

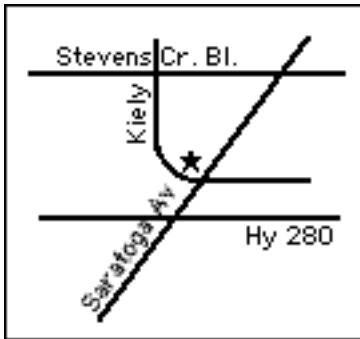
Sheridan's Dispatch

*Phil Sheridan Camp 4
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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November 18th Meeting to be Held at Coco's Restaurant



The next Camp meeting will be held at our new location, Coco's Restaurant at 370 S. Kiely Blvd. in San José.

This will be an ideal meeting place for our Camp as the restaurant is very easy

to find, being right off of Saratoga Avenue, about one block from Highway 280. We will be using a meeting room that will give us privacy from the other restaurant patrons, yet is large enough to accommodate our Camp's growth.

The informal meeting will begin at 10AM with lunch available at 10:30. The formal meeting will be called to order at 11AM.

Elections and Bylaws

In addition to the November 18th meeting being our first meeting at the new location, it is also a vital meeting for several other reasons. Most importantly are the election of Camp officers for the next year and a vote on the proposed Camp Bylaws. Officers will be nominated, elected and installed. The next Camp Commander will likely take the opportunity to appoint Brothers to fill any non-elected positions. These elections and appointments

will help decide the direction that our Camp takes in 2001! Please attend and make your vote count!

The following are the offices that will need to be filled:

- Commander
- Senior Vice Commander
- Junior Vice Commander
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Council
- Patriotic Instructor
- Chaplain
- Historian
- Counselor
- Guide
- Color Bearer
- Guard
- Graves Registration Officer
- Civil War Memorials Officer
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
- Recruiting Officer
- Signals Officer



Please notify Secretary Dan Earl if interested in any office.

Camp Projects and Activities

Another important item of discussion will be the identification of research projects and other activities for the next year. Such projects might include Graves and/or Civil War Memorials Registration, Oak Hill Cemetery GAR Plot activities, and participation with the National Civil War Association, Inc. in the Memorial Day ceremonies and re-enactment in Fremont.

Program

We hope to have Brother Dave Schleeter speak on his extensive trip to Civil War sites back east.

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My Civil War Ancestor

*Submitted by Tad D. Campbell
Gilroy, California*

IRA ERASTUS ANGUS

Among the citizens of Caledonia township none is more truly respected for the record he has made both in peace and war than Ira E. Angus. He was born May 4, 1843, at Tyrone, Livingston county, Michigan, and is the son of Bradley and Mary (Thayer) Angus, natives of the Empire state.

The parents came to Michigan in an early day. Their first home was in Livingston county, where they bought eighty acres of wild land, and by dint of hard work and a goodly supply of energy they cleared and otherwise improved the place and here dwelt until 1852. About that time they sold this first home and bought eighty acres of wild land in Caledonia township, Shiawassee county. Again they cleared up a tract of land, building first a log house and later a frame dwelling.

Ira E. Angus, the subject of this review, acquired his early education in the district schools of Livingston and Shiawassee counties. Two years after the family came to this county, when our subject was but twelve years of age, he went for himself, working on a farm by the month until the year 1863.



Our subject enlisted in the Tenth Michigan Cavalry and for two and one-half years was actively engaged in service for the preservation of the Union. During this time he was wounded several times. At Knoxville, Tennessee, he was shot in the arm by an ounce ball, tearing the muscles of the arm

loose, the ball entering the side and really making four distinct wounds; again at Jonesville he was shot in the other arm, making a slight wound, and still again at Flat Rock, where he received a saber cut on his head. He was sent home from the hospital, after serving the country in its hour of need.

Returning to the peaceful pursuits of farm life, he bought forty acres of wild land where he now lives, and cut the first trees in order to make room for a house. Here he has made his home and as he has been attended by prosperity he has added one hundred and forty acres to the original farm, but has deeded the land to his children, with the exception of eighty acres, which he still retains and manages.

Ira E. Angus was married October 8, 1863, to Melinda Young, who was born August 28, 1847, and who is the daughter of Thomas R. Young.

To Mr. and Mrs. Angus have been born two children,—Tryphena Adelaide, born June 25, 1867, became the wife of Frank Foster, who resides in Caledonia; and Cora, born September 28, 1885, is the wife of Archie Sherrard, a farmer of Caledonia.

In politics Mr. Angus is a Republican, though in no sense an office seeker. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Angus is a man highly spoken of by all who know him and rejoices to commemorate with his comrades the stirring days of the civil war. He is closely allied with the other veterans [Wallace Post 160 GAR], on account of their having served their country together in time of trial.

SOURCE: *Past and Present of Shiawassee County, Michigan*, Lansing, MI.

*Please honor your ancestor by submitting a
biography for the newsletter!*

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Graves Registration!

Help with the National effort to record the final resting place of all Union Civil War soldiers! We all have cemeteries near our home or work. Why not take a few minutes to walk through one and see if any of our Boys in Blue are buried there? Jot down any info from the stone and send it in! Every one counts!

119th National Encampment Report

Info from Dept. Commander Bob Lowe

The 119th National Encampment was held at Lansing, Michigan on August 17-21, 2000. The delegation was 147 members strong. Our Department was represented by Robert Kadlec of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Department Commander Bob Lowe of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21. National Membership in the SUVCW was given as 6377 and contains 209 camps.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser (Dept. of Indiana)
SVCinC George Powell (Dept. of Pennsylvania)
JVCinC Robert Grim (Dept. of Ohio)
Secretary Todd Shillington (Dept. of New York)
Council of Administration (1 seat open) Donald E. Darby (Dept. of Ohio)

Dept. Commander Bob Lowe was appointed to the Graves Registration Committee, but declined an appointment to the National ebay Surveillance Committee.

Bro. Jim Lyons of the Dept. of Michigan signed a contract at the Encampment, making him the first Executive Director of our Order. His annual salary will be \$13,000.

Bro. Charles Christian of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 was recognized and commended for his assistance in bringing the National Encampment Proceedings up to date.

Our Department was awarded a framed Certificate of Merit for establishing three new Camps in a given year. This will be displayed at our Department Encampment on March 31, 2001.

On behalf of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, Dept. Commander Bob Lowe accepted the Marshall Hope Author Award for best newsletter in the nation. A large portion of the credit is due Bro. Glen Roosevelt who designs and publishes the newsletter. The award will be retained by the Camp until it is returned to National in 2001 for subsequent awarding.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) has seen the formation of five new units in the past year with a national membership of 612, an increase of more than 100 since 1999.

While the Encampment was in session we learned of the death of Massachusetts PDC Fred Cauldwell. He was well respected within the order and loved by all that knew him. Fred was the great-great-grandson of William Tecumseh Sherman and will be sorely missed.

Confederate Flag - With the recent removal of the Confederate Ensign from the South Carolina State House, the question of SUVCW support of it being flown at that location became moot. To allow the delegation to revisit the 1996 resolution concerning support of the Confederate Flags, Monuments & Memorials for commemorative and hereditary purposes, CinC Danny Wheeler issued General Order (G.O.) #13, which rescinded G.O. #4. A new resolution was discussed, moved and passed with the same wording as the 1996 version, except for the removal of the South Carolina State House section.

Life Membership - As payments from the Life Membership Fund may soon exceed available funds, the Life Membership Program has been suspended for a period of one (1) year to enable a committee to investigate resolution of this situation and the future of the program. This does not affect current life members.

Special Resolution - It was unanimously voted to provide Mrs. Gertrude Janeway, the last Union widow, with \$250 per quarter for the remainder of her life. This is a long overdue recognition of this special lady. Earlier in the year, Gertrude's one good leg was amputated above the knee and she is now completely bedridden. After many years of petitioning the U.S. Government, it finally increased her pension from \$70/month to \$140/month. Soon thereafter they reduced her Social Security by \$70. What a coincidence!

Commander-in-Chief Edward Krieser has been sent an invitation to attend our Department Encampment on March 31, 2001 in San Luis Obispo, CA. Hopefully many of our Camp members will consider attending.

The next National Encampment will take place in Springfield, Missouri on August 9-13, 2001. This location is not far from Wilson's Creek Battlefield.

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CAMP ELECTIONS

by

Secretary-Treasurer Dan Earl



ATTENTION ATTENTION!!! This is your call to service for the Phil Sheridan Camp! Nominations and elections will take place at the November 18th meeting. It is essential that the brothers of our Camp participate in this important event. The livelihood of our Camp depends on it. If you are interested in running for any of the below listed positions, or just have questions about the job duties beyond what is posted here, please attend this very important meeting. There are eight officer positions up for election. Please come to this meeting and vote. You will be directing the future of our Camp.

A summary of duties for Officer positions are:

- ◆ **COMMANDER:** To direct and to provide oversight of Camp operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- ◆ **SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:** To assist the Commander and promote the Order.
- ◆ **JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER:** To assist with the recruitment and retention of members.
- ◆ **SECRETARY:** To keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp.
- ◆ **TREASURER:** To serve as custodian of Camp monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports.
- ◆ **COUNCIL:** The purpose of the three-member Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp offices.

Appointed Officer Positions Available

With the upcoming elections soon approaching at the November meeting there will also be several “appointed officer” positions available. It is the responsibility of the newly elected Camp Commander to appoint Brothers to these positions. As with committee assignments, I would like to strongly encourage all qualified Brothers to seek an appointment to one or more of these positions. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible before the November meeting, so I may begin compiling a list to submit to the new Commander.

A summary of available Appointed Officer positions and their duties are:

- ◆ **CAMP EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR:** Upon learning of Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco, to present a Certificate of Commendation signed by the Camp Commander.
- ◆ **CHAPLAIN:** To conduct such devotional services as directed by the Camp.
- ◆ **CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER:** To coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U. S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans’ Affairs) within the geographic boundaries of the Camp.
- ◆ **COLOR BEARER:** To care for the Camp colors and to assist the Camp Guide during the Camp meeting.
- ◆ **COUNSELOR:** To serve as a legal advisor to the Commander and to the Camp.
- ◆ **GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER:** To locate, record, ascertain the condition of, and bring to the attention of proper authorities the need for repair or replacement of the grave markers/memorials of Civil War veterans buried in the jurisdiction of the Camp.
- ◆ **GUARD:** Secure the door to the Camp meeting and to admit only those Brothers and visitors who are qualified or entitled to enter.
- ◆ **GUIDE:** To assist the Commander in the floor work of the Ritual during the Camp meeting and to follow any orders given by the Commander.

- ◆ **HISTORIAN:** To collect and preserve all historical and biographical material pertaining to the Civil War, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to members of the Order.
- ◆ **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR:** To educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general.
- ◆ **SIGNALS OFFICER:** To serve as the senior advisor on electronic communication technology, etc. He is also generally responsible for maintaining the Camp web site.

CIVIL WAR WORD SEARCH

Find the listed Battles and Union Generals (forwards, backwards, diagonally)

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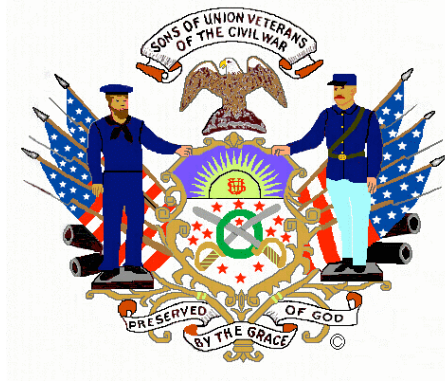
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Membership Eligibility:

A male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line and not less than 14 years of age (8 to 14 years for Juniors), who: (1) is a blood relative of a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service, who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or in such state regiments called to active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; (2) has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and (3) has, or whose ancestor through whom membership is claimed has, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States. Associate memberships are available for those supporters who are not of lineal descent.