



SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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

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Calvary Cemetery Celebrates 125 Years!

On Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, 2007, the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in east San José celebrated their 125th anniversary. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took a prominent role in the Saturday activities. After the flag raising and firing of a salute by members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Camp Commander **STEVEN J. WELCH** and Past Camp Commander **ROBERT J. KADLEC** formally addressed the audience, providing information about the Grand Army of the Republic and its ties to San José, Union veterans buried in the cemetery, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Front row, left to right:

Tim Reese, Bob Soria, Tad Campbell, James Welch, Karen Lavrischeff

Back row, left to right:

Bob Kadlec, Frank Avila, Dan Earl, Tom Graham, Joe Marti, Bill Pope, Doug Thompson, Steve Welch, Paul Lavrischeff



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 set up a period fly with displays of Allied Orders memorabilia. The Camp and Auxiliary welcomed the assistance of the Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV). An additional tent was set up in one of the oldest sections of the cemetery to provide information about the Union veterans interred there. Of particular interest was the grave of Daniel McCarthy (died 1908) of Company C, 2nd Massachusetts Infantry, whose large grave marker is prominently engraved with a G.A.R. membership badge. McCarthy was severely wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia in August 1862. His right leg was subsequently amputated.

Those participating included: Brothers **FRANK AVILA**, **TAD CAMPBELL** PDC, **DAN EARL** PCC, **RICHARD FERMAN**, **TOM GRAHAM**, **BOB KADLEC** PCC, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **LINN MALAZNIK**, **JOE MARTI**, **BILL POPE**, **TIM REESE** PCC (Camp 10), **ROBERT SORIA**, **JAMES WELCH**, and Camp Commander **STEVE WELCH**; Auxiliary Sisters **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**, and **SHARON POPE**; and **CINDY EDDY** of DUV Tent No. 89. A special thank you is extended to Brother Bob Kadlec, whose hard work and dedication were instrumental in making this event a success!

SUVCW Participates in History Fest Monterey

For the first time, members of Lincoln Camp No. 10 and Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 participated in this annual ten-day celebration of the history of Monterey, California. On October 5-7, 2007, Brothers from both Camps staffed several period tents and flys on the grounds of the historic Monterey Presidio.



Don Fusilier portraying a Civil War surgeon

DON FUSILIER of Camp 10 educated both the public and his SUVCW Brothers with his excellent display of Civil War medicine. Camp 10 Commander **THOMAS BROWN** portrayed his relative, Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas, while Past Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** displayed his extensive collection of G.A.R. and Allied

Orders memorabilia. Department Patriotic Instructor **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** mesmerized the public with his collection of Civil War arms. Several Brothers remained at their posts (camping out) on Friday and Saturday night. On Sunday, the SUVCW was honored to present the colors for the opening of an outdoor concert by the Monterey Bay Symphony. The editor can attest that it was a moving experience to be draped by our National Colors while an entire symphony played our National Anthem before an attentive crowd. At the conclusion of the 110-minute concert, the SUVCW provided a firing detail, which appropriately concluded the event. In addition to those already mentioned, other participants included **FRANK AVILA**, **ROBERT KADLEC PCC**, **TIM REESE PCC**, and **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF** (Auxiliary No. 52).



L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Thomas Brown, Bob Kadlec, Tad Campbell, Frank Avila, Tim Reese, Don Fusilier

Department of California and Pacific Leads Gettysburg Parade

The SUVCW's 51st Annual Remembrance Day Parade took place on Saturday, November 17, 2007 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Attendees from California included Department Commander **JERRY R. SAYRE**, and Past Department Commanders **BOB LOWE**, **D. BRAD SCHALL**, and **TAD D. CAMPBELL**. Brothers Sayre and Campbell had the honor of carrying the SUVCW banner at the head of the parade, immediately preceding the color guard and dignitaries. The parade featured thousands of members of the Allied Orders and re-enactors representing both sides of the Civil War. The public turnout was excellent, spurred largely by good weather.

Later, the California delegation participated in the 1st Special National Encampment, called to resolve conflicts between the Order's Charter and Constitutions & Regulations, which had been brought to light during the 126th National Encampment in August.

During the annual Remembrance Illumination that evening, Brothers Sayre and Campbell donned their great coats for a nighttime stroll among the more than 3,500 Civil War dead interred at Soldier's National Cemetery. For the poignant display, each grave is illuminated with a single candle.



DC Jerry R. Sayre and PDC Tad D. Campbell with the National Color Guard immediately after the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg.

National Encampment Report

The 126th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on August 9-12, 2007 at St. Louis, Missouri. The following members of Camp 4 attended as Delegates from the Department of California and Pacific: **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC**, **DANIEL R. EARL PCC**, **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC**, and **DAVID C. SCHLEETER PCC**. During the Encampment the following National Officers were elected:

Commander-in-Chief

CHARLES E. KUHN, JR., PDC, of East Berlin, Pennsylvania

National Treasurer

MAX L. NEWMAN of Owosso, Michigan

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

DAVID V. MEDERT, PDC, of Chillicothe, Ohio

National Quartermaster

DANNY L. WHEELER, PC-IN-C, of Ithaca, New York

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

LEO F. KENNEDY, PDC, of Greenville, Rhode Island

National Council of Administration

ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC, of Cedar Hill, Missouri

D. BRAD SCHALL, PDC, of Lincoln, California

National Secretary

DONALD D. PALMER, JR., PDC, of Ballwin, Missouri



From the Department of California and Pacific, **D. BRAD SCHALL PDC** was also appointed National Patriotic Instructor and **BOB LOWE PDC** was appointed National Graves Registration Officer. A number of Brothers in the Department also received appointments to several national committees, including Past Camp Commander **DANIEL R. EARL**, who remained at the helm of the National Committee on Legislation.

Congratulations are offered to the new slate of officers and a hearty thanks is extended to Past Commander-in-Chief **JAMES B. PAHL** of Mason, Michigan for his dedication and hard work during his term in office!



Sons of Veterans Reserve Changes Hands

General Order #8, Series 2007- 2008, 17 November 2007

Through the course of events that manage and rule our lives and this Order we at times have the opportunity to meet those who stand out above others. This is the case with **BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID V. MEDERT**, Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

General Medert assumed Command of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on 29 July 1997 with a strength of roughly 500 men. Over the past ten years, he has built the Sons of Veterans Reserve to be a unit of over 1,100 troops. He has also built an infrastructure to accommodate this growth and streamlined the operation of the same.

General Medert has requested to be relieved of his Command and moved into the Inactive Reserve Corps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve so that he may pursue the Office of Commander-in-Chief at the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Peabody, Massachusetts.

I hereby officially accept the transfer of Brigadier General David V. Medert as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that **COLONEL ROBERT E. GRIM**, Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be appointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

I find that this recommendation is well taken and approve the appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Brigadier General, commencing immediately and ending on 16 November 2010 or until properly relieved.

CHARLES E. KUHN, JR.
Commander-in-Chief

National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Rev. Clark D. Seum (1927-2007)

Long-time Phil Sheridan Camp 4 member **REV. CLARK SEUM** passed away quietly August 29, 2007 with his family in Washington State where they had moved last year.

Brother Clark had been a member of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, Department of California and Pacific for over fifty-three years and served as either the Department or Camp Chaplain for most of those years. Last year, SUVCW National Commander-in-Chief **JAMES PAHL** recognized Clark for his outstanding service to the order with the presentation of the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award. Long time friend and Past Department Commander, **DANIEL M. BUNNELL**, presented the award to Clark on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Pahl.

Clark was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. He also served the San José community as a volunteer police chaplain and was a life member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Funeral services for Clark took place on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, where he was laid to rest with full military honors. The services were conducted by the American Legion, VFW, and SUVCW. Brothers of his Camp were honored to act as pallbearers, while Brothers Bunnell and **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC** performed SUVCW ritual at the graveside.

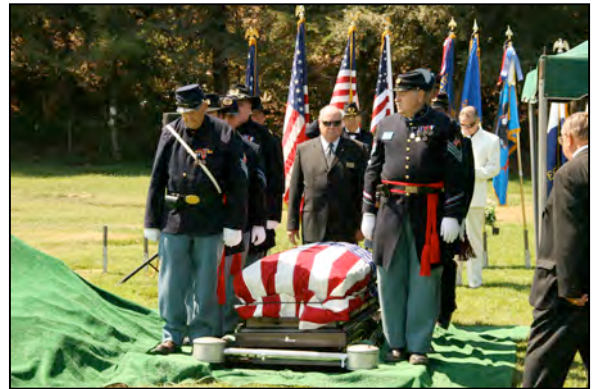
Brother Clark's membership in the SUVCW honored his great-grandfather Charles E. Hill of Company F, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

*"Has anyone told you today
that God loves you?"*



Above: PCC Kadlec conducts the Military Honors Service.

Left: PDC Bunnell presents Clark's family with the American Flag.



Clark Seum

(20 March 1927 to 29 August 2007)

Retrospective

"And They All Said AMEN"



January 2003

Chaplain, Reverend Clark Seum, Receives his SUCVW War Medal from Camp Commander Tad Campbell for service to his Country during World War II



March 2003
 SUCVW National
 Commander-In-Chief
 Robert Grimm
 Presents 50-year Continuous
 Service Award
 Past Department Commander
 Dan Bunnell Pins SUCVW
 50-year Medal on Reverend
 Clark Seum



2004



2005

United Veterans Council
 Veterans Day Parades



2006

Reverend Clark Seum Receives The
 SUCVW Meritorious Service Award



The First Jewish Chaplains Were Approved During the Civil War

The right to have Jewish chaplains in the United States Army was finally achieved in the second year of the Civil War, when Congress was prodded and persuaded to change the law to make this possible.

This action came about after Congressman Clement Vallandigham's bill to allow ordained rabbis to be commissioned as chaplains was defeated in July 1861. While this bill was being debated, the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, either in defiance or ignorance of the law, elected one of their men, Michael Allen, to be the regimental chaplain.

Allen was a Philadelphia Hebrew teacher who wanted to study to become a rabbi, but instead changed his mind and became a liquor dealer. He was well liked by the Christian and Jewish soldiers in his regiment and his services and sermons reflected his mixed congregation.

While the 5th Regiment was encamped outside of Washington, D.C., a YMCA worker visited them and discovered that the regimental chaplain wasn't an ordained minister or a Christian. The YMCA worker saw the appointment of Allen as a violation of the law and of the laxity that existed in the army. Allen resigned and the regiment, under the command of Colonel Max Friedman, decided to test this law with the nomination of Rabbi Arnold Fischel, an ordained rabbi and an experienced lobbyist.

The Secretary of War was compelled by law to deny the nomination and Rabbi Fischel began a year of lobbying until Congress passed another law allowing rabbis to be commissioned as army chaplains. On July 17, 1862, Congress changed the wording in the law to include the words "religious denomination" instead of "Christian denomination," and legal discrimination against Jews ended in the military. Rabbi Fischel was finally commissioned to replace Allen as the chaplain of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Rabbi Jacob Frankel, a well-known cantor of Congregation Shalom of Philadelphia, was commissioned on September 18, 1862, as the first official Jewish chaplain. He attended to the military hospitals in the Philadelphia area.

The first regimental chaplain was Ferdinand Leopold Samer, a native of Germany, who was elected by the 54th New York Volunteer Regiment. Most of the soldiers in the regiment were German-speaking. Rabbi Samer was commissioned on April 10, 1863. He was the first Jewish chaplain to be wounded and the first Jewish chaplain to go absent without leave. He was severely wounded at Gettysburg and was hospitalized awaiting his formal discharge papers. Feeling better, however, he didn't wait for his discharge papers to arrive and left on his own to go home.

The Jewish military chaplain was created in the Civil War. It started a long tradition and legacy of brave and dedicated Jewish chaplains serving God and country.

(Source: Seymour Brody, Jewish Heroes and Heroines of America. Hollywood FL: Lifetime Books Inc., 1996).



NEW MEMBERS



- **RICHARD FERMAN** of San José, California is the great-grandson of Michael Ferman of Company B, 11th Ohio Infantry.
- **LINN W. MALAZNIK** of Gilroy, California honors the memory of the following Civil War uncles:
 - Edward Lanning, Company G, 7th Iowa Infantry
 - Alexander A. Talcott, Company G, 28th Iowa Infantry
 - Daniel E. Talcott, Company G, 8th Iowa Infantry
 - Lewis W. Talcott, Company G, 47th Iowa Infantry and Company B, 1st Iowa Light Artillery



The Camp extends a hearty welcome to these new Brothers!



Huntington Beach Reenactment

The annual two-day reenactment at Huntington Beach, California took place over the Labor Day weekend, September 1-2, 2007.

Once again the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 sent a contingent of reinforcements to participate with the Southern California Camps. This year the host Camps graciously provided space for Camp 4 to set up their own period fly, thus allowing lots of room for displays and demonstrations.

Brother **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF's** exhibition of period arms and ammunition was a hit with the public.



Left to right: Ed Ord, Tom Chumley, Glen Roosevelt, Jerry Sayre, Dean Poole, Paul Gillette, Bob Lowe, Dave Allyn, Tad Campbell, Paul Lavrischeff, and Will Tisch.

Past Department Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** provided several interesting displays of Allied Orders memorabilia, while his wife **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, Auxiliary President, presented a medical display, as well as information on Army surgeon Dr. Mary E. Walker and the Auxiliary.

The SUVCW and Auxiliary turnout for this event was exceptional, with at least five Camps represented. This equates to one-third of the Department!

Huzzah!



Left to right: Eileen Tisch, Kim Sayre, Rachele Campbell, Brenda Poole, Julie Atzen, Rosemary Lowe, Gay Allyn, Judy Weaver.

Upcoming Events

November 17, 2007

Camp Election Meeting
Santa Clara, California

November 17, 2007

Remembrance Day Activities
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

November 25, 2007

Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

January 26, 2008

Fort Point Open House
San Francisco, California

January 2008

Installation Banquet
(Date, place and time to be announced)

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

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

Did You Know?

The famous Civil War minié ball was not a ball at all. It was a conical lead projectile with a hollow base that expanded when the bullet was fired, forcing the sides of the projectile to grip the rifling in the gun barrel and giving the bullet a spin that increased accuracy.



Invented in the 1840s by French Army captains Claude-Étienne Minié and Henri-Gustave Delvigne, it was designed to allow rapid muzzle loading of rifles, an innovation that brought about the widespread use of the rifle as a mass battlefield weapon.

The Minié ball produced terrible wounds on those struck in battle. The high-caliber rounds easily shattered bones, and in many cases the attending surgeon simply amputated the limb rather than risk a typically fatal secondary infection.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

As some of you may be aware, the Auxiliary's Department of California was re-established at the National Encampment in August. Actually, to be more accurate, it was determined that although the Department's Charter had been returned to National Headquarters several years ago, the National Organization had not officially taken any action to suspend the Charter or discontinue the Department. Therefore, the Charter was returned.

This gives us ladies on the West Coast an excellent opportunity to show what we can do, and to live up to the trust that the National Organization has placed in us. There has been recent discussion of several new Auxiliaries forming in California and Nevada. Now is the time! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have two more Auxiliaries formed or forming by the time of the next National Encampment in August 2008?! This is not an unreasonable goal, but we need your help. Our Department Charter was issued at Long Beach, California on April 19, 1911, with rank from September 19, 1910. Our "with rank" date was the forty-seventh anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia! What a heritage we have, and what a shame it would be to lose it.

If you have any questions about joining or forming an Auxiliary, I am always available. Brothers, I call upon you for your help as well! Sign up your wives, mothers, and daughters and help preserve our heritage!

In F, C, & L,
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NEXT MEETING: Sat., November 17, 2007 - 10 AM

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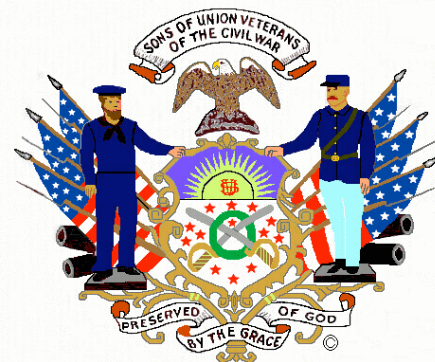
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.