

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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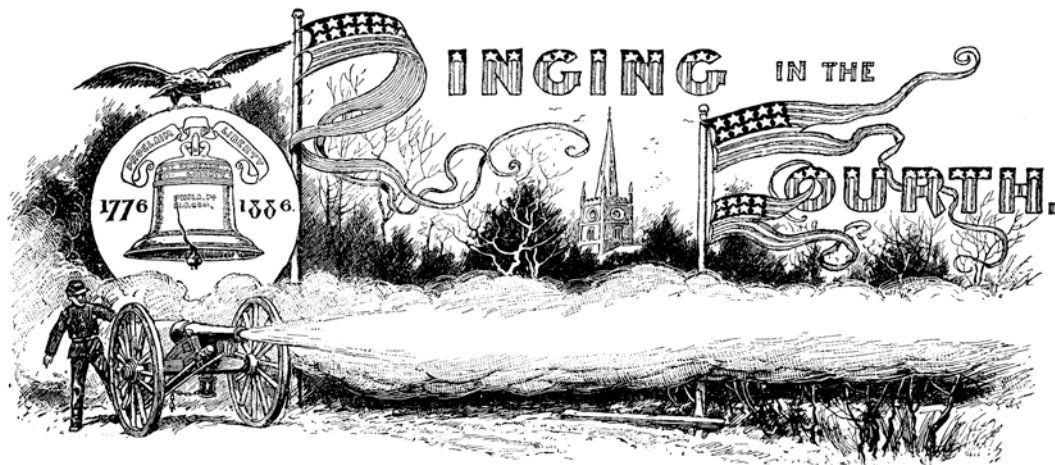
June-July 2005

## **SUVCW and Auxiliary Make Good Showing at 4th of July Parade**

On behalf of the Commanders of the Department of California & Pacific and Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, as well as the President of Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary Number 52, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I wish to extend thanks and appreciation to all who participated in, or attended, the 66th Annual Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California.

Yesterday [July 5] I met with **GENE FANUCCHI**, President of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County. Gene was invited by the Peninsula Celebration Association (Sponsor of the Parade) to represent all Veterans on the Parade Reviewing Stand and accept the honors and salute from the formations passing in review. Gene told me that he was greatly impressed with our performance and asked that I pass on his appreciation for the outstanding representation of

the Civil War formation honoring the "Boys In Blue Who Saved the Union between 1861 to 1865."



Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 Brother **RICHARD MAYER** was able to attend the early portion of the Parade before he had to leave for a photographic assignment he had in Marin County. Richard said that he was able to take a number of

pictures as we marched along the Parade route. He said that his wife said she got teary eyed as we passed by. Richard will be sending me copies of his photographs, which I will make available to all participants.

I believe that this was the largest "combined" formation we have had to date and brings the return of "Civil War representation" to the Redwood City Independence Day Parade, reportedly the largest in Northern California, for the first time in eight years. I cannot speak highly enough of the superb performance, not to mention the colorful uniforms, provided by members of both the NCWA Duryee's 5th New York Zouaves, Company A and ACWA 114th Pennsylvania Zouaves, as well as the 79th New York Scottish Highlanders, as they joined with Brothers of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 of the Sons Of Union Veterans, members of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer

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Infantry and Battery A of the 3rd U.S. Artillery, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the Sisters of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52. Your outstanding professionalism was obviously appreciated by the reception received from the huge number of spectators along the mile and half Parade route. I wish to also thank the volunteers who provided armed crowd control support and a color guard for Schneider's Battery of the 3rd U.S. Artillery (CHAS) when they fired the cannon volley to announce the start of the Parade.

For those who may not be aware, our formation was entered in three marching categories for the Parade – Senior Color Guard; Military/Veteran; and Drum and Fife Band. According to the Peninsula Celebration Association, the Parade judges are to submit the judging results two weeks after the Parade. I will forward these results as soon as I receive them. Again, thanks to all and I am looking forward to seeing you again in the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California on November 11th in San José, California.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Bob Kadlec, PCC*

Patriotic Instructor

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Brothers and Sisters who either marched in the parade formation or cheered for the "Boys in Blue" from the sidelines on Independence Day were:

- > **Camp 4:** FRANK AVILA, VINCE BARTNING, DAN BUNNELL PDC, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, DAVID COLT, BOB KADLEC PCC, RICK LAROSA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOE MARTI, RICHARD MAYER, MIKE MONTGOMERY, SEBASTIAN NELSON, BRIAN PERRY, BILL POPE, DAVE SCHLEETER, ROBERT SORIA, JAMES WELCH, and STEVE WELCH
- > **Camp 24:** CHARLIE MABIE and CORKY REED
- > **Auxiliary 52:** RACHELLE CAMPBELL, KAREN LAVRISCHEFF, SHARON POPE, ANN SCHLEETER, and KATHLEEN WELCH

## LATE BREAKING NEWS 🗞️ PARADE AWARDS ANNOUNCED!

*For their participation in the Redwood City 66th Annual Independence Day Parade, the Peninsula Celebration Association has awarded the Combined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War formation FIRST PLACE in the Senior Color Guard category, FIRST PLACE in the Military/Veteran category, and SECOND PLACE in the Drum and Fife category. Perhaps the greatest honor bestowed upon the group was the presentation of the parade's THEME AWARD — "Our American Heritage." Congratulations are in order for all who participated!*



## Civil War Wedding

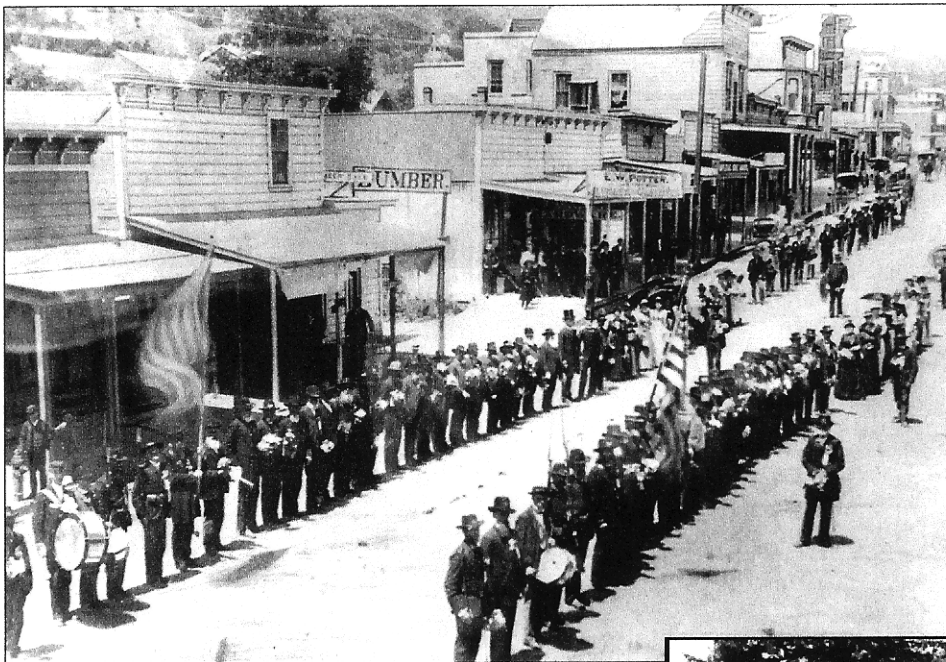
Brother **DANIEL M. BUNNELL**, Past Department Commander, will wed his fiancée, **MARCY L. MATTOS**, on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the Old Magalia Community Church in Paradise, California. Past Camp Commanders **ROBERT J. KADLEC** and **TAD D. CAMPBELL** are to serve among the groomsmen. The wedding will be done in Civil War style, featuring period attire. After the ceremony, uniformed members of the Camp will form a "sword arch" for the bride and groom. A portion of the honeymoon will be spent attending the 124th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW in Nashua, New Hampshire.

# Los Gatos, California • Then & Now

Submitted By Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)  
Patriotic Instructor



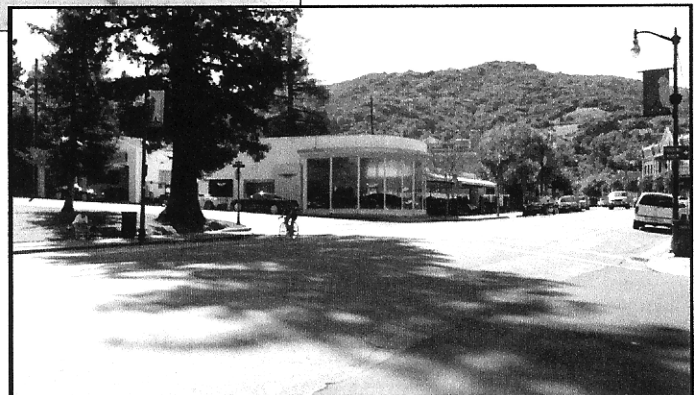
The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Los Gatos Post Number 82 on the 4th of September 1885 and named it after Union General Edward Otho Cresap Ord. The first Commander of E.O.C. Ord GAR Post 82 was Thomas Shannon. Civil War Veteran, and prominent Los Gatos businessman, James H. Lyndon was installed as its first Quartermaster.



Los Gatos East Main Street  
Decoration Day Parade Formation  
May 30, 1891

Members of E.O.C. Ord GAR Post 82 line up on East Main Street in Downtown Los Gatos in preparation for their march to the Los Gatos Cemetery to place flowers on the graves of Union Veterans of the "late unpleasantness."

Decoration Day, a day for remembering the sacrifices of fallen comrades during the Civil War, was established by Major General John A. Logan in 1868. The 30th of May will become what is known today as Memorial Day.

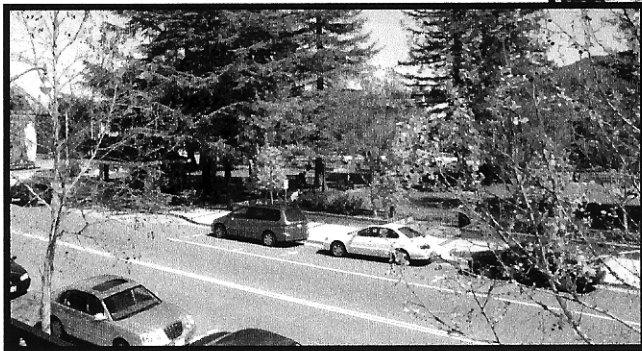
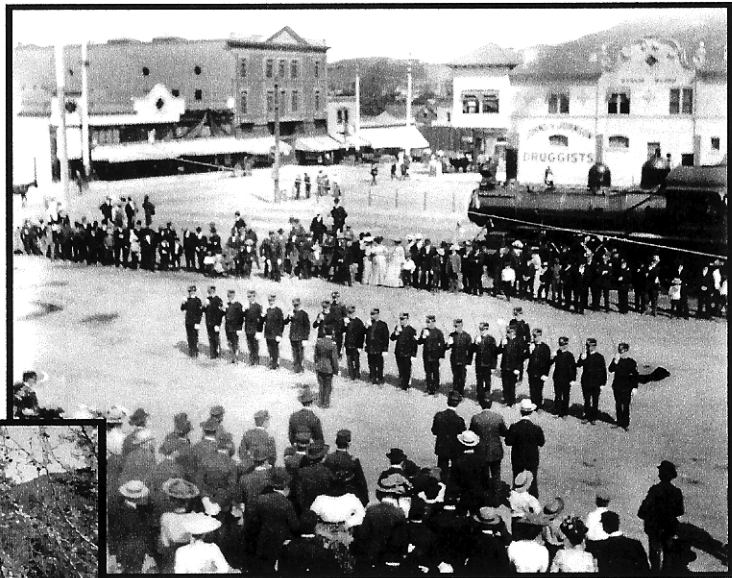


Los Gatos  
East Main Street  
March 31, 2005

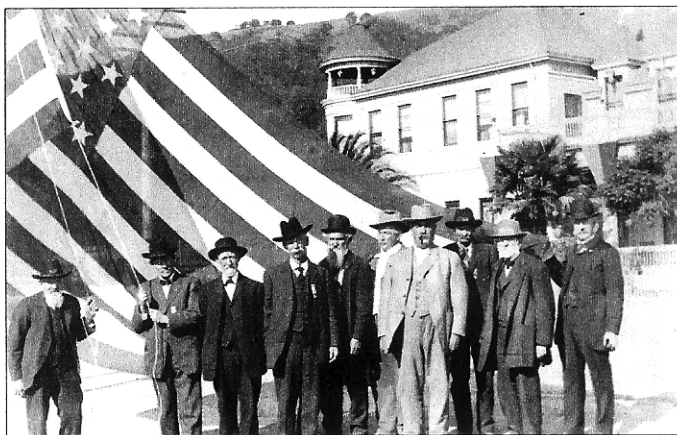
In 1889 the Los Gatos E.O.C. Ord GAR Post 82 established the John A. Logan Camp 20 of the Sons of Veterans. The Los Gatos Camp, the first to be organized in the Department of California & Pacific of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), was named after Major General John Alexander Logan (1826-1886), the third National Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the early years of the Sons of Union Veterans, many Camps adopted "uniforms" to be worn by their membership. Additionally, during the late 19th Century, many SUVCW Camps formed reserve military units. These units volunteered their services during the Spanish American War in 1898. In 1903, the uniformed "military" element of the SUVCW, The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), was officially established with a membership of over 5,000. SVR members volunteered their services again during World War I and with the National Guards in the various States. After World War II, as the SUVCW became a more patriotic and educational organization, the SVR evolved into a ceremonial and commemorative branch.

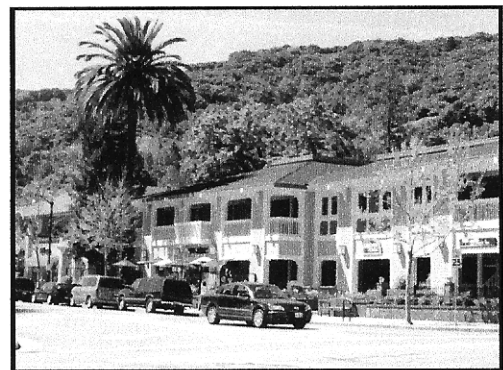
Members of John A. Logan Camp Number 20, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in formation on the Parade Grounds in front of the Lyndon Hotel at the Los Gatos Southern Pacific Train Station on Santa Cruz Avenue in Downtown Los Gatos, 1909.



Santa Cruz Avenue, Downtown Los Gatos, March 31, 2005



Surviving members of E.O.C. Ord GAR Post 82 in front of the Lyndon Hotel on Santa Cruz Avenue at Main Street Downtown Los Gatos, 1917



Santa Cruz Avenue at Main Street Downtown Los Gatos, March 31, 2005

# Armed Forces Day Parade

Santa Cruz, California • 21 May 2005



Lincoln Camp Number 10, Santa Cruz, California, was invited by the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce to participate in the first veterans/military oriented parade in the City in almost forty years. Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary Number 52, and the Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, responded on short notice to Lincoln Camp 10's request to assemble a combined Civil War formation to lead the marching units in this historic Parade. Members of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry and Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery, of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, as well as elements of Berdan's Sharpshooters (ACWA), joined the formation which was honored to have the presence of Major General George Thomas (Lincoln Camp 10's own Tom Brown) and Brigadier General John Rawlins (ACWA's Jim Marsh). Carrying the Department Banner was World War II Veteran Wayne Thalls, Lincoln Camp 10 Secretary/Treasurer.



Photographs Courtesy of Lincoln Camp Number 10, Santa Cruz, California

# Independence Day Parade

## Redwood City, California • 4 July 2005

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Pleasonton Camp 24 of the Sons Of Union Veterans, members of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry and Battery A of the 3rd U.S. Artillery, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the Sisters of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52, participated in the Peninsula Celebration Association's 66th Annual Independence Day Parade on the 4th of July in Redwood City. The Civil War formation, the first in Redwood City in eight years, was assisted by members of the NCWA's 5th New York Zouaves, ACWA's 114th Pennsylvania Zouaves, as well as the 79th New York Scottish Highlanders.



Pleasonton Camp 24 SVC Corky Reed and SVR Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery Color Guard (Cmdr Steve Welch & Adjutant Charlie Mabie, and son Ben) support Schneider's Battery of the 3rd U.S. Artillery (CHAS) cannon volley to announce the start of the Parade



Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 leads the Combined Formation with the Department Banner



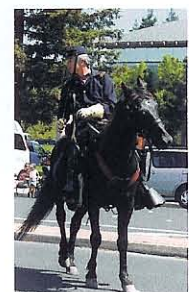
Joint SUVCW Camp and SVR Unit Color Guard



Pleasonton Camp 24 SVC Corky Reed salutes the passing Combined Civil War Formation



Schneider's Battery 3rd U.S. Artillery (CHAS)



# Welcome New Brothers!



**DAVID J. COLT** of San Francisco, California is a descendant of Lt. Col. Thomas Alexander Colt of Company A, 26th New Jersey Infantry. Lt. Col. Colt enlisted on September 16th and was commissioned on September 26, 1862, seeing service in and around Washington, DC. David's father was also a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

**RICHARD A. STALEY** of San José, California is our newest Associate Member and a long-time re-enactor with the National Civil War Association (NCWA). He is also fortunate to have inherited much of the Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia once belonging to Corporal Charles Lafayette Bullock (1847-1928) of Company F, 39th Illinois Infantry. Bullock came to San José in 1888 and was a Commander of the Sheridan-Dix Post No. 7, G. A. R.

## OTHER RECENT CAMP ACTIVITIES

Local SUVCW efforts over the Memorial Day weekend were once again spread out between a variety of events. On Saturday & Sunday, May 28-29, Phil Sheridan Camp 4, with the assistance of Lincoln Camp 10 of Santa Cruz, staffed an information booth at the annual reenactment at Roaring Camp in Felton, California. Camp Brothers included: **FRANK AVILA, DAN BUNNELL PDC, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, DAN EARL, BOB KADLEC PCC, RICK LAROSA PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOSEPH MARTI, DAVE SCHLEETER, JAMES WELCH,** and **STEVE WELCH.**

On Monday, May 30th the Camp membership engaged in the following activities:

- 87th Annual Memorial Day Service, Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José (**TAD CAMPBELL PCC, DAN EARL, BOB KADLEC PCC, RICK LAROSA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, SEBASTIAN NELSON,** and **DAVE SCHLEETER**).
- 35th Annual Memorial Day Service in Pacifica (**STEVE WELCH**).
- Civil War Reenactment, Roaring Camp in Felton (**FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF,** and **JOSEPH MARTI**).
- Memorial Day Observance, Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga (**TAD CAMPBELL PCC** and **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**).
- Memorial Day Observance, Mt. Hope Cemetery in Morgan Hill (**TAD CAMPBELL PCC**).
- Memorial Day Observance, Gavilan Hills Memorial Park in Gilroy (**TAD CAMPBELL PCC**).
- Memorial Day Observance, Garden of Memories Cemetery in Salinas (**ROBERT EARL**).

On Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12, 2005 several members of the Camp participated at the annual Civil War reenactment at Casa de Fruta near Gilroy, California. This is always a good opportunity to educate the public about life during the Civil War.

On Tuesday, June 14, 2005, Past Camp Commander **BOB KADLEC** once again represented the SUVCW and veterans of the Civil War at Santa Clara County's Flag Day Ceremony. The annual event took place in front of the County Building on West Hedding Street in San José.

On Saturday, July 9, 2005, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 provided the color guard for the Presentation of Colors at the annual Installation of Officers for the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus, which was held at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. Those participating were: **FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, BOB KADLEC PCC, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOE MARTI, STEVE WELCH,** and Auxiliary 52 President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**. Frank's son, **CHRISTOPHER AVILA**, visiting from Washington State, provided drum cadence for the event.

## Upcoming Events

### **August 4-7, 2005**

124th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW  
Nashua, New Hampshire

### **September 17, 2005 – 10 am**

Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave.  
Santa Clara, California

### **October 7-9, 2005**

*The Civil War Revisited* Reenactment, Kearney Park  
Fresno, California

## Did you Know?

About eleven Union Civil War veterans received the Purple Heart, the award for combat wounds, which was revived by Gen. Douglas McArthur in 1932. Confederate veterans did not qualify for the award and those qualifying Union veterans had to verify their nearly seventy-year-old combat-related wounds. No posthumous Purple Hearts were authorized for service before December 7, 1941. Photos exist of some of these veterans wearing their Purple Hearts at the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1938!

## THE FIRST HAND GRENADES

Reprinted from eHistory's *Civil War Newsletter*, Issue June 19, 2002

During the Civil War, two kinds of hand grenades were made, but they saw little use in combat. One of them, patented in August 1861, carried a percussion cap and an activating "plunger" that was not inserted until it was about to be thrown. Rated as effective at a distance of about twenty-six yards, this explosive piece was known by the name of its inventor, Ketchum.

A more sophisticated grenade, "the Excelsior," was developed in 1862 by W. W. Hanes. Its cast-iron shell held fourteen nipples, to each of which a percussion cap was attached before it was thrown. Hanes insisted, correctly, that at least one cap was sure to trigger an explosion. In practice, men trying to use his device often hit a cap accidentally and had a hand or arm blown off. As a result, it seems never to have been used in battle.

Soldiers who may or may not have heard of the Ketchum grenade or the Excelsior sometimes improvised similar weapons. At Vicksburg, Confederates in Louisiana units stuck short, lighted fuses into 6 and 12-pounder shells, then rolled them into ranks of Union sappers.

One demonstration of this weapon was enough to make believers of opponents. Confederate Captain John M. Hickey said that when one of the city's forts was stormed, "the air was made black with hand grenades, which were thrown at us by every Federal soldier who got inside the works." Similar explosive devices were made on the spot by Federals at Knoxville.

Describing some of the action near Chattanooga, Union Colonel P. C. Hayes said an assault by troops under Confederate Lieutenant General James Longstreet reached a deep ditch dug by Federals. Confederates, he said, jumped into the ditch in order to raise scaling ladders. According to him, "This action was fatal to them. Our men, being unable to reach them with their heavy guns, lit the fuse of the shells, which they threw by hand into the ditch, where they exploded, slaughtering the helpless occupants by the wholesale."

Records do not indicate the number of engagements in which improvised explosives were rolled or thrown against foes. Nevertheless, they were employed frequently enough to show that although technology to produce suitable hand grenades did not yet exist, the concept behind these weapons was fully developed by men in both gray and blue.





## MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

### WILLIAM ELLIOT MORROW OF COMPANY H, 46TH IOWA INFANTRY

*Great-great-granduncle of Paul E. Lavrischeff*

William Elliot Morrow was born May 15, 1846 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, the third of four children of Thomas Adam Morrow and Esther Scott. When he was ten years old, the family moved to Clarke County, Iowa.

William was reared on a farm and was educated at the local common schools and at the graded school at Garden Grove, Iowa. After completing his education he began a career as a teacher, following that profession in both winter and summer until after his marriage, when he only taught during the winter terms.

On May 30, 1864, just two weeks after his eighteenth birthday, William E. Morrow enlisted as a private in Company H, 46th Iowa Infantry, a 100-days regiment. He was mustered into the service on June 10th.

The regiment was dispatched to Tennessee, where it performed duty garrisoning posts and guarding railways. About the middle of August, a portion of the regiment was engaged with the enemy at Collierville, Tennessee.

While stationed at Collierville during the first part of August, Private Morrow was among the many soldiers that contracted mumps. This resulted in the atrophy of one of his testicles and he was treated in camp by the regimental surgeon. Morrow later had to be castrated due to extreme swelling of the testicles. He was mustered out with the rest of his regiment on September 23, 1864 at Davenport, Iowa.

On October 20, 1869, William E. Morrow married Mary M. Whisler, of Clarke County, Iowa. Together they had two sons, Francis Elliot and Robert Enoch. After their marriage, the family settled on a farm, where William followed agricultural pursuits until 1873. He then moved to Osceola, Iowa and became associated with his father in the agricultural implement business. He spent a year in Colorado, but upon the death of his father in 1884, he returned to Osceola and took charge of the business.

Mrs. Mary (Whisler) Morrow died on June 21, 1911 and William remained a widower until his death. He was a member of the Masonic Order and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). On April 11, 1919 he was known to have attended a meeting of the Clarke-Lucas Association of Shiloh Veterans, by which he was listed as a visiting veteran. William E. Morrow died at Osceola, Iowa on January 26, 1922, at the age of seventy-five, and was buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery in that town.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

### Last Funeral of a Civil War Veteran

Sister Lori Parrott, along with her husband Gary, drove 1,800 miles to participate in the "Last Funeral of a Civil War Veteran" at Memphis, Missouri on May 28, 2005. For those that are not familiar with the situation, this was the first and only burial for Corporal John Payton Byrne of Co. I, 21st Missouri Infantry, USA. When he passed away in California in 1920 he was cremated and his ashes shipped back to Missouri to be claimed by the family. It wasn't until 84 years later that his great-great-great-grandniece, Margaret Gordon, discovered their existence while conducting genealogical research. There were over 1,600 participants and spectators present for the solemn two-day event, which featured representatives from many patriotic organizations.

Remember, the next Auxiliary meeting will be Saturday, September 17th!

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

## PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 OFFICERS FOR 2005:

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**NEXT MEETING:** Sat., Sept. 17, 2005, 10 AM  
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, CA

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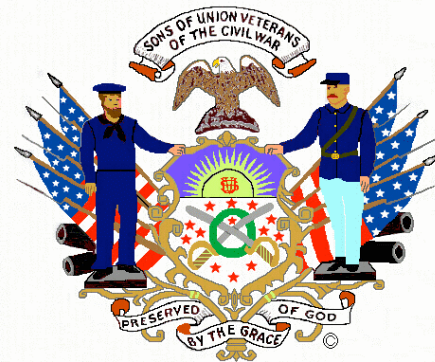
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### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.