

# Sheridan's Dispatch

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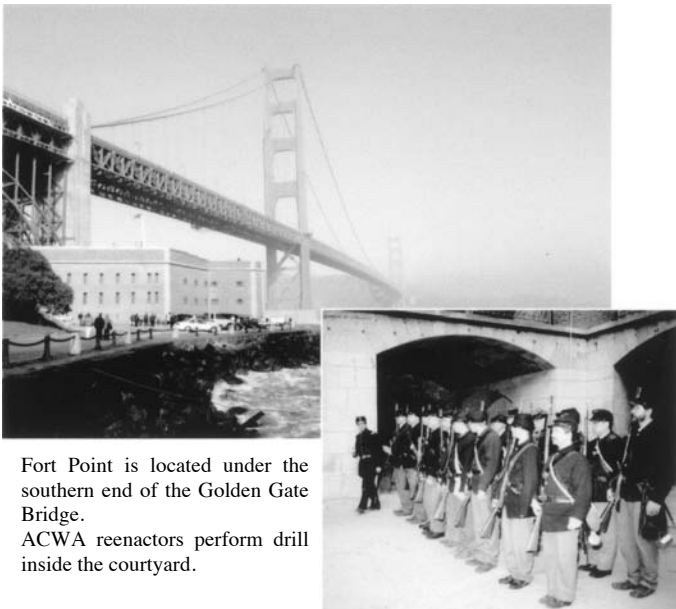
January-February 2003

## Fort Point Open House

*Submitted by Cmdr. Robert J. Kadlec*

The American Civil War Association (ACWA) sponsored Open House at San Francisco's historic Fort Point was held on January 18th, 2003. The Fort is located under the Golden Gate Bridge on the San Francisco side of the Bay. During the Civil War the Fort, which is similar in design to Fort Sumter, provided defense against a possible Confederate naval attack on San Francisco.

The ACWA reenactors set up "bivouacs" just outside the fort where they conducted military drills. At various times during the day they had formations, representing different Union regiments, enter the fort and perform drills in the courtyard.



Fort Point is located under the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge. ACWA reenactors perform drill inside the courtyard.

For the last three years the Department of California and Pacific has represented the SUVCW at the Open House. Department Commander Brad Schall suggested that all Northern California Camps participate and that we make this an annual Department event.



Brothers Dave Schleeter, Tad Campbell PCC, and Dan Earl man the recruiting booth and inform the public about our Order.

Members of **PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4** and **GEN. ALFRED PLEASANTON CAMP 24** set up tables in the courtyard of the fort to display memorabilia, answer visitors' questions, and conduct recruiting. Volunteers from Phil Sheridan Camp 4 included: **TAD CAMPBELL (PCC)**, **DAN EARL (SEC.-TREAS.)**, **BOB KADLEC (CMDR.)**, **DAVE SCHLEETER (SVC)**, **STEVE & JAMES WELCH**, and **DAN RENFROE**.

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## Commander's Column



I wish to thank you all for your confidence in electing me as your Camp Commander for 2003. I hope that I will be able to live up to your trust. This year will be a busy year for your Camp and I will definitely need all your support in making this a productive year.

Our Installation Banquet on the 4th of January exceeded all expectations. Department Commander Brad Schall and his wife Patti were kind enough to join us and Commander Schall served as Installation Officer for your newly elected and appointed Camp officers. Before the Installation Ceremony, Commander Schall graciously performed the initiation of James Welch, our youngest new member. Outgoing Camp Commander Tad Campbell participated in a surprise presentation to Camp Chaplain, Reverend Clark Seum. At long last, Chaplain Seum received his SUVCW War Medal for his personal service to his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. This issue of the Sheridan Dispatch contains a color photo section of the Installation Banquet.

Saturday, January 18th, was the occasion of an Open House at San Francisco's historic Fort Point. This was the third year that the SUVCW has been invited to this event, sponsored by the American Civil War Association (ACWA). Your Camp, along with Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24, represented the Department of California & Pacific with a recruiting booth within the courtyard of the fort.

Normally Phil Sheridan Camp 4 meetings are held on the second Saturday of each odd

numbered month. That would make our first official meeting for 2003 in March. A consensus decided that this date might be too close to the Department Encampment on the 28th of March and much business must be conducted before the Encampment. Also, we have several birthdays during the month of February, including the 194th for President Abraham Lincoln. Therefore, it was decided to have a combined Camp business meeting and a Lincoln Dinner/Birthday party on Saturday evening, February 8th. The Camp meeting will convene at 5:00 PM at Coco's Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue in Campbell. Additionally, your Camp will initiate its second Junior member at this meeting.

Among the important issues that will be up for approval during the February 8th Camp meeting include the budget for 2003, membership in the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara, and the appointment of members of Camp Standing Committees. Additionally, the results of the membership survey will be addressed and a determination of Camp meeting dates for the year will be discussed.

It has been suggested by the Department of California & Pacific that Camps contact local theaters to see about setting up a recruitment booth during the February 27th premier of the movie *Gods and Generals*. Production of recruiting brochures for this event might cost between \$150 and \$290, which will require Camp approval. This Ted Turner film, in his *Gettysburg* tradition, is reviewed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Camp Standing Committees are the keys to the successful operation of the Camp and your participation is strongly encouraged. This is your Camp and your participation on the committees is important to its success. Please take the time to review the Standing Committee descriptions contained in this newsletter and be prepared to volunteer at our next meeting.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Bob Kadlec, Commander

Q: Who was the commander of Camp Douglas, the notorious Union prison for 10,000 captured Confederates near Chicago?

A: For most of the war, Camp Douglas was commanded by Col. Benjamin J. Sweet, a commander of Wisconsin troops, who had been wounded at the Battle of Perryville.

# Camp Orders

## CAMP ORDER No. 1 - Series 2003 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS

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: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp #4, for 2003 term. I can assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I, will work tirelessly to ensure that the Camp does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of our Organization. My tenure will be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <philsheridan4@aol.com>, or at the Camp post office box, P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664.

Section 2: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 16 November 2002, and installed on 4 January 2003 are as follows:

- ⇒ Commander — Br. Robert J. Kadlec
- ⇒ Sr. Vice-Commander — Br. David C. Schleeter
- ⇒ Jr. Vice-Commander — Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- ⇒ Secretary-Treasurer — Br. Daniel R. Earl
- ⇒ Council — Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- ⇒ Council — Br. Donald W. Pray
- ⇒ Council — Br. Rick T. LaRosa

Section 3: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- ⇒ Chaplain — Rev. Clark Seum
- ⇒ Patriotic Instructor — Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- ⇒ Counselor — Br. Daniel R. Earl
- ⇒ Historian — Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- ⇒ Guide — Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- ⇒ Color Bearer — Br. David C. Schleeter
- ⇒ Guard — Br. Rick T. LaRosa
- ⇒ Signals Officer — Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- ⇒ Graves Registration Officer — Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- ⇒ Civil War Memorials Officer — Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- ⇒ Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator — Br. Donald W. Pray
- ⇒ *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor — Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC

Section 4: After consultation with the Camp Council and other officers, the location for our regular Camp meetings will forthwith be held at the American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, located at 120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California, effective immediately, unless a different location is otherwise designated.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Robert J. Kadlec, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Robert J. Kadlec  
Camp Commander, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST: By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl, Camp  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Installation Banquet • 4 January 2003



Department Commander Brad Schall initiated new Junior Member James Welch and presented Membership Badges and Certificates to James and his father Steven Welch during the Banquet.



**Tad Campbell presents the Governor John A. Dix Graves Registration Award to Dan Bunnell (PDC)**



**Tad Campbell presents the Don Cheney Recruitment Award and the General Phillip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication Award to Dan Earl**



**Chaplain, Reverend Clark Seum, Receives his War Medal from Tad Campbell for service to his country during World War II**



**Department Commander Brad Schall Installs the 2003 Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Officers**



**Department Commander Brad Schall presents Camp Commander's Badge to Bob Kadlec**



**Tad Campbell receives his Past Camp Commander's Badge from wife Rachelle**



**Bob Kadlec presents outgoing Commander Tad Campbell with plaque & gavel in appreciation of two years of outstanding service as Camp Commander**



**Young and Old New member James Welch meets 50-year veteran Chaplain, Reverend Clark Seum**

**Department Commander Brad Schall and the 2003 Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Officers**



Veteran's Day Parade • San Jose, California • 11 November 2002



**Join in the Celebration  
of  
Abraham Lincoln's  
194th Birthday**



**Coco's Restaurant  
330 East Hamilton Avenue  
Campbell, California**

**Held in conjunction with the first  
Phil Sheridan Camp 4  
2003 meeting**

**1700 hours (5:00 PM)  
8 February 2003**

**CAMP SPECIAL ORDER No. 1 - Series 2003  
IN MEMORY OF FRANCES ELIZABETH  
"FRANKIE" (FOSTER) APPLETON**

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*, Frances Elizabeth "Frankie" (Foster) Appleton, wife of Camp Brother Francis George Appleton, maternal grandmother of immediate Past Camp Commander Tad D. Campbell, and mother-in-law to Brother Donald D. Campbell, was born at the home of her grandparents on 6 July 1923 in the town of Perry, Michigan, and passed away on Friday morning, 6 December 2002; she is survived by her husband, two daughters, one son, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous other family and friends; and,

*WHEREAS*, Frankie spent all of her early life in and around Perry, she graduated from Perry High School with the class of 1941 and on 16 January 1942 married Francis George Appleton at Perry, MI; and,

*WHEREAS*, Frankie and George moved from Perry to Ypsilanti, MI and thence to Adrian, MI before moving to Phoenix, Arizona in 1960. After a brief return to Michigan they moved west again to Los Gatos, California, and finally settled in San José, CA where they retired; and,

*WHEREAS*, Frankie will be remembered for her love of family, generosity, humanity, and gentle spirit; her family and friends were her life, she will be deeply missed; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, that the Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 express their profound sympathy to the family and friends of Frankie Appleton.

Section 2: In memory of Frankie Appleton, the Camp Charter shall be draped in black during the remaining days of the Month of January 2003.

The foregoing Special Camp Order is proclaimed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Robert J. Kadlec, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Robert J. Kadlec

Camp Commander, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST: By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl, Camp Secretary-Treasurer

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**Co. C, 8th Calif. Vol. Inf. Regt.  
Returns to Fort Point**

Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment, was officially re-established on August 11th, 2001 as part of the Sixth Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve of the SUVCW. San José's original Company C served at Fort Point between January and October 1865.

Current Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER**, along with Company representatives **TAD CAMPBELL**, **DAN EARL**, and **BOB KADLEC**, formed up in the courtyard of Fort Point on January 18th, 2003, making it the first time that the Company has assembled there in 138 years!



Members of Company C, Dan Earl, Dave Schleeter, Tad Campbell, and Bob Kadlec, pose for a historic photo at Fort Point.

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Q: What Union army corps was designated by a badge shaped like an acorn?

A: The acorn badge belonged to the U.S. XIV Corps, which saw action at Stone's River, Chickamauga, Atlanta, on the March to the Sea, and in the Carolinas Campaign.

## Gertrude Janeway, Last Union Civil War Widow, Dead at Age 93

*Submitted by Patriotic Instructor Tad D. Campbell, PCC*

On Friday, January 17, 2003, Gertrude (Grubb) Janeway, the last known surviving widow of a Union Civil War veteran, died at her home in Blaine, Tennessee at the age of ninety-three years.

Her husband, John Janeway, a native of Grainger County, Tennessee, enlisted in Company E, 14th Illinois Cavalry on June 1, 1864. Two months after enlisting, Mr. Janeway, who went by the name John January during his stint with the army, was captured in a battle against Confederate soldiers near Athens, Georgia. After being paroled, he rejoined his unit until the war ended four months later.

Gertrude Grubb was born on July 3, 1909, forty-four years after the end of the Civil War. On June 9, 1927, a month shy of her eighteenth birthday, Gertrude married John Janeway, age eighty-one. They lived together as husband and wife for a decade until he died in 1937 at the age of ninety-one.

Mrs. Janeway never remarried and lived the rest of her life in the three-room cabin she and her husband bought together. She received a monthly pension of \$70 from the government for her husband's service to our country. Gertrude Janeway is survived by many nieces and nephews, and was an honorary member of the both the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Over the past several years, the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 has provided Mrs. Janeway with a small monetary gift in recognition of her husband's sacrifices for our country and her own status as the last living Union widow. This tangible link to the Boys in Blue will most certainly be missed.

There remains one surviving Confederate widow, Mrs. Alberta Martin, 95, of Elba, Alabama.

## Movie Review "Gods and Generals"

*Submitted by Cmdr. Robert J. Kadlec*

This Ted Turner epic takes place between the first battle of Manassas (Bull Run) in 1861 and Fredericksburg in 1863. It is said to be over three and half hours in length and is essentially a prequel to the film *Gettysburg*. It explores the motivations of the combatants and examines the lives of those who waited at home.

The movie is based on the book of the same title by Jeff Shaara. It features much of the same cast that was in the 1993 film *Gettysburg* although some cast members will have different roles. For example, Robert Duvall's role of General Robert E. Lee in this film was played by Martin Sheen in *Gettysburg*.

This film is intended to be chronologically the first film of a trilogy, of which *Gettysburg* is the second. A future project, *The Last Full Measure*, will be the finale, covering the two bloody years after *Gettysburg* leading up to Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

The film is set before and during the early days of the Civil War between the North and South. This ensemble cast historical epic tells the true stories of the battles of First Manassas (alias Bull Run), Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, using a mix of historic and fictional characters. One of the most important figures portrayed will be Confederate General Stonewall Jackson, around whom much of the story revolves, leading up to tragedy for him at Chancellorsville.

The cast includes:

Bruce Boxleitner (Lt. General James Longstreet)  
 Jeff Daniels (Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain)  
 Robert Duvall (General Robert E. Lee)  
 C. Thomas Howell (Tom Chamberlain)  
 Stephen Lang (General Stonewall Jackson)  
 Mira Sorvino (Fanny Chamberlain)  
 Mac Butler (Joseph Hooker)  
 Senator Robert Byrd  
 Chris Connor (John Wilkes Booth)  
 Patrick Gorman (Brig. General John Bell Hood)  
 Senator Phil Gramm  
 Rosemary Knower (Mary Lincoln)  
 Alex Hyde White (General Ambrose Burnside)

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.



It is said that the cameo by producer Ted Turner, who played the part of Colonel Waller T. Patton, ended up on the cutting room floor!

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## Summary of Standing Committees

*Submitted by Sec.-Treas. Daniel R. Earl*

The following Camp committees are open for appointment. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact Camp Commander Bob Kadlec as soon as possible. Appointments at the Camp meeting on February 8th.

**PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Program and Publicity shall be responsible for arranging special programs, speakers, et cetera for the Camp meetings, and for the general publicity of the Camp and the Order. This Committee shall be chaired by the Senior Vice Commander.

**CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Civil War Memorials shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Camp any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. This Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer.

**GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.** The purpose of the Standing Committee on Graves Registration shall be to identify and record graves and memorials to Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers and to secure veteran headstones from the Federal government. The Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Graves Registration Officer.

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Legislation shall keep the Camp informed of legislation that may be introduced in the California Legislature or United States Congress, of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Camp, or the patriotic interest of the public, and may recommend to the Camp any action that the Committee deems advisable or expedient. The Committee shall also act upon matters referred to it by the Camp Commander.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Bylaws shall periodically review these Bylaws, bringing necessary revisions to the attention of the Camp

membership. This Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Counselor.

**HISTORY COMMITTEE.** The purpose of the Standing Committee on History shall be to identify and preserve historical and biographical material pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their respective membership. This Committee shall be chaired by the Camp Historian.

**CEREMONIAL OBSERVANCES COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Ceremonial Observances shall be responsible for recommending and coordinating all arrangements necessary for the appropriate observance by the Camp of the following patriotic holidays: National Freedom Day (February 1<sup>st</sup>), Lincoln Day (February 12<sup>th</sup>), Presidents Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February), Armed Forces Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May), Memorial Day (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of May), Flag Day/National Flag Week (June 14<sup>th</sup>), Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>), Citizenship Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>), Constitution Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>), Veterans Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>), Remembrance Day (November 19<sup>th</sup>), and any other patriotic holiday or event deemed appropriate by the Camp Commander. Subcommittees are established to divide the work on these observances.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.** The Standing Committee on Military Affairs shall be responsible for: (a) advising the Camp on all matters relating to appropriate era military dress, mannerism and formalities associated with Camp ceremonies, parades, and activities; (b) assisting the Brothers in obtaining appropriate uniforms; (c) shall have general oversight of the Camp Guard, including the establishment of operating procedures, subject to the approval of the Camp; (d) establishment and maintenance of communication and coordination channels between the Camp Color Guard, Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), and local Civil War reenactment organizations. Members for the Committee have been appointed as follows: Dave Schleeter (Chair), Don Pray, Dan Bunnell (PDC), and Greg Sweatt

**VISITATIONS COMMITTEE.** The purpose of the Standing Committee on Visitations shall be to identify and report on sick, injured, or bereaved members and their families. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that appropriate measures of compassion and comfort are undertaken, for example, by sending cards, flowers, or the undertaking of other appropriate actions.

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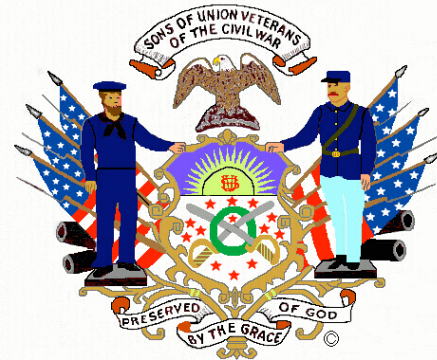
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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, 5 p.m.  
Coco's Restaurant, 330 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell, CA



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<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/sheridan4.html>

### Department Web Site:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/deptca.html>

### National Web Site:

<http://www.suvcw.org>

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### Membership Eligibility:

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: Who were the Loudoun Rangers and whom did they chase?

A: The Loudoun Rangers were a special unit of Union troops recruited to capture Mosby's Guerrillas—but they were unsuccessful.