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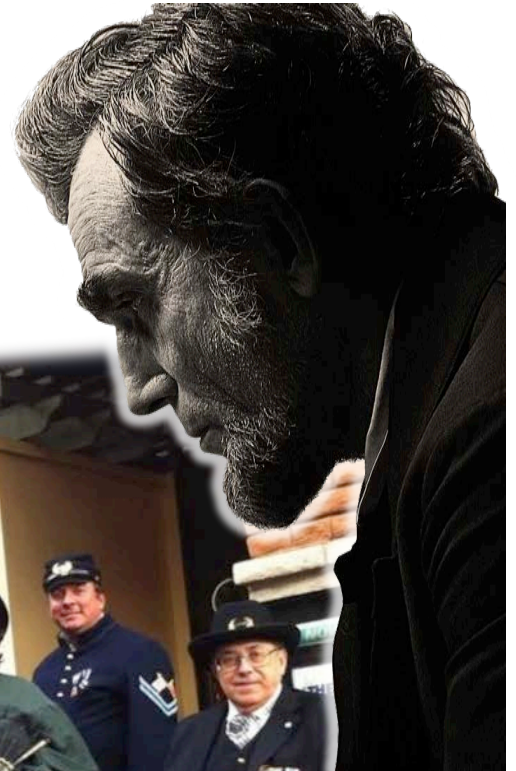
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STEVEN SPIELBERG'S LINCOLN

On December 1, 2012 members of the SUVCW and Auxiliary gathered at the Camera 7 Pruneyard in Campbell, California for a screening of the new Spielberg film "Lincoln". The theater was very supportive of our attendance and encouraged members to participate in period attire. Many members enjoyed camaraderie at a nearby restaurant either before or after the movie.



L-R: Rachelle Campbell, Rick LaRosa, Frank Avila, Diane Wetzel, Paul Lavrischeff, John Stolp, Lorne Marmet, Garrett Hasslinger, Emelia Campbell (front), Gail Marmet, Tad Campbell (front), Dan Earl, Linn Malaznik, Bev Ferman, Steve Welch, & Bob Kadlec

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Dear Brothers —

Thank you to all the members of this camp who have been witnesses and friends to me in the last several years of my involvement here, from my first meeting where I was initiated back in 2004 to the upcoming installation banquet on January 19th (you're all going, right?). I didn't quite know what to make of this group when I first heard about it, but ever since taking my first cautious steps to learn of the serious and solemn duties it performs there's been no turning back. This is a great organization that deserves to be bigger and better than it is, but the good part of that fact is that there's plenty to do if you only have the will to roll up your sleeves and commit to doing it. I'm proud to have been a member of a camp like this, a camp that serves as the model for all the camps of this department. It was taken from a dying spark by a few stalwart and dedicated men (and **RACHELLE!**) and coaxed into the juggernaut it now is. I'm personally grateful for so many of you here and hope to learn by your examples to be the best brother I can be and to really embody our stated virtues of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, and to do my part to spread the word of the important work the Sons has done and will continue to do.

Unfortunately I have had to acknowledge facts and accept that living three hours away from all of you could not continue to work for the good of the camp and that of my family, as you all know. I have sincerely missed the opportunity to go out to lunch with you all following the meetings and participate in other extracurricular activities or camp events. I thank you for your indulgence in even considering me as your commander under such circumstances. I hope you believe that at every turn I did try my best to put the needs of the camp before my own and to be of service to it.

As I soon transfer to Gen. George Wright Camp 22 in Sacramento (and Co. B, 8th Calif.), I go to them as an ambassador of a camp that has been distinguished in so many ways. I hope that the examples you have set for me will take root and grow in that camp to the same degree. Now, as I have written a little under twice as many words as Lincoln did in the Gettysburg Address, I close by again thanking you and wishing you all the very best.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Joe Marti

Commander

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4



Remembrance Day Activities

The Camp and Auxiliary were very active over the Remembrance Day weekend (November 17-19, 2012), both locally and elsewhere.



L-R: Rick LaRosa, Dan Earl, Richard Staley, Paul Lavrischeff, Bev Graham, Lorne Marmet, John Stolp, Gail Marmet, John Jensen, Frank Avila, Joe Ferman, Tom Graham, Diane Wetzel. (Photo by Bob Kadlec).

Despite inclement weather, the Camp's official Remembrance Day observance took place at the GAR plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California on Saturday, November 17th and included at least fifteen participants, including **FRANK AVILA, DAN EARL, BEV FERMAN, JOE FERMAN, BEV GRAHAM, TOM GRAHAM, JOHN JENSEN, BOB KADLEC, RICK LAROSA, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, GAIL MARMET, LORNE MARMET, RICHARD STALEY, JOHN STOLP, and DIANE WETZEL.**

Brothers **LINN MALAZNIK & TAD CAMPBELL**, and Sisters **RACHELLE CAMPBELL & ROSEMARY MARTIN** participated in several events at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Activities included a ceremony at the Albert Woolson GAR Monument in Ziegler's Grove, 56th Annual Remembrance Day Parade, and a Civil War Ball. During the parade Bro. Malaznik carried the colors of the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), and both Bros. Malaznik and Campbell participated in a brief MOLLUS ceremony at the John Page Nicholson monument near the High Water Mark. The California contingent was supplemented by Department President **MELINIE CAINES** and Secretary **PATRICIA BURES**, both first time attendees.

On Monday, November 19th **TAD & RACHELLE CAMPBELL** attended the Dedication Day ceremonies at the Soldier's National Cemetery, during which director Steven Spielberg was the keynote speaker.



At left: Tom Graham PCC speaks while Richard Staley performs umbrella detail.

Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José



Above: Richard Staley as GAR Comrade Charles L. Burdick



Above: Lorne & Gail Marmet present the wreaths
At left: Junior Vice Commander John Stolp



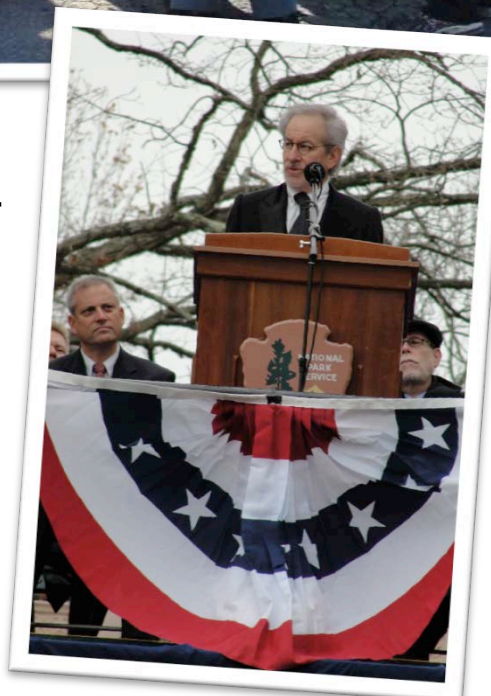
Below: Linn Malaznik awaits the start of the parade with other members of the color guard.



Gettysburg Pennsylvania

At left: Tricia Bures,
Melinie Caines &
Rachelle Campbell
in the parade.

At right:
Steven Spielberg
during the re-
dedication of the
National Cemetery



Junior Vice Commanders all from Camp 4



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 currently sponsors the JVC positions at all three levels of the SUVCW!

Left to Right:

**Camp JVC
JOHN E. STOLP**

**Department JVC
THOMAS T. GRAHAM, PCC**

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC**

Veterans Day Parade

The SUVCW once again made an outstanding showing at the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José, as evidenced by the group photo at the right. The participants were bolstered by the excellent drumming of Bro. **CHRIS AVILA** and lively fifing of Bro. **GARRETT HASSLINGER**. Participants included members of Camps 4 and 10, Auxiliary 52, and the American Civil War Association.



PAGE FROM THE PAST



Sons Of Vets Guard Ideals Of War Dead
Phil Sheridan Camp, San Jose, sons of Union Veterans, of the Civil War, today carries on traditions of the men in blue who fought in the Civil War. Some members of the unit are in their 90's but display energy envied by many younger organizations.

Phil Sheridan Camp was founded in 1899, and its Auxiliary in 1932. Older San Jose folk can remember well when more than 1000 Civil War Veterans, most of them organization members, marched in Memorial Day parades here near the turn of the century.

Present day activities of the unit and Auxiliary are many. These include card parties, pot luck dinners, picnics, a monthly social affair and participation in patriotic events. Younger members point with pride to the high degree of activity found in older members.

Unit headquarters is in Druids Hall, 85 W. Santa Clara St.

One of the "live wires" of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Jesse Nickols, 92, who at this year's convention of affiliated Civil War veterans' organizations, received an ovation for her recitation "Toast to the Flag."

Through all its activities, Phil Sheridan Camp stresses patriotism and vigilance against encroachments upon civil liberties, either through foreign aggression or by carelessness in legislation.

692 YEARS OF PATRIOTISM—That's enviable record hung up by these seven men of Phil Sheridan Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Jesse Nickols, Auxiliary member. Top row, left to right, are William A. Ashworth, 86; R. W. Ebey, 87; H. A. Sessions, 86; and "baby" of oldsters, George B. Burdick, 81. Seated left to right, are George P. Edmans, 84, pointing proudly to unit's 1899 charter; Mrs. Nickols, energetic at 92; James S. O'Dell, 84, and Shannon Jones, 92, who earns title of "grandpa" because of seniority. Edmans has been member 49 years; O'Dell has been Commander three times as result of enthusiastic service.

Article from the November 1951 issue of *The Banner* provided by Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC. Note that the Camp was founded in 1897, not 1899 as reported in this article.

2012 ELECTION RESULTS

The following officers were elected at the November 3rd meeting:



- **COMMANDER Stephen P. Aguirre**
- **SENIOR VICE COMMANDER John E. Stolp**
- **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER Paul E. Lavrischeff**
- **SECRETARY Richard J. Ferman** **TREASURER Thomas T. Graham, PCC**
- **COUNCILMEN Rick T. LaRosa, Frank C. Avila PCC, Daniel R. Earl PCC**
- **PRESIDENT Sharon Pope** • **PATROTIC INST. Gail Marmet**
- **VICE-PRESIDENT Bev Ferman** • **CHAPLAIN Debra Earl**
- **SECRETARY Bev Graham PAP** • **COUNCIL Graham, Earl, Marmet**
- **TREASURER Rachelle Campbell PDP** • **GUARD Diane Wetzel**



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters —

I wish to thank all the Sisters for supporting me as President of Auxiliary 52. I thoroughly enjoyed serving you the past two years. A special thank you to all the Sisters who participated in the many activities to honor our "Boys in Blue". I know there were many, many other events in which the Sisters participated. However, here are a few very memorable ones: attending our Auxiliary meetings, attending the Department and National Encampments, marching in parades, answering questions at information booths, participating in Memorial, Veterans and Remembrance Day events, and serving meals at Fresno, Roaring Camp and Fort Mervine.

We must continue to recruit new members if we want to remain a viable organization. We also need to do more service oriented projects. I think gathering as many Sisters and Sons, as possible, to do graves registration could be a great possibility.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and I look forward to seeing many of you in the new year!



In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Bev Graham — President, Auxiliary No. 52



**Rosemary Martin at the
Remembrance Day Ball in Gettysburg**

Welcome New Sisters!

While in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the annual Remembrance Day activities, PDP Rachelle Campbell recruited a new member for Auxiliary 52 in the person of **ROSEMARY MARTIN** of Frederick, Maryland. Although she will not be able to attend most California events, Rosemary has always felt at home with the Sisters of Auxiliary 52 and finally decided to join its ranks. Rosemary is the wife of Brother **KEVIN MARTIN PCC**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of the Chesapeake.

We also extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new Sisters:

PHYLLIS HARDY of Lompoc, California

CYNTHIA "CINDY" MENZIES of Livermore, California

Event Schedule

November 3, 2012

Camp Meeting & Election of Officers
Santa Clara, California

November 3, 2012

Veterans Remembrance Symposium
Santa Clara, California

November 11, 2012

Veterans Day Parade
San José, California

November 17, 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

December 1, 2012

Spielberg's "Lincoln" Film Screening
Campbell, California

January 19, 2013

Annual Installation Banquet
San José, California

January 26, 2013

Fort Point Open House
San Francisco, 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

November 4 – North Carolina native Richard J. Gatling patents his new rapid-fire weapon, a 6-barrel machine gun. The Union forces use a few of them before the war ends. Ironically, and in common with other inventors of new weapons, Gatling believes his terrible new killing machine will discourage warfare. His name will become the source of the gangster slang expression "gat" for gun.

November 4 – President Lincoln fires General George McClellan. His successor as commander of the Army of the Potomac is Ambrose Burnside. Burnside starts planning a move toward Richmond.

December 11-15 – At the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia more than 17,000 men die in this disastrous defeat of the Army of the Potomac. New Union commander Ambrose Burnside planned a quick and decisive movement, but when the needed pontoon bridges failed to arrive in November, he lost his advantage.

December 12 – On the Yazoo River, the USS *Cairo* is sunk by 2 mines, the first ship to be lost this way in combat.

December 30-31 – USS *Monitor*, the U.S. Navy's first ironclad battleship, sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras with the loss of 16 men. The *Monitor* was under tow and the tow ship manages to rescue 49 men.

December 31 – The Battle of Stones River (aka Murfreesboro) begins in Tennessee.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 19, 2013 - 5:30 pm
LOCATION: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Avenue, 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
 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.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific
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