



Sheridan's Dispatch

*Phil Sheridan Camp 4
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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115th Annual Department Encampment

The 115th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held March 31, 2001 at San Luis Obispo, California.

The event was a huge success! There were well over fifty Brothers and their guests in attendance making this the best attended Encampment in perhaps forty or fifty years!

The Department was very honored to have as its guest **Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser** who served as the Installing Officer after the elections.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 at the Encampment



L-R: Bob Kadlec, Dan Earl, Duane Benell, Dept. Cmdr. Bob Lowe, Dave Schleeter (behind Bob), Tad Campbell, Dan Bunnell PDC, C-in-C Ed Krieser, Don Pray, Bill Stewart and

On Friday night before the Encampment there was an informal get together and dinner at the Elks Lodge which was also well attended. We were pleased to have as our guest **Barron Smith**, Commander of the California Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). Musicians from Pleasonton Camp 24 of Castro Valley entertained the group with Civil War era tunes.

Every Camp in the Department, with the exception of John Logan Camp 20 of Los Gatos, sent delegates to the Encampment. The newest Camp in the Department, the William B. Keith Camp 12 of Las Vegas, was represented by its recently elected Camp Commander, **Bro. Al Peterson**. Our Camp was honored to have the greatest representation with eight Brothers present!

Camps were invited to set up display tables for Civil War memorabilia. Our Camp's table featured GAR and Sons badges, books, and a ten-minute video of last year's Oak Hill GAR Conservation Program. The tables set up by Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles, Pleasonton Camp 24 of Castro Valley, and Pittenger Camp 21 of Escondido were also of great interest.

After the installation of officers, a short memorial service was held at the GAR plot across the street.

Following the Encampment, a number of Brothers enjoyed a dinner with C-in-C Krieser at the 1865 Club.

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DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS

The following Brothers were duly elected and/or appointed to the various Department offices for the 2001-2002 term:

Commander	Bob Lowe (<i>El Cajon</i>)
Senior Vice Commander	Brad Schall (<i>Castro Valley</i>)
Junior Vice Commander	Linn Hoadley (<i>Los Angeles</i>)
Secretary-Treasurer	Daniel R. Earl (<i>Gilroy</i>)
Department Council	Jim Churchyard (<i>Fallbrook</i>) Ed Berger (<i>Poway</i>) Tad D. Campbell (<i>Gilroy</i>)
Patriotic Instructor	Corky Reed (<i>San Francisco</i>)
Chaplain	Rev. Mark Woolfington (<i>Tustin</i>)
Historian	Robert L. Nelson (<i>Santa Cruz</i>)
Counselor	Daniel R. Earl (<i>Gilroy</i>)
Guide	Robert J. Kadlec (<i>San José</i>)
Color Bearer	Dave Allyn (<i>El Cajon</i>)
Guard	Ken Walker (<i>Palmdale</i>)
Graves Registration	Charles A. Davis (<i>Elk Grove</i>)
CW Memorials	Gene Armistead, PDC (<i>Escondido</i>)
Signals Officer	Tad D. Campbell (<i>Gilroy</i>)
GAR Highway Officer	Brian Hoadley (<i>Los Angeles</i>)
Eagle Scout Certs.	Charles L. Christian (<i>Santa Rosa</i>)
Newsletter Editor	Daniel R. Earl (<i>Gilroy</i>)



Installation of Dept. Officers by C-in-C Krieser



Memorial Day Activities

WHEN: Saturday, Sunday & Monday
May 26, 27, & 28
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Boulevard
Fremont, California

WHAT: Civil War Event sponsored by
National Civil War Assoc. (NCWA)

There will be daily reenactments of Civil War battles and a memorial ceremony on Memorial Day Monday.

Our Camp will be participating in the memorial ceremony as well as maintaining a table or booth at one end of the "sutler row". We need Brothers to help with staffing of the booth.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact one of the following Brothers:

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Q: What Union General was known as the "Bull of the Woods"?

A: General Edwin V. Sumner of Massachusetts received this nickname because of his bellowing voice.

SUMMER PICNIC TO BE HELD AT PRESIDIO

The following Northern California Camps plan to participate in a regional picnic on **Saturday, July 28th, 2001:**

- Sheridan Camp 4 of San José
- Lincoln Camp 10 of Santa Cruz
- Wright Camp 22 of Elk Grove
- Ellsworth Camp 23 of Santa Rosa
- Pleasanton Camp 24 of Castro Valley

The picnic will be held at the El Polin Spring Picnic area at the Presidio in San Francisco. A tour is being arranged for nearby Fort Point National Historic Site, a Civil War era fort beneath the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Family and friends are encouraged to come! Department Commander Bob Lowe is planning to attend as well. Please watch for more details as the date approaches.

Camp Orders

SPECIAL CAMP ORDER No. 1

Series 2000-2001

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE PRAY

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: WHEREAS, Josephine Pray, wife of Camp Brother Donald W. Pray, was born on 19 March 1927 in the Philippines and passed away on Sunday morning, 21 January 2001; she is survived by her husband, daughter, and other family; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine served in World War II as a civilian intelligence courier carrying documents and weapons through Japanese lines and as a medical aid for a unit of The Philippine Army; and,

WHEREAS, Josephine will be remembered for her love of family, generosity, humanity, and gentle spirit; her family and friends were her life; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 express their deepest sympathy to the family of Josephine Pray; we will miss her with all our hearts.

Section 2: In memory of Josephine Pray, the Camp Charter shall be draped in black during the Camp meeting held 10 March 2001.

The foregoing Special Camp Order is proclaimed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Tad D. Campbell, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CAMP ORDER No. 4

Series 2000-2001

CAMP DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, I appoint Brother Donald W. Pray a Delegate to the 2001 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Tad D. Campbell, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CAMP ORDER No. 5

Series 2000-2001

CAMP ALTERNATE DELEGATE APPOINTMENT

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Q: At what battle, fought in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley on September 22, 1864, did Union General George Crook decisively defeat Confederate forces under Gen. Early?

A: Following his advance on Washington, D.C., Early and his Confederates suffered defeat at the Battle of Fisher's Hill.

California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, I appoint Brother William J. Stewart an Alternate Delegate to the 2001 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Tad D. Campbell, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

The above Special and Camp Orders by Order of:
Tad D. Campbell, Commander
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

Website Updates

By Tad D. Campbell

Camp and Department Signals Officer

In an effort to make the Camp's website more "user friendly" and faster loading, the site has recently undergone a major redesign.

The website address remains the same at:

<http://home.inreach.com/tadcamp/sheridan4.htm>

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What has changed is the format. There is less information crammed onto the "front page" of the site. Rather, much of the data originally found on the main page has been placed on secondary pages, accessed via links.

These links are found in a column on the left side and at the bottom of each page of the entire site. This makes it very easy for visitors to navigate about the site from any page they may be viewing.

We are still looking for submissions for the "My Civil War Ancestor" section of the website. This

growing tribute is a great way to have your ancestor recognized for their sacrifices.

Please send any information, no matter how brief, to Camp Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell. Data can be submitted via e-mail or regular mail.

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A SINGULAR SPECTACLE OF BATTLE. — At the battle of Stone River, while the men were lying behind a crest, waiting, a brace of frantic wild turkeys, so paralyzed with fright that they were incapable of flying, ran between the lines, and endeavored to hide among the men. But the Frenzy among the turkeys was not so touching as the exquisite fright of the birds and rabbits. When the roar of battle rushed through the cedar thickets, flocks of little birds fluttered and circled above the field in a state of utter bewilderment, and scores of rabbits fled for protection to the men lying down in line on the left, nestling under their coats, and creeping under their legs in a state of utter distraction. They hopped over the field like toads, and as perfectly tamed by fright as household pets. Many officers witnessed it, remarking it as one of the most curious spectacles ever seen upon a battle-field.

Source: The Civil War in Song and Story, p 253

My Civil War Ancestor

*Submitted by Glenn L. Chrisman
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JAMES W. SHELTON Co. B, 7th Maryland Infantry

On August 16, 1862, James W. Shelton enlisted and was mustered in as a Private in Company B, 7th Maryland Infantry.

This regiment was recruited in the northern counties of the Maryland under the call of July 1, 1862, for "three years or during the war." Companies B, E and G were organized in Frederick County. The regiment's first service, about the beginning of September 1862, was in guarding the city of Baltimore, in anticipation of an attack by General Stuart's cavalry at the beginning of Lee's invasion of Maryland.

On the September 8th the regiment became a part of the famous Maryland Brigade, composed of the 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th Maryland Infantry and Alexander's Battery. This brigade continued as part of the 8th Corps, though it served under Generals Franklin, Couch and French until July 11, 1863. They were then designated the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Corps. Subsequently it became the 2nd Brigade of the same division and, upon the reorganization of the Army of the Potomac in March 1864, it was designated as the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 5th Corps. It served as such until after the battle of Spottsylvania, where the division suffered so severely it was broken up and assigned to other commands, the Maryland Brigade serving as an independent organization until June 1864 when it became the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 5th Corps.

During its service the regiment marched 1,137 miles and was transported by rail 803 miles. It lost 79 officers and men killed, and 110 died of wounds and disease. It participated in the engagements at Funkstown, Haymarket, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, Harris' Farm, North Anna River, Shady Grove, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Poplar Spring Church, Peebles' Farm, Hatcher's Run, numerous actions incident to the siege of Richmond and Petersburg, including White Oak Road and Five Forks, and was present at the surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox.

On April 1, 1865, just eight days before the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, Private Shelton was killed during the battle of Five Forks, Virginia. He was one of only about 115 Union soldiers to perish that day under the command of General "Little Phil" Sheridan. It was during this engagement that Sheridan jumped his horse, Rienzi, over the Confederate earthworks and demanded the surrender of the artillerymen at "The Return" in the Confederate defensive line. That bold action became the subject of a famous painting and a Kurz and Allison print, produced in 1884.

James Shelton's final resting place is unknown, but he is assumed to be one of the 6,000 unknown Union soldiers buried at Poplar Grove National Military Cemetery, not far from Five Forks. The remains interred there were gathered from battlefields across southern Virginia during the summers of 1864 and 1865.

James Shelton left behind his wife and seven children on their farm near Libertytown, Frederick County, Maryland. His widow was granted a \$12 monthly pension.

Q: What Civil War military campaign in 1864 was prompted by Napoleon's nephew?

A: Concerned about French Emperor Napoleon III establishing a puppet government in Mexico, Lincoln ordered the Union occupation of eastern Texas in 1864, which resulted in the controversial Red River Campaign.

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Next Meeting: Sat., May 12, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
Coco's Restaurant, 370 S. Kiely Blvd., San José, Calif.



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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.

Q: Where did Julia Ward Howe write "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"?

A: She penned the famous Civil War Song while a guest at Willard's Hotel during a visit to Washington.