

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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Officers Installed at Annual Banquet

New 2007 Camp Officers pose for a photo with the sword of Civil War Colonel A. G. Bennett.

Front row, left to right:

Danieal R. Earl PCC, Frank C. Avila,
Tad D. Campbell PCC, Rick T. LaRosa,
Daniel M. Bunnell PDC

Back row, left to right:

Paul E. Lavrischeff, Steven J. Welch,
Vincent H. Bartning, Thomas T. Graham



The Annual Installation Banquet of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 took place on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Florentine Restaurant in Saratoga, California.

Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** installed the following newly elected and appointed Camp officers:

Commander – Steven J. Welch
Senior Vice Commander – Rick T. LaRosa
Junior Vice Commander – Frank C. Avila
Secretary-Treasurer – Daniel R. Earl, PCC
Council – Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC;
Paul E. Lavrischeff; Thomas T. Graham
Color Bearer – Robert J. Kadlec, PCC
Signals Officer & Newsletter Editor
Tad D. Campbell, PCC
Delegates to the United Veterans Council – Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC; Rick T. LaRosa; Thomas T. Graham

Patriotic Instructor – Paul E. Lavrischeff
Chaplain – Rev. Clark D. Seum
Asst. Chaplain – Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
Guide – William H. Pope
Guard – Vincent H. Bartning
Musician – James M. Welch
Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator – Crittenden Bell
Graves Registration Officer & Civil War Memorials Officer –
Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC

The newly elected and installed officers of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 are as follows:

President – Rachelle M. Campbell
Vice-President – Marcy Bunnell
Secretary-Treasurer – Karen L. Lavrischeff
Trustees – Lori Parrot, Johanna Montgomery

Patriotic Instructor – Sharon Pope
Chaplain – Ann Schleeter
Co-Counselors
Robert J. Kadlec, PCC; William H. Pope



Auxiliary Sisters pose with Department Commander Tad Campbell PCC and Auxiliary No. 52's co-Counselor Robert J. Kadlec PCC.

L-R: Debra Earl, Kathleen Welch, Rachelle Campbell, Karen Lavrischeff, Ann Schleeter

Brother **SEBASTIAN A. NELSON** was awarded the General Philip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication Award for his outstanding service and dedication as Camp Historian and Brother **DANIEL R. EARL** was presented with his Past Camp Commander's badge and a plaque in appreciation for his service as Camp Commander for 2006.

After the meal, installations and award presentations, Brother Nelson gave an informative talk on the Bennett family, who were very prominent members of the post-Civil War community in San José. Brother Nelson then surprised the group with special guest **DR. WILLIAM H. TOLHURST**, the great-grandson of Dr. A. G. Bennett, Jr. Dr. Tolhurst related stories of his family background and displayed several items formerly belonging to the Bennetts, including an officer's sword. A brief summary of Brother Nelson's talk is reproduced below.

The Bennett Family of San José

Augustus Griffin Bennett (1836-1897) served as a Lieutenant and Captain in the 81st New York Infantry and as Lieutenant-Colonel of the 21st U.S. Colored Infantry. On December 3, 1864 he was placed in command of Morris Island in Charleston Harbor. In addition to the 21st U.S. Colored Infantry, Col. Bennett's command included the 52nd Pennsylvania Infantry and the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry. In February 1865, Col. Bennett accepted the surrender of Charleston and was subsequently made commander of the City of Charleston and Provost-Marshal of the Northern District of the Department of the South. Colonel Bennett was honorably discharged on April 25, 1866. He moved to San José, California in 1876, from whence he served as a Representative in the State



Legislature and became a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1910 Col. Bennett's memory was preserved with the establishment of the Colonel A. G. Bennett Post Number 196, Grand Army of the Republic, located in San José.

Colonel Bennett's son, Augustus Griffin Bennett, Jr. (1872-1927), also kept alive the memory of his father's generation. He studied dentistry at the University of California, graduating in 1893. Dr. Bennett, like his father, was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and a San José City Councilman. He also belonged to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and served as commander of San José's Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in 1927 and as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific in 1901.

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Commander Dan Earl presents Sebastian Nelson with the Camp's Exemplary Dedication Award

— Department's Newest Camp Receives its Charter —



L-R: Alex Grzywacki (JVC), Tad Campbell (DC), Tom McCullough (SVG), Everett Lee (Council), Bob Duncan (CC), and Bill Stewart (Council).

On Saturday, December 2, 2007, Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCC** officially presented the **WILLIAM T. SHERMAN CAMP NO. 28** with its Charter at its inaugural meeting in Santa Barbara, California.

The meeting began with each Brother introducing themselves and their guests, and discussing their Civil War ancestors, followed by a casual dinner.

Commander Campbell began his portion of the meeting by initiating the Charter members using the Ritual. Even though some of the Brothers were transfers from other Camps, none had officially been initiated into the Order.

The Camp was then presented with its Charter, Commander Campbell adding the final signature in the presence of the Camp membership.

The Officers-elect of the Camp were then administered the oath of office and duly installed in their respective offices. On behalf of the Department, Commander Campbell presented new Camp Commander **BOB DUNCAN** with a copy of the Ritual, a gavel, and the Camp Commander's Badge.

Among the fifteen Charter members of Camp 28, there are two that were previously members of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, namely **WILLIAM STEWART** and **ROGER KNOX**. The new Camp will cover Santa Barbara County, but will also participate in activities in San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties.

Lincoln Day Dinner

Brothers, Sisters, Family, and Friends — all are invited to attend the annual SUVCW Lincoln Day Dinner in honor of our 16th President! This year's dinner will be on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at the Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., in Cupertino, California. As in the past, we have a private room reserved for us for dinner, followed by the Camp meeting, after which we shall indulge in the consumption of our "presidential cake." We hope to see members of both Camps 24 and 10 joining us as well. The special birthday cake for President Lincoln will be extra large in anticipation of greater attendance. Due to the extra cost dessert will be \$4.00 per person. Any questions should be directed to Commander **STEVE WELCH** at [<stevenlr@rcn.com>](mailto:stevenlr@rcn.com) or Secretary-Treasurer **DAN EARL** at [<danearl64@earthlink.net>](mailto:danearl64@earthlink.net).



FINAL ROLL CALL

Joyce F. Campbell



Don & Joyce Campbell at their 2004 wedding

Joyce Faye (Parrish) Campbell was born May 14, 1941 in Dallas, Texas to Grundy Compton "G. C." Parrish and Jessie Mae Pedigo, and passed away quietly on January 20, 2007 at her home in Grizzly Flats, California after a short battle with cancer.

She is survived by her mother and sister Ruth, both of Texas; husband Donald D. Campbell of Grizzly Flats; daughter Debra F. Jolly of Imperial Beach, California; son E. Howard Bland of Arizona; step-son Tad D. Campbell of Gilroy, California; step-son Keith M. Campbell of Kentwood, California; and grandchildren Jason Jolly, Nicole Jolly, and Jesse Bland. She was preceded in death by her first husband Robert E. Bland and son David E. Bland.

Being a true hearted Texan, Joyce was astounded and somewhat disturbed when her step-son Tad recently discovered that her great-grandfather, James W. Parrish, had served as a Private in Company A, 110th Illinois Infantry, USA during the Civil War.

She was the wife of Camp 4 Brother **DONALD D. CAMPBELL**, step-mother of Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, sister-in-law of Camp 4 Brother **HOWARD D. CAMPBELL**, and step-mother-in-law of Auxiliary 52 Sister **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**.

The Camp and Auxiliary extend their condolences to Joyce's family and many friends.

Joseph Marti Weds Sweetheart

On November 25, 2006 Camp Brother **JOSEPH C. MARTI** married his fiancée, **KATIE COZAD**, in a beautiful ceremony in Saint Canice Catholic Church in Nevada City, California.

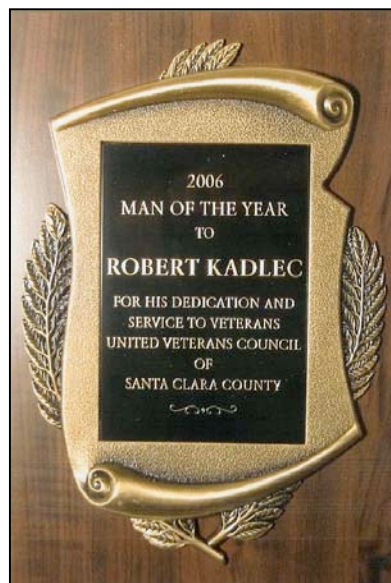
Attendees of the wedding included Camp Bros. **FRANK C. AVILA** and **TAD D. CAMPBELL**.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Italy and the Vatican, even receiving a special blessing from the Pope.

Mrs. Marti was recently seen at Joe's side at the annual open house at Fort Point in San Francisco and it is hoped that we will see Katie again very soon.



Brother Brings Home Top Award from UVC



Past Camp Commander Robert J. Kadlec received the "Man of the Year" award from the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County.

The award cited Bob's "dedication and service to veterans".

Particularly noteworthy was Bob's instrumental involvement with the 88th Annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José, California.

A hearty huzzah is extended to Brother Kadlec for a job well done!



Camp Dues are Due

Brothers, another year has come and gone. As most of you probably know, I am now a "PCC" and have resumed the duties of Camp Secretary-Treasurer for 2007. This means I get to be the bad guy again and remind all of those who have not submitted their dues renewal for 2007. They were due on January 1st.

PLEASE — if you have not yet mailed in your membership dues they need to be sent to me ASAP. The annual reports to Department and National Headquarters are coming due very soon and along with those reports we must send our per capita dues. The Camp values your membership and relies on your dues to continue with programs to honor all veterans and especially our Civil War ancestors.

Among other things, your dues help fund a variety of activities such as our Memorial Day weekend events, Eagle Scout Certificate Program, Adopt-a-School Program, publication of the Camp newsletter, and other patriotic events.

At your earliest convenience, please send a check or money order in the amount of \$35.00, made payable to "Phil Sheridan Camp 4, SUVCW." It should be sent to me at the below address:

If you have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible. It is essential that the Camp receive your dues renewal ASAP so your Camp may continue honoring those who fought to save the Union!

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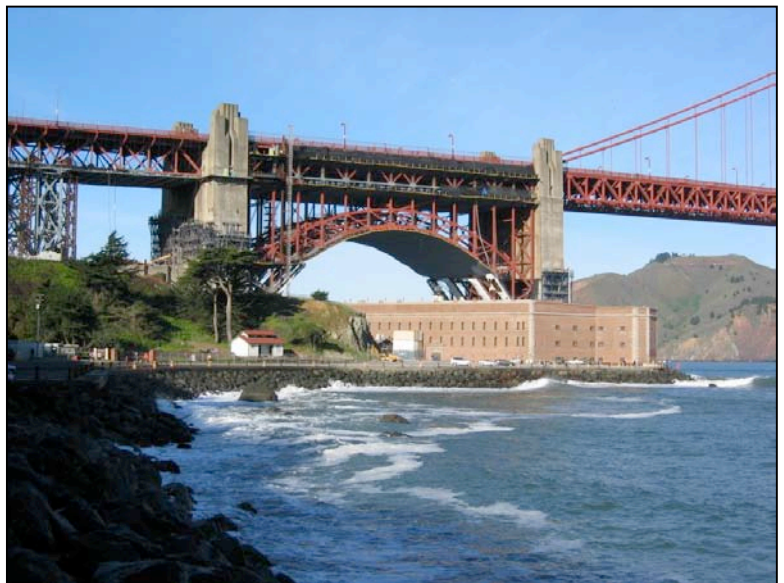
"BOYS IN BLUE" ONCE AGAIN GUARD THE GOLDEN GATE!

Under crystal clear skies, a Civil War era fort once again guarded the entrance to San Francisco Bay with a bustling contingent of Union soldiers.

The annual open house at Fort Point, located in San Francisco, directly below the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge, took place on Saturday, January 20th.

The unusually pleasant weather (no fog and only light ocean breezes) brought out strong numbers of both re-enactors and public.

While the walls of the fort echoed with infantry commands and the occasional strains of a martial band, members of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 manned several educational tables for the benefit of the public and re-enactors alike.



Among those in attendance were Brothers **FRANK AVILA**, **TAD CAMPBELL**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **CHARLES MABIE**, **JOSEPH MARTI**, **MARK WILSON**, and Sister **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**. Our late Brother **CHARLES "CORKY" REED** was ever present as well, with a display of some of his civil war effects.

121st Annual Department Encampment

The yearly Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will once again return to the Elk's Lodge in San Luis Obispo, California on March 23rd and 24th, 2007. The Hon. James B. Pahl of Michigan, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be the honored guest and will perform the installation of officers.

For those that arrive in San Luis Obispo early, the lively San Luis Obispo Farmer's Market and street fair, including entertainment, takes place every Thursday from 6:00 pm to 9 pm.

The Department "Campfire" will take place Friday night at the Elk's Lodge following a 6:30 pm dinner. This is a great time for visiting with old friends and making new ones.

The all day business session will take place on Saturday, during which the slate of officers for the ensuing term will be elected and installed. A brief memorial service at the nearby Grand Army of the Republic cemetery plot will take place immediately following the meeting.

On Saturday evening Brother Pahl will be honored during the annual Commander-in-Chief's Dinner, which will take place at the Apple Farm Inn and Restaurant.

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Department Senior Vice Commander Jerry R. Sayre at cod26ia@roadrunner.com.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters, the time for our annual dues is once again at hand. They remain at twenty dollars and can be remitted to me, or to our Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer Karen Lavrischeff (781 Gridley St., San José, CA 95127-1047).

During the past year our Auxiliary has been very active with the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County and took on an important role in the organization of the 88th Annual Veterans Day Parade in San José, California. On behalf of the Auxiliary, I was very honored to accept a certificate of appreciation from the UVC in recognition of our support.

I know many Sisters of our Auxiliary take part in patriotic events with their local Sons' Camps and other organizations. Please be sure to report on your activities so that you and your Auxiliary may be properly acknowledged in reports to the national organization.

San José's new Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, is currently the only Tent north of Santa Barbara. The organizer and first President of the Tent is our own Auxiliary's Patriotic Instructor Sharon Pope. We are looking forward to coordinating with the Sherwood Tent on several projects this year, including graves registration and headstone replacement activities.

A short meeting of Auxiliary No. 52 is planned during the Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo on March 24th. All Auxiliary Sisters are encouraged to attend.

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

Leadership of Local Camps

Two Bay Area Camps held their installation of officers on Saturday, January 20th. Taking over for **TIMOTHY P. REESE**, Brother **THOMAS BROWN** has been elected Commander of the Lincoln Camp No. 10 of Santa Cruz. Commander Brown has participated with Camp 4 in a number of parades and other events. Relieving **RONALD CANNON** as Commander of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 is our own Past Camp Commander **DAVID C. SCHLEETER**. Located in Santa Rosa, Camp 23 is the beneficiary of Commander Schleeter's move to the North Bay community of Windsor. Past Camp Commander **ROBERT J. KADLEC** was honored to perform Commander Schleeter's installation on behalf of Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL**. Retaining his commandership for another term is **CHARLES W. MABIE** of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 of the East Bay. The leaderships of the John Logan Camp No. 20 of Los Gatos and the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 of Cazadero have also remained the same for the coming year.

Upcoming Events

February 17, 2007

Lincoln Day Dinner
Holder's County Inn, Cupertino, California

March 6, 2007

Gen. Phil Sheridan's 176th Birthday
(No activities planned)

March 23-24, 2007

121st Annual Department Encampment
Elk's Lodge, San Luis Obispo, California

May 19, 2007

Armed Forces Day Parade
Santa Cruz, California

August 9-12, 2007

126th Annual National Encampment
St. Louis, Missouri

**Be sure to check the Camp website
for additional events and updates.**

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

Did You Know?

Old Abe was the eagle mascot of Company C of the 8th Wisconsin, also known as the Eagle Regiment. By far the most famous mascot of the war, the bird witnessed more than forty battles and skirmishes. In battle he flew over the fighting and screeched at the Southerners, and afterward he would return to his perch. To the Confederates, he was known as the "Yankee buzzard."



Old Abe was retired from front-line duty in September 1864 and presented to the state of Wisconsin, which kept him in a cage in the state capitol. The bird made countless appearances at war benefits and afterward to raise funds for orphans. He died of smoke inhalation during a fire at the capitol in 1881.

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NEXT MEETING: Sat., Feb. 17, 2007 - 5 PM
Holder's Country Inn Restaurant, 998 S. De Anza Blvd.
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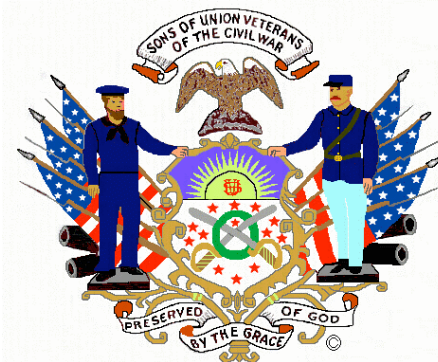
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NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.