



## 2017 Department Encampment



January 10, 2017

Department Brothers and Sisters:

The California and Pacific Departments of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* and the *Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* are pleased to announce that their 131st and 106th respective annual Department Encampments will be held Friday and Saturday, March 17th and 18th, 2017 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5101 California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309. The hotel is conveniently located for both our Northern and Southern California members and includes the following amenities:

- Free Hot, Full "All American Breakfast"
- Hotel Shuttle from Meadows Field Airport (BFL) (*please contact hotel for shuttle hours*)
- Convenient access from US-99 and I-5
- Free Guest Parking
- Free Wi-Fi in Guest Rooms
- 24-hour Business Center
- Outdoor Heated Pool / Whirlpool / 24-hour Fitness Center

On Friday evening, there will be a traditional *no host* "campfire" gathering for socializing at the Bistro Lounge, located onsite at the hotel. Dinner will be on your own that evening as there are many restaurants conveniently located nearby.

Saturday morning will begin with the joint SUVVCW / ASUVVCW Memorial Service, followed by the business meeting portion of the Encampment. Our lunch break will be held in the nearby banquet room as well as our Saturday night VIP Banquet with honored guests.

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*

We have negotiated the following special discounted room rates for our members: **King Bed = \$100.00 per night; Two Queens = \$100.00 per night** (excluding taxes). To reserve a room at this rate, please contact the Four Points by Sheraton Bakersfield directly at **(661) 862-7423** before Wednesday, **March 1, 2017** and mention you are with the "*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*". Reservations can also be made using our customized reservations page at the following link:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1610278748&key=4A3FB6>

We recommend reserving early to guarantee a room.

We have also successfully negotiated a very special reduced rate for our banquet meals and meeting rooms, a savings we are able to pass along to you! Our meal selections are:

Lunch - \$25.00 (included in the registration fee) with dessert, lemonade and coffee. Choice of:

- **Chicken Salad Croissant** – Breast of chicken blended with cashews, green onions and mayo; served with pasta salad
- **Smoked Turkey Breast Croissant** – Thinly sliced roasted turkey breast, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato; served with pasta salad
- **Cobb Salad** – Diced chicken, diced tomatoes, gorgonzola, chopped bacon, eggs, avocado, baby mixed greens with balsamic or ranch dressing, rolls and butter

Dinner - \$35.00 per person, includes dessert, ice tea and coffee. Choice of:

- **Charbroiled Beef Tips** – House dry rub with bordelaise sauce
- **Chicken Zinfandel** – Lightly breaded chicken with caramelized shallot cream sauce
- **Wild Mushroom Pasta** (vegetarian) – Forest mushrooms, pasta, goat cheese and roasted shallot cream sauce

All Encampment documents and forms are available at the Department Encampment web page:  
[www.suvpac.org/encampment.html](http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html)

Please return your completed "*Encampment Registration / Banquet Meal Reservation*" form by Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 15, 2017** to receive the ***early bird discount***.

**FINAL DEADLINE** to submit all forms is Wednesday, **MARCH 1, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Enderlin.

And lastly, **please remember to bring Civil War related items to donate for the raffle / auction.** This is our opportunity to raise much needed funds for both the Sons and Auxiliary Departments. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



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