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NEW ALMADEN CIVIL WAR DISPLAY



The Camp assists with the new Civil War display at the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

L-R: Frank Avila, Paul Lavrischeff, John Stolp, Emelia Campbell, Tad Campbell, Tom Graham (Photo by Robert Kadlec)

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NEW ALMADEN CIVIL WAR DISPLAY

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Members of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 provided uniform items to the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum for the display of Union involvement in protecting the mines during the Civil War. The mines produced cinnabar, an ore containing quicksilver, or mercury, which was needed to process silver and later gold from California, which provide critical financial support to United States during the Civil War. Between 1850 and 1861 the mine's Director General was Captain Henry Halleck who went on to become a Major General during the Civil War and was General-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States between 1862 and 1864 and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army between 1864 and 1865.

One hundred and fifty years ago the New Almaden Cavalry, Company K, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, California State Militia, was formed to guard the New Almaden Quicksilver Mines. On the first of February this year Camp members **FRANK AVILA PCC**, Department Senior Vice Commander **THOMAS GRAHAM PCC**, **ROBERT KADLEC PCC**, Camp Senior Vice Commander **JOHN STOLP**, Camp Junior Vice Commander **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL PDC** and daughter **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, and Auxiliary No. 52 member **DIANE WETZEL** gathered at the museum in San José to view the opening of the display honoring the New Almaden Cavalry. Those providing items for the display include **KERMIT CLAYTOR**, **TOM GRAHAM**, and **RICK LAROSA**.

The museum is housed in La Casa Grande, literally "The Big House", a revival-style mansion built in 1854, which served as the official residence and office of the mine superintendents, as well as a country retreat for wealthy mine investors. The mine is named for a mercury mine in (old) Almadén, Spain, which had operated since at least Roman times. The mines at New Almaden were worked for over 135 years. By the time Santa Clara County bought the mines in 1976 and ended operations, 83,974,076 pounds of mercury (worth more than \$70 million) had been extracted.



**La Casa Grande, now the home of the
New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum**

INSTALLATION BANQUET

The annual installation of officers for the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 took place on Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Three Flames Restaurant in San José, California. Department Commander **TIMOTHY P. REESE, PCC** and National Vice President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** served as installing officers. New member **TERRY BRIGGS** was initiated into the SUVCW, while the remainder of normal business was postponed until the next regular meeting.



Above: Terry Briggs listens intently as Chaplain Daniel Bunnell PDC administers the oath during Briggs' initiation.

Below: Emelia Campbell hams it up for the camera while attendees enjoy the camaraderie of the meal.



Right: Natl. Vice President Rachelle Campbell PDP installs the Auxiliary officers.

Below: Dept. Cmdr. Timothy Reese PCC installs Camp Cmdr. Stephen Aguirre





COMMANDIER'S COLUMN

A Focus on Graves Registration

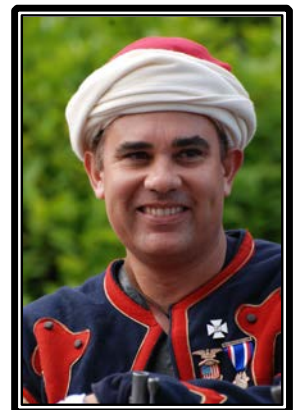
Brothers, it is my pleasure to have been elected and installed as your 2014 Camp Commander. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to lead the camp in this capacity. As a vision, focus and direction I would like to submit that this year, as a Camp, we direct more of our time and resources to working on Graves Registration projects. In years past, the Camp had many Brothers who spent a tremendous amount of time improving the National database, and more importantly honoring our Civil War Veterans; both from the North and the South. In recent years however, the amount of speculative research has increased, but our presence in the fields of honor has decreased.

In speaking with SVC Stolp, also our Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, he has mentioned that he has 'ideas' on increasing our efforts and having group activities for this purpose. In addition, Department Graves Registration Officer Felton has sent a communication indicating that he will be initiating a program directed at verifying CW graves that are on a national database, but not listed on the SUVCW's National database. He calls these projects, "Needles in the Haystack"; and will beginning sending these assignments out after the Department Encampment in March.

I have asked Brother Stolp to coordinate our efforts this year, and working together, we should be able to add many new records into the database; to preserve the honor and sacrifice of all of those involved in the most costly of American conflicts. Please anticipate hearing more regarding planned outings for this purpose. Equally important these outings will also provide us with a chance for fellowship, and possibly act as a recruitment tool too! I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter, and joining with you on these expeditions!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Stephen P. Aguirre
Camp Commander



FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On February 1, 2014, members of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 provided a color guard for the American Legion's 34th Annual Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service held at Saint Frances Cabrini Church in San José, California.

The annual service memorializes the four U.S. Army Chaplains who gave their lives when the USAT Dorchester troop transport was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic taking the lives of 675 servicemen on February 3, 1943. The chaplains, Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington and Reformed Church in America Reverend



L-R: Tom Graham, Tad Campbell, Emelia Campbell, Frank Avila, John Stolp, and Paul Lavrischeff. *Photo by Bob Kadlec.*

Clark V. Poling, helped the soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. Many of those who survived attributed their survival directly to the assistance and acts of compassion of the four chaplains aboard that night.



Members of the Fleet Reserve Association conducted a moving "Two-Bell Ceremony"



Camp No. 4 members participating in the service were: **TOM GRAHAM PCC**, National SVC-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL PDC** and daughter **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, **FRANK AVILA PCC**, Camp SVC **JOHN STOLP**, Camp JVC **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, and **BOB KADLEC PCC**.

Make Georgia howl!

This August the Allied Orders will march to the Atlanta area for their annual National Encampments!

WHEN:
August 14-17, 2014

WHERE:
**Hilton Atlanta/Marietta
Hotel & Conference Center**
500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, Georgia

Join your fellow Yankees in Georgia to support our own candidates in their election bids —

Camp 4's Tad Campbell for Cmdr.-in-Chief
Aux. 52's Rachelle Campbell for Natl. President

Further details can be found online at:
<http://www.2014nationalencampment.com>



Department Encampment

The Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will take place on **March 7-8, 2014** at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, in Sacramento, California.

Honored guests will include Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley of Ohio, National President Diane Mellor of New Hampshire, and several other national officers.

For details and registration forms, please visit the Department website at:

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

A Party for Mr. Lincoln!



You are cordially invited to a celebration of the 205th Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln!

Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Holder's Country Inn
998 S. De Anza Blvd., San José, CA 95129

Order off the menu.

*All members of the Allied Orders,
their friends and families are invited!*

Passages

BILL GAINES, FATHER OF BROTHER ADAM GAINES



William Robert "Bill" Gaines, aged 56 years, died peacefully on January 5, 2014 at his home after a lengthy battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Luanne (nee Turner) for 27 years. Loving father of Adam. Dear son of Shirley Gaines and the late Bob. Loved brother of Debbie (Jim) Lacey, Glen (Cheryl), Catherine (Kevin) Durocher, Judy (Mike) Alzner. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Bill retired after 30 years of service at Ford Motor Company. He so loved working at Lowes, after his retirement.

The Camp extends its sincere condolences to Brother Adam and his family.

COMMANDER BOB DUNCAN

Brother Robert E. "Bob" Duncan, Commander of William T. Sherman Camp No. 28, died on January 29, 2014 at Santa Barbara, California after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Bob was born September 24, 1934 at Somerville, Massachusetts on September 24, 1934 and grew up in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from The College of William and Mary with a degree in English literature, and moved to Santa Barbara in the mid 1960s.

He was a Korean War-era veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having attained the rank of Sergeant. Bob was also an avid historian, photographer, builder, Carpinteria Fire District board member, and civic activist.

Bob was among the organizers and charter members of the William T. Sherman Camp No. 28, SUVCW when it was organized in 2006. He was responsible for restoring the Union veterans burial plot at the Cieneguitas Cemetery in Goleta, California and was also instrumental in the establishment of Veterans Memorial Park in Summerland, California, featuring the relocation of a neglected monument and flagpole.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held Saturday February 22, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Lions Park, 6197 Casitas Pass Rd, Carpinteria, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Summerland Citizens Association, marked Veterans Memorial Park Fund, 1140 Eugenia Place, Carpinteria, CA 93013.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Sisters, welcome to a new year with Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52. Our first opportunity to come together will be at the President Lincoln's birthday dinner on February 15th at Holders Country Inn at 4:30. We will have a chance to share a meal and conversation with one another.

On March 7th and 8th we will gather in Sacramento for the Department Encampment where we will meet with the other Auxiliaries in the state and conduct the business before us.

We will not have an Auxiliary meeting until May but be on the lookout for an e-mail that will ask your opinion about activities that we might undertake in the upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events along the way.

Respectfully,
Debbie Earl
President

*"There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom.
Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."*

Miles Kington



Godleys Fashions for August 1862

Event Schedule

January 17, 2014

Installation Banquet
Three Flames Restaurant
San José, California

January 25, 2014

Fort Point Living History Day
Fort Point National Historic Site
San Francisco, California

February 1, 2014

Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony
St. Francis Cabrini Church
San José, California

February 15, 2014

Lincoln Dinner
Holder's Country Inn
San José, California

March 7-8, 2014

Annual Department Encampment
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
Sacramento, California

May 17, 2014

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
American Legion Post 564
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 — 1864

January 2 – General Banks led his campaign against Galveston by moving along the Texan coast.

January 7 – The Confederate Navy Yard in Charlotte, North Carolina is destroyed by an explosion and the resulting fire. The cause is undetermined.

February 7 – Union forces occupy Jacksonville, Florida.

February 9 – After 45 days of digging a tunnel, 109 Union officers escape from the Confederate Libby Prison in Richmond. Although 48 escapees are recaptured, it is still the largest prison break of the war.

February 17 – In the world's first successful submarine attack on a warship, the Confederate ship *Hunley* sinks the USS *Housatonic* off Charleston, SC and then sinks herself on the way back.

February 20 – At Olustee, Florida, (aka Ocean Pond) the Union troops striking inland from Jacksonville are badly defeated, losing 2,000 men. This is the largest battle in Florida.

February 25 – The first Union captives are placed in the prison at Andersonville, Georgia. It is formally known as Camp Sumter, but will always be remembered as Andersonville.

NEXT MEETING: Lincoln Dinner, Sat., February 15, 2014 - 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Holder's Country Inn, 998 S. De Anza Blvd., San José, Calif.

Officers for 2014-2015

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 Press Correspondent *Vacant*
 Guide *Vacant*

Counselor Daniel R. Earl, 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
<http://www.suvcw.org>

Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52
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