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**GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION
JULY 2026 IS SUPPORT OUR VETERANS MONTH**

Whereas California Masons recognize the service and sacrifice that our military veterans have made for our country; and

Whereas veterans face enormous challenges upon returning to civilian life, including heightened rates of physical, mental, and emotional health issues, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

Whereas California Masonry has long counted among its members an enormous number of military veterans; therefore,

As grand master, I proclaim July 2026 to be Support Our Veterans Month.

As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. Our fraternity has had a long and proud history of military support, from organizing the volunteer Masonic Ambulance Corps during World War I to organizing relief for the more-than-30,000 California Masons who enlisted during WWII. This month, during which we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence, I call on all California Masons and lodges to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through acts of volunteerism, donations, or lodge events. Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Garrett S. Chan

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou