

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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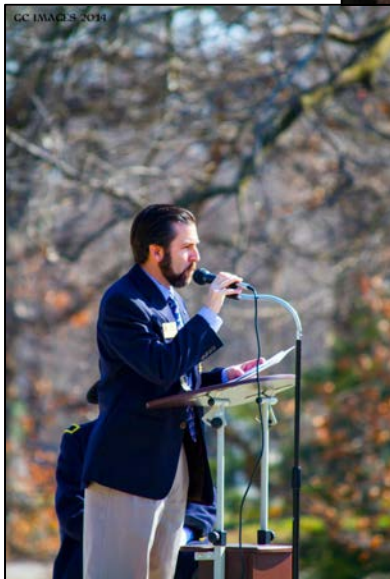
San José, California

March-April 2014

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## Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 played a prominent role in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on April 12, 2014. The ceremony marking the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's death is co-sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).



The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Camp Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** (at left).

Camp Brother **LINN W. MALAZNIK** placed a memorial wreath on behalf of the Camp, which can be seen in the photo above.

*Photo by Bro. Greg Carter*

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## Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary and Sons of Spanish American War Veterans



**Grand Army of the Republic &  
United Spanish War Veterans**



# Annual Memorial Day Service

*Honoring the memory & sacrifices of those who served*

*12:45 o'clock, Monday, May 26, 2014*

*Grand Army of the Republic Plot*

*Oak Hill Memorial Park*

*300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California*



## DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary held the annual Encampments of their respective Departments on March 7-8, 2014 at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham in Sacramento, California. The change of venue from San Luis Obispo to Sacramento was apparently well received, as there were approximately eighty in attendance, more than any present could recall from prior Encampments.

Dignitaries present included Commander-in-Chief **KEN FRESHLEY**, National President **DIANE MELLOR**, DUVCW National President **CAROLE MORTON**, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**, National Vice President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, National Secretary **TRICIA BURES**, National GAR Records Officer **DEAN ENDERLIN**, Past Commander-in-Chief **PERLEY MELLOR**, Past Commander-in-Chief **BRAD SCHALL**, and Past National President **FRANCES MURRAY**.

Two unique tours were offered during the weekend: a Friday evening tour of Old Town Sacramento led by Bro. **GREG TRACY**, and a Sunday morning tour of the Old Sacramento Cemetery, featuring first-person portrayals of historic figures interred therein.

**TIMOTHY REESE** of Lincoln Camp No. 10 was re-elected to a second term as Department Commander and **BEVERLY GRAHAM** of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was elevated to Department President. Other elected and appointed Department officers from Camp No. 4 include: Senior Vice Commander **THOMAS GRAHAM**, Councilman & Counselor **DANIEL EARL**, Patriotic Instructor **FRANK AVILA**, Guard **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, and Signals Officer **TAD CAMPBELL**. Other elected and appointed Department officers from Auxiliary No. 52 include: Vice President **CINDY EDDY**, Council #3 **CINDI MENZIES**, Treasurer & Personal Aide **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, Press Correspondent **KATHY MABIE**, and Counselor & Signals Officer **TAD CAMPBELL**.

The date and location of the 2015 Department Encampments has yet to be announced, but the editor understands that Sacramento is a leading candidate.



**Elected Officers of the Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW pose with the Commander-in-Chief**

L-R: Councilman Charles W. Mabie, Councilman Daniel R. Earl, Commander Timothy P. Reese, Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley, Secretary-Treasurer Owen R. Stiles, Councilman Rudy E. Velasco III, Senior Vice Commander Thomas T. Graham, and Junior Vice Commander Dean A. Enderlin



## 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 Commander-in-Chief**

**Auxiliary 52's Rachele Campbell for National President**

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

### SUVCW Embroidered Patches

Display your Pride in the Order and its patriotic activities with this elegantly embroidered SUVCW patch.



Small 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch oval patch embroidered on royal blue twill cloth. White banner surrounds the gold thread center emblem eagle design.

**\$5.00 donation plus \$1.00 S&H (\$2.00 S&H for six or more)**

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# Fort Pillow Massacre

The Fort Pillow Massacre in Tennessee on April 12, 1864, in which more than 300 African-American soldiers were killed, was one of the most controversial events of the Civil War.

In 1861, the Confederates constructed a military installation at the Fort Pillow site and named it for General Gideon Johnson Pillow (1806-78), a Tennessee native. Fort Pillow overlooked the Mississippi River and was an important part of the Confederate river defense system before it was captured by federal forces in the summer of 1862.



In March 1864, Confederate Major General Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-77) launched a cavalry raid in western Tennessee and Kentucky that was aimed at destroying Union supply lines and capturing federal prisoners. In early April, he determined to move on Fort Pillow, located 40 miles north of Memphis. At the time, Fort Pillow was being held by a garrison of around 600 men, approximately half of who were black soldiers.

On April 12, Forrest's force, estimated at 1,500 to 2,500 troops, quickly overran the fort, suffering only moderate casualties. Though most of the Union garrison surrendered, and thus should have been taken as prisoners of war, some 300 soldiers were killed, the majority of them black. The Confederate refusal to treat these soldiers as traditional POWs infuriated the North, and contributed to the Union's refusal to participate in prisoner exchanges.

Union survivors' accounts, later supported by a federal investigation, concluded that African-American troops were massacred by Forrest's men after surrendering. Southern accounts disputed these findings, and controversy over the battle continues today. The Fort Pillow site is now a Tennessee state park.

## *Did You Know?*

Despite the ferocity of the attack, Fort Pillow was of little significance to the Confederate Army, and Nathan Bedford Forrest's troops abandoned it within hours of the massacre.

Source: History.com (<http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/fort-pillow-massacre>)



## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

The Auxiliary and Camp will be participating in two school presentations, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill, and May 30<sup>th</sup> at Quimby Oak Middle School in San José. If you would like more information and/or are able to assist with either of these presentations, please contact Rachelle Campbell via email at [asucw@icloud.com](mailto:asucw@icloud.com).

***FREE ! ! !***



Now that we have your attention....*it's not really free*, but you knew that anyway, right? However, it is for a great cause!

The National Chief of Staff is now offering tote bags to help raise money for the National Chief of Staff Fund. This fund is used to help support the daily operations of the National Order.

These totes are of high quality and feature a pocket on one end, ideal for holding a water bottle. The ASUVCW crest is featured prominently on the side to help promote our Order.

***Only \$30.00 each!***

*Please send your check or money order to:*

National Organization, ASUVCW  
c/o Anna Frail, 19 Briar Point Ave., Coventry, RI 02816

# Event Schedule

## **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

## **May 24-25, 2014**

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Civil War Battles &  
Encampment, Roaring Camp  
Felton, California

## **May 26, 2014**

Memorial Day Ceremonies  
Oak Hill Memorial Park  
San José, California

## **June 28, 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](http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html)

## **Did You Know?**

### ***150 Years Ago — 1864***

**March 12** – Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant becomes commander of the United States armies. A few days later he, in turn, promotes William Tecumseh Sherman.

**March 16** – Confederates led by Nathan Bedford Forrest start a move into Tennessee and Kentucky.

**April 7** – As Union ships fight on the Red River in Louisiana, Chief Engineer Thomas Doughty on the *Osage*, an ironclad "monitor", uses sheet iron and mirrors to rig up a tube that lets him see attacking Confederates despite the river's high banks. This is the first periscope.

**April 12** – Fort Pillow on the Mississippi River is occupied by less than 600 Union troops. Under attack by 2500 of Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry, the fort is overwhelmed. Union casualties are very high; only 58 of 262 African-American soldiers surviving.

**April 17** – The exchange of prisoners of war is discontinued by General Grant who says that it is only prolonging the conflict.

**April 19** – The port city of Plymouth, North Carolina is the site of the second largest battle in North Carolina and its last Confederate victory.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 10:00 am  
***LOCATION:*** American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.

## *Officers for 2014-2015*

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

Commander ..... Stephen P. Aguirre  
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 Council ..... Rick T. LaRosa  
 Council ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 Council ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Patriotic Instructor ..... *Vacant*  
 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. .... Stephen P. Aguirre  
 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 ..... Debra L. Earl  
 Vice President ..... Sharon Pope, PAP  
 Trustee #1 ..... Diane Wetzel  
 Trustee #2 ..... Beverly Graham, PAP  
 Trustee #3 ..... Sharon Pope, PAP  
 Secretary ..... Beverly Graham, PAP  
 Treasurer ..... Rachele M. Campbell, PDP  
 Patriotic Instructor ..... *Vacant*  
 Chaplain ..... Cindi Menzies  
 Press Correspondent ..... *Vacant*  
 Guide ..... *Vacant*

Counselor ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PDC

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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*



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<http://www.suvcw.org>

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