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HOME DEPARTMENT HOSTS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT!



For the first time in 39 years, the Department of California and Pacific was honored to host the annual National Encampments of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Encampments took place at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott on August 9-11, 2012. All of the Allied Orders were present with the exception of the Woman's Relief Corps, which was previously committed to meet in Springfield, Illinois.



The newly elected and appointed SUCVW National Officers

(photo by Cher Petrovic)

The strong Camp No. 4 contingent consisted of **TODD ARMSTRONG, CHRIS AVILA, FRANK AVILA, DAN BUNNELL, TAD CAMPBELL, DAN EARL, DEAN ENDERLIN, JOE FERMAN, DICK FERMAN, ADAM GAINES, TOM GRAHAM, BOB KADLEC, RICK LAROSA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, LINN MALAZNIK, JOE MARTI, and DAVE SCHLEETER**. There were actually more Camp Brothers in attendance than the number of delegates allotted to the entire Department!

Auxiliary No. 52 members in attendance included **RACHELLE CAMPBELL, DEBBIE EARL, CINDY EDDY, BEV FERMAN, BEV GRAHAM, KATHY MABIE, and ROBYN REESE**.

These numbers are even more impressive when one considers the travel involved. The distance from the base of the Camp to the Encampment hotel is equivalent to driving from Baltimore, Maryland to either Providence, Rhode Island or Cleveland, Ohio. Many Camp and Auxiliary members travelled even farther!

The following highlights of the SUVCW business sessions were compiled by James B. Pahl, PCinC:

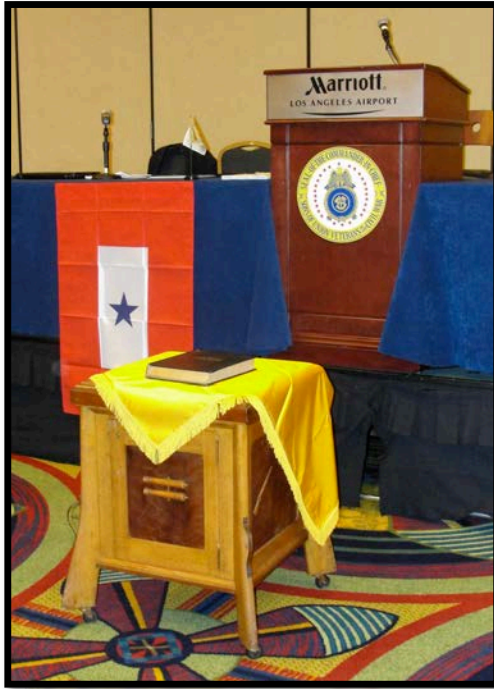
- Ninety-nine brothers were present on the floor of the National Encampment at the time the doors were closed for election of National Officers.
- **PERLEY MELLOR** of the Department of Massachusetts was elected Commander-in-Chief.
- **KEN FRESHLEY** of the Department of Ohio was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
- **TAD CAMPBELL** of the Department of California and Pacific was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
- National Council of Administration: **STEVE HAMMOND** of the Department of the Chesapeake was reelected to a three-year term, and **DON SHAW** of the Department of Michigan was elected for a three-year term to the position vacated by Tad Campbell.

- A new Life Member Program was adopted, creating five brackets. There is no payout to the Camps, however, the plan allows for interest and principal payments to National's General fund of \$23.00 per year. The breakdown is as follows:

Age under 40 = \$1,000.00	Age 61 to 70 = \$300.00
Age 41 to 50 = \$700.00	Age 71+ = \$200.00
Age 51to 60 = \$500.00	

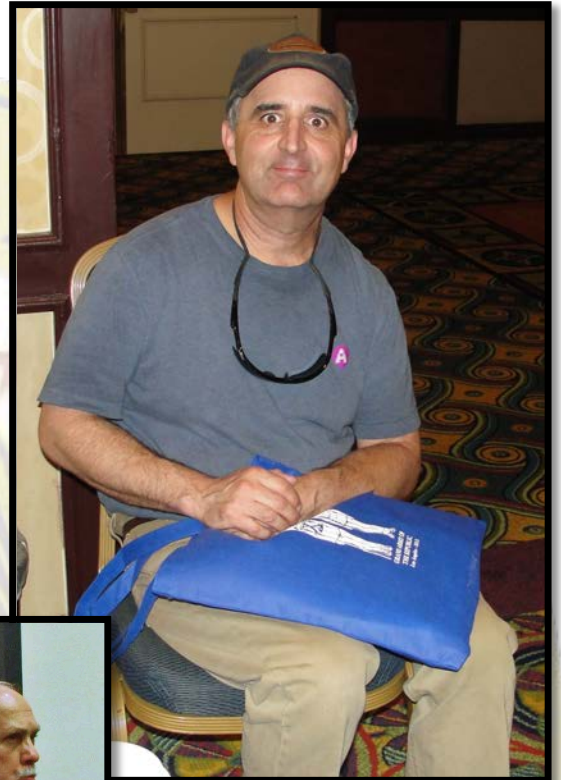
- The Ritual was amended to allow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to render a hand salute rather than removing the hat or cap during the playing of the National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.
- A special committee was formed for the purpose of examining the proposed fundraising plan submitted by Glenn Knight PDC, consider other options and recommend a plan at the 132nd National Encampment.
- The Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to develop a visual/audio program for Camps and Departments was approved. Memorial University is to be redesigned to a simpler, more user-friendly format.
- The National Civil War Memorials Committee is almost ready to place their new database online.
- The National Organization relinquished any claim they might have upon the published works of the Grand Army of the Republic contained in the HathiTrust Digital Library and requested the HathiTrust Digital Library open said works up for access by the general public.
- A proposal to waive National Per Capita dues for a dual member for other than his primary Camp was resoundingly defeated.
- A new GAR Records Project Plan was adopted, which includes: consolidating information into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, expanding the spreadsheets to allow for additional information, converting those spreadsheets into a web-ready format, placing this data into a separate internet domain specifically for the GAR Records Project, launching a new GAR Records Project information web site and standardizing forms for public use in submitting information on the whereabouts of GAR records.
- Approved the purchase of a commercial pop-up tent to be donated to the Lincoln Monument Association, for use during ceremonies at the Lincoln tomb during inclement weather.

National Encampment 2012



The Camp provided the antique altar from Palo Alto's McKinley Post No. 187, G.A.R. for the SUVCW's National Encampment meeting room.

Bro. Rick LaRosa



Delegates listen intently during the business session, L-R: Adam Gaines, Dan Bunnell, Rick LaRosa, Dan Earl, Jerry Sayre, Tad Campbell, and Glen Roosevelt.

The Color Guard was ably led by Commander Joe Marti

L-R: Ron Cannon, Dave Schleeter, Tim Reese, Paul Lavricheff, and Joe Marti

(Photo by Cher Petrovic)



CAMP PRODUCES JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ORDER

Camp 4 Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** was unanimously elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW at the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles on August 11, 2012.

Brother Campbell has been an active member of the Camp since he joined in 1997 and has served in nearly every elective and appointive office in the Camp, including two terms as Camp Commander. He was thrice elected Commander of the Department of California and Pacific and recently completed a three-year term on the National Council of Administration (COA).

In addition to remaining a voting member of the COA, Brother Campbell's duties in his new office will mostly be dealing with membership and recruitment.

This is the highest known office attained by a member of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 since it was chartered in 1897.



JVC-in-C Tad Campbell
(photo by Cher Petrovic)

CAMP HOLDS SPECIAL CAMP MEETING

The first known Special Meeting of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 at the Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2011 Naglee Avenue in San José, California. The meeting was called with due notice by Commander **JOSEPH C. MARTI**, with the concurrence of the elected officers of the Camp, for the express purpose of voting on the membership of candidates Armstrong, Marmet, and Sanders. The Special Meeting was very well attended and all three candidates were present. It was called to order by Senior Vice Commander **STEPHEN P. AGUIRRE**, acting in Commander Marti's absence, who excused the candidates from the meeting at the appropriate point. All three were unanimously elected into membership and were brought back into the room and duly initiated by SVC Aguirre. The Special Meeting was then closed and the attendees enjoyed pizza and camaraderie with their new Brothers.

TODD R. ARMSTRONG
San Francisco, California

Lt. Col. James E. Dougherty
162nd Ohio Infantry

Pvt. William T. Dougherty
104th Ohio Infantry

EDWARD L. MARMET
Sunnyvale, California

Seaman David L. Bass
USS *Minnesota*

MICHAEL C. SANDERS
San José, California

Pvt. John Ganey
9th New Hampshire Infantry



Independence Day Events

The Camp and Auxiliary really rallied this year, coming out in force to expand their patriotic participation by taking part in two separate parades, nearly 100 miles apart from each other!

• Redwood City

The Camp's officially sanctioned event was the Peninsula Celebration Association's Independence Day Parade in Redwood City. This annual parade is among the largest in Northern California.

Participants included Camp No. 4's **STEVE AGUIRRE, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, ED MARMET, LORNE MARMET, JOE MARTI, & STEVE**

WELCH, and Auxiliary No. 52's **GAIL MARMET**. The contingent was rounded out by members of the American Civil War Association. The combined force proudly took home the following awards: Second Place - Drum Corps or Drum & Bell Corps; First Place - Senior Color Guard.

• Monterey

The second event in which members of the Camp and Auxiliary participated was the 4th of July Parade in downtown Monterey, California. Although not an officially sanctioned Camp event, a number of Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 members travelled to Monterey to help support Lincoln Camp No. 10. This parade had not been held in many years and it was a great opportunity to help a neighboring Camp and promote awareness of our Orders.

Participants included: Camp No. 4's **FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL, DAN EARL, TOM GRAHAM, & BOB KADLEC**, Camp No. 10's **TIM REESE & GARRETT HASSLINGER**, Camp No. 24's **CHARLIE MABIE**, and Auxiliary No. 52's **RACHELLE CAMPBELL, BEV GRAHAM, and KATHY MABIE**, along with guests **EMELIA CAMPBELL** and the Mabie dog "**VLAD THE INHALER**".



Huzzah to the Camp and Auxiliary for these patriotic efforts!



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Well . . . we did it! The several years of planning and hard work paid off with a well-run National Encampment in Los Angeles on August 9-11, 2012. Although the economy and distance from the East Coast cut back on attendance, those who made the effort to come were not disappointed. Folks had a great time and much good work and camaraderie was accomplished.

Some highlights:

The new Junior Membership Program passed, which will give increased opportunities for participation and learning to our youngest members.

The Press Correspondent will now be the

permanent chair of the Publicity Committee. Sisters now have the option of wearing white dresses *or white pants* on the floor of the Encampment. The proceedings will now be producing digitally, thus saving money and making distribution more efficient. The Rituals are in the process of being updated and reprinted.

The Department of California and Pacific is now well represented at the National level, with **TRICIA BURES** as National Secretary, **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** as National Chaplain, and **MELINIE CAINES** as a member of the National Council.



Members of the California & Pacific Delegation: L-R, Bev Ferman, Cali Debevoise, Elaine Christian, Eileen Tisch, Kathy Mabie, Katherine Cannon, Bav Graham, Ann Schleeter, Susan Sweet, Cindy Eddy, Mary Lou Christian, Sherry Lopez, Tricia Bures, and Melinie Caines.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President, Auxiliary No. 52



Event Schedule

July 4, 2012

Independence Day Parade
Redwood City, California

July 21, 2012

Special Camp Meeting
San José, California

August 9-11, 2012

National Encampment
Los Angeles, California

September 15, 2012

Camp Meeting
Santa Clara, California

October 13-14, 2012

Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment *
Monterey, California

* Official SUVCW Signature Sesquicentennial Event.
Sponsored by Lincoln Camp No. 10

November 3, 2012

Camp Meeting & Election of Officers
Santa Clara, California

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

www.suvsac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

150 Years Ago – 1862

July 1 – Battle of Malvern Hill, the last of the Seven Days' Battle. The Confederates suffered more than 5,300 casualties without gaining an inch of ground. Despite his victory, Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan withdrew to entrench at Harrison's Landing on the James River, where his army was protected by gunboats, ending the Peninsula Campaign.

July 2 – Lincoln issues a call for 300,000 three-year enlistments.

July 11 – President Lincoln names Henry Halleck General-in-Chief.

July 12 – Congress authorizes the Medal of Honor for gallantry in action for non-commissioned officers and privates.

July 14 – U.S. Senate passes a bill creating West Virginia.

August 2 – The U. S. Congress passes the first federal income tax, 3% on earnings greater than \$800 dollars.

August 14 – Under orders from Halleck, McClellan withdraws from the Peninsula.

August 22 – General Benjamin Butler authorizes the enlistment of "free Negroes".

August 28 – The Federal Bureau of Printing and Engraving begins operations.

August 28-30 – Second Battle of Bull Run. Gen. Pope blamed the Union defeat on Gen. Fitz John Porter, who Pope believed had failed to carryout orders. Porter was cashiered and not vindicated until 1886, but Pope himself was never again trusted with field command.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 15, 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
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 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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 Trustee #2 Beverly A. Ferman
 Trustee #3 Sharon Pope
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 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 through whom membership is claimed has, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States.



Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

<http://www.suvsac.org/aux/aux52.html>

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