

# 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!*

*Recipient of the Marshall Hope Award for Best Camp Newsletter in the Nation!*

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## *Veterans Day Parade*



Members of Camp Nos. 4, 10, and 24, Auxiliary No. 52, Tent No. 89, and the American Civil War Association made an impressive showing at the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José, California on November 11, 2009.

The group mustered 26 members, including nine muskets to fire a salute in front of the reviewing stand.

As in past years, the SUVCW contingent is the only entry in the parade that is allowed to stop in front of the reviewing stand to "perform". The thunderous sound of the muskets echoing off the downtown skyscrapers has turned into a perennial crowd favorite. Other crowd-pleasing aspects of the group were several musicians, followed by Camp Commander **FRANK AVILA** pushing an aging G.A.R. veteran (portrayed by **ROBERT KADLEC, PCC**) in a period wheelchair, and ladies of the Auxiliary in period dresses, accompanied by 17-month old **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, also in period attire. The group was honored to have present Department Commander **CHARLIE MABIE**, who carried the Department Flag.

*(See next page for more photos, courtesy of Brother Linn Malaznik)*

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## ***Veterans Day Parade***

**At left, the SUCVW entry passed the reviewing stand and receives a warm reception from the crowd.**

**At right, the G.A.R. and Auxiliary are represented.**

**L-R: Sharon Pope,  
Rachelle Campbell with  
little Emelia Campbell, CC  
Frank Avila, PCC Bob  
Kadlec**



**At left, the large SUCVW entry poses for a photo at the end of the parade.**

**Huzzah for a  
job well done!**

## New Members

New Brother **SEAN M. WAHLIN** of Stoughton, Wisconsin is the great-great-great-grandson of Corporal Jacob Stauff of Company I, 26<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He is also the son of Sister Jennifer Wahlin of Auxiliary No. 52 and grand-nephew of Past Camp Commander Robert J. Kadlec. Joining Auxiliary No. 52 are Sean's sisters **KELLI A. WAHLIN** and **RACHEL C. WAHLIN**, both also of Stoughton.

**RICHARD D. GRAY** of Vallejo, California joins the Camp as an Associate. Rick is an active member of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry, American Civil War Association (ACWA) and has been very supportive of the SUVCW, having helped fill the ranks in parades and ceremonies for several years. Rick's wife **ELIZABETH GRAY** is also active in the ACWA and has joined Auxiliary No. 52. Elizabeth is a descendant of Dr. Augustus Eberle, Assistant Surgeon of the 30<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry, USA who died at Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas on November 16, 1864.

**DIANE K. WETZEL** of San José, California is a new member of Auxiliary No. 52. Her Civil War ancestry has yet to be identified, but she is the fiancée of Camp Historian John E. Stolp.

**TAIJA M. AGUIRRE** of San José, California is another new member of Auxiliary No. 52. Being a native of Finland, Tiaja knows of no ancestral connections to the Civil War, but joins the Auxiliary as the wife of Brother Stephen P. Aguirre.

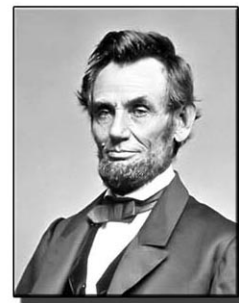
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## Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 201<sup>st</sup> Birthday

**February 20, 2010**  
**5:00 PM**

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



## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been an honor for me to serve as your Camp Commander for the past two years. Way back in 2001, when I was a lost "Boy in Blue" at the annual San José Veterans Day Parade, little could I have imagined attaining such an honored post.

The past two years have been very exciting. Our Camp has remained extremely active and has added a number of new events to our calendar. Highlights included the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, the establishment of an annual Remembrance Day program at Oak Hill Memorial Park, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade in Union City, the Civil War School Day event in King City, History Fest Monterey, and the Civil War presentation at the Santa Clara Library. We have continued to actively participate in annual events including the San José Veterans Day Parade, Redwood City Independence Day Parade, Memorial Day programs at Roaring Camp and San José, Lincoln Day Dinner, and *The Civil War Revisited* event in Fresno.

I have enjoyed representing the Camp and Department as a Delegate to both of the Department Encampments during my term, and at the National Encampments in Peabody, Massachusetts and Louisville, Kentucky.

We have been recognized for producing a first-class newsletter, having been awarded the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Camp Newsletter by the Commander-in-Chief. Our Camp website is also among the best in the Order.

Our Camp has continued to have an excellent working relationship with our Auxiliary Sisters. It is largely because of their continued support that we have been so successful.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Camp as a member of the Council and wish Commander-elect Graham the best of luck during his term. I am certain that under his leadership our Camp will continue to be active and remain an example for the rest of our Order.



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Frank C. Avila*

Frank C. Avila  
Camp Commander

## Camp and Auxiliary Elect Officers for 2010

At their respective meetings on November 7, 2009, the Camp and Auxiliary elected officers for the upcoming year, as follows:



### Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Officers-Elect

Commander — Thomas T. Graham  
 Senior Vice Commander — Joseph C. Marti  
 Junior Vice Commander — Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC  
 Secretary-Treasurer — Richard J. Ferman  
 Council — Frank C. Avila PCC, Rick T. LaRosa, Linn W. Malaznik

### Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Officers-Elect

President — Beverly Graham  
 Vice President — Sharon Pope  
 Secretary-Treasurer — Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP  
 Patriotic Instructor — Cindy Eddy  
 Chaplain — Elizabeth Gray  
 Trustees — Debra Earl, Karen Lavrischeff, Beverly Ferman  
 Press Correspondence — Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP  
 Counselor — Thomas T. Graham



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



# *Installation Banquet*

## *January 23, 2010*

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



L-R: Tim Reese (Camp 10), Tad Campbell (Camp 4), Joe & Mary Fatula (ACWA), Don Fuselier (Camp 10), Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4)

## History Fest Monterey

For the third year in a row the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 joined Lincoln Camp No. 10 at a living history presentation at Fort Mervine in Monterey, California. The event took place on October 9-11, 2009, as part of the City of Monterey's larger "History Fest Monterey". There were living history displays, Civil War artifacts, GAR and SUVCW memorabilia, and musket firing demonstrations.

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.

## Remembrance Day Activities

On November 21, 2009 the Camp and Auxiliary observed Remembrance Day both in San José, California and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863 during the dedication of the National Cemetery. Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** participated in the memorial ceremony and parade in Gettysburg and was granted the honor of carrying the colors of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). The Camp's official observance was at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, where a moving ceremony was conducted.

At left, MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief **KEITH G. HARRISON** poses with Camp 4 Brother Tad Campbell at the before the memorial ceremony at Gettysburg.



Image courtesy of Sister Anne Michaels, PDP

*(More Remembrance Day pictures on the following page)*

## Remembrance Day — Oak Hill Memorial Park



Three Camps were represented . . .  
L-R: Tim Reese (Camp 10), Steve Aguirre (Camp 4), & Dave Schleeter (Camps 4 & 23)



. . . and two Auxiliaries.  
L-R: Sharon Pope (Aux. 52) & Cindy Eddy (Auxs. 23 & 52)



L-R: Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4) & Tom Brown (Camp 10)



Camp 4 Commander Frank Avila at the podium.



Cindy Eddy is escorted by Paul Lavrischeff to present a wreath.



Participants pose for a picture after a successful ceremony.



# Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

## FOOD COUPONS FOR OVERSEAS MILITARY PERSONNEL

Department Secretary Tricia Bures has contacted me, inquiring about our efforts to collect coupons for our overseas military personnel, and I am very happy to give you more information. Coupons that can be mailed out to the service personnel are to be no more than one month old. They must be manufacturer's coupons only, no store coupons. These coupons will be used by the families of our military personnel on the bases overseas, at their PX.

All of your help in this collection of coupons is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, please feel free to drop me an e-mail.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
**Viola Loder-Smith**, PDP  
**National Coupons Coordinator**  
**E-mail: [cladeklas@aol.com](mailto:cladeklas@aol.com)**



Image by collodion artist William Dunningway ([www.collodion-artist.com](http://www.collodion-artist.com))

Sisters of the Department of California and Pacific pose for a period image at *The Civil War Revisited* in Fresno, California.

Back row, L-R: Melnie Prosk-Caines, Tricia Bures, Cindy Eddy, Bev Graham, Kathy Mabie. Front row, L-R: Yvonne Reynolds, Kelsey Reynolds, Rachelle Campbell, Shirley Ord, Susan Sweet.



## Event Schedule

### **October 3, 2009**

1<sup>st</sup> Special Department Encampment  
Kearney Park, Fresno, California

### **October 3-4, 2009**

*The Civil War Revisited* Reenactment  
Kearney Park, Fresno, California

### **October 10-11, 2009**

History Fest Monterey  
Fort Mervine, Monterey, California

### **November 7, 2009**

Camp Election Meeting  
Santa Clara, California

### **November 11, 2009**

Veterans Day Parade  
San José, California

### **November 21, 2009**

Remembrance Day Ceremony  
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

### **January 23, 2010**

Annual Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara, California

### **January 30-31, 2010**

Fort Point Open House  
San Francisco, California

### **February 20, 2010**

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

### **March 12-13, 2010**

124<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment  
San Luis Obispo, 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?

### **Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States**

Numerous Federal officers expressed concern that the peace achieved by the surrender of Confederate forces would not last. When news spread of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, three Union officers in Philadelphia proposed to found an organization to frustrate any future attempts to overthrow the Federal government. On April 20, 1865, veterans in Philadelphia met to pledge their renewed allegiance to the Union and to discuss the city's Lincoln funeral ceremony. Afterward the three Union officers met again to found a permanent society, modeled after the Society of Cincinnati, which had been established after the Revolutionary war; they named it the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The first called meeting occurred on May 31, 1865, at Independence Hall. Membership was open to any officer, as well as his descendants, who had served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. The members pledged unconditional fidelity to the Federal government and a willingness to respond against any future insurrection. Chapters, called commanderies, were established at the local, state, and national levels. When the South did not rise again, the focus of the organization turned toward the needs of veterans and their families, although it never rivaled the Grand Army of the Republic in this respect. Since many of the MOLLUS leaders were comparatively affluent and influential, the group launched a publishing program of first-person accounts of campaigns of the war.

Source: *The Encyclopedia of Civil War Usage* by Webb Garrison

**Visit MOLLUS at:**  
<http://suvcw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

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**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, January 23, 2010  
Annual Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, California

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

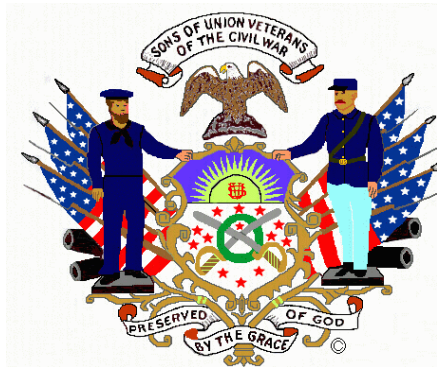
**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC WEB SITE**  
<http://www.suvmac.org>

**NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE**  
<http://www.suvcw.org>

**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.