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Note from the Editor

Due to other personal commitments, I was unable to produce a separate newsletter for May-June 2001. Therefore, this issue will cover May, June, July, and August of 2001.

If you have information or an article that you would like to see published in *Sheridan's Dispatch*, I encourage you to forward them to me via e-mail or regular postal delivery.

Memorial Day Activities

This past Memorial Day weekend our Camp tried something different in honor of our ancestors. We were invited by the **National Civil War Association (NCWA)**, a Northern California based Civil War reenactment group, to set up a recruitment booth at the Civil War Days held May 26, 27, and 28 at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

With the cooperation of the **Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 of Castro Valley**, we manned the booth for the entire three days of the event. Many visitors showed an interest in our organization and our patriotic display gave much needed publicity to our Order.

On Memorial Day Monday we were honored to be allowed to march in the ceremony and pay our respects to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to the Brothers of Camp 4 and Camp 24 that helped make this event possible. A special thank you is extended to Brothers **Bob Kadlec**, **Dan Renfroe**, and **Kermit Claytor** for their assistance and hard work in coordinating this event!

In addition to helping with the recruitment booth, **Brother Dan Bunnell PDC** represented our Order by placing a wreath at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Memorial Day.

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SUVCW Recruiting Booth

L-R: Nate Pyles, Dan Bunnell PDC, Dan Renfroe, Corky Reed, Brad Schall, Tad Campbell, Dave Schleeter, and Dan Earl

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Successful SUVCW Picnic Held!

Four of the six Northern California Camps were represented at the SUVCW picnic on Saturday, July 28th at the Presidio in San Francisco.

We were honored to have our Department Commander **Bob Lowe** present for the festivities. In addition, the following Camp Commanders were present: **Tad Campbell** of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (San José), **Bob Nelson** of Lincoln Camp 10 (Santa Cruz), **James Spencer** of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 (Santa Rosa), and **Brad Schall** of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 (Castro Valley). A number of wives and other relatives were also present and helped make this truly a family affair.

After gathering at the picnic grounds, the group proceeded to the GAR monument at the nearby National Cemetery, where a short memorial ceremony was held, led by Bro. **Nate Pyles**, Pleasonton Camp 24's Chaplain.

Once reassembled at the picnic area, speeches were made by Dept. SVC **Brad Schall**, Dept. Cmdr. **Bob Lowe**, Dept. Historian **Bob Nelson**, and **Charles Christian**. Brother Christian was also presented with his Past Camp Commander's Badge and a certificate of appreciation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans for his efforts in recognizing the sacrifices of both the Boys in Blue and the Boys in Gray.

The group then proceeded to Fort Point National Historic Site for a guided tour of the Civil War era installation. The Fort is located directly below the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Many attendees returned to the picnic grounds after the tour and continued the festivities for some time. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

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SUVCW Represented at Family Reunion In Kansas

Camp Commander **Tad Campbell** represented the SUVCW at a family reunion of approximately fifty people at Welda, Kansas on July 21, 2001.

The Settle-Taylor Family Reunion consisted of descendants of Robert A. and Susanna (Robinson) Taylor through their daughters Mary Margaret (Taylor) Wolf and Emma Araminta (Taylor) Settle.

Robert and Susanna Taylor had three sons, all of whom served in the Union Army and died during the Civil War.

Cmdr. Campbell, a direct descendant of Mary Margaret (Taylor) Wolf, wore his SVR uniform and spoke to the group about the sacrifices of the Taylor brothers during the war. He also gave a brief history of the GAR and the SUVCW and provided the group with the names and locations of the Sons Camps in Kansas.



Tad Campbell at the grave of his Civil War ancestor

Many of the guests were quite interested in the GAR and SUVCW and later approached Cmdr. Campbell with additional questions.

After the reunion, Cmdr. Campbell proceeded to the Welda Cemetery where he had his picture taken in uniform next to the grave of his great-great-great grandfather, Sgt. Jonathan E. Wolf of Company A, 18th Iowa Infantry.

Q: What was a "belly band," worn by some Civil War soldiers?

A: It was a flannel bandage mistakenly thought to relieve dysentery.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Annual Oak Hill GAR Burial Plot Conservation Program

Scheduled for Sunday, September 9th, 2001 at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José. We have invited Mayor Ron Gonzales and several other dignitaries to attend. Sheridan, Pleasonton and Lincoln Camps will participate. Activities will begin at 10:00 am with the ceremony at noon. We need Camp Brothers to help with this effort! Please contact Brothers Dan Bunnell or Bob Kadlec if you can assist or just attend!

Next Camp Meeting

The regular Camp meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2001 has been postponed to Saturday, October 13, 2001.

Meeting Location

Because not enough members attend the regular meetings, Coco's Restaurant has told us that we may no longer hold our meetings at their facility. We are currently seeking a new meeting locale. If you have any suggestions, please advise any of your Camp Officers. Brothers will be informed of the new meeting place as soon as possible.

Election Meeting

Nominations and elections of Camp Officers for 2001-2002 will be held at the regular Camp meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2001.

Installation Meeting

Newly elected Camp Officers will be installed at our installation meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2001. We will have the honor of Department Commander Bob Lowe serving as Installation Officer.

We had hoped to make this a joint installation meeting with Pleasonton Camp 24, but this no longer seems practical. Again, the location will be announced as soon as it has been determined.

120th Annual National Encampment

This years' National Encampment of the SUVCW will be held at Springfield, Missouri August 9-12, 2001. Most of the Camp Officers will be attending the Encampment and may not be available during the first part of August.

Sick Call

Brother **Jerry Sayre**, SVC of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 of Escondido lost his mother on April 28, 2001 at the age of 82.

Department Color Bearer **David Allyn** of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 of Escondido lost his father **Eugene George Allyn** on June 20, 2001 at St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Allyn was 86.

Brother **Don Mosier** of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 of Castro Valley is recovering from a stroke he suffered on June 27, 2001.

Brother **Ed Berger**, Commander of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 of Escondido and Department Councilman, lost his wife **Bonnie** to cancer of the liver on July 25, 2001.



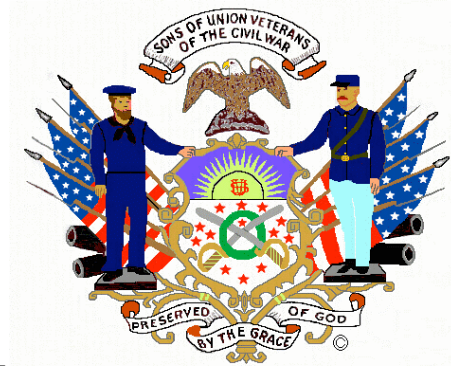
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Next Meeting: Sat., Oct. 13th, 2001
TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED



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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: Who said "Really, Mr. Lincoln, I have had enough of this show business"?

A: Ulysses S. Grant so declined to attend a White House party in his honor in order to return to the front.