

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## G.A.R. ALTAR SAVED

Through the efforts of Sister **SHARON POPE** of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and her husband, Brother **BILL POPE** of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, the Camp has obtained an historic altar from the McKinley Post No. 187 of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

Upon its demise, the G.A.R. Post, which was based in Palo Alto, California, apparently left the Altar and a few other items to the local American Legion Post. Recently the American Legion Post was cleaning house and decided it was time for the property to go. The Popes were contacted to see if anyone would be interested in the items, which were going to be tossed out if no new home could be found.

The four corners of the altar resemble rifle stocks, while each of the four sides features an emblem representing a branch of the service — cannons for artillery, rifles for infantry, sabers for cavalry, and an anchor for the navy. Inside the altar is space to store a Bible, altar cloth, ritual books, etc., which can be secured with a locking door.

Also recovered were some photos of Post members, which unfortunately were not identified.



**Close up of the identification plaque on the altar. Comrade Nathaniel S. Price was a veteran of Company E, 17<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry**



# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, another year has passed and a new one is close to beginning. I wish to thank all the Brothers for the help and dedication you have shown this past year. We have accomplished a lot – parades, information booths, and memorial celebrations – all dedicated to remembering the “Boys in Blue”. We are always looking for new members, and for current members who would like to join in the running of this Camp (volunteers are always needed – nudge, nudge, wink, wink). The best method we have of getting new members is YOU, our current members. Your dedication, desire, and willingness to help grow our Camp and Order are the best recruiting tactics. Have a very pleasant, enjoyable, safe and sane holiday season. Thank you for your confidence in reelecting me to another term as Camp Commander and I look forward to seeing you all at the Installation in January!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Thomas T. Graham*  
Camp Commander



## Election Results

On December 4, 2010 the Camp and Auxiliary elected the following officers:

### PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP NO. 4

Commander – **THOMAS T. GRAHAM**  
Senior Vice Commander – **JOSEPH C. MARTI**  
Junior Vice Commander – **STEPHEN P. AGUIRRE**  
Secretary-Treasurer – **RICHARD J. FERMAN**  
Councilmen **FRANK C. AVILA, PCC**  
**DANIEL R. EARL, PCC**  
**RICK T. LAROSA**



### DR. MARY E. WALKER AUXILIARY NO. 52

President – **BEVERLY L. GRAHAM**  
Vice-President – **SHARON POPE**  
Trustee #1 – **DEBRA L. EARL**  
Trustee #2 – **BEVERLY A. FERMAN**  
Trustee #3 – **CYNTHIA L. EDDY**  
Secretary – **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP**  
Treasurer – **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP**  
Patriotic Instructor – **YVONNE REYNOLDS**  
Chaplain – **CYNTHIA L. EDDY**  
Guide – **KELSEY REYNOLDS**

Appointed officers will be announced and all officers installed at the Installation Banquet to be held January 28, 2011 at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara, California.

## Remembrance Day

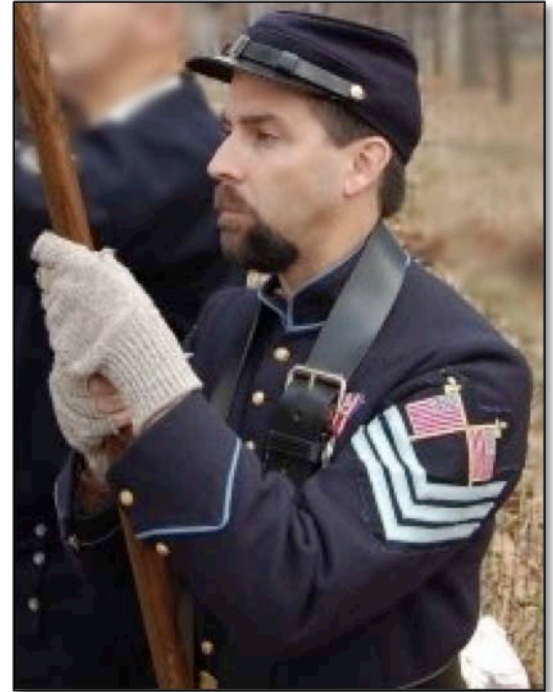
November 19, 1863 was the date of the dedication of the new Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. During the ceremonies President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address. The anniversary of these events is now known as Remembrance Day and is observed annually by members of the Allied Orders.

Unfortunately, the Remembrance Day activities originally scheduled for Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on November 20<sup>th</sup> were cancelled on account of rain. However, the Camp and Auxiliary still participated in Remembrance Day.

Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** and Sister **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** participated in the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg. The event featured several thousand participants in period attire. The day began with a Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) breakfast, then a ceremony at the G.A.R. (Woolson) Monument at Ziegler's Grove, followed by the parade. In the evening a grand ball was held, from which all the proceeds annually are given to the National Park Service.

During the parade Brother Campbell was honored to carry the colors of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) on behalf of Commander-in-Chief **KEITH G. HARRISON**. Sister Campbell and daughter **EMELIA CAMPBELL** joined the contingent of National Staff of the Auxiliary for the march.

Fortunately, the weather in Pennsylvania proved much more favorable than that in California.



**Tad Campbell carries the MOLLUS colors at Gettysburg**



### *Welcome New Brother!*

Brother **ADAM GAINES** of Harrow, Ontario, Canada has joined our Camp as a dual member. Brother Adam, a Life Member of the Order,

is also a member of the National Membership-at-Large and regularly attends the National Encampments as a Delegate. Brother Gaines' qualifying ancestors include: George Whittle, 10th Michigan Cavalry; Galusha Turner, 18th Michigan Infantry; Richard T. Whittle, 20th Illinois Infantry; Daniel Turner, 18th Michigan Infantry; and George W. Nares, 50th New York Engineers.

### Upcoming Encampments

#### **125<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment**

San Luis Obispo, California  
March 11-12, 2011

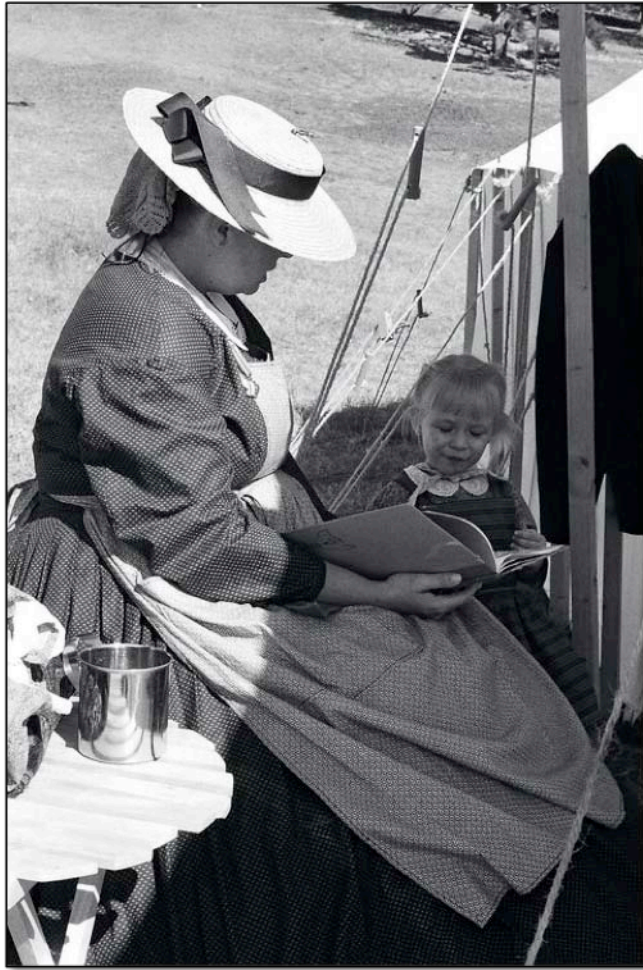
#### **130<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment**

Reston, Virginia  
August 11-14, 2011

#### **131<sup>st</sup> Annual National Encampment**

Los Angeles, California  
August 9-11, 2012





Sis. Rachelle Campbell and daughter Emelia.

## Monterey's Fort Mervine

*Photos by Bro. Timothy P. Reese, Lincoln Camp No. 10*



Bro. Frank Avila talks to members of the public.

Lincoln Camp No. 10 once again sponsored the annual Civil War living history encampment at the Lower Presidio in Monterey, California on October 8-10, 2010. With the support of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, several booths were set up with Civil War, G.A.R., and S.U.V.C.W. artifacts and memorabilia. Living history and firing demonstrations were also provided to an eager public.



The firing detail advances — L-R: Bro. Tim Reese, Garrett Hasslinger (20th Maine Infantry, ACWA), Bro. Frank Avila

# Thomas Starr King

## “The orator who saved the Union”



Thomas Starr King was born December 17, 1824, in New York City to Thomas and Susan (Starr) King. The sole support of his family at age 15, he was forced to leave school. Inspired by men like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Ward Beecher, King embarked on a program of self-study for the ministry. At the age of 20 he took over his father's former pulpit at the Charlestown Universalist Church in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1849 he was appointed pastor of the Hollis Street Church in Boston, where he became one of the most famous preachers in New England. He vacationed in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and in 1859 published a book about the area entitled *The White Hills; their Legends, Landscapes, & Poetry*. In 1860 he accepted a call from the First Unitarian Church of San Francisco, California.

King's younger brother, Capt. Edward S. King, served as captain of the clipper ship *Syren*. Capt. King arrived in San Francisco aboard *Syren* just two days after his elder brother's stirring 1861 speech about Washington and the Union, remarking, “[Thomas] has the brains of the family, and I the brawn.”

During the Civil War, King spoke zealously in favor of the Union and was credited by Abraham Lincoln with preventing California from becoming a separate republic. In addition, he organized the Pacific Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, which cared for wounded soldiers and was the predecessor to the American Red Cross. A fiery orator, he raised more than \$1.5 million for the Sanitary Commission headquarters in New York, one-fifth of the total contributions from all the states in the Union. The relentless lecture circuit exhausted him, and he died in San Francisco on March 4, 1864, of diphtheria.

Mountain peaks in the White Mountains and in Yosemite National Park are named in his honor. In 1941 the Starr King School for the Ministry, in Berkeley, California, was also renamed in his honor. King's church and tomb in San Francisco are designated historical monuments, and two streets in the city are named for him. There is also a statue of him in Golden Gate Park near the De Young Museum. There are schools throughout California named and dedicated to him, and a Masonic lodge founded in 1864 in Salem, Massachusetts also bears his name.

As part of honors originally paid to Rev. King, he was judged worthy of representing California in the National Statuary Hall Collection displayed in the United States Capitol. In 1913 King was voted one of California's two greatest heroes and funds were appropriated for a statue. In 1931, the memorial was completed when the state of California donated a bronze statue of King to the national collection. The statue was mounted in the Capitol's Statuary Hall.

On August 31, 2006, however, the California Legislature approved a joint resolution to replace Thomas Starr King's statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Ronald Reagan. As a result of this resolution, King's statue has been removed from Statuary Hall and replaced with one of the former President.

King's statue was reinstalled within the Civil War Memorial Grove in Capitol Park, which surrounds the California State Capitol in Sacramento in November 2009, and was formally dedicated in a ceremony held on December 8th.

Source: Wikipedia ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Starr\\_King](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Starr_King))



# REMINDER

## *Camp Annual Dues are Now Due*

Despite the recent dues increase at the National level, the Camp has voted not to pass along this increase to its membership. Therefore annual dues remain at \$35.00.

Please send your dues - payable to "Phil Sheridan Camp 4" - to:  
P.O. Box 24969, San Jose, CA 95154.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

Thank you once again for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to the office of Auxiliary President. It has been a very rewarding year working with all of you. Memorable experiences include the multitudes of parades, information booths, meetings and of course networking at lunch after our meetings. We must continue to have positive attitudes to carry us through the coming years. The key for success, for our organization, is a commitment to hold activities that interest and retain current members and attract new members.

We must continue to assist our Brothers in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in remembering our Boys in Blue.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Bev Graham*

President, Auxiliary No. 52



## Event Schedule

### **October 2-3, 2010**

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

### **October 8-10, 2010**

Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment  
Presidio Museum, Monterey, California

### **November 6, 2010**

Camp Meeting (*No Auxiliary Meeting*)  
American Legion Post 564, Santa Clara, California

### **November 11, 2010**

Veterans Day Parade  
San José, California

### **November 20, 2010**

Remembrance Day Ceremony  
San José, California

**Cancelled**

### **December 4, 2010**

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting — Elections  
American Legion Post 564, Santa Clara, California

### **January 28, 2011**

Installation Banquet  
Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara, California

### **January 29, 2011**

Fort Point Open House  
San Francisco, 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?

### December 1862

The Battle of Fredericksburg would unfold in a natural amphitheater bounded on the east by the Rappahannock River and on the west by the line of hills fortified by General Robert E. Lee. When Jackson's men arrived from downstream, CSA General Longstreet sidled his corps to the north, defending roughly five miles of Lee's front. He mounted guns at strong points such as Taylor's Hill, Marye's Heights, Howison Hill, and Telegraph (later Lee's) Hill, the Confederate command post. "Old Pete's" five divisions of infantry supported his artillery at the base of the slopes.

On November 14, 1862, Union General Burnside, now in command of the Army of the Potomac, sent a corps to occupy the vicinity of Falmouth near Fredericksburg. The rest of the army soon followed. General Lee reacted by entrenching his army on the heights behind the town.

On December 11, Union engineers laid five pontoon bridges across the Rappahannock under fire.

On the 12th, the Federal army crossed over, and on December 13, Burnside mounted a series of futile frontal assaults on Prospect Hill and Marye's Heights that resulted in staggering casualties.

General Meade's division, on the Union left flank, briefly penetrated Stonewall Jackson's line but was driven back by a counterattack. Union generals C. Feger Jackson and George Bayard, and Confederate generals Thomas R.R. Cobb and Maxey Gregg were killed.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Installation Banquet, Friday, January 28, 2011 - 7 pm  
***LOCATION:*** Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara, California

## *Officers for 2010-2011*

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

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  
 Council ..... Rick T. LaRosa  
 Council ..... Linn W. Malaznik

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

### **Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Auxiliary Officers**

President ..... Beverly Graham  
 Vice President ..... Sharon Pope  
 Trustee #1 ..... Debra L. Earl  
 Trustee #2 ..... Karen L. Lavrischeff, PAP  
 Trustee #3 ..... Beverly Ferman  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP  
 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*



### ***Phil Sheridan Camp 4***

<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

### ***Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52***

<http://www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html>

### ***SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific***

<http://www.suvcw.org>

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