

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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Memorial Day Activities

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 once again maintained a busy schedule on Memorial Day, and the week leading up to it. On May 26, 27 and 28, **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** and **ROBERT J. KADLEC, PCC** participated in the American Civil War Association's School Days event at Roaring Camp in Felton, California. They provided the children with handouts and spoke about the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders, and about the lives of the veterans after the Civil War had ended.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30, the Camp and Auxiliary staffed an information booth at Roaring Camp, assisted by members of Lincoln Camp No. 10 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24.

On Monday, May 31st, several members of the Camp and Auxiliary remained at Roaring Camp to participate in a fitting Memorial Day ceremony. Many other members gathered at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California to participate in two separate Memorial Day observances. The first was the United Veterans Council's ceremony at the main veteran's plot. The Camp posted flags and Camp Commander **THOMAS GRAHAM** and his wife, Auxiliary President **BEV GRAHAM**,



Tom & Bev Graham present the Civil War wreath

presented a wreath on behalf of the Civil War dead. Brothers **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** and **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF** donned Spanish-American War uniforms to present the wreath on behalf of that conflict. Brother **RICHARD STALEY**, in G.A.R. attire and assisted by members of the Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, Daughters of Union Veterans, presented the Decoration Day floral tribute at the end of the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony, the members moved to the nearby G.A.R. and Spanish-American War plots, where a fitting ceremony took place and the flags were raised to full-staff. After nearly a week of continuous activity, many of those present retired to a nearby restaurant for a well-deserved meal and enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie.

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Brothers Paul Lavrischeff and Tad Campbell PDC present the Spanish-American War tribute.



Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell PDC gives the invocation at the G.A.R. plot on Memorial Day, while Brothers Richard Staley, Frank Avila PCC, and Bill Pope stand by.



Members of the Camp and Auxiliary pose at the G.A.R. burial plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Memorial Day.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

We have had a very productive spring this year: Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, April Camp meeting, Roaring Camp and Oak Hill Memorial Day activities. I want to thank everyone who participated in these events for their time and efforts.

Looking forward we have the June Camp meeting, 4th of July parade in Redwood City, a parade with Camp 10 in Salinas on July 10th, Duncan's Mills reenactment in July, the National Encampment in Kansas in August, and the September Camp meeting.

Please give a thought to recruiting friends, neighbors, and relatives as the health of the Camp depends upon gaining new members.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas T. Graham
Camp Commander



Department Charter Recovered!

Through the efforts of **BRO. GLEN L. ROOSEVELT**, PCC a Department Charter dating from 1899 was recently recovered by the Department. It is not known when the Department lost the Charter, but it turned up in the estate of a deceased antique dealer in Santa Barbara and was purchased by antique dealer **ROGER TOBIN** of Chino Hills, California. Sons of Confederate Veterans Past Division Commander **KEN RAMSEY** learned of the Charter's existence and brought it to the SUVCW's attention. The Charter was then purchased from Mr. Tobin at a reduced price, the funds being raised by personal donations from Department officers.

The Charter was apparently a re-issue stemming from a name change in 1899. The Division (now called a Department) had been called the Division of California and Hawaiian Islands. However, in the 1899 the term "Hawaiian Islands" was dropped due to the recent annexation of the territory by the United States, and the name changed simply to "Division of California." Evidently sometime after 1899 the phrase "and Pacific" was added, creating the current name of "California and Pacific."



CIVIL WAR MEDAL OF HONOR CEREMONY

Benjamin Franklin Youngs was a 19-year-old citizen of Ontario, Canada when he enlisted as a Private in the United States Army. He was among the approximately 50,000 Canadians who fought for the Union. After coming south to Detroit, he joined the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. Youngs was wounded at least twice and received a meritorious promotion to Corporal. In action at Petersburg, Virginia on June 17, 1864 Youngs captured the flag of the 35th North Carolina Infantry, for which he was immediately promoted to Sergeant and recommended for the Medal of Honor. The award was approved on December 1, 1864, but in the meantime he was again wounded and taken prisoner of war. After being paroled from prison he returned to Canada. Youngs married Margaret Reid in 1866 and together they raised a family of five sons and one daughter. The couple settled in Los Angeles late in their lives. In the 1920s Youngs applied for residence at the Old Soldier's Home in Los Angeles, but his application was denied as he was listed as "missing in action, presumed deserter." A 1925 act of Congress affirmed his honorable status and set the record straight, after which he was admitted to the Old Soldier's Home. He died there in 1927 and his widow Margaret died later that same year. They were both laid to rest at the Los Angeles Odd Fellows Cemetery.

On May 15, 2010, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary, in coordination with the California Medal of Honor Project, gathered at the cemetery to give Sergeant Youngs his full military honors, which he had never received. The event was attended by members of Youngs' extended family from Canada, the British Isles, and various parts of the United States, as well as numerous dignitaries. National Color Bearer **JERRY R. SAYRE, PDC** took charge of the firing detail. Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** presented a wreath on behalf of the Auxiliary. National Council of Administration Member **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** of Camp 4 was also in attendance. The moving ceremony was coordinated by the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 and its Auxiliary. Congratulations are extended to them for a very successful and meaningful event.



Department President Rachelle M. Campbell (center) gathers with other Auxiliary members at the Los Angeles Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Special thanks to Camp No. 2 and Auxiliary No. 2 for the material used in this article.

MY UNION ANCESTOR

Charles Manning Appleton

Co. R, 72nd Pennsylvania Infantry, Baxter's Fire Zouaves, Philadelphia Brigade

Half-great-great-great-granduncle of Tad D. Campbell, PDC

Charles Manning Appleton was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on or about January 9, 1846, the only son of Dr. Charles William Worthington Appleton and Mary Manning.

Appleton's maternal grandfather, Thomas S. Manning (c.1771-1855), was a printer and publisher in Philadelphia. During his youth, Appleton learned his grandfather's trade and by the age of fifteen was already working as the compositor and assistant editor of the *West Philadelphia Saturday Star* newspaper.

Although a lad of only fifteen years, Appleton was very mature in appearance and easily passed for a man of nineteen when he enrolled in the U.S. Army on September 27, 1861. He was mustered in as a Private in Company R, 72nd Pennsylvania Infantry on October 27, 1861.

The regiment had originally been designated as the 3rd California Infantry, having been credited to California as part of Oregon Senator Edward D. Baker's California Brigade. After Baker's death at the Battle of Ball's Bluff on October 21, 1861, the regiments in the California Brigade were reclaimed by Pennsylvania, each unit being re-designated with a new numeral, and the brigade being renamed the Philadelphia Brigade. It had the distinction of being the only brigade composed of troops entirely from a single city. The 72nd was also known as Baxter's Fire Zouaves, because of their commander, Colonel DeWitt Clinton Baxter, because of the modified Zouave uniform they wore, and because the majority of the regiment's recruits came from the firemen of Philadelphia.

They spent the fall patrolling along the Potomac River, near Poolesville, Maryland, and in the spring were transported to the Peninsula. It suffered much from sickness at the siege of Yorktown, as its camp was in an unhealthful location and the constant rains and exposure in the trenches bore heavily on the command. It took part in the Battle of Seven Pines (also known as Fair Oaks), Virginia and it was near there on June 8, 1862 that Private Appleton was severely wounded by a gunshot wound in the right thigh. His leg was amputated and he was sent to DeCamp General Hospital on Davids' Island in New York Harbor. Unfortunately, Appleton was not able to recover from the wound and died there on July 20, 1862. He was only sixteen and a half years old.

His remains were brought back to Philadelphia and interred in the Monument Cemetery. This cemetery, the second rural cemetery in Philadelphia, was founded in 1837 on North Broad Street, across from Temple University. In 1956 the University purchased the cemetery for use as a parking lot and athletic fields. About 28,000 bodies — including those of Charles M. Appleton, Civil War nurse Anna M. Ross, and well-known artist John Sartain — were removed to Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge, Pennsylvania and buried in a mass grave. The monuments were dumped into the Delaware River near Castor Avenue as riprap (foundation) for the Betsy Ross Bridge, then under construction. At low tide today, many of the grave markers are still clearly visible.

Charles Manning Appleton's half-brother was John Henderson Appleton (1832-1911), the direct ancestor of Brother Campbell, and who served in the 17th Indiana Infantry of Wilder's Lightning Brigade during the Civil War.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Sister Robyn I. Reese of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 received her Master of Arts Degree in Education from California State University, Long Beach on May 27, 2010 at the school's Sixty First Annual Commencement Ceremony. Congratulations to Sister Reese!

Camp Orders – Series 2010

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:

CAMP ORDER No. 1, ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS (DATED JANUARY 25, 2010)

SECTION 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp #4, for the 2010 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I, will continue to work tirelessly to ensure 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 email address: n6wlf@yahoo.com, telephone number 408-264-1794, 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 7 November 2009, and installed on 23 January 2010 by Department Commander Charles W. Mabie, are as follows:

Commander: Br. Thomas T. Graham; Sr. Vice-Commander: Br. Joseph C. Marti; Jr. Vice-Commander: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC); Secretary-Treasurer: Br. Richard J. Ferman; Council: Br. Frank C. Avila (PCC); Council: Br. Rick T. LaRosa; Council: Br. Linn W. Malaznik; Department Encampment Delegate: Br. Richard Ferman; Department Encampment Delegates: Br. Rick T. LaRosa, Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff, Br. Linn W. Malaznik, Br. Joseph C. Marti.

SECTION 3: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC): Chaplain; Richard A. Staley: Assistant Chaplain; Paul E. Lavrischeff: Patriotic Instructor; John Stolp: Historian, Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer; Daniel R. Earl: Counselor, Legislative Officer; Matthew Reynolds: Guide; Joseph Ferman: Guard; Frank C. Avila (PCC): Color Bearer, United Veterans Council Delegate; Crittenden Bell: Eagle Scout Coordinator; Tad D. Campbell (PDC): Signals Officer, Newsletter Editor; Thomas T. Graham: United Veterans Council Delegate; Richard J. Ferman: United Veterans Council Delegate; Christopher Avila: Musician; James M. Welch: Musician.

CAMP ORDER No. 2, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2010)

SECTION 1: I hereby establish the following eight (8) Standing Committees of the Camp for calendar year 2010 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: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC); Program, Publicity and Policy: Sr. Vice Commander: Br. Joseph C. Marti; Graves and War Memorials: Br. John Stolp; Bylaws: Br. Thomas T. Graham; History: Br. John E. Stolp; Ceremonial Observances: Br. Stephen Aguirre; Military Affairs: Br. Joseph C. Marti; Visitation: Br. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC).

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

CAMP ORDER No. 3, CAMP GUARD
(DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2010)

SECTION 1: I hereby establish the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 Camp Guard in accordance with Article XVII of the Camp Bylaws for the purpose of providing a Camp Color Guard when uniformed formations are required of the Camp and when a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit is not available.

SECTION 2: The Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 Camp Guard shall take charge and command the Camp Color Guard, and required Camp uniformed formations, when a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit is not available and/or as directed by the Military Affairs Committee in accordance with Section 10 of Article XVI of the Camp Bylaws.

SECTION 3: I hereby appoint Paul E. Lavrischeff as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Camp Guard holding the rank of 1st Lieutenant through the 2010 term of my office.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Thomas T. Graham
Camp Commander
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Richard J. Ferman
Camp Secretary-Treasurer

Future Auxiliary member **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, age 2, assists the Brothers and Sisters with the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Oak Hill
Memorial Park,
San José, California





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

I wish to thank all of you who participated in the Department Encampment, April Camp meeting, Roaring Camp and Oak Hill Memorial Day activities. We have had a busy year already and there is more to come. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

June 26 — Regular Meeting
 July 4 — Parade in Redwood City
 July 10 — Parade with Camp 10 in Salinas
 July 16-18 — Duncan Mills reenactment
 August 12-14 — National Encampment in Kansas
 September 11 — Regular Meeting
 October 2-3 — Fresno reenactment
 December 4 — Regular Meeting and election of officers for 2011

Enjoy the summer and hope to see you at the June meeting.

Bev Graham
 Auxiliary No. 52 President

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Auxiliary No. 52 Website:
www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html

ASUVCW Department Website
www.suvcw.org/aux/dept.html

ASUVCW National Website
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

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

June 27, 2010

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

July 3, 2010

Color Guard, San José Earthquakes Game
Buck Shaw Stadium, Santa Clara, California

July 4, 2010

Independence Day Parade
Redwood City, California

August 12-14, 2010

National Encampment
Overland Park, Kansas

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

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

Battle of Seven Pines

The Battle of Seven Pines, also known as the Battle of Fair Oaks or Fair Oaks Station, took place on May 31 and June 1, 1862, in Henrico County, Virginia, as part of the Peninsula Campaign. It was the culmination of an offensive up the Virginia Peninsula by Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, in which the Army of the Potomac reached the outskirts of Richmond.

On May 31, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston attempted to overwhelm two Federal corps that appeared isolated south of the Chickahominy River. The Confederate assaults, although not well coordinated, succeeded in driving back the IV Corps and inflicting heavy casualties. Reinforcements arrived, and both sides fed more and more troops into the action. Supported by the III Corps and Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick's division of Maj. Gen. Edwin V. Sumner's II Corps (which crossed the rain-swollen river on Grapevine Bridge), the Federal position was finally stabilized. Gen. Johnston was seriously wounded during the action, and command of the Confederate army devolved temporarily to Maj. Gen. G.W. Smith. On June 1, the Confederates renewed their assaults against the Federals, who had brought up more reinforcements, but made little headway. Both sides claimed victory.

Although the battle was tactically inconclusive, it was the largest battle in the Eastern Theater up to that time (and second only to Shiloh in terms of casualties thus far, about 11,000 total) and marked the end of the Union offensive, leading to the Seven Days Battles and Union retreat in late June.

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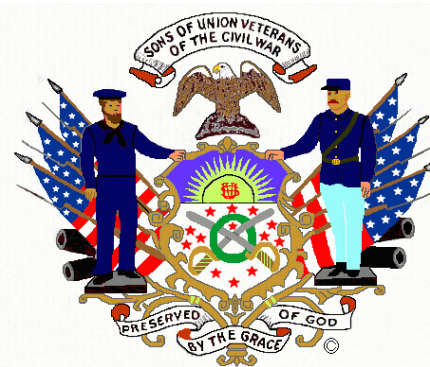
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

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.