

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".

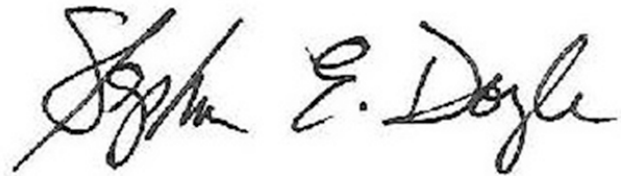
-Section 3: Camps are encouraged to participate in the observance of Memorial Day on Thursday, May 30th and/or the official Government Holiday weekend from May 25th through May 27th.

-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