

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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NEW CAMP OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN JANUARY

On Saturday, November 20th, 2004, a new slate of Camp Officers for 2005 was elected at the Camp's annual election meeting. Much to the chagrin of his many supporters who chanted "four more years", Camp Commander **ROBERT KADLEC** respectfully declined to run for a third term. Here are the results of the elections:

COMMANDER	DAVID C. SCHLEETER
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER	DANIEL M. BUNNELL, PDC
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER	STEVEN J. WELCH
SECRETARY-TREASURER	DANIEL R. EARL
COUNCIL	RICK T. LAROSA
	FRANK C. AVILA
	PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF

Commander-Elect **DAVE SCHLEETER** will announce his appointed officers at the Annual Installation Banquet, to be held at Lou's Village Restaurant, 1465 W. San Carlos Street in San José on January 8, 2005.

Celebrate
Abraham Lincoln's 196th Birthday
February 12, 2005 - 5:00 PM



Holder's Country Inn Restaurant
998 South DeAnza Blvd.
Cupertino, California

Commander's Column

This will be my final column as Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4. I really want to thank one and all for the support you have given to me these past two years. It has been a great pleasure serving as your Commander.

This has been an exciting year. On a Blustery January morning we joined other northern California Camps at the Annual American Civil War Association's National Park Service Open House at Fort Point on San Francisco Bay. Our second annual Lincoln Birthday Party in February was another success with over twenty Brothers, Sisters, and guests joining in the celebration. On Presidents' Day on the 16th of February your Camp, and members of Lincoln Camp 10, participated in a ceremony sponsored by the History Museum of Los Gatos. During the 118th Annual Department of California & Pacific Encampment, our new Dr. Mary Walker E. Auxiliary Number 52 was officially established and Chartered by National SUVCW Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels.

Memorial Day weekend has again had your Camp involved in two events. On Saturday and Sunday we operated an information booth, along with Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10, at the American Civil War Association's annual reenactment event at Roaring Camp in Felton. On Monday your Camp, along with the Dr. Mary Auxiliary, and Company C of the 8th California (SVR), posted colors and participated in the United Veterans Council (UVC) Wreath Laying Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose. As a delegate to the UVC, your Camp was also represented at the 20th Annual Santa Clara County Flag Day Ceremony in San Jose in June.

The 123rd annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August. Of the fifteen Department of California and Pacific Delegates to the Encampment, five were from Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 and your Department was second only to Michigan with their eighteen delegates.

The annual Civil War reenactment in Fresno was held the last weekend in September. This event is the largest reenactment held on the West Coast. The next weekend had twenty members from the Phil Sheridan Camp and Dr. Walker Auxiliary conducting another Graves Registration project -- this time at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in San Jose. October also saw our participation with other Northern California Camps, and Civil War Round Tables, in a tour of the Alcatraz Civil War Fort on San Francisco Bay.

As the year came to a close, your Camp participated in several more events that have kept California's oldest continuously active Camp active: Fourth annual participation in the United Veterans Council's Veterans Day Parade; Thanksgiving Commendation presentation to the American Legion; Meeting with Lincoln Camp 10 at the San Benito County Historical Association; And finally, your Camp participated in its fourth UVC Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony on the 28th of November -- the finest performance to date.

On the 8th of January I will officially turn over the reins of the Camp to your newly elected Commander, **DAVE SCHLEETER**, at our third annual Installation Ceremony and Banquet. I hope that you will give your new Camp Commander as much if not more support during his term(s) in office.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bob Kadlec, Commander



Santa Clara County United Veterans Council

VETERANS DAY PARADE

San Jose, California • 11 November 2004

Phil Sheridan Camp 4, SUVCW & Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary 52, ASUVCW

Assisted by SVR Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry & Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery

FIRST PLACE • Marching Unit, Veteran And SECOND PLACE • Color Guard, Veteran



Photographs Courtesy of Brother Richard Mayer


Alcatraz Civil War Fort Tour • 17 October 2004

Back:
Dan Earl, Don Pray, Paul & Karen Lavrischeff, Steve Welch, Rachelle Campbell, Dave & Ann Schleeter, Frank Avila, Bob Kadlec

Front:
Debbie Markus, Tad Campbell, James Welch, Richard Mayer



Photographs
Courtesy of Brother Richard Mayer



Be it known to all,
The Department of California & Pacific
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
and
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52
Are honored to present this Commendation of Appreciation to

**AMERICAN LEGION
MISSION CITY POST 564, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**

In recognition of outstanding support and unflinching generosity
in providing accommodations to the oldest continuously active
Sons of Veterans organization in California

Presented
This 26th day of November in the year 2004

**Members of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
And Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Present Commendation of Appreciation to
American Legion Mission City Post 564
Santa Clara, California
26 November 2004**

**Left To Right: Robert Soria, Frank Avila, Dan Earl, Tad Campbell,
Rachelle Campbell, Dave Schleeter, Bob Kadlec,
Gary Langhorst (Mission City Post 564 Commander)
Emmott Sharp (Mission City Post 564 Adjutant)**



Photograph Courtesy of Earl Edwards, Mission City Post 564

ALCATRAZ CIVIL WAR FORT TOUR



Camp 4 Brothers Frank Avila, Paul Lavrischeff, James Welch, Steve Welch, and Tad Cambell. PCC on Alcatraz Island

On the 17th of October, Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 joined with other Northern California SUVCW Camps, and local Civil War Round Table groups, in a private tour of the remains of the old Civil War fort on Alcatraz Island. Past Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL** and Past Wright Camp 22 Commander **FRED BOHMFALK** organized this tour through the National Park Service, which is in the process of restoring the old fort. The all day tour included a lecture on the history of the military installation on the Island by former Park Ranger, and author, **JOHN MARTINI**. The tour took us to areas on the island that were once used by the military, as well as former fort facilities located below the present prison structure, that are off limits to the general public.

Alcatraz has been undergoing restoration the past two years to make it earthquake safe. The National Park Service approached local groups in an effort to develop an interpretive program for the old Civil War Fort on Alcatraz when it is opened to the public. A working committee of representatives from Northern California SUVCW Camps and local Civil War Round Tables was established. The first goal of the committee is to develop visual interpretive requirements. Also, a fund raising effort is underway to purchase Civil War vintage artillery equipment that had been removed from the Island when it was turn over to the Bureau of Prisons by the Army in the 1930's. Additionally, the National Park Service will be looking for people who would like to work as docents, in Civil War artillery uniforms, for the interpretive program. *(See additional photos on page four)*

Veterans Day Parade

The 86th Annual United Veterans Council (UVC) Veterans Day Parade in San Jose was another rousing success as your Camp picked up two more trophies for its efforts. In the last four years your Camp has picked up a total of three First Place and three Second Place trophies in the Marching Unit and Color Guard categories.

Joining the Phil Sheridan Camp this year were members Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10. Members of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment and Battery A of the 3rd U.S. Artillery Regiment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, as well as members of both the American and National Civil War Associations, also participated with the Color Guard and Marching Unit this year. Additionally, the women of the new Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary Number 52 participated for the first time as an official unit. Lincoln Camp 10 Commander **BOB NELSON**, attired as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, escorted the ladies of the Auxiliary. Leading the Sons of Union Veterans, in honoring all Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield, was General William Tecumseh Sherman's Commander of the Army of the Cumberland, Major General George H. Thomas portrayed by Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10 Brother **THOMAS BROWN**. General Thomas, along with General Sherman, submitted the Medal of Honor recommendation in 1865 for Dr. Walker, the renowned Civil War surgeon and only female recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As a delegate to the UVC of Santa Clara County, your Camp was actively involved in the planning of this year's Veterans Day Parade. A tremendous amount of work was involved in the organizing of the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California involving over 150 different marching units. In January the UVC will start the planning cycle for the 2005 Veterans Day Parade and is eagerly looking for delegate volunteers to help plan the Parade as well as organize the multitude of activities that must come together on the day of the Parade. *(See photos on page three)*

American Legion Award

For several years, Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 has held its Camp meetings at several different locations, mostly in small restaurant semi-private rooms. This had become a difficult arrangement to deal with, therefore, about two years ago the Camp approached a local American Legion Post regarding use of their facilities. Mission City Post 564 in Santa Clara was kind enough to offer facilities within the Post Home for Camp meetings. On the 16th of November 2002, Phil Sheridan Camp held its first meeting at Mission City Post 564. In addition to the room for the meetings, the Post also provided free coffee for the membership at the meetings. On the 20th of March 2004, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 was officially Chartered. The Auxiliary participated in joint opening ceremonies for the next Camp meeting held at Mission City Post 564 on the 24th of April. Following the opening ceremony, the Auxiliary was able to adjourn to another room provided by the American Legion Post for their meeting.

In recognition of the continuing outstanding support and unfailing generosity of American Legion Mission City Post 564, Phil Sheridan Camp number 4, along with Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52, presented the Post with a Commendation of Appreciation at their Post meeting on the 26th of November. Accepting the brass plaque Award were Post Commander **GARY LANGHORST** and Adjutant **EMMOTT SHARP**. As a side note, Mission City Post 564 now has three SUVCW Brothers as American Legion members, Camp Commander **BOB KADLEC**, Commander Elect **DAVE SCHLEETER**, and Brother **ROBERT SORIA** (also the Second Vice Commander of Mission City Post 564).

(See photo on page four)

119th Annual Department Encampment

Next year's Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will be held on March 11-12, 2005 at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo.

Our guest of honor this year will be Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who will be joining us from Wisconsin. There will be a memorial service and an informal social gathering on Friday night. A no-host dinner will be available from the Elks Lodge for a nominal fee. On Saturday the business session will take place and will include lunch. Saturday evening everyone will be invited to join Commander-in-Chief Michaels for a no-host dinner in his honor.

Private Almeron J. Patchin Honored by New Camp



The Department of California and Pacific can now boast fourteen local Camps! The Almeron J. Patchin Camp 26 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established on November 21, 2004, and was named for Private Almeron John Patchin (1840-1906), the great grandfather of Camp organizer **JOHN P. PATCHIN**. Private Patchin served in Company E, 20th Ohio Infantry and was wounded July 22, 1864 at Atlanta, Georgia. He subsequently received a disability discharge. The Camp is located in Los Molinos, California and will serve the extreme northern portion of the state. Congratulations and good wishes are extended to our Brothers in Camp 26!

FINAL BUGLE CALL

On November 2, 2004, the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 lost one of its own with the passing of Brother **FRANCIS G. APPLETON** of Antioch, California, at the age of 87.

Francis George Appleton was born April 21, 1917 in Byron, Michigan, the second of five children of James Herbert Appleton and Isabelle Marie Paquette, and the great grandson of Pvt. John Henderson Appleton of Co. E, 17th Indiana Infantry of Wilder's Lightning Brigade.

Brother Appleton was also a veteran himself, having been an Army cook with the rank of Sergeant during World War II. He was assigned to an artillery unit and participated in the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. During the war had the honor of preparing a meal for General Eisenhower in a French chateau and was allowed to sit at the same table. At the time of the German surrender his unit was firing upon Berlin.

After the war, Brother Appleton continued his profession as a house carpenter and cabinetmaker in Michigan and Arizona. In the 1960s he moved to San José with his wife and children, where he lived until recently.

He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly sixty-one years, Frances E. (Foster) Appleton, and by a daughter, Kathy J. Campbell. He is survived by a son Paul F. Appleton, of Freeport, Maine, a daughter Nancy K. Bolen, of Antioch, California, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Francis G. Appleton joined the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 in 2001 and was the father-in-law of Brother **DONALD D. CAMPBELL**, grandfather of Dept. SVC **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PCC**, and grandfather-in-law of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**.



Bro. Appleton in Germany during WWII — 1945



Dr. Walker's Remedies

News from Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

At our recent meeting the following officers were elected for 2005:

PRESIDENT	RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL
VICE PRESIDENT	ANN SCHLEETER
SECRETARY-TREASURER	KAREN L. LAVRISCHEFF
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR	SHARON POPE
CHAPLAIN	KAREN L. LAVRISCHEFF

These officers will be installed during the joint Installation Banquet with the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 at 5 pm on January 8, 2005 at Lou's Village Restaurant, 1465 W. San Carlos Street in San José.

Also at the last meeting, the Auxiliary voted to reimburse Camp 4 to send copies of the *Sheridan's Dispatch* newsletter to members of Auxiliary No. 52 who do not live in the same household as a member of Camp 4. This will ensure that everyone has access to the "Dr. Walker's Remedies" articles, which have been appearing regularly in the *Dispatch*.

Don't forget that the annual Encampment of the SUVCW's Department of California and Pacific will be held in San Luis Obispo on March 11-12, 2005. If you have any ideas for items for the annual fundraiser, please let me know as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all the Sisters and Brothers who have provided support and assistance through the formation and first year of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and to thank you for your continued confidence in re-electing me as President. Best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year!

In F, C & L,
Rachelle M. Campbell, President
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

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NEXT MEETING: Installation Banquet
Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, 5 PM
Lou's Village Restaurant, 1465 W. San Carlos, San José, CA

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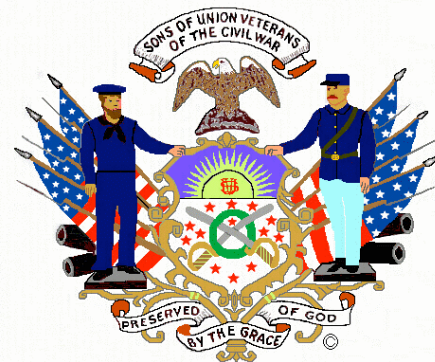
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.