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VETERANS FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY

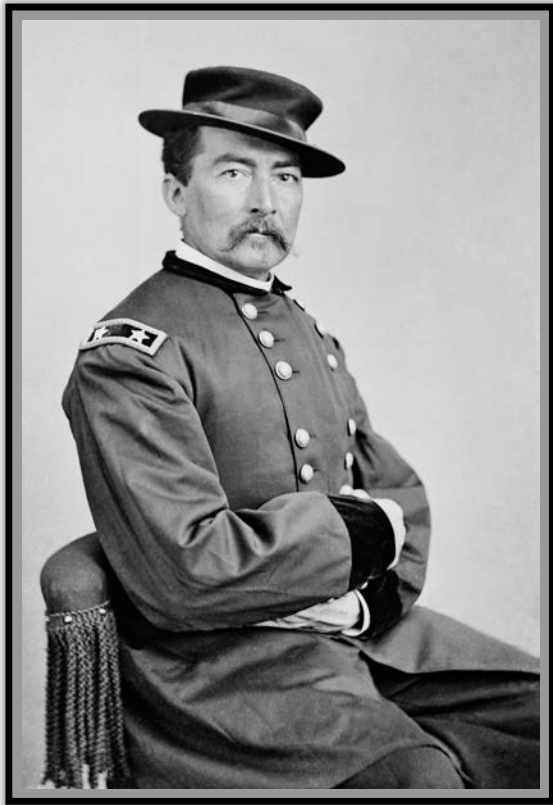


L-R: CC Stephen Aguirre, John Stolp, Thomas Graham PCC, Richard Ferman, Paul Lavrischeff

On September 29, 2013, members of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 provided the color guard for the Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. The event, sponsored by the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, honors veterans of all wars.

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Tense Moment at Appomattox

An anecdote attributed to Confederate Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon

Submitted by Bro. Howard D. Campbell

As Union Major General Philip H. Sheridan was approaching, I noticed one of my sharpshooters drawing his rifle down upon him. I at once called to him: "Put down your gun, sir; this is a flag of truce." But he simply settled it to his shoulder and was drawing a bead on Sheridan, when I leaned forward and jerked his gun. He struggled with me, but I finally raised it. I then loosed it, and he started to aim again. I caught it again, when he turned his stern white face, all broken with grief and streaming with tears, up to me, and said; "Well, General, then let him keep on his own side."

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Department Encampment News

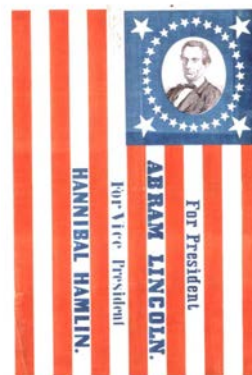
The Department of California and Pacific has announced the date and location for the 2014 Department Encampments of the Sons and Auxiliary.

When:
March 7-8, 2014

Where:
**Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
Sacramento, California**

Further details and registration forms can be found on the Department website at:

<http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>



CAMP ELECTIONS

The Camp's annual election meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

All offices will be up for election, including Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Council positions. Nominations from the floor are acceptable. The current Camp Secretary has announced he does not intend to run for reelection.

Appointed offices will be filled by the Commander-elect at the Installation Banquet in January 2014.

FORT MERVINE EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

The three-day living history and education event, sponsored by Lincoln Camp No. 10, took place on the Lower Presidio of Monterey in Monterey, California on October 11-13, 2013.



Camp 10's Garrett Hasslinger escorts Emelia Campbell to dinner at Fisherman's Wharf

On Friday several hundred school children and JROTC cadets came to the site to learn about the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Orders.

Saturday and Sunday were open to the general public. Firing demonstrations of both cannon and rifles were given twice each day. Information was presented about civilians, Civil War medical care, the cavalry, naval operations, and post-war veteran activities. The beautiful weather aided in making the weekend a successful and enjoyable event. On Saturday evening a brief Department informational meeting was lead by Department Commander **TIMOTHY REESE**. After the meeting the Brothers and Sisters, many still in period attire, walked to a restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf where a good meal and much camaraderie was enjoyed.

The event was especially well attended, with at least one representative from eight Camps and two Auxiliaries. Participants included:

Camp 4: **FRANK AVILA, TAD CAMPBELL, DAN EARL, TOM GRAHAM, RICK LAROSA, & PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**; Camp 10: **KEVIN COYNE, GARRETT HASSLINGER, RANDALL HAWKINSON, TIM REESE & CLEVELAND SMITH**; Camp 17: **GLEN ROOSEVELT**; Camp 21: **JERRY SAYRE**; Camp 22: **OWEN STILES**;

Camp 23: **DEAN ENDERLIN**; Camp 24: **KEN FELTON, JEFF VAILLANT**; Camp 25: **WAYNE EDER**; Auxiliary 23: **CINDY EDDY**; Auxiliary 52: **RACHELLE CAMPBELL & BEV GRAHAM**.

Additional images on following pages

FORT MERVINE AT MONTEREY

Right: Tad & Rachelle Campbell with their daughter Emelia at the Phil Sheridan Camp display.

Below: Bev Graham takes a well-deserved break during a lull in the crowds.



Below: Attendees enjoy supper at nearby Fisherman's Wharf



Above: Members of the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) pose for a photo.

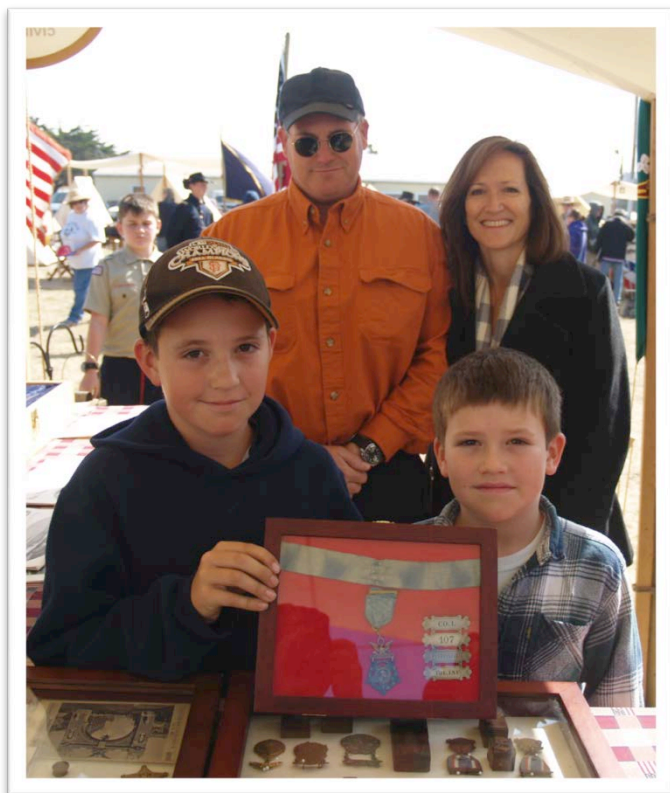
L-R: Tad Campbell, Tim Reese, Jerry Sayre & Tom Graham

DESCENDANTS OF CIVIL WAR M.O.H. RECIPIENT VISIT CAMP

During the living history event at Fort Mervine in Monterey, California, participants were treated to an exciting surprise when the descendants of John Carroll Delaney, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, showed up unannounced — with Delaney’s Medal of Honor!

While serving as a Sergeant with Company I, 107th Pennsylvania Infantry, Delaney earned the Medal of Honor at Dabney’s Mills, Virginia on February 6, 1862 when he “sprang between the lines and brought out a wounded comrade about to be burned in the brush.”

Delaney was captured by the enemy at Bull Run, Gettysburg and Yellow Tavern, but each time made his escape. He rose through the ranks until the end of the war when he was the Captain in charge of his company. He died in 1915 and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.



Delaney’s rightfully proud descendants pose with his Medal of Honor and with SUVCW members OWEN STILES, TAD CAMPBELL and TOM GRAHAM.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Elections, Dues and Donations

The next meeting of Auxiliary No. 52 will be held in conjunction with the Camp No. 4 meeting at the American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564 at 2120 Walsh Avenue in Santa Clara, California on Saturday, November 9, 2013. The meeting will start promptly at 10 am. This is among the most important meetings of the year as the officers for the upcoming term will be selected. Please be sure to attend so you can be elected to the office of your choice!

It's that time of year again to collect membership dues. The amount remains at \$25.00 and helps fund the many programs in which the Auxiliary participates. Checks may be made payable to "Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52". Dues notices will be available at the November meeting.

Among the participants at this year's Fort Mervine Civil War living history event in Monterey were two members of the National Civil War Association (NCWA), **SHARYLE LEIDY** and **JEN ROGER**, who are also volunteer docents at the historic Rengsdorff House (circa 1867) in Mountain View, California. They decorate the house for Halloween and also host a Victorian Christmas event in December. During the latter event they accept donations of unwrapped toys or pajamas for needy children. If you would like to participate in this worthy cause please get your donations to Sister **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** and she will see that they get to the Rengsdorff House. For more information on the historic home visit their web site: <http://www.r-house.org>

A House Divided — First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln was raised in a slaveholding household in Lexington, Kentucky. During the war eight of her thirteen siblings supported the Confederacy. Elizabeth "Betsy" Humphreys Todd was Mary's stepmother. Although her son-in-law was president of the Union, Betsy sided with the South during the war. Three of her sons served in the Confederate Army, two of whom died during the war. At her death in 1874, Betsy left money for a monument to honor her sons. It reads: "In Memory of My Boys, Samuel B. Todd, David H. Todd, Alexander H. Todd. All Confederate Soldiers." Additionally, Mary Todd Lincoln's sister Emilie Todd was married to CSA Brig. Gen. Benjamin Hardin Helm who was killed at Chickamauga.

Mary Todd Lincoln's third cousin was Adaline Jerusha (Forbis) Tuggle, the great-great-grandmother of PDC Tad Campbell.



Event Schedule

September 7, 2013

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
Santa Clara, California

September 28, 2013

Alcatraz Living History Day
San Francisco, California

September 29, 2013

Flag Lowering Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

October 11-13, 2013

Civil War Encampment
Fort Mervine
Lower Presidio of Monterey
Monterey, California

November 9, 2013

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
Santa Clara, California

November 11, 2013

Veterans Day Parade
San José, 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

September 16 – Willie Johnston, an 11 year old drummer boy from Vermont, is awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Seven Days Battle.

September 19-20 – Union forces under Gen. Wm. Rosecrans fight Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee at Chickamauga near Chattanooga. The stubborn resistance exhibited by Federal forces under Gen. George H. Thomas, even as they run out of ammunition, earns him the nickname, "the Rock of Chickamauga." A Confederate victory that successfully stops a Union advance, still has a high price -- this battle is second only to Gettysburg in casualties.

October 17 – Major Gen. Ulysses S. Grant receives command of the Western armies, designated the Military Division of the Mississippi. He moves to reinforce Chattanooga and replaces Rosecrans with Major General George H. Thomas.

October 23 – In Chattanooga on a rainy evening, Capt. Horace Porter is called to HQ to meet "a general officer, slight in figure and of medium stature, whose face bore an expression of weariness. He was carelessly dressed and his uniform coat was unbuttoned and thrown back from his chest. He held a lighted cigar in his mouth, and sat in a stooping posture, with his head bent slightly forward. His clothes were wet and his trousers and top-boots were spattered with mud." This is Grant, the new commander.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 9, 2013 - 10:00 am
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.

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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



Phil Sheridan Camp 4

<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52

<http://www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html>

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