

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

**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 2  
Series 2024-2025**

**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 138<sup>th</sup> 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 Council<sup>1</sup>. 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

- 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.<sup>3</sup>
- d) **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE.** Brothers are reminded of the responsibilities assigned to the National Encampment Site Committee

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<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> 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 responsibilities<sup>4</sup> 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 139<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

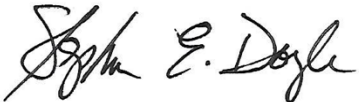
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- b) Subsequent written progress reports shall be submitted bi-monthly (beginning with August 2024), with a final report due to elected Department Officers no later than fourteen days prior to the 2025 Annual Department Encampment, relevant to the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

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 15<sup>th</sup> 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