

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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## Installation Ceremony Banquet

The newly elected officers for Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 will be installed on **Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2006** at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara, California.

Shortly you will receive the official invitation to this annual joint ceremony and banquet. The menu this year will be an all you can eat (within reason) buffet dinner with two main course entrees -- Roast Beef and Lemon Herb Chicken. It is essential that you complete the reservation form and return it, with your check, no later than the **12<sup>th</sup> of January** to guarantee that there will be more than enough for everyone.

The Installation Ceremony Banquet will be held in the **San Jose Room of the Biltmore Hotel**. The owner of Lou's Village, where our banquets have been held in the past, is retiring and closing his restaurant for good on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2005. The Biltmore is conveniently located just off of Highway 101 at San Tomas Expressway, just north of American Legion Post 564 where our Camp meetings are held.

Following the dinner, and installation of both the Camp and Auxiliary officers for the year 2006 by **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER TAD CAMPBELL**, Brother **RICHARD STALEY** will provide the keynote presentation on the life and times of Civil War Veteran, and member of San Jose's Sheridan-Dix GAR Post 7, Charles L. Burdick.

This promises to be an exciting evening. Be sure to clear your calendar and return your reservation early to ensure that you have a place at this annual event to kick off the New Year for the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary, in Northern California.

During the annual election of officers on November 19, 2005, the following Camp officers were elected for the 2006 term:

COMMANDER – **DANIEL R. EARL**  
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER – **STEVEN J. WELCH**  
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER – **RICK T. LAROSA**  
COUNCIL – **FRANK AVILA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOE MARTI**

Commander-elect Earl will make his appointments and all officers will be installed during the banquet. If you are interested in any of the appointed officer positions, please let Dan know before then.



## VETERANS DAY PARADE

The 87th Annual Veterans Day Parade took place in downtown San José on November 11, 2005. This is the fifth year in a row that the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 has participated in this, the largest Veterans Day parade in Northern California, which is sponsored by the United Veterans Council (UVC) of Santa Clara County.

This year the Camp was once again joined by members of the Lincoln Camp 10 of Santa Cruz, the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 of San José, the American Civil War Association (ACWA), and the National Civil War Association (NCWA). The procession was led by Brother **ROBERT J. KADLEC, PCC**, followed by the color guard, ranks of armed infantry, musicians, and finally Brothers **RICHARD STALEY** and **ROBERT NELSON** portraying veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), who escorted the ladies of Auxiliary No. 52.

The combined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War contingent was honored to be the only organization in the entire parade to be allowed to stop in front of the reviewing stand and provide a demonstration. Once again our annual musket salute, lead by Brother **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, was a huge success and a real crowd pleaser!



Participants this year included: **CAMP 4 – FRANK AVILA, VINCE BARTNING, TAD CAMPBELL PCC, DAN EARL, BOB KADLEC PCC, RICK LAROSA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, JOE MARTI, BILL POPE, DON PRAY, DAVE SCHLEETER, ROBERT SORIA, RICHARD STALEY, JAMES WELCH, and STEVE WELCH; CAMP 10 – ROBERT NELSON PCC; and from AUXILIARY NO. 52 – RACHELLE CAMPBELL, SHARON POPE, and ANN SCHLEETER.**

It is hoped that the results of the judging might be known by the time of the Installation Banquet in January.

### Brother Lavrischeff Gives School Presentation

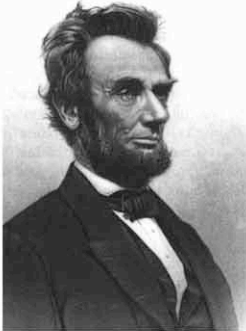
On November 28th and 29th, Brother **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF** assisted **MR. JIM SCHIMANDLE** of Morgan Hill in educating several classes of eleventh grade students. The presentations took place at the Harker School in western San José. This school, founded in 1893, is among the highest rated private

grade schools in the greater Bay Area. Brother Paul gave demonstrations of Civil War weaponry, discussed the life of the soldier, and informed the students and staff about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Paul has since received several complimentary thank you cards from the students.

Great job Paul!

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Celebrate  
Abraham Lincoln's 197<sup>th</sup> Birthday



February 18, 2006  
5:00 PM

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

## Moorpark Reenactment



**Brother Paul Lavrischeff** demonstrates the action of the Volcanic Repeating Pistol for an eager public.

On November 5-6, 2005, Camp Brothers **TAD CAMPBELL PCC** and **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** assisted Southern California Brothers in staffing an information booth at *Blue and Gray, A Civil War Encampment and Reenactment* at the Tierra Rejada Ranch in Moorpark, California. The event was well attended by the public and the Camp 4 Brothers enjoyed the camaraderie of their southern California brethren.

As special guests of General Grant, Tad and Paul were particularly honored to participate in the public recreation of the Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, there was an unusual reenactment of a "twilight battle", which took place just after dusk. The flames and sparks spewing forth from the muskets and cannons provided quite a spectacle. Another special treat was the presence of actress **MELISSA GILBERT**, who watched the reenactment from the reviewing stand.

In addition to our own Camp 4 members, the following Brothers attended the event: **PHIL CAINES** and **KEN WALKER** from Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles; **FLOYD FARRAR**, **E.O.C. ORD IV**, **MIKE QUIGLEY** and **GLEN ROOSEVELT** from Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, and **TOM BROWN** from Lincoln Camp 10 of Santa Cruz.

## Annual Flag Lowering Ceremony



On Sunday, November 27, 2005, Brothers of Camp 4 once again gathered at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José to perform the Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony. During this moving ceremony, the names of all the deceased veterans honored during the past month were read, and the National Colors were retired in formal form by the Camp Color Guard. **BOB KADLEC PCC** acted as Master of Ceremonies, while Camp Commander **DAVE SCHLEETER** conducted most of the speaking parts. Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL PCC** performed the duties of acting Chaplain. Members of the Camp Color Guard included **VINCENT BARTNING, DAN EARL, JOE MARTI,** and **STEVE WELCH.** Also attending the ceremony was Auxiliary No. 52 Sister **ANN SCHLEETER.** This year was the first time in memory that the public seating was completely filled, leaving standing room only!

### *A Message from the Secretary-Treasurer*

Brothers, it is that time of year again for us to renew our membership dues for the Camp. Many of you probably wonder how your dues money is spent. A majority the \$35 each of you contribute – \$18 (or 51%) – is used to pay the required dues renewal to our National Organization. Only \$3 (or 8.6%) of your dues is forwarded to the Department of California and Pacific. The remaining \$14 (40% of the total) stays here at home with your Camp.

In the past your local dues (which, when separated from the National and Department per capita dues) provides your Camp with a working budget of about \$550 a year. This money has been used to compensate speakers at our meetings, publish and mail the Camp newsletter, pay for SUV CW badges, purchase Camp flags (and flag stands), various awards, entrance fees, and miscellaneous supplies associated with Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other patriotic events the Camp has participated in over the years. Additionally, if the Camp has the funds available, appropriate charitable contributions are made. Most expenses are borne by the individual who incurs them. With postage costs increase in 2006, it is even more important that we are diligent about promptly renewing our membership.

**Please help us to continue honoring our Union ancestors by remembering to mail in your dues renewal with the enclosed form. THANK YOU!**

With Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Daniel R. Earl*  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer



## Upcoming Events

### January 21, 2006

Civil War Open House  
Fort Point, San Francisco

### January 28, 2006 – 5 p.m.

Annual Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara

### February 18, 2006 – 5 p.m.

Lincoln Day Dinner  
Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino

### March 24-25, 2006

120th Annual Department Encampment  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### August 10-13, 2006

125th Annual National Encampment  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

## Did You Know?

According to Union surgeons' reports, less than four percent of all Civil War battle wounds were caused by bayonets or swords. Approximately five percent of reported wounds were made by artillery fire. More than ninety percent were caused by bullets.

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Phil Sheridan Camp 4 was founded in San José on December 4, 1897, making this December our 108th year of continuous service! Congratulations!

## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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



Wow! This has been another very busy year for our Auxiliary! Some of the highlights have included the Fort Point Open House, Lincoln Day Dinner, 119th Annual Department Encampment, Armed Forces Day Parade, Memorial Day, Bunnell-Mattos Civil War Wedding, 124th Annual National Encampment, *The Civil War Revisited* reenactment in Fresno, and Veterans Day. Sister **LORI PARROTT** represented our Auxiliary at the "Last Civil War Funeral" in Memphis, Missouri, as well as numerous events in Nevada and eastern California. Sister **CYNTHIA HODGES**, despite the unexpected loss of her husband Al, continues to represent the Auxiliary in Southern California. You can all be proud of the wonderful work you are doing in the memory of our "Boys in Blue"!

The following officers were elected during our November 19th meeting: PRESIDENT – **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, VICE PRESIDENT – **MARCY BUNNELL**, SECRETARY-TREASURER – **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**, PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR – **SHARON POPE**, CHAPLAIN – **ANN SCHLEETER**, TRUSTEES – **CYNTHIA HODGES**, **LORI PARROTT**, and **ANNA BURAN**. SUVCW Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** was reappointed Counselor. The officers will be installed at the annual Installation Banquet on January 28, 2006 (see page one of this newsletter). Several new Auxiliary members will be initiated on the same evening. Please plan to attend and show your support!

Reminder: membership dues of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for 2006 are now due. Please make checks payable to "Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52" and send to Karen Lavrischeff, 781 Gridley St., San José, CA 95127-1047.

Thanks again to everyone for their support and continued hard work. I look forward to another successful year for our Auxiliary!

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

## PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 OFFICERS FOR 2005:

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|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
| • <i>Commander</i>            | David C. Schleeter<br>KnifeGuy1865@comcast.net  | • <i>Historian</i>                               | Sebastian A. Nelson<br>snelson@slis.sjsu.edu    |
| • <i>Sr. Vice Commander</i>   | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>philsheridan4@msn.com   | • <i>Graves Reg. &amp; Memorials Ofcr.</i>       | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>philsheridan4@msn.com |
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| • <i>Patriotic Instructor</i> | Robert J. Kadlec, PCC<br>philsheridan4@aol.com  | • <i>Guide</i>                                   | Rick T. LaRosa<br>ricklarosa@sbcglobal.net      |
| • <i>Chaplain</i>             | Rev. Clark D. Seum  | • <i>Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator</i>           | Crittenden Bell<br>critbell@earthlink.net       |
| • <i>Assistant Chaplain</i>   | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>philsheridan4@msn.com   | • <i>Signals Officer &amp; Newsletter Editor</i> | Tad D. Campbell, PCC<br>tadcamp@earthlink.net   |
|                               |   | • <i>Musician</i>                                | James M. Welch                                  |

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, January 28, 2006  
Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara, CA

**PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 WEB SITE**  
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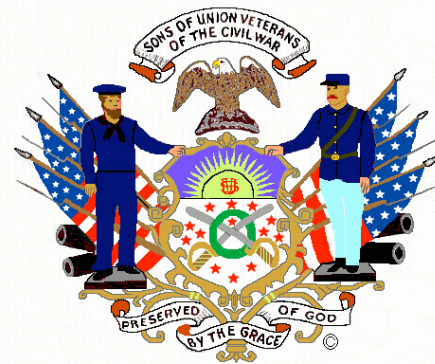
**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC WEB SITE**  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/deptca.html>

**NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE**  
<http://www.suvcw.org>

**DR. MARY E. WALKER AUXILIARY NO. 52 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.