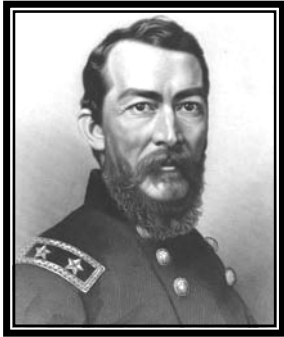


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Camp Elections Held

Another Record Set for Meeting Attendance

Thirteen Brothers and two guests present for the Camp's annual election meeting, making it the most well attended meeting on record! This was also the first to be held at the Camp's new meeting room at the American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Avenue in Santa Clara. All present agreed that this is an ideal location. It is easy to find, with plenty of parking and a spacious private room.



Back L-R: Ken Sweatt, Steve Welch, Dave Schleeter, Dan Bunnell, Dan Renfroe, Dan Earl, Clark Seum, Bob Kadlec.

Front L-R: Rick LaRosa, Julian Bruce, Tad Campbell, Jordan Bruce

The Camp decided to donate the "Cheney Flag" to the Department for use as the Department's national colors. Before giving it to the Camp, **BRO. DONALD W. PRAY** had the flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC in honor of our late **BRO. DON CHENEY** who was a Past Camp and Department Commander. Bro. Pray agreed that it was fitting that the flag should be used at the Department level, in recognition of Bro. Cheney's service.

The following Brothers were unanimously elected into the Camp: **JORDAN BRUCE, JULIAN BRUCE, STEVEN WELCH, JAMES WELCH, STEVE FRADY,** and **SCOTT YOUNG.** Bros. Jordan Bruce, Julian Bruce, and Steven Welch were present and initiated. The Bruce brothers were presented with their membership badges and certificates.

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An interim Military Affairs Committee was appointed, to serve until the new Commander makes his appointments, consisting of the following Brothers: **DAVID C. SCHLEETER**, Chair, **DONALD W. PRAY**, **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**, and **GREG SWEATT**.

The following Camp Officers were elected for the 2003 term:

Commander	Robert J. Kadlec
Senior Vice Commander	David C. Schleeter
Junior Vice Commander	Daniel M. Bunnell PDC
Secretary/Treasurer	Daniel. R. Earl
Council	Tad D. Campbell
	Rick T. LaRosa
	Donald W. Pray

The 2003 Officers-elect are to be installed by Department Commander D. Brad Schall at the Camp's Installation Banquet at Lou's Village Restaurant on January 4, 2003.

Elected Delegates to the 117th Annual Department Encampment are: **WILLIAM STEWART**, **DONALD W. PRAY**, **RICK T. LAROSA**, **REV. CLARK D. SEUM**, **STEVEN WELCH**, and **JULIAN BRUCE**. If you are interested in attending the Encampment but were not elected as a Delegate, please let Commander-Elect Kadlec know so that he may appoint you after the first of the year.

Pursuant to Camp Order #6, and in recognition of Remembrance Day, Patriotic Instructor **DAVID C. SCHLEETER** read Abraham Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*.

This was a very busy meeting and a lot was accomplished in a relatively short amount of time. Our Camp continues to grow and it is hoped that the next meeting will be even more successful!

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Camp Welcomes Our Second Junior Member!

We are pleased to announce the addition of another Junior Member to the Camp ranks!

BRO. JOSEPH R. "JOEY" LUTES OF DOS PALOS, CA

Bro. Joey Lutes will be nine years old in February 2003. Through his mother, Laurel Anderson, Joey is descended from Pvt. Samuel F. Stewart of Co. A, 139th Pennsylvania Infantry. Pvt. Stewart enlisted on 1 Sept. 1862 and was honorably discharged on 21 Jun 1865. He was wounded during the battle of the Wilderness on 5 May 1864.

We're certain that Joey and our other Junior Member, **JAMES WELCH** (who is also eight years old) will have much in common. Welcome aboard Joey!

Veterans Memorial Flag Lowering Ceremony

Submitted by SVC Robert J. Kadlec

Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 participated in its third Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Sunday, November 25, 2002. Junior Vice Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER** and Past Department Commander **DAN BUNNELL** formed the Color Guard lowering the flag. Camp Chaplain, the **REVEREND CLARK SEUM**, performed the Invocation, and Sr. Vice Commander **BOB KADLEC**, in conjunction with the County of Santa Clara Veterans Services Officer **CHUCK ROEDER**, led the ceremony.

Every day a deceased veteran's name is entered on the honor plaque located at the base of the Oak Hill flag. Veterans need not be interred at Oak Hill to have their name on the honor plaque. They may be buried elsewhere and many veterans are buried overseas or in National cemeteries throughout the country. When a

veteran is honored his name is placed into the "Book Everlasting" which is located in the lobby of the Oak Hill Administration Building. This book provides a permanent record of all veterans who have been honored.

At the end of each month a veterans' organization will participate in a Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park. Relatives of honored veterans are invited to the ceremony, which is jointly sponsored by Oak Hill and the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County. Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 has been participating in these ceremonies since January 2001.

Frances E. Appleton (1923-2002)

The Camp regrets the loss of the wife and grandmother of two of our Camp Brothers. Frances E. Appleton was the wife for nearly 61 years of Bro. FRANCIS "GEORGE"

APPLETON of San José, and the grandmother of Camp Commander TAD D. CAMPBELL of Gilroy.

Frances Elizabeth "Frankie" Foster was born in Perry, Shiawassee Co., MI on 6 July 1923, the eldest child of Ira Moses Ellsworth Foster and Maude Lenore Grundy. She passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on 6 Dec. 2002, while visiting her daughter in Grizzly Flats, El Dorado Co., CA.

Frankie graduated from Perry High School in 1941 and was married to Francis Appleton on 16

The Color Guard halted in front of the reviewing stand and fired a salute from their model 1861



Jan. 1942. This union produced three children, Kathy Jeanne, Paul Francis, and Nancy Kae. The family moved from Michigan to the Bay Area in the 1960's.

She leaves, besides her husband and three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

It was through Frankie's great-grandfather, Ira Erastus Angus of Co. F, 10th Michigan Cavalry, that Commander Campbell originally joined the SUVCW. The Camp extends its condolences to both Brothers during this difficult time.

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

On November 11th, for the second year in a row, the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José.

The following Brothers took part in the Color Guard: TAD CAMPBELL, BOB KADLEC, DAVE SCHLEETER, DAN EARL, DAN BUNNELL PDC, RICK LAROSA, JULIAN BRUCE, and JORDAN BRUCE. Bro. RICHARD MAYER assisted by taking photos, while REV. CLARK SEUM observed from the reviewing stand.



Q: What was Salisbury Prison before the war and how many Union troops died there?

A: Located in Salisbury, North Carolina, it was converted from an old cotton factory. More than 3,000 Federal prisoners died there in 1864-65.

Springfield rifles. The volley was certainly a crowd pleaser!

This parade down Market Street is quickly becoming a "must" as an annual event for the Camp!

SUVCW to Appear at Super Bowl XXXVII!



Through the efforts of Bros. **WILL TISCH** and **DAVE ALLYN** of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 in Escondido, the Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW will be participating in the pre-game ceremonies at Super Bowl XXXVII at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego on 26 Jan. 2003.

During the ceremonies, which will honor veterans of seven wars, twenty-five members of our Department will march out onto the field representing those that fought during the Civil War. Department Commander **D. BRAD SCHALL** will be among the participants and our Department Flag will be carried onto the field, as well as the flags of several Camps.

This will be an excellent way for our Order to be seen by literally millions of people. Even if you're not a football fan, please watch the opening ceremonies of the Super Bowl for this special event!



Open House at Fort Point

The SUVCW has again been invited to the American Civil War Association (ACWA) sponsored open house at historic Fort Point. It will be held Saturday, January 18th, 2003 between 10 am and 4 pm.

Fort Point is a Civil War era installation, located beneath the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge. In 1865, Company C of the 8th California Infantry Regiment (the namesake of our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit) served at Fort Point.

The ACWA reenactors will have a tent bivouac set up just outside the Fort. They will display both military and civilian camp life and will be conducting military drills. They will also have formations entering the Fort and will perform drills in the courtyard. Other living history displays will also be set up within the courtyard.

The SUVCW will have a display table and recruiting booth set up inside the courtyard of the Fort. Those interested in assisting with the recruitment effort are encouraged to wear a uniform, but one is not required. Also, if anyone would like to bring their muskets and swords for "show and tell" they are welcome to do so. It is suggested that those attending bring lunch or a snack as there is no food service at the Fort.

For further information, please contact Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24's Senior Vice Commander **CHARLIE MABIE** at:

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Lincoln's 194th Birthday to be Celebrated at Camp Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Camp has been scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, 2003. Although the Camp generally meets on odd numbered months, it was decided that a meeting in February would enable the Camp to get an earlier start in planning for Memorial Day activities this coming year.



Additionally, since the meeting is only four days before Abraham Lincoln's 194th birthday, it was decided to have a casual evening dinner meeting, featuring a Presidential birthday cake. There is also an effort to have a gentleman who portrays Lincoln as a guest speaker.

Mark the date and time on your calendars and plan to attend! Family and friends are welcome!

WHEN: Sat., February 8th, 2003 at 5:00 pm.

WHERE: Coco's Restaurant

330 East Hamilton Ave., Campbell.

THE SUVCW AND THE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by Camp Counselor Daniel R. Earl

One of the objectives of our organization is to prevent the "destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union" and to "sustain the American principles of representative government . . . and equal rights . . ." To facilitate the achievement of this objective an enhanced understanding of the constitutional principles of our government is indispensable. Our Constitution is a unique and complex "living document." Yes, it is referred to it as a "living document" because although the language itself seldom changes, the way in which it is interpreted is constantly transforming the way Americans live their lives.

In an effort to help educate our own membership – so we can be more knowledgeable ourselves when asked questions about our government, and specifically our Constitution – I will be writing a series of articles, in addition to this one, for the *Sheridan's Dispatch*. It is my hope and intention that these articles will provide a straightforward explanation of our Constitution, without over simplifying it, by avoiding all the

technicalities and legal jargon so often associated with interpretation of American jurisprudence (that's legalese for "a system of laws"). That being said, I'll begin with the Preamble to our Constitution:

The Preamble

**WE THE PEOPLE of the United States,
in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic
Tranquility, provide for the common defense,
promote the general Welfare, and secure the
Blessings of Liberty of ourselves and our
Posterity, do ordain and establish this
CONSTITUTION for the United States of
America.**

The authority of our Constitution is derived from the *people* of all the states, not the state governments, even though the Legislatures of the state governments chose the delegates who drafted it. Some, however, believe that this authority comes from action of state governments, known as "states' rights" or the implied theory of "interposition" (more legalese). Based on this, any state may impose its own power within its borders, regardless of any Act of Congress or decision by the Supreme Court. The foundation of this view was disavowed in the Preamble and in Article VI of our Constitution. It is clear that the founding fathers of our country intended the Preamble establish a government that would serve the best interest of the greatest number of people and that the *people* establish this government, not the states.

Although the Preamble makes clear who is responsible for the creation of the Constitution, it has only been interpreted as an introduction to the Constitution. It has never been construed as a source of any specific legal authority. The Preamble also makes no reference to power granted to any of the three branches of government. Such powers evolve only from specific authority in the body of the Constitution, those that may be implied by the Constitution, or those as interpreted by the Courts of the United States. In my next article I'll go in to more detail about the specific Articles of our Constitution and how they impact our way of life.

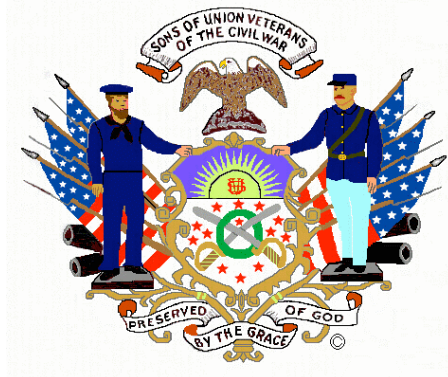
Q: What Union victory, won on March 8, 1862, was the largest Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River?

A: The Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

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A male descendant, whether through lineal or collateral line and not less than 14 years of age (6 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: What Union regiments captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis?

A: On May 10, 1865, Davis and his family were captured near Irwinville, Georgia, by the 4th Michigan Cavalry and the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry.