



# 124th UDC California Convention President's Letter October 4-5, 2024 Bakersfield

## *UDC California Division President's Letter*

Dear California Daughters,

It is my absolute pleasure to cordially **invite you to the United Daughters of the Confederacy 124th Annual California Division Convention** set for October 4th-5th, 2024 in Bakersfield.

The theme for Convention is: ***“Dixie Manor. Our History. Our Legacy.”*** We will step back in time when California was the only state west of the Mississippi with a Confederate Veteran's Home called: “Dixie Manor.”

The Convention Committee has done a delightful job with creating an enjoyable experience for all attendees. There is a buffet of events to pick and choose from to attend. But to truly enjoy the full experience Convention has to offer, I recommend you attend most events. ***The key ones not to miss include the:***

- ***“Belles, Bonnets, and Bingo” Luncheon Social.*** Be sure to wear your favorite hat and enjoy lunch with California Daughters, a game of Southern Bingo, take a Hill Billy Quiz, and the opportunity for Chapter Presidents or Representatives to **present a P.U.S.H. Fund donation for UDC General.**
- ***Historical Evening*** is the jewel of the UDC! This evening includes Military Award Bestowals, a Historical Program on Dixie Manor, Dinner, and Raffle Basket drawings. Wear your period costumes.
- ***“Strolling Southern Style”*** is set for ***President's Evening.*** Members will enjoy dinner, Chapter Presidents Reports, Awards and Membership Certificate Bestowals, and the new Officers installation ceremony.

All Daughters are encouraged to attend the ***Business Sessions*** to stay abreast of Division business. A must for all is honoring our Daughters we have lost this year at our ***Memorial Service.*** This ceremony is a wonderful UDC tradition and memorializes our dearly departed members. And, back is our Sales Bazaar.

***The Call Documents*** are posted to our Division Website: [www.californiaudc.com](http://www.californiaudc.com) – obtain the password from your Chapter President.

Our ***philanthropic Division Convention Community Outreach Project*** is once again sponsored by Mary Boykin Chesnut 2634. This year we will support the ***Crestwood Bakersfield Bridge– a transitional home for patients suffering mental health disorders.*** Items to donate are listed in The Call.

Lastly, many thanks to the Convention Committee– Mary Ann Claxton, Ashley Cooper, Marilyn Lagier, Lois Koenig, Kristen Kaufman, and Rhonda Pierce for their dedicated service to planning and organizing Convention.

The honor of your presence at Convention would bring me great pleasure!

California Division President, 2022-2024

**Love to Dare Today. ♥**