

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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## Department Encampment Returns to San Luis Obispo



### Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 at Department Encampment

L-R: Bob Kadlec, Tom Graham, Frank Avila, Dave Schleeter, Rick LaRosa, Steve Welch, Jim Pahl (Cmdr-in-Chief), Tad Campbell, Dan Earl, Bill Pope, Paul Lavrischeff, Rachele Campbell (Aux. #52). Also in attendance but not pictured were Sebastian Nelson and Don Pray.

Following a change of venue last year, the 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific returned to the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo, California on March 23-24, 2007. The event was well attended, bringing over seventy-five Brothers, Sisters and guests from across California and Nevada.

An informal evening of camaraderie was enjoyed by many on Friday, including an impromptu sign-along of Civil War tunes.

The Saturday business session went smoothly. The Encampment passed a motion to form a committee to explore the possibility of hosting the 2012 National Encampment in the Los Angeles area. The last time the Department hosted a National Encampment was in 1973, when it was held in Palm Springs. The year 2012 would mark the 100th anniversary of the 46th Annual National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was held in Los Angeles in 1912.

The Encampment also passed a resolution in support of a proposed change in the tax-exempt status of the Order, which would make it easier for some donators to receive tax benefits.

The guest-of-honor was **JAMES B. PAHL**, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who traveled all the way from his home in Michigan to attend the Encampment. Commander Pahl provided an informative update on the status of the Order and graciously served as Installing Officer. The Department presented Commander Pahl with a certificate of appreciation for his years of support and friendship.

Among the guests who brought greetings from other organizations were:

- **BOB LOWE, PDC**, Vice Commander of the California Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).
- **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**, President of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW).
- **DONNA WOOD**, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).
- **TAYA CLINE**, California Division President, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).
- **BARRON T. SMITH**, Past California Division Commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV).

Brother **GLEN L. ROOSEVELT, PCC** of the Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17 was presented the Department's Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award for his "tireless efforts toward the preservation of records and artifacts of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, California" having "displayed outstanding dedication and service to the Department and the Order."

The following officers elected and appointed Department officers were duly installed by C-in-C Pahl for the 2007-2008 term:

<b>Commander</b>	<b>JERRY R. SAYRE, PCC</b> (Fallbrook, CA)
<b>Senior Vice-Commander</b>	<b>CHARLES W. MABIE</b> (Newark, CA)
<b>Junior Vice-Commander</b>	<b>GLEN L. ROOSEVELT, PCC</b> (Anaheim Hills, CA)
<b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>	<b>J. THOMAS SMITH</b> (Elk Grove, CA)
<b>Council</b>	<b>D. BRAD SCHALL, PDC</b> (Lincoln, CA)
<b>Council</b>	<b>ALAN E. PETERSON, PDC</b> (Las Vegas, NV)
<b>Council</b>	<b>TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC</b> (Gilroy, CA)
<b>Patriotic Instructor</b>	<b>PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF</b> (San José, CA)
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>THOMAS E. HELMANTOLER</b> (San Diego, CA)
<b>Historian</b>	<b>DAVID A. DAVIS</b> (Reno, NV)
<b>Counselor</b>	<b>BOB LOWE, PDC</b> (El Cajon, CA)
<b>Guide</b>	<b>PHILLIP L. CAINES, PCC</b> (El Segundo, CA)
<b>Color Bearer</b>	<b>DAVID C. SCHLEETER, PCC</b> (Windsor, CA)
<b>Guard</b>	<b>DEANE I. POOLE</b> (San Diego, CA)
<b>Graves Registration Officer</b>	<b>DONALD E. HOTCHKISS, JR.</b> (Las Vegas, NV)
<b>Civil War Memorials Officer</b>	<b>KIRBY R. MORGAN</b> (Coarsegold, CA)
<b>Signals Officer</b>	<b>TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC</b> (Gilroy, CA)
<b>G.A.R. Highway Officer</b>	<b>THOMAS P. CHUMLEY</b> (Long Beach, CA)
<b>Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator</b>	<b>ALAN E. PETERSON, PDC</b> (Las Vegas, NV)
<b>California Column Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>DANIEL R. EARL, PCC</b> (San José, CA)



Tad Campbell (center) presents Jerry Savre with a Sons of Veterans sword

The Department presented outgoing Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** with his Past Department Commander's badge and a plaque commemorating his several years of service to the Department. Brother Campbell in turn presented incoming Department Commander **JERRY R. SAYRE** with an antique Sons of Veterans sword in appreciation of his confidence and assistance over the years. Brother Campbell also called his wife **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** forward and presented her with a diamond bracelet in recognition of her unwavering support during his time in office.

The Department fundraiser, held during the lunch break, successfully netted the Department several hundred dollars to help defray the cost of the Encampment and raise money toward hosting the 2012 National Encampment. Many of the attendees left the Encampment with exciting books, videos, and other items donated by members throughout the Department.

A short memorial service was held immediately following the Encampment at the G.A.R. burial plot in the nearby Lady Family Sutcliffe Cemetery.

A second night of camaraderie was enjoyed on Saturday evening, when a majority of the Encampment attendees gathered at the Apple Farm Restaurant for the annual Commander-in-Chief's Dinner, in honor of **JAMES B. PAHL**. In fact, attendance was greater than anticipated and several overflow tables were filled outside the main room. During the dinner, Brother **ALAN E. PETERSON PDC** presented Commander Pahl with a custom-made clock, commemorating his visit to the



Department. Outgoing Department "First Lady" **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** gave incoming "First Lady" **KIMBERLY SAYRE** a care package to assist her while her husband Jerry heads the Department. Former "First Lady" **ROSEMARY LOWE** then presented Rachelle with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

After the dinner, many of the attendees retired to the nearby hospitality suite, courtesy of Camp 4 Brother **FRANK AVILA**, for drinks and more socialization.

At the direction of the Encampment, the arrangements for the 122nd Annual Encampment in 2008 have been left to the discretion of Department Senior Vice Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE**. If you have suggestions or would like to assist, please feel o contact Charles at e-mail [kemabie@earthlink.net](mailto:kemabie@earthlink.net).

## Membership Status Change

Brother **FRANK C. AVILA**, an active Associate Member of the Camp for several years, has recently changed his membership status to that of a Regular Member. Through the genealogical research of Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC**, it was discovered that Frank is the great-great-grandson of Lieutenant **George W. Griffith** who served in Company A, 17th West Virginia Infantry and Company L, 4th West Virginia Cavalry. He had also had prior service in a pro-Union home guard unit in Marshall County, West Virginia. Lt. Griffith was wounded in the hip by grape shot at the battle of Patterson's Creek, West Virginia on February 2, 1864. After the war Griffith moved to Iowa and thence to Nebraska where he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to William Baumer Post No. 24 and Dr. C. H. Wilson Post No. 331, both of Nebraska City.

Continued research by Brother Campbell netted Frank an additional five blood uncles who served for the Union, as follows:

### **Joseph Griffith**

Company F, 6th West Virginia Infantry

### **Azariah Alexander Hamilton Shepherd**

Company D, 1st West Virginia Infantry  
Company G, 2nd West Virginia Veteran Infantry

### **Benjamin S. Shepherd**

Company K, 25th Iowa Infantry

### **David S. Shepherd**

Company L, 4th West Virginia Infantry

### **William Gregg Shepherd**

Company G, 2nd Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia

## Welcome New Brothers!

**DEAN W. BURSHEIM** of Pattaya, Thailand is the Camp's newest Associate Member. He was given a gift membership by his daughter and son-in-law Rachelle and Tad Campbell PDC. Dean's home base is the small community of Erskine, Minnesota, but he is currently on overseas assignment for the Bechtel Corporation.

**HOWARD D. CAMPBELL** of Trap Hill, North Carolina was likewise given a gift membership by his nephew Tad D. Campbell PDC. Howard bases his right to membership on his great-great-grandfather **Alexander Oakes** (1847-1934) who served in Company F, 1st Arkansas Cavalry, USA. Howard is also the great-great-grandson of **Sgt. Jonathan E. Wolf** of Co. A, 18th Iowa Infantry and **Bennett Tiner** of the pro-Union Benton County (Arkansas) Home Guards. Bro. Campbell also has an additional eighteen blood uncles that served in Union regiments. He has maintained a life-long interest in history and the Civil War.

**DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE THAT MIGHT ENJOY BELONGING TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR?**

**WHY NOT GIVE HIM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP?**

## Drum Barracks: A California Civil War Landmark



Established as a five company post originally named Camp San Pedro in January 1862, and located one mile from Wilmington, now a part of Los Angeles, this post until December 1, 1863 called itself Camp Drum; it was thereafter designated as Drum Barracks. It was named by the War Department in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Richard Drum, assistant adjutant general of the Department of California. When it was built, the Civil War was already being waged and the government considered California as a doubtful state on the question of slavery. The states northern half was about equally divided in its sympathies, but the southern half, particularly the area around Los Angeles, where at least 75 percent of the Americans had come from slaveholding states, was strongly pro-secession. It was determined that California must be held loyal to the Union. Captain (later Major General) Winfield Scott Hancock was sent to Los Angeles to establish a quartermaster depot, ostensibly to have his troops fight the Indians. But there were no Indians in the area. The government spent more than a million dollars on Drum Barracks, a very large sum of money then, which judiciously expended could buy an appreciable amount of allegiance. While most other California posts were simple adobe structures roofed with corrugated iron, Drum Barracks was entirely different. The elegance of its officers' quarters impressed the inhabitants of Los Angeles.

Drum Barracks however, soon became a staging station for troops in transit. On April 13, 1862, Colonel (later Brigadier General) James Henry Carleton led an army of more than 2,000 California Volunteers from the post to begin the longest and most difficult march of the Civil. His route was through Temecula to Arizona and New Mexico and to the Rio Grande Valley, then being invaded by Confederate armed forces. Drum Barracks, intermittently occupied during the war, was finally abandoned on November 7, 1871.

The historic Drum Barracks is the only Civil War-era U.S. Army building still standing in Southern California. The 16-room structure once stood among 19 similar buildings on 60 acres of land. It is now operated as a museum. For more information, visit the Drum Barracks web site at <http://www.drumbarracks.org>.

### CAMP ORDER No. 1 SERIES 2007 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with my sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, for the 2007 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I will diligently work to ensure that the Camp does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My term shall be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Section 2: I hereby establish my residence at 314 Liberty St, San Francisco, California 94114, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <stevenlr@rcn.com>, or at the Camp mailing address, 3012 Lake Estates Court, San Jose, CA 95135.

Section 3: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 18 November 2006, and installed on 6 January 2007 by Department Commander Tad D. Campbell, PCC, are as follows:

- Commander - Br. Steven J. Welch
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Br. Rick T. LaRosa
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Br. Frank C. Avila
- Secretary-Treasurer - Br. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Council - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Council - Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- Council - Br. Thomas T. Graham

Section 4: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain - Rev. Clark Seum
- Assistant Chaplain - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Patriotic Instructor - Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- Counselor - Br. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Historian - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Guide - Br. William H. Pope
- Color Bearer - Br. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC
- Guard - Br. Vincent H. Bartning
- Signals Officer - Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Graves Registration Officer - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Br. Crittenden Bell
- *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor - Br. Tad D. Campbell, PCC
- Camp Musician - Jr. Br. James M. Welch
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Thomas T. Graham
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Rick T. LaRosa



The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first, in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco, State of California by Steven J. Welch, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Steven J. Welch  
Camp Commander  
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer

## MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

**JOSIAH HENSEL**

**COMPANY D, 161ST OHIO INFANTRY**

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

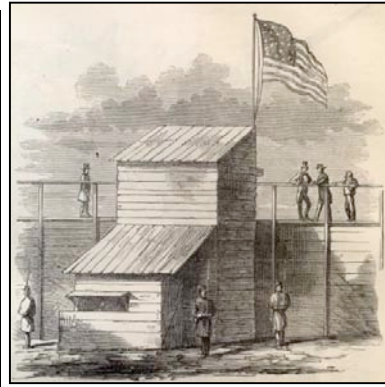
Josiah Hensel was born, August 9, 1825 in York Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He was eldest of twelve children born to John and Rachel (Barton) Hensel. Both of Josiah's grandfathers served in the military, his paternal grandfather, Frederick Hensel, having been killed during the War of 1812, and his maternal grandfather, Eli Barton, having served during the American Revolution.

On June 20, 1850, Josiah Hensel married Catherine Hawk. She was born in Ohio about 1831, the daughter of John and Catherine Hawk.

Although already married at the time the 1850 U.S. Census was enumerated in September, they were listed separately, each living in the household of their respective parents. Together, Josiah and Catherine (Hawk) Hensel had the following children: Rachel Almira, Alvin Daniel, John Taylor, Harvey Monroe, Josiah Walton, Sarah Eliza, William Phineas, Floretta May, Charles Arthur Willis, and Nancy.

At the relatively advanced age of 39 years, Josiah Hensel enlisted as a Private on May 2, 1864. On May 9th, he was mustered into Company D, 161st Ohio Infantry, a 100-day regiment. The unit was composed of the 70th Battalion, Ohio National Guard, from Tuscarawas County; the 43d Battalion, from Noble County; and one company of the 58th Battalion, from Hancock County.

Once organized at Camp Chase in Columbus, it was immediately ordered to Cumberland, Maryland, where it arrived at noon on May 12th. On the 28th it moved to Martinsburg, West Virginia. In June 1864, while on the picket line at Martinsburg, Private Hensel suffered from severe exposure, but was not immediately removed from duty. On June 4th, Cos. A, B, D, F and H, with other troops, were sent up the Shenandoah Valley with a supply train for Hunter's army, then supposed to be near Staunton. On reaching that place it was found that Hunter had advanced, but they finally overtook him at Lexington on the 11th. They remained with Hunter until he arrived at Lynchburg, when they were ordered back to Martinsburg. After considerable marching and guard duty, the regiment fell back to Maryland Heights. Early on the morning of July 6th, skirmishing commenced and continued for two days, the regiment taking an active part. On July 25th, Josiah Hensel was admitted to the field hospital at Sandy Hook, Maryland, suffering from chronic diarrhea. He was transferred to Jarvis Field Hospital in Baltimore, with rheumatism, and thence to Cincinnati on August 23rd, to be mustered out. Hensel was mustered out with the rest of his regiment at Camp Chase on September 2, 1864.



Upon his return from the army, Josiah Hensel continued to live in his native county of Tuscarawas. On March 3, 1872, he met with the loss of his wife, Catherine (Hawk) Hensel, who died on March 3, 1872, at the age of about 41.

On March 7, 1875, Josiah Hensel again married, this time to Magdalena (Ankney) Hawk-McCowan. She was a two-time widow of Civil War veterans, her first husband being Josiah Hawk, who served in an Iowa regiment and died in Kentucky, and the second being Nathaniel McCowan. By his second wife, Josiah Hensel had two more daughters: Alice Blanch and Ellen Jane.

Magdalena died on March 3, 1918, and Josiah Hensel survived her by just over a year, passing away on April 13, 1919, at the respectable age of 93 years, 8 months, and 4 days. His last days were spent in the care of his daughter Alice and he was laid to rest in the East Fair Cemetery, New Philadelphia, Ohio.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Sarah Lane was born February 11, 1838 in Greene County, Tennessee. In 1854, Sarah married Sylvanius H. Thompson and they had two children. Sylvanius later became a private in the 1st Tennessee Calvary USA, where he served primarily as a recruiter for the Union Army. Sarah worked alongside her husband assembling and organizing Union sympathizers in a predominately rebel area around Greeneville, Tennessee. In early 1864, Sylvanius Thompson was ambushed and killed by a Confederate soldier. Spurred by her husband's death, Sarah Thompson continued her work for the Union, delivering dispatches and recruiting information to Union officers. When CSA General John Hunt Morgan and his men spent the night in Greeneville, Sarah managed to slip away and alert Union forces to his whereabouts. Union troops invaded the area and by her accounts, she personally pointed out Morgan hiding behind a garden fence to a Union soldier who proceeded to kill Morgan.

After this event, Sarah served as an army nurse in Knoxville, Tennessee and in Cleveland, Ohio. She supported herself and her daughters by giving lectures in several northern cities about her experiences during the war. In 1866 she married Orville J. Bacon of Broome County, New York and had two children with him. They were subsequently divorced and she married James Cotton in the 1880s. Cotton died, leaving her once again a single mother. After the war, Sarah's life was marked by the constant struggle to find suitable employment to support her family and to claim a pension for her services during the war. She worked through many temporary appointments in the federal government and eventually was granted a pension of \$12 a month by order of a special act of Congress in 1897. She died on April 21, 1909 after being struck by an "electric car" in Washington, D.C., and was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.



## Upcoming Events

**May 12, 2007**

Regular Camp Meeting at 10 a.m.  
American Legion Hall, Santa Clara, California

**May 19, 2007**

Armed Forces Day Parade  
Santa Cruz, California

**May 26-27, 2007**

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

**May 28, 2007**

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

**June 30, 2007**

Regular Camp Meeting at 10 a.m.  
American Legion Hall, Santa Clara, California

**July 4, 2007**

Independence Day Parade  
Redwood City, California

**August 9-12, 2007**

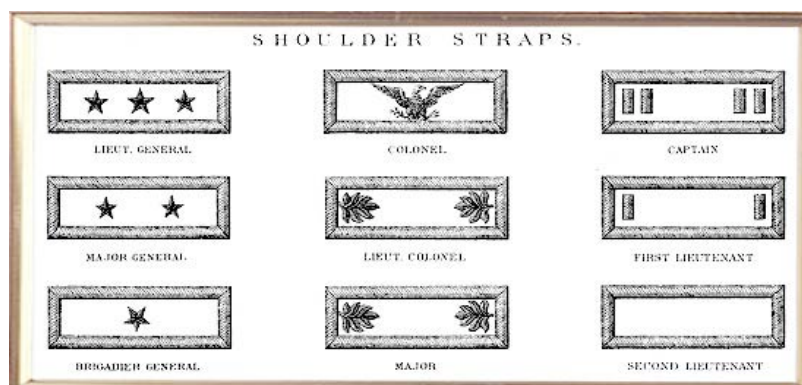
126th Annual National Encampment  
St. Louis, Missouri

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

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

## Did You Know?

An officer's emblem of rank was displayed on his shoulder straps. A second lieutenant wore unadorned rectangular shoulder straps. Two short horizontal bars indicated a first lieutenant and four a captain. Oak leaves denoted majors (silver) and lieutenant colonels (gold). An eagle distinguished colonels, and a star identified generals. One star marked a brigadier, two a major general, and three a lieutenant general. Southern officers wore their distinguishing insignia on their collars. One bar designated a second lieutenant, two a first lieutenant, and three a captain. Above this rank the Confederates used stars: one for a major, two for a lieutenant colonel, and three for a colonel. Unlike their Union counterparts, Confederate generals did not use insignia to distinguish between the grades of generals. All of them, from brigadiers to full generals, wore three stars within a wreath. Union naval officers wore time-honored insignias on their sleeves. An ensign wore a horizontal bar topped by a star. Two bars and a star identified a lieutenant. A lieutenant commander wore four bars, a commander five, and a captain displayed two sets of three bars. Commodores wore a seventh bar between two sets of three bars. Eight bars distinguished a rear admiral.



## PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 OFFICERS FOR 2007:

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| • <i>Commander</i>            | Steven J. Welch<br>stevenlr@rcn.com   | • <i>Historian</i>                               | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>philsheridan4@msn.com |
| • <i>Sr. Vice Commander</i>   | Rick T. LaRosa<br>ricklarosa@sbcglobal.net  | • <i>Graves Reg. &amp; Memorials Ofcr.</i>       | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>philsheridan4@msn.com |
| • <i>Jr. Vice Commander</i>   | Frank C. Avila<br>equipquake@aol.com  | • <i>Counselor</i>                               | Daniel R. Earl, PCC<br>danearl64@earthlink.net  |
| • <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>  | Daniel R. Earl, PCC<br>danearl64@earthlink.net  | • <i>Guard</i>                                   | Vincent H. Bartning<br>bartning@aol.com         |
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| • <i>Patriotic Instructor</i> | Paul E. Lavrischeff<br>levihensel@hotmail.com   | • <i>Guide</i>                                   | William H. Pope<br>sharbill_2@yahoo.com         |
| • <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, PDC<br>tadcamp@earthlink.net   |
|                               |   | • <i>Musician</i>                                | James M. Welch                                  |

**NEXT MEETING:** Sat., May 12, 2007 - 10 AM  
American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564  
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

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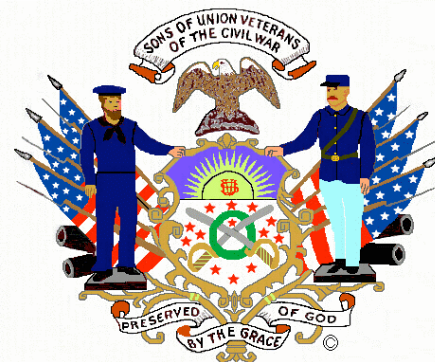
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**NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE**  
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**DR. MARY E. WALKER AUXILIARY NO. 52 WEB SITE**  
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### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.