

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## Passing of Brother Bob Lowe

Past Department Commander Robert "Bob" Lowe quietly passed away on June 23, 2008 at the age of 70. A long-time resident of the El Cajon Valley, he is survived by his loving wife Rosemary Lowe. He was also blessed with five children: Robert Lowe of Virginia, Laura Shanley of Mississippi, Roger Lowe of California, Karyn Wochaski of California and Nancy Snyder of Italy, and fourteen grandchildren. He also leaves behind a sister Gail Craig, aunt Elva Maybee and cousins Maureen Morley, Jack Lowe, Jane Mead, Lorn MacUmbert, Harriette Rooney and Ann Wilton, brother-in-law Edward Ryan and nephews Scott and Matt Ryan.

Bob was born at Rochester, New York on May 1, 1938. He was an active member of El Cajon Elks Lodge 1812, where he chaired and served on several Veterans and Americanism committees and was named Citizen of the Year in 2000 and Elk of the Year in 2001.

He was a Past Commander of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, where he was named Brother of the Year in 2006. He was also Past Department Commander of the Department of California and Pacific and National Graves Registration Officer. In 2005 he was awarded the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award by the Commander-in-Chief as the most outstanding Brother in the Order. He unselfishly dedicated himself to his country, American veterans and his community. Bob loved cross-stitching and was an avid reader and devoted Charger fan. He was a dedicated 32-year employee of the Eastman Kodak Company. He was a true friend and confidant for his friends and family. For those who knew him, life will never be the same. Bob was a regular fixture at Department and National Encampments and years and his presence at all levels of our Order will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held at the El Cajon Elks Lodge 1812 in El Cajon, California on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. Camp 4 Brother Tad D. Campbell, PDC was honored to participate as a member of the Color Guard during the service. In accordance with Department Order No. 6 and Camp Order No. 4, the Camp Charter shall be draped in black and Camp Brothers are directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge until July 25, 2008.



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## Memorial Day Weekend

The Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 extend their sincere appreciation to all who supported and participated in this year's Memorial Day Weekend events.

An ever-increasing public, eager for information on the American Civil War, visited our information booth at Roaring Camp during the American Civil War Association's annual reenactment on Saturday and Sunday. Again this year we were joined by members of Lincoln Camp No. 10, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, and Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. During Saturday and Sunday the booth received visits from Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 Brothers **MACE** and **JAMIN GJERMAN** who were reenacting with the ACWA's 20th Maine. Additionally, it appears that **TIM REESE** is giving Camp No. 4 some serious competition with the outstanding displays in the Camp No. 10 booth. We must



The impressive combined information booth of Camps 4, 10, and 24 at Roaring Camp



Rachele & Emelia Campbell during the Civil War fashion show at Roaring Camp

not forget the ACWA fashion show this year at Roaring Camp, which included the premiere appearance of little **EMELIA CAMPBELL** in period attire, escorted by her mother, Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**.

Monday the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, along with Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, demonstrated the true meaning of Memorial Day to member organizations of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) and San Jose community. Camp Commander **FRANK AVILA** and Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** placed this year's wreath honoring the sacrifices of the soldiers, sailors and marines who saved the Union between 1861 and 1865. Again this year Brother **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** placed the wreath honoring the memory of the sacrifices of the Spanish-American War veterans and the father of Auxiliary President **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**,

**LEONARD SCHLUSSEL**, a World War II Bronze Star and double Purple Heart recipient, placed the wreath honoring the memory of the World War II veterans. Additionally, Brother **RICHARD STALEY** and his wife **JANICE** place the Decoration Day Tribute of flowers in remembrance of the 140th anniversary of what we know today as Memorial Day. Richard and Janice were escorted again this year by Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War members **SHARON POPE**, President of the Kate B. Sherwood Tent Number 89, and **CINDY EDDY**.



Janice Staley, Richard Staley, and Sharon Pope presenting the Decoration Day tribute at Oak Hill Memorial Park

We must not forget the tremendous contribution of Brother **CRITTENDEN BELL** as he directed the efforts of Santa Clara County Boy Scouts in the placement of over 3,600 American Flags on graves of our military veterans interred at Oak Hill.

In 1915, under the direction of Wheaton Camp No. 6 of the United Spanish-American War Veterans (USAWV) and Sheridan-Dix Post No. 7 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), along with Brothers and Sisters of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 of the SUVCW and the "Ladies Auxiliary," reportedly conducted a "ritualistic memorial service" at the Oak Hill GAR and USAWV plots. A reprise of this event from 93-years ago was performed for the first time in recent memory as Camp Commander **FRANK AVILA** led a memorial service at the GAR and USAWV plots following the UVC ceremony. Camp Sr. Vice Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** (PDC) raised the American flag at the GAR plot while Patriotic Instructor **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** raised Old Glory at the USAWV plot. Assistant Chaplain **RICHARD STALEY** offered the invocation. The color guard was composed of Brothers **KERMIT CLAYTOR**, **DON PRAY**, Jr. Vice Commander **TOM GRAHAM**, and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 President **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**. Musicians **CHRIS AVILA** and **RICHARD FERMAN** provided the requisite drum roll and playing of Taps for the service.



Past Department Commander  
Tad Campbell at Oak Hill Memorial Park



Auxiliary President Karen Lavrischeff  
and new Sister Beverly Graham

Following the memorial service, Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 initiated new members into their ranks. Brothers **RICHARD STALEY** (from Associated to Regular membership) and **JOSEPH FERMAN** were initiated into the SUVCW. Sisters **BEVERLY FERMAN**, **BEVERLY GRAHAM**, and **CINDY EDDY** were initiated into the Auxiliary.

Brothers Kermit Claytor and Don Pray  
stand guard at the G.A.R. Plot



Newly initiated Auxiliary  
Sister Cindy Eddy at the  
G.A.R. Plot at Oak Hill  
Memorial Park



## WORLD WAR II VETERAN LEONARD SCHLUSSEL

LEONARD SCHLUSSEL, the father of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 President **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF**, has participated in the United Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park for the second year in a row. Leonard, and World War II Navy Veteran **RENA ESTES**, placed a wreath in honor of the veterans of the Second World War who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Recently Leonard was asked if he would give a little background on his experience during the Second World War, which is second only to the Civil War in the number of Americans who gave their lives for their country. Here is his story:

I enlisted in the Army Reserve September 18, 1943 to be part of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). On March 1, 1944, after the ASTP had been cancelled, I was called to active duty. I had 17 weeks of infantry basic training at Camp Roberts, California and then a month of additional training at Camp Howze, Texas. After training I was transferred to the 100th Infantry Division and assigned to Company A, 399th Infantry Regiment on September 2, 1944. The Division left New York on October 7, 1944 in a convoy for Europe. We hit the worst storm in about 20 years and the banana boat my regiment was on came very close to capsizing.

We landed in Marseilles, France on October 20, 1944 and camped at Avignon. We then moved up the Rhone Valley by truck convoy, passing many bombed out German vehicles. We went into the front lines on November 1, 1944, relieving units of the 45th Infantry Division.

"On November 7, 1944, my squad was on a daytime patrol near the town of St. Remy when our mortars dropped some rounds near us. A piece of shrapnel hit me in the upper leg. I was sent to the medics, where they put on a band-aid and sent me back to my unit. I didn't know until later that I had been awarded a Purple Heart medal for the "friendly fire" incident.

"On November 12, 1944, our Division was on the attack in Baccarat Woods, moving forward with my platoon in a reserve status. Several times during the day we received artillery barrages. During one of them, my rifle butt was hit by a piece of shrapnel, which peeled back the butt plate. Late in the day we stopped with the usual orders to "dig in." We were working in pairs. My partner was our squad's Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) man. His best friend in the company had been



Leonard Schlusssel and Rena Estes representing World War II on Memorial Day

killed earlier in the day. The area we picked to dig our foxhole was a mass of tree roots so we were spending more time cutting tree roots with our bayonets than digging dirt with our shovels. At this time our artillery started shelling the Germans. The noise of the shells going over us "freaked out" my partner. He started stabbing the ground with his bayonet and crying "no more, no more". The medics were called and they took him back to the hospital. He didn't come back. I continued digging my foxhole as well as I could with slow progress. Then at dark, the Germans started shelling us. Since they had recently left our area, they had the exact range for their "88s" (ed. German artillery). Because of the trees, the shells burst on contact above us ("tree bursts"). One of those shells exploded close enough so I felt I was lifted off the ground. I had no feeling in either my left arm or left leg. I didn't even know if they were still there. I yelled for a medic. No one came. After the shelling stopped, I crawled to the nearest finished foxhole and stayed with the occupants until the next morning, when the medics finally came. The first medic to look at me said I had a couple of scratches and should be back with the unit shortly. I rode to the field

hospital on a stretcher placed across a jeep. This was the occasion of my second Purple Heart.

"From the field hospital I was transferred to an Evacuation Hospital and then to a General Hospital. I had to lie on my stomach because I had shrapnel in my butt. Some of the shrapnel is still buried in my hip today. The radial nerve in my left arm had been badly shocked. My arm was in a splint and sling for over a month before I could begin to use it again. At first it was frozen in the position created by the sling. Physiotherapy was started to help me straighten it out. It would be about two years before I could fully extend my arm again. Three and a half months after being wounded, I was released from the hospital and placed on limited duty as a company clerk in a Replacement Depot in France.

"As a result of my combat service, I was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star Medal."

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## Camp Orders – Series 2008

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:

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### CAMP ORDER NO. 1 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS January 26, 2008

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I continue with my command of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, for 2008 term. I am pleased to assure all of you 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 our Organization. My tenure will continue to be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my e-mail address: equipquake@aol.com, telephone number: 408-315-5879, or at the Camp mailing address: P.O. Box 24969, San José, California 95154.

Section 2: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 17 November 2007, and installed on 26 January 2008 by Department Commander Jerry Sayre, are as follows:

*Commander:* Br. Frank C. Avila  
*Sr. Vice-Commander:* Br. Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
*Jr. Vice-Commander:* Br. Thomas T. Graham  
*Secretary-Treasurer:* Br. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC  
*Council:* Br. Rick T. LaRosa  
*Council:* Br. William H. Pope  
*Council:* Br. Joseph C. Marti  
*Department Encampment Delegate:* Br. Crittenden Bell  
*Department Encampment Delegate:* Br. Thomas T. Graham  
*Department Encampment Delegate:* Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff  
*Department Encampment Delegate:* Br. William H. Pope

*Department Encampment Delegate:* Br. John Stolp

Section 3: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

*Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC:* Chaplain, Historian  
*Richard A. Staley:* Assistant Chaplain  
*Paul E. Lavrischeff:* Patriotic Instructor  
*Daniel R. Earl, PCC:* Counselor, Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer  
*William H. Pope:* Guide  
*Donald E. Pray:* Guard  
*Richard J. Ferman:* Color Bearer, United Veterans Council Delegate, Musician  
*Crittenden Bell:* Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator  
*Tad D. Campbell, PDC:* Signals Officer, Newsletter Editor  
*Thomas T. Graham:* United Veterans Council Delegate  
*Frank C. Avila:* United Veterans Council Delegate  
*Christopher Avila:* Musician  
*James M. Welch:* Musician

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### CAMP ORDER NO. 2 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS February 19, 2008

Section 1: I hereby establish the following eight (8) Standing Committees of the Camp for calendar year 2008 in accordance with Article XVI, Section 1 of the Camp Bylaws: Membership; Program, Publicity and Policy; Graves and War Memorials; Bylaws; History; Ceremonial Observances; Military Affairs; and Visitation. The Standing Committees shall consist of a chair and as many members as deemed necessary.

Section 2: The following Camp Brothers are hereby appointed as chairmen for each of the Standing Committees of the Camp:

- *Membership:* Jr. Vice Commander Thomas T. Graham
- *Program, Publicity and Policy:* Sr. Vice Commander Tad D. Campbell (PDC)
- *Graves and War Memorials:* Br. Daniel R. Earl (PCC)
- *Bylaws:* Br. Daniel R. Earl (PCC)
- *History:* Br. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC)
- *Ceremonial Observances:* Br. Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)
- *Military Affairs:* Br. Joseph Marti
- *Visitation:* Br. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC)

Section 3: The chairmen of each Standing Camp Committee shall select the membership of their respective committees.

Section 4: The chairman of each Standing Camp Committee shall submit an annual report on the activities of the committee to the Camp Commander no later than the last official meeting of the Camp for the calendar year, known as the "Annual Election Meeting," to be held during the month of November 2008.

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### CAMP ORDER NO. 3 SPECIAL COMMITTEES April 12, 2008

Section 1: I hereby establish the following two (2) Special Committees of the Camp for calendar year 2008 in accordance with Article XVI, Section 2, Special Committees, and Section 3, Committee Members, of the Camp Bylaws. The purpose of these two committees is to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that can be used by the Camp for the operation and management of the SUVCW ROTC Cadet Commendation Program and the SUVCW Adopt-A-School Program.

Section 2: The following Camp Brothers are hereby appointed as indicated on each of the Special Committees of the Camp:

- SUVCW ROTC Cadet Commendation Program SOP:  
 Brother Paul E. Lavrischeff (Chairperson)  
 Brother Robert J. Kadlec, PCC (Member)  
 Brother Rick T. LaRosa (Member)
- SUVCW Adopt-A-School Program SOP:  
 Brother Daniel R. Earl, PCC (Chairperson)  
 Brother Robert J. Kadlec, PCC (Member)  
 Brother Paul E. Lavrischeff (Member)

Section 3: These two Special Committees shall run for the period beginning 12 April 2008 and ending 1 November 2008.

Section 4: The chairman of each Special Committee shall submit a draft of their committee's SOP to the Camp membership at the September 2008 regular Camp meeting for review by the membership. The final, official, SOPs shall be approved and implemented no later than the last official meeting of the Camp for the calendar year, known as the "Annual Election Meeting," to be held during the month of November 2008.

**CAMP ORDER NO. 4  
 PASSING OF BROTHER ROBERT "BOB" LOWE (PDC)  
 June 25, 2008**

Section 1: It is my sad duty to forward Department Order No. 6, Series 2008-2009 reporting the passing of Past Department Commander Brother Robert "Bob" Lowe on June 23, 2008.

Section 2: Brother Bob Lowe (PDC) was a founding member of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 in San Diego County and had faithfully served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as a Life Member, on every level for many years. As the National Graves Registration Officer, he contributed innumerable hours and was responsible for implementing the online Graves Registration Database. In acknowledgement of his dedication, he received the "Most Outstanding Member of the Year" award from the Commander in Chief. Additionally, Brother Bob was the Adjutant of the Sixth Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and held a State office in the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Section 3: Brother Bob Lowe was a fixture at Department and National Encampments for the last 13 years. His loss will be deeply felt throughout the Order. Therefore, in accordance with Department Order No. 6, Series 2008-2009, the Camp Charter shall be draped in black and all Camp Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 extends its sincere condolences to Rosemary and the rest of Brother Bob's family, as well as all of his many friends and the Brothers of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21.

The foregoing Camp Orders are proclaimed by Frank C. Avila, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/Frank C. Avila  
 Camp Commander  
 Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST:  
 By: /s/ Robert J. Kadlec, PCC  
 Camp Secretary-Treasurer

## SUVCW Participates in King City School Program

As in past years, Brothers Frank C. Avila and Paul E. Lavrischeff represented Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 at the annual 8th grade Civil War reenactment at San Lorenzo Middle School in King City, California. This year they were joined by Lincoln Camp 10 Past Camp Commander Tim Reese. This exceptional educational opportunity took place in southern Monterey County on Friday, June 6, 2008. In addition to learning about the Civil War in their classrooms, the students are encouraged to make their own Civil War uniforms, issued toy replica muskets, and organized into regiments for a mock battle. Frank, Paul, and Tim assisted with information about the life of the soldier, period arms, and the GAR and SUVCW.



**Camp Commander Frank Avila and Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff at the King City school event.**

# INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The Peninsula Celebration Association invited Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 to participate in its 70th Annual Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the Camp, along with the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and the Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89 of the Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV), have participated in what is reportedly the largest Fourth of July parade in Northern California.

This year marks the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, which was the major turning point in the Civil War. As the smoke cleared on the battlefield in the little Pennsylvania town on July 4, 1863, 51,000 casualties consecrated that hallowed ground. It was they who are honored by the SUCVW formation in this year's parade.

On this important day, members of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, and the newly forming Ivy Stiers Auxiliary, joined with Camp No. 4, Auxiliary No. 52, and the DUV, to honor the memory of their ancestors who saved the Union between 1861 to 1865. Additionally, members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve's 8th California Volunteer Infantry, which guarded the Golden Gate, and the 3rd U.S. Artillery Regiment, which was stationed on Alcatraz Island during the Civil War, along with members of six units from the American Civil War Association, rounded out the formation.



Brother Paul Lavrischeff and Auxiliary Sisters Ann Schleeter and Sharon Pope lead the SUCVW formation.



The impressive SUCVW Color Guard included six flag bearers and two guards

There were thousands of cheering spectators watching the largest Civil War formation we have had in the Redwood City Parade, which included 39 marchers, one baby (EMELIA CAMPBELL), and two dogs. The crowd packed the entire one and a half mile parade route in some place as much as ten deep, not counting the spectators in building windows and on the rooftops. This was the most well attended event in which we have ever participated.

For the fourth year in a row the formation of descendents of Union Civil War Veterans, dressed in authentic uniforms, including a color guard, marching unit, musicians and civilians in period attire, has received honors for its performance in the form of one First Place and two Second Place awards.



Brothers Richard Ferman and Joseph Marti rounded out the formation as musicians

## Flag Lowering at Oak Hill

Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, as a member of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC), participates in the monthly flag lowering ceremony that is conducted at Oak Hill Memorial Park. November has been the month assigned to the Camp. However, for the past few years the ceremony has been canceled by Oak Hill because of conflicts with the Thanksgiving weekend.

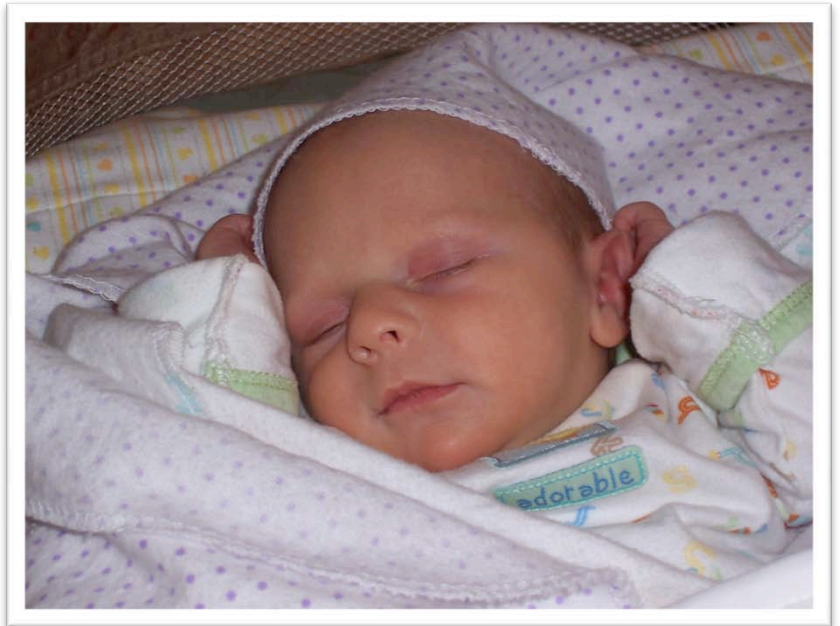
This year the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), responsible for the flag lowering in June, indicated that they were hard pressed to assemble enough of their members because of increasing physical problems. Therefore, the commander of Chapter 11 of the DAV asked the Camp to help them with their flag lowering on the 29th of June.

With the approval of the UVC, Camp Commander **FRANK AVILA** and Brothers **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **BILL POPE**, and **STEVE AGUIRRE** performed the ritualistic lowering and folding of the flag for the DAV during the Veteran Memorial Service conducted by the UVC. Assistant Chaplain **RICHARD STALEY** provided the inspirational blessings while Brother **RICHARD FERMAN** played Taps. The American Legion District 13 Honor Guard provide a detail to fire the three-volley rifle salute during the Ceremony.

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### *Another Future Auxiliary Member!*

*Past Department Commander Tad D. Campbell and his wife Rachelle, Auxiliary Department President, welcomed their first child into the world on April 21, 2008. Emelia Jeanne Campbell was born at 9:22 am, weighing 6 pounds 1.3 ounces and being 19.5 inches long.*



*Emelia was born on the birthday of her great-grandfather, the late Francis George Appleton (1917-2004), who was a member of the Camp at the time of his death.*



## MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

### ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG TALBOTT

#### Co. G, 28th Iowa Infantry

Great-great-granduncle of Linn W. Malaznik

Alexander Armstrong Talbott was born in Indiana on February 21, 1826, the son of Edward Talbott and Mary Merritt Laning. About 1851 the family moved to Iowa County, Iowa and on November 2, 1854 he married Nancy Ann Greenlee at Iowa City.

At Marengo, Iowa on August 14, 1862, Alexander Talbott enlisted in the Union Army for three years, and was mustered in as a Private in Company G, 28th Iowa Infantry. At the time of his enlistment he was working as a farmer and was described as being five feet nine inches tall, with fair complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair.

The regiment was organized at Camp Pope in Iowa City and was mustered into service on October 10, 1862. Pvt. Talbott was troubled greatly by disease while in the service, contracting jaundice, weak eyes, rheumatism, diarrhea, and disease of the heart while still at Camp Pope in October 1862.

His unit soon moved to Helena, Arkansas, where a detachment of 500 accompanied a force in the direction of Oakland, Mississippi for the aid of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in his effort to take Vicksburg. Smallpox kept the command in camp until January 1863, and Pvt. Talbott was treated in the regimental hospital at New Orleans, Louisiana in December 1862.

The regiment then moved in the expedition up the White River as far as Devall's Bluff, Arkansas and returned to find its tents gone! The men then sank down into the mud to rest as best they could until something could be provided to give them some shelter from the elements. The regiment spent a week at Yazoo Pass in February, clearing the channel of the obstructions placed there. Pvt. Talbott was again treated at Yellow Bayou, Louisiana in March 1863. The regiment then returned to Helena. Moving for Vicksburg, Mississippi, the regiment was first under fire at Port Gibson, where it went into battle after 24 hours' march and fought with coolness and spirit. It was at this time part of the 2nd Brigade, 12th Division, 13th Army Corps, and took

part in all the movements, skirmishes and marches of that Corps, and was engaged at Champion's Hill, where it lost 22 killed, 65 wounded and 13 missing, four companies coming out of the fight without a commissioned officer. The regiment went into the trenches before Vicksburg and remained until the fall of the city. At the conclusion of the siege it moved to Jackson and engaged in the siege of that place. At this time it was reduced to about 250 men capable of duty; death, wounds and sickness having wrought havoc in its ranks. Pvt. Talbott was again treated in the regimental hospital for intermittent fever several times between October and December 1863.

On its return to Vicksburg, it was assigned to the Department of the Gulf, and accompanied the expedition into western Louisiana as far as Opelousas. On the return it was in constant skirmish, making several marches toward the west on two or three occasions when the enemy became too aggressive. It was next ordered to Texas, but transportation not being furnished the regiment went into camp at Madisonville. About March 1, 1864 it proceeded to New Orleans, thence to Algiers, and a few days later to Brashear City. It was with the Red River expedition, fought at Sabine Cross-Roads, where it lost about 80 in killed and wounded. The regiment was on train guard service when the battle of Pleasant Hill was fought. From Morganza the regiment marched to the Atchafalaya, and on its return embarked for Carrollton.

After some minor movements it sailed for Alexandria, Virginia, from there to Washington, thence to Tennallytown, and went into camp. With the Army of the Shenandoah, it was in the battle of Winchester, losing nearly 90 in killed and wounded. In the pursuit it captured 6 of the enemy's guns in battery, a large quantity of ammunition and a number of prisoners in the battle of Fisher's Hill.

From October 1864 to February 1865 Pvt. Talbott was detailed as a nurse in a hospital at Winchester, Virginia. He was mustered out with the rest of the regiment on July 31, 1865 at Savannah, Georgia.

After the war Alexander Talbott lived at Luzerne, Iowa until 1875, and then at Carroll, Iowa, where he passed away on July 11, 1907.

## Event Schedule

### **July 4, 2008**

Independence Day Parade  
Redwood City, California

### **July 19-20, 2008**

Civil War Reenactment  
Duncans Mills, California

### **August 7-10, 2008**

127<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Peabody, Massachusetts

### **August 16, 2008**

Fort Point Open House  
San Francisco, California

### **September 20, 2008**

Regular Camp Meeting  
Mission City Post No. 564, Santa Clara, California

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

[www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html](http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html)

## Did You Know?

A horse holder was a collateral duty of being a cavalryman. In general, cavalry united fought, not on horseback, but dismounted, which meant that one out of every four horse soldiers held his own mount and those of his three comrades in the rear of the battle line. Such necessities meant that an engagement by cavalry reduced the effective fighting force by 25 percent. During the opening combat at Gettysburg between Union General John Buford's horseman and Confederate General Henry Heth's corps, which outnumbered the Federals by nearly three to one, of Buford's 2,700 men, 675 were out of the fight because they were required to hold the horses.

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## Junior Membership Status

Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn recently reported that changes to the SUVCW's National Constitution, which were approved by the 1<sup>st</sup> Special National Encampment held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 17, 2007, have been endorsed by the requisite number of Departments. The changes now in effect restore *Junior Membership* for young men 6 to 14 years of age, which was previously found to be in conflict with the National Constitution. They also establish *Junior Associate Membership*, which makes it possible to enlist young men aged 6 to 14 years of age, who do not have proven Union Civil War ancestry.

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## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Hello Sisters! Congratulations are extended our most recent new members, Cindy Eddy, Beverly Ferman, and Beverly Graham! All three were initiated on Memorial Day in a formal ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose. Thanks are also extended to the Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 who assisted with the ceremony.

Word has been received from our Department President Rachelle Campbell that our efforts to establish new Auxiliaries in California and Nevada, and thus ensure the continued existence of the Department, are making headway.

Paperwork has been received to charter a new Auxiliary, sponsored by the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 of Santa Rosa, California. This effort is being spearheaded by Auxiliary No. 52 Sister Ann Schleeter.

The Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 of Los Angeles, California is also completing an application to sponsor an Auxiliary in Southern California.

These new developments prove that the Auxiliary on the West Coast is healthy and growing! Keep up the great work!



**Beverly Ferman, Beverly Graham, and Cindy Eddy take the Oath during the Auxiliary Initiation on Memorial Day**

In F, C, & L,  
*Karen L. Lawrischeff*, President  
 E-mail: [karenl911@hotmail.com](mailto:karenl911@hotmail.com)

## The Civil War Gold Medal

On December 17, 1863, the U.S. Congress awarded the only gold medal given by the U.S. government to a soldier in the Civil War. It was awarded to General Ulysses S. Grant in appreciation for the capture of Vicksburg and Chattanooga by forces under his command.

## PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 OFFICERS FOR 2008:

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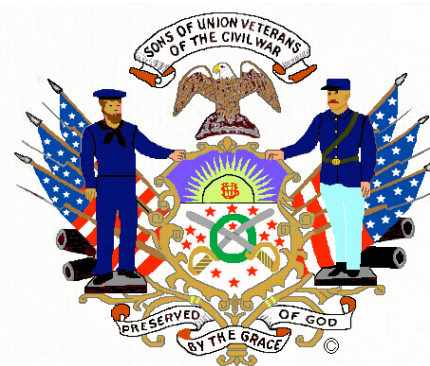
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