

Sheridan's Dispatch

*Phil Sheridan Camp 4
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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85th Annual Veterans Day Parade

For the third year in a row, Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 participated in the United Veterans Council's Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José

This year's Color Guard, with eighteen participants, was the largest contingent your Camp has assembled for any parade in memory. We had two National Colors (50-star and 34-star), Camp Colors, and a new Sons of Veterans Reserve flag for the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment.



Phil Sheridan Camp participants gather in downtown San José before the parade. L-R: Frank Avila, Ann Schleeter, Dave Schleeter, Rick LaRosa, Kevin Brown (ACWA member), Dan Earl, James Welch, Steve Welch, Rachele Campbell, and Bob Kadlec

We fired a six-gun salute in front of the reviewing stand, and Camp Musician **JAMES WELCH** made his first public performance playing his drum as we marched in review. He was joined by another drummer and two fife players from the American Civil War Association (prospective Camp members) as they entertained the spectators along the parade route.

We were very pleased to have Sisters **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** and **ANN SCHLEETER**, from our forming Auxiliary, join us in the Parade this year. Both donned period attire for the occasion.

Also participating this year were Brothers **FRANK AVILA**, **TAD CAMPBELL PCC**, **DAN EARL**, **BOB KADLEC**, **RICK LAROSA**, **DAVE SCHLEETER**, and **STEVE WELCH**. The **REV. CLARK SEUM** assisted the United Veterans Council at the reviewing stand, and Bro. **RICHARD MAYER** was the official parade photographer.

Veterans Day, 2003 – The 11th Hour, of the 11th Day, of the 11th Month

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Six-member firing detail gives their salute



Color Guard passes by the reviewing stand

The judging results for this year's parade have yet to be announced, but it is hoped that our efforts will bring in another First Place Award, making it our third in a row! Special thanks go to Bro. **RICHARD MAYER** for his excellent photographic skill, and for allowing us to reprint his photos for this article.

Commander's Column

Your Camp had a very productive year in 2003. We dominated the Department of California & Pacific participation at the annual Fort Point Open house in January and both the Department and National Encampments. We also had the largest Department representation at the Annual Civil War reenactment in Fresno in October. Additionally, our eighteen member Color Guard was the largest group the Camp has assembled for any Veterans Day Parade in San Jose in memory. We can all be proud of our accomplishments this past year.

Against my better judgment, you have reelected me to another term as Commander of your Camp. I thank you for your confidence in me as your Commander for one more year. Don't forget that the Installation Ceremony for your elected and appointed officers will take place on the 3rd of January at Lou's Village.

The second Annual Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Banquet will be held at Lou's Village again this year on Saturday, January 3rd. We will meet in the Venetian Room with a no host cocktail hour at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL**, accompanied by his wife **PATTI**, will join us again

this year and install your 2004 elected and appointed officers following the dinner.

Following the Installation Ceremony, we will be honored this year with a presentation from the Past President of the Orders and Medals Society of America. **MR. DOUGLAS BOYCE**, an expert on military awards, has accepted our invitation, through the auspices of Brother **RICK LAROSA**, to join us and speak on his historical research of medals presented to members of the military.

Again this year your Camp will participate with the Department of California and Pacific at the annual Open House at Fort Point in San Francisco on 17 January. The American Civil War Association is the lead in this National Park Service affair and has invited us to participate in the Flag Raising Ceremony. You may recall that it was the original Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment (our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit), that was stationed at Fort Point in 1865. This will be an all-day affair that will provide us with an opportunity to educate the public and possibly conduct some recruiting.

It is time to mark your calendar for our annual Lincoln Birthday party. We will meet again at Coco's Restaurant on Hamilton Avenue in Campbell on Saturday, February 7, 2004. There will be a short meeting after the 5:00 PM dinner to

Q: How much money did the Civil War cost the U.S. government each day?

A: According to a report released by the U.S. Congress in 1863, the financial cost of fighting the war was \$2.5 million a day.

appoint the Standing Committee members for 2004. Again your Camp will provide the Birthday Cake.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this year's Veteran's Day Parade and the Oak Hill Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony. You will find photos from this year's parade elsewhere in this newsletter. Because of inclement weather, this year's Flag Lowering Ceremony was held inside the Oak Hill Chapel. Obviously we were not able to lower a flag, however, Brothers **DAVE SCHLEETER**, **TAD CAMPBELL**, **DAN EARL**, **STEVE WELCH**, and **FRANK AVILA**, led by Camp Musician, Junior Member **JAMES WELCH**, presented the colors for the solemn ceremony in the Chapel.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Banquet on the 3rd of January. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Lincoln Birthday Party on the 7th of February.

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

Two New Brothers Initiated

At the Camp meeting on November 8, 2003, two more new Brothers were elected and initiated into the Camp.

ROBERT G. SORIA, an active member of the American Civil War Association (ACWA), joined as an associate member, and **VINCENT H. BARTNING** joined as a regular member. Bro. Bartning has at least two qualifying ancestors, namely, Robert J. Pedlow of Co. B, 107th Indiana Infantry, and Richard Pedlow of Co. A, 25th New York Infantry.

A hearty "*HUZZAH*" is extended to both of our new Brothers!

Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony

The Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park on November 30th was nearly rained out. However, the ceremony was moved indoors and held inside one of the chapels. Despite the inclement weather, about a dozen members of the public were in attendance, several of whom were relatives of those veterans being honored. The Camp Color Guard made an impressive sight as they posted the colors and stood at attention during the event.

Members of the Camp present were **FRANK AVILA**, **TAD CAMPBELL PCC**, **DAN EARL**, **BOB KADLEC**, **DAVE SCHLEETER**, **REV. CLARK SEUM**, **JAMES WELCH**, **STEVE WELCH**, and Auxiliary member **ANN SCHLEETER**.

Annual Installation Banquet

The Annual Installation Banquet of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2004 in the Venetian Room of Lou's Village Restaurant, 1465 West San Carlos Street in San José. The event is open to all family members and guests.

A ceremony for the installation of the 2004 Camp Officers will be conducted during the banquet. The Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, **BRAD SCHALL**, will again preside over the ceremony.

MR. DOUGLAS BOYCE, an expert on military medals, will be giving a presentation on Civil War medals.

At 5:00 PM there will be a no-host cocktail hour, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM and the installation of new officers at 7:00 PM. The program will begin immediately after installation.

The restaurant is conveniently located near Interstate 280, on West San Carlos Street, approximately one block west of Meridian Avenue.

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Q: In the official exchange of prisoners, how many enlisted men were to be traded for a general?

A: According to official arrangements devised by Union & Confederate authorities, one general was worth 60 enlisted men, but a lieutenant was worth only four.

Fort Point Open House

On Saturday, January 17, 2004, the Phil Sheridan and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camps will again participate in the Civil War Open House at Fort Point in San Francisco. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will man an information and recruitment booth in the courtyard of the fort.



Fort Point is a Civil War era installation, located beneath the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge. This annual event features reenactors from both the American Civil War Association (ACWA) and the National Civil War Association (NCWA), who will be performing drills and living history presentations throughout the day.

Timeline of events at Fort Point:

- 9:30 AM Fort Point opens to reenactors.
- 9:50 AM Assembly in courtyard for flag raising, featuring the Color Guard of Co. C, 8th California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve.
- 10:00 AM Fort Point opens to the public. Flag raising ceremony.
- 10:10 AM Introductory 17-minute video for new members/reenactors.
- 4:50 PM Assembly in courtyard for flag lowering.
- 5:00 PM Fort Point closes.

DIRECTIONS: From the south, take Highway 101 North towards the Golden Gate Bridge, stay in the farthest right lane and take the "Last San Francisco Exit". Proceed through the parking lot to your right until you reach the stop sign (Lincoln Blvd.). Turn left and proceed to Long Avenue and drive until it dead ends at the fort.

PARKING: If you have items for the information booth to take into the fort, please unload your vehicle in front of the fort and then leave the parking in front of the fort for the public. There is key punch pad operated lot at the south end of the seawall (Marine Drive), which should have a ranger or soldier opening the gate for us in the early morning only. If no one is there to open the gate, you will have to go up the hill (Long Avenue) to Lincoln Way (turn left) and down again (another left) along Crissy Field to McDonald/Old Mason Street (your third left). The parking lot entrance is on Old Mason (the extension from Marina Boulevard). You can also park above the fort and walk down, but it is a bit of an adventurous walk. The seawall walk might be farther, but it is level.

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

- JANUARY 3, 2004: Annual Installation Banquet, Lou's Village Restaurant, 1465 W. San Carlos, San José., 5 PM
- JANUARY 17, 2004: Fort Point Open House, Fort Point NHS, San Francisco, 10AM-5PM
- FEBRUARY 7, 2004: Lincoln Day Dinner & Camp Meeting
- MARCH 19-20, 2004: 118th Annual Department Encampment, Elks Lodge, San Luis Obispo

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Q: What was "ginger beer," consumed by Southerners when the war made "spiritous liquors" unavailable.
A: It was a mixture of molasses, ginger, water, and yeast warmed to fermentation.

Camp Elections

On November 8, 2003, the Camp held its annual elections meeting. The following officers were elected for the 2004 term:

Commander	Robert J. Kadlec
Senior Vice Commander	David C. Schleeter
Junior Vice Commander	Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
Secretary-Treasurer	Daniel R. Earl
Camp Council	Tad D. Campbell, PCC Rick T. LaRosa Steven J. Welch

Appointed officers for the Camp will be announced at the annual Installation Banquet on January 3, 2004. If you are interested in one of those positions, please advise Commander Kadlec as soon as possible.

TAPS SOUND FOR FOUR MORE "REAL SONS"

Brother **LEMUEL PAUL ROBERTSON**, a member of Phelps Camp 66, Department of Missouri, was born November 15, 1912 and passed away on October 17, 2003, at the age of 90 years, 11 months, and 2 days. Brother Robertson honored the memory of his father, James Marion Robertson, who served in Co. C, 24th Missouri Infantry.

Brother **EDWARD L. BLAKELY**, a member of General John A. Logan Camp 1, Department of Michigan, was born December 8, 1903 and passed away October 28, 2003, at the age of 99 years, 10 months, and 20 days. Ed honored the memory of his father, Egbert Blakely, who served in Co. E, 10th Michigan Cavalry. He also had an uncle, Buell Blakely, who served in Co. E, 21st Michigan Infantry. Brother Ed was a regular attendee at the last several National Encampments and Phil Sheridan Camp's Past Commander, **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, had the honor of meeting and speaking with him on several occasions. Brother Blakely's father and Brother Campbell's great-great-great-grandfather, Ira E. Angus, served in the same regiment during the Civil War. Talk about spanning the generations!



Tad Campbell & "Real Son" Ed Blakely at Natl. Encampment, Ft. Mitchell, KY - August 2003

Brother **MADISON WALDON GADBERRY**, a member of Farragut Camp 6, Department of Tennessee, was born February 4, 1917 and died October 31, 2003, aged 86 years, 8 months, and 27 days. Brother Gadberry honored the memory of his father, Milton Granville Gadberry, who served in Co. H, 8th Iowa Infantry. Brother Gadberry was named after his father's commanding officer, Captain Madison M. Waldon. Brother Gadberry's sister, **MS. JEWEL HUFFMAN**, is a Charter Member of Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent 2, DUVCW.

Brother **WILLIAM ADDISON DUNCAN**, a member of Robert Anderson Camp 33, Department of Iowa, was born April 8, 1905, and died November 15, 2003, aged 98 years, 7 months, and 7 days. Brother Duncan honored the memory of his father, John E. Duncan, who served in Co. H, 22nd New York Cavalry.

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Q: What two new states were admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863, and on October 31, 1864?

A: West Virginia, a new state formed by mountain Unionists in Virginia, was admitted first, followed the next year by mineral-rich Nevada.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

During our gathering in February, appointments will be made to the Camps Standing Committees. The following camp committees are open for appointment. If you are interested in being a member of one, or more, of these committees, please let Camp Commander Bob Kadlec know before the February 7th meeting.

A) Programs and Policy 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.

B) 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.

C) 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.

D) 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.

E) 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.

F) 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.

G) 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 patriotic holidays or any other event deemed appropriate by the Camp Commander. Subcommittees are established to divide the work on these observances which include: National Freedom Day (February 1st); Lincoln Birthday (February 12th); Presidents Day (3rd Monday in February); Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May); Memorial Day (4th Monday of May); Flag Day/National Flag Week (June 14th); Independence Day (July 4th); Constitution Day (September 17th); Veterans Day (November 11th); Remembrance Day (November 19th).

H) 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.

I) Visitations Committee

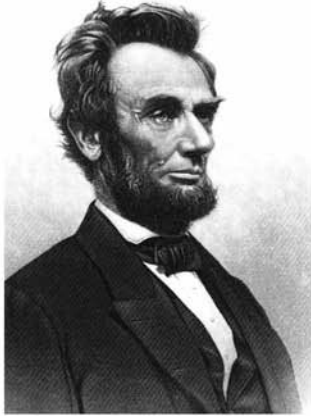
The purpose of the Standing Committee on Visitations shall be to identify and report on sick, injured, or bereaved members and their families. The Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that appropriate measures of compassion and comfort are undertaken, for example, by sending cards, flowers, or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

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Q: What Northern city was struck by Confederate sabotage on Friday, November 25, 1864?

A: On this date Confederate conspirators set coordinated fires in a dozen New York City buildings but did no serious damage.

**Celebrate
Abraham Lincoln's 195th Birthday
February 7, 2004 - 5:00 PM**



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



AUXILIARY NEWS

A name has been chosen for the new Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War! The now-forming **DR. MARY E. WALKER AUXILIARY #52** will be first Auxiliary in the Department of California and Pacific in quite some time. It is hoped that the formation of this Auxiliary will promote further expansion in the coming years.

The new Auxiliary's namesake, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker (1832-1919) was a pioneering female physician (second in the nation) and a contract surgeon for the U.S. Army, eventually being attached to the 52nd Ohio Infantry (thus the Auxiliary number). She provided invaluable services at the Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861; the U.S. Patent Office Hospital, Washington, D.C., October 1861; in Chattanooga, Tennessee, following Battle of Chickamauga, September 1863; and at the Battle of Atlanta, September 1864. She

was captured and held as a Prisoner of War at Richmond, Virginia from April 10, 1864 to August 12, 1864.

While performing her medical duties, Dr. Walker also acted as a Union spy, frequently slipping behind enemy lines. She is the only woman in history to have received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, having been recommended by Major Generals Sherman and Thomas.

Dr. Walker was also an early suffragette and staunch supporter of women's rights. She maintained her maiden name when married in 1856, and shunned the normal restrictive women's clothing of the day. In later years she donned full men's evening wear, including tuxedo and top hat, to lecture on women's rights.

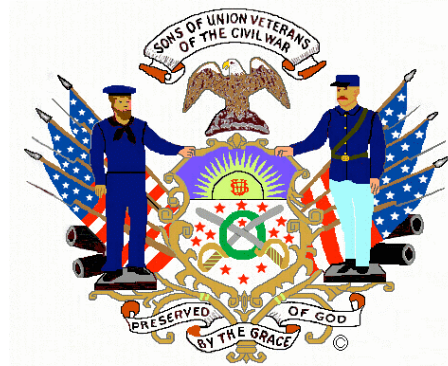
Please join your Sisters in this exciting time! Your new Auxiliary is in need of officers and regular members. Please contact **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** to express your interest and support!

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, 5:00 PM
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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: What Civil War military campaign in 1864 was prompted by Napoleon's nephew?

A: Concerned about French Emperor Napoleon III establishing a puppet government in Mexico, Lincoln ordered the Union occupation of eastern Texas in 1864.