



**DEPARTMENT ORDERS
SERIES 2024-2025**
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



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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 138th Annual Department Encampment in regular session at the Tropicana Resort and Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada, on 6 April 2024, 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

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 138th Annual Department Encampment by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, on 6 April, 2024:

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

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Chief of Staff -- Rudy E. Velasco III, PDC
Patriotic Instructor – VACANT
Chaplain – Stephen S. Magoffin
Historian – David A. Davis, PCC
Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC
Guide – William K. Gallagher
Color Bearer – Brandon A. Villardi
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 15th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty eight, 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, PDC
Department Commander
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa, PCC

Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department of California and Pacific
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 2
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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF HOSTING A
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC**

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: NAME OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. Pursuant to a vote of the Delegates to the 138th Annual Department of California and Pacific Encampment, held at Laughlin, Nevada, I hereby create the *Special Committee on the Feasibility of Hosting a National Encampment in the Department of California and Pacific*. Since no specific direction was provided by the vote of the Encampment, I am creating this special committee with the parameters as set forth in this Order.

Section 2: PURPOSE OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The purpose of this Special Committee includes, and is limited to:

- a) This Special Committee shall *explore, study, and report* on the feasibility of the Department and California and Pacific hosting a National Encampment in the year 2027 or later. This will allow the Department to make an informed decision on whether to move forward with creating a Host Committee and potentially submitting a proposal to the National Site Committee.
- b) The geographic areas to study for the feasibility of hosting a National Encampment shall be limited to the metropolitan areas of: Las Vegas, Nevada; San Diego, California; and, San Francisco, California.

Section 3: OVERSIGHT AND AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

- a) **DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.** National Regulations and the Department Bylaws establish the duties of Department Council¹. Among other things, and specific to this Special Committee, the Department Council shall:
 - 1) Provide financial oversight, inasmuch as they are charged to “devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Department. . . .” Furthermore, the Department

¹ National Regulations Chapter II Departments, Article X (page 74) and Department of California and Pacific Bylaws Article VIII Officers, §6 Duties of Elected Officers, ¶f Council (pages 8-9).

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Council shall audit the receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Department" as they relate to this Special Committee and any possible future Host Committee.²

- b) **FUNDRAISING.** No Brother in the Department of California and Pacific shall participate in fundraising activities for purposes of potentially hosting a future National Encampment.
- 1) Conducting fundraising/seeking donations prior to the appointment of a Host Committee is premature. Doing so now presents the potential for various conflicts with respect to the distribution of any unused balances and/or the proper tracking of fundraising and donation moneys prior to a proposal being accepted by the National Site Committee.
 - 2) National Encampment fundraising is the responsibility of a Host Committee, with oversight by the Department Council.
 - 3) If a Host Committee is later created, an FDIC insured financial account, separate and distinct from regular Department funds, shall be established by the Department Treasurer, with the concurrence of Department Council, for managing any Host Committee funds.
- c) **CONTRACTS.** There being no foreseeable reason for the Special Committee to enter into contracts for any purpose, this Order does not grant any authority to the Special Committee for seeking, or entering into any contracts that might, in any way, obligate the Department, the National Organization, or any of their Officers, to make any expenditure of SUVCW funds without the express approval of the Department Encampment, or during the time in between regular Department Encampments, with the express approval of a majority of the elected Department Officers.³
- d) **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE.** Brothers are reminded of the responsibilities assigned to the National Encampment Site Committee

² *Ibid.*

³ See, e.g., National Regulations Chapter III National Organization, Article IX Finances, §9 Contracts, ¶(e) (page 109).

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and should familiarize themselves with these responsibilities⁴ as well reviewing the “Hosting a National Encampment – A Guidebook” as provided on the National SUVW website (<https://suvw.org/hosting-a-national-encampment-a-guidebook>).

Section 4: CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The Encampment not naming a chairman or members of the Special Committee, I hereby appoint SVC Wayne Eder as chairman of the committee, and the following Brothers as members: Linn Malaznik (Camp 4), Scott McKee, PCC (Camp 17), John Morris (Camp 18), Stephen Johnson (Camp 24), and Robert Mayer, PCC (Camp 24). Furthermore, I appoint, as voting Aides to the Committee (for, among other things, the purpose of providing advice and contributing their experience: Department Chief of Staff Rudy Velasco III, PDC (Camp 18), Department Treasurer Randy Dhindsa (Camp 32), Brother Frank Avila, PDC (Camp 4), and Brother Tad Campbell, PCinC (Camp 4). I will serve as an *ex officio* member of this special committee.

Section 5: TERM OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The term of this special committee shall start on 15 April 2024 and end at the close of the 139th Annual Department Encampment.

Section 6: REPORTING.

- a) The Committee chairman shall provide written progress reports of the special committee’s activities to the elected Department Officers, with the first report due no later than the last day of June 2024, which, at a minimum, shall include: 1) an outline of a plan to accomplish the Committee’s charge; 2) a list of necessary items the Committee needs to explore, which shall include costs and the list of requirements found in the most recent edition of “Hosting a National Encampment – Guidebook”; 3) the assignment of Committee Members to work on each of the items; and, 4) a timeline for completing the work on all items.

⁴ National Regulations Chapter II, National Organization, Article X Standing Committees, §5 National Encampment Site Committee (pages 111, et seq.).

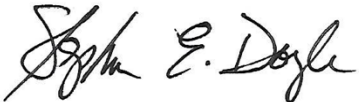
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- b) Subsequent written progress reports shall be submitted bi-monthly (beginning with August 2024), with a final report due to elected Department Officers no later than fourteen days prior to the 2025 Annual Department Encampment, relevant to the feasibility of hosting a National Encampment in the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth, 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.

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



ATTEST:



Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Order No. 3

Series 2024-2025

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

Observance of Memorial Day 2024

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".

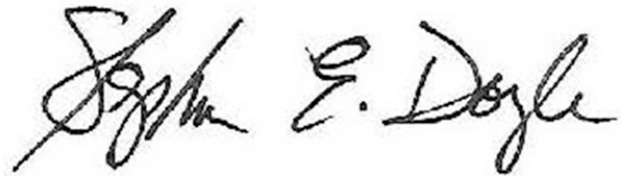
-Section 3: Camps are encouraged to participate in the observance of Memorial Day on Thursday, May 30th and/or the official Government Holiday weekend from May 25th through May 27th.

-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 we may work in brotherhood for these ends.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 5th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty eighth, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

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 Special Order No. 01 Series 2024 - 2025

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

Passing of Brother Howard D. Campbell

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 Howard D. Campbell passed away in Lincoln, California on May 13, 2024 at the age of 84 years. Brother Howard was born in Wichita, Kansas on September 12, 1939, the eldest son of Howard Tiner and Rowena LaRue (Arbuckle) Campbell.

Section 2: Brother Howard joined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on February 17, 2007 through the lineage of his great-great-grandfather, Private Alexander Oakes of Company F, 1st Arkansas Infantry. He also had two more great-great-grandfathers, a great-great-great-grandfather, and 19 blood-uncles who served in Union forces during the Civil War.

Section 3: Brother Howard served in the U.S. Navy from 1957-1960 and was assigned to Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands as a communications technician in support of Operation Hardtack 1 (a series of 35 nuclear tests at Enewetak and Bikini Atolls). He was then sent to U.S. Naval Amphibious School in Coronado, California where he was signed to the Master-at-Arms detail as a driver. Outside his regular Navy service, Howard also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1956-57 and again from 1960-63.

Section 4: Howard worked for 37 years in the Maintenance Department of United Airlines, first at San Francisco International Airport, and later at Stapleton and Denver International Airports in Colorado, retiring in 1997 as Aircraft Maintenance Operations Manager. After retirement he moved to North Carolina until he returned to California in 2020.

Section 5: Brother Howard was also a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Lions Clubs International, and was an avid HAM radio operator, receiving his first license in 1954, when he was only 14 years old.

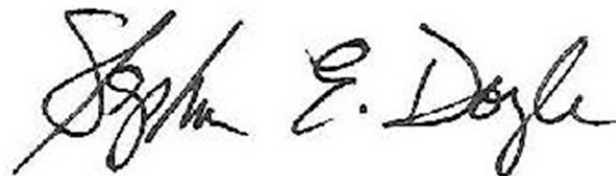
Section 6: Brother Howard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia (Bolen) Campbell, sons Robert Campbell and Kenneth Campbell-Sorrentino, daughter Deborah Campbell, and brother Donald Campbell. He was also the uncle of Past Commander-in-Chief, Tad Campbell.

Section 7: The Department extends its sincere condolences to the Campbell Family, as well as his many friends. Cards may be sent to: Family of Howard Campbell, 2900 Camaro Dr., Lincoln, CA. 95648-8277.

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

The forgoing Department Special Order is proclaimed this Flag Day, the 14th day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty four, and of the two hundred and forty eighth 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

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



ATTEST:

By: /s/ Randy Dhindsa, PCC

Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department of California and Pacific
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**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:

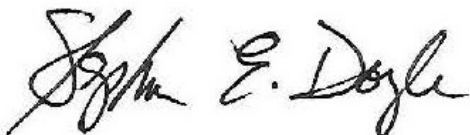
- An individual Brother is free to initiate fundraising *on his own behalf*.
- A single Camp is free to initiate fundraising on behalf of the Camp, with the approval of the Camp Council.
- A Collective Group of Camps are free to initiate joint fundraising activities *on behalf of the respective Group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

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 04

Series 2024-2025

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

Suspension of William B. Keith Camp No. 12

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 Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Per Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 17:

“Any camp which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Form 990 appropriate to the individual tax circumstances of the camp (usually Form 990N), or any future replacements for Form 990N or other Form 990, by the due date specified by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension. A camp may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the appropriate Form 990. Proof shall constitute a receipt of the Form 990 by the IRS, usually an online confirmation for the Form 990N.”

Section 2: Camp No. 12 has not submitted their Form 990N since 2017. Because of this, they are hereby suspended, and can no longer conduct the business of the Order until this issue is remedied.

Section 3: Per Regulations, Chapter I, Article III “Transfers and Discharges”:

“A Member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty nine, 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.



Stephen E. Doyle

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

ATTEST:

by: /s/ Randy Dhindsa, PCC
Department Secretary-Treasurer

Department Special Order No. 02

Series 2024 – 2025

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

Passing of Brother Kurtis F. Dunphy

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 sad duty to report that William B. Keith, Camp No. 12 Brother Kurtis Dunphy of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away on 10 January, 2024.

Section 2: Brother Dunphy was born on 28 May 1943, in Seattle, Washington and joined Camp 12 on January 12 January, 2016. He served as Camp Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Camp Commander. He also served as Department Color Bearer.

Section 3: Brother Dunphy derived his SUVCW membership through the Civil War service of his great grandfather, William Henry Dunphy, who served in Co. G of the Michigan 10th Infantry Regiment, enlisting on 30 September, 1861 as a Private. He served until the end of the war, and by 7 June, 1865 he had become a colonel. A GAR Post was chartered in William Henry's name in St. Clair, MI on 27 May, 1893.

Section 4: The Department extends sincere condolences to the Dunphy 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, the 4th of March in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty eight, 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