



# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## “HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. PRESIDENT!”

On February 18, 2012 the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 hosted a party in honor of our 16th President's 203rd Birthday. President Lincoln was there in the form of the Camp's 2006 Abraham Lincoln Award Bust. The event was very well attended and included, in addition to the host organizations, members of Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23. At least two prospective members were present to check out the activities. Special guest speaker **JIM CAMPBELL**, an accomplished maritime artist, presented a number of his Civil War related works and answered questions about his methods and technical aspects of Civil War ships. Mr. Campbell generously donated some of his artwork to the Camp to be used for fundraising purposes.



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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

Ladies and Gentlemen,

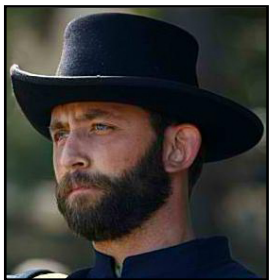
With the passage of the earth around the sun, certain rhythms are to be found in nature. Spring brings new life, the sun warms us in summer, fall begins applying the brakes, and winter reminds of the wasted opportunities of summer . . . and the Marti's move yet again. I know it's crazy. I don't know why either.

Nonetheless, as always, there is a reason. In this case, we are moving from a roughly 1,100 square foot house built in 1971 to one of about 3,000, built in 1890 and in great shape - all for roughly \$80 more per month. It's seen many a family do its worst, so we're happy to provide the pitter-patter of little feet once again on its well-trodden floors. It's a gorgeous house in a nice, quiet neighborhood and we hope and will endeavor to stay here for a long, long time.

Thank you for your patience and forgive us for requiring you to mark our address in pencil.

The details:

The Marti Family • 359 Linden Avenue • Auburn, CA 95603



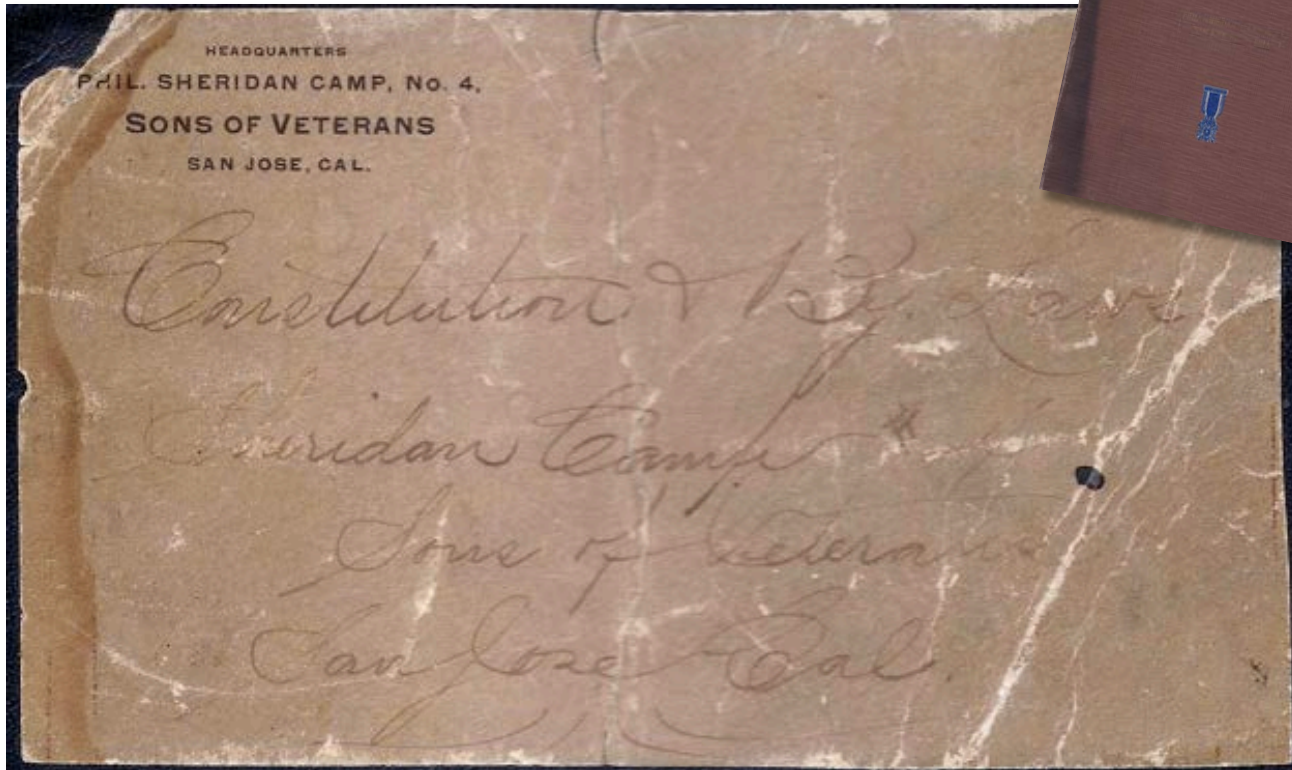
*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,*  
*Joseph C. Marti*  
 Camp Commander

P.S. The house is rumored to have the oldest toilet in Auburn, so come on by and have an historic flush anytime you're in town! Hurry, we might start charging admission!





# Historic Ledgers Returned to Camp



Through the diligent efforts of Commander **RICHARD T. BURNS** and Past Commander **RUDY E. VELASCO III** of the Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18 in Southern California, several historic ledgers have been located and returned to the Camp. Commander Burns made the formal presentation to Camp No. 4 Commander **JOSEPH C. MARTI** during the Annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California on March 10, 2012.

The records are intermittent, but range from around 1905 to the 1960s. Perhaps the most important documents are the Camp meeting minutes from February 1938 to December 1959 — over twenty-one years of Camp history that was previously thought to be lost. Among the most interesting entries is from January 1955 when it was noted that **CLARK D. SEUM** (1927-2007) was initiated as a new member, and immediately appointed Camp Chaplain. Past Department Commander **DONALD E. CHENEY** (1914-1999) is found to have been an officer of the Camp as early as 1941!

The ledgers are currently in the possession of Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** for digitization, extraction of information, and possible placement on the Camp website. They will be turned over to the Camp Historian at a later date for archiving.

We are indebted to our Brothers in Camp No. 18 for ensuring that these artifacts were returned to their proper home.

*Roster of Phil Sheridan Camp #4,  
January 1934.*

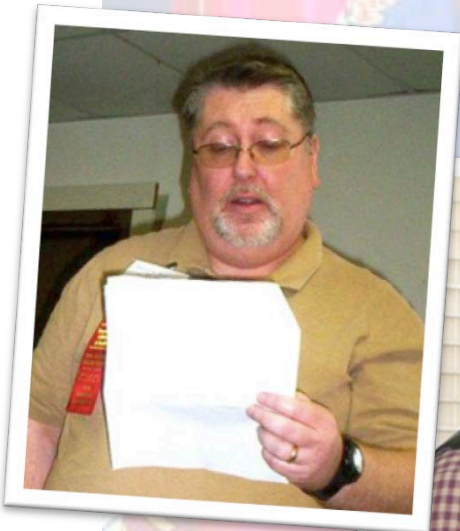
# Department Encampment Camp San Luis Obispo March 9-10, 2012



Above — Dept. Signals Officer Tad Campbell gives his report



Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer talks about the use of technology within the SUVCW as Dept. Commander Glen Roosevelt looks on.



Camp 4 Brothers present their reports:  
Left to right, Dan Earl, Tom Graham, and Joe Marti

*Photos courtesy of Bob Duncan, Alex Grzywacki, Tim Reese & Susan Cook.*





## MY CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR

### Harvey Hensel Company K, 98th Ohio Infantry

Great-great-granduncle of **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**

Harvey Hensel was born, July 9, 1846 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He was last of twelve children born to John and Rachel (Barton) Hensel. Both of Harvey's grandfathers served in the military, his paternal grandfather, Frederick Hensel, having been killed during the War of 1812, and his maternal grandfather, Eli Barton, having served during the American Revolution.

On July 28, 1862 he enlisted at New Philadelphia, Ohio as a Private in Company K, 98th Ohio Infantry. He was mustered into service on August 21st. At the time of his enlistment, Harvey Hensel was described as being five feet, four inches tall, of fair complexion, with blue eyes and fair hair. His occupation was listed as that of a farmer.

The regiment left Ohio for Camp Covington, Kentucky, where it received its arms, and then moved to Lexington. In October it marched on the Bardstown Turnpike and took a prominent part in the bloody battle of Perryville, losing 230 in killed and wounded.

From November 21-22, 1862 Pvt. Hensel was treated for measles, and from November 23-26 for debility. During the next year the regiment's operations were mostly in Tennessee. It participated in the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, losing 50 men killed and two taken prisoner.

On or about November 25, 1863, Hensel was wounded in the index finger by a musket ball, during fighting in the front of Chattanooga, Tennessee. His regiment next followed the Confederates up to Graysville, Georgia, where a brisk skirmish ensued on November 26th, resulting in a loss of five or six men killed and wounded.

They were with Sherman's army in the Atlanta Campaign, participating in the engagements at Buzzard Roost Gap, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, and Kennesaw Mountain, losing in the latter 34 men killed and wounded. It also lost several men in the battle of Peachtree Creek, July 7, 1864, and at Jonesboro, September 1, 1864, where it lost 41 killed and wounded.

It proceeded with Sherman's army in its march to the sea and up through the Carolinas and took part in the fierce fight at Bentonville, North Carolina, March 18-19, 1865.

At some point during his service, Harvey Hensel also contracted malaria fever, which resulted in disease of the head and spine, general prostration, and partial deafness, and was regularly treated with quinine for the rest of his life.

Private Hensel was honorably discharged at Washington, DC on June 1, 1865.

On March 20, 1871 he married Susan Ury, by whom he had four children: John, Ida May, Frederick M., and Hugh L.

After the war, Harvey Hensel lived in Ottawa, Ohio, where he was employed variously as a laborer, tanner, and painter. During the summer of 1889 was employed by the Columbus Ohio Buggy Company. He eventually moved to the city of Columbus, where he worked as a janitor. Harvey Hensel committed suicide on November 20, 1912, by ingesting carbolic acid.

His widow outlived Harvey by some thirty-eight years, passing away on March 31, 1941.



# National Encampment

The National Encampment of the Allied Orders is fast approaching! The event will be held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott on August 9-11, 2012, and celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last G.A.R. National Encampment in the Golden State. This is the first time the SUVCW National Encampment has been held in California since 1973 and it is not likely to be this close any time in the foreseeable future. *Please make your plans to attend!*



Information and registration forms are available on the Department website at:  
<http://www.suvcw.org/2012.html>



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters:

Thank you to those Sisters who attended the 101st Annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo! The Encampment was a huge success and went very smoothly.

We have quite a few Sisters who will be attending the National Encampment in Los Angeles in August, but we still have open Delegate seats. If you are interested in attending the National Encampment please advise Sister Rachelle Campbell or me. It is not likely that a National Encampment will be closer any time in the near future so I encourage everyone to attend!

In Fraternity, Charity  
& Loyalty,

*Bev Graham*

President, Auxiliary No. 52



# Event Schedule

## March 9-10, 2012

Annual Department Encampment  
Camp San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo, California

## May 5, 2012

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
American Legion Mission City Post 564  
Santa Clara, California

## May 26-27, 2012

Information Booth  
Roaring Camp Railroads  
Felton, California

## May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Ceremony  
Oak Hill Memorial Park  
San José, California

## June 16, 2012

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
American Legion Mission City Post 564  
Santa Clara, 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

**March 7-8** – Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas (alias Elkhorn Tavern). The Union victory is a key factor in deciding whether Missouri will remain in the Union or join the Confederacy.

**March 9** – Battle of Hampton Roads, Virginia between the ironclads USS *Monitor* and CSS *Virginia* (alias *Merrimack* or *Merrimac*).

**March 14** – Union victory at the Battle of New Bern, North Carolina. The town will be occupied by Union troops for the rest of the war.

**March 26-28** – At Glorieta Pass, New Mexico, Confederate forces reach the high point of their campaign to take control of the far West.

**April 4** – Yorktown, Virginia is besieged by Federal forces. The town's remaining Revolutionary defense lines from Washington's attack on the British army in 1783 are replaced with new fortifications.

**April 6** – Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee. With 100,000 troops involved, it was the largest battle in the Western hemisphere up to that time.

**April 10-11** – Union forces begin bombardment of Fort Pulaski which guards access to Savannah, Georgia. Using new rifled cannons, they breach the walls within 2 days. This advance in artillery ends the era of huge coastal forts; no more will be built.

**April 12** – Great Locomotive Chase or Andrews' Raid. Twenty Union soldiers led by James J. Andrews, and including Sgt. William Pittenger, steal a locomotive, the *General* at Big Shanty, Georgia. Their objective is to destroy bridges on the railroad connecting Chattanooga and Atlanta.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, May 5, 2012 - 10:00 am  
***LOCATION:*** Post 564 American Legion Hall, 2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, 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  
 Council ..... Rick T. LaRosa  
 Council ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 Council ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Patriotic Instructor ..... Linn W. Malaznik  
 Chaplain ..... Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC  
 Historian ..... John E. Stolp  
 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**

President ..... Beverly L. Graham, PAP  
 Vice President ..... Sharon Pope  
 Trustee #1 ..... Debra L. Earl  
 Trustee #2 ..... Beverly A. Ferman  
 Trustee #3 ..... Sharon Pope  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP  
 Patriotic Instructor ..... Beverly A. Ferman  
 Chaplain ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDC  
 Press Correspondent ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDC  
 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*



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

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

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