

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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New Officers Installed at Annual Banquet

On Saturday, January 28, 2006, the new slates of officers for both the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 were installed at the annual Installation Banquet, which took place in the San José Room of the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara, California.

A particular honor was the attendance of Department Junior Vice Commander **GARY E. PARROTT, PCC**, a member of Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, and his wife **LORI A. PARROTT**, a member of Auxiliary No. 52. Gary and Lori braved winter storms and traveled over 250 miles from their home in Mammoth Lakes, California to attend the event!



L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa, Dan Bunnell, Joe Marti, Dan Earl, Steve Welch, Crit Bell, Frank Avila, Tad Campbell



Bob Kadlec is presented the Exemplary Dedication Award by Cmdr. Dave Schleeter

Camp Historian **SEBASTIAN A. NELSON** provided to each Brother a complementary copy of his newly compiled history of Camp No. 4, which featured newspaper accounts of Camp activities between 1897 and 1960. This is the only known history of the Camp ever published and certainly fills in many of the gaps.

Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC** and his wife, Auxiliary President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**, were honored to present Brother **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC**, with a unique pocket watch in appreciation of his continued dedication and support of both Orders. The front of the watch was inscribed with Brother Bob's name and "S.U.V.C.W." The back was inscribed in memory of Bob's ancestor, Color Corporal Jacob Stauff of Company I, 26th Wisconsin Infantry, while the inside featured an image of Corporal Stauff. Brother Bob was also awarded the General Philip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication Award by Camp Commander **DAVID C. SCHLEETER**.

The many Brothers, Sisters and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner. Following the meal, Department Commander Campbell, performed the installations of officers for both the Camp and Auxiliary. Outgoing Camp Commander Schleeter was presented with his Past Camp Commander's badge and the Camp Commander Badge was passed on to Brother **DANIEL R. EARL**.

After the business of the meeting was accomplished, Brother **RICHARD A. STALEY** treated the assemblage to a historical presentation. Brother Richard performed a first-person presentation of Comrade Charles Lafayette Burdick, a member of Company F, 39th Illinois Infantry, and a prominent member of the Phil Sheridan Post No. 7., Grand Army of the Republic in San José, California. Brother Richard also brought several interesting artifacts from the G.A.R.'s heyday in San José.

The following elected and appointed officers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 were duly installed:

COMMANDER — **DANIEL R. EARL**
 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER — **STEVEN J. WELCH**
 JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER — **RICK T. LAROSA**
 SECRETARY-TREASURER — **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**
 COUNCILMEN — **FRANK C. AVILA, PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF, JOSEPH C. MARTI**
 PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR — **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**
 CHAPLAIN — **REV. CLARK D. SEUM**
 ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN — **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**
 HISTORIAN — **SEBASTIAN A. NELSON**
 COUNSELOR — **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**
 GUIDE — **THOMAS T. GRAHAM**
 GUARD — **WILLIAM H. POPE**
 COLOR BEARER — **STEVEN J. WELCH**
 MUSICIAN — **JAMES M. WELCH**
 SIGNALS OFFICER — **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**
 GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER — **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**
 CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER — **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC**
 EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATE COORDINATOR — **CRITTENDEN BELL**
 NEWSLETTER EDITOR — **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**
 DELEGATES TO UNITED VETERANS COUNCIL — **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC, ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC, RICK T. LAROSA**



Many of those at the Installation Banquet wore period attire.
 L-R: Mike Montgomery, Jo Montgomery, Paul Lavrischeff, Rachelle Campbell and Tad Campbell

The following elected and appointed officers of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 were duly installed:

PRESIDENT	RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL
VICE PRESIDENT	MACY BUNNELL
SECRETARY-TREASURER	KAREN L. LAVRISCHEFF
TRUSTEES	ANNA BURAN, LORI PARROT, CINDY HODGES
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR	SHARON POPE
CHAPLAIN	ANN SCHLEETER
COUNSELOR	TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC

Sheridan's Dispatch Publication Change

At the February 18, 2006 Camp meeting, the members present voted unanimously to adopt a modified budget, the main change being that the Camp newsletter would be published primarily via e-mail. This will not only save the Camp a substantial amount of money in publication costs, but will also greatly reduce the workload of the Newsletter Editor. The change will also remove the limitations on newsletter size (due to postage restrictions) and allow for the use color photographs. Another added benefit is an increased circulation of the newsletter, since it can be sent to historical societies, reenactment groups, etc. without additional cost. Those members of the Camp and Auxiliary without e-mail access will continue receive a printed copy.

CAMP MEMBERS MAN THE GUNS AT FORT POINT!

Once again, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took up arms and garrisoned Civil War-era Fort Point, located at the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The annual open house, sponsored by the American Civil War Association (ACWA), took place on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

Drills and living history displays were presented for the public by the many Union re-enactors in attendance, while members of the Sons educated attendees about the Order and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Members of Camp No. 4 in attendance included: **FRANK AVILA**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **JOE MARTI**, and **DAVE SCHLEETER**.



Frank Avila & Joe Marti stand guard at the Golden Gate, keeping watch for Confederate raiders.

Welcome New Brother!

The Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 is pleased to welcome to its ranks Brother **EUGENE SAVAGE**. Brother Savage, who lives in San José, is a native of Uniontown, Pennsylvania and is a retired school principal. His eligibility for membership is based on the service of his great-grandfather, Upton Savage, who was a Private in Company K, 6th West Virginia Infantry.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT HELD

The 120th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held on March 24-25, 2006 at the Main Street Station Hotel, Casino and Brewery in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was the first time since 1913 that the Department met in the Silver State, at which time they met at Reno. This year the Department was honored to have as its guests, Commander-in-Chief **DONALD E. DARBY** and wife from Ohio, and President Abraham Lincoln (as portrayed by **WILLIAM TRUMAN PECK**). At the Friday night Campfire entertainment was provided a veterans brass band, while several Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops were present to receive American Flags from the SUVCW. The Saturday business session went smoothly and each Camp was presented an American Flag on behalf of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 of Cazadero, California. A moving memorial ceremony was conducted at nearby Woodlawn Ceremony, under the direction of Co. B, 1st Nevada Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). On Saturday evening the attendees enjoyed entertainment by a comedy barbershop quartet during the annual Commander-in-Chief's Dinner.

A note of thanks is extended to Brothers **JERRY R. SAYRE PCC**, **ALAN E. PETERSON PDC**, **WILLIAM G. JONES**, and Sisters **CHARLENE PETERSON** and **LORI PARROTT**, whose dedication, hard work, and quick thinking ensured that the Encampment was a success!

Delegates from Camp No. 4 included **FRANK C. AVILA**, **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC**, **DANIEL R. EARL**, **THOMAS T. GRAHAM**, **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC**, **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, and **DAVID C. SCHLEETER PCC**. Members of Auxiliary No. 52 in attendance included: **KAREN L. LAVRISCHEFF**, **LORI A. PARROTT**, and **ANN SCHLEETER**.

Past Camp Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** was re-elected Department Commander. The following Camp 4 Brothers were appointed Department Officers: **SEBASTIAN A. NELSON**, Historian; **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, Signals Officer; and **DANIEL R. EARL**, *California Column* Newsletter Editor.

Report of the Department Commander

(The following oral report was delivered to the Delegates of the 120th Annual Department Encampment in March)



My written report consists largely of a travelogue, detailing my activities during the past year. I won't linger on the details of the report, which has been submitted to the Department Secretary, but suffice it to say that as a representative of this Department I traveled a total of 17,677 miles during my term in office. Highlights of my travels include leading the Department's Delegation at the 124th Annual National Encampment at Nashua, New Hampshire, and being present to perform seven of the fourteen Camp Installations in person. I am indebted to the following Brothers who graciously performed Camp Installations on my behalf: **DAN BUNNELL, CHARLES CHRISTIAN, CHARLES GARDALI, BOB LOWE, BOB KADLEC, and GLEN ROOSEVELT.**

Having the opportunity to participate in so many different activities throughout the Department has allowed me to see the excellent work that our Order does on a first hand basis. There are dozens of dedicated Brothers and Sisters out there giving their all on a daily basis to remember the Boys in Blue. Our Department continues to remain strong and it has been an honor to lead it for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Tad D. Campbell, PCC
Department Commander

The California Regiment – 71st Pennsylvania Volunteers

(Source: <http://www.ncwa.org/union/71stpv/71stpv.htm>)

Within a few days of the firing on Ft. Sumter, Edward D. Baker, Senator from Oregon, called upon his long time personal friend Abraham Lincoln and tendered his services in defense of the Union. President Lincoln suggested to Sen. Baker that he raise a regiment as he had done during the Mexican War.

On April 21st, Sen. Baker along with former citizens of the states of California and Oregon held a meeting in New York City. Those in attendance resolved to raise and offer to the United States a regiment of infantry, to be credited to the state of California. Recruiting went forward in and around Philadelphia and New York City. On May 16, 1861, twenty-five days later, the 1st California Regiment was mustered into service.

Initially called the 1st California, it was determined there were not enough Californians in the ranks and as a result, after the death of Baker in October 1861, the regiment was given to the state of Pennsylvania and re-designated the 71st Pennsylvania. Despite this new designation and lack of Californians, the Regiment was known throughout the war as the "California Regiment".

The Regiment served in the Eastern theater of war from 1861 to 1864. Assigned to the 2nd Corps of the Army of the Potomac, the 71st was engaged in some of the largest battles in the Eastern theater, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania, and Cold Harbor.

**COL. E. D. BAKER'S
CALIFORNIA
REGIMENT.**

A RENDEZVOUS
For the enrollment of a

COMPANY OF PICKED MEN
WILL BE OFFERED BY

Monday, August 12, 1861,
AT THE HOUSE OF HENRY HERRING,

PASSYUNK ROAD
OPPOSITE QUEEN STREET.

This Company will leave for the Seat of War in two weeks, or sooner, if fall.

JOSEPH C. TITTERMARY, Captain.
Philadelphia, August 10, 1861.

7th March 1861. No. 100. No. 100. No. 100. No. 100. No. 100.

Upcoming Events

April 29, 2006

C.S.A. Memorial Dedication
Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, California

May 6, 2006

Camp Meeting & Parade Practice
American Legion Hall, Santa Clara, California

May 20, 2006

Armed Forces Day Parade
Santa Cruz, California

May 27-28, 2006

Information Booth at Civil War Reenactment
Roaring Camp, Felton, California

May 29, 2006

Memorial Day Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

June 24, 2006

Camp Meeting & Parade Practice at Civil War Reenactment
Casa de Fruta, Hollister, California

August 10-13, 2006

125th Annual National Encampment
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Did You Know?

The Battle of Valverde, in New Mexico Territory, was fought on February 21, 1862.

Colonel Christopher "Kit" Carson (1809-1868) commanded part of the Federal force and was brevetted for the action.

During a full day of fighting the Federals lost 68 men killed in action, 160 wounded, and 35 missing, out of 3,810 engaged. The Confederates lost 36 men killed in action and 160 wounded out of 2,600 engaged.

The night before the battle Captain James "Paddy" Graydon, commanding the "Spy Company" of New Mexico volunteers, packed six 24-pounder howitzer shells on the backs of two mules and led them close to the Confederate lines. The mules refused to cooperate by continuing into the Confederate camp and were blown up without damage to the enemy.

The "Spy Company" was made up almost entirely of local natives of Mexican origin and continually harassed General Sibley during his retreat.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

I'm happy to say that our Auxiliary is quickly growing! We welcomed three new members at our Installation Banquet on January 28th. **SUSAN DOYLE** of Bella Vista, California is the wife of Almeron J. Patchin Camp 26 Brother **WILLIAM DOYLE** (a former member of Camp 4). **DEBRA EARL** of San José, wife of current Camp 4 Commander **DANIEL EARL**, is a descendant of Albert O. Stewart of Co. I, 9th Iowa Cavalry. **JOHANNA MONTGOMERY** of San José, the wife of Camp 4 Brother **MICHAEL MONTGOMERY**, is a descendant of James R. McCormick of Co. B, 104th Illinois Infantry. We also have two upcoming transfers from other Auxiliaries. **JENNIFER WHALIN** of Stoughton, Wisconsin, is the niece of Camp 4 Past Commander **ROBERT KADLEC** and a descendant of Color Corporal Jacob Stauff of Co. I, 26th Wisconsin Infantry. **CHARLENE PETERSON** of Las Vegas, Nevada, is the wife of Past Department Commander **ALAN PETERSON** of William B. Keith Camp No. 12.

Congratulations and welcome!

In F, C & L,

Rachelle M. Campbell, President

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 6, 2006 - 10 AM
American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, CA

PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 WEB SITE

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

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC WEB SITE

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

NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE

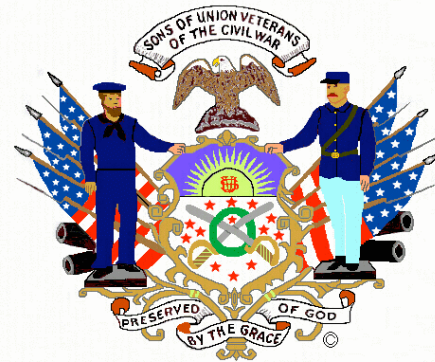
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.