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Camp Brothers Receive Department Awards

At the recent Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California, Past Camp Commander **FRANK C. AVILA** received the Department's highest award, the "President Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award." This prestigious honor is "conferred by the Department Commander, upon any Brother who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has, through his words, actions, and/or deeds exhibited



exemplary dedication and service to the Department and Order to perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue."

Frank has been a valuable member of the Order for many years and consistently supports the activities of this Camp, neighbor Camps, and the Department as a whole. Over the past several years he actively served on the Host Committee for the National Encampment in Los Angeles, which took place in August. During the National Encampment he literally hit the ground running and was the first member of the Host Committee on site. He served

as the liaison between the hotel and the Allied Orders and was instrumental in ensuring that each of the organizations had whatever they needed to guarantee a smooth Encampment. National President **JUDY ROCK** of

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the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic mentioned Frank by name when summing up what a fantastic Encampment they had had and how all of the LGAR's needs had been addressed quickly and affably. Frank missed most of the business sessions and several of the other functions of the Encampment because of his continuous "behind the scenes" efforts.

Upon conferring the award upon Frank, Department Commander **GLEN ROOSEVELT** acknowledged that so many people had nominated Frank for the award that it would have been impossible for him to have made any other selection. For his continual long-term dedication to the Order and his commitment to ensuring the 2012 National Encampment was a huge success, Frank C. Avila was an obvious choice for the Department's highest award.



Camp Cmdr. Aguirre accepts the Department recruiting award from Department Cmdr. Roosevelt on behalf of Bro. John Stolp



Brother **JOHN E. STOLP** received the Department's recruiting award, known as the Major General William "Bull" Nelson Growth Award, for his outstanding recruiting efforts during his term as Junior Vice Commander for the Camp. John was unable to attend the Encampment, but Camp Commander **STEPHEN P. AGUIRRE** proudly accepted the award on his behalf.

Huzzah for Brothers Frank Avila and John Stolp!

Record Number of Dignitaries Attend Department Encampment!

No less than twelve national officers and committee chairs of the Allied Orders attended the Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo on March 8-9, 2013. This was by far the most national representation in living memory.

- *From the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:* Commander-in-Chief **PERLEY MELLOR**, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**, Past Commander-in-Chief **BRAD SCHALL**, National Aide-de-Camp & Chair of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations **JERRY SAYRE**, National GAR Records Officer **DEAN ENDERLIN**, and Chair of the National Committee on Legislation **DANIEL EARL**.
- *From the Auxiliary to Union Veterans of the Civil War:* National President **JANE GRAHAM**, National Vice President **DIANE MELLOR**, National Secretary **PATRICIA BURES**, National Council Member #2 **MELINIE CAINES**, National Chaplain **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**.
- *From the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865:* National President **CAROLE MORTON**.

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO TRAVELLED GREAT DISTANCES
TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT WORK BEING DONE HERE IN THE WEST!**

Department Encampment San Luis Obispo March 8-9, 2013

Photos courtesy of Tim Reese



**Above: The new leadership takes the oath of office.
L-R: JVC Dean Enderlin, DC Tim Reese, & SVC Tom Graham**



**Below: The memorial ceremony at the GAR plot.
L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Kevin Coyne, Linn Malaznik, Steve Aguirre,
Garrett Hasslinger, Tom Helmantoler, Mace Gjerman, Brian
Worcester, Jamin Gjerman, Tim Reese, & Frank Avila**

**Above: Color
Guard for the
business
session.
L-R: Jerry Sayre
& Linn Malaznik**



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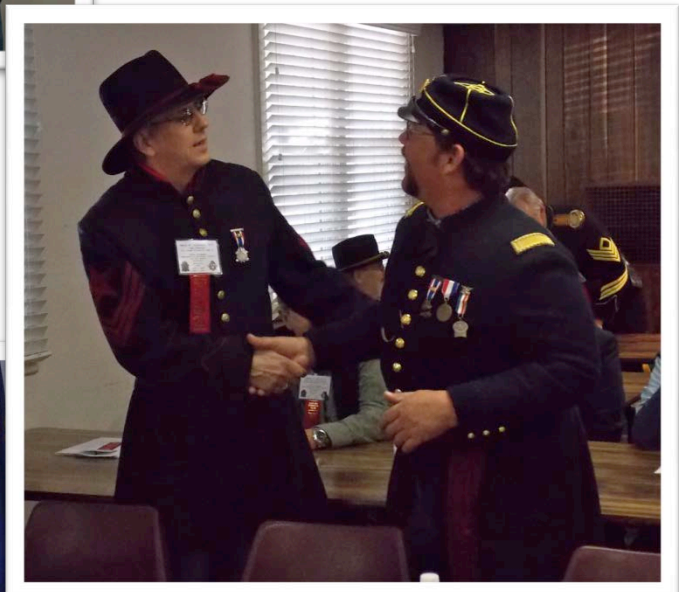


Above: Camp 4 Brothers Todd Armstrong and Dan Earl during a break in the business session



Above: C-in-C Perley Mellor and DSVC Tom Graham

Right: Camp 23 Cmdr. Mace Gjerman and Camp 4 JVC Paul Lavrischeff enjoy some camaraderie

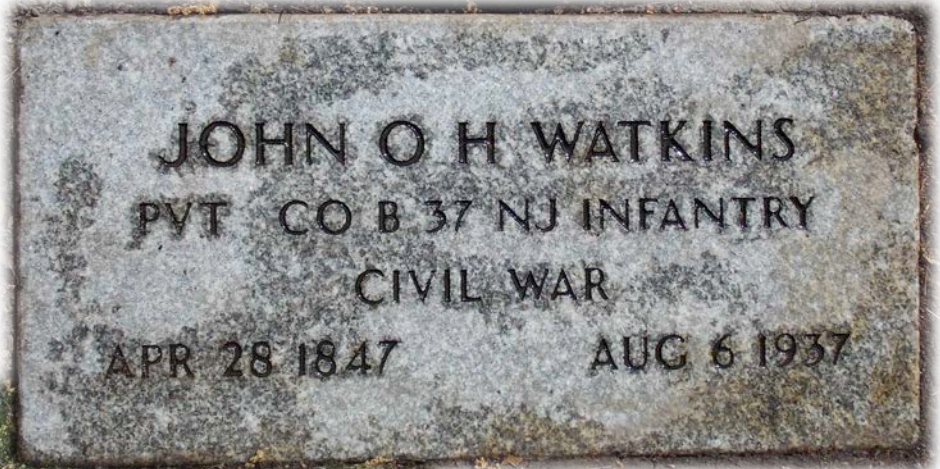


Left: DC Glen Roosevelt revived the long-dormant Dept. Commander's Award and presented it to Cmdr. Loran Bures of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2. The award is conferred upon the Camp that increases its membership by initiation, by the greatest number of Brothers during the four quarters preceding the Dept. Encampment



UNION VETERAN RECEIVES HEADSTONE AFTER 75 YEARS

Sponsored by the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, the SUVCW and ASUVCW corrected a 75-year-old oversight with the dedication of a headstone for Pvt. John O. H. Watkins in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California.



Pvt. Watkins served in Company B, 37th New Jersey Infantry during the Civil War. He moved west after the war and died in 1937, however his grave was never marked. At least five Camps and two Auxiliaries participated in the dedication of the new headstone on April 28, 2013.



Participants from Camp 4 and Auxiliary 52 included: **TODD ARMSTRONG**, **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, **CINDY EDDY** (dual member of Aux. 23), **DEAN ENDERLIN** (dual member of Camp 23), **BEV GRAHAM PAP**, **TOM GRAHAM PCC**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, and **LINN MALAZNIK**.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

L-R: Beverly Ferman, Cathy Rogers, Beverly Graham, Emelia Campbell, Debbie Earl, Sharon Pope. Not pictured: Rachele Campbell



Dear Sisters —

On April 6, we had a delightful social to celebrate our 10th anniversary as Dr.

*Mary E. Walker Auxiliary. The social was held at the historic American Association of University Women (AAUW) house in Willow Glen. Attending was **BEVERLY GRAHAM**, her sister, **CATHY ROGERS**, **BEVERLY FERMAN**, **DEBBIE EARL**, **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **MS. EMELIA CAMPBELL**, and myself. This event was planned and carried out by **SHERI GRAHAM**, Beverly Graham's daughter, and her friend **CHRISTY BAKER**. Well, let's get on to the food! We started out with a hollowed out orange filled with greens and dressing. This was followed by savory sandwiches and goat cheese tarts. We had a wonderful quiche, and then a soaked orange cake. The teas did not stop flowing. Among the chitchat was the story of how our Auxiliary was conceived and established. We owe so much to Rachele Campbell for all her work. So, a perfect day, a wonderful venue, delicious foods, and above all wonderful friends with which to share this time. Happy anniversary Dr. Mary E. Walker!*

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18 and we will be discussing the Memorial Day celebration at Oak Hill among other important items.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Sharon Pope

President, Auxiliary No. 52



Event Schedule

March 8-9, 2013

Department Encampment
San Luis Obispo, California

April 28, 2013

Pvt. Watkins Headstone Dedication
Oakland, California

May 18, 2013

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
Santa Clara, California

May 25-26, 2013

Information Booth
Roaring Camp
Felton, California

May 27, 2013

Memorial Day Ceremonies
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

June 29, 2013

Camp & Auxiliary 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

March 3 – The U. S. Congress establishes the position of Chief Signal Officer, the beginning of the Signal Corps. Almost 3,000 men will serve in the corps during the war.

March 9 – A Confederate raid led by Captain John S. Mosby swoops in on Fairfax Courthouse, Virginia, capturing Union General Edwin Stoughton in his nightshirt. In addition to General Stoughton, there are 2 other officers and 30 enlisted men captured, as well as 58 horses. Supposedly when told of the raid, Lincoln said that he could always create another brigadier general, "...but those horses cost \$125 apiece!"

April 1 – The first United States conscription (draft) law takes effect.

April 17 – Colonel Benjamin Grierson leads his Union cavalry out of LaGrange, Tennessee. In the next 16 days they will cover more than 600 miles, all the way to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The raid is incredibly successful as the swiftly moving troopers destroy railroads and telegraph lines, capture more than 500 men, 1,000 mules and horses, and capture or destroy huge amounts of stores. It also distracts the attention of the Confederates from the growing Union threat to Vicksburg.

April 30 – The Battle of Chancellorsville (Spotsylvania County, Virginia) begins.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 18, 2013 - 10:00 am
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.

Officers for 2013-2014

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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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