

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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*Recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award for Best Camp in the Nation!*

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## Union Well Represented at Annual Veterans Day Parade



### **Color Bearers:**

Steve Welch (50-Star)  
Karen Lavrischeff (35-Star)  
Dan Earl (Camp Flag)  
Paul Cowen, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Arty, ACWA (8<sup>th</sup> Calif SVR Flag)

### **Cavalry Officer:**

Air Force Major Dan Burtz (CHAS)

### **Musicians:**

John Erickson, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine, ACWA  
James Welch  
Richard Ferman  
Stacy Erickson, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine, ACWA

### **Marchers:**

Tim Reese (Lincoln Camp 10)  
Steve Schlussel  
Rudy Norvelle, 20th Maine, ACWA  
Mathew Reynolds, 20th Maine, ACWA  
Bill Pope  
Sharon Pope  
Frank Avila  
Paul Lavrischeff  
Dan Lee-Andel, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Artillery, ACWA (back row)  
Michael Ostrander 114<sup>th</sup> PA Zouaves, ACWA (back row)

**Not shown:** Bob Kadlec (photographer)  
Robert Nelson (Lincoln Camp 10)





## Veterans Day Parade (continued . . .)

The annual Veterans Day Parade took place in downtown San José, California on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. The SUVCW once again had an excellent turnout, mustering a total of twenty-one participants!

Of particular note was the addition of cavalryman **DAN BURZ**, mounted upon his fine steed, which was a hit with both the public and the participants.

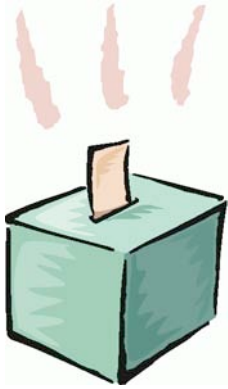
The firing detail consisted of five Springfield and Enfield muskets. As usual, the Civil War era

weapons created quite a sensation with the crowds, startling unsuspecting onlookers, setting off car alarms, and echoing between the skyscrapers.



## Holiday Social a Success!

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans, and United Daughters of the Confederacy met for an informal holiday social gathering at the home of **TAD AND RACHELLE CAMPBELL** in Gilroy, California on Saturday, December 6, 2008. The Campbells provided the place and the main courses, while the guests provided side dishes and desserts. The successful event was well attended and much camaraderie was enjoyed between the various Orders.



## Camp Elections Held

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 held its annual election of officers at the Camp meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2008. This was the most well attended meeting in memory, with nineteen Brothers, two Auxiliary Sisters, and two guests. In attendance were Brothers **FRANK AVILA, CRIT BELL, DEAN BIRGE, DAN BUNNELL PDC, TAD CAMPBELL PDC, DAN EARL PCC, JOSEPH FERMAN, RICHARD FERMAN, TOM GRAHAM, BOB KADLEC PCC, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, KEN MACY, LINN MALAZNIK, JOE MARTI, DON PRAY, RICHARD STALEY, JOHN STOLP, STEVE WELCH,** and **RICHARD WHITTINGTON;** Sisters **RACHELLE CAMPBELL PAP** and **KAREN LAVRISCHEFF;** and guests **EMELIA CAMPBELL** and **NANCY MACY.**

The following Camp officers were elected for the 2009 term:

**Commander** — Frank C. Avila  
**Senior Vice-Commander** — Thomas T. Graham  
**Junior Vice-Commander** — Joseph C. Marti  
**Secretary** — Robert J. Kadlec, PCC  
**Treasurer** — Robert J. Kadlec, PCC

### Council

Tad D. Campbell PDC, Rick T. LaRosa, Paul E. Lavrischeff

### Delegates to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Encampment

Thomas T. Graham, Richard J. Ferman, Paul E. Lavrischeff, & Joseph C. Marti

*Automatic Delegates include: CC Frank C. Avila, Daniel M. Bunnell PDC, Tad D. Campbell PDC, Daniel R. Earl PCC, Robert J. Kadlec PCC, David C. Schleeter PCC, and Steven J. Welch PCC.*

Appointed officer selections will be announced by the Commander-elect at the Installation Banquet, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara, California on Friday, January 30, 2009.



## Welcome New Brothers

- **KENNETH L. MACY** of Boulder Creek, California is the great-grandson of Private Alonzo F. Baldwin of Company E, 151<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry.
- **RICHARD D. WHITTINGTON** of Cupertino, California is the grandson of Corporal Julius Morey of Company G, 18<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry.





## ***Camp Holds Remembrance Day Observance***

Each November the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War organizes the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, commemorating the deliverance of the *Gettysburg Address* by President Abraham Lincoln during the dedication of the National Cemetery in 1863. While members of the Allied Orders and reenacting groups are encouraged to participate, it is not always practical for those in the West to do so. Because of this, the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 sponsored its own Remembrance Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California on Saturday, November 22, 2008. The first annual event was a success and was well attended by members of the Civil War community and Allied Orders. With the assistance of the Boy Scouts of America, a United States Flag was placed on each of the over 420 graves in the Grand Army of the Republic burial plot. Camp Commander **FRANK C. AVILA** lead the ceremony, with **DANIEL M. BUNNELL PDC** serving as Chaplain. Past Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** delivered greetings from the Department of California and Pacific and Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** did likewise for the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. **SHARON POPE** of the Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89 spoke on behalf of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother **RICHARD A. STALEY**, presenting an impression of Comrade Charles L. Burdick of the Sheridan-Dix Post No. 7, delivered a stirring rendition of the *Gettysburg Address*. The Camp was greatly assisted by the American Legion District 13 Honor Guard, which provided a firing detail for the event. Special thanks are also extended to Brother **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC**, who, as chairman of the Camp's Ceremonial Observances Committee, was instrumental in organizing the event. Plans are underway for next year's observance, at which it is hoped that a sign designating the original 1880 G.A.R. plot will be dedicated.



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## **Annual Department Encampment**

The 123rd Annual Department Encampment will be held on March 6-7, 2009, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. Our honored guest will be National SUVCW Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert of Ohio. If you have any questions or would like to help out with the Encampment, please contact Department Senior Vice Commander Charles W. Mabie <svc@suvpac.org>.

## Marcy L. Bunnell Passes Away Unexpectedly



Marcy & Dan Bunnell at the National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts in August 2008

**MARCY LYNN BUNNELL**, a Charter member of both the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, and wife of Brother **DANIEL M. BUNNELL** (Past Camp Commander and Past Department Commander) passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on December 7, 2008 at their home in Paradise, California. The cause of death has yet to be determined. Marcy was 53 years old and a native of San José, California. At the time of her death she was serving as a Trustee for Auxiliary No. 52 and the Department of California and Pacific. She had also served Auxiliary No. 52 at various times as Vice-President, Chaplain, and Patriotic Instructor and had several times been a Delegate to ASUVCW National Encampments. A memorial service has already been held. The Camp and Auxiliary extend their condolences to Brother Bunnell and his family.


## New Auxiliary Forms in North Bay

The Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 of Santa Rosa, California is now official! The Auxiliary is associated with the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 of the same locale, and was chartered by National President **JUDY TREPANIER** at the National Encampment in Peabody, Massachusetts in August. On November 15, 2008 Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** officially instituted the Auxiliary, installed its officers, and presented the Sisters with their Charter.




L-R: Linda Pollard, Mary Lou Christian, Kari Eckholt-Mowrey, Auxiliary President Ann Schleeter, Department President Rachelle Campbell, Cindy Eddy






Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4  
Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23  
&  
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52  
Ivey Stiers Auxiliary No. 23



**Installation Banquet**  
January 30, 2009

Biltmore Hotel San Jose Room  
2151 Laurelwood Road  
Santa Clara, California 95054

Celebrate  
Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**February 21, 2009**  
**5:00 PM**

Holder's Country Inn Restaurant  
998 South DeAnza Blvd.  
Cupertino, California

Annual membership renewal is due in January. Please remember to send in your dues (\$35.00) as soon as possible to the Camp Treasurer — P.O. Box 24969, San Jose, CA 95154.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

The War Between the States was also a war between brothers, cousins, friends and neighbors - and some of them were women. We know from certain military records, antique books, and some newer books, that women served as nurses, vivandieres, sutlers, and as Union and Confederate soldiers, and even spies. A vivandiere, by the way, is a French army term applied to women who provided food, provisions, and liqueurs to soldiers. Sutlers were peddlers who sold goods to military units in the field. One woman served without pay as a physician, acted as a spy, and was a prisoner of war. Do you know her name? That's right — Dr. Mary Edwards Walker!

Perhaps the most poignant story about women in the Civil War is one told in the book *Women in War*, 1866, by Frank Moore. In 1863, at age 19, a woman known only as Emily, ran away from home and joined the drum corps of a Michigan Regiment. The regiment was sent to Tennessee and during the struggle for Chattanooga a minié ball pierced the side of the young soldier. Her wound was fatal and her sex was disclosed. At first she refused to give her real name, but as she lay dying she consented to dictate a telegram to her father in Brooklyn — *Forgive your dying daughter. I have but a few moments to live. My native soil drinks my blood. I expected to deliver my country but the fates would not have it so. I am content to die. Pray forgive me..... Emily.*

In F, C, & L,  
Karen L. Laurischeff, President  
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## Event Schedule

### January 30, 2009

Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara, California

### January 31, 2009

Fort Point Open House  
San Francisco, California

### February 21, 2009

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

### March 6-7, 2009

123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Encampment  
San Luis Obispo, California

### April 4, 2009

Camp Meeting  
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?

During the winter of 1862-63 Colonel John T. Wilder was given the unenviable task of chasing down Morgan's cavalry with regular infantry. Seeing the futility of the situation and being a progressive commander, Colonel Wilder requested that his infantry units be mounted. Federal cavalry was in short supply at this point in the war and Colonel Wilder was determined to overcome this problem. Wilder's first plan was to mount some of his regiment on the mules used to pull the regimental supply wagons. This proved disastrous to the poor souls attempting this, but very humorous for their comrades. Undeterred, Wilder requested permission to mount his regiment and in February of 1863 permission was granted. Wilder now went about the task of "acquiring" horses and mules for his men. He also went about equipping his men with the most advanced firearm available. This was the Spencer rifle – a seven shot, metallic cartridge, repeating rifle. In the hands of his regiments it turned the tide of a number of major engagements.

Wilder's brigade, also known as the "Hatchet Brigade" and the "Lightning Brigade", proved themselves in battle during the Tullahoma campaign. They went on to prove themselves in the capture of Chattanooga, the battle of Chickamauga, the Atlanta campaign, Wilson's Raid and the capture of Macon.

The Brigade consisted of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Indiana, the 123<sup>rd</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> Illinois and the 18<sup>th</sup> Indiana Artillery Battery.

Private John Henderson Appleton (1832-1911), great-great-great-grandfather of Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC**, was a member of Company E, 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry.

## PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 OFFICERS FOR 2008:

|                             |   |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| <i>Commander</i>            | Frank C. Avila<br>equipquake@aol.com  | <i>Historian</i>                               | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>danielbunnell@gmail.com        |
| <i>Sr. Vice Commander</i>   | Tad D. Campbell, PDC<br>tadcamp@earthlink.net   | <i>Graves Reg. &amp; Memorials Ofcr.</i>       | Daniel R. Earl, PCC<br>danearl64@earthlink.net           |
| <i>Jr. Vice Commander</i>   | Thomas T. Graham<br>n6wlf@yahoo.com   | <i>Counselor</i>                               | Daniel R. Earl, PCC<br>danearl64@earthlink.net           |
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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>             | Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC<br>danielbunnell@gmail.com   | <i>Eagle Scout Cert. Coordinator</i>           | Crittenden Bell<br>critbell@earthlink.net                |
| <i>Assistant Chaplain</i>   | Richard A. Staley<br>dblbb@pacbell.net  | <i>Signals Officer &amp; Newsletter Editor</i> | Tad D. Campbell, PDC<br>tadcamp@earthlink.net            |
|                             |   | <i>Musicians</i>                               | Christopher Avila<br>Richard J. Ferman<br>James M. Welch |

**NEXT MEETING:** Fri., January 30, 2009 - 7 PM  
Installation Banquet — Biltmore Hotel  
2152 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara, California

PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP 4 WEB SITE  
<http://www.suvsac.org/camp4.html>

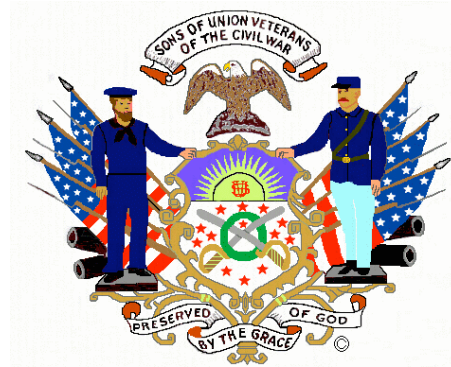
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### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.