

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

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*Recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award for Best Camp in the Nation!*

*Recipient of the Marshall Hope Award for Best Camp Newsletter in the Nation!*

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## FORT POINT SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT



The SUVCW Signature Sesquicentennial Event held at Fort Point National Site in San Francisco, California on January 28, 2012 was a huge success! The event, sponsored by the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, enjoyed exquisite weather, which helped boost the public turnout to well over 1,200!

Participants from Camp No. 4 included: SVC **STEVE AGUIRRE**, **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, Cmdr. **JOE MARTI**, and **STEVE WELCH PCC**.

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you once again for the trust you have placed in me by electing me your newest Camp Commander. In 2004 I joined Camp 4 full of expectation and anticipation, and was not disappointed. Not only are the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War a great, noble, and worthy organization, but also by serendipity I found myself in one of the most vibrant, productive, and active camps from sea to shining sea. I have been inspired and patiently helped along by the best this organization has to offer, and so I greet you now as your very grateful Commander for the following year. For that, I am truly thankful to you, my fellow brothers, and also to those who came before me and whose large shoes I will try my hardest to fill.

My sincere thanks go to **TOM GRAHAM**, who has carefully and charitably offered both his ears and his voice while I navigated my way through the ranks both at the camp and also the SVR. He has been indispensable and a constant ally.

You would think I was an imposter if I failed to thank **TAD** and **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** for their constant and supportive presence and **BOB KADLEC** for his wealth of knowledge and his eagerness to impart it.

I am also energized by the presence of "younger" members who have stepped up into the ranks and offered their time and talent for the future of the camp and to give its historically active members a moment to rest, namely **STEVE AGUIRRE**, **JOHN STOLP**, and **LINN MALAZNIK**.

This year is going to be truly a banner year for the camp. For the first time in several decades, a National Encampment is coming all the way to our lonely West Coast. It's only the third time it has been held in California since 1882, so we should really try to all go there for it and make a good showing. I feel it's the least we can do to honor the commitment our brothers traveling from afar to make the relatively short and easy journey in support of our camp, our department, and our state. Let's make a commitment to attend in large proportions and put our best foot forward!

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,*  
*Joseph C. Marti*  
Camp Commander



## Brother Campbell Announces Candidacy

Past Camp and Department Commander **TAD D. CAMPBELL** has officially announced his candidacy for the office of SUVCW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The election will take place during the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual National Encampment in Los Angeles, California in August 2012.

Anyone wishing to read Brother Campbell's letter of intent or review his qualifications may do so online at the following address:

<http://www.nhgenes.com/Campbell%20Candidacy.pdf>



Photo by Cher Petrovic



## Brother Malaznik Elected to State MOLLUS Office

At the annual meeting of the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), Camp 4 Brother **LINN W. MALAZNIK** was elected Vice Commander. MOLLUS is a hereditary organization made up of direct and collateral descendants of Union officers of the Civil War. Brother Malaznik traces his eligibility for membership to his great-great-granduncle Lieutenant Lewis William Talbott of the 47<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. The office of Vice Commander is second in command of the Commandery, which was founded in 1871 and currently serves the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Nevada and Washington.

**For more information on MOLLUS visit their website at:**

<http://suvchw.org/mollus/mollus.htm>



*At left:*  
Camp Commander Joseph C. Marti receives the badge of his new office from his wife Katie.

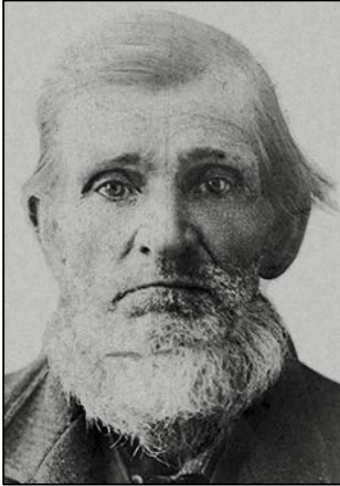
*Below:*  
Sister Beverly Graham pins the Past Camp Commander badge on her husband Thomas as Commander Marti looks on.



## ***Installation Banquet Three Flames Restaurant San José, California***



*At Right:*  
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52  
L-R: Bev Ferman, Tom Graham (Counselor),  
Bev Graham, Diane Wetzel, Debra Earl



## MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

**William Oakes**

**Co. H, 60th Enrolled Missouri Militia**

**Co. G, 5th Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia**

4 x great-grandfather of **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC**

3 x great-grandfather of **HOWARD D. CAMPBELL**

William Oakes was born in March 1823 in Virginia, probably Pittsylvania County, the son of John and Elizabeth (Bardin) Oakes. In the 1830s the family moved to upper middle Tennessee, settling in Overton and Fentress Counties. Around 1843 William married Malinda Wright, the daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Lamar) Wright.

In 1854 the family emigrated from Tennessee to Benton County, Arkansas, and settled in Osage Township where William followed agricultural pursuits. On September 15, 1859 William's wife Malinda died during childbirth at the age of 39. About 1860 he married secondly to Amanda Nichols, the daughter of Walter Nichols.

During the Civil War the State of Arkansas cast her lot with the Confederacy and seceded from the Union on May 6, 1861. While the majority of Benton County residents supported secession, many others remained loyal to the Union. Being a loyal citizen of the United States in Benton County could be uncomfortable at minimum, and dangerous at most. Many such residents legitimately feared for their lives. On New Year's Day 1863, the Oakes, Nichols and a number of other Unionist families secured a Federal escort of Missouri Militia and fled north as refugees into pro-Union Missouri. They settled in Henry County where they remained until after the war.

On August 10, 1862, at the age of nearly 40 years, William Oakes was enrolled as a Private in Company H of the 60th Enrolled Missouri Militia at Calhoun, Missouri. He was ordered into active service on June 23, 1863 and performed duty in the District of Central Missouri. On August 4, 1863 Private Oakes transferred into Company G of the 5th Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. This regiment was engaged as follows: in operations against the Confederate guerrilla leader William Quantrill and his Kansas raid from August 20 to 28, 1863; at Big Creek, near Pleasant Hill, Missouri, on August 22; near Hopewell, Missouri on August 25-26; in operations against Col. Joseph Shelby's "Great Raid" from September 22-October 26; at Johnstown, Missouri on October 16; and in Cedar County, Missouri on October 17th. Private Oakes was honorably discharged on November 27, 1863.

The Oakes remained in Missouri until the spring of 1866 when they moved back to Benton County, Arkansas. In 1868 William Oakes' Union loyalties were further confirmed when he named a son Abraham Lincoln Oakes.

After the war William returned to his quiet life as a farmer in Osage Township. Although an 1895 law qualified him for a Federal pension, no evidence has been found that he ever applied for one. William Oakes died on August 22, 1898 at the age of 75 years and was laid to rest beside his first wife in the Oakes Cemetery.

His second wife Amanda (Nichols) Oakes survived William until June 24, 1902 at the age of 66 and was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

During William's exile in Missouri, his son Alexander Oakes served as a Union Private in Company F of the 1st Arkansas Cavalry.



L-R: Tad Campbell, John Stolp, Linn Malaznik, Frank Avila, Tom Graham. Not pictured: Bob Kadlec.

## Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony

On February 11<sup>th</sup> the Camp once again participated in the American Legion's annual Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony at St. Francis Cabrini Church in San José, California.

The Four Chaplains were four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel during the sinking of the troop ship *USAT Dorchester* on February 3, 1943, 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.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

I would like to thank those Sisters and Brothers who came out to participate in our annual Installation Banquet. The excellent turnout showed great support for our 2012 slate of officers! The new location, the Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian Avenue in San José, worked out very well. Many participants remarked that the facility was the best we have used in a number of years.

We are all looking forward to another active and productive year. Don't forget our annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner on February 18th and the Department Encampment on March 9-10. I hope to see you all at both of these important and fun events!

In Fraternity, Charity  
& Loyalty,

*Bev Graham*

President, Auxiliary No. 52



# Event Schedule

## **January 21, 2012**

Installation Banquet  
Three Flames Restaurant  
San José, California

## **January 28, 2012**

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

## **February 11, 2012**

Four Chaplains Memorial Service  
St. Francis Cabrini Church  
San José, California

## **February 18, 2012**

Lincoln's Birthday Dinner  
Holder's Country Inn  
San José, California

## **March 9-10, 2012**

126<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment  
Camp San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo, 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?**

### ***150 Years Ago — 1862***

**January 6** – The Union assembles what has been described as “the first major amphibious force” in American history at Fort Monroe, Virginia. This is often referred to as the Burnside Expedition for its commander, Ambrose Burnside. The expedition with its 80 ships and 12,000 soldiers is aimed at the North Carolina coast.

**January 6** – Edwin Stanton becomes United States Secretary of War.

**January 10** – At a meeting with 2 of the generals of the Army of the Potomac (McClellan is down with typhoid fever), Lincoln remarks that if General McClellan doesn't want to use the army, he would “like to borrow it”. He is reflecting the widespread dissatisfaction of both officials and the public with the lack of progress made by McClellan.

**January 30** – The *USS Monitor* is launched. She is the first ironclad built for the U. S. Navy and also the first ship with a rotating central gun in her turret. The word “monitor” becomes a generic term to describe a broad class of ships in many navies.

**February 16** – General Ulysses Simpson Grant lays down terms for the Confederates besieged at Fort Donelson, Tennessee. “No terms except unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works.” The Confederates do surrender and he becomes known as “Unconditional Surrender” Grant.

**February 25** – Confederate forces leave Nashville, Tennessee, making the city the first Confederate capital to be occupied by the Union.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, February 18, 2012 - 5:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Lincoln Dinner – Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., San José, California

## Officers for 2012-2013

### Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

Commander ..... Joseph C. Marti  
 Senior Vice Commander ..... Stephen P. Aguirre  
 Junior Vice Commander ..... John E. Stolp  
 Secretary ..... Richard J. Ferman  
 Treasurer ..... Thomas T. Graham, PCC  
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 Council ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
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Patriotic Instructor ..... Linn W. Malaznik  
 Chaplain ..... Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC  
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 Counselor ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Guide ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 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. .... Vacant  
 Legislative Officer ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
 Musician ..... Christopher C. Avila  
 Musician ..... James M. Welch

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

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 Patriotic Instructor ..... Beverly A. Ferman  
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 Guide ..... Diane Wetzel  
 Inside Guard ..... Diane Wetzel

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



## Websites



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**SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific**  
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