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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

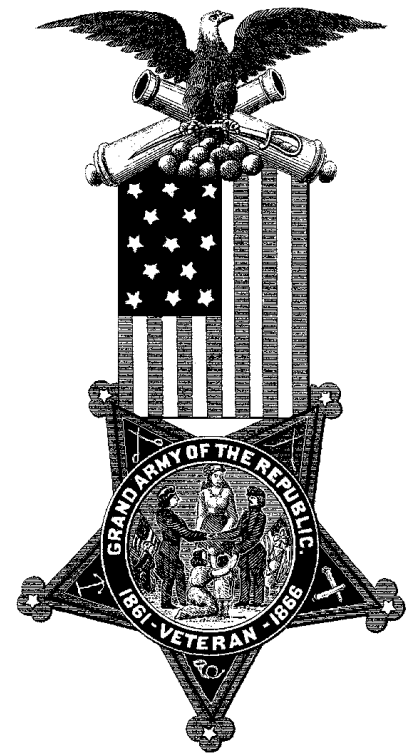
**HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 5, 1868**

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

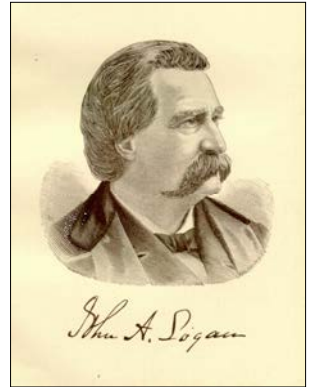
Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.



II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:
JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander-in-Chief.



N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General.

Memorial Day Activities

On Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29, members of the SUVCW and Auxiliary No. 52 will staff an all-day information and recruitment booth at the 24th Annual Civil War Battles & Encampment at Roaring Camp Railroads, sponsored by the American Civil War Association (ACWA). We will also be joined by Brothers from Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10. Roaring Camp is located

six miles north of Santa Cruz in Felton, California. Exit Highway 17 at Mt. Hermon Road.

At 11:00 AM on Monday, May 30th, the Camp and Auxiliary will participate in the United Veteran Council's 87th Annual Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José. The cemetery, located at 300 Curtner Avenue, is the oldest secular cemetery in California, having been in continuous use since the 1830s.

WELCOME NEW BROTHERS!



NYLE C. MONDAY of Campbell, California derives his membership from his great-great-great-granduncle Reuben G. Munday of Company E, 13th West Virginia Infantry. Reuben was wounded in the side by a shell fragment at the battle of Fishers Hill. He was one of five brothers who served during the Civil War. John R. Munday served in Company K, 13th West Virginia Infantry, while brothers Marshall T., Reuben G., and William Munday all served in Company E of the same regiment. The fifth brother, Henry Munday, sided with the Confederacy, serving with Company F, 4th Virginia Infantry, CSA and participating in the battle of Bull Run with Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

THOMAS T. GRAHAM of San José, California is the great-grandson of Albert Scott Hayne of Company I, 57th Pennsylvania Infantry. He mustered into service as a Private on October 28, 1861 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant on June 29, 1865.

Department Encampment held March 11-12, 2005

The 119th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific took place on March 11-12, 2005 at Elks Lodge No. 322 in San Luis Obispo, California.

Our guest-of-honor this year was SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **STEPHEN A. MICHAELS**, who traveled from his home in Wisconsin, and was gracious enough to perform the Installation of Officers.

The Friday afternoon Memorial Ceremony at the nearby G.A.R. plot, conducted by the 6th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), was well attended. After the Color Guard posted the colors, an introduction was given by Department Senior Vice Commander **JERRY R. SAYRE**, followed by a benediction from Chaplain pro tem **EDSON T. STROBRIDGE**. A few appropriate remarks were offered by Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** and a floral memorial wreath was presented by Commander-in-Chief Michaels and **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**, President of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52. The ceremony was fittingly concluded by the firing of a salute by uniformed members of the SVR.

After the ceremony, the members returned to the Elks Lodge for an evening of socialization and camaraderie. Several Camps, as well as Department G.A.R. Highway Officer **GARY E. PARROTT**, set up tables displaying various activities and artifacts. A steak dinner, provided by the Elks Lodge, was enjoyed by most in attendance.

The business session on Saturday, went very smoothly and actually finished ahead of schedule (a first in at least twelve years according to one Brother!). Auxiliary No. 52 was able to conduct a short meeting of their own in an adjacent room. During the midday break a delicious lunch of chicken and salad was provided by the Elks Lodge. The annual Department fundraiser (raffle) was held immediately thereafter and many Brothers and guests went home with great prizes!

The following officers were elected or appointed and duly installed by Commander-in-Chief Michaels:

Commander Tad D. Campbell, PCC (Gilroy, CA)	Counselor Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)
Senior Vice-Commander Jerry R. Sayre (Fallbrook, CA)	Guide Paul F. Washeleski, PCC (Gardnerville, NV)
Junior Vice-Commander Gary E. Parrott (Mammoth Lakes, CA)	Color Bearer Charles W. Mabie (Newark, CA)
Secretary-Treasurer J. Thomas Smith (Elk Grove, CA)	Guard John P. Patchin (Los Molinos, CA)
Department Council D. Brad Schall, PDC (Lincoln, CA), Chairman Alan E. Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV) Glen L. Roosevelt (Anaheim Hills, CA)	Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, PDC (El Cajon, CA)
Assistant Treasurer Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)	Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby R. Morgan (Coarsegold, CA)
Patriotic Instructor William E. Tisch (Santee, CA)	Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell, PCC (Gilroy, CA)
Chaplain Ernest L. Powell (Fallbrook, CA)	GAR Highway Officer Gary E. Parrott (Mammoth Lakes, CA)
Historian Robert L. Nelson, PCC (Santa Cruz, CA)	Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Alan E. Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)
	California Column Newsletter Editor Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)

On Saturday evening, forty-three people gathered at the Apple Farm Restaurant and Bakery for the annual Commander-in-Chief's Dinner. This gave the Department one last chance to formally thank Commander-in-Chief Michaels for his attendance and support, and proved to be a final evening of camaraderie enjoyed by everyone.



WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN AND THE CALIFORNIA MILITIA

by Colonel Belton C. Wolf
California Center for Military History, State Military Reserve

William T. Sherman, future Civil War great and commanding general, U.S. Army, accepted an appointment as Major General, commanding the Second Division, California State Militia, in May 1856 at the request of Governor William Neely Johnson.

The second "Vigilance Committee" reigned supreme in San Francisco and other north state counties. It showed little indication of abandoning its purposes and usurpation of regularly constituted authority.

Nathaniel Lyon, an infantry officer, wrote his family, "That such an organization, independent of and even in defiance of the law, should be made a permanent feature of a civilized community, presages more danger to human rights than all the secession murmurings or abolitionist insolence yet brought to light."

Sherman and the governor, together with State Supreme Court Chief Justice David S. Terry, visited General John Wool, commanding the Military Division of the Pacific at Benicia Barracks, to obtain arms for hastily organized militia units. The general procrastinated, then refused. Commodore David G. Farragut, commanding the navy yard at Mare Island, finally sent a sloop-of-war and a gunboat to patrol off the battery. But, with no arms or ammunition forthcoming, the exasperated Sherman tendered his resignation.

Terry and Johnson returned to Sacramento, the former contemptuously categorizing the vigilantes as a collection of "pork merchants." The committee ran its course and civil officials soon regained control. "As they controlled the press, they wrote their own history," wrote Sherman, at the time a successful banker, "and the world generally gives them credit for having purged San Francisco of rowdies and roughs; but their success has given great stimulus to a dangerous principle, that would in time justify the mob seizing all the power of government; and who not is to say that the committee may not be comprised of the worst, instead of the best, elements of the community?"

ARMED FORCES DAY

Third Saturday in May
First observed in 1947

Armed Forces Day was established to combine the previous independent holidays of each of the branches of the Armed Forces. Its purpose is to honor Americans serving in the five services including the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

On this holiday, there are parades and other festive activities sponsored by the military. In addition, many military bases are open to the public for tours of the facilities, ships, planes, and other military assets. Sometimes there are also public demonstrations like parachute jumps, aircraft fly-bys and other events.

On Saturday, May 21, 2005 the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 joined with Lincoln Camp 10 in the Armed Forces Day Parade in downtown Santa Cruz, California. This is believed to be the first military parade in Santa Cruz in over fifty years. The city, long noted as a bastion of pacifist-progressive politics, rallied to show support for military veterans, their families and their survivors as they paraded down Pacific Avenue. Members of Camp 4 that participated were: **FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, DANIEL EARL, ROBERT KADLEC PCC, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, CMDR. DAVID SCHLEETER, ROBERT SORIA, STEVEN WELCH,** and **JAMES WELCH.** Auxiliary No. 52 was represented by **PRES. RACHELLE CAMPBELL,** dressed in period attire.

PASSING OF A REAL SON

General Orders No. 15

SERIES 2004-2005

Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of **BROTHER GEORGE WELDON THOMSON CLARK**, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a WWII veteran, on April 6th in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was 90 years old. As a member of Daniel Chaplin Camp 3, Bangor, Department of Maine, Br. Clark honored the memory of his father, Edwin T.S. Clark, who served as Ordinary Seaman aboard the USS Maria A. Wood.

All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National website, are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

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.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Clark's family

Ordered this 11th Day of May 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

SISTER ROWENA CAMPBELL ANSWERS THE FINAL CALL

I have the sad duty to report that our Auxiliary has lost one of its own. On Saturday, May 7, 2005 **SISTER ROWENA L. CAMPBELL** passed away quietly in San José, California after a short illness. She was 88 years old and a Charter Member of Auxiliary No. 52. Sister Campbell was the paternal grandmother of my husband **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**, who is the current Commander of the SUVCW's Department of California and Pacific and our Auxiliary Counselor. Sister Campbell was also the mother of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Brother **DONALD D. CAMPBELL**.

Rowena LaRue Arbuckle was born on a beet farm near Deerfield, Kearny County, Kansas on November 28, 1916 to Jesse Lee Arbuckle and Mary Elizabeth Tina Wolf. In her youth she sought to become an undertaker, but the cost of schooling prevented her from entering this occupation. On May 15, 1937 she was united in marriage to Howard T. Campbell. They were married for over 55 years, Mr. Campbell passing away in 1992. Together they had two children, Howard Dale and Donald Dean. Mr. Campbell's work as a salesman required frequent moves and the family lived in Kansas, Southern California, South San Francisco, Utah, and Idaho, before finally settling in the San José area in the 1960s. In 1978 Rowena retired from the Sears Store at Eastridge Mall in east San José, where she had worked in the candy department. Her health had been good until recently, when complications from a necessary operation lead to her passing.

Sister Campbell claimed her membership in the Auxiliary through her great grandfather, Jonathan Edward Wolf (1835-1920), who served as a Sergeant in Company A, 18th Iowa Infantry.

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

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 18, 2005, 10 AM
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, CA

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

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC WEB SITE

<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/deptca.html>

NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE

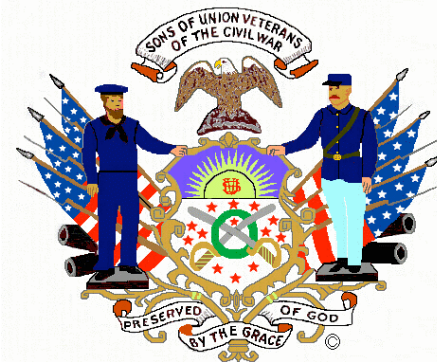
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.