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FOUR CHAPLAIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE



L-R: Diane Wetzel, John Stolp, Paul Lavrischeff, Thomas Graham PCC, Frank Avila PCC, Michael Sanders, Lorne Marmet, Gail Marmet (photo by Robert Kadlec PCC)

On February 9, 2013 the Camp and Auxiliary provided a color guard for the Four Chaplains Memorial Service at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San José. The annual ceremony pays tribute to four chaplains of differing faiths who, in brotherhood, gave their lives so others might have a chance at living theirs. The chaplains were aboard the troopship *Dorchester* in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943 when a torpedo struck at 2:00 am. The ship quickly sank beneath the icy waters, along with the majority of those aboard. Many of those who survived attributed their survival directly to the assistance and acts of compassion of the four chaplains aboard that night.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Brothers, I would like to start by thanking you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me by electing me as your Camp Commander. I am truly honored to take up this responsibility and I would now like to share my "vision" of what we might together accomplish over this next year.

As we prepare to step off together, I want you to know that I am fully aware and temper my thoughts with the understanding that we all lead busy lives and have limited time. That said, I challenge myself and all of us to take a "better than zero" mentality. Let us ready ourselves to be open to the activities that are presented to us. Let us strive toward demonstrating participation along the following lines.

- Pursuit of activities within the Camp and our local area. Committees are always looking for input; events always can use an extra hand.
- Pursuit of activities within the Department. Many Camps need assistance, always look to aid those of our Order and make new friends.
- Pursuit of activities at the Nation level. Provide a positive image of our Order to the general public; educate them to our works by our words and deeds.

If you are not able to participate in an activity yourself, please keep in mind that a good word of encouragement to a Brother is an activity, in and of itself, and can count tremendously towards the good of the Order.

Generally let us "build bridges" to those around us as we seek to raise awareness of the Union Soldiers, GAR, SUVCW members who faithfully served and preceded us.

Finally a thought, we are a Patriotic memorial organization, let us consider and strive to be Patriots. I just finished watching the movie LINCOLN for the second time. While this will speak to each of us differently, here is how it spoke to me: There is a scene which opens with President Lincoln sitting in the Telegraph Communications office with the two key operators. He is looking down into his top hat, deep in thought and then raises his head. Removing a paper from his hat, he hands it to the key operator and requests a read back. He then pauses and poses the question, "do you suppose we are fitted to our time?" This leads to him discussing and expounding upon Euclid's first common notion. This principle deals with equality and the basic mathematical fact that a thing, which is equal to the same thing, is also equal to one another. So here we are; we are fellow citizens and Brothers, let us strive to treat each other with the same due of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Brothers, I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Stephen Aguirre

Commander, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4



CAMP ORDER No. 1 — SERIES 2013 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with my sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, for the 2013 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I will diligently work to ensure that the Camp does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My term shall be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Section 2: I hereby establish my residence at 849 Frederick Commons, San José, California 95126, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <spaguirre@me.com>, or at the Camp mailing address, P.O. Box 24969, San José, CA 95154-4969.

Section 3: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 3 November 2012, and installed on 19 January 2013 by Department Commander Glen Roosevelt, are as follows:

- Commander - Br. Stephen P. Aguirre
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Br. John E. Stolp
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Br. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- Secretary - Br. Richard J. Ferman
- Treasurer – Br. Thomas T. Graham, PCC
- Council – Br. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Council – Br. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Council – Br. Rick T. LaRosa

Section 4: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain – Br. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
- Patriotic Instructor – Br. Lorne Marmet
- Counselor - Br. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Historian – Br. John E. Stolp
- Guide – Br. Joseph Ferman
- Color Bearer – Br. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Guard – Br. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Signals Officer - Br. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- Graves Registration Officer – Br. John E. Stolp
- Civil War Memorials Officer – Br. John E. Stolp
- Legislative Officer – Br. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor - Br. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Thomas T. Graham, PCC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Richard J. Ferman
- Delegate to United Veterans Council - Br. Frank C. Avila, PCC

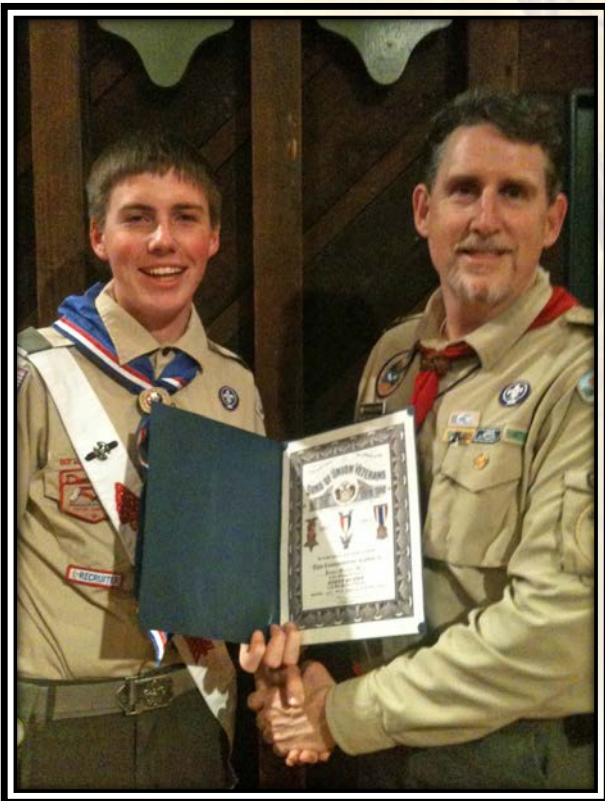


The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this twenty-first day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Stephen P. Aguirre, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CAMP MUSICIAN ATTAINS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

JAMES WELCH and his father **STEVE** were elected to membership in the Camp on November 16, 2002, and were officially initiated by then Department Commander **D. BRAD SCHALL** at the Camp's Installation Banquet at Lou's Village Restaurant in San José on January 4, 2003.

James joined Boy Scout Troop 88 in San Francisco in June 2005 and attended Boy Scout camps at Marin Sierra near Nevada City and Wente Scout Reservation near Willits. He worked at summer camp as a mountain bike guide for two summers. In 2012 he went to High School at Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas where he completed his Eagle project, the building and painting a fence around a children's playground at an orphanage. James' Eagle Board of Review, the last step to earning the award, was held on the 100th anniversary of the very first Eagle Scout in August of 1912. When James turned 14 he also joined Sea Scouts and still remains an active member. James' Eagle Court of Honor was held on January 30, 2013 at the Forest Hill Homeowners Association clubhouse, where Troop 88 has met every Wednesday since January 1920.



Congratulations to Brother James and thanks to **STEPHEN AGUIRRE, JOHN STOLP, JOE MARTI** and **BOB KADLEC** for supporting James in obtaining Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4's first own Eagle Scout Certificate!

Above: DC Brad Schall initiates James Welch and his father Steve at the Camp's Installation Banquet in January 2003.

Left: James Welch and Scoutmaster Michael Dotson with James' SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate in January 2013.

Fort Point Sesquicentennial Event



L-R: Jim Monteton, Owen Stiles, Brad Schall (front), Allen Davis (back), Don Wilt (back), Tad Campbell (front), Jamin Gjerman, Cali Debevoise, Mace Gjerman, unidentified guest, Elaine Christian, Dean Enderlin, Cindy Eddy

Below, L-R: Lorne Marmet, Frank Avila, Jerry Sayre, Ken Felton



On January 26, 2013 six Camps and one Auxiliary (not including dual members) gathered at Fort Point National Historic Site in San Francisco for an SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The bright blue sky and shining sun did not prevent the blustery wind from making the day quite chilly. However, as these images show, the turnout was excellent! The participants staffed several information tables, educating the public on numerous aspects of the Civil War, GAR and Allied Orders.

More Scenes at Fort Point January 26, 2013



Camp 4 Brothers Lorne Marmet & Tad Campbell PDC talking with a member of the public.



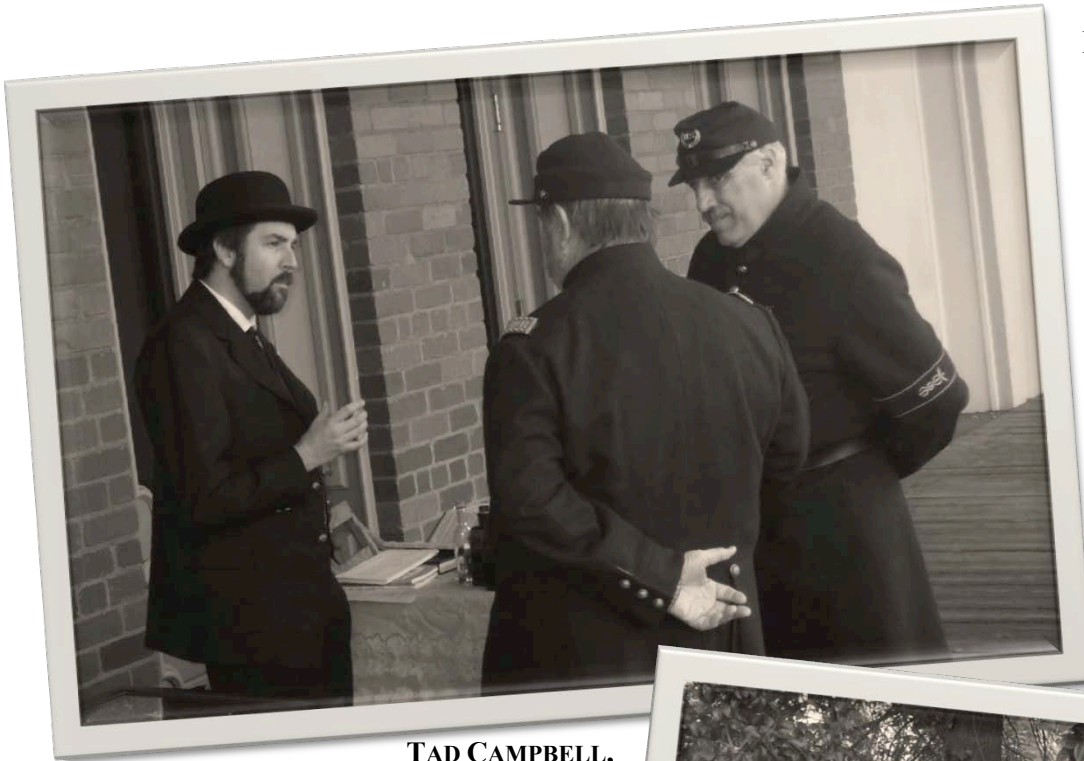
Camp 4 Past Commander Frank Avila examines a potential recruit.



Brother Frank Avila PCC educating the public about Civil War medicine.

Represented at the event were Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Lincoln Camp 10, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Gen. George Wright Camp 22, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24, and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23.

Museum Day in Old Town Sacramento



**TAD CAMPBELL,
BRAD SCHALL & FRANK AVILA**

During the 15th Annual Sacramento Museum Day on Saturday, February 2, 2013, the SUVCW and Auxiliary was provided space for information booths on the boardwalk in front of the California State Military Museum. Museum Day features twenty-eight museums in the Sacramento area offering free admission to the public. The Military Museum estimated that 5,800 people visited the museum on Saturday.



The Future of our Allied Orders

EMELIA CAMPBELL and NATHAN DAVIS, son of Camp 23 Brother ALLEN DAVIS, met for the first time at the California Military Museum. They really hit it off and were seen recreating one of the many skirmishes in which their ancestors participated.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Dear Sisters —

*Thank you for your confidence in voting for me as your new President of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52. I have big shoes to fill in this regard with **BEVERLY GRAHAM** and **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**'s wonderful leadership and vision. My goal for the next term is to get to know our Sisters better, recruit new members (this is always ongoing) and participate in events with the Sons. Also, I am hoping for more programs that will educate and entertain our Auxiliary. Please send me any ideas on our growth and participation and let's have fun!"*

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Sharon Pope

President, Auxiliary No. 52



Department Encampment Quickly Approaching

The Department of California and Pacific's annual Department Encampment will take place on March 8-9, 2013 at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. This will be the 102nd Department Encampment for the ASUVCW and the 127th Department Encampment for the SUVCW.

There will be a large number of dignitaries attending this year, including: National President **JANE GRAHAM**, National Vice President **DIANE MELLOR**, National Secretary **TRICIA BURES**, National Council Member **MELINIE CAINES**, and National Chaplain **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**. Dignitaries from the SUVCW attending will include Commander-in-Chief **PERLEY MELLOR**, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**, National Aide-de-Camp **JERRY SAYRE**, and National GAR Records Officer **DEAN ENDERLIN**.

Additional information and forms can be found at the following links:

ASUVCW Encampment — <http://www.suvpac.org/aux/encampment.html>

SUVCW Encampment — <http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>

Installation Banquet January 19, 2013

Photos by Bro. Robert Kadlec, PCC

New Officers of Camp No. 4

New Officers of Auxiliary No. 52



Joseph Marti is recognized for his year of service as Camp Commander.



Taija Aguirre pins the Camp Commander's Badge on her husband Stephen Aguirre.

Installation Banquet January 19, 2013

**Commander Joseph Marti recognizes
Brother John Stolp for his excellent
service to the Camp.**



Acting Chaplain Rick LaRosa



**DC Glen Roosevelt, PDP Rachelle Campbell and newly
installed President Sharon Pope**



DP Melinie Caines and PAP Beverly Graham

Event Schedule

January 19, 2013

Annual Installation Banquet
San José, California

January 26, 2013

Fort Point Open House
San Francisco, California

February 9, 2013

Four Chaplains Memorial Service
San José, California

February 16, 2013

Lincoln's Birthday Dinner
San José, California

February 23, 2013

Civil War Seminar
Santa Clara, California

March 8-9, 2013

Department Encampment
San Luis Obispo, California

May 18, 2013

Camp Meeting
Santa Clara, 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 — 1863

January 1-2 – In Tennessee, the Battle of Stone River (aka Murfreesboro) continues. As the fighting goes on, both sides take heavy casualties, a total of 23,515, the highest percentage of casualties of any battle in the war. While both sides are badly mauled, Bragg withdraws and the Union retains control of the middle Tennessee area.

January 20 – Union General Ambrose Burnside, the loser at Fredericksburg, plans an attack on Lee's rear to cut supply lines and to retrieve his own reputation. However an unseasonable thaw and heavy rains bog down the troops in the so-called "Mud March". Burnside has to pull his troops back and a few days later he is replaced by General Joseph Hooker.

January 26 – Governor Andrew of Massachusetts receives permission from the War Dept. to form a regiment of black soldiers. Capt. Robert Shaw, age 25, accepts command of the regiment. So many men try to enlist that eventually there will be 2 regiments, the 54th and the 55th.

February 3 – French diplomats offer their services as mediators to end the war. Their offer is rejected several days later by the United States. Meanwhile Great Britain announces that their country will not play the part of mediators either.

February – Also this month, the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory reverses its position on both secession and slavery, swinging support to the Union.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 16, 2013 - 4:30 pm
LOCATION: Lincoln's Birthday Dinner, Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., San José, Calif.

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 Guide Diane Wetzel

Counselor William H. Pope
 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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