

## SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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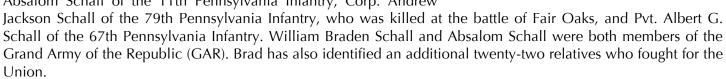
July-September 2010

## Local Son Elected Commander-in-Chief

**DONALD BRADEN "BRAD" SCHALL** of Lincoln, California was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Overland Park, Kansas on August 14, 2010. He is the fourth Californian to be elected Commander-in-Chief, and the first since 1966.

Brad's eligibility for membership in the SUVCW comes from his two great-grandfathers, Sgt. William Braden Schall of the 11th Illinois Cavalry and Willis Reed, a Private in the 107th Illinois Infantry and Sergeant in the 1st Illinois Light Artillery.

Three uncles also served in the Union Army, namely: Capt. Absalom Schall of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry, Corp. Andrew



Brad is the oldest son of Donald Braden Schall, Sr. and Anna Mae (Griggs) Schall, and has one brother and five sisters. He was born in Hutchinson, Kansas where his "Nana Schall" introduced him to the Civil War history of his family and the Joseph Hooker Post of the GAR. Among his prize possessions are his great grandparents' GAR and Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) encampment ribbons and badges. Both his grandmother and great-grandmother were members of the WRC. His brother **WILLIAM**, son **BRADEN** and grandson **CHRISTOPHER** are also members of the SUVCW.

His interest in the Civil War goes back to his childhood, when he lived one block from the Lincoln Civil War Memorial in Hutchinson, Kansas. As a child, his family participated in Memorial Day services with descendants of members of the Joseph Hooker Post No. 17, GAR, of which his great-grandfather had been a



Commander-in-Chief Schall during his Installation

member. Brad's family decorated the graves of their great-grandfather and other Civil War soldiers at East Side Cemetery in Hutchinson with flags and flowers.

Brad joined the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in San José, California in the mid-1990s, and over the years has held nearly every position in the several Camps to which he has belonged. He was the organizer of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 in 1999.



Future C-in-C Schall with Department Officers at Foint Point in San Francisco — January 2010 L-R: PDC Jerry R. Sayre, DC Charlie Mabie, PDC D. Brad Schall, PDC Tad D. Campbell

He was elected Commander of the Department of California and Pacific in 2002 and 2003.

At the national level Brad has served as a member of the following committees: Civil War Memorials, eBay Surveillance, Constitution & Regulations, and Civil War Sesquicentennial; and as Chairman of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Fraternal Relations, and Life Membership Committees. He has also served as National Patriotic Instructor, National Chief of Staff, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and was twice elected to the National Council of Administration. Brad has also served as the co-chair of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

Brad continues to remain active in the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas with the Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 and the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24.

In 2002, Brad sold his meat brokerage business and retired to Lincoln, California. His business career in

the food industry started at Safeway while in school, and he spent seventeen years at the Quaker Oats Company in sales, sales management and sales promotion. He left Quaker Oats to spend ten years in the export/import business and then as general manager of a Con Agra Distribution Company in California. He went to the meat industry after that and finally ended his career by owning his own business for the last eight years.

Brad belongs to the California Historical Society, Kansas State Historical Society, Derry Pennsylvania Historical Society, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Fort Larnard Old Guard, Friends of Gettysburg, Gettysburg Battlefield Association, Lincoln Forum, California State Military Museum, Sacramento and San Francisco Civil War Roundtables, Co-Chairman of the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, Volunteer National Park Service Docent at Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, National Eagle Scout Association, manager of the Sun Eagles senior softball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a veteran of the United States Army.

In addition to his family heritage, Brad is particularly proud of his wife, Patti, his five children, twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Brad has dedicated his year of service as Commander-in-Chief to his two great-grandfathers who served in the Civil War, to his parents who taught him the love of country, respect for family members who came before, the love of God and the exciting history of the American Civil War, and to his mentor, the late Bob Lowe, PDC.

### CONGRATULATIONS BRAD!

### Strong Showing at National Encampment

The Department of California and Pacific sent a total of twenty-five Delegates for the Sons and Auxiliary to the recent National Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas. The following sixteen Brothers served as Delegates: FRANK AVILA PCC, FREDERICK BOHMFALK PCC, TAD CAMPBELL PDC, PHILLIP CAINES PCC, DANIEL EARL PCC, CC DEAN ENDERLIN, CC THOMAS GRAHAM, THOMAS HELMANTOLER PCC, CHARLES MABIE PCC, LINN MALAZNIK, TIMOTHY REESE PCC, GLEN ROOSEVELT PCC, JERRY SAYRE PDC, BRAD SCHALL PDC, DAVID SCHLEETER PCC, and JEFFREY VAILLANT.



Department Brothers pose for a picture during a break

The Auxiliary was well represented by the following seven Delegates: PATRICIA BURES, RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP, CYNTHIA EDDY, CYNTHIA DAY-ELLIOTT, AP BEVERLY GRAHAM, KATHY MABIE, and AP MELINIE PROSK-CAINES.

The following summary was provided by Past Commander-in-Chief JAMES B. PAHL of Michigan:

"Very productive Encampment, but mixed news for the brothers of the Order. Interest income from our investments is very low. After much cutting, the budget was still coming up almost \$40,000.00 in the red. Brothers voted to increase national per capita by \$5.00. We realize this will be tough on many Brothers, but the Encampment felt this was necessary . . . We are forming committees to see if we can shift investments for a higher yield (anyone with investment experience is asked to contact **RICHARD ORR**, so the special committee can call upon them. Another special committee is being formed to study the whole financial situation and come up with longer-term solutions. If every Brother recruited and brought one new member into the Order, our financial woes would be so relieved. One thing considered by the Brothers was no longer print *The Banner*, but publish on the web site and send e-mail to the Brothers when posted. This was rejected, as it is one of our best recruiting tools and one thing every brother of the Order can hold in their hand, to see their per capita to National at work.

**D. BRAD SHALL** from California is the new Commander-in-Chief. **DR. DON PALMER** from Missouri is the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, **PERLEY MELLOR** from Massachusetts is the Junior Vice Commander in Chief. **GENE MORTORFF** from the Maryland Department is National Secretary. **RICH ORR** [of Pennsylvania] is still National Treasurer and **DANNY WHEELER** [of New York] is still National Quartermaster. **BILL VIEIRA** from Rhode Island was reelected to National Council of Administration, as was **BOB PETROVIC** from Missouri. **ALAN RUSS** from Kansas was elected to finish out the last year of Perley Mellor's term on the Council of Administration."

In addition to PDC BRAD SCHALL being elected Commander-in-Chief, PDC TAD D. CAMPBELL is serving the second year of his three-year term on the National Council of Administration. The following Department Brothers received various National appointments: JERRY R. SAYRE PDC — Aide-de-Camp, Color Bearer, and Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Relations; DANIEL R. EARL PCC — Chairman of Committee on Legislation; DEAN A. ENDERLIN — Chairman of Committee on G.A.R. Records; TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC — Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee; ALAN E. PETERSON PDC — Chairman of Restore Memorial Day Committee; WILLIAM E. TISCH PCC — Aide-de-Camp; FREDERICK H. BOHMFALK PCC — Aide-de-Camp; GLEN L. ROOSEVELT PCC — Aide to Committee on G.A.R. Records; DONALD WILT PCC — Aide to Committee on Real Sons & Daughters; KIRBY R. MORGAN — Aide to Committee on Civil War Memorials; and DAVID A. DAVID PCC

#### - Battle Flag Preservation Committee

During the Encampment, **PDC TAD CAMPBELL** served as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and Chairman of the Visitations Committee to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The *California Column*, edited by our own **DANIEL R. EARL PCC**, received the Marshall Hope Award for the Best Department Newsletter.



See page 10 for additional Encampment photos



Above: Dan Earl receives the Marshall Hope Award from C-in-C Leo Kennedy as DC Charlie Mabie looks on.

*At left:* C-in-C Leo Kennedy takes a break while Tad Campbell addresses the Encampment as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Above photos by Bro. David Sosnowski (Dept. of Pennsylvania)

### July Activities Keep Camp Busy

July proved to be a very active month for the Camp.

On July 3rd the Camp provided a Color Guard for the opening ceremonies of the San Jose Earthquakes versus D.C. United game (Major League Soccer). The event took place at Buck Shaw Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

Independence Day found the Camp and Auxiliary again participating in the Peninsula Celebrations Association's annual parade in Redwood City, California. Bolstered by support from other Camps and the American Civil War Association, the SUVCW entry garnered several awards. (See "Independence Day Parade", page 8)

On July 10th the Camp and Auxiliary joined with Lincoln Camp No. 10 to participate in the

Colmo del Rodeo Parade in Salinas, California. This evening parade was extremely well attended by both participants and the public. It had been many years since the parade had been held and it is hoped that it will once again become an annual event.

The Camp and Auxiliary also participated in a moving headstone rededication on July 24th in Vallejo, California. (See "Tombstone Error Corrected", page 7)



# **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

With summer ending and hopefully the hot weather behind us we can look proudly upon what the Camp has accomplished since the last issue of the Sheridan's Dispatch. We had a productive meeting in June. The flag lowering ceremony at Oak Hill took place on the 27th of June. Our entry in the Redwood City 4th of July Parade took the American



Heritage Theme Award, First Place Senior Color Guard, First Place Pipe/Fife, Second Place Senior Drill Team, and Third Place Drum Corps. A very impressive performance! Six days later we joined Lincoln Camp No. 10 in Salinas to celebrate the "Colmo del Rodeo" parade. On July 24 the Camp participated in the Samuel Brown Grave Dedication ceremony in Vallejo, CA. This event marked the culmination of great effort on the part of our Senior Vice Commander JOE MARTI to correct an error on the headstone of a Union Veteran. Outstanding work Brother Joe!! The National Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas, was held August 12 through 15. Department of California and Pacific's own Brother BRAD SCHALL was installed as our new Commander-in-Chief. Camp 4 was represented by five brothers.

Looking forward we have the September 11 Camp meeting, the Civil War Revisited in Fresno October 2-3, the Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment in Monterey October 8-10, the November 6 Camp meeting, and the December 4 Camp meeting which will be the election of officers for both the Camp and SVR units.

Please remember that the health of the Camp depends upon successful recruiting of new members, and volunteering to hold elective or appointive office in the Camp.



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas T. Graham

Camp Commander



### Department Charter & Banner Conservation Donation Request

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 is accepting donations to support its pledge of \$300 that was approved during the June 26th Camp meeting for the acquisition and conservation of the 1890's Department Charter and Department Banners.

Department Commander Charlie Mabie advised that Department Brothers were recently able to recover the 1890's Department Charter that was

about to go up for sale on eBay. The Charter, and Department Banners, went missing a number of years ago when a Department officer passed away and the Department property in his possession was inadvertently lost when his estate was liquidated. The Department Brothers were able to negotiate the purchase of the Charter for \$750 to avoid any potential lengthy and costly legal procedure to recover the SUVCW property.

In 1994, a member of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 living in Nevada spotted the Department Banners in an antique store in Reno. He notified the Department Secretary-Treasurer who in turn notified the owner of the antique store that the Banners were Department property and would have to be returned. The owner of the store was unwilling to turn it over for free. Fearing that it would disappear before legal action was effective, the Department purchased the Banners for between \$500 and \$750.



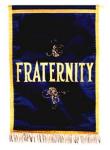
Both the Charter and the Department Banners are deteriorating rapidly and will need restoration/conservation. The cost for this may exceed several hundred dollars. The Department will be sponsoring the 2012 National Encampment which will be

extremely expensive and is therefore not in a position to reimburse the Brothers who recovered this historic property. Therefore, the Department is soliciting donations to cover the expenses for the acquisition and conservation of the 1890's Department Charter and Banners.

During the Camp meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2010, the membership approved the allocation and sending of \$300 to the Department as a combined Camp and membership contribution toward the cost of recovery and conservation of these items. Because this is an unbudgeted Camp expense, the Camp is soliciting donations from its membership to help in covering this expense. Therefore, should you be willing and able to support this effort, it is requested that you send a donation to the Camp (in any amount) for which you will receive an official letter of gratitude along with documentation to support a deduction on your 2010 tax return.







Please forward your check, or money order, payable to Phil Sheridan Camp 4, P.O. Box 24969, San Jose, CA 95154. In the "memo" portion of your check please indicate that it is for the "Dept Charter Conservation."

### TOMBSTONE ERROR Corrected

(Photos by Auxiliary 52 Sister Yvonne Reynolds)

For over 85 years, Pvt. Samuel Brown, an African-American member of the 137th U.S. Colored Infantry, a former slave, and a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, had been resting under a headstone stating his service was for the Confederacy. Through the efforts of Brother **JOE MARTI** of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 the mistake was corrected on July 24, 2010, with about 100 members of the soldier's family present for the re-



L-R: Frank Avila PCC, Brad Schall PDC, and Joe Marti confer prior to the ceremony.

covered in several local newspapers and was picked up by the Associated Press, leading to coverage in papers throughout the nation and even several foreign countries.

The family was very appreciative of the efforts to properly recognize their ancestor, and the Sons and Auxiliary were extremely honored to have played a role in correcting the memorial to one of the heroes that helped save our nation.



Pvt. Samuel Brown's headstone awaits unveiling before the rededication.

Although the moving event was sponsored by Camp No. 4, at least four or five Camps and two Auxiliaries participated, with excellent support from the local reenacting community.

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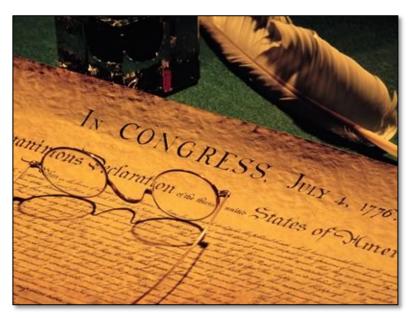
Brother Marti and the SUVCW were featured prominently in a television news segment, which aired throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The event was also



Dept. President Rachelle Campbell talks to Pvt. Brown's granddaughter after the ceremony.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Once again the Brothers and Sisters of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 participated in the Peninsula Celebration Association's Independence Day Parade in Redwood City. And this year marks the seventh consecutive year that the SUVCW and its Auxiliary in Northern California has been awarded prizes for its performance since being invited for the first time in 2004.



Commander of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment (SVR), 1st Lieutenant JOSEPH MARTI (Camp SVC) again led the formation which included members of Company C of the 8th California (SVR), Battery A of the 3rd U.S. Artillery (SVR), Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and members of the American Civil War Association in addition to Camp and Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters.

The awards presented by the Peninsula Celebration Association were:



American Heritage Theme Award First Place Senior Color Guard First Place Pipe/Fife Second Place Senior Drill Team Third Place Drum Corps First Place Reenactor Award

By the way, **PCC ROBERT KADLEC** only fell out of his wheelchair once during the procession.



### Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

Well, another National Encampment is behind us. Whew! The Department of California and Pacific was well represented with seven Delegates at Overland

Park, Kansas in August!

A number of our West Coast Sisters performed official duties during the Encampment, including: **MELINIE PROSK-CAINES** as Outside Guard, **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL PDP** as Assistant Guide, **CINDY EDDY** as Chair of the Elections Committee, **TRICIA BURES** at the registration table, and myself as a member of the Resolutions Committee.

National Per Capita Dues were raised. However, Auxiliary No. 52 will likely be able to absorb the cost so that a dues increase at the local level will hopefully not be required. Another change regarding the Per Capita Dues is that they will now be paid annually, rather than thrice per year. This should make bookkeeping much easier.

There will be some major changes and upgrades to the National web site within the next several months. These modifications should make the web site a much better resource for both members of the Order and the general public. One of the most significant changes will be the availability of all Auxiliary forms, in PDF format, on the web site. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations will also be accessible in this way.

Congratulations to our new National Officers: President VIRGINIA TWIST, Vice-President ANNE JASTER, Council #1 NANCY GREENWALT-HILTON, Council #2 RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, Council #3 ANNA FRAIL, Secretary JUDY MORGAN, Treasurer BETTY BAKER, Patriotic Instructor LINDA KRONBERG, and Chaplain DIANE MELLOR.

The annual National Encampments are a great way to have input on how the business of the National Organization is conducted, and more importantly it is a wonderful way to meet and get to know Sisters and Brothers from all across the country. I encourage all of you to consider attending if at all possible. The next Encampment will be in Restin, Virginia in August 2011, and the following year we will be the host Department when the Encampment comes to Los Angeles!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President, Auxiliary No. 52

## National Encampment



Above: PDC Tad Campbell & Bro. Kevin Martin of Maryland

Right: Sisters Cindy Eddy & Bev Graham



Overland Park, Kansas August 12-15, 2010





Left: PC-in-C James Pahl watches as Patti Schall pins the C-in-C badge on her husband Brad

Below: The new officers are sworn in



### Event Schedule

#### July 3, 2010

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

#### July 4, 2010

Independence Day Parade Redwood City, California

July 10, 2010 Colmo del Rodeo Parade Salinas, California

#### August 12-14, 2010

National Encampment Overland Park, Kansas

#### September 11, 2010

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting Santa Clara, California

#### October 2-3, 2010

*Civil War Revisited* Reenactment Fresno, California

#### October 8-10, 2010

Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment Monterey, California

Be sure to check the Camp website for additional events and updates. www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

### Did You Know?

#### Kansas in the Civil War

Kansas entered the Union as the thirty-fourth state on January 29, 1861. Less than three months later, on April 12, Fort Sumter was attacked by Confederate troops and the Civil War began. In Washington rumors were afloat that President Abraham Lincoln was to be kidnapped or assassinated. James H. Lane, a senator from Kansas, recruited 120 Kansas men who were in the city and organized them into the "Frontier Guard." For nearly three weeks they were billeted in the White House to protect the President.

Most Kansans strongly favored the cause of the Union. Governor Charles Robinson at once began recruiting troops for the Union armies, and Senator Lane returned from Washington to do the same. Before the war ended the federal government issued several calls for troops, asking Kansas for a total of 16,654. More than 20,000 "Javhawkers" enlisted. however, and the state contributed 19 regiments and four batteries to the Union forces. Although many of these volunteer soldiers hailed from states other than Kansas, this was a remarkable showing for an infant state with only 30,000 men of military age. Kansas soldiers suffered nearly 8,500 casualties.

More devastating than any battle between regular troops in Kansas were the raids and pillaging of guerilla bands. Such raids and atrocities were committed by both sides, but by far the most heinous came on August 21, 1863. William Clark Quantrill and several hundred followers hit Lawrence at dawn, before they left much of the town had been destroyed and nearly 200 men and boys lay dead.

Source: Kansas Historical Society http://www.kshs.org/research/topics/war/civilwarkansas.htm

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, September 11, 2010 - 10 am **LOCATION:** American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

### Officers for 2010-2011

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

Commander	Thomas T. Graham
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Musician Richard J. Ferman
Musician James M. Welch

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Patriotic Instructor	Cynthia L. Eddy
Chaplain	Elisabeth Gray
Press Correspondent	Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP
Counselor	Thomas T. Graham
Signals Officer	Tad D. Campbell, PDC

#### SUVCW 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.



Websites



SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific http://www.suvpac.org

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 http://www.suvpac.org/aux/aux52.html

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

http://www.suvpac.org/camp4.html

SUVCW National Organization http://www.suvcw.org

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