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Union Occupation of Fort Mervine



Representatives of five SUVCW Camps and three Auxiliaries

L-R: Emelia Campbell, Garrett Hasslinger, Tad Campbell, Dan Earl, Kevin Coyne, Phil Caines, Melinie Caines, Frank Avila, Susan Sweet, Tim Reese, Rachele Campbell, Paul Lavrischeff, Cindy Eddy, Dean Enderlin, Ken Felton.

This highly successful Sesquicentennial Signature Event in Monterey, California took place on October 12-14, 2012 and was sponsored by Lincoln Camp No. 10.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dear Brothers —

Autumn is upon us once again, and while the rest of the world is regrouping and slowing down from what was likely one of the busiest times of the year, we in Camp 4 are showing no signs of slowing down. With November comes not one, not two, but three big Camp events that are all very important.

Our November 3rd meeting is a big one as we are conducting our annual elections. The opportunity is there for those who have heretofore stood back to come to the forefront and raise their hand to serve. The Camp depends on its members taking their turns at the wheel. This enables us to grow and evolve, and also relieves the pressure of those who we have always depended upon to shoulder the greater burdens. Don't be shy!

Sunday, November 11th is Veterans Day, of course, and as usual Co. C members and friends will be assembling for what has long been a favorite, the [San Jose Veterans Day Parade](#). The opening ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. and we step off at noon. Remember to tell your friends to come and join us in Union uniform and thrill the parade goes as we fire off our traditional volley at the review stand of this, the largest Veterans Day parade in Northern California. More details to follow.

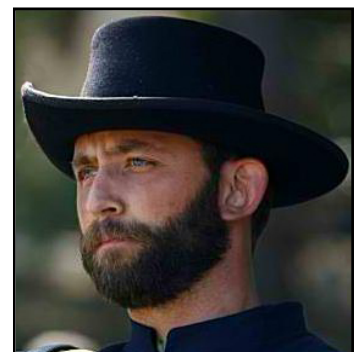
The following Saturday on November 17th is our annual commemoration of the first recitation of the Gettysburg Address on [Remembrance Day](#). Once again we will assemble at Oak Hill Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss more at our November 3rd meeting.

As always, thank you all for your dedication to our collective cause. Our Camp's strength in the Department and the National Organization is a direct result of you and your commitment to keep moving ahead. Please continue to help us by attending our events and pitching in where you find a need. It's an honor to serve you and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

J.C. Marti

*Commander
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*



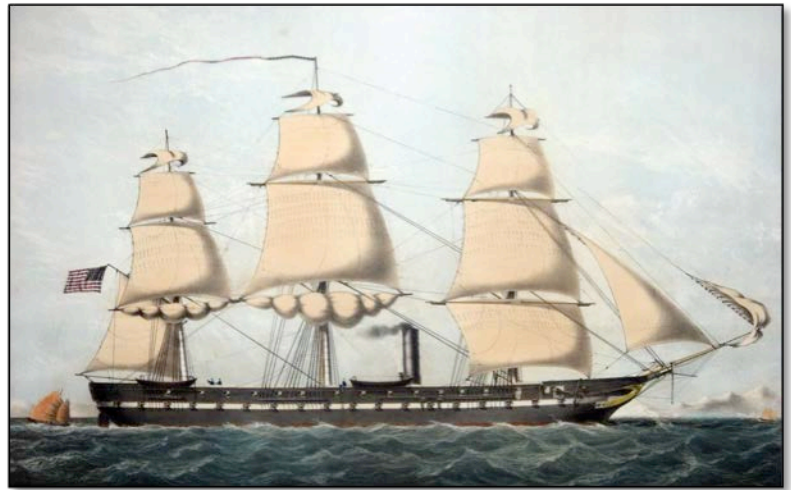
VETERANS REMEMBRANCE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, November 3, 2012

1 pm to 4 pm

The Symposium, which is sponsored by the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society (SCCHGS) will be composed of three organizations, each of which will make presentations in order. Each presentation will begin and end with a uniformed color guard presentation:

1. **The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)** speaker will give a thirty-minute lecture on "Soldiers in the American Revolution."
2. **The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)** speaker (**BROTHER LORNE MARMET**) is a descendent of a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient and will give a thirty-minute presentation on his ancestor's experiences during his tour of duty aboard the *USS Minnesota*.
3. **The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC)** presentation will include UVC members discussing their military service and invited audience participation to educate guests on past and current events.

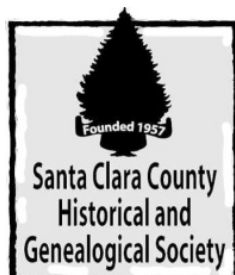


The *USS Minnesota* – from an 1857 lithograph

Each organization will have displays and literature, as well as representatives available to discuss the history of and benefits of membership in each of organization.

Santa Clara Central Park Library
Redwood Room — 1st Floor
2635 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95051

1:00 pm
Refreshments will be served
1:15 pm
SCCHGS Board Meeting & Program



Meetings of the SCCHGS are free and open to the public!

SCCHGS Website: <http://www.scchgs.org>

Fort Mervine

*Official Sesquicentennial Signature Event
Lower Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, California
October 12-14, 2012*



At left: Frank Avila PCC talks to the public



Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Established December 4, 1897 in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.



THE FORT MERVINE EVENT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY EXCELLENT WEATHER AND INTERESTED CROWDS.

*At left:
Rachelle Campbell PDP and
Daniel Earl PCC*



*At right:
Frank Avila PCC and
Tad Campbell PDC*



*At left:
The crowd watches as the firing
detail prepares to give a demonstra-
tion of Civil War firepower.*



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters —

As we near the end of the year I want to express my gratitude to each of you for the support you have given me. While I have enjoyed my time as Auxiliary President, I look forward to passing the honor of leadership to another Sister. With that in mind, please remember that we will be electing new officers at our November 3rd meeting. All offices are up for election and appointment. If you are interested in any office, please let us know.

*A special meeting of the National Council has been called by the National President and will take place in Gettysburg over Remembrance Day weekend (November 17th) to discuss unfinished business from the National Encampment, including this year's budget. At least three Sisters from California will be in attendance, including Council member **Melinie Caines**, National Secretary **TRICIA BURES**, and National Chaplain **Rachelle Campbell**. The meeting is open to all Sisters in good standing.*

While in Gettysburg our California contingent will be receiving the new Department flag. The Department has been without a flag for as long as any current members can recall. It is hoped that our Sisters will be able to borrow a flagpole in Gettysburg so that they can carry the flag on our behalf in the annual Remembrance Day Parade.

Dues notices will be going out soon. If you would like to make an extra donation to help defray the cost of the new Department Flag, feel free to do so and indicate the same with your dues submission.

I look forward to seeing you all at our several upcoming events: Auxiliary Meeting on November 3rd, followed by the Veterans Symposium event at the Santa Clara Library on the same date; the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José; and the local Remembrance Day observances at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on November 17th.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Bev Graham

President, Auxiliary No. 52



Event Schedule

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

November 3, 2012

Veterans Remembrance Symposium
Santa Clara, California
(see page 3 for details)

November 11, 2012

Veterans Day Parade
San José, California

November 17, 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

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

www.suvcw.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

150 Years Ago – 1862

September 17 – The battle at Antietam (aka Sharpsburg), Maryland is a Union victory, but the cost on both sides is immense. Among the casualties is Pennsylvania drummer boy Charley King, age 13, believed to be the youngest soldier on either side to die from combat wounds. Arriving at the battlefield of Antietam during this bloodiest day in American history, a young woman brings a wagonload of supplies for treating the wounded and offers her services as a volunteer. At one point, as she raises a soldier's head to give him a drink of water, a bullet goes through her dress and kills the soldier. Two days after the battle she collapses from lack of sleep and typhoid fever. Her name was Clara Barton.

September 22 – Lincoln issues a preliminary "emancipation proclamation", declaring that slaves in any area still in rebellion on January 1, 1863 will be declared free.

October 3-4 – As the Confederates strive to take control of western Tennessee, Gens. Sterling Price and Earl Van Dorn combine forces to attack the Union stronghold at Corinth, Mississippi. Union leader, Gen. William Rosecrans, after being pushed back on the first day, is able to rally his men and turn the tables. This was a big step toward Union control of the Mississippi.

October 8 – The armies of Don Carlos Buell (Union) and Braxton Bragg (Confederate) meet at Perryville, Kentucky. The result is a Confederate victory, but Bragg then withdraws to Tennessee leaving the Union in control of Kentucky.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 3, 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 through whom membership is claimed has, never voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States.



Websites



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

SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific
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