

Sheridan's Dispatch

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Editor's Note: Due to other obligations, this issue has been delayed and combined to cover the months of May, June and July. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Camp Expands Memorial Day Participation



Roaring Camp, May 24-25, 2003 — Dan Earl, Tad Campbell, James Welch, Steve Welch, Bob Kadlec, Dave Schleeter

Memorial Day Weekend (May 24-26, 2003) found members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War scattered throughout California and Nevada, participating at various ceremonies and other observances. The Phil Sheridan Camp 4 was no exception.

In years past, the Camp has participated with the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 at the National Civil War Association (NCWA) reenactment at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont. This year, that event was covered entirely by Camp 24 and the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 expanded the Order's presence by setting up an information booth at the

American Civil War Association (ACWA) reenactment at Roaring Camp in Felton, California, amid the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

With the assistance of Brothers from the Lincoln Camp 10 of Santa Cruz, the booth was staffed with a minimum of three to six Brothers all day Saturday and Sunday. Well over 200 people stopped by the booth to learn about our Order and the Civil War in general. Dozens of prospective recruits were obtained for Camps throughout the Department, and untold hundreds more were made aware of our existence simply by seeing the booth as they passed by.



Oak Hill Memorial Park, May 26, 2003
Gene Fanucchi, President of the United Veterans Council, presides as Cmdr. Bob Kadlec presents the Camp's wreath during the ceremony.

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On Memorial Day Monday, the Camp was proud to participate at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José at a wreath laying ceremony honoring all veterans. The observance, which took place at the veterans' monument, was sponsored by the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County.

Bros. **TAD CAMPBELL, PCC** and **RICK LAROSA** provided an armed guard for the various wreaths prior to the ceremony. During the observance, Bro. **DAVID SCHLEETER** carried the Camp's National Colors and Bro. **DANIEL EARL** carried the Camp Colors. Camp Commander **ROBERT KADLEC** place a wreath at the monument on behalf of the Camp and in honor of all Civil War veterans.



G.A.R. Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park, May 26, 2003
Bob Kadlec, Tad Campbell, Dave Schleeter, Dan Earl, Rick LaRosa

Out of more than a dozen groups represented, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was given a conspicuous place of honor, being second only to the Gold Star Mothers in the procession. After the ceremony the Camp Brothers inspected the G.A.R. plot and found that all graves had been appropriately marked with American Flags.

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SUVCW Represented at Unveiling of New Purple Heart Stamp!

On July 1, 2003, a new stamp was unveiled by U.S. Postal Service during a special ceremony held at the American GI Forum in San José. Camp Commander Robert Kadlec represented the SUVCW during the event.

The Purple Heart stamp commemorates the oldest military decoration in the world and honors the sacrifices of those who served. The Purple Heart featured on the stamp was awarded to James Loftus Fowler of Alexandria, Virginia. As a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marines, he was wounded in action in 1968 close to the Ben Hai River on the border between North and South Vietnam.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Welcomes . . .

Brothers Frank Avila and Roger Barnes!

FRANK C. AVILA of San José is a member of the American Civil War Association, with whom he reenacts as part of the 20th Maine Infantry. Although Frank has yet to discover his Union ancestor, Camp Brothers are assisting him with research in this area.

ROGER R. BARNES of San José comes to the Camp through the National Organization. His ancestor was Private John W. Barnes of Co. A, 87th Indiana Infantry, who enlisted December 19, 1863 and was transferred to Co. A, 42nd Indiana Infantry on June 10, 1865. He remained with the latter unit for 7 weeks and was honorably discharged on July 21, 1865.

Reenlist in the Auxiliary!

Rachelle Campbell, Auxiliary Member-at-Large and wife of PCC Tad Campbell, is trying to start an Auxiliary-at-Large within the Department of California and Pacific. If you are a member of the Auxiliary, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Rachelle at brach41650@aol.com or 408-842-7368.

Q: When did Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston surrender the Army of Tennessee?

A: Johnston surrendered his army to General William T. Sherman at Durham Station, North Carolina, on April 26, 1865.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

- **August 7-10 (Thu-Sun)** - 122nd Annual National Encampment, Fort Mitchell, KY
- **September 9 (Tue)** - California Admission Day - *No activities planned*
- **September 11 (Thu)** - Patriot Day - *No activities planned*
- **September 13 (Sat)** - Camp Meeting. 10 am at American Legion Post 564, 2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA
- **September 17 (Wed)** - Citizenship Day - *No activities planned*
- **September 20 (Sat)** - Musket Firing and Parade Drill at Field Sports Park, 9580 Malech Road, San José, CA

PASSAGES

The Camp extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following individuals who have gone before us to the last great encampment.

RETHA MARY (BONNER) WEBB was born 20 February 1908 in Selma, California. She quietly passed away in Salinas, California on the morning of Sunday, 8 June 2003, at the age of 95. She is survived by her only child, Phyllis J. (Webb) Earl, son-in-law Robert F. Earl, four grandchildren: Daniel R. Earl of Gilroy, CA, James P. Earl of Hopkinsville, KY, Deborah R. Camacho of Roseville, CA, and Jennifer P. Earl of Roseville, CA. Also surviving her are two great-granddaughters, 2 1/2 year old Aleyna D. Camacho and 1 month old Alexa Mary Camacho, both of Roseville, CA, as well as several other relatives and friends.

Retha graduated from Selma High School in 1925. In the spring of 1929 she moved to Salinas where she married her husband, Daniel James “Dan” Webb in the First United Methodist Church of Salinas on 22 December 1934. In January 1936, the two of them and some family began building the home she would live in for over 67 years.

The last year Retha worked, before becoming a mother, was in 1941 at Meyer’s produce shed in Salinas. On 14 January 1942 she gave birth to her only child, Phyllis Jean. After Phyllis was born Retha remained at home to raise her only child until the tragic passing of her husband on 8 October 1950. Retha was then forced back into the workforce and found employment as a self-described “kitchen helper” on 4 November 1950 at the Park Lane Hospital in Salinas. Ironically, today this facility is known as the Katherine Convalescent Hospital and is the location at which Retha quietly passed away.

She remained employed at the Park Lane Hospital for four years until she began work at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital on 14 October 1954 as a “tray-line and salad worker.” Although Retha struggled through the years as a single parent, she was successful at supporting herself and providing her teenage daughter with a suitable upbringing. Retha retired from Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital on 15 August 1976.

Up until the last six months of her life, Retha was still going strong for a woman in her 90s. In her retirement she enjoyed traveling, playing bingo at the “55+ Club” and especially playing scratch-off lottery tickets.

After 52 years as a widow Retha never remarried. Today she is at peace with God, and is in Heaven with her late husband, sisters, parents, and other family.

Retha was the mother-in-law of Camp Bro. Robert F. Earl and the grandmother of Camp Bro. Daniel R. Earl.





**Kathy J. Appleton (1943-2003)
with husband Donald D. Campbell**

KATHY JEANNE (APPLETON) CAMPBELL

was born December 22, 1943 in Lansing, Michigan. She passed away on June 30, 2003 at the age of 59 years, 6 months, and 8 days, after a two and a half year battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her husband Donald D. Campbell of Grizzly Flats, CA, father Francis George Appleton of Antioch, CA, brother Paul F. Appleton of Freeport, Maine, sister Nancy K. Bolen of Antioch, CA, son Tad D. Campbell of Gilroy, CA, son Keith M. Campbell of Kentwood, CA, as well as several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Her mother, Frances E. (Foster) Appleton, preceded her in death by only six months.

Her father served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was stationed in California when Kathy was born. During this time she and her mother lived with her maternal grandparents in Perry, Michigan. When Mr. Appleton returned from the war Kathy was already two years old. They immediately moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan and thence to Adrian, Michigan when Kathy was four. Here she attended Madison School and graduated from Madison High School in 1961, in a class of 31. Kathy was a member of the National Honor Society, a Student Council member and was Class Treasurer one year. During her senior year, the family lived for a time in Phoenix, Arizona where she attended Carl Hayden High School, but returned to Adrian in time to graduate with her old classmates.

After high school, Kathy attended Adrian College and Michigan State University where she majored in English.

On December 28, 1963 Kathy married Robert C. Vince, a high school classmate. She taught school at Perry, Michigan for a short time before taking a job as a secretary with the Faraday Division of Gray Manufacturing Company in Tecumseh, Michigan. In Spring 1967 Kathy and her husband separated and she moved to California and subsequently obtained a divorce.

On August 22, 1969, Kathy married Donald D. Campbell whom she had met at the stables where she boarded her horse in south San José.

Kathy did secretarial work for Fairchild Semiconductor in Mountain View, the law firm of Harrison & Harrison in Gilroy, California, and the Gilroy Police Department, before being hired by the City of San José in 1985. She retired as an analyst with the Personnel Unit of the San José Police Department on July 8, 2000.

After her retirement, she and her husband Don sold their small ranch in Gilroy and moved to their retirement home in Grizzly Flats, California to be among the pines.

In addition to being an equestrian, Kathy also enjoyed time with her family, reading and travel. In accordance with her wishes she was cremated and no services were held. A private memorial and spreading of the ashes will take place at a later date.

Kathy was the daughter of Camp Bro. Francis G. Appleton, the wife of Camp Bro. Donald D. Campbell, and the mother of Camp Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCC.

Q: What famous American died on June 3, 1861?

A: Illinois Senator Stephen A. Douglas, the famous debater and former presidential candidate, died on this date of illness in Chicago at age 48.



The following article was submitted by Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC and is taken from the "Grand Army" edition of the *Daily Mercury*, San José, California, June 1886.



"THE OLD FLAG."

A Memento and a Man Highly Prized in San Jose.

Three years ago there was a grand gathering of Knights Templar in this State; Writing of that occasion sometime afterwards, a correspondent of the *Pacific Veteran* (published by that brave old soldier, model comrade and noble man, Col. J. J. Lyon), used the following language:

At the laying of the corner stone of the Garfield monument at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, in 1883, during the triennial conclave when the visiting Knights participated with imposing ceremonies, the G. A. R. Posts formed a part of the procession, as an appropriate testimonial of respect to a departed comrade. The elaborate and artistic decorations of the streets and buildings was an honor alike to the occasion, and to the city of San Francisco; it was worthy of the State of California.

The brilliant display of visiting and resident Knights representing the wealth of a nation, made the triennial imposing, -an event that caused it to rank as an epoch in the lives of those representatives of ancient chivalry.

When the column of various organizations had been formed for the parade, the uniformed delegations of Knights, with badges indicating so many sovereign States of the Union, each society designated by banners of costly material and characteristic symbols, martial music from scores of military bands, giving inspiration to the pageant, and proclaiming to expectant ears that the column was advancing on its line of march, the spectators realized that it was an impressive event, sure to remain in the memory during the continuance of life. The multitude of spectators along the line of march was as remarkable as the display that caused the attraction. It was seemingly illimitable and innumerable a consolidation of humanity extending for miles, filling windows, crowding balconies and housetops-forming a dense, living wall on each side of the procession.

One of the visiting G. A. R. Posts carried a regimental flag-an old, faded, torn relic of other days; but as its history was the incarnation of eloquence, its appearance created enthusiasm. It was received with spontaneous gleam of eyes, fluttering of handkerchiefs and welcome from voice and hands, resembling the sweeping of wind through the leaves of a forest.

That flag had been consecrated with blood devoted to liberty; it had been saluted by shot and shell in battle; it symbolized heroic deeds; and the faded, tattered remnant of former splendor had power to invoke enthusiasm in all hearts; Its unfolding was a peaceful benediction.

The "visiting Post" referred to in the foregoing is John A. Dix Post, No. 42, belonging to this city and that flag "consecrated with the blood shed for liberty" is still in the possession of Colonel A. G. Bennett, an honored citizen of San Jose and a comrade of Dix Post, who as the commanding officer on Morris Island was the man who received the surrender of Charleston, S. C., after hauling down the Confederate colors from Fort Sumter and other forts in the harbor. The following are historical facts which are not as generally known as they ought to be:

On the 3d of December, 1864, Colonel Bennett was placed in command of Morris Island. His command embraced the entire island, the garrison of which consisted of the 3d Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, Battery B 3d New York Artillery, a detachment of the 1st New York Engineers, 52nd

Q: On what date and day of the week was the Battle of Shiloh?

A: Sunday and Monday, April 6-7, 1862.

Pennsylvania, 54th Massachusetts, 56th New York and 21st U. S. C. T. In February, 1865, when Sherman commenced his march through the Carolinas, a portion of the command was withdrawn from Morris Island for the purpose of operating against Charleston from other points. On the 17th of February, and for several days previously, it became apparent to Col. Bennett that the enemy was making preparations to evacuate Charleston. Early on the morning of February 18, he gave orders to secure all the boats possible-there being no steamers available-and with four officers and twenty-two men in two boats, Colonel Bennett started for the city, leaving orders for the rest of the troops to follow as rapidly as possible. On his way to the city Colonel Bennett stopped at Sumter, Fort Ripley and Castle Pinckney, which were all found to be deserted, and at each place the rebel flags were captured and the stars and stripes substituted. General Gilmore was immortalized in the illustrated newspapers as causing the United States flag to float over Sumter, but that heroic action was performed by our townsman, Col. Bennett, three days before Gilmore arrived on the scene. Col. Bennett and his little force landed at Mills wharf at Charleston, at 10 o'clock a. m., February 18, 1865. END.

COL. AUGUSTUS G. BENNETT was born in New York about 1836. His initial military service was with Co. B, 8th New York State Militia Infantry. This three-month regiment was active from April to August 1861. He again enlisted in the service on August 25, 1861 at Oswego, New York and was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Co. B, 81st New York Infantry on September 14, 1861. He was promoted to Captain of the same company on December 20, 1861. On June 19, 1863, Capt. Bennett was discharged from the 81st New York for promotion, and commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 21st U.S. Colored Troops. On February 18, 1865 he accepted the formal surrender of Charleston, South Carolina from Mayor Charles MacBeth. He was mustered out with the regiment on April 25, 1866.

After the war he settled in San José, California where he partnered with his brother in furniture manufacturing. Col. Bennett was a prominent member and Post Commander of the G.A.R. in San José. He died on August 8, 1897 and is buried at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, Section NN, Plot 290. Sometime after his death, the Col. A. G. Bennett Post 196, G.A.R. was formed in San José and named in his honor.

Read the following article for a coincidental connection between Col. Bennett and Past Camp Commander Tad D. Campbell!

MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

Submitted by Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCC

ISAAC GROOT DURYEE was born at Glenville, Schenectady County, New York on July 29, 1810, the eldest son of William and Sarah (Groot) Duryee. His father served in the New York State Militia during the War of 1812 and within a few years moved to western New York and thence to Michigan Territory in search of land and a better life. Young Isaac remained with relatives in Schenectady to receive an education.

While working in the grocery business, Isaac Duryee was converted during the great religious revival of 1832. Feeling the call of the ministry, he began at once preparing himself for that work by

attending school and graduating from Union College at Schenectady in 1838, Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts in 1841, and later from the New Haven Seminary in New Haven, Connecticut. Rev. Duryee was able to preach and converse in both English and Dutch. He was a man of strong abolitionist convictions and during his college days he built a church in Schenectady for African-Americans, who were without a place to worship. The church, now known as the Duryee Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, is still in existence to this day.

Isaac was attending school at New Haven,

Q: What prominent White House figure was described by a subordinate as "A tyrannical, hotheaded vulgarian"?

A: First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

when he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Auger Budington on June 1, 1842. Rev. Duryee subsequently preached at Glenham, New York for about ten years, then returning to Schenectady as the pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of America, he built a new edifice and stayed until the Civil War. In April 1854, Rev. Duryee was selected one of eight commissioners on the first Board of Education for the newly formed free school system in Schenectady.

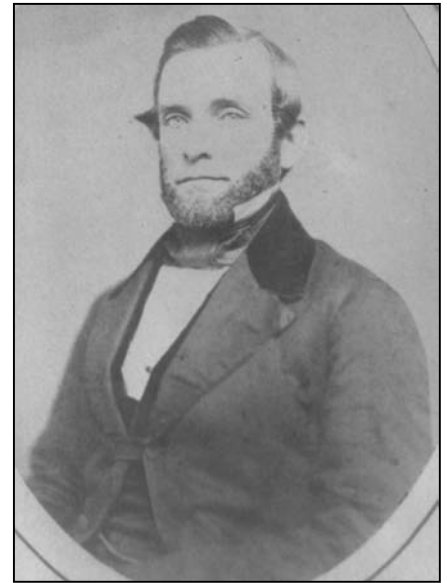
In accordance with regulations, volunteer regiments during the Civil War were allowed to choose their own chaplains, upon the approval of the War Department. This being the case, on September 1, 1862 the officers of the 81st New York Infantry, including CAPT. AUGUSTUS G. BENNETT (*see previous two articles*) of Company B, solicited Gov. Edwin D. Morgan to appoint Rev. Isaac G. Duryee as their regimental chaplain. The unit had evidently been without religious guidance since the previous Chaplain resigned in June 1862. It is obvious that both Gov. Morgan and Rev. Duryee approved of his selection, for on October 17, 1862 he was mustered into the Field and Staff of the regiment at Albany, New York.

The 81st New York Infantry, which had been organized at Albany on February 18, 1862, had already seen its fair share of action by the time Rev. Duryee joined them in October. The regiment had participated in the Siege of Yorktown on May 3rd and the battles of Williamsburg (May 5), Bottom's Ridge (May 11), Savage Station (May 22), Fair Oaks (May 30), Seven Pines (May 31), Chickahominy (June 24), Charles City Cross Roads (June 25), and Malvern Hill (July 1).

Rev. Duryee joined his regiment at Yorktown, Virginia, where they had been encamped since August. On December 29, 1862, the regiment left Yorktown for North Carolina, joining General Henry M. Naglee's command, and the following three months were passed mostly in camp at Caroline City and St. Helena Island. In the latter vicinity a month more was spent in rapid changes of position, bringing them to Morehead City, North Carolina on May 2, 1863. Several important raids were made from this point during the next few months.

The regiment embarked for Newport News, Virginia on the 18th of October. They remained here a month and then went to Northwest Landing, about twenty-five miles from Norfolk, Virginia, where they were successful at breaking up smuggling for a time.

On January 1, 1864, the men who had less than one year to serve were given the opportunity to enlist for three years and take a furlough of thirty days. On the 23rd of February more than two-thirds of the entire regiment had re-enlisted, and they started for home, reaching New York on the February 29th. In Syracuse the veterans were met by a delegation,



Rev. Isaac Groot Duryee

were breakfasted, and at four o'clock reached Oswego, New York. Marching to Doolittle Hall, they were received and banqueted by the ladies of the city and given a royal welcome by all.

The 81st again left for the front on April 12, 1864, and arrived at Yorktown, Virginia, on the 18th. Here they were assigned to the First Brigade, First Division, Eighteenth Corps of the Army of the James. On May 4th they proceeded to Bermuda Hundred, whence they marched six miles from the landing and began the construction of fortifications. On the 9th, while deployed as skirmishers, they met the troops of Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard and drove them from the field. During the following month the regiment was almost uninterruptedly engaged in skirmishes and minor battles.

At Drury's Bluff, on the May 16, 1864, the regiment occupied an important position, and twice repulsed the enemy's charges. On the 1st of June,

Q: Who said, "I don't care for John Pope one pinch of owl dung"?

A: Union General Samuel D. Sturgis, a veteran troop commander, made this comment during the Second Manassas Campaign.

after having joined the Army of the Potomac, the 81st went into the bloody battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia, where the regiment lost over seventy in killed and wounded.

At the end of the twelve days in which the regiment was engaged at and near Cold Harbor, two thirds of the men failed to answer at roll call, and an order for provisional consolidation into four companies was issued. But, instead of the expected respite, they were marched to Petersburg, Virginia and on the 15th drove the enemy from his first line of works, and participated in the brilliant and successful charge of the Eighteenth Corps. On the June 16th the regiment supported an assaulting column, and on the 26th received a charge from the enemy, which they bravely withstood and almost annihilated the foe.

On August 2, 1864 they marched to Appomattox River, where they remained until the 26th, when they returned to Bermuda Hundred. In the succeeding battle of Fort Harrison, the 81st was the first to plant its flag on the enemy's works. During the two days of fighting the regiment lost one hundred in killed and wounded, including nine officers killed. The regiment next participated in the engagement near Seven Pines on the 29th of August, and thence returned to Chapin's Farm.

The regiment was ordered back to New York on November 5, 1864, where it remained during the presidential election, before returning to camp near Richmond, Virginia. When the Confederate capital fell on April 3, 1865, the 81st New York was first infantry regiment to enter the city. The regiment was mustered out at Fortress Monroe, Virginia on August 31, 1865.

Rev. Isaac G. Duryee suffered from remittent fever for five weeks in August and September 1864 and subsequently contracted chronic diarrhea, being absent sick at the time of his discharge in August 1865. He never recovered from the illness and died at Schenectady, New York on February 8, 1866. He was fifty-five years old and was survived by his father, wife, four sons and four daughters. A daughter and a son preceded him in death. Rev. Duryee's widow Lydia received a pension from the U.S. Government until her death on May 19, 1910.

Rev. Isaac Groot Duryee was the great-great-great-granduncle of Past Camp Commander Tad D. Campbell. Rev. Duryee's brother, George W. Duryee, from whom Bro. Campbell is descended, was a Private in the 4th Michigan Infantry and died of disease at Nashville, Tennessee in 1865.

Department Gains Two New Camps!

Special congratulations are extended to the members of the two newest Camps within the Department of California and Pacific!

COL. RODERICK MATHESON CAMP 16 of Cazadero, California will serve the counties of Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino, west of US 101.

GEN. WM. PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25 of Gardnerville, Nevada will serve the Nevada counties of Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe, and the California counties of Mono, Alpine, and sections of Placer and Sierra counties east of SR 89 to the California-Nevada state line.

Graves Registration Efforts Continue

After the Graves Registration project at Los Gatos Memorial Park was rained out on April 12th, it was decided to reschedule the effort for Saturday, June 28, 2003.

On that date, the following members of the Allied Orders gathered at the cemetery for the work at hand: **CMDR. ROBERT KADLEC, DAVID & ANN SCHLEETER, DANIEL BUNNELL PDC, DANIEL EARL, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, and RICK LAROSA.**

The Camp was especially pleased to have been joined by Bro. **PHILLIP N. WHITE**, Secretary-Treasurer of the John A. Logan Camp 10 of Los Gatos. Bro. White provided an invaluable service by supplying Graves Registration Officer Dan Bunnell with information copied from the

burial records of the E. O. C. Ord Post 82, G.A.R. of Los Gatos. The Camp is greatly indebted for Bro. White for his assistance with this project.

For approximately two hours the Brothers combed the cemetery in search of long lost veterans. A considerable list was developed through their efforts. Follow-up research has revealed a number of veterans' whose headstones had no visible indication of their service. Nearly all of the oldest sections of the cemetery were covered by the effort. Afterwards, several members retired to a nearby restaurant to celebrate with a pizza party.

Also in June, Past Camp Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** and his wife **RACHELLE**, an



Rachelle Campbell at G.A.R. Monument, Bemidji, MN

Auxiliary Member-at-Large, went way outside of the Camp's normal coverage area for some much needed graves registration. While visiting Rachelle's relatives in northern Minnesota, the pair checked out some of the old cemeteries in the area and recorded the graves of about 70 Union veterans.

The need for further efforts in the state is quite evident

when it is noted that the total number of Minnesota graves recorded in the National Graves Registration database is only 208! There is currently only one SUVCW Camp in Minnesota, located much to the south in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

One of the more interesting items discovered was a G.A.R. plot in the town of Bemidji, which contained a large monument and the graves of approximately 40 post members.

In conjunction with the Camp's graves registration efforts, Signals Officer/Webmaster **TAD CAMPBELL** has greatly expanded the number of burials recorded on the Camp website. The website currently contains 920 burials in Santa Clara, San

Mateo and San Francisco counties, and more information is being added almost daily. To view the list of recorded burials, visit:

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

Update on Phil Sheridan Post Documents

The Camp is still in talks with the construction worker that has possession of a book of Phil Sheridan Post 7, G.A.R. documents. The book dates from the early 1880's and contains *original* membership applications for members of the Phil Sheridan Post 7 of San José, including all the *charter members*. The names of these charter members was heretofore unknown. The book was discovered during demolition of an old fraternal hall in downtown San José during the 1990's. Unfortunately, the man possessing the book wants an exorbitant amount of money for the item. It is hoped that the Camp will be able to, at a minimum, receive photocopies of the applications to assist in reconstructing the history of the Phil Sheridan Post 7.

Camp Receives Donation from Kiwanis Club!

Bro. **STEVEN WELCH** is a past president of both the San Francisco Mission Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco. Recently, Steve won a contest in which the prize was that the winning member could pick a favorite non-profit to award a donation. Steve spoke about the SUVCW, how the Order benefits deceased veterans and educates the public, with emphasis on living history. After hearing about the good work of the SUVCW, the Kiwanis Club gave the Camp a sizeable donation without hesitation. Thank you Kiwanis and good work Steve!

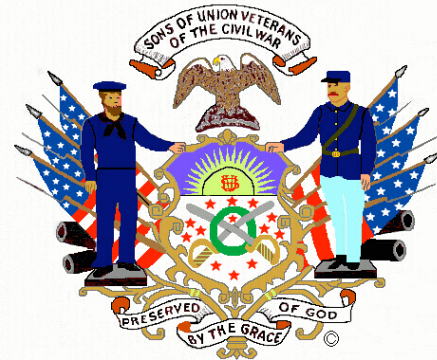
Q: Why were ashes routinely spread on the decks of Federal warships going into battle?

A: The ashes were designed to prevent seaman from slipping on blood during battle.

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Membership Eligibility:

A male descendant, whether through lineal (direct ancestor) or collateral line (uncle) and not less than 14 years of age (6 to 14 years for Juniors), who: (1) is a blood relative (descendant or nephew) 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.

Q: "It's all a damned mess! And our two armies ain't nothing but howling mobs!" described what 1864 battle?

A: A captured Confederate private so described the Battle of the Wilderness.