

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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Civil War Wedding

Despite the 105° degree weather of California's Gold Country, the July 23rd wedding of Past Department Commander **DANIEL M. BUNNELL** and **MARCY L. MATTOS** went very smoothly. The bride, groom, and their attendants all donned period attire for the ceremony, which was held at the quaint Old Magalia Community Church near Paradise, California. The groom's best man was his brother, **DENNIS BUNNELL**, a former member of Camp 4. His two groomsmen were Past Camp Commanders **ROBERT KADLEC** and **TAD CAMPBELL**, the latter being the current Department Commander. After the ceremony, uniformed members of the Camp formed a military "sword arch" for the bride and groom as they exited the church.



The wedding party and guests then retired to the adjacent community room where they enjoyed a delicious buffet as they listened to Civil War music performed by the 5th California Volunteer Regiment Infantry Band.

Additional members of the Camp that assisted with the ceremony in uniform, or otherwise served as witnesses, were **FRANK AVILA**, **CRIT BELL**, **DAN EARL**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **BILL POPE**, and current Camp Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER**.

Participating Sisters of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 included **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**, **SHARON POPE**, and **ANN SCHLEETER**.

Almost immediately after the ceremony, the bride completed her application for the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is now the newest member of Auxiliary No. 52.

The Bunnells spent their honeymoon in New England, visiting historic sites and attending the 124th Annual National Encampment.

Congratulations Dan and Marcy!

ARE YOU READY FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE?

A message from Robert Kadlec, PCC

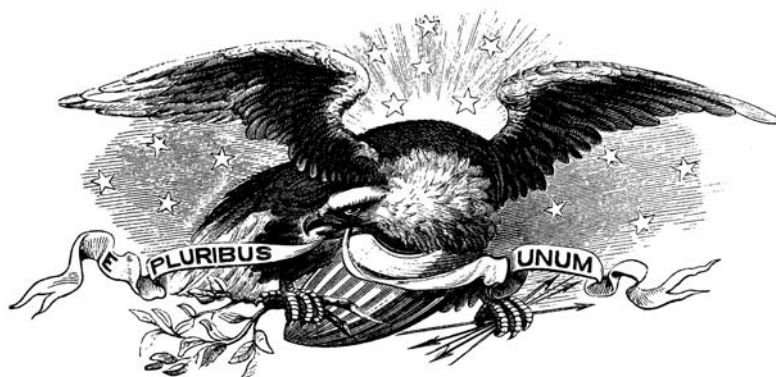
November 11th marks the 87th Annual Veterans Day Parade in San José, sponsored by the United Veterans Council (UVC) of Santa Clara County. The UVC has contracted with Upbeat Parade Productions to produce this year's parade, which should include about 150 units, making it the largest Veterans Day parade in Northern California. Upbeat has an excellent record in production of events and parades and we expect this to be the best parade on record in San José.

This will be the fifth year in a row that Phil Sheridan Camp 4 has participated in the UVC Veterans Day Parade. Members of both Lincoln Camp 10 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 plan to join with us this year to make this a combined Northern California Department event. I will forward more detailed information on where the Camp formation will be located this year, but I would expect that we will again be leading off in the First Division. We have collected First and Second Place trophies as our formation has increased in size over the last four years. With your support and participation, we should be able to add a couple more to our collection again this year.

We are looking for more marchers who would like to fire their muskets in our salute at the reviewing stand in addition to more musicians to expand our fife and drum corps. This year the UVC has decided that drill teams will be judged in the staging area at 10:00am, therefore, there will not be any demonstrations permitted in front of the reviewing stand. HOWEVER, an exception has been made for the Sons of Union Veterans. We will be the only unit allowed to put on a reviewing stand demonstration with our annual musket salute (at least double loads).

Members of both the American Civil War Association (ACWA) and National Civil War Association (NCWA) are strongly encouraged to join us again this year. Your participation in the past has been instrumental to our success.

In preparation for this year's parade, there will be an important practice on Saturday, October 29th, at 10:00am in the parking lot of the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. The address is 2120 Walsh Avenue, south of US-101 and just east of San Tomas Expressway, in Santa Clara. Everyone with a uniform who would like to march in the parade again this year, should attend this gathering to find out what your role will be and to practice the fancy footwork used in the parade. Uniforms are NOT required at this practice, however, if you have a musket, be sure to bring it. We will not fire actual rounds during the practice, however, if desired, we may use caps only during the practice.



Following the practice, we will adjourn to the Cattlemen's Restaurant on Matilda and Highway 237 for lunch.

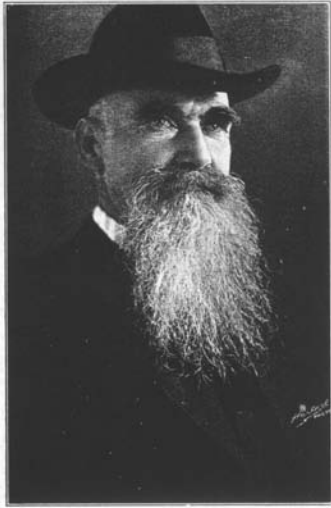
Looking forward to seeing you all there on the 29th!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Bob Kadlec (PCC)
United Veterans Council Delegate
Phil Sheridan Camp 4
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

LOCAL VETERAN BIOGRAPHY

As the inheritor of much of Comrade Burdick's Grand Army memorabilia,
Brother Richard A. Staley of San José is proud to represent him when he portrays a G.A.R. veteran.

CHARLES L. BURDICK—Among Santa Clara County's retired ranchers, in whose life the word success is spelled by far-sightedness and perseverance is Charles L. Burdick, who is numbered among the G. A. R. veterans of San José, with a proud record for service in the stirring days of the Civil War. Charles L. Burdick was born in Warren County, New York, near Athol and not far from Warrenburg, the county seat, on June 6, 1847, and was the son of David and Polly (Fuller) Burdick. The father was a farmer and a lumberman and his birthplace was at the same place as that of Charles. David Burdick was also a bridge and barn builder and Charles learned the business under the instruction of his father. The Burdicks trace their family back as far as 1653, when Robert Burdick came over from England and settled at Rutherford, Connecticut. His great-great-grandfather Burdick died in battle during the Revolutionary War, fighting under General Sullivan.



Charles L. Burdick

When Charles was eight years old, he came with his parents to Lake County, Illinois, settling near Waukegan, but the family lived there only a year, when they went to Minnesota where his father took up a timber claim in Blue Earth County near Mankato, Minnesota. However, he did not like the new country and there were no schools, so they moved back to Lake County and here Charles made his home until the War of the Rebellion broke out. In February 1864, when he was past sixteen years of age, he enlisted at Chicago, Illinois, in the Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, serving under General Butler in the Army of the Potomac at Richmond and was at Bermuda Hundred. He served in the army until December 1865, having been at Appomattox Count House when Lee surrendered. He was also one of the soldiers at Norfolk, Virginia, when it was under martial law, and Colonel Mann was the mayor of the town and his forces policed the town and kept order; in all he spent four months in this city, having also been stationed at Richmond. He participated in five of the largest engagements of the war. In 1869, his father moved to Iowa, and in November 1870, took up government land in Sioux County. Charles followed his father and took up 160 acres of land during the year 1871. It was here that David Burdick served as township assessor in Lincoln Township and at that time Charles Burdick served as clerk of the same township. David Burdick also served on the

school board, and having the interest of the community at heart, he served in these different positions faithfully.

Charles Burdick's marriage, which occurred March 16, 1869, in Cypress, Wis., near Kenosha, united him with Miss Annie Lowe, who was born in Lake County, Illinois, and was the daughter of Warner and Frances (Bell) Lowe. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother was born in Ohio. Mr. Burdick and his young wife drove from her home in Illinois to Iowa, across the country in a wagon and a span of colts; arriving at his father's home in Floyd County, they spent the winter of 1871 there and then went on to Sioux County and took up government land and lived there until 1878, when he disposed of this property and came to California, settling in Monterey County, nine miles from King City, and preempted 160 acres of hill land. Here he engaged in raising stock and hay and in December 1888, he came to San José, and took up the business of contract building, specializing in first-class dwellings and continuing in this business until he retired in 1920. He is now spending his days very comfortably, helping others to strive for and gain the success that he has worked so diligently to obtain. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick were the parents of four children and also are the grandparents of five: George B. resides in San José and is in the employ of Richmond-Chase Company. He married Agnes Ferguson and they are the parents of three children—Donald L., Kenneth D., and Muriel; Belle became the wife of A. E. Reynolds and resides on a farm near King City in Monterey County and she has one son, Harold; Maude married A. O. Kent, a plumber of San José, and they are the parents of a son, Keith Kenneth Kent; Frank B. is a butcher by trade, single, and living in San José. Mr. Burdick has lived in East San José since 1893, locating there when there were very few homes in that vicinity. He is very popular and influential in the city of San José; in 1906 he was one of the organizers and member of the first board of trustees of East San José; served a number of years on the school board in Iowa and in Monterey County; is a member of Sheridan-Dix Post No. 7, G. A. R., of San José, and during the year 1901 was its commander, and since 1905 has been a member of the cemetery committee of this post and its secretary since 1911. In national politics, he is a staunch adherent to the views of the Republican Party. Mrs. Burdick is a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Source: Eugene T. Sawyer, *History of Santa Clara County, California*, Historic Record Co., Los Angeles, CA 1922, pp 1024-25.

Camp Participates in Ceremonies for two Civil War Veterans

Camp Brothers recently took part in two separate ceremonies honoring Union veterans in the Bay Area.

SGT. OVILA CAYER (1844-1909)



MS. DEBBIE PEEVYHOUSE has made it a personal goal to ensure that the grave of every recipient of the Medal of Honor, from any war, buried in California is properly marked with recognition of his award. On September 24, 2005 uniformed members of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Lincoln Camp 10 assisted Ms. Peevyhouse in the rededication of the grave of Ovila Cayer at the Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Salinas, California. Cayer, a native of New Brunswick, Canada, served in Company A, 14th United States Volunteer Infantry.

On August 18, 1864, the Union Corps descended on the Weldon Railroad in Virginia, driving off the Confederate pickets. The following day the rebels returned in force in an effort to dislodge the Federal forces in an all day battle during which all of the officers of the 14th Volunteer Infantry were killed or wounded. Ovila Cayer, a sergeant, seeing this desperate situation gallantly took command of his regiment and let it throughout the day in repulsing the Confederate attacks.

During the rededication ceremony, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provided a color guard and posted the colors at Sgt. Cayer's grave. The SUVCW also provided a three-volley salute with their Springfield and Enfield rifles.

Because of Cayer's Canadian origins, **MARC LEPAGE**, Consul General of Canada, was among the many honored guests present.

Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC** provided a few appropriate remarks to honor Sgt. Cayer and explained the connection between the SUVCW and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Other Brothers participating included **FRANK AVILA**, **VINCENT BARTNING**, **DAN EARL**, **BOB KADLEC PCC**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **JOE MARTI**, Camp 4 Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER**, and Camp 10 Commander **TIM REESE**.

REV. OBEDIAH SUMMERS (1844-1896)

On October 1, 2005, uniformed members of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 rededicating the grave of Rev. Obediah Summers at Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery.

Obediah Summers was born a slave in 1844 in Clay County, Missouri. He worked as a "servant" in the Confederate Army until 1862 when Union forces captured him. He then enlisted as a private in Company A of the 18th Regiment of the United States Colored Troops and saw action at the battle of Nashville. After his discharge in 1866, he became a preacher with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1891, he built and took charge of the Old Bethel Church on 15th Street in Oakland. Around that time, the state of California appointed him the first African-American chaplain of the state legislature. His plot lay undiscovered until last year, when volunteers removed the overgrowth that obscured it. His remains were only recently reinterred in the G.A.R. plot.



With the family of Rev. Summers looking on, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provided a color guard to post the colors at his grave. Camp 24 Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE** acted as Master of Ceremonies and Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC** laid a wreath at the grave. Camp 24 Brother **DENNIS EVANOSKY**, who was instrumental in making the reinterment possible, related the life story of Rev. Summers. Also participating were **BOB KADLEC PCC**, Camp 4 Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER**, and Camp 24 Brother **CHARLES "CORKY" REED**.

Delegates Travel over 3,000 Miles to Attend Encampment!

Nine Delegates from the Department of California and Pacific made their way to New England for the 124th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which was held on August 5-6, 2005 at Nashua, New Hampshire.

Those attending from Camp 4 were **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**, Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC**, **DANIEL R. EARL**, and Camp Commander **DAVID C. SCHLEETER**. Other Department Delegates included **BOB LOWE PDC**, Junior Vice Commander **GARY E. PARROTT**, Councilman **GLEN L. ROOSEVELT**, Senior Vice Commander **JERRY R. SAYRE**, and Councilman **D. BRAD SCHALL PDC**.

A particular honor for the Department is the fact that our own Past Department Commander, **BOB LOWE**, was awarded the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for "The Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation". Congratulations Bob!

The 119th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans was held simultaneously. The Department's only Auxiliary, the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, sent Sisters **MARCY BUNNELL**, **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **LORI PARROTT**, and **ANN SCHLEETER**, thus fulfilling Auxiliary No. 52 entire allotment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates! This is an outstanding achievement for a single Auxiliary, especially considering the extreme distance involved.

Much camaraderie was enjoyed and the annual business of the Orders was conducted. The National Encampments always provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know Brothers and Sisters from across the nation. Make plans now to attend the 125th Annual National Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania next August!

BROTHER AL HODGES PASSES AWAY

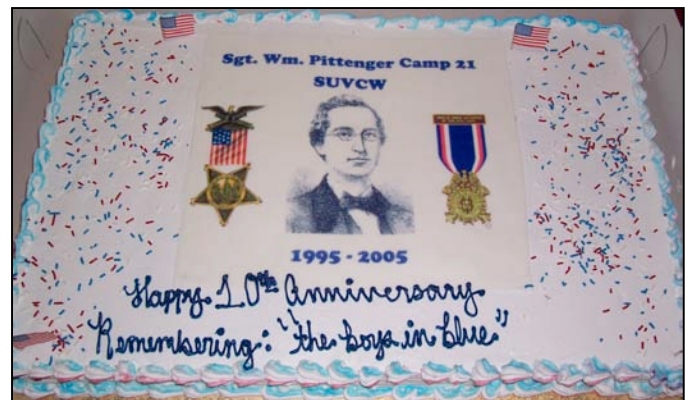
On August 20, 2005, Brother **AL HODGES** of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 passed away in San Diego, California after a brief illness. He was 61 years old. Brother Hodges joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on November 27, 2001 and was among the most active members of Camp 21. He also served as a Corporal in Company G, 5th California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Brother Hodges was a truly dedicated member of our Order and did all that he could to promote its objects. His passing will leave a void in our Department that will be difficult to fill.

In Brother Hodges' memory, the Department Commander ordered all Charters to be draped in black, and all Brothers were instructed to attach a mourning ribbon to their membership badge (effective from August 21 to September 21, 2005).

A moving memorial service for Brother Hodges was conducted at the Elks Lodge in El Cajon, California, of which he was a member. Brothers of Camp 21 provided a uniformed honor guard for the service.

Brother Hodges' widow, **CINDY**, is a charter member of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52.

Camp 21 Celebrates 10 Years!



Many Brothers, Sisters and friends gathered at the Staff NCO Club at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego on September 10th to fete the ten-year anniversary of the founding of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21.

Camp 21 has been among the most active Camps in the Department and has won several National awards. Phil Sheridan Camp 4 congratulates them on their numerous accomplishments in remembering the Boys in Blue and wishes them many more years of service!

Camp 4 Brothers Assist with Recruitment Booth at Huntington Beach

On September 3rd and 4th, Brothers **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC** and **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF** assisted Southern California Brothers in staffing the SUVCW recruitment booths at the annual *Civil War Days* Reenactment at Central Park in Huntington Beach.

In addition to Camp 4, members were present from the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles, Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 of Santa Ana, and Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 of Escondido.

The booth manned by Camp 17 was named "Camp Almey Hodges", in honor of our late Brother **AL HODGES** of Camp 21.

The two-day event, organized by the Huntington Beach Historical Society, was well attended by the public, and was supported by the American Civil War Society, Inc., a Southern California reenactment group.

A particularly special treat for Tad and Paul was the opportunity to meet and speak with **E. O. C. ORD IV**, the great-grandson of Civil War General E. O. C. Ord, and a member of Camp 17. Ord had several interesting family artifacts that he shared with both the Brothers and the general public. The former Fort Ord military installation in Monterey County was named for General Ord.



While at Huntington Beach, Brother Paul Lavrischeff examined a Starr Carbine issued to the Union's 1st Arkansas Cavalry. This is the same regiment in which Tad Campbell's great-great-great-grandfather Alexander Oakes served.

THE CIVIL WAR REVISITED



Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans pause for the annual group photo.

On October 8-9, 2005 the Department once again gathered in Fresno for the annual *Civil War Revisited* Reenactment, organized by the Fresno Historical Society, and sponsored by the National Civil War Association.

This year's event portrayed the battle of Bull Run, and it brought out the public in droves. The combined SUVCW and Auxiliary information booth saw a continuous stream of visitors.

Members of seven out of the fourteen Camps in the Department participated in the event!

Camp 4 members present included **TAD CAMPBELL PCC**, **KERMIT CLAYTOR**, **DAN EARL**, **BOB KADLEC PCC**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **BILL POPE**, **RICHARD STALEY**, and **GREG SWEATT**.

Members of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 in attendance were **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**, and **SHARON POPE**.

Upcoming Events

October 29, 2005 – 10 a.m.

Veterans Day Parade Practice
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara

November 5-6, 2005

Blue and Gray, A Civil War Encampment and Reenactment
Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark, California

November 8, 2005

Election Day – Exercise your Right to Vote!

November 11, 2005

87th Annual Veterans Day Parade
Downtown San José
Memorial ceremony at 11 am. Parade at noon

November 19, 2005 – 10 a.m.

Camp Meeting and Election of Officers
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara

November 27, 2005 – 2 p.m.

Annual Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave., San José

Did You Know?

The first shot of the Civil War came at 4:30 a.m., Friday, April 12, 1861, when Captain George S. James, commander of the Confederate artillery at Fort Johnson overlooking Charleston harbor, ordered Henry S. Farley to fire a 10-inch mortar, beginning the bombardment of Fort Sumter.

The last shot of the Civil War was fired on June 22, 1865. On that date the Confederate commerce raider CSS *Shenandoah*, commanded by Captain James I. Waddell, encountered the Northern whaling ship *Jerah Swift* in the Pacific's Bering Sea and, to obtain the ship's surrender, fired one round from the *Shenandoah's* 32-pounder Whitworth cannon—the last shot of the Civil War.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Much activity has occurred since the last newsletter. I would like to thank our Auxiliary Sisters that participated in the Bunnell-Mattos wedding at Paradise in July, the 119th Annual ASUVCW National Encampment at Nashua, New Hampshire in August, and the *Civil War Revisited* at Fresno in October. It is your continued commitment to such events that make our Auxiliary strong!

Condolences are extended to Sister Cindy Hodges of El Cajon, California, whose husband Al Hodges, a member of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, recently passed away at the age of 61. Cindy and Al have been very active members of the Auxiliary and the Sons for several years and his presence will be sincerely missed.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, November 8th! Many women and men fought long and hard to earn us this right!

If you have period attire, please plan to participate in the San José Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 19th at 10 am at the American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave. in Santa Clara. Please remember to attend this important meeting, as the election of Auxiliary officers for 2006 will be conducted.

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

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NEXT MEETING: Sat., Nov. 19, 2005, 10 AM
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, CA

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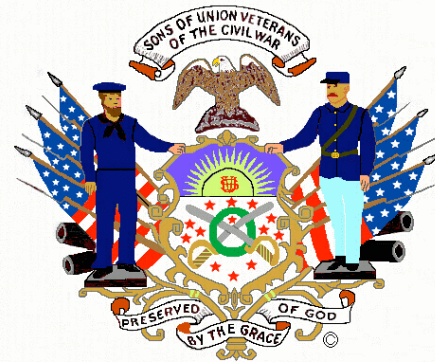
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.