



**DEPARTMENT ORDERS  
SERIES 2025-2026**  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



**ORDERS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OWEN R. STILES**

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**ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS,  
COMMITTEES, AND  
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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: COMMAND.** Having been duly elected Department Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Department of California and Pacific, for the 2025-2026 term. I assure all of you that my fellow Department Officers and I, will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the Department does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of our Organization. My tenure will be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence should be sent to me via email at <commander@suvpac.org>.

**Section 2: ELECTED OFFICERS.** Department Brothers who were duly elected (and re-elected) and installed by Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin at the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on 8 March 2025 in Bakersfield, California, are as follows:

- Commander – Bro. Owen R. Stiles, PCC
- Senior Vice Commander – Bro. Gary E. Hormel, PCC
- Junior Vice Commander – Bro. Robert J. Mayer, PCC
- Secretary – Bro. Randy Dhindsa
- Treasurer – Bro. Randy Dhindsa
- Council – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC (chair)
- Council – Bro. Rick T. LaRosa, PCC (secretary)
- Council – Bro. Dean R. Smith, PCC (member)



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Section 3: APPOINTED OFFICERS. Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Mark A. Goodman, PCC
- Chaplain – Bro. Stephen S. Magoffin
- Counselor – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Historian – Bro. David A. Davis, PCC
- Graves Registration Officer – Bro. Kenneth G. Felton, PCC
- Camp Organizer – Bro. Owen R. Stiles, PCC
- Color Bearer – Bro. Brandon A. Villardi
- Guard – Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff, PCC
- Guide – Bro. William K. Gallegher
- GAR Records Officer – Bro. David A. Davis, PCC
- Civil War Memorials Officer – Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, PDC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Bro. Randall W. Hawkinson, PCC
- Signals Officer – Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
- GAR Highway Officer – Bro. Charles L. Beal, PCC
- California Column Newsletter Editor – Bro. Owen R. Stiles, PCC
- Webmaster – Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

Section 4: COMMITTEES. Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Publicity and Promotion Committee – Bro. Gary E. Hormel (PCC) chair
- Department Encampment Committee – Bro. Gary E. Hormel (PCC), chair
  - The following Brothers were appointed to the Encampment Committee by unanimous vote of the Encampment Delegates: Bro. Frank Avila (PDC), Bro. Daniel Earl (PCC), and Bro. Rick LaRosa (PCC).
- Civil War Memorials Committee – Bro. Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), chair



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- Legislation Committee – Bro. Daniel R. Earl (PCC), chair
- Bylaws Committee – Bro. Daniel R. Earl (PCC), chair
- History Committee – Bro. David A. Davis (PCC), chair
- Communications and Technology Committee – Bro. Tad D. Campbell (PCinC)

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 19th day 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-ninth, in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by Owen R. Stiles, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: *Owen R. Stiles*

Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
Department of California and Pacific  
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ATTEST: *Randy Dhindsa*

Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer  
Department of California and Pacific  
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# Department of California and Pacific

Office of Department Commander

Owen R. Stiles, PCC



## MEMORANDUM FOR ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

7 April 2025

### Subject: Periodic Activity Reports of Department Officers

By the authority vested in me by the Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, as the executive officer charged with administering the affairs of the Department, I direct the following:

The efficient management of the administration of the Department of California and Pacific is essential to our organization. To achieve this, it is necessary for elected Department officers to periodically report on the duties required of them by the National Constitution and Regulations, by the Department Bylaws, and other appropriate authority. Therefore, elected Department officers shall periodically report their activities to Department officers following the below reporting schedule:

Officer	DATE Due on or Before	DATE Due on or Before	DATE Due on or Before	DATE Due on or Before	DATE Due on or Before
Senior Vice Commander	Due on or Before 7/1/25	Due on or Before 9/1/25	Due on or Before 11/1/25	Due on or Before 1/1/26	Two Weeks Prior to Encampment
Junior Vice Commander	Due on or Before 7/1/25	Due on or Before 9/1/25	Due on or Before 11/1/25	Due on or Before 1/1/26	Two Weeks Prior to Encampment
Secretary/ Treasurer	Due on or Before 5/1/25	Due on or Before 8/1/25	Due on or Before 10/1/25	Due on or Before 2/1/26	Two Weeks Prior to Encampment
Council (chairman)	Due on or Before 5/1/25	Due on or Before 8/1/25	Due on or Before 10/1/25	Due on or Before 2/1/26	Two Weeks Prior to Encampment

Data illustrations to incorporate in your reports include, but are not limited to:

- **DSVC:** activities on Department Encampment preparations, other events attended or participated in as a Department officer, etc.
- **DJVC:** activities coordinating recruiting efforts, apportionment of membership inquiries to the appropriate Camp located geographically nearest the residence of the inquirer, and other events attended or participated in as a Department officer, etc.
- **S/T:** activities related to any correspondence, preparation of documents for Camps and Delegates, recording official Department Orders, financials records activities (including, but not limited to the Department Policy of Reporting Finances), other events attended or participated in as a Department officer, etc. Any financials anomalies that materialize in between reporting periods should be brought to the attention of elected Department officers, immediately.
- **Council Chair:** on behalf of the full Council, activities related to “devise and recommend” measures, reviews of Department finances (including, but not limited to the Department Policy of Reporting Finances), any vacancies filled, and other events attended or participated in as a Department officer, etc.

Reports may be sent informally in an email, and shall be addressed to elected [electedofficers@suvpac.org](mailto:electedofficers@suvpac.org). This will provide for the simultaneous distribution of the report among all elected officers. If an officer has nothing to report, your email is still required, and should indicate you have no activities to report.

Notwithstanding the above reporting timetable, matters of a sensitive or urgent nature shall be brought to the attention of the Department Commander immediately. This memorandum excludes SVR activities, which should be directed to the Commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District. If any such SVR activity may have an impact on the Department, such information shall immediately be reported to the Department Commander.



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Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
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MEMORANDUM TO ELECTED DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
AND DELEGATES TO THE 2025 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

***Subject: Encouraging Participation and Completion of Memorial University by Elected  
Department Officers and Delegates to the 2025 National Encampment***

Most of you are familiar with the SUVCW Memorial University. It is a part of the Order's Education and Training Program. The National website explains that it is designed to prepare us to be a "better leader and help shape [us] . . . into an inspiring role model for our organization." Successful completion of the online course is designed to enrich every Brother's ability to be a successful leader. Therefore, although participation is not mandatory, I ***strongly encourage*** each elected Department officer and each Delegate to the 144<sup>th</sup> National Encampment to challenge themselves by participating in and completing the online Memorial University course offered by the SUVCW. Doing so and being recognized at a National Encampment by the Commander-in-Chief will demonstrate our Department's leadership in and commitment to the Order as we honor our Union ancestors.

If each of us completes the course by 25 July 2025 our "Official Graduation Certificate" can be presented to us by the Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment. This will be coordinated by the National Patriotic Instructor Brother Tad D. Campbell, PCinC (our very own Department Webmaster/Signals Officer).

Instructions for Memorial University Online:

- 1) View the SUVCW Memorial University website at <https://www.suvcwmu.org>.
- 2) After reading the initial page, place your pointer over “Course Catalog” and then click on “S.U.V.C.W. Studies” from the dropdown menu (<https://www.suvcwmu.org/suvcw-studies>).
- 3) Next click on “Charter, Constitution & Regulations Course” (<https://www.suvcwmu.org/consitution-regulations>).
- 4) You should now find yourself on the webpage with instructions on how to begin the course, along with links to the twelve lessons and reference material, listed at the bottom of the page.

More details can be found on the Memorial University website. If you have questions, you can also contact National Patriotic Instructor Brother Tad D. Campbell (PCinC) at [patrioticinstructor@suvcw.org](mailto:patrioticinstructor@suvcw.org).



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Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. #2  
Series 2025-2026**

**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING  
THE  
JUNETEENTH NATIONAL  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, I hereby issue the following Proclamation Commemorating the Juneteenth National Independence Day 2025:

*Whereas*, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, Union Major General Gordon Granger proclaimed freedom for more than 250,000 enslaved African Americans, enforcing the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years after it was issued by President Abraham Lincoln; and,

*Whereas*, Juneteenth—short for "June Nineteenth"—has come to symbolize not only the end of slavery in the United States, but also the enduring resilience, hope, and contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history; and,

*Whereas*, generations of Black Americans have observed Juneteenth as a day of reflection, celebration, and reaffirmation of the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality; and,

*Whereas*, on June 17, 2021, the United States Congress established Juneteenth National Independence Day as a federal holiday, affirming its place in our national story as a day to remember both a painful legacy and the strength that has risen from it; and,

*Whereas*, the ideals of liberty and equality enshrined in our founding documents can only be fulfilled through vigilance, action, and the honoring of all who have struggled to make them real for every American; now,

*I therefore proclaim*, that on this Juneteenth National Independence Day (also known as Freedom Day), 19 June 2025, we pause to commemorate the liberation of the last enslaved people in our country, to honor the strength and spirit of their descendants, and to commit ourselves anew to the unceasing work of freedom, dignity, and justice for all.

Let bells ring, let voices rise, and let hearts remember: Freedom delayed is not freedom denied—and from struggle springs a more perfect union.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 16th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-ninth, in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by Owen R. Stiles, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: *Owen R. Stiles*

Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
Department of California and Pacific  
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ATTEST: *Randy Dhindsa*

Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer  
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DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL ORDER No. 1  
Series 2025-2026

PASSING OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
DONALD BRADEN "BRAD" SCHALL

It is with deepest regret that I announce the death of our friend and Brother, Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Braden "Brad" Schall, who passed away at the age of 85. In addition to General Order #26 (Series 2024-2025), the Department of California and Pacific extends its own condolences to the family of Brother Schall.

Brad was the oldest son of Donald Braden Schall, Sr. and Anna Mae (Griggs) Schall, and had one brother and five sisters. He was born in Hutchinson, Kansas where his "Nana Schall" introduced him to the Civil War history of his family and the Joseph Hooker Post of the GAR. Both his grandmother and great-grandmother were members of the WRC. His interest in the Civil War went back to his childhood, when he lived one block from the Lincoln Civil War Memorial in Hutchinson, Kansas. As a child, his family participated in Memorial Day services with descendants of members of the Joseph Hooker Post No. 17, GAR, of which his great-grandfather had been a member. Brad's family decorated the graves of their great-grandfather and other Civil War soldiers at East Side Cemetery in Hutchinson with flags and flowers.

In the mid-1990s Brad joined the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, SUVCW in San José, California and over the years held nearly every position in the several Camps to which he belonged. He later organized the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 in 1999. He was elected Commander of the Department of California and Pacific in 2002 and 2003.

At the National level Brad served on numerous committees, as National Patriotic Instructor, National Chief of Staff, and the Council of Administration before working his way up the ranks from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Commander in Chief in 2010. At the 129<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Overland Park, Kansas on 14 August 2010 Brad was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Brad was a man of superlatively high standards, complete integrity, and boundless enthusiasm for whatever task he took in hand. No one, whose privilege it was to know him, is likely to forget the candor of his speech, the courage of his faith, and the warmth of his friendship. Brad never dodged a responsibility, never refused to take on a hard job if it needed to be done. What he preached, he practiced. What he believed, he believed with heart and soul. Brother Schall fought hard for every cause in which he enlisted, and the causes for which he fought were good and right.

Throughout his time in the SUVCW, Brad continued to remain active not only in the San Francisco Bay area, but throughout the country in numerous historical societies, including serving as Co-Chairman of the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, Volunteer National Park Service Docent at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco.

Services for PCinC Schall will be held at The Watermark at Rosewood Gardens, 35 Fenton Street, Livermore, California on Thursday, 14 Aug 2025 from 2-4 pm.

The Department of California and Pacific extends its heartfelt sympathy the family of our Brother Brad Schall. We will miss him dearly.

In accordance with G.O. #26, and in solemn recognition of his dedicated service, Brothers are directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PCinC Schall through 5 September 2025.

The foregoing Department Special Order is proclaimed this 11th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-ninth, in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by Owen R. Stiles, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: *Owen R. Stiles*  
Owen R. Stiles, Commander  
Department of California and Pacific  
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ATTEST: *Randy Dhindsa*

Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer  
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DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 3  
Series 2025-2026

WILLIAM B. KEITH CAMP 12  
CAMP CHARTER REVOKED



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: CAMP NO. 12 DEFUNCT.** Since before January of this year then-Department Commander Stephen Doyle (PDC), and myself since March, made multiple attempts to assist rejuvenating Camp 12 which has not filed reports or paid per capita dues for several years. These efforts were dismissed by the Camp. As a result, I determined that Camp 12 is no longer sustainable and has no Brothers who are willing or able to take on the duties and responsibilities necessary to maintain the Camp. Accordingly, I recommending to then Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin that the charter be revoked.

**Section 2: GENERAL ORDER REVOKING THE CHARTER OF WILLIAM B. KEITH CAMP 12.** On 12 July 2025 then-Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin issued General Order No. 23 (Series 2024-2025) revoking the charter of the William B. Keith Camp No. 12, Las Vegas, Nevada (National Constitution Article VI, Section 2).

**Section 3: PROPERTY AND ASSETS OF WILLIAM B. KEITH CAMP 12.** To reaffirm the direction of General Order No. 23 (Series 2024-2025) Brothers of the former Camp 12 are reminded that in accordance with this General Order and National Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5, they are required to turn over any and all property and assets of the former Camp 12 to the Department Commander, designated as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Further, Camps are prohibited from dividing its property and assets among its Brothers.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-ninth, in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by Owen R. Stiles, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: *Owen R. Stiles*

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ATTEST: *Randy Dhindsa*

Randy Dhindsa, Secretary-Treasurer  
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 4#  
Series 2025-2026**

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT  
ROTC/JROTC COORDINATOR**



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: RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AWARDS PROGRAM.** On 23 September 2025 Commander-in-Chief Kevin P. Tucker issued General Order No. 7 (Series 2025-2026), relative to the SUVCW National ROTC Awards Program. This General Order mandates that Departments wishing to participate in the Awards Program appoint a Coordinator to work with the National ROTC/JROTC Coordinator.

**Section 2: APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT ROTC/JROTC COORDINATOR.** Since the Department of California and Pacific actively participates in the National ROTC Awards Program, I hereby appoint, effective immediately, Brother Dean R. Smith (PCC), of the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, as the Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator.

**Section 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEPARTMENT ROTC/JROTC COORDINATOR.** The duties of the Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator are enumerated in Section 3 of General Order No. 7 (Series 2025-2026). Furthermore, the Department looks forward to continued support provided by the National Organization for this very commendable program.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fiftieth, in the City of Gridley, County of Butte, State of California by Owen R. Stiles, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: *Owen R. Stiles*

Owen R. Stiles (PDC), Commander  
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ATTEST: *Randy Dhindsa*

Randy Dhindsa (PCC), Secretary-Treasurer  
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