



SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC STAFFS INFORMATIONAL BOOTH AT FORT POINT



Camp 4 Brothers Tad Campbell PCC, Steve Welch, Paul Lavrischeff with Cmdr. Ron Cannon of Camp 23.

On Saturday, January 22, 2005, members of the American Civil War Association (ACWA) and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) gathered at Fort Point National Historic Site in San Francisco for a day of drill and public education. Five SUVCW Camps were represented at the event, including members from Phil Sheridan Camp 4 of San José, Gen. U.S. Grant Camp 9 of Modesto, Gen. George Wright Camp 22 of Elk Grove, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 of Santa Rosa, and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 of Castro Valley.

Our own Camp 4 was well represented by Brothers **FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOSEPH MARTI, BRIAN PERRY, JAMES WELCH,** and **STEVEN WELCH.** In addition, **RACHELLE CAMPBELL,** President of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, participated in period attire.

Brothers from multiple Camps were honored to participate in the flag raising and lowering ceremonies at the Civil War era installation, which is located directly below the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge. The cold and blustery weather did little to dampen the camaraderie enjoyed by those present and the increased exposure to the public and the reenactor community may even have netted a few new recruits.



Commander's Column

At our last meeting, being installed as the latest Camp Commander was the greatest honor I have received since taking command of a ship back in my Navy days. Thinking back so much farther than that, our Camp has been active since 1897, before the Spanish-American War—a very long time for a purely voluntary organization such as ours. What has kept us going all that time?

When the Camp was formed, the Grand Army of the Republic was still in its heyday, and Civil War veterans were still active in public life, even though they were “getting up there” like some of us are now. Yet their sons (real sons then) and later the grandsons, and great grandsons thought there was a purpose to be found in continuing the ideals of this organization. Unfortunately we don't know too much about the individual people in the Camp then, or what activities they pursued, but with some research we may be able to find out more, as **DAN BUNNELL**, **SEBASTIAN NELSON**, and some of our other members keep coming up with more history all the time. That brings me to the real point of my column.

Compared to some of the “old timers” in the Sons, I'm a relatively new member. I only joined in 1999 when the Camp was already over 100 years old. At that time the Sheridan Camp was at something of a low ebb, as many other camps had recently been established all over the State, many of whose members had split off from our Camp to form them. **DAN BUNNELL** kept the Camp together and meetings were held in his kitchen; attendance consisted of 5 or 6 members, but we carried on. **TAD CAMPBELL** became Commander and membership and activities increased. Then my immediate predecessor **BOB KADLEC** brought his formidable organizational skills to bear, and it is astounding the progress made in just a few years. This progress has not been the work of the commanders alone but also of many other members and leaders. I ask all our members to support the Camp by attending the meetings and activities, and carrying out the purposes of the Order. With our long history, capable leaders, active members, and worthy activities and projects we'll make our second century a roaring success.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David C. Schleeter, Commander

Camp Orders

Camp Order No. 1, Series 2005 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 elected Camp Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp #4, for the 2005 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I will 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 establish my residence at 134 Del Monte Drive in the City of Pacifica, County of San Mateo, State of California, 94044, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <knifeguy@aol.com>, or at the Camp mail address, 9327 Lariat Drive, Gilroy, California 95020-8123.

Section 2: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 20 November 2004, and installed on 8 January 2005 by Department Senior Vice Commander Tad D. Campbell, PCC, are as follows:

- Commander: Br. David C. Schleeter
- Sr. Vice-Commander: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Jr. Vice-Commander: Br. Steven J. Welch
- Secretary-Treasurer: Br. Daniel R. Earl
- Council: Br. Frank C. Avila
- Council: Br. Rick T. LaRosa

- Council: Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Steven J. Welch
- Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Rick T. LaRosa
- Department Encampment Delegate: Br. William Pope
- Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Joseph Marti
- Alternate Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Frank C. Avila
- Alternate Department Encampment Delegate: Rev. Clark Seum
- Alternate Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- Alternate Department Encampment Delegate: Br. J. Frank Guirado, III

Section 3: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain: Rev. Clark Seum
- Assistant Chaplain: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Patriotic Instructor: Br. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC
- Counselor: Br. Daniel R. Earl
- Historian: Br. Sebastian R. Nelson
- Guide: Br. Rick T. LaRosa
- Color Bearer: Br. Steven J. Welch
- Guard: Br. Vincent H. Bartning
- Signals Officer: Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Graves Registration Officer: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Civil War Memorials Officer: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator: Br. Crittenden Bell
- *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor: Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Camp Musician: Jr. Br. James M. Welch
- Delegate to United Veterans Council: Br. David C. Schleeter
- Delegate to United Veterans Council: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council: Br. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 10th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth, in the City of Pacifica, County of San Mateo, State of California by David C. Schleeter, 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/ David C. Schleeter
Camp Commander
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl
Camp Secretary-Treasurer

Remember these Upcoming Events!

Lincoln Day Dinner

Saturday, February 12, 2005, 5 pm
Holder's Country Inn Restaurant
998 S. De Anza Blvd. in Cupertino

119th Annual Department Encampment

Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, 2005
Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane in San Luis Obispo



More on Phil Sheridan

By Brother Steven J. Welch

Our installation dinner topic "The Life of Phil Sheridan," was quite appropriate for our Camp and **FRED BOHMFALK, PCC** of Wright Camp 22 gave a great presentation. Not all of our membership was in attendance and I thought they might benefit from an eyewitness description of Phil Sheridan. The writer is Theodore Gerrish, the only private in the famed 20th Maine regiment who wrote his memoirs, entitled "Reminiscences of the War." He survived his three-year enlistment while all but two of the friends he mentions in his memoirs did not. Of the two that did not perish, one was the cook, and the other was wounded after the rebels who surrendered at Five Forks changed their minds and attacked their captors. Pvt. Gerrish originally wrote the "Reminiscences" as a series of newspaper articles, and he used the feedback to edit the articles for accuracy and assemble the book. His description of Sheridan is thus:

"I wish I could picture Sheridan as we used to see him. I have carefully examined many pictures of Sheridan, which I suppose are lifelike, but somehow I have always been disappointed. Not one of them does justice to this peerless Union leader.

This is how he appeared in the field: A short, thick-set man, with very short legs, his broad shoulders a little stooping as he sat upon his horse, having a very large head, with hair clipped close, a short, thick mustache; his uniform being usually the worse for wear and spotted with mud; wearing a soft felt hat, at least two sizes too small, and for safe keeping, usually pressed down upon a portion of the back of his head. He rode a splendid horse, usually went at a round gallop, and rolled and bounced upon the back of his steed much as an old salt does, when walking up the aisle of a church after four years cruise at sea. Some of his surroundings were also of a singular character. At his side usually rode a party of a dozen scouts clad in the neat gray uniform of rebel officers, and ranking from captains to colonels. They were evidently brave, jolly, reckless fellows, and theirs was a most dangerous occupation—one that required skill, tact, and cool, deliberate daring. Entering the rebel lines and making themselves familiar with all their movements, dashing from one brigade to another, they would claim to be on one general's staff, and then on that of another, to suit the situation; they would give orders that purported to come from rebel commanders, to colonels, quartermasters, and officers in charge of wagon trains, and these being obeyed, would add to the confusion of the rebel army and hasten its destruction."



Later, Pvt. Gerrish, also wrote this "pen sketch of Gen. Phil Sheridan:"

Phillip H. Sheridan

Who was the great cavalry commander, -brave, brilliant, energetic, competent, desperate. It seemed that all the necessary elements of success were combined in this wonderful man. In a previous chapter I attempted to describe his personal appearance. He always fought to win, and on the battlefield seemed transformed to a demon, whose only demand was for more blood. He bore a charmed life, riding fearlessly into the thickest of the conflict, where his men were falling by hundreds. When in pursuit of a retreating foe he was remorseless as fate itself, always pressing them hard. On those great raids through the enemy's country, he sent terror to the heart of the foe, by the enormous quantities of property he destroyed, so that I think the last Yankee soldier to be forgiven by the

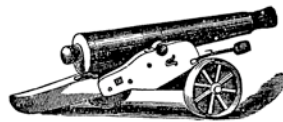
Southern chivalry for the imagined wrongs they suffered from our hands, will, undoubtedly, be Phil Sheridan. He possessed a wonderful magnetic influence over his men, and they would undertake any enterprise if he ordered it. I once heard a veteran officer remark, as he saw them follow Sheridan in one of those desperate charges upon the enemy's lines, "Those fellows would follow Sheridan if he rode through the gates of hell." His exploit at Cedar Creek, where he arrived from Winchester, reorganizing his army on the field of battle, and changing a disastrous defeat to a decisive victory, stands without parallel in the military campaigns of the past century, long may he live and enjoy the fruits of his bravery!

As we well know, the 20th Maine was a fifth corps regiment placed under the command of Sheridan when the 1865 campaign opened. In the great victory of Five Forks, Sheridan relieved the corps commander, Gouverneur K. Warren during the battle. Gerrish has this to say about that incident:

"[Gen. Warren] was reckless and daring to a fault, sparing himself neither exposure or fatigue. No sacrifice was too great for him to make, no danger too great for him to face, if it would only bring success to the Union cause. We always regarded the act of General Sheridan in removing him from the command of our corps, at the battle of Five Forks, as a serious mistake, and one that should have been righted long before this date [1882]. ... We had fought like heroes and had captured the enemy that had driven Sheridan and his cavalry from the field (the day before). Sheridan, brave, rash, impulsive, excited as a madman by the bloody victory we had gained, received as impression that Warren had not done enough, and ordered General Griffin to relieve him of command upon the field of victory, in the midst of the thousands of prisoners he had captured. Before Griffin could reach the side of General Warren, to assume command, Warren had stormed the last position of the foe, leading a column of troops across an open field, under deadly fire, with his corps flag in his hand - a feat of reckless and gallant bravery, which would have honored General Sheridan himself. We can forgive Sheridan for the injustice of an act performed in a moment of excitement, but to persist in it for seventeen long years, preferring to crush a brother officer than acknowledge as error he had committed, is not an honorable course for a brave man to pursue."

After the war Theodore Gerrish became a pastor and also co-wrote a book with a former Confederate pastor.

Department News



On January 24, 2005, Department Commander **LINN P. HOADLEY** submitted his resignation for personal reasons. The Officers and Brothers of the Department of California and Pacific express their appreciation to Linn for his service to the Department, his devotion to the Boys in Blue, and his friendship of many years.

Following tradition, and in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, the Department Council has elected Senior Vice Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** to fulfill the unexpired term as Department Commander. Likewise, Junior Vice Commander **JERRY R. SAYRE** has been elected to fill the unexpired term as Department Senior Vice Commander. The position of Department Junior Vice Commander shall remain vacant at this time.

As most are aware, Commander Campbell is a Past Camp Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and currently serves as the Camp's Signals Officer and Newsletter Editor.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the Camp's Standing Committees will be made by Commander Dave Schleeter during the Lincoln Day Dinner on February 12, 2005. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees, please let Commander Schleeter know as soon as possible.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

➤ **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).

➤ **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.

➤ **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.

Camp Welcomes Two New Brothers!

JOSEPH MARTI of San Francisco derives his right of membership from his great-great-grandfather Dietrich Bingle, who mustered into service on September 11, 1862, in Company B of the New York Black River Artillery (later the 10th New York Heavy Artillery) with the rank of Private, and was honorably discharged on June 23, 1865.

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY has recently moved to San José and transferred to our Camp from the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Department-at-Large in the state of Washington. His Union ancestor was James R. McCormick, who enlisted September 10, 1862, as Private in Company B, 104th Illinois Infantry and was honorably discharged on June 6, 1865.

BATTERY A, 3RD U.S. ARTILLERY JOINS SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT

By 1st Sgt. Steven Welch

After the successful salute fired by volunteers **CHARLIE MABIE** of Camp 24, and **FRANK GUIRADO** of Camp 4 during the memorial service at the Department Encampment, and inspired by both the success of Co. C, 8th California Infantry, of which I have been a member, and the planned formation of a Marine unit in the Sixth Military District, I came home from the Encampment eager to found an artillery battery for the district. The brothers of Phil Sheridan Camp were more supportive and enthusiastic than I had imagined, and volunteered in large enough numbers to submit the paperwork quite rapidly. We had our first meeting on April 24th, at which time we agreed to charge dues of \$8.00 per year. The members at that formational meeting were: **STEVEN WELCH**, Commander; **DAVE SCHLEETER**, Adjutant; **REV. CLARK SEUM**, Chaplain; **JAMES WELCH**, Musician; **FRANK AVILA**; **TAD CAMPBELL**; **FRANK GUIRADO**; **ROBERT KADLEC**; **RICK LA ROSA**; and **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**.

We decided to name ourselves after Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery, because of that unit's service in California and the west during the Civil War.

May and June were spent obtaining the properly completed forms and dues from the members, who we decided to call "charter members," a distinction we extended to anyone who joined before the end of 2004.

On July 10, 2004 all forms were sent to **CAPTAIN BOB LOWE**, Adjutant and Chief of Staff of the Sixth Military District. Only a short time later we received our Certificate of Membership from National Military Headquarters, dated July 19, 2004, along with a letter of congratulations from **MAJOR DAVE ALLYN**, commander of the Sixth Military District. Obviously everyone is meeting their responsibilities in a prompt and efficient manner. About the same time, July 29th, the forms and dues of James Welch were returned due to a ruling disqualifying Junior SUVCW members from SVR membership.



DAN BUNNELL, PDC, a new member of the battery, volunteered to be the Adjutant so that Dave Schleeter will have more time to command both Co. C, 8th California Infantry and Phil Sheridan Camp #4. Dan Bunnell and Capt. Bob Lowe assured me they would take up the issue of junior members in the SVR at the National Encampment this past August. Major Allyn advised the battery that he would also send a request for a review of the policy.

On August 17, 2004 the battery was notified that the efforts of Captain Lowe and Adjutant Bunnell, with the support of Major Allyn, had paid off and Junior SUVCW members can now become members of SVR units under certain conditions. We now had our drummer back, and we had a new volunteer from Lincoln Camp 10, **DOUG THOMPSON**, who is the bugler

for the 3rd U.S. Artillery reenactment group. We certainly attract people who like to make noise.

The Battery met again on November 20th in Santa Clara with 11 members in attendance and two absent. At this meeting we signed up a new member and discussed uniforms and other business. Finally, to conclude our first calendar year of operation, we met at Lou's Village Restaurant in San José on January 8, 2005 where the fifteen "charter members" were awarded beautifully designed certificates of charter membership along with their new 2005 SVR membership cards.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the formation of our new SVR unit such a success!

Installation Banquet Held at Lou's Village

On Saturday, January 8, 2005, members of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4, the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, along with family and friends, gathered at Lou's Village Restaurant in San José for the annual Installation Banquet. Once again, the event was a huge success. Camp members in attendance included: **FRANK C. AVILA**, **VINCENT H. BARTNING**, **CRITTENDEN BELL**, **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**, **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**,

DANIEL R. EARL, **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC**, **RICK T. LAROSA**, **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, **SEBASTIAN NELSON**, **WILLIAM POPE**, **DONALD PRAY**, **DAVID SCHLEETER**, **JAMES WELCH**, and **STEVEN J. WELCH**.



Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Officers for 2005

Front L-R: James Welch, Tad Campbell, Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa, Vince Bartning. *Rear L-R:* Frank Avila, Bob Kadlec, Dan Earl, Dave Schleeter, Dan Bunnell, Steve Welch, Crit Bell, Sebastian Nelson



Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Officers for 2005

L-R: Tad Campbell (Counselor), Karen Lavrischeff (Secretary-Treasurer & Chaplain), Rachelle Campbell (President), Sharon Pope (Patriotic Instructor), Ann Schleeter (Vice-President)

Brother **CRITTENDEN BELL** received the General Philip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication Award for his outstanding work on the Camp's Eagle Scout Certificate program. The installation of officers was for both Camp 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 was performed by Department Senior Vice Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PCC**. After the meal and installations, the group enjoyed an informative talk by Brother **FRED BOHMFALK**, Past Camp Commander of the Gen. George Wright Camp of Elk Grove, California. Bro. Bohmfalk enlightened the listeners on the life of our Camp namesake, Gen. Phil Sheridan.

For a complete list of the Camp officers installed, please refer to Camp Order No. 1 on pages 2-3.

PASSING OF ANOTHER REAL SON

General Orders No. 10
SERIES 2004-2005

Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother **HIRAM SHOUSE, JR.**, a **Real Son** of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, on January 1st. As a member of the Col. John C. Byrner Camp 67, Department on Illinois, Brother Shouse honored the memory of his father, Dr. Hiram Shouse, Sr., who served in the 11th Illinois Infantry.
2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National website are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Shouse's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

By Order of: Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief
Attest: Michael S. Bennett, PDC, National Secretary



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

On January 8, 2005, our joint installation banquet with Camp 4 was held at Lou's Village Restaurant in San José, and was a great success! This was the first time that Auxiliary No. 52 had participated in the event and it went off without a hitch. Thanks especially to Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** for performing the installation and to Past Camp Commander **BOB KADLEC** for of his support of our Auxiliary over the past year.

Members of the Auxiliary have been invited to attend the annual Lincoln Day Dinner, hosted by Camp 4. The event will take place on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 5 pm and will be held at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant, 998 S. De Anza Blvd. in Cupertino, California. A birthday cake in President Lincoln's honor will be served. This dinner always proves to be a pleasant social event.

Auxiliary Sisters should also plan to attend the 119th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW. It is to be held Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, 2005 at Elks Lodge #322, located at 222 Elks Lane in San Luis Obispo, California. There will be an informal social gathering on Friday night and a short Auxiliary business meeting on Saturday. Commander-in-Chief **STEPHEN A. MICHAELS** of Wisconsin will be attending. Many of you will recall that Steve's wife **DANIELLE MICHAELS** was our National President last year and was very supportive in getting our Auxiliary off the ground. I look forward to seeing you all there.



During the Installation Banquet, President **Rachelle Campbell** gives Past Camp Commander **Bob Kadlec** a special "thank you" for his support of Auxiliary No. 52.

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

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NEXT MEETING: Lincoln Day Dinner
Saturday, February 12, 2005, 5 PM
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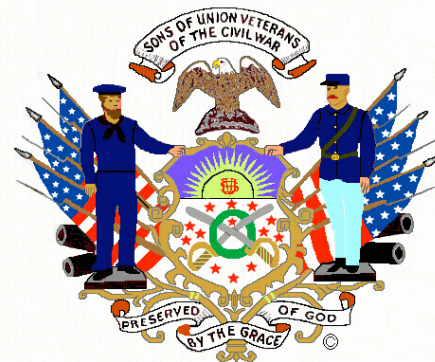
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.