

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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NEW DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IS FROM SHERIDAN CAMP

At the 125th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific took place at San Luis Obispo, California on March 11-12, 2011, and also marked the 100th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary's Department of California and Pacific.

Both organizations saw changes in their elected leadership. Brother **CHARLES W. MABIE** of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 completed two years as Department Commander and was succeeded by Brother **GLEN L. ROOSEVELT** of Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17. Brother **TIMOTHY P. REESE** of Lincoln Camp No. 10 advanced to Department Senior Vice Commander, and our own Camp Commander **THOMAS T. GRAHAM** was elected Department Junior Vice Commander. Brothers elected to the Department Council were **TAD CAMPBELL PDC** (Camp 4), **JERRY SAYRE PDC** (Camp 21), and **OWEN STILES PCC** (Camp 22).



**Bro. Tom Graham was elected
Dept. Junior Vice Commander**

After seven years of leadership, **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was succeeded by **MELINIE PROSK-CAINES** of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2 as Department President. Sister Campbell took over the position of Department Treasurer. Other Auxiliary No. 52 Sisters were elected as follows: **BEVERLY GRAHAM** – Dept. Chaplain, **KATHY MABIE** – Dept. Chief of Staff, and **DEBRA EARL** – Dept. Council #2.

Honored guests included SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **D. BRAD SCHALL** of Lincoln, California, ASUVCW National President **VIRGINIA L. TWIST** of Ovid, New York, and DUVCW Department President **DR. CAROLE MORTON** of Granada Hills, California.

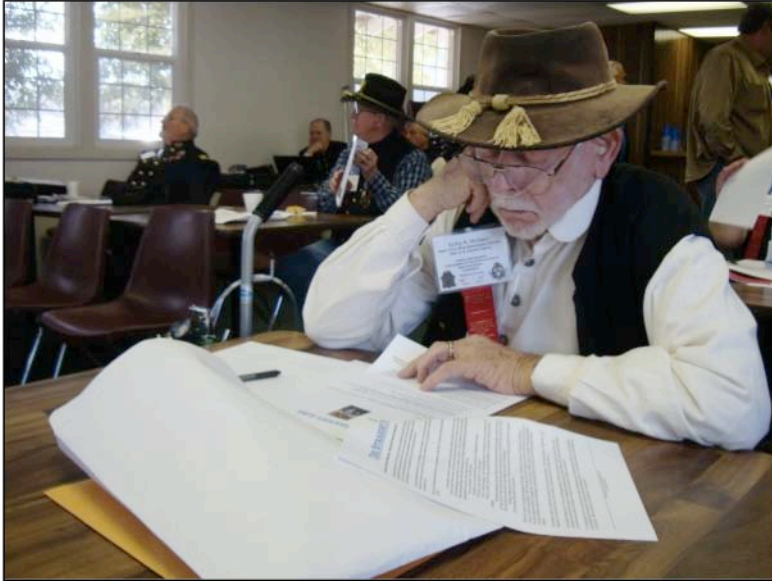
A number of Brothers were honored for their hard work and dedication, including: **KIRBY R. MORGAN** - Department Officer of the Year Award and National Meritorious Service Award; **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC** - Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award; **DANIEL R. EARL PCC** - National Meritorious Service Award, and **JOSEPH C. MARTI** – National Meritorious Service Award.

Congratulations are extended to the 16th Camp in the Department — Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18 serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties — which received its charter during the Encampment.

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Department Encampment

March 11-12, 2011
San Luis Obispo, California



Kirby Morgan reviews Dept. Officer reports (Photo by Bro. Bob Duncan)



Tad Campbell, PDC (Photo by Bro. Bob Duncan)



DC Charlie Mabie receives a new Banner from Sister Melinie Prosk-Caines (Photo by Bro. Bob Duncan)



L-R: Frank Avila, Tim Reese, Dave Schleeter, C-in-C Brad Schall, and Dean Enderlin (Photo courtesy of Bro. Tim Reese)



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Brothers, I wish to thank you for re-electing me as your Camp Commander for the 2011 year. I am looking forward to working with all of you to continue to make Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 the best it can be. I would like to make this coming year a time of recruitment. We all have relatives, friends, acquaintances, neighbors, and co-workers that have Union ancestors and may have an interest in keeping their memory alive. We can offer them assistance in documenting their Union ancestor, and this is a great recruitment tool. This is your Camp and with your help we can grow, and take a more active part in perpetuating the memory of the Boys in Blue.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Installation Banquet. The officers of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 were duly installed, thanks to the efforts of Department Commander **CHARLES W. MABIE** and Auxiliary Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**.

Additional thanks are extended to those Brothers who attended the recent Department Encampment as Delegates from Camp 4, and to all those that supported my candidacy for Department Junior Vice Commander.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas T. Graham
Camp Commander



SUVCW Embroidered Patches

Small 2 1/4 inch oval for use on any piece of clothing, back packs, athletic bags, etc.

Royal blue twill base with words and banner in white. The center emblem design, with the eagle, is made with a shiny gold thread.



**\$5.00 each plus \$1.00 S&H for first five.
\$2.00 S&H for six or more.**

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New Web Sites Launched

2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles
<http://www.suvcw.org/2012.html>

6th Military District,
Sons of Veterans Reserve
<http://www.suvcw.org/svr.html>

Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18
<http://www.suvcw.org/camp18.html>

Four Chaplains Ceremony



George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode



Clark V. Poling, John P. Washington

The annual Four Chaplains Inter-Faith Memorial Service was held on February 5, 2011 at St. Francis Cabrini Church in San José, California.

The ceremony memorializes four U.S. Army Chaplains who died when the USAT *Dorchester* was torpedoed and sunk during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. They included Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington and Reformed Church in America Reverend Clark V. Poling.

Camp 4 participants in the memorial ceremony included **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, **THOMAS GRAHAM PCC**, **ROBERT KADLEC PCC**, and **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**.

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 honors the Four Chaplains during the February 5th ceremony

Left to right:
Tad D. Campbell, PDC,
Paul E. Lavrischeff,
Frank C. Avila, PCC,
Thomas T. Graham, PCC



Installation Images **Biltmore Hotel — Santa Clara, California** **January 28, 2011**

Below: Tad Campbell PDC is presented with the Camp's Exemplary Dedication Award by CC Tom Graham

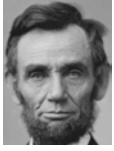


Above: Dan Bunnell PDC provides the divine blessing during the ceremony



Sisters of Auxiliary No. 52

Left to right: Sonja Bunnell, Cindy Eddy, Diane Wetzel, Pres. Beverly Graham, Rachelle Campbell PDP, Kathy Mabie, Anna Buran, Beverly Ferman, Debra Earl



Lincoln Dinner

The Annual Lincoln Birthday dinner was held on February 19, 2011 at Holder's Country Inn in San José, California.

The well-attended event featured a historical talk about Abraham Lincoln by Camp Historian **JOHN STOLP**. Attendees included members of Camp 4, 23 and 24, and Auxiliaries 23 and 52.



L-R: Bev Ferman, Diane Wetzel, Bev Graham, Emelia Campbell (behind Bev), Rachele Campbell, Taija Aguirre, Sonja Bunnell, Cindy Eddy, and Debra Earl.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

Sisters, thank you once again for your vote of confidence in electing me to the office of Auxiliary President. I am honored and proud to be a member of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I promise that I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the office with Fraternity, with Charity and with Loyalty.

This past year has been very rewarding. I look forward to working with every one of you. One of my major goals for this year is to complete a community service project. I look forward to a discussion at the May 7th meeting regarding this idea.

The key to this organization is 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.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President,
Auxiliary No. 52



Event Schedule

January 28, 2011

Installation Banquet
Biltmore Hotel, Santa Clara, California

January 29, 2011

Fort Point Open House
San Francisco, California

February 5, 2011

Four Chaplains Memorial Service
San José, California

February 19, 2011

Lincoln's Birthday Dinner
Cupertino, California

March 11-12, 2011

Annual Department Encampment
San Luis Obispo, California

May 7, 2011

Camp Meeting
Santa Clara, California

May 28-29, 2011

Information Booth, Roaring Camp
Felton, California

May 30, 2011

Memorial Day, Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

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

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

The First California Regiment

Col. Roderick N. Matheson, was a resident of Healdsburg in Sonoma County, California. During the California Gold Rush he moved to San Francisco. In 1856 he moved to Healdsburg, in Sonoma County, becoming a prominent city benefactor and wealthy landowner. He traveled to Washington, D.C., for Abraham Lincoln's inauguration in 1861, intending to stay only a few weeks, but found himself swept up the fever of approaching war. While in the East, he recruited a regiment composed of men from the West Coast. When this original "First California Regiment" was formed, it was not credited to any state, but was treated as a Regular Army organization. Mustered into Federal service at Fort Schuyler, New York, it was sent to Fort Monroe, New York picket and scouting duty. Matheson's First California took part in nine major battles and campaigns. Although he called his unit The First California Regiment, its heroic struggles were noted in battle records as the accomplishments of the 32nd Regiment of New York Volunteers.

Colonel Matheson's war ended when he was mortally wounded at Crampton's Gap during the Battle of South Mountain, Maryland on September 14, 1862. He was later buried at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg with full military honors. When the terms of enlistment expired for the men of the regiment, they were honorably mustered out on June 9, 1863.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 7, 2011 - 10 am
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Post 564, 2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

Officers for 2011-2012

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

Commander Thomas T. Graham, PCC
 Senior Vice Commander Joseph C. Marti
 Junior Vice Commander Stephen P. Aguirre
 Secretary-Treasurer Richard J. Ferman
 Council Frank C. Avila, PCC
 Council Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Council Rick T. LaRosa

Patriotic Instructor Paul E. Lavrischeff
 Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
 Assistant Chaplain James D. Reese
 Historian John E. Stolp
 Counselor Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Guide Matthew C. Reynolds
 Guard Joseph R. Ferman
 Color Bearer Frank C. Avila, PCC
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 Civil War Memorials Officer John E. Stolp
 Eagle Scout Certificate Coord. Larry Comstock
 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 L. Graham, PAP
 Vice President Sharon Pope
 Trustee #1 Debra L. Earl
 Trustee #2 Beverly A. Ferman
 Trustee #3 Cynthia L. Eddy
 Secretary Taija Aguirre
 Treasurer Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP
 Patriotic Instructor Yvonne Reynolds
 Chaplain Cynthia L. Eddy
 Guide Kelsey Reynolds

Counselor Thomas T. Graham, PCC
 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



Websites



Phil Sheridan Camp 4
<http://www.suvsac.org/camp4.html>

SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific
<http://www.suvsac.org>

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

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