to observe ***the 30th day of May (1868)*** to be, "designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land".

-Section 3: Camps are encouraged to participate in the observance of Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 30th and/or the official Government Holiday weekend from May 27th through May 29th.

-Section 4: Given the available resources of Brothers willing and able to participate, each Camp should endeavor to present a public ceremony to Remember the Boys in Blue and the sacrifices they made to preserve our Union.

-Section 5: Sentiments that endure to this day that link us to the Grand Army of the Republic, of honored memory, are acknowledged in the **Sons of Veterans Creed** and are as follows:

- To be a true American and a good citizen.
- To discountenance disloyalty in any form.
- To revere the name of my ancestor who gave his service and made his sacrifices for the maintenance of the Republic.
- To assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the patriotic teachings of that organization.
- To be loyal to my Camp and the Order and faithful to my fellow members that that we may work in brotherhood for these ends.



The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty seventh, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California, by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Special Order No. 3**  
**Series 2023 – 2024**

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

**Passing of Brother Kenneth Howard Lynch**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and 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 passing of Brother Kenneth Howard Lynch on July 2, 2023 at the age of 84.

Section 2: Brother Ken was born on January 5, 1939, and earned his Degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington. He went on to earn his Masters Degree at the University of Southern California, which led him to a long career in the aerospace industry.

Section 3: Brother Ken joined the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 on May 12, 2007 in honor of his Great-Great Grandfather, David Tyler, who was a Private in the 15th Michigan Infantry. Brother Ken was also active in the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as other organizations.

Section 4: Brother Ken leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Lois, their three children and seven grandchildren. He enjoyed studying history and traveling, visiting a total of 40 countries. He was also an avid genealogist, and an active member of the Conejo Valley Genealogical Society.

Section 5: A memorial service will be held at the Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Mortuary, 5600 Lindero Canjon Road, in Thousand Oaks, on a date TBA.

Section 6: The Department extends our sincerest condolences to the Lynch Family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Lois Lynch at 5669 Ruthwood, Calabasas, CA. 91302-1053.

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 7th day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty seven, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen E. Doyle".

Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

# **Department Special Order No. 04**

## **Series 2023 - 2024**

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

## **Passing of Brother Robert (Bob) Kadlec**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and the 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 sad duty to report that Phil Sheridan Camp No. 04 Brother Robert Kadlec passed away on 30 September, 2023, at the age of 82 years. Brother Robert was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 6 February, 1941, the son of Jaroslav “Jerry” and Ruth May (Stauff) Kadlec.

Section 2: Brother Kadlec joined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on 9 September, 1999, through the lineage of his great grandfather, Color Corporal Jacob Stauff of Company 1, 26th Wisconsin Infantry. He became a Life Member in 2021.

Section 3: Brother Robert was a Past Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 04 and in 2015 he received the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award from the National Commander-in-Chief.

Section 4: Brother Robert graduated with a Degree in Photography from Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautics from St. Louis University, and a Masters Degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University.

Section 5: Upon graduation from college he received his commission as an Air Force Intelligence Officer, where he served overseas in the Middle East, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Section 6: Brother Robert’s civilian career involved working for Lockheed-Martin as a System Engineer in their Space Systems Division where he conducted research on various advanced missile systems and space related programs as well



as command, control, communications and intelligence programs for the Department of Defense.

Section 7: During his retirement, Brother Robert researched the exploits of his great-grandfather during the Civil War and established a special fund with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum that raised over \$4,000 for the restoration and conservation of the 26th Wisconsin Regimental Flag. This was the same flag that his great-grandfather carried during General Sherman's Atlanta Campaign during the March-To-The-Sea in 1864.

Section 8: The Department extends its sincere condolences to the Kadlec Family.

Section 9: The Kadlec Family is planning a funeral service in mid-October at Oak Hill Memorial Park, located at 300 Curtner Ave., San Jose, California (Details are pending). Brothers attending the Service are respectfully requested to wear their Civil War uniforms.

Section 10: 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 11: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (3) days from the date of this order.

The forgoing Department Special Order is proclaimed this 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three, and in the two hundred and forty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California, by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the War.



ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

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

By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# Department Order No. 03

Series 2023 – 2024

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

## Disbandment of Lincoln Camp No. 10

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: Due to the decrease in their numbers and their inability to fully function as a Department Camp, the Brothers of Lincoln Camp No. 10 have had to make the difficult decision to disband their camp.

Section 2: Under Chapter I (Camps), Article I (Formation), Section 5 of Constitution and Regulations: “In case of the surrender or forfeiture of Camp Charter, all Camp property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative;”.

Section 3: The Department shall assist any members of the Camp wishing to Transfer their membership into another Camp within the Department.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 19th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty seventh, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa, PCC

Department Secretary-Treasurer

# Department Order No. 04

Series 2023 – 2024

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

## Changing of Bank Signatories for General George Wright Camp No. 22.

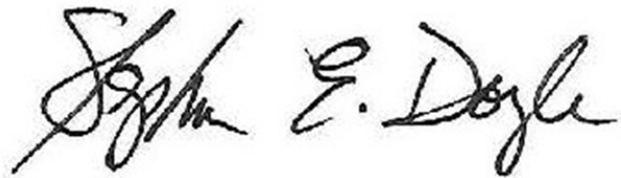
By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In October, 2023, newly elected Officers were elected for General George Wright, Camp No. 22 for the Election Cycle 2023-2024.

Section 2: Current Signatories on the Camp's Banking Account need to be removed and this Account is to be closed.

Section 3: A new Camp Banking Account needs to be opened, and New Signatories need to be authorized.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 19th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty four, and of two hundred and forty seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America, in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino, State of California, by Stephen E. Doyle, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

By Order of: /s/ Stephen E. Doyle, PCC  
Department Commander  
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