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NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED

Camp Officers for 2012 were duly elected at the Camp meeting on November 5, 2011. Appointed officers will be announced by Commander-elect Marti and all officers installed at the annual installation banquet on January 21, 2012. The banquet will take place at the Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Avenue in San José beginning at 5:30 pm. Officers for the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary will also be installed during the event.



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Joseph C. Marti**



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COMMANDER'S CORNER



It has been another productive year for the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have participated in numerous events such as the Redwood City Fourth of July parade, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County Memorial Day activities, the Four Chaplains memorial service, the San Jose Veterans' Day parade, the Fort Mervine gathering as part of the Monterey History Fest, and Remembrance Day. Brothers have attended the Department Encampment in March, and the National Encampment in August. The end of our year saw Camp elections with the selection of a new Camp Commander. I thank you all for allowing me to command the Camp these past two years. I also want to thank you all for your support and enthusiasm during me term of office. The Camp prospers due to your efforts and support.



In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Thomas T. Graham
 Camp Commander

Sesquicentennial Letter from Lincoln

Executive Mansion
 Washington, D.C.
 Dec. 26, 1861

Brig. Genl. Burnside
 My dear Sir:

It is of great importance you should move as soon as possible. Are you ready? Genl. McClellan (who is sick) tells me you are. Is he or not mistaken? Is Goldsborough ready? If you both are, be off at once – if not, get ready, and be off. Consumption of time is killing us. Please answer by return mail.

Yours truly,

SUVCW Embroidered Patches

Small 2¹/₄ 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.

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The Camp and Auxiliary once again made a fine showing at the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José on November 11th. Bolstered by members of the American Civil War Associate, the combined entry was a real crowd pleaser, especially the firing detail before the reviewing stand.

Members of the Camp and Auxiliary also gathered at the G.A.R. Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on November 19th.

The annual event marks the anniversary of the 1863 dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, when President Lincoln delivered his famous *Gettysburg Address*.

Seen here are Bro. **JOHN STOLP** and Sis. **DIANE WETZEL** presenting the wreaths at Oak Hill.

Bro. **TAD CAMPBELL** also participated in the official national observance of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.



PASSAGES

- Brother **LYNN R. OWENS**, Commander of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, passed away on November 4, 2011 at the age of 67 years.
- Brother **THOMAS J. BROWN**, Past Commander of Lincoln Camp No. 10 passed away on November 14, 2011 at the age of 61 years.
- **ALBERT E. BUNNELL**, father of Past Department Commander **DANIEL M. BUNNELL**, passed away on November 28, 2011 at the age of 77 years.
- **RUBY PINKER**, mother-in-law of Past Commander-in-Chief **BRAD SCHALL**, passed away on December 4, 2011 at the age of 96 years.



The Camp and Auxiliary extend condolences to their families and friends.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

Thank you for having the faith and courage to elect me for another term as President.

What a great two years I have had as your President. I really appreciate all the support I have received from members of our Auxiliary. There have been so many highlights over the past two years including: Department Encampments, National Encampments, parades, service projects of various types, and information booths at Fresno, Fort Mervine (Monterey), Roaring Camp (Felton), Duncans Mills, Fort Point, etc.

A special thanks to Sister **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** for guiding me through the process of President. You were always available for me when I needed help, no matter what the situation entailed. Also, a very special thanks to my husband, **TOM**, for his wonderful support. Thank you Brother **TAD CAMPBELL** for helping me get articles ready for publication.

In Fraternity, Charity
& Loyalty,
Bev Graham
President, Auxiliary No. 52



Event Schedule

November 5, 2011

Camp Meeting & Elections
Santa Clara, California

November 11, 2011

Veterans Day Parade
Downtown San José, California

November 19, 2011

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

January 21, 2011

Installation Banquet
Three Flames Restaurant
San José, California

January 28, 2011

Fort Point Civil War
Sesquicentennial Event
Fort Point, San Francisco, California

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

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

150 Years Ago — 1861

November 1 – President Abraham Lincoln appoints George B. McClellan as commander of the Union Army, replacing the aged General Winfield Scott.

November 2 – Western Department Union General John C. Fremont is relieved of command and replaced by David Hunter.

November 6 – Jefferson Davis is elected president of the Confederate States of America.

November 7 – Battle of Belmont: In Belmont, Missouri, Union forces led by General Ulysses S. Grant overrun a Confederate camp but are forced to retreat when Confederate reinforcements arrive.

November 8 – Trent Affair: The *USS San Jacinto* stops the United Kingdom mail ship Trent and arrests two Confederate envoys, James Mason and John Slidell, sparking a diplomatic crisis between the U.K. and U.S.

November 21 – Confederate President Jefferson Davis appoints Judah Benjamin Secretary of War.

November 28 – Acting on the ordinance passed by the Jackson government, the Confederate Congress admits Missouri as the 12th Confederate state.

December 10 – Kentucky is accepted into the Confederate States of America.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 21, 2012 - 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Avenue, San José, California

Officers for 2011-2012

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 Musician James M. Welch

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 Trustee #3 Cynthia L. Eddy
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 Guide Kelsey Reynolds

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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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