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PERENNIAL ROARING CAMP EVENT

A HUGE SUCCESS!



A fascinated public crowds around the SUCVW booth

While the Camp has maintained an official presence at the event every year since 2003, this year's displays and participation were by far the most extensive!

The hundreds of members of the public who filed through the booth were educated on the SUCVW and GAR, Civil War weapons and medical equipment, and the Civil War in general. A number of prospective new members were also identified.

Excellent press coverage was received in the *San Jose Mercury News*, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, and on television station KSBW-8. Past Department President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** received considerable footage during an interview with Channel 8's Tom Miller, and the SUCVW booth was shown several times as well. The segment featuring Rachelle can be viewed at the following link:

[Click Here to View KSBW-8 Segment](http://www.ksbw.com/news/central-california/hollister-gilroy/Civil-War-reenactment-held-in-Felton-for-Memorial-Day-/5738758/14239790/-/yacb48z/-/index.html)

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

The French Connection

It may come as a surprise to some that the origin of many of the tactics and look of the Civil War was drawn from the example of the French. Before they were generally regarded as inept at carrying out military victories, France long enjoyed a place of prominence in the eyes of forward thinking professional soldiers throughout the world.

One example that students of the war would recognize is the influence of Napoleonic battlefield tactics, namely the concept of 'turning' an army, or trying to attack the flanks and thereby putting the opposing army off balance and securing a victory.

Another influence that is readily grasped is in the uniforms of the Civil War. The French influence can be seen in many aspects of that classic 'American' uniform, items like the kepi (and later the shako), the frock coat, and of course, the distinctive uniform of the Zouaves.

Another custom we have borrowed from the French seems to have originated in its current form near the turn of the 20th century, and it persists in many corners of our society today. It is a courtesy considered *de riguer* (no pun intended) in polite society and for those who have ever planned an event, is a box, when left unchecked, that can lead to great anxiety.

This societal nicety is fully spelled out as '*Repondez S'il Vous Plait*', which translates as 'reply if you please'. Most people recognize it from its acronym, 'R.S.V.P.' To reply to an invitation is important from a practical point of view, because the organizers need to know how many people to count on. More important, though, is the simple courtesy of responding to someone, even if it is to say that you regret that you will not be able to attend.

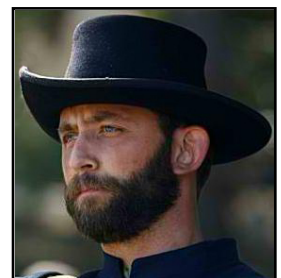
History aside, let us turn our attention to recent and upcoming events. Our annual participation in the Oak Hill Cemetery Memorial Day Commemoration was a great event, as always. It was further enhanced by the assiduous and capable work of Brother **JOHN STOLP, JVC**, who labored to create a 'new/old' ceremony, portions of which were adapted from services, for use of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued November 1st, 1909.

Brother **TAD CAMPBELL, PDC**, and **RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP**, spearheaded the annual event at Roaring Camp to great success and were helped by a number of other brothers, all deserving of thanks.

Our camp also sent a small detachment of four brothers (Brothers **RICHARD STALEY, LINN MALAZNIK, LORNE MARMET**, and Camp Commander **JOSEPH MARTI**) on Sunday, May 27th to participate in the City of San Mateo's "Operation Eagle Visit", commemorating the 40th anniversary of the return of Company A, 101st Airborne, to a hero's welcome. Participating in this one-time event was a great honor and privilege to those few who attended.

Looking forward, please mark your calendars and fly the flag on **Flag Day, June 14th**, and make plans to attend our **Camp Meeting on June 16th at 10:00 a.m.** Thank you all for your continued dedication to our cause.

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



ROARING CAMP

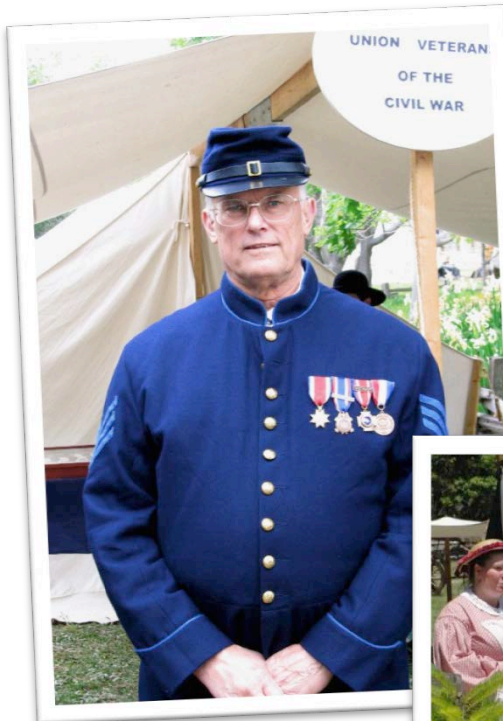
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This was probably the highest level of participation in the nine years the Camp has been active at the event! SUVCW involvement included Camp 4 Brothers **STEVE AGUIRRE**, **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **DAN BUNNELL PDC**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, **DAN EARL PCC**, **DICK FERMAN**, **TOM GRAHAM PCC**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **LINN MALAZNIK**, **LORNE MARMET**, and **BILL POPE**; Camp 10 Brothers **KEVIN COYNE**, **GARRETT HASSLINGER**, **TIM REESE PCC**, and Camp Commander **CHRIS TITTLE**; and Camp 24 Brothers **KEN FELTON**, **PAUL HILLAR**, and **CHARLIE MABIE PDC**. Auxiliary 52 Sisters participating included **RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP**, **BEV FERMAN**, **BEV GRAHAM PAP**, **KATHY MABIE**, **GAIL MARMET**, and **SHARON POPE**.

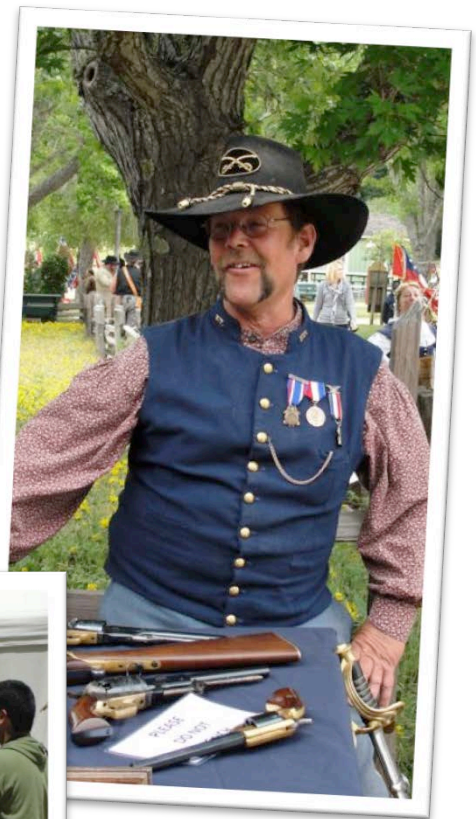
Rounding out the group were **BILL** and **SUE COLE**, friends of the Mabies, who normally "reenact" with the Society for Creative Anachronism (Middle Ages and Renaissance). Bill used his Dutch oven cooking skills to keep the participants well fed. A big "Thank You" to all those that helped in the effort!



PDC Dan Bunnell & PCC Frank Avila



Linn Malaznik



Paul Lavrischeff



Rachelle Campbell is interviewed by KSBW-8's Tom Miller

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

At the May 5, 2012 meetings of the Camp and Auxiliary two new members were initiated! **LORNE A. MARMET** of Sunnyvale, California bases his right to membership on his ancestor Seaman David L. Bass (1842-1886). While serving aboard the USS *Minnesota* Seaman Bass participated in the assault on Fort Fisher, North Carolina and received the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Lorne's wife **GAIL MARMET** joined the Auxiliary as well and both were already active participants in the combined SUVCW/ASUVCW efforts over the Memorial Day weekend.

WELCOME ABOARD!



CAMP BROTHERS PARTICIPATE IN CINCO DE MAYO SESQUICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES IN MEXICO

The United States was proudly represented by a delegation lead by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) during the sesquicentennial observance of the Cinco de Mayo Battle of Puebla in Mexico on May 5, 2012. The contingent participated at the invitation of Puebla State Education Secretary Luis Maldonado on behalf of C. Rafael Moreno Valle, Governor of the State of Puebla.

It is a little known fact in both Mexico and the United States that the 1862 Battle of Puebla, Mexico had a significant impact on our American Civil War. Some historians have argued that France's real goal with its 1860s excursion into Mexico was to help break up the United States, in the midst of its Civil War, by helping the Confederacy. However, the Mexican victory at Puebla derailed Napoleon III's time table and denied him the opportunity to continue to supply the Confederacy, thus allowing the United States to eventually build the greatest army the world had ever seen. The United States, in turn, helped the Mexican struggle with President Lincoln's formal recognition of President Juarez's government, sending him arms and money and eventually, through President Johnson (following the end of our Civil War), by authorizing General Philip Sheridan to take to the Texas - Mexico border 50,000 Union Army volunteers, known as the American Legion, to threaten the French and to help President Juarez and the Mexican people reclaim their country.

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The nineteen-person MOLLUS delegation, which was the guest of the Mexican government, was composed of representatives of MOLLUS, SUVCW, 4th Texas and 7th Michigan reenactors including MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief **JEFFRY BURDEN**, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

KINNY POST, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **JIM SIMMONS**, Chancellor-in-Chief **ERIC ROJO**, and Companions **LEE STONE**, **PETER DIXON** and wife **JOAN**, **LINN MALAZNIK** (Camp 4) and wife **MARIA**, **ADAM GAINES** (Camp 4), and **WILL TISCH** (Camp 21); MOLLUS and SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief **KEITH HARRISON** and SUVCW members **EUGENE MORTORFF**, **TOM HELMANTOLER** (Camp 21), **MACE** and **JAMIN GJERMAN** (Camp 23); reenactors **JOHN FROSS** and **TONY COBB**; and Lincoln impressionist **MICHAEL KREBS**. The participants came from California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, and Canada.



The MOLLUS/SUVCW representatives were treated to meals, tours of Puebla, and a gala concert and state dinner attended by Mexican President Juan Calderon, and numerous other dignitaries.

The section of the parade with the MOLLUS marching contingent was composed of about 100 teens dressed as paperboys announcing the results of the battle and its significance to Mexico, the Confederacy, the Union, and Presidents Lincoln and Juarez. That was followed by about twenty middle school girls carrying banners with pictures of Lincoln and Juarez. Following the kids were Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by screen and television celebrity Michael Krebs) and Will Tisch and Eugene Mortorff, serving as guards for the President. This was followed Keith Harrison leading the seven man color guard composed of Linn Malaznik, Lee Stone, Tom Helmantoler, Mace Gjerman, Jamin Gjerman, John Fross, and Tony Cobb (Adam Gaines succumbed to the high altitude of Puebla and could not march).

The parade was two miles in length with one very steep climb. The participants were very well received by an enthusiastic and very large crowd, containing close to a million spectators! The contingent represented the United States well as they marched by and presented honors to the Mexican President and Puebla Governor, their cabinets, the Mexican military, and other dignitaries.

On Sunday morning they attended a special meeting of Puebla City Government to acknowledge their participation in the Cinco de Mayo commemoration and to receive a special presentation from the Mayor and City Council of Puebla. Each person was provided with a beautiful certificate as "*Visitante Distinguida En el marco de los festejos por el 150 Aniversario de la Batalla del 5 del Mayo en Puebla.*" Following the ceremony, they were whisked off to the Puebla bus station for a two-hour bus trip to the Mexico City airport and connections to their various flights home.

Memorial Day at Oak Hill



Each year, on the Monday designated by the Government as Memorial Day, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) conducts a public ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. Local Boy and Girl Scouts place 3,600 American flags at the headstones of veterans of all wars in six burial plots: the Veteran's Plot, Field of Honor Plot, Spanish American War Plot, two Civil War Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Plots and Women's Relief Corps GAR Auxiliary Plot.

The Camp and Auxiliary once again participated in the UVC Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Plot on May 28th, which included the posting of colors, placing of wreaths, a rifle salute and playing of Taps. Numerous dignitaries were also present to bring greetings and proclamations. The Camp Colors were posted by Brothers **FRANK AVILA PCC** and **DAN EARL PCC**, and Camp Commander **JOE MARTI** and Auxiliary President **BEV GRAHAM** presented the wreath on behalf of the Civil War. Brother **RICHARD STALEY** and Sister **DIANE WETZEL** presented the floral tribute to Decoration Day. Brothers **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** and **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, in period uniforms representing the Spanish-American War, both posted the colors of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and presented the wreath for that conflict.

After the main ceremony at the Veteran's Plot, the Sons and Auxiliary moved to the GAR and United Spanish War Veterans (USWA) plots for a second ceremony. Led by Commander Marti, a modified ritual was followed as members of the public watched with interest. Flag detail was performed by **FRANK AVILA PCC** and **TOM GRAHAM PCC** at the GAR Plot and by **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** and **TAD CAMPBELL PDC** at the USWA Plot. Wreaths were presented by Brothers **LORNE MARMET** and **RICHARD STALEY**. Musician duties were performed by Brother **DICK FERMAN**. Sincere appreciation is extended to Brother **JOHN STOLP** for his labors at coordinating the event.

Memorial Day Memories



TOP ROW, L-R — 1) Dan Earl & Frank Avila post colors; 2) Joe Marti & Bev Graham present the Civil War wreath; 3) Paul Lavrischeff & Tad Campbell present the Spanish-American War wreath.

MIDDLE ROW, L-R — 1) Diane Wetzel & Richard Staley present the Decoration Day Tribute; 2) Dick Ferman; 3) Richard Staley reads General Order No. 11 as Joe Marti looks on. Frank Avila & Tom Graham are at their posts in background.

BOTTOM ROW, L-R — 1) Lorne Marmet presents the wreath at the GAR plot; 2) Tad Campbell & Paul Lavrischeff perform flag detail at the USWV Plot.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Our National Encampment in August will be here before you know it and this is an exciting time! There has not been one in California since the early 1970s, so everyone should plan to take part! In addition to attending, there are several ways you can participate. Camps, Auxiliaries and individuals can place "ads" in the official Encampment program honoring your Order or remembering an ancestor. Souvenir t-shirts are now available and can be worn anytime. Forms for these opportunities and more are available on the 2012 Encampment website (see below).

For the ladies, Sister Rachelle Campbell is now producing an Auxiliary polo and cardigan. These high quality shirts feature the Auxiliary crest in brilliant color. Please contact Sister Rachelle if you are interested.

In Fraternity, Charity
& Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President, Auxiliary No. 52



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 100th 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>

Event Schedule

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 27, 2012

Downtown San Mateo Parade
San Mateo, California

May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Ceremonies
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

June 16, 2012

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

July 4, 2012

Independence Day Parades
Redwood City & Monterey, 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 — 1862

May 1 – Union commander Benjamin Butler and 5,000 troops occupy New Orleans. There is no resistance.

May 24 – A telegraph wire several miles long is run between the headquarters of General McClellan and his advance guard, the first time this has been done.

May 31 - June 1 – The battle of Seven Pines (also known as Fair Oaks) begins in Virginia as the Union Army of the Potomac under Gen. McClellan tries to reach Richmond. Fighting each other to a standstill, both sides claim victory.

June 1 – At the Battle of Seven Pines (also known as Fair Oaks) in Virginia, Thaddeus Lowe, the U. S. Army's balloon commander, manages to get a balloon, the *Intrepid*, into the air despite many problems. Desperate to inflate a balloon more quickly than in the hour needed by his hydrogen generators, he uses a camp kettle with its bottom cut out as a pipe to move gas from another balloon to the *Intrepid*. This takes only 15 minutes, which he later values at "a million dollars an minute." His observations of the enemy's movements keep the isolated army of General Samuel P. Heintzelman from being cut off.

June 26-30 – Robert E. Lee begins an attack against the Union Army of the Potomac that will become known as the Seven Days Battles.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 16, 2012 - 10:00 am
LOCATION: Post 564 American Legion Hall, 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



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<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

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