

Sheridan's Dispatch

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

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Presidents' Day in Los Gatos



L-R: Thomas Brown (aka MGEN George H. Thomas), Camp 10, SUVCW; Brian O'Rourke, Commander, Company C&D, 79th NY Infantry Cameron Highlanders, ACWA; Bob Kadlec, Commander, Camp 4; Robert Nelson, Commander, Camp 10; Rick LaRosa, Guard, Camp 4; James Welch, Musician, Camp 4; Dave Schleeter, SVC, Camp 4, & Commander, Co. C, 8th Ca. Vol. Inf. Reg., SVR; Steve Welch, Guide, Camp 4, SUVCW

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 in San Jose and Lincoln Camp 10 in Santa Cruz joined with representatives from the American Civil War Association's 79th New York Infantry Cameron Highlanders to honor the passing of President Lincoln on the 16th of February. Members of Company C, of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment (SVR) provided the Color Guard for the opening and closing ceremony of "A Nation Mourns: Remembering President Lincoln" sponsored by the History Museum of Los Gatos.

The Los Gatos Museum used the ceremony to mark the opening of their new exhibit, "Ashes to Ashes: The Birth of the Death Industry 1850-1920," which will run through May 2004 and contains memorabilia from

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Lincoln's 1865 funeral. Over twenty-five "citizens," members History San José's "Portraits of the Past" performers, in period dress, participated in the ceremony held inside the museum. The Mayor of "Forbes Town," known today as Los Gatos, California, presented the keynote address to the assembled mourners on the occasion of the funeral of President Lincoln. The storm that passed through the Bay Area on Monday prevented the planned outdoor presentations at the Los Gatos High School and "funeral procession" to the Forbes Museum, located in the former Forbes Flour Mill. However, despite of the inclement weather, the scaled down event was successful.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Commander **Bob Kadle**C eulogized President Lincoln with the reading of an 1865 English article from the London Spectator newspaper that was written on the occasion of Lincoln's Funeral. The article addressed the eulogy given on the death of George Washington and the early English remarks that Lincoln was merely a "rude and illiterate village lawyer" in comparison. The Spectator reported that "Mr. Lincoln was called from a humble station, at the opening of a mighty Civil War, to form a government out of a party in which the habits and traditions of official life did not exist." Through all his trials and tribulations, the Spectator eulogized that "Mr. Lincoln has persevered through all without ever giving way to anger, or despondency, or exultation, or popular arrogance, or sectarian fanaticism, or cast prejudice, visibly growing in force of character, in self-possession, and benevolence...." The newspaper stated that the high eulogy given President Washington was equally well earned by the "Illinois peasant-proprietor and village lawyer..."

Camp 4 Commander Kadlec introduced Major General George H. Thomas, portrayed by his great-great-grand-nephew, and member of Lincoln Camp 10 in Santa Cruz, **THOMAS BROWN**. "General Thomas" spoke of his career from the second Seminole War and the War with Mexico, through his work during the Reconstruction following the Civil War.

Lincoln Camp 10 Commander **ROBERT NELSON**, attired as a Union veteran and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, joined with his wife **JOAN**, in 1890's period dress, in the mourning to our fallen President.

MONICA TUCKER, History San José and Guest Curator at the History Museum of Los Gatos, had these words to say following the event: "I just wanted to thank everyone who made our Monday museum reception such a success. Throughout the day I heard positive comments, many from folks who had traveled from out of the area to be there. The historic re-enactments and presentations received much praise for adding atmosphere to the event and encouraging guests to place themselves in the mindset of 1865."

Commander's Column

The newly elected, and appointed, Camp officers for 2004 were officially installed during the second Annual Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Banquet held at Lou's Village on January 3rd. Department Commander BRAD SCHALL, accompanied by his wife PATTI, joined us again this year and performed the installation. Following the dinner and installation, MR. DOUGLAS BOYCE, Past President of the Orders and Medals Society of America, an expert on military awards, gave a truly informative presentation on his historical research of medals presented to members of the military during and after the Civil War.

The annual American Civil War Association (ACWA) Open House at Fort Point in San Francisco took place on 17 January. Members of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment (SVR), namesake of the unit that was stationed at Fort Point in 1865, assisted in the opening flag raising and closing flag lowering ceremonies at the request of the ACWA. Again, January proved to be a brisk time for this Department event which was co-chaired by Sheridan Camp 4 Brother STEVE WELCH and Pleasonton Camp 24 Commander/Brother CHARLIE MABIE. Brothers from several other Northern California Camps also participated at this event.

Our second annual Lincoln Birthday Party at Cocos Restaurant in Campbell was another success.

Over twenty Brothers, Sisters, and guests joined in the celebration. Before the party began, a short Camp meeting was held to appoint the members of this year's Standing Committees. The memberships are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Presidents' Day on the 16th of February was a last minute scramble to gather Sheridan Camp 4 and Lincoln Camp 10 Brothers for a ceremony sponsored by the History Museum of Los Gatos. The ceremony was conducted in part to coincide with the opening of an exhibit on the funeral industry between 1850 and 1920. Details of the ceremony are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in San Luis Obispo on March 19th and 20th. The 118th Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific will be addressing several important proposals and we will need as much participation as possible this year. Additionally, our new Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary No. 52 will be officially established. The National President of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW, DANIELLE MICHAELS, will travel to California to present the Charter and perform the installation of the founding officers. This is the first time that both **SUVCW** Commander-in-Chief **ARMSTRONG**) and the National Auxiliary President conduct installations will iointly during Department of California & Pacific Encampment.

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

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New Members

Please join the Camp in welcoming two new members into our ranks!

THOMAS R. BEISCHEL, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, joins us through the efforts of Camp Commander ROBERT J. KADLEC. Thomas is the

nephew of Cmdr. Kadlec, and they share the same Union ancestor, namely Color Corporal Jacob Stauff of Co. I "Wenze Guard", 26th Wisconsin Infantry. It will be remembered that, in the midst of the fury and chaos of the assault at Resaca, Georgia, Jacob Stauff rushed forward, picked up the fallen regimental colors, and carried them forward in the assault.

PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF, of San José, was recruited by Bros. **TAD D. CAMPBELL** and **DANIEL R. EARL**, both of whom work with Paul's wife, **KAREN**. Paul has three direct Union ancestors, as follows:

Aaron Decker of Co. A, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery

James Luman Fuller of Co. G, 1st New York Dragoons

Levi Hensel of Co. G, 13th Kansas Cavalry.

In addition, Paul has the following collateral ancestors who also fought for the Union:

Daniel S. Bauder of Co. B, 12th Illinois Infantry John Henry Decker of Co. E, 36th Iowa Infantry Ambrose C. Fuller of Co. F, 58th Pennsylvania Infantry

Abel Hensel of Co. I, 12th Illinois Infantry Elisha Hensel of Co. I, 30th Ohio Infantry Josiah Hensel of Co. D, 161st Ohio Infantry Harvey Hensel of Co. K, 98th Ohio Infantry William Elliot Morrow of Co. H, 46th Iowa Infantry

Paul's wife, Karen, will also be a Charter Member of the new Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, which is associated with our Camp, and has already been elected as the provisional Chaplain.

Twelfth Camp Joins the Department!

The Department of California and Pacific is pleased to welcome the twelfth Camp into the

Department. The GENERALS SEDGWICK-GRANGER CAMP 17 was established on December 17, 2003, and was named in honor of two local Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Posts, namely, the Gen. John Sedgwick Post 17 of Santa Ana, California, and the Gen. Gordon Granger Post 138 of Orange, California. Each of these Posts was named for a prominent Civil War general. An original Santa Ana SUVCW Camp (No. 12) was established on May 12, 1919, and was active until the last real Son passed away in 1968. The new Camp is also chartered in Santa Ana and serves all of Orange County, California. Congratulations to our Brothers in Camp 17!

Camp Orders

Camp Order No. 1, Series 2004 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

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 re-elected Camp Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I continue with my command of the Phil Sheridan Camp #4, for 2004 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I, will continue to 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 continue to be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby re-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 8 November 2003, and installed on 3 January 2004 by Department Commander Brad Schall 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. Rick T. LaRosa
- Council Br. Steven J. Welch
- Department Encampment Delegate Br. Frank C. Avila
- Department Encampment Delegate Rev. Clark Seum
- Department Encampment Delegate Br. Vincent Bartning

Section 3: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain Rev. Clark Seum
- Assistant Chaplain Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Patriotic Instructor Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Counselor Br. Daniel R. Earl
- Historian Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Guide Steven J. Welch
- Color Bearer Br. David C. Schleeter
- Guard 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. Crittenden Bell
- *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council Frank C. Avila
- Delegate to United Veterans Council Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council Robert J. Kadlec
- Alternate Delegate to United Veterans Council Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Alternate Delegate to United Veterans Council Daniel R. Earl
- Alternate Delegate to United Veterans Council Rick T. LaRosa

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth, 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 Order No. 2, Series 2004 COMMITTEE 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:

<u>Section 1</u>: The following Brothers are appointed to the following Committee assignments:

- Committee on Program and Publicity: Dave Schleeter (chairman), Daniel R. Earl and Rick T. LaRosa, Members.
- Committee on Civil War Memorials: Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC (chairman), Tad D. Campbell (PCC), Steve Welch, and Vincent Bartning, Members.
- Committee on Graves Registration: Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC (chairman), Tad D. Campbell (PCC), Daniel R. Earl, Rick T. LaRosa, Rev. Clark Seum, and Vincent Bartning, Members.
- Committee on Legislation: Daniel R. Earl (chairman) and Steve Welch, Member.
- Committee on Bylaws: Daniel R. Earl (chairman), Tad D. Campbell (PCC) and Vincent Bartning, Members.
- Committee on History: Tad D. Campbell, PCC (chairman), Rev. Clark Seum, Dave Schleeter, Daniel R. Earl, Frank Avila, Paul Lavrischeff, and James Welch, Members.
- Committee on Military Affairs: Dave Schleeter (chairman), Steve Welch, Frank Avila, Robert Soria, and James Welch, Members.
- Committee on Visitations: Rev. Clark Seum (chairman), Tad D. Campbell (PCC) and Vincent Bartning, Members.
- Committee on Ceremonial Observances: Steve Welch (chairman), Daniel R. Earl, Vincent Bartning, and James Welch, Members.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth, 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 Order No. 3, Series 2004 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DELEGATES

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: The resignation of Brother Frank C. Avila as a Delegate to the 2004 Department Encampment has been received by the Camp Commander, recorded, and is effective immediately.

Section 2: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, Brother Rick T. LaRosa is appointed a full Delegate to the 2004 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

Section 3: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, the following additional Brothers are appointed as full Delegates to the 2004 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific:

- Brother Steven J. Welch
- Brother Crittenden Bell
- Brother William J. Stewart

Section 4: Pursuant to § 2 of Article IX of the Camp Bylaws, Brother J. Frank Guirado, III is appointed an Alternate Delegate to the 2004 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth, 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

Annual Installation Banquet Held

The elected and officers of appointed Phil Sheridan Camp 4 for the 2004 term were duly installed at the annual installation banquet, held January 3, 2004 at Lou's Village Restaurant in San José. Performing the installation once again this year was Department Commander D. BRAD SCHALL. who was accompanied by his lovely wife, PATTI. Cmdr. Schall was also honored to initiate our Camp's newest member, **PAUL** Ε. LAVRISCHEFF.

A most interesting talk about Civil War medals was presented by Douglas Boyce, Past President of the Orders and Medals Society of America. The banquet was well attended and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening.

See color photos on page 7.

President Lincoln's Birthday Party

The Camp's second annual Lincoln Birthday Party was held at Coco's Restaurant in Campbell on February 7th, 2004. Over twenty people were in attendance at the festive event. Before the party, a short Camp meeting was held during which members of the Camp's Committees Standing were appointed. Those attending

birthday enjoyed cake featuring a likeness of Abraham. A short meeting of Co. C, 8th California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) was also held, during which it was announced that the company had grown enough to allow several new promotions in the near future. The event proved to be an enjoyable evening of camaraderie for all!

Fort Point Open House

On January 17, 2004, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War made another excellent showing at the American Civil War Association's annual open house at historic Fort Point in San Francisco. The Civil War era installation. located directly underneath the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge, was alive with activity, as dozens of Union reenactors performed drills and other activities to the delight of the gathered public.

Members of the SUVCW staffed an information and recruitment booth inside the courtyard, and were honored to participate in the formal flag raising and lowering ceremonies. Attending SUVCW members included the following:

Camp 4 – Frank Avila
Tad Campbell
Dan Earl
Bob Kadlec
Paul Lavrischeff
Dave Schleeter
James Welch
Steve Welch

Camp 22 – STEVE BOGART JOHN ENGLISH

Camp 23 – RON CANNON CHARLES CHRISTIAN

Camp 24 – BOB EBERT
BRUCE HEVELIN
BEN MABIE
CHARLIE MABIE
CORKY REED
MARK WILSON
CHUCK GARDALI

See color photos on page 8.

Department Encampment

The 118th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held Friday & Saturday, March 19-20, 2004 at Elks Lodge #322, 222 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo, California.

Registration is \$25.00 (\$13.00 for guests), which includes a luncheon on Saturday. Please make checks payable to S.U.V.C.W.

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PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP NUMBER 4 2004 INSTALLATION CEREMONY & BANQUET LOU'S VILLAGE RESTAURANT, SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA 3 JANUARY 2004



New Brother Paul Lavrischeff is Initiated into Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4



Brother Paul Lavrischeff receives Membership Badge from Wife Karen





Installation of Camp Officers -- Rev. Clark Seum, Chaplain; Dan Bunnell (PDC), JVC; Bob Kadlec, Commander; Tad Campbell (PCC), Patriotic Instructor; Steve Welch, Guide; Dan Earl, Secretary/Treasurer; Rick LaRosa, Guard; Dave Schleeter, SVC. Hidden behind Steve Welch is Crit Bell, Eagle Scout Coordinator.





Guest Speaker, Douglas Boyce, Past President of the Orders and Medals Society of America, addresses the Banquet

(Photographs courtesy of Ann & Dave Schleeter)

Installation Officer Brad Schall, Commander, Department of California & Pacific receives Certificate of Appreciation



UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY OAK HILL MEMORIAL PARK, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 30 NOVEMBER 2003





Camp Musician James Welch leads the Color Guard
Phil Sheridan Camp #4 and SVR 8th Calif. Vol. Inf. Reg. Company C members included:
Frank Avila, Tad Campbell, Dan Earl, Dave Schleeter, and Steve Welch

Commander Bob Kadlec and Rev. Clark Seum, Chaplain, preside over the Ceremony

Ed Aki, Jr., Director of the United Veterans Council Flag Lowering Program looks on



(Photographs courtesy of Ann Schleeter)

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ASSOCIATION FORT POINT OPEN HOUSE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 17 JANUARY 2004



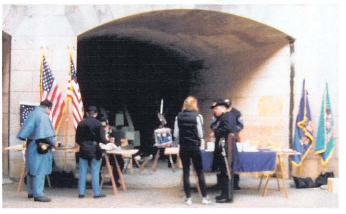
Camp Commander Bob Kadlec SVR Company C, 8th California Commander Dave Schleeter







Camp Event Organizer Steve Welch



(Photographs courtesy of Dan Earl)



(Department Encampment, continued from page 6)

Guests of honor this year will include SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **Kent Armstrong** from Michigan, ASUVCW National President **Danielle Michaels** from Wisconsin, and DUV National President **Donna Vaughan** from Oregon.

On Friday, an informal social gathering will begin at the Elks Lodge at 3:00 PM. Snacks will be provided and a cash bar is available. A no-host dinner will be provided by the Elks Lodge at a cost of approximately \$8.00-\$10.00 per person.

The Saturday meeting will begin at the Elks Lodge at 9:00 AM, with registration starting at 8:00 AM. There will be historical displays by the various SUVCW Camps, and coffee and donuts will be provided. The meeting will break mid-day for the luncheon. After the business session and installation of new officers, the entire Encampment will move to the adjacent G.A.R. plot for a brief memorial ceremony.



This once-a-year event is a great opportunity to meet our Commander-in-Chief, and get to know other members of the Order in our Department. If you are interested in attending, please let your Camp Commander know so that you can be made a Delegate. One does not have to be a Delegate

to attend, however being one gives full voting rights during the business session.

If you have any questions regarding the Department Encampment, please contact Department Senior Vice Commander LINN HOADLEY at <hoadleyopt@earthlink.net>.

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Auxiliary News



The organization of the Camp's new Auxiliary is nearly complete. The charter for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 will be presented at the 118th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific in San Luis Obispo, California on Saturday, March 20, 2004. Performing the institution of the new Auxiliary will be National

President **DANIELLE MICHAELS**. Sister Michaels has been very supportive of our efforts from the very beginning and will be travelling all the way from Wisconsin to perform the ceremony. Permanent officers will also be sworn into office at the same time. The Charter members of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary, No. 52, are as follows:

GAY ALLYN, LAUREL M. ANDERSON, RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, ROWENA L. CAMPBELL, LYNDA DOYLE, JENNIFER P. EARL, PHYLLIS J. EARL, PATSY J. EVERETTE, GRACE A. HOADLEY, JEAN A. HOADLEY, TRISHA J. HOADLEY, KAREN L. LAVRISCHEFF, ALBERTA J. PARKER, LINDA M. POLLARD, SHARON POPE, AMY J. SCHLEETER, ANN SCHLEETER, BETTY M. WELCH, CAROLYN A. WELCH, KATHLEEN A. WELCH, KRISTEN WELCH, JANET WHALEY

We are grateful for the support of the National Organization of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil. A special thank you is extended to Sisters DANIELLE MICHAELS, FRANCES MURRAY, BETTY BAKER, and MARGARET ATKINSON.

Rachelle M. Campbell
Provisional President
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

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• Camp Council Tad D. Campbell, PCC

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 Historian & Tad D. Campbell, PCC Patriotic Instructor tadcamp@earthlink.net

• Chaplain Rev. Clark D. Seum

• Assistant Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC philsheridan4@msn.com

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• Guard Rick T. LaRosa

 Color Bearer David C. Schleeter KnifeGuy@aol.com

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• Eagle Scout Cert. Crittenden Bell Coordinator critbell@aol.com

Signals Officer & Tad D. Campbell, PCC
Newsletter Editor tadcamp@earthlink.net

Musician James Welch

Next Meeting: (To Be Announced)

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Web Site http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/sheridan4.html

Department of California & Pacific Web Site http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/deptca.html

National SUVCW Web Site http://www.suvcw.org

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary, No. 52 Web Site http://home.earthlink.net/~asuvcw/walker52.html

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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.