

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

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*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## Camp and Auxiliary Participate in Gettysburg Sesquicentennial Events

Camp 4 Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL PDC** and his wife, Auxiliary 52 Sister **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL PDP**, travelled to Maryland and Pennsylvania in late June to take part in several events associated with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gettysburg Campaign.

At Frederick, Maryland in the early morning hours of June 28, 1863, Union General George Meade received word that he had been placed in command of the Army of the Potomac, thus relieving General Joseph Hooker just days before the battle of Gettysburg. On June 28, 2013, in recognition of the sesquicentennial anniversary of this event, a ceremony and wreath presentation took place near the historic spot, with JVCs from each level of the SUCVW taking part. Also participating was Auxiliary 52 Sister **ROSEMARY MARTIN**.

After attending the annual Sons and Auxiliary Encampments of the Department of Pennsylvania, the Campbells took part the Eternal Peace Light Memorial Ceremony on the Gettysburg battlefield on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Brother Campbell was especially honored to be a part of the official Color Guard for the event.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the Campbells enjoyed a personalized tour of the Antietam Battlefield.



Above: Gen. Meade Ceremony. L-R: Rachele Campbell (ASUVCW National Chaplain), Tad Campbell (JVCinC), Joseph Foster (Antietam Camp No. 3 JVC), Kevin Martin (Dept. of the Chesapeake JVC), Rosemary Martin (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52).

## SUVCW Color Guard at Eternal Peace Light Memorial Ceremony Gettysburg, Pennsylvania — June 29, 2013



Above, L-R: Dave Sosnowski, Bill Mock, Eugene Mortorff, Kevin Martin, Tad Campbell, Barry Decker and Dave Martz.

Photo by Travis S. Pratt,  
*Frederick News-Post*

This was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the Eternal Peace Light Memorial in 1938. The ceremony was honored with the presence of SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief **ELMER F. "BUD" ATKINSON** who, as a teenage Boy Scout, was present during the original dedication and escorted members of the Grand Army of the Republic.



L-R: Barry Decker, Dave Martz, Bill Mock, Kevin Martin, Tad Campbell, David Sosnowski, Eugene Mortorff, John Frantz, and Mark Day — *Photo by Jeffry Burden*

# Independence Day

The Camp and Auxiliary officially took part in three separate Independence Day Parades on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Participation in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Peninsula Celebration Association's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Redwood City, California was coordinated by Bro. **LORNE MARMET**.

Participation in the Alameda Business Association's Rose, White & Blue Parade in San José, California was coordinated by Camp Commander **STEPHEN AGUIRRE**.

Brothers and Sisters also assisted Lincoln Camp No. 10 in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Monterey, California. Participants from Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 included **FRANK AVILA PCC**, **TAD CAMPBELL PDC**, **RICK LAROSA**, **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL PDP**, and the Campbell's five-year-old daughter **EMELIA**.



## Monterey 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

*Front Row, L-R:*  
Tad Campbell,  
Rachelle Campbell,  
Emelia Campbell,  
Brenda Bonturi-  
Klassen, & Randall  
Hawkinson.

*Back Row, L-R:*  
Kevin Coyne, Paul  
Lavrischeff, Frank  
Avila, Tim Reese, &  
Rick LaRosa.

*Editor's Note: Neither a report nor photos of the activities at Redwood City or San José were provided to the Editor.*

# MEMORIAL DAY 2013



Above: Dan Earl & Frank Avila with Paul Lavrischeff & Tad Campbell in background.



Above: Commander Stephen Aguirre and President Sharon Pope present the wreath.



Left: Paul Lavrischeff & Tad Campbell represent Spanish-American War Veterans.



Below: Chaplain Dan Bunnell

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 once again staffed an information booth at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Civil War Battles and Encampment at Roaring Camp Railroads in Felton, California over the Memorial Day weekend. The presentation was a joint effort with Lincoln Camp No. 10 and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24.

On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> the Camp and Auxiliary participated in the United Veterans Council's Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. Immediately following that event, the participants moved to the Grand Army of the Republic burial plot at Oak Hill for a more traditional ceremony, based on the GAR/SUVCW ritual. The ceremony also incorporated the adjacent burial plot of the United Spanish War Veterans.



## Ongoing Camp Fundraiser

**SUVCW Embroidered Patches**

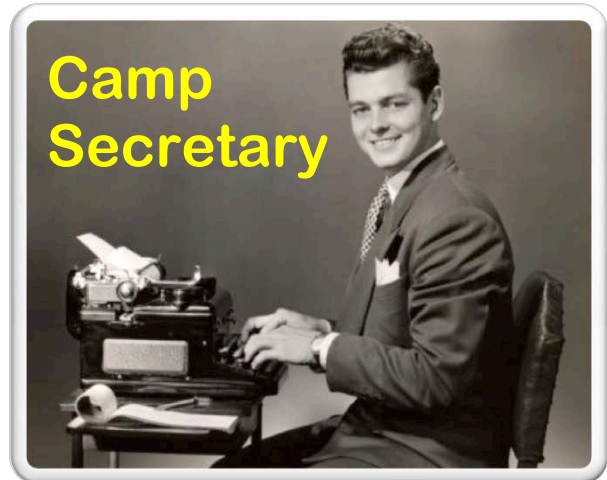
Small 2¼ inch oval for use on any piece of clothing, back packs, athletic bags, etc.

Royal blue twill base with words and banner in white. The center emblem design, with the eagle, is made with a shiny gold thread.



**\$5.00 each plus \$1.00 S&H for first five.  
\$2.00 S&H for six or more.**

Send check, or money order, payable to:  
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San Jose, CA 95154  
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Current Camp Secretary **RICHARD FERMAN** has announced that he will not be seeking reelection to the position at the November meeting. If you think you might be interested in the position, please advise the Camp Commander. The duties of Camp Secretary can be found on the National website at:

<http://suvvw.org/cd-jobs/ysecy.htm>

## Special Department Meeting to be Held



In accordance with Department Order No. 7, Series 2013-2014, Department Commander **TIM REESE** has called for a special mid-year meeting to be held at 4:30 pm on October 12, 2013 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment at the Presidio of Monterey. Items that will be discussed include: business updates for the year, such as a review of the Department books and a report of the Department Secretary-Treasurer; a report of the Department Council; an update on next year's Department Encampment; and Auxiliary debt. The meeting will be followed by the traditional dinner "raid" at a Fisherman's Wharf restaurant at 7:00 pm.

All Department elected officers are requested to attend this special meeting, if practical, and appointed Department officers are also welcome to attend. Auxiliary Department elected officers are encouraged to attend as well. There will be no official motions, nor any voting concerning Department business during this special meeting.



## Welcome New Member!

**TODD L. GILMAN** of Santa Clara, California was voted into membership and initiated at the June 29, 2013 meeting of the Camp.

Todd's ancestor, Joseph A. Gilman of Companies B & H, 6th California Infantry, enlisted at Columbia, California on February 23, 1863 as a Sergeant, rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, and was mustered out at Benicia Barracks on October 25, 1865.



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

## Auxiliary Assists SUVCW with JROTC Program

**RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL PDP** and her daughter **EMELIA** participated in a JROTC ceremony with Lincoln Camp No. 10 at Monterey High School in Monterey, California on May 17, 2013. During the ceremony the cadets were presented with the SUVCW JROTC medal and certificate. Camp No. 4 Brother **LINN MALAZNIK** was also present representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Sister Rachelle found this a rewarding experience and encourages participation by the Auxiliary in the future.



**L-R: Kevin Coyne (Camp 10), Emelia Campbell, Rachelle Campbell, Dept. Cmdr. Tim Reese (Camp 10)**

# Event Schedule

**May 18, 2013**

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Santa Clara, California

**May 25-26, 2013**

Information Booth at Roaring Camp  
Felton, California

**May 27, 2013**

Memorial Day at Oak Hill Memorial Park  
San José, California

**June 29, 2013**

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Santa Clara, California

**July 4, 2013**

Independence Day Parades  
San José, Redwood City, & Monterey, California

**August 8-11, 2013**

National Encampment  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

**September 7, 2013**

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Santa Clara, California

**September 29, 2013**

Flag Lowering Ceremony  
San José, California

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

[www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html](http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html)

## Did You Know?

### 150 Years Ago — 1863

**May 1-6** – The Battle of Chancellorsville rages on only 50 miles from Washington, D.C.

**May 22** – U. S. War Dept. General Order No. 143 establishes a Bureau of Colored Troops.

**June 9** – The Battle of Brandy Station is the largest cavalry battle ever fought on the North American continent.

**June 20** – West Virginia is admitted to the Union as the 35th state.

**June 28** – At 3 o'clock in the morning a messenger from Lincoln awakens General George Meade to inform him that he is now the commander of the Army of the Potomac.

**July 1-3** – The Battle of Gettysburg.

**July 4** – After a 47 day siege Vicksburg surrenders. The Union now controls the Mississippi River.

**July 11-18** – Union forces attack Fort Wagner on Morris Island, South Carolina, which defends Charleston. The attack on July 18 is led by the 54th Massachusetts Infantry.

**July 25** – The little town of Kensington, Connecticut dedicates a monument "to commemorate the death of those who perished in suppressing the Southern Rebellion". Sixteen men's names will be engraved on it. This is believed to be the first Civil War monument.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, September 7, 2013 - 10:00 am  
***LOCATION:*** American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.

## *Officers for 2013-2014*

### **Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers**

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  
 Council ..... Rick T. LaRosa  
 Council ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 Council ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Patriotic Instructor ..... Lorne A. Marmet  
 Chaplain ..... Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC  
 Historian ..... John E. Stolp  
 Counselor ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Guide ..... Joseph R. Ferman  
 Guard ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 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 ..... Sharon Pope  
 Vice President ..... Beverly A. Ferman  
 Trustee #1 ..... Beverly Graham, PAP  
 Trustee #2 ..... Debra R. Earl  
 Trustee #3 ..... Gail Marmet  
 Secretary ..... Beverly Graham, PAP  
 Treasurer ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP  
 Patriotic Instructor ..... Gail Marmet  
 Chaplain ..... Debra L. Earl  
 Press Correspondent ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PDC  
 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***  
<http://www.suvcw.org>

***Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52***  
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***SUVCW National Organization***  
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