

# THE CALIFORNIA COLUMN

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**Commander's Corner:** As I humbly assume command of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to thank Brother Dean Enderlin PDC for his leadership and guidance as Department Commander. He has left flawless guidelines for success to follow.

Our Department is fortunate to have a very strong working relationship with our Auxiliary. These ladies go to great lengths to help the Sons and keep the Department moving in a positive direction. We are blessed to have such a bond.

I believe our recent Department Encampment in Bakersfield was a huge success. The business meetings were harmonious and productive, the hotel and staff were very accommodating and the meals were enjoyable. As I have mentioned before, these Encampments are a good place to renew old acquaintances and make new friends that you can call Brother.

I have really enjoyed my time as a Department Officer and I am looking forward to serving my Brothers and Sisters as Department Commander. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of the Officers and Committee members who have come on board to serve the Department of California and Pacific, and a VERY Special Thank You to Brother Tom Graham, PDC who has kindly agreed to produce a few issues of the "California Column" Department newsletter. Please support this Department newsletter by sending Brother Graham your Camp news and/or newsletters so we will have enough information to warrant a Department newsletter in the future.

Finally, I would like to share with you the "Sons of Veterans Creed." I stumbled across this in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War "Ritual and Ceremonials" guide, a few months ago.

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.

This creed was adopted by the 38<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Columbus, Ohio on 11 September 1919. Although it is no longer a formal part of the Ritual and Ceremonials, its sentiments endure to this day and link us to the GAR of honored memory.

**Editor's Comments:** Many thanks to the Camps and individuals who have contributed to this issue of The California Column. Without their contributions there would be no newsletter. Please email Camp newsletters and commentary about events participated in to [editor@suvpac.org](mailto:editor@suvpac.org). Please send your information by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the next edition.

**Department Orders:** Department Orders number 1, 2 and 3 have been posted on the Department web site at [www.suvpac.org](http://www.suvpac.org). Please review these orders, and when additional Department Orders are issued notification will be entered on the next edition of the Department Newsletter and an email will be sent to each Camp for distribution to the Brothers.

## **National Encampment Information:**

**Where:** Independence, OH

**When:** August 8-11, 2019

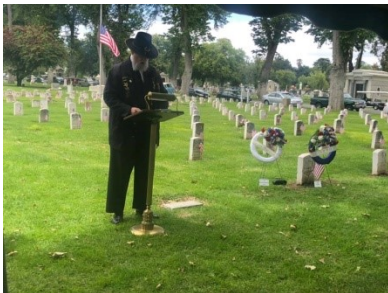
**Info:** [2019nationalencampment.org](http://2019nationalencampment.org)

## **Around the Department:**

**Camp 2:** Memorial Day ceremonies on May 27 at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, and on May 30 at the Inglewood Park Cemetery's GAR plot. Members also attended Camp 18's celebration at the Evergreen Historical Cemetery in Riverside, and Auxiliary 2's members were at a Memorial Day Celebration at Sunnyside Cemetery in Long Beach.



**Camp 4:** Memorial Day at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose. PCIC Tad Campbell contributed the following: "Today we observe Memorial Day. While it is always appropriate to thank a veteran for their service to their country, please remember that today is not Veterans Day. That is in November. Today we remember those service men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice – those that did not return. May they rest in peace and may their memories always be honored!"



**Camp 10:** Brothers of Camp 10 conducted a Civil War Presentation to Quimby Oaks Middle School in San Jose on June 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Camp 17:** Memorial Day Observance at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery.

**Camp 18:** Memorial Day Service at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) circle in the Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp 21:** Held a Medal of Honor Day Ceremony at Sgt. William Pittenger's gravesite. Also participated in the last Memorial Day gathering of the Pearl Harbor survivors Carnation Chapter 3 in National City due to the fallen number of Pearl Harbor survivors.

**Camp 22:** Brothers of Camp 22 who are also members of Company B, 8<sup>th</sup> California Infantry, SVR, attended a Memorial Day Ceremony at Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights.

**Camp 23:** Memorial Day activities.

**Camp 25:** May 24<sup>th</sup> attended the GAR Post 69 Cemetery Gate Dedication ceremony. On May 27 participated in the Memorial Day morning service sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars at the GAR General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Reno. They were joined by Brothers of Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery, SVR.

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## **Department Orders:**

### **Department Order No. 1 Series 2019-2020**

#### **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 133rd Annual Department Encampment in regular session at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on 23 March 2019, 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 Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence is welcome and should be sent to my home address: 69586 Borrego Rd, Cathedral City, CA. 92234 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: 284 Hazel St, Gridley, CA. 95948. Phone (530)846-3251.

**Section 2:** The following Brothers were duly elected and installed as Department Officers at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Encampment by Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw on 23 March 2019:

Commander – Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC

Sr. Vice Commander – Frank C. Avila, PCC

Jr. Vice Commander – Stephen E. Doyle, PCC

Secretary – Owen R. Stiles, PCC

Treasurer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC

Council 1 – Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Council 2 – William E. Daley Jr, PCC

Council 3 – Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

**Section 3:** Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Patriotic Instructor – Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC

Chaplain – Allen R. Davis, PCC

Historian – David A. Davis, PCC

Guide – Brian R. Stephens

CC Guard – Steven H. Steinberg

GAR Records Officer – David A. Davis, PCC

GAR Highway Officer – Charles L. Beal, PCC

Camp Organizer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC

Signals Officer/Webmaster – Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Color Bearer – Kurtis F. Dunphy

Graves Registration Officer – Kenneth G. Felton, PCC

Civil War Memorials Officer – Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Randall W. Hawkinson, PCC

Newsletter Editor – Thomas T. Graham, PDC

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC Department Commander Department of California & Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC Department Secretary-Treasurer

### **Department Order No. 2 Series 2019-2020**

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

#### **Special Committee to Explore the Possibility of Coordinating Joint Activities between the SUVCW/ASUVCW Department of California and Pacific and the Sons of Confederate Veterans California Division in 2020.**

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:** Several years ago, the Special Committee to Explore the Possibility of Coordinating Meetings and/or Activities of the SCV California Division Convention and SUVCW/ASUVCW Department Encampment in 2020 was created. During its report at the 133rd Annual Department Encampment, on 23 March 2019, at Bakersfield, California, the Committee had no recommendations, but concluded it was unlikely such activities could be achieved in 2020. The committee was then discharged. Delegates unanimously requested the Department Commander for 2019-2020 appoint a special committee to further investigate possibilities of such activities in 2020 and future years

**Section 2:** I am hereby establishing the Special Committee to Explore the Possibility of Coordinating Joint Activities between the SUVCW/ASUVCW Department of California and Pacific and the Sons of Confederate Veterans California Division. The purpose of this special committee is to examine the feasibility of conducting joint functions between the Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW/ASUVCW and the California Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans during their respective state-level conventions in 2020 or for future conventions.

**Section 3:** This special committee shall:

- a) Serve through the close of business at the 134th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW, at which time it shall be discharged of its duties and cease to exist.
- b) No later than ninety (90) days after issuance of this Department Order, the Committee shall report to the Department Commander its findings and recommendations for the likelihood of joint SUVCW/SCV activities during the 2020 conventions.
- c) The Committee shall determine the practicality of pursuing the likelihood of joint SUVCW/SCV activities during future conventions after 2020.
- d) The final decision on whether to pursue the possibilities of joint SUVCW/SCV activities during future conventions shall be determined by the Department Senior Vice Commander, who shall report the Special Committee's findings and recommendations at the 134th Annual Department Encampment.

**Section 4:** I hereby appoint the following members to this special committee: Department Senior Vice Commander Frank C. Avila as chairman; Brothers Linn W. Malaznik and Steven H. Steinberg as members; Sisters Cindy Eddy (PAP) and Rachelle Campbell (PNP) to serve as ASUVCW liaisons to the special committee; and Sons of Confederate Veterans, California Division Chief of Staff Jon Fowler to serve as SCV liaison. As Department Commander, I will serve as an *ex officio* member of the special committee.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC Department Commander Department of California & Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC Department Secretary-Treasurer

### **Department Order No. 3 Series 2019-2020**

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

##### **Appointment of Department Standing and Special Committees**

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:

I hereby appoint members of our Department to these designated committees. The Department Commander serves as an *ex-officio* member of all committees. The Chair of each committee may appoint additional members to his committee as he deems necessary.

**Section 1:** Department Publicity and Promotion Committee: Frank C. Avila, PCC (Chair, *ex officio*) and Cindy Eddy, DP/PDP (ASUVCW Liaison).

**Section 2:** Department Encampments Committee: Frank C. Avila, PCC (Chair, *ex officio*); Cindy Eddy, DP/PDP (ASUVCW Liaison); and Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP (ASUVCW Liaison).

**Section 3:** Department Civil War Memorials Committee: Dean A. Enderlin, PDC (Chair, *ex officio*); Allen R. Davis, PCC; Charles L. Beal, PCC; David A. Davis, PCC; and Donald Huffman.

**Section 4:** Department Legislation Committee: Daniel R. Earl, PCC (Chair) and D. Brad Schall, PCinC.

**Section 5:** Department Bylaws Committee: Daniel R. Earl, PCC (Chair, *ex officio*); D. Brad Schall, PCinC (Vice Chair); Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC; Stephen E. Doyle, PCC; and David C. Schleeter, PCC.

**Section 6:** Department History Committee: David A. Davis, PCC (Chair, *ex officio*); Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC; Charles L. Beal, PCC; and Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC.

**Section 7:** Department Communications & Technology Committee: Tad D. Campbell PCinC (Chair, *ex officio*); Daniel R. Earl, PCC; and Jon Henry, PCC.

**Section 8:** Department Special Committee on Civil War & Grand Army of the Republic & Allied Orders Flags: Sebastian A. Nelson (Chair) and David A. Davis, PCC.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC Department Commander Department of California & Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC Department Secretary-Treasurer

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