

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## *Cloverdale Citrus Fair Parade*

Thanks to reinforcements from Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, and friends in the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry, the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 received the Parade Sweepstakes Award (the top parade award) for their entry in the 2010 Cloverdale Citrus Fair Parade. The event took place on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at Cloverdale in Sonoma County. The theme for this year's parade was "Salute to the United States Military." This was the group's first time marching at Cloverdale.

To the right is a photo of the group of marchers posing with the trophy after the parade. Those shown in the photo are listed below.



*Front Row (ladies), L to R: ELAINE CHRISTIAN (Aux. #23), ANN SCHLEETER (President, Aux. #23), CALI DEBEVOISE (Aux. #23), CINDY EDDY (Aux. #23 & #52), ELISABETH GRAY (Aux. #52), KATHERINE CANNON (Aux. #23), and RACHELLE CAMPBELL (Aux. Dept. President, Aux. #23 & #52 member).*

*Back Row (gentlemen), L to R: DAN CHELI (20th Maine), DAVE SCHLEETER (Past Commander, Camps #4 & #23), DEAN ENDERLIN (Commander, Camp #23, holding trophy with Ann Schleeter), FRANK AVILA (Past Commander, Camp #4), RICHARD GRAY (Camp #4), RON CANNON (Past Commander, Camp #23), and TAD CAMPBELL (Camp #4, Past Department Commander) holding daughter EMELIA CAMPBELL.*

On the sidelines cheering and photo-documenting the day were Camp #4 Commander **TOM GRAHAM** and Aux. #52 President **BEV GRAHAM**. Of special note was the fact that, after 13 years in the organization, this was the first parade in which PDC Tad Campbell and DP Rachelle Campbell, husband and wife, were able to "march" side-by-side. Normally, Brother Tad is in the color guard. The two brought up the rear of the formation with their 22 month old daughter Emelia walking the entire route between them. The group retired to a local barbecue restaurant after the parade where they enjoyed much camaraderie.

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Brothers. I wish to thank you for electing me as your Camp Commander for the 2010 year. I am sure that we will have a banner year, and I hope that we can continue to recruit new members into our organization. I am looking forward to working with all of you to continue to make Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 the best it can be, and to continue those efforts, which were started under my predecessor.

Thank you to Past Camp Commander **FRANK C. AVILA** for two years of leadership, and to the many more years he will be available for help when needed. Thank you also to "retiring" Secretary-Treasurer **ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC** for all the work, both noticed and unnoticed, which he has done for the Camp.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Installation Banquet. Special appreciation is extended to Department Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE** and Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** who duly installed the officers for Camps 4, 23 and 24 and Auxiliaries 23 and 52. A very interesting 3-D video presentation on Civil War photographs was given by our special guest **RON PERISHO**.

Remember, our Lincoln Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 20, and the annual Department Encampment will take place in San Luis Obispo on March 12-13. I hope to see you all there!

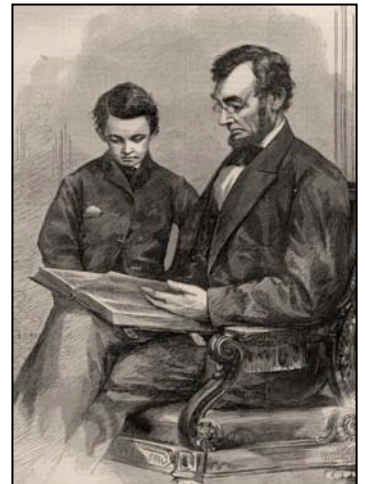
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Thomas T. Graham*  
Camp Commander

## LINCOLN DINNER CIRCUIT

Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 participated in two separate Lincoln Dinners this year. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 hosted a Lincoln Dinner at the Washoe House near the town of Cotati, California. In 1865, following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Major James Armstrong's Petaluma Militia rode up Stony Point Road, intent on wreaking vengeance on the city of Santa Rosa, only to turn back after stopping at this tavern. The incident became known as *The Battle of Washoe House*.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 hosted their own Lincoln Dinner. As in years past, the event took place at Holder's Country Inn in Cupertino and was attended by members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23. Department Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE** and Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** were both in attendance and Bro. **MARK WILSON** of Camp No. 24 was the guest speaker, presenting a slide show and talk about his experiences re-enacting at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



## FLAG POLE PROJECT SCRAPPED



The original Woman's Relief Corps home in the Evergreen District of San José

support of the project, which was scheduled for completion this June. However, Oak Hill Memorial Park unceremoniously “pulled the plug” on the project, citing their own incomplete burial records as the reason. It seems that even with plot maps, burials books, and the best of modern technology, the cemetery could not be certain about the location of all the graves and thus was not willing to install the flag poles anywhere within the plots.

These burial plots represent the final resting place of many widows and daughters of Union veterans who lived at and died at the WRC Home in San José between 1889-1962. This home was one of only three such home established by the WRC anywhere in the United States.

The Auxiliary had successfully raised enough money over several years to pay for the work and materials. Unfortunately this money will not be able to be returned to its original donors, but rest assured the money will be used on some future project of worthy nature.

The National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc., is a patriotic organization whose express purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, as they are their auxiliary organized at their request in July 1883 in Denver, Colorado, and incorporated by Public Act of the 87th Congress on September 7, 1962.

For more information, please visit the Woman's Relief Corps website at:  
<http://suvchw.org/WRC/index.htm>

After over two years of preparation, including numerous hours of historical and on-site research, fundraising, meetings, estimates, and other hard work, the Auxiliary's project to have flag poles erected to recognize the two Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) Home burial plots in San José, California has been unexpectedly scrapped by Oak Hill Memorial Park.

The effort, which had been spearheaded by Auxiliary No. 52 Sister **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** and Camp No. 4 Brother **JOHN E. STOLP**, had been progressing well over recent months and it seemed that the cemetery was in full



**Camp 4 Brothers at one of the WRC Plots back in 2002**  
 L-R: Dan Bunnell, Bob Kadlec, Dan Earl, Tad Campbell, Dave Schleeter

# Camp and Auxiliary Officers Installed

A multi-Camp and multi-Auxiliary Installation Banquet was held Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Officers for the following organizations were installed by their respective Department heads: Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, & Gen. Alfred E. Pleasonton Camp No. 24, and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23. Guest speaker **RON PERISHO** gave an informative talk and slide presentation on Civil War stereo photography.



Commander Frank Avila presents Bro. John Stolp with the Gov. John A. Dix Graves Registration Award



Bro. Robert Kadlec, PCC receives the Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication award from Commander Avila



**Commanders of Three Camps**  
L-R: Frank Avila (Camp 4), Lynn Owens (Camp 24), and Dean Enderlin (Camp 23)



**Changing of the Guard**  
Newly installed Auxiliary 52 President Beverly Graham and her husband, newly installed Camp 4 Commander Thomas Graham

## ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS



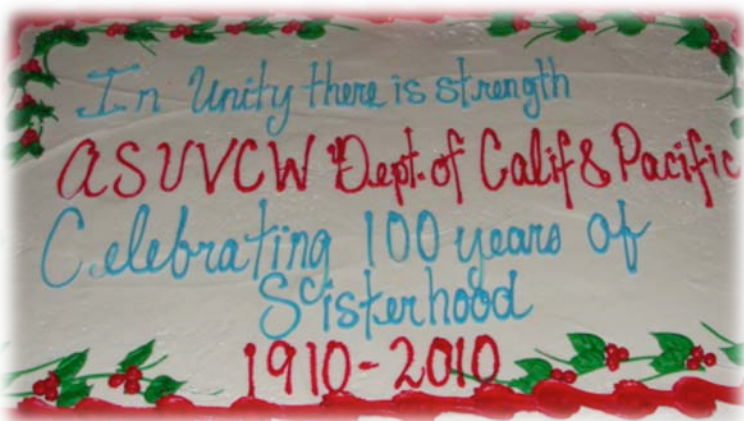
Bro. Brad Schall announces his candidacy for the office of Commander-in-Chief while current C-in-C Leo Kennedy and Dept. Chaplain Tom Helmantoler look on. (Photo courtesy of Bro. Dean Enderlin)

The Annual Encampments of the Department of California and Pacific for both the Sons and Auxiliary were held in at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California on March 12-13, 2010. Both organizations were honored with a number of attendees from the National level of their respective orders. Present with the Sons were Commander-in-Chief **LEO F. KENNEDY**, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **D. BRAD SCHALL**, National Council of Administration Members **PERLEY E. MELLOR** and **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, and National Color Bearer **JERRY R. SAYRE**. National-level officers of the Auxiliary present included National President **NANCY GREENWALT HILTON**, National Personal Aide **DIANE MELLOR**, National Press Correspondent **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**, and Past National President **BETTY WOERNER-DOWNS**.

Much significant business was conducted by both organizations, and all was done in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The evenings were characterized by much camaraderie, with the rekindling of old friendships and the establishment of new ones.

The Auxiliary, celebrating its Centennial Anniversary, successfully passed new Department Bylaws (the existing ones apparently not having been updated since the 1950s!). Several important resolutions were passed, which will be brought onto the floor of the National Encampment in August. Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** was endorsed for the office of National Council.

Department Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE** was unanimously re-elected for a second term.



The wording on the cake celebrating the Auxiliary Department's Centennial — looking back on a 100-year heritage and looking forward to a bright future.



Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy (at left) poses with members of the Sons' Encampment.



# Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Sisters, thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the office of Auxiliary President. It is a great honor for me. In return, I pledge to all of you that I will do my absolute best to fulfill the duties of the office with Fraternity, with Charity, and with Loyalty.

I am proud to be a member of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I am proud to represent the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52. It is especially an honor to serve during this Centennial Anniversary of our Department.

Keeping a positive attitude is the key to our success. A positive attitude that includes a commitment to success, a commitment to the future, and a commitment to holding activities that interest and retain current members and attract new members is the key. And that, Sisters, is a positive attitude that will serve us well for the next 100 years!

I look forward to working with each and every one of you to assist our Brothers in the SUVCW in ensuring that the deeds and sacrifices of the Boys in Blue do not go unremembered!

*Beverly Graham*  
Auxiliary No. 52 President

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**MEETINGS:** The Auxiliary general meets at the same time and place as the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4.

Auxiliary No. 52 Website:  
[www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html](http://www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html)

ASUVCW Department Website  
[www.suvcw.org/aux/dept.html](http://www.suvcw.org/aux/dept.html)

ASUVCW National Website  
[www.asuvcw.org](http://www.asuvcw.org)

## PURPOSE

We strive to assist the Sons of Union Veterans in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union; to caring for helpless and disabled Veterans; to properly observe Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Auxiliary; to instill true patriotism and love of country; and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

## Event Schedule

### January 23, 2010

Annual Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara, California

### January 30-31, 2010

Fort Point Open House  
San Francisco, California

### February 12, 2010

Lincoln Day Dinner (Hosted by Camp & Aux. 23)  
Washoe House, Cotati, California

### February 13, 2010

Citrus Fair Parade (Hosted by Camp & Aux. 23)  
Cloverdale, 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

### April 3, 2010

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Santa Clara, California

### May 29-30, 2010

Information Booth  
Roaring Camp, Felton, California

### May 31, 2010

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

### June 26, 2010

Camp & Auxiliary 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?

### California Brigade

The California Brigade was a Union brigade made up of four "California regiments," each of which was recruited from the Philadelphia area and organized by English-born U.S. Senator and Union Colonel Edward D. Baker, a friend of the Lincoln family and namesake of the president's second son. Baker was a good politician who had spent several years in California after the Mexican War, and he believed that the state would remain loyal to the Union if it had some representation in the Federal army. Thus, while the members of Baker's brigade were Pennsylvanians, their numbers were credited to the quota of soldiers to be raised by California (funding for the brigade, however, was to come from California). The regiments were designated the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> California, but after Baker's death in the October 21, 1861, Federal debacle at Ball's Bluff, Virginia, the honorific title of this unit was changed to the Philadelphia Brigade, and the regiments were reorganized as the 69<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, and 106<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania.

The regiments fought in the Army of the Potomac and participated in the Peninsula Campaign, and the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, the Overland Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg, and at Appomattox Court House.

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

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**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, April 3, 2010 – 10 am  
American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564  
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

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

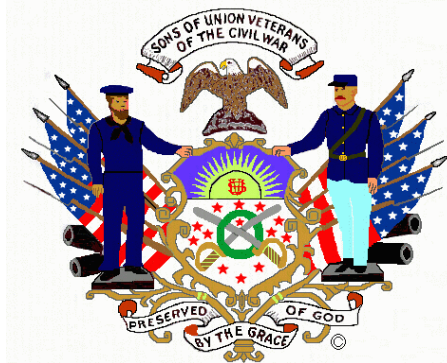
**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC WEB SITE**  
<http://www.suvmac.org>

**NATIONAL SUVCW WEB SITE**  
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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.