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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT IN VIRGINIA

The annual National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the Auxiliary to SUVCW, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) were held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia on August 11-13, 2011. The SUVCW Delegation from the Department of California and Pacific consisted of Camp 4 Brothers **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **CC TOM GRAHAM**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, and **LINN MALAZNIK**; and Brothers **PHIL CAINES PCC** (Camp 2), **CC DEAN ENDERLIN** (Camp 23), **CHARLIE MABIE PDC** (Camp 24), **DC GLEN ROOSEVELT** (Camp 17), **JERRY SAYRE PDC** (Camp 21), and **C-IN-C**



L-R: Roosevelt, Graham, Sayre, Mabie, Campbell, Malaznik, Caines, Schall, Avila, Enderlin

BRAD SCHALL (Camps 9, 22, & 24). Brother **ADAM GAINES**, a dual-member of Camp 4 was also present. The Auxiliary Department was well represented by Sisters **TRICIA BURES** (Aux. 2), **MELINIE CAINES PAP** (Aux. 2), **RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP** (Aux. 23 & 52), **AP CINDY EDDY** (Aux. 23), **AP BEV GRAHAM** (Aux. 52), and **KATHY MABIE** (Aux. 52).

Many of the attendees participated in tours of the nearby Bull Run Battlefield, led by well-known historian Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service. Mr. Bearss also addressed an evening audience at the hotel.

During the business sessions Brother **DON PALMER** of Missouri and Sister **ANNE JASTER** of Pennsylvania were elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief and National President, respectively.

National Encampment August 2011



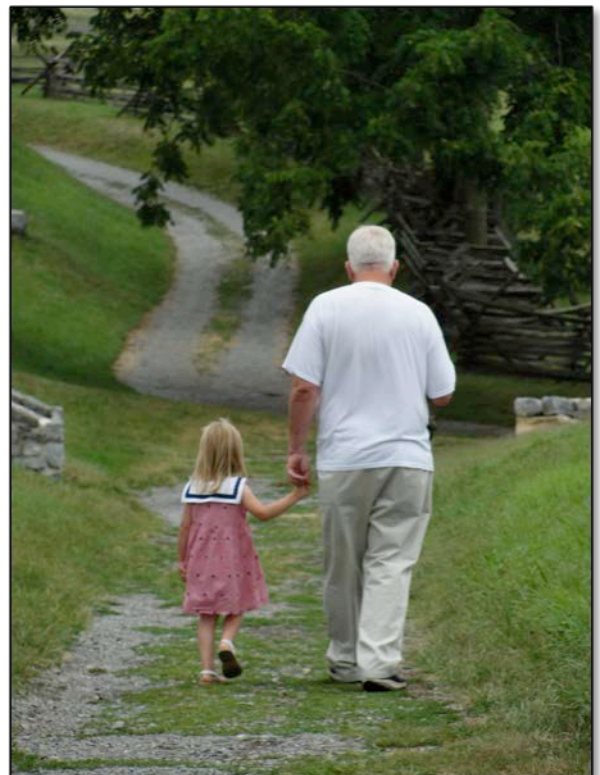
Tomb of MG John A. Logan, Washington DC
L-R: Tad, Rachele & Emelia Campbell, Bev & Tom Graham



Bro. Linn Malaznik listens intently as historian Ed Bears describes the Battle of Bull Run.



Jerry Sayre (Camp 21) & Charlie Mabie (Camp 24) man the posts of Color Bearer & Guide, respectively, as C-in-C Brad Schall addresses the Encampment



Emelia Campbell and Tom Graham on the Sunken Road at Antietam



COMMANDER'S CORNER

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

Our schedule of events includes the June Camp meeting, 4th of July parade in Redwood City, the National Encampment in Virginia in August, and the September Camp meeting.

Please give some thought to participating in the government of this camp. We need members to want to take on some of the elected and appointed offices. Elections will be held at the November meeting so please indicate at the September meeting or before if you are interested in any of the offices.

Also please give a thought to recruiting friends, neighbors, relatives for membership as the health of the Camp depends upon gaining new members.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas T. Graham

Camp Commander



Real Son Discovered in California!



WALTER ROODE of Portola, California has joined Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25. Walter is 98 years old and is the son of Stephen W. Roode, who served with Company K, 9th Vermont Infantry. The elder Roode was captured and paroled. He then reenlisted in Company B, 2nd Battalion, 17th U.S. Infantry and participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Petersburg, among others. National Commander-in-Chief **D. BRAD SCHALL**, Department Commander **GLEN ROOSEVELT PCC**, Department Historian **DAVID A. DAVIS PCC**, Camp Commander **JOHN RIGGS**, and Camp Graves Registration Officer **DON HUFFMAN** met with Walter at Mimi's Cafe in Reno, Nevada on July 11, 2011, where he was initiated into the Order.

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My Union Ancestor

WILLIAM J. FOSTER Co. B, 1st Michigan Infantry

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



Tad & Emelia Campbell at the grave of their uncle Corporal William J. Foster at United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

William J. Foster, the eldest son of Moses and Joanna (Slarrow) Foster, was born about 1840-42 in Wayne County, Michigan. The family moved to Shiawassee County, Michigan about 1850-57 and settled at Corunna in Caledonia Township. Here his father worked as a shoemaker, a trade he had learned from his father. They had four sons and a daughter.

During the first half of 1857, William's mother became quite ill. While she was on her deathbed, she made Sarah A. Miller, the family's housekeeper, promise to marry William's father after she died. Joanna Foster passed away on June 19, 1857 and shortly thereafter Moses and Sarah were married. His new step-mother was a mere three years older than William and twenty-one years younger than his father. This marriage also produced four sons and a daughter.

William J. Foster enlisted in the Army as a Private at Flint, Michigan on July 13, 1861 at the age of twenty. On July 22, 1861 he was mustered into Company B, 1st Michigan Infantry at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

His description was given as five feet, eight inches tall, dark complexion, dark hair and eyes, and by occupation a shoemaker. At some point during his service he was promoted to Corporal.

The regiment started for Virginia September 16, 1861. They took part in the Peninsular Campaign of 1862, under General McClellan, serving in the First Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps. It fought gallantly at Mechanicsville, Gaines's Mills, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, Turkey Bend, White Oak Swamp and Malvern Hill.

After the Peninsular Campaign it was assigned to Fitz John Porter's Corps where it was desperately engaged at Second Bull Run, August 30, 1862, with the other regiments of the brigade and sustained a fearful loss under the murderous fire of the enemy's masked batteries.

The regiment took part in the bloody battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, Virginia, where William J. Foster was severely wounded by a gunshot in the spine on May 3, 1863. He was admitted to Armory Square Hospital, Washington, D.C. on May 9th where he lingered until his death on May 12, 1863.

He was interred in the Military Asylum Cemetery (now called United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery) in Washington, D.C. This is the same cemetery wherein Maj. Gen. John A. Logan was entombed.

William J. Foster had two brothers who also served in the Union Army, namely: John N. Foster of Co. B, 3rd Michigan Infantry who died from typhoid fever and wounds received at Fair Oaks; and Charles D. Foster of Co. F, 10th Michigan Cavalry.

UPCOMING EVENT!!

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT
FORT MERVINE
Monterey, CA

OCTOBER 8th & 9th, 2011
On the lower quarter of the Presidio of Monterey, at the "Presidio Museum" off of CPL: Ewing Road.

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Hosted by the
"SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR"

*Tent displays, Ordnance display, Artifacts of the Civil War & the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic).
 Firing demo's at 11:30am & 2:30pm each day.*

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING!

Celebrate the City of Monterey's History Fest 2011
 at the "Presidio Museum -Our Sponsors.

For more info, go to:
www.historicmonterey.com or www.suvcw.org
Living History only, No battles. The SUVCW and ASUVCW is a "Non-Profit Organization"

The annual Civil War Encampment at Fort Mervine on the lower Presidio of Monterey will take place on October 8-9. This year it will be an unofficial Department event, with Brothers and Sisters from numerous different Camps and Auxiliaries making plans to attend. An application has also been filed to designate the weekend as a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The event is sponsored by Lincoln Camp No. 10 and the Presidio Museum, in conjunction with the City of Monterey's History Fest 2011.

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ATTENTION:

There will be no official Department presence during the *Civil War Revisited* reenactment at Kearney Park in Fresno, California on October 22-23, 2011.

The event costs the Department over \$200 annually to participate and the benefits have been minimal at best. Over ten years of efforts to establish at Camp in the Fresno area have been fruitless. This year the Department will focus its attention on Fort Mervine in Monterey. Please plan to attend!

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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Memorial Day Memories



Above: Linn Malaznik places the wreath.



Above right: Joe Marti takes charge as Rick LaRosa and John Stolp look on.

Right: Kermit Claytor performs Taps.



The Camp and Auxiliary pose for a picture at the G.A.R. plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

L-R: Rick LaRosa, Diane Wetzel, John Stolp, Frank Avila, Sharon Pope, Dick Ferman, Paul Lavrischeff, Sonja Bunnell, Joe Marti, Bob Kadlec, Tad Campbell, Dan Bunnell, Kermit Claytor, Bill Pope.

Was your ancestor a Union Officer?



**Military Order of the Loyal Legion
of the United States**

Founded in 1865, membership in MOLLUS is open to lineal and collateral descendants of Union officers during the American Civil War.

For more information, visit:
<http://suvchw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>

MOLLUS at the 2011 SUVCW National Encampment in Reston, Virginia

L-R: Tom Graham, Tad Campbell, Jerry Sayre, Matt Adair, Adam Gaines, Paul Davis, Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison.

Photo by Jeffry Burden



Independence Day Parade

The combined Allied Orders formation in the annual Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California again brought home several awards, as follows:

- Third Place — Drum Corps or Drum & Bell Corps**
- Second Place — Senior Drill or Tall Flags**
- First Place — Senior Color Guard**

Thank you to all that helped make the effort a success!



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

A very special thank you to all those who participated in, or visited, the information booth at Roaring Camp and all the Memorial Day ceremonies held at Oak Hill Cemetery.

I would encourage all of you to continue with your community service projects. At some time in the future I will ask for a report on these endeavors.

Reminders:

- June 18th — Auxiliary meeting in Santa Clara, California
- July 4th — Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California
- August 11-14 — National Encampment in Reston, Virginia
- Sept. 10th — Community Service Project with the Blue Star Moms (in place of our regular meeting)

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting and September service project.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President, Auxiliary No. 52



DEATH CALLS TWO AUXILIARY SISTERS

IRMA M. MARKUS of Selma, California died on April 12, 2011 at the age of 101. Irma was the grandmother of Sister **DEBRA EARL**.

EILEEN L. HUSTAD of Erskine, Minnesota died on July 30, 2011 at the age of 87. Eileen was the grandmother of Sister **RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP**.

Event Schedule

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

June 18, 2011

Camp Meeting
Santa Clara, California

July 4, 2011

Independence Day Parade
Redwood City, California

August 11-14, 2011

National Encampment
Reston, Virginia

September 17, 2011

Camp Meeting
Santa Clara, California

September 25, 2011

UVC Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony
San José, California

October 8-9, 2011

History Fest Monterey
Monterey, California

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

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

The Battle of Chantilly

After being defeated at the Battle of Bull Run, the Federal army retreated to positions near Centreville, Virginia. Confederate general Robert E. Lee, in an attempt to surround the Union army and block its retreat towards Washington, D.C., sent 20,000 men under Stonewall Jackson north and then east along the Little River Turnpike to get behind the Union position. Union General John Pope learned of this action, and sent about 6,000 men to intercept.

The two sides came into contact during the afternoon of September 1, 1862. The Confederate forces were on Ox Hill, alongside the Little River Turnpike, and the Union forces came from the south. A severe thunderstorm raged as each side attacked and counterattacked, and Union generals Stevens and Kearny were killed during the fighting. During a charge by the 79th New York Highlanders against Confederates massed in the woods, Stevens picked up the regiment's fallen colors and shouted, "Highlanders, my Highlanders, follow your general!" Within seconds, a Confederate bullet struck his head and he died instantly. After receiving a message from Gen. David B. Birney that there was a gap in the Union line, Kearny rode through a cornfield to reconnoiter. This brought him face to face with a line of Rebels, who shouted, "That's a Yankee officer! Shoot him!" Kearny ignored an order to halt and musket volley from the 49th Georgia regiment brought him down. By nightfall, neither side had broken through, and both fell back. The Union suffered approximately 1,300 casualties, with the Confederacy losing about 800.

The bulk of the Union army was able to retreat further east towards Washington, ending Lee's attempt to fully defeat the Union army and thus protecting the capital from attack, but it came at a cost of many casualties and two important generals lost. Lee instead turned to Maryland, and fought the Battle of Antietam sixteen days later.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 17, 2011 - 10 am
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Post 564, 2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

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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



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