

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## MEMORIAL DAY

*By Bro. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC*

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 once again participated in the annual United Veterans Council (UVC) of Santa Clara County Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California on May 26, 2014. Thousands of spectators, including veterans of all military services, have gathered in San José each year since 1922 to honor the sacrifices of those who have served. The Camp and Auxiliary have posted their colors and presented wreaths honoring the fallen from the Civil War and the Spanish American War. A total of eleven wreaths are placed during the ceremony honoring those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in all wars from the Civil War through Afghanistan and Iraq. As a final tribute in recognition of the establishment of what today is known as Memorial Day, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Brother **RICHARD STALEY** (aka Sheridan-Dix GAR Post No. 7 Past Commander C. L. Burdick), assisted by the newest Sister of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, six-year old **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, placed the traditional Decoration Day floral arrangement.



**Br. Richard Staley and Sr. Emelia Campbell with Marine JROTC carrying the Decoration Day floral arrangement**

Following the UVC Ceremony, the Camp and Auxiliary held its 99th SUVCW Memorial Day service at the nearby Grand Army of the Republic plot. The ceremony, which began jointly with Sheridan-Dix GAR Post No. 7 in 1915, now includes providing honor to the 1898 Spanish-American War Veterans who are buried in a plot adjacent to the over 400 Civil War veterans buried in the GAR

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plot. As Master of Ceremony, Camp SVC **JOHN STOLP** conducted the service with the assistance Camp Chaplain **DAN BUNNELL, PDC**. Brother **RICHARD STALEY**, in the guise of Sheridan-Dix GAR Post No. 7 Past Commander C. L. Burdick, presented Gen. John A. Logan's 1868 General Order No. 11, which established Memorial Day. Joining the service were guests Brother **FRED CLARK**, Past Commander of Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Department of Pennsylvania, his wife Sister **NINA CLARK** of Jenny Wade Auxiliary No. 27, Department of Pennsylvania and their daughter **SHARON BOLLINGER**.



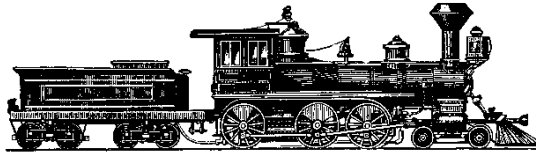
Above, those officiating during the service, from left to right, were: Chaplain **DAN BUNNELL, PDC**; Camp JVC **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**; National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL, PDC**; Brothers **RICHARD STALEY**; **FRANK AVILA, PCC**; Camp SVC **JOHN STOLP**; Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Sister **DIANE WETZEL**; and Brothers **DAN EARL, PCC** and **RICK LAROSA**.



## Sheridan on Currency

Gen. Philip H. Sheridan was featured on two ten-dollar bills. One was the 1890 \$10 treasury note and the other was the 1891 \$10 treasury note. Sheridan is the only person to be featured on a ten-dollar bill who was strictly associated with the military and not politics. Additionally, the series 1869 \$5 silver certificate featured a portrait of Sheridan.

# Roaring Camp



The combined efforts of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Lincoln Camp No. 10, Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp No. 24, and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 provided for another successful information booth at the 33rd Annual Civil War Battles and Encampment at Roaring Camp in Felton, California on May 24-25, 2014. Excellent weather was enjoyed by all and delicious food prepared by Past Department Commander **CHARLIE MABIE** with the help of Camp No. 24 associates **BILL** and **SUSAN COLE**. Camp No. 4 Brother **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** educated the public on firearms of the period, while Department Commander **TIM REESE** of Camp No. 10 put on an excellent display of naval artifacts and GAR memorabilia. The displays were rounded out by those of Camp No. 4's **TAD CAMPBELL, PDC** AND Auxiliary No. 52's **RACHELLE CAMPBELL, PDP**.



At right, Camp No. 10 SVC Garrett Hasslinger with National Vice President Rachelle Campbell.

Below, the combined SUVCW/ASUVCW forces.

(Images courtesy of Bro. Tim Reese)



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## 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>

# Attention to Orders!

**Camp Orders** — <http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/rules/ordersindex.html>

None Issued

**Department Orders** — <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/orders14-15.html>

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1** (11 Mar 2014)

**Election, Appointed Officers, & Department Headquarters**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2** (12 Mar 2014)

**Appointment of Department Standing & Special Committees**

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3** (16 Mar 2014)

**Adoption of Official Department Seal**

*Specifies the design, appearance and appropriate use of the official seal of the Department, as adopted by the 128th Annual Department Encampment.*

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4** (25 Mar 2014)

**John A. Logan Camp No. 20 Disbandment**

*Announces the disbandment of the John A. Logan Camp No. 20 of Los Gatos, California, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's General Order No. 14.*

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5** (25 Mar 2014)

**Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 Disbandment**

*Announces the disbandment of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 of Cazadero, California, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's General Order No. 14.*

**SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1** (24 Mar 2014)

**Passing of Brother Donald Guidici**

*Places Department in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Donald Guidici of Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25.*

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6** (5 May 2014)

**Observance of Memorial Day 2014**

*Encourages participation in Memorial Day observances on both the designated Federal holiday and on May 30th.*

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 7** (7 May 2014)

**SUVCW Merchandise Sales Listing**

*Review of resolution passed by the Department Encampment asking for merchandising licenses to be listed on the national website and at least annually in The Banner to assist with sales.*

**SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2** (9 May 2014)

**Passing of Brother Philip Glen Reader**

*Places Department in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Philip G. Reader of Lincoln Camp No. 10.*



## General Orders — [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=513](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513)



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 17** (15 May 2014)  
**Department of Oklahoma Reinstatement into Good Standing**  
*Lifts suspension of the Department of Oklahoma.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 18** (16 May 2014)  
**National Encampment Site Committee Chairmanship**  
*Appoints Bro. James Crane of Ohio as chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 19** (16 May 2014)  
**Opinion on ASUVCW Disciplinary Issues**  
*Addresses recent disciplinary actions within the ASUVCW and the role of the SUVCW in the same.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 20** (25 May 2014)  
**Memorial Day**  
*Encourages participation in Memorial Day observances.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 21** (12 Jun 2014)  
**Replacement of Camp Charter**  
*Authorizes replacement charter to be issued to the Gen. Zenas R. Bliss Camp No. 12 of Rhode Island.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22** (15 Jun 2014)  
**Reinstatement of Junior Membership Program**  
*Reinstates the Junior membership program and offers guidelines for the protection of minors.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 23** (18 Jun 2014)  
**Revocation of Camp Charter**  
*Revocation of the Charter of Captain David L. Payne Camp No. 2 of Stillwater, Oklahoma.*



## Gold Hoax of 1864

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Civil War Gold Hoax was an 1864 hoax perpetrated by two journalists to exploit the financial situation during the Civil War.

On May 18, 1864, two New York City newspapers, the *New York World* and the *New York Journal of Commerce*, published a story that President Abraham Lincoln had issued a proclamation of conscription of 400,000 more men into the Union army. At the time, there were fierce battles taking place between Union and Confederate troops in Virginia and the public took it to mean that the war was not going well for the Union. Share prices fell on the New York Stock Exchange when investors began to buy gold, and its value increased 10%.

During the day a number of people -- one of them former Union commander General George McClellan -- became suspicious of the fact that the proclamation had been published in just two newspapers, and went to the offices of the *Journal* to determine the source. Editors of the paper showed them an Associated Press dispatch they had received early in the morning.

Before noon, the Associated Press issued a statement that the dispatch had not come from them, and at 12.30 p.m. the State Department in Washington DC sent a telegram to verify that the proclamation was "an absolute forgery". By then, however, the stock market had already been affected.

Further investigation revealed that the dispatches had been delivered by a young courier just after the night editors had gone home. The timing had been perfect: the night foreman had had to make a decision as to whether to include the proclamation in the next day's paper or not. Night foremen in various other newspapers had tried to verify the message, and when they found out that not every paper had received the message, they decided to delay it pending further proof. Only foremen for the *World* and *Journal of Commerce* had added it.

President Lincoln was enraged when he heard about the case: he gave an order to close the two papers down and had their editors arrested for suspicion of complicity. Soldiers seized the two offices and, for some reason, the office of the Independent Telegraph Line. Lincoln eventually had the editors released.

Detectives tracked down the culprits. They found the messengers and questioned them. On May 21 they arrested Francis Mallison, a reporter for the *Brooklyn Eagle* who informed on his city editor Joseph Howard, Jr., who was also arrested. Howard came quietly and confessed.

Howard had bought gold on margin May 17, and started the ruse because he knew that any news of a prolongation of the war would cause a rise in the price of gold when investors wanted to transfer their savings elsewhere. He had forged the two AP dispatches, and sent them to various city newspapers in an appropriate time. The next day, during the furor, he had sold his investment and profited immensely.

Howard spent only three months in prison and was released on August 22, 1864. With perfect irony, at that time Lincoln had to issue a call for 500,000 more soldiers.

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## School Presentations

Spearheaded by **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52, and supported by Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Lincoln Camp No. 10, the Auxiliary and Camp recently gave two highly successful Civil War presentations to middle school students in Santa Clara County.

On May 16, 2014 they were at Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill, California and on May 30, 2014 they were at Quimby Oaks Middle School in San José, California.

At both schools, Camp 10's **RANDALL HAWKINSON** spoke to the students about the life of the soldier and what they wore. Camp 10's **KEVIN COYNE** educated them about the GAR and the types of issues faced by the soldiers when they returned home.

At Quimby Oaks Middle School Camp 4's **FRANK AVILA** spoke about the medical treatment during the Civil War and about the advancements brought on by the war.

At Britton Middle School **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** covered the medicine in the Civil War, and at Quimby Oaks Middle school she taught the children about social changes for women that were accelerated by the war.

The presentations were both very well received and it is likely that the groups will be asked back next year.





## Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

### New Member

At the regular meeting of Auxiliary No. 52 on May 17, 2014 the "newest" Sister of the Auxiliary was unanimously voted into membership. Six-year old **EMELIA J. "EMMY" CAMPBELL** has been associated with the Auxiliary since birth, but could not be an official Junior Member until her birthday in April. Emelia is the daughter of National Vice President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**. Her official initiation will take place later this year. She is very excited to be able to join her parents as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Family.



*Welcome to the Auxiliary Emmy!*



### Auxiliary Assists with JROTC Award

On May 23, 2014, National Vice President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** assisted Lincoln Camp No. 10 with the presentation of a JROTC award at Monterey High School in Monterey, California. Rachelle accompanied Camp No. 10 Brothers **TIM REESE** and **KEVIN COYNE** to present the award to Navy JROTC Cadet **FIONA JENSEN**.

*Photos courtesy of Bro. Tim Reese*



# Event Schedule

## 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

## July 4, 2014

Rose, White & Blue Parade  
San José, California

## July 4, 2014

Monterey 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Monterey, California

## August 14-17, 2014

National Encampment  
Marietta, Georgia

**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

**May 5-7** – Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia.

**May 8-21** – Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse, Virginia.

**May 11** – Gen. Jeb Stuart is mortally wounded in Virginia fighting cavalry led by Gen. Phil Sheridan.

**May 15** – Battle of New Market, Virginia.

**June 1-July 15** – Col. George W. Kirk, leads 130 men of the Federal 3rd N. C. from Morristown, Tennessee into North Carolina to capture and destroy Camp Vance near Morganton. They capture a number of prisoners, enlist a number of Confederate draftees who are at the camp for training, and then return safely to Tennessee. Col. Kirk survived until 1905 and is buried at Gavilan Hills Memorial Park in Gilroy, California.

**June 3** – The heaviest day of fighting in the 13-day battle at Cold Harbor, Virginia.

**June 14** – In 8 hours 450 Union engineers build a pontoon bridge across the James River, enabling Grant's forces to cross the river and move toward Petersburg, Virginia. At 2100 feet this is the longest pontoon bridge ever used in war.

**June 15-18** – Grant is unable to take Petersburg and begins a siege that will continue for almost a year.

**June 19** – Off the coast of France the USS *Kearsage* sinks the CSS *Alabama*.

***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, June 28, 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  
 Senior Vice Commander ..... John E. Stolp  
 Junior Vice Commander ..... Paul E. Lavrischeff  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Thomas T. Graham, PCC  
 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

#### ***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.suvsac.org/camp4.html>

***SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific***  
<http://www.suvsac.org>

***Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52***  
<http://www.suvsac.org/aux/aux52.html>

***SUVCW National Organization***  
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