



# Sheridan's Dispatch

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Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## Rev. Clark Seum Achieves 50 Years



Past Department Commander, Dan Bunnell pins Rev. Clark Seum with his new 50-Year Membership Badge

During the 117th Annual Department of California & Pacific Encampment, held in San Luis Obispo on the 29th of March 2003, SUVCW National Commander-in Chief Robert E. Grim presented the Reverend Clark Seum with his new Membership Badge and the Continuous Service Award upon reaching fifty years of service to the Order.

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# Annual Department Encampment Held

*Submitted by Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCC*



## Camp Brothers at the Department Encampment

Front: Rick LaRosa, Tad Campbell PCC, Dan Earl, Richard Mayer  
Middle: Clark Seum, Dept. Cmdr. Brad Schall, C-in-C Bob Grim, Ann Schleeter, Bob Kadlec  
Back: Bill Stewart, Frank Guirado, Dan Bunnell PDC, Dave Schleeter, Steve Welch

The 117th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held March 28-29, 2003 at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo, California.

The fine attendance by the Phil Sheridan Camp is evidenced by the photo to the left. Also attending the Encampment were wives **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** and **ANN SCHLEETER**. Bro. **RICHARD MAYER** served as the official photographer for the Encampment.

The activities began on Friday, March 28th at 3 PM with an informal "Camp Fire" and dinner at the Lodge. This social event gave Brothers a chance to talk and get to know one another better.

On Saturday, March 29th, the Encampment Meeting was held in the Lodge Room and a buffet lunch was enjoyed at midday. After the Encampment, each Camp posed for photographs and then went to the nearby G.A.R. plot for a short memorial service.

Our National Commander-in-Chief, Brother **ROBERT GRIM** of Ohio, was our honored guest and served as the Installing Officer for the newly elected/appointed officers. The members of the Encampment later hosted the Commander-in-Chief for drinks and dinner at the 1865 Restaurant on Saturday evening.

One of the highlights of the Encampment was the presentation by Commander-in-Chief Grim of the Order's 50-year membership badge to our own Phil Sheridan Camp Chaplain, the **REV. CLARK SEUM**. Brothers of the Camp and Department purchased the badge for Bro. Seum without his knowledge and the presentation was definitely a surprise. The Commander-in-Chief also presented Clark with a certificate recognizing his lengthy and valuable service to the Order.

## Support-the-Troops Rally Held in Gilroy

*Submitted by Tad D. Campbell, PCC*

Dressed in full Union uniforms, Brothers **TAD CAMPBELL, PCC** and **DANIEL EARL** represented the Camp at a Support-the-Troops rally, which took place in front of Wheeler Auditorium in Gilroy, California on Friday, April 11, 2003.

Approximately 200 people attended the rally, which featured patriotic music, poems, and prayers for the safety of American troops engaged in Iraq. Several booths were set up to take donations and organize care packages for the service men and women.

Many drivers passing by along the street showed their support by honking their car horns. Thank you to all the brave men and women serving our county!

Q: Where was Ulysses S. Grant when his army was struck by the surprise Confederate attack at Shiloh on April 6, 1862.

A: When the early morning Confederate surprise attack occurred, Grant was eating breakfast at a house in nearby Savannah, Tennessee.

## A Hearty Welcome for Two New Brothers!

**SIDNEY R. ENGLE**, of Ventura, California is a descendant of Private James William Fales of Shiawassee County, Michigan. Pvt. Fales enlisted at Owosso, Michigan on August 14, 1861 at the age of 18, and was mustered into Co. F, 9th Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on August 18, 1862 at Nashville, Tennessee and after the war he lived in Detroit.

**J. FRANK GUIRADO III**, of Pacifica, California is a direct descendant of Juan Frank Guirado who, at San Francisco on August 16, 1861, enlisted as a 1st Lieutenant. He was commissioned into Co. B, 1st California Cavalry on September 11th and mustered out on September 30, 1864 at Fort Union, New Mexico. The 1st California Cavalry was part of the famous "California Column" and formed the advance of Gen. James H. Carleton's expedition to New Mexico and Texas. A detachment of the regiment was even involved in the battle of Picacho Pass, in present-day Arizona, considered the "westernmost battle of the Civil War."

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## Commander's Column

The Phil Sheridan Camp 4 meeting held on February 8th proved to be another record setter in attendance. Seventeen brothers and guests participated in the celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's 194th birthday and the election of three new Brothers as members of the Camp. The meeting convened at Coco's Restaurant in Campbell where Brother Frank Guirado and our second Junior member, Joseph Lutes, were initiated into Camp membership. Appointments were also made to the Camp Committees which are key to the success of Camp activities. The appointed members are listed in Camp Order No. 2 published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Camp's full compliment of ten delegates, plus six guests, attended the 117th annual Department of California and Pacific Encampment in San Luis Obispo on the 29th of March. Camp

Brother Richard Mayer, in addition to being a delegate, was the official photographer for this year's Encampment. A photo album of the Encampment will be published shortly with proceeds from its sale supporting future Encampments. The highlight of this year's Encampment was the presentation of the 50-year membership certificate and badge to Camp Chaplain the Reverend Clark Seum by National Commander-in-Chief Bob Grim. For those who were unable to attend, please plan on joining us next year.

It is hoped that the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 Auxiliary will be revived soon. Some controversy has surrounded the "re-activation" of the Auxiliaries in the Department of California & Pacific of late. There was a separate Phil Sheridan Auxiliary in San Jose that was established around the turn of the 20th Century. However, in the early 1990s the membership fell to the point that it was disbanded. Over the last three or four years your Camp has been seeking to "re-activate" the Auxiliary as part of the Camp and there seems to be renewed interest within the Department as well. It appears that the Phil Sheridan Camp has more than enough interest to establish a Camp Auxiliary, which would meet jointly with the Sons. The first fifteen members would have their names inscribed as Charter Members and will have the honor of being the first reactivated Auxiliary in the Department. Thanks need to be given to Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC) for his efforts to research the Auxiliary requirements and development of procedures to bring the Auxiliary back on line in California.

Our next Camp meeting will be held at American Legion Mission City Post 564 on 10 May. In addition to discussion on the establishment of the Camp Auxiliary, issues that will be addressed during the meeting will include participation and association with other Northern California Camps and preparation for Memorial Day activities with the American Civil War Association and the United Veterans Council. Again the American Legion will provide coffee and the Camp will provide donuts for the meeting.

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

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Q: On March 7-8, 1862, at the Battle of Pea Ridge, where did the Confederate commander establish his field headquarters?

A: During the battle Confederate General Earl Van Dorn, who was ill at the time, directed the combat from an ambulance. The Confederates lost.

# Military Tribute to Bob Hope

Brothers & Camp Officers:

At the recent Department Encampment a resolution was passed authorizing our Department's support of the "Military Tribute to Bob Hope". For reviewing purposes, the background statement and resolution are presented below. Also at the Encampment, I was designated the "collection point" for these tax-deductible donations. It is our hope that many Brothers of your Camp will consider a contribution to this worthy cause.

Not part of the resolution, but certainly an enticement to move forward these donations, was the following offer by publisher and fellow Brother George VanValkenberg. Any organization, or entity thereof (such as our Department), that collects 50 or more donations of \$20 each will receive the following - a 5" x 7" plaque for each donor (\$20 or more) and one plaque for the Department. A prototype of this plaque was shown at the Encampment. Each plaque will be inscribed with the name of the donor, the SUVCW Department emblem, a photo of Bob Hope and an inscription of your contribution to this tribute monument.

Two web sites that may further inform our Brothers of this cause are:

<http://www.hopetribute.org>

[http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego\\_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp](http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp)

Please use your various means of communication (meetings, newsletters, email, etc.) to encourage our Brothers to send contributions to me at the address provided below. Checks should be made payable to "Military Tribute to Bob Hope". Of course, any contribution will be greatly appreciated, but those giving less than \$20 will not receive a plaque.

If you or any of our members have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Bro. Dave Allyn, or myself, at anytime. Let's show National what our Department can do! Our success in this matter will also be an indication of what can be done nationally, when this resolution is brought up at our National Encampment in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky this August.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.



Yours in F., C., & L.,

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## **Background on the Military Tribute to Bob Hope**

I would be “preaching to the choir” to stand and explain the aims and goals of the SUVCW. You are the workers – the “movers and shakers” of our Department. Today, I would like to address this body concerning the Americanism, Patriotic and Veteran recognition aspects of our Order.

Bob Hope, the actor, entertainer and comedian, is almost universally known around the world for his long career as a star of stage, screen and television. Yet it is in the hearts of generations of U.S. servicemen that his most enduring legacy will reside. For over a period of fifty years, from 1943, he dedicated himself to entertaining soldiers, sailors and airmen of the armed forces in the many battle fronts and remote outposts where they've served throughout the world. His overseas USO tours, which often took place over Christmas, were deeply appreciated and well-remembered by countless thousands of servicemen on protracted tours of duty, often under combat conditions, far from their homes and families.

Fifty-seven years have passed since Bob Hope first entertained our country's men and women in uniform. Whenever there was a need, Bob Hope was there. Thanks to him, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have had their spirits lifted.

The United States Congress has honored Bob five times. But, in October 1997, Bob received one of his greatest tributes when Resolution 75 was unanimously passed by members of both houses making him an Honorary Veteran - the first individual so honored in the history of the United States. He was feted in the US Capitol Rotunda by members of congress, military personnel and veterans. The next day, Bob, family and friends were guests in the oval office for the signing of the resolution by President Clinton

Ninety-nine and still making a difference. That's Bob Hope. Now it's our turn to make a difference in honoring this legendary man. Currently, a group known as Taffy III is raising funds to create a Military Tribute to Bob Hope in recognition of his efforts for all our country's servicemen and women.

Taffy III is a group of World War II Navy veterans who served on three ships that were sunk during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. (“Taffy III” was the code name of this task unit.) In recent years, these men have devoted their efforts toward raising money for monuments to preserve the history of this era. In the past several years they have successfully erected and dedicated four monuments, 3 of which are located at Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

The Port of San Diego has graciously donated .75 acres on the shoreline of San Diego Bay for this tribute. This property is worth approximately 4.9 million dollars.

One of the hardest obstacles to overcome was the agreement of Bob, his wife Delores and daughter Linda to erect this Military Tribute. After 14 months of communications and meetings, agreement was reached with certain conditions – money raised for this project would come from the Veterans themselves and the American people. It was further agreed that corporate money would not be solicited and neither his former corporate sponsors nor professional friends be approached for funds.

Honorary Board members include President Gerald Ford, Gen. Charles Krulak (USMC Commandant retired), Rev. Billy Graham, Rear Admiral Henry McKinn (USN retired), Senators Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) & John McCain (Arizona), Congressmen Duncan Hunter (California) & C. W. Young (Florida), Governor Jesse Ventura, John Gwizdak (VFW CinC) and entertainers Phyllis Diller, Johnny Grant, Francis Langford, Patti Thomas, Brooke Shields, and Connie Stevens.

Completion of this “tribute” requires the raising of 4.5 million additional dollars. To this end, Camp 21 respectfully requests the adoption of the following Resolution by the Department Delegation here assembled.

Q: What Key Mississippi River island fortification fell to Federal forces on April 7, 1862?

A: Island No. 10, the principal Confederate fortification on the upper Mississippi, surrendered on this date to a naval force commanded by Admiral Andrew H. Foote.

## “Military Tribute to Bob Hope” Resolution

Presented to and Passed Unanimously by the Delegates of the  
117<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific  
March 29, 2003 – San Luis Obispo, California

**Whereas**, Bob Hope was made an “Honorary Veteran” by an Act of Congress, the only citizen of our great Nation to ever be so honored, and

**Whereas**, Bob Hope unselfishly devoted himself to bringing laughter to five generations of our Nation’s Armed Forces, in times of peace as well as in war, even going to places where the risk of enemy attack was at all times a possibility, and

**Whereas**, Bob Hope taught by his example how all notable celebrities should behave towards the men and women who serve and protect our great Nation, and

**Whereas**, the “Military Tribute to Bob Hope,” sponsored by the surviving members of Task Unit 77.4.3, called “Taffy III,” has undertaken to erect a fitting tribute in San Diego to Bob Hope, and

**Whereas**, the City of San Diego has donated the land for this Tribute, a parcel valued at some \$4.9M dollars, provided the funds for the Military Tribute to Bob Hope have been completely collected before any construction will commence, and

**Whereas**, the principal cost of the Military Tribute to Bob Hope shall be made by donations from Veteran’s groups, Fraternal orders, and individuals,

**Be it Resolved** that the Department of California and Pacific of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby decree that we fully support the Military Tribute to Bob Hope. Further, that we commend the actions taken by the City of San Diego and “Taffy III” to complete the Military Tribute to Bob Hope without undue delay, and that we will undertake to raise a donation in all of Camps within our Department.

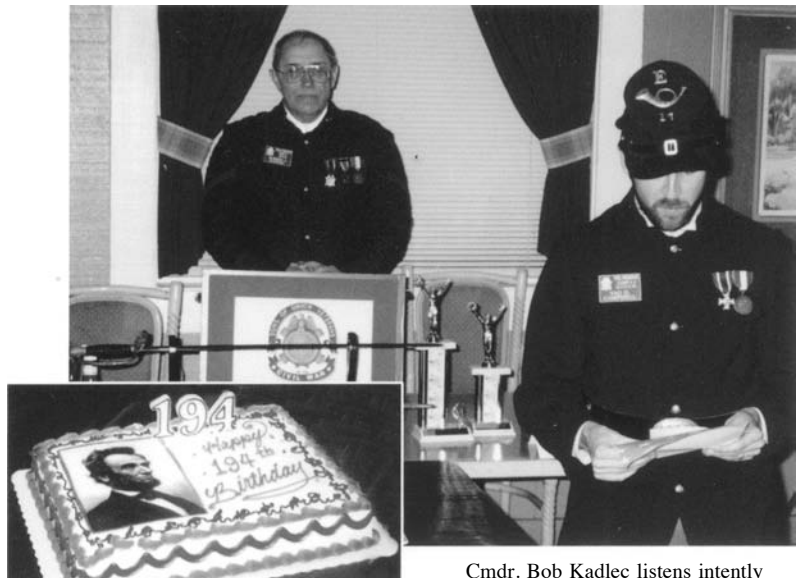
**Be it further resolved** that with passage of this resolution, a similar resolution be prepared by the Department of California & Pacific for presentation at the 2003 National Encampment of the SUVCW.

## Lincoln Day Dinner

*Submitted by Bro. Daniel R. Earl*

For those not up to par with their math skills, last February 12th was President Lincoln’s 194th birthday. For the occasion, the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 held a dinner meeting on Saturday, February 8th, 2003 at the Coco’s Restaurant in Campbell.

Camp Patriotic Instructor and Historian **TAD CAMPBELL, PCC** gave a brief presentation on the military history of all Presidents and the meaning of Presidents Day as we celebrate it today. Cmdr. **ROBERT KADLEC** presented the trophies awarded the Camp by the United Veterans Council for participation in the 2002 Veterans Parade in downtown San José: Second Place in the Color Guard category and First Place in the Veteran Marching Unit

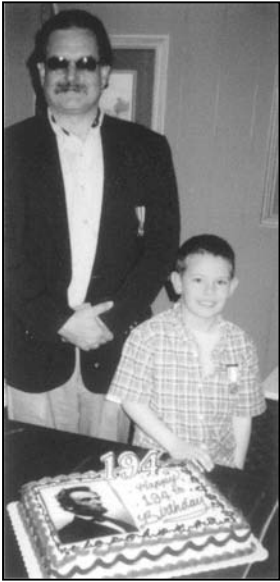


Cmdr. Bob Kadlec listens intently as Patriotic Instructor Tad Campbell reveals the history of Presidents Day.

The Camp even had a birthday cake for Mr. Lincoln!

Q: When did Fort Sumter surrender?

A: At 2:30 PM, April 13, 1861, Major Robert Anderson of the U.S. Army surrendered the fort to Confederate authorities after a 34-hour bombardment.



Proud new Brothers!  
Frank Guirado & Joey Lutes

category.

In addition to having a full house for the meeting the Camp was excited to elect and initiate its two newest members, **FRANK GUIRADO** and **JOEY LUTES**, the Camp's second Junior Member. Joey's mother, **LAUREL ANDERSON**, is a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans and was fortunate enough to stumble upon a scrapbook containing many original records and newspaper clippings of the San José chapter of the Women's Relief Corps. With great joy the Camp openly accepted her donation of the book.

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## CAMP ORDERS

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:

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### CAMP ORDER No. 2 - Series 2003

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Section 1: The following Brothers are appointed to committees as follows:

A) Programs and Policy Committee - David C. Schleeter, Chair; Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member; Daniel R. Earl, Member; Rick T. LaRosa, Member

B) Civil War Memorials Committee - Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Chair; Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member; Rick T. LaRosa, Member

C) Graves Registration Committee - Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Chair; Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member

D) Legislation Committee - Daniel R. Earl, Chair; Steve Welch, Member

E) Bylaws Committee - Daniel R. Earl, Chair; Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member; Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member

F) History Committee - Tad D. Campbell, Chair; Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member; David C. Schleeter, Member; Rick T. LaRosa, Member; Greg Sweatt, Member

G) Ceremonial Observances Committee - Daniel Renfroe, Chair; Steve Welch, Member; James Welch, Junior Member; Joey Lutes, Junior Member

H) Military Affairs Committee - David C. Schleeter, Chair; Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member; Donald Pray, Member; Greg Sweatt, Member; James Welch, Junior Member

I) Visitations Committee - Rev. Clark Seum, Chair; Daniel M. Bunnell, Member

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 8th day of February, 2003.

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### CAMP ORDER No. 3 - Series 2003

#### APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN AND MUSICIAN

Section 1: Effective immediately, Brother Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC is hereby appointed Camp Assistant Chaplain.

Section 2: Effective immediately, Brother James Welch, Junior Member, is hereby appointed Camp Musician.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 8th day of February, 2003.

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Q: In what locality was slavery abolished on April 16, 1862?

A: On this date President Lincoln signed into law a bill passed by the U.S. Congress which outlawed slavery in Washington, D.C.

**CAMP ORDER No. 4 - Series 2003****APPOINTMENTS TO UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Section 1: Effective immediately, and in accordance with § 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, Inc. (UVC), as revised October 2002, the following Camp Brothers are appointed to serve as Delegates to the UVC: Robert J. Kadlec, Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), and Dan Renfroe.

Section 2: Effective immediately, and in accordance with § 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, Inc. (UVC), as revised October 2002, the following Camp Brothers are appointed to serve as Alternate Delegates to the UVC: Tad D. Campbell (PCC), Daniel R. Earl, and Rick T. LaRosa.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 18th day of February, 2003.

**CAMP ORDER No. 5 - Series 2003****ENCAMPMENT ALTERNATE DELEGATE APPOINTMENT**

Section 1: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, I appoint Brother Richard Mayer an Alternate Delegate to the 2003 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 18th day of February, 2003.

**CAMP ORDER No. 6 - Series 2003****APPOINTMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR**

Section 1: Effective immediately, Brother Donald Pray is relieved of his duties as Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

Section 2: Brother Robert J. Kadlec is hereby appointed Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, effective immediately.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 6th day of March, 2003.

**CAMP ORDER No. 7 - Series 2003****DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DELEGATE**

Section 1: The resignation of Brother Donald W. Pray as a Delegate to the 2003 Department Encampment has been received by the Camp Commander, recorded, and is effective immediately.

Section 2: Camp Order No. 5, appointing Brother Richard Mayer an Alternate Delegate to the 2003 Department Encampment is hereby amended as follows in § 3 of this Order.

Section 3: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, Brother Richard Mayer is appointed a full Delegate to the 2003 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

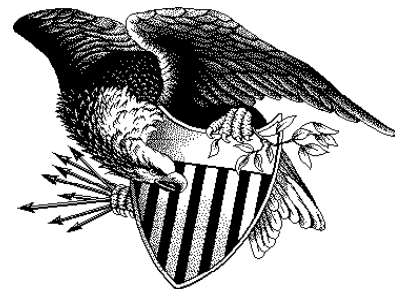
The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 6th day of March, 2003.

(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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A: On this date President Lincoln signed into law a bill passed by the U.S. Congress which outlawed slavery in Washington, D.C.



# LINCOLN/BAKER MEETING AT THE PRESIDIO

*Submitted by Bro. Dave Schleeter*

On Sunday, February 23rd, Brothers **DAVE SCHLEETER** and **STEVE AND JAMES WELCH**, representing Phil Sheridan Camp 4, joined with Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL** as he led members from Northern California's Sheridan, Ellsworth, Pleasonton, and Wright Camps in a ceremony fulfilling one of President Abraham Lincoln's last wishes — that he visit the grave of Col. Edward D. Baker.

Col. Baker was an old friend of Lincoln from Illinois who had been killed leading a brigade of Union troops at the battle of Ball's Bluff in 1861. He was first buried at Lone Mountain Cemetery but was moved to the Presidio in 1940. Col. Baker had been a prominent attorney in San Francisco and a United States Senator for Oregon. He played a major role in delivering California and Nevada for Lincoln in the election of 1860.

Commander Schall led Department Brothers, and members of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, in accompanying President Lincoln, in the form of a lock of his hair clipped from his head after his death, to the grave site of Col. Baker. **CRAIG HARMON**, Director of the Lincoln Highway National Museum and



Camp Brothers James Welch, Dave Schleeter, and Steve Welch serve as Color Guard while Craig Harmon escorts "President Lincoln" to Colonel Baker's grave at the Presidio in San Francisco.



Junior Member James Welch with the lock of President Lincoln's hair.

Archives, and custodian of the Lincoln relic, told the story of the last day of Lincoln's life, April 14, 1865. On that day the Civil War had been won, and the President and Mrs. Lincoln took a carriage ride during which they discussed their plans following the end of Lincoln's term. Mrs. Lincoln wanted six months in Europe; he wanted to visit Palestine and then have a look at California and make a quiet visit to "his Baker." An assassin's bullet at Ford's Theater that very evening put an end to the Lincoln's plans — until now. Following a flag salute and lying of wreaths, a cannon report was fired by Dept. Color Bearer **CHARLIE MABIE**, while Brother **BOB MAERDIAN** played a final farewell on the bagpipes. As a permanent remembrance of the event a memorial tree was planted and dedicated at the foot of the Gettysburg Address Memorial near the entrance of the Presidio.

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

*Submitted by Cmdr. Robert J. Kadlec  
& Sec.-Treas. Daniel R. Earl*

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 conducted a survey as part our annual membership renewal last November. The objective was to gather the thoughts of the membership in an effort to improve the

potential of the camp and its ability for more member active participation. Over fifty percent of the membership responded to the survey.

Currently the Camp has an agreement with American Legion Mission City Post 564 in Santa Clara to hold bimonthly meetings in a private room at the Post. These meetings are held 10 AM on the second Saturday of each odd numbered month. The results of the survey indicated that 82-percent of the

Q: What was "bully soup"?

A: "Bully soup," also called "panada," was a hot cereal served with great frequency to Federal troops. It consisted of cornmeal and crushed hardtack boiled in water, wine, and ginger.

respondents felt that these Saturday morning meetings were the best time. All thought that the meetings should remain bimonthly and over half were interested in having a guest speaker at the meetings.

Less than half of the survey respondents expressed an interest in belonging to the Camp Color Guard, membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, or participation on Camp committees. While only a third indicated an interest in attending a National Encampment, half of those responding expressed an interest in attending a Department Encampment.

Almost three-quarters of the responding membership indicated that they would support an annual banquet for the installation of new officers. The majority stated that a price of between \$30 and \$35 was a reasonable amount for this once a year event.

The following are the specific results of the membership survey:

The most convenient day/time for Camp meetings:

Saturday Morning: 82% Saturday Afternoon: 9%

Sunday: 0

Week Day Evening: 9%

How often would you prefer to meet?

Monthly: 0 Bi-monthly: 100%

Would you be more likely to attend meetings if guest speakers (such as Civil War historians) participated in Camp meetings?

Yes: 57% No: 43%

Would you be interested in attending an annual banquet to socialize with fellow brothers and their families?

Yes: 65% No: 35%

What would you consider to be a reasonable price, per person, for an annual banquet?

\$30 to \$35: 64%

Less than \$30: 9%

More than \$35: 27%

Would you be inclined to borrow from the Camps Civil War book collection Lending Library if it were expanded?

Yes: 45% No: 55%

Would you be interested in being a Delegate to Department or National Encampments (conventions)?

CA & Pacific Department in the Spring: 50%

National Encampment in August: 33%

Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Camp Color Guard and participate in parades and memorial services?

Yes: 45% No: 55%

Would you be interested in becoming a member of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment, SVR, the uniformed "military" branch of the SUVCW?

Yes: 40% No: 60%

Would you be willing to participate on a Camp committee to support Camp, Department, and/or SUVCW activities?

Yes: 40% No: 60%

Are there any female members of your family who would be interested in joining the Auxiliary and participating with you in Camp activities?

Yes: 35% No: 65%

Are there any male members of your family, under the age of 14, who would be interested in joining the ranks of our junior membership?

Yes: 0 No: 100%

## ✠ Graves Registration Rained Out ✠

*Submitted by Tad D. Campbell, PCC*

On April 12, 2003, the 142nd anniversary of the start of the Civil War, six members of the Camp gathered at Los Gatos Memorial Park in San José for the first ever graves registration effort at that cemetery. Present were: **BOB KADLEC**, **DAN EARL**, **DAN BUNNELL PDC**, **TAD CAMPBELL PCC**, **RICK LAROSA**, and **DAN RENFROE**.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Brothers were joined by Brothers **PHILL WHITE** and **RICHARD WALKER**, both of the John Logan Camp 20 of Los Gatos. This was the first time in recent memory that the two

Q: What Union general was known for always wearing clean shirts, despite the grime of battle?

A: The predictably neat attire was a trademark of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, who distinguished himself in battle from the Peninsula Campaign to Petersburg.

Camps have been able to have a joint activity and it was a pleasure to meet both Brothers. Bro. White presented Graves Registration Officer Dan Bunnell with sample data obtained from a book of GAR burial records in possession of the Logan Camp. We look forward to working closely with their Camp in the future.

The weather was not exactly cooperative, as it wavered between sprinkling and downpour the entire time. Because of these conditions, a thorough registration of graves was not possible. However, the Brothers did take a cursory look around the cemetery and found several graves of particular interest, including:

Cpl. Benjamin F. Mabie of Battery B, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery (great great grandfather of our own Dept. Color Bearer **CHARLES MABIE**).

Pvt. Thomas Hunter of Co. A, 1st Battalion of California Mountaineers (a unit mustered in at Fort Humboldt for service against the Indians in the northwestern part of the state).



Pvt. Ebenezer C. Farley of Co. C, 8th California Infantry (the San José company for which our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit was named).

The Brothers also examined the GAR plot and commented on the good condition of the headstones.

Bro. Walker explained that members of the Logan Camp have been out several times to remove lichen and clean the stones, etc. Members of Camp 20 are to be commended for their duty to the Boys in Blue in seeing that their graves are cared for properly.

After everyone was thoroughly soaked from the rain, members of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 proceeded to the nearby Live Oak Kitchen for some much needed nourishment and camaraderie. Another attempt to properly register the graves at



**Camp Brothers brave the rain and cold at the G.A.R. Plot in Los Gatos Memorial Park.**

L-R: Bob Kadlec, Rick LaRosa, Dan Renfroe, Dan Bunnell PDC, Tad Campbell PCC, Dan Earl.

Los Gatos Memorial Park will most certainly be made later this year.

## ENCAMPMENT PHOTO ALBUM & PINS

This year the Department Encampment was professionally photographed to provide a remembrance for everyone who has attended and for those who have not had the opportunity to attend an Encampment. Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Brother Richard Mayer was the official Encampment photographer. The album, containing 26 pages with over 125 photos, can be ordered for \$25.00.

For the third year in a row, the Department is having a unique pin produced for each Delegate to the National Encampment. The Department will present a pin to each Delegate when they arrive for the 122nd National Encampment in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky in August. Additional pins may be ordered by anyone wanting pins as souvenirs at the price of \$4.00 each.

Proceeds from the sale of the albums and pins will help defray the cost to produce these historic and valuable Encampment souvenirs. If you wish to place an order, please submit the enclosed form(s) before the end of May 2003.

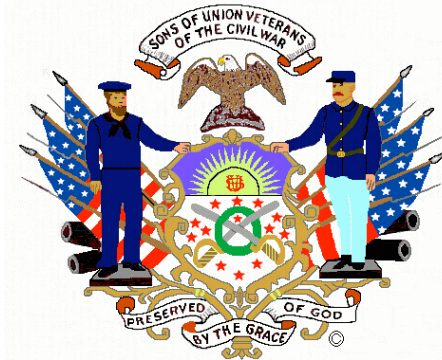
Q: What Union general was known for always wearing clean shirts, despite the grime of battle?

A: The predictably neat attire was a trademark of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, who distinguished himself in battle from the Peninsula Campaign to Petersburg.

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Q: What artificial adornment was worn by Gideon Welles, the Union secretary of the navy.

A: Welles wore a wig.