



**Department Orders
 Department of the Southwest
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 02
 (SERIES 2023-2024)**

Passing of Pearl Harbor Veteran, Jack Holder

It is my sad duty to inform the Brothers of this Department, of the passing of Arizona resident and Pearl Harbor Veteran, Jack Holder, on February 26, 2023 at the age of 101 years. Jack was a proud descendant of both Union and Confederate soldiers. Enlisting in 1940 at the age of 19, Holder became a U.S. Navy pilot and was stationed at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day as a member of the PBY Squadron VP-23 on Ford Island. "The first bomb that fell on Pearl Harbor was about 100 yards from me," Holder said. After surviving the attack, Holder flew over 100 missions, many of which turned the tide of war in favor of the United States in the Pacific Theater including several battles at Midway, Guadalcanal, and the Solomon Islands. Holder earned many awards including two Distinguished Flying Cross Medals and one Presidential Citation. He was honorably discharged in 1948.

In honor of Jack Holder, I hereby order Brothers of this Department to wear a black mourning ribbon on their membership badges for 30 days following receipt of this Order.

Ordered this 15 th day of March 2023

Kenneth J. Hooker, Department Commander

ATTEST,

Department Secretary



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