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Campbells Take the Helm!

On August 16, 2014 at the National Encampment held in Marietta, Georgia, our very own **TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** was elected Commander-in-Chief of the SUCVW and his wife **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, PDP** was elected National President of the ASUCVW! This is the first time in nearly thirty years that the two national heads have simultaneously been from the same household.

Brother Tad joined the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in 1997 and became a Life Member in 2005. Sister Rachelle joined the National Membership-at-Large in 2000, was the organizer and first President of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 in 2004, and became a Life Member in 2005.



Photo by Bro. Paul Zeien

The following members of the Camp and Auxiliary were also appointed as National Officers for 2014-2015: National Aide-de-Camp **FRANK AVILA**, National Chaplain **DANIEL BUNNELL**, National GAR Records Officer **DEAN ENDERLIN** (Dual Member), National Guide **ADAM GAINES** (Dual Member), National Personal Aide **BEVERLY GRAHAM**, and National Personal Aide **ROSEMARY MARTIN**.

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Attention to Orders!

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

None Issued

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

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3 (7 August 2014)

Passing of Brother John E. "Jack" Sholl

Places Department in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. John E. "Jack" Sholl of Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18.



SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4 (10 August 2014)

Passing of Brother Art Aseltine

Places Department in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Art Aseltine of Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5 (26 August 2014)

Passing of Lillian Marti, Daughter of Brother Joseph Marti

Acknowledges the passing of Lillian Marti, daughter of Bro. Joseph Marti, PCC of Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 and provides memorial service and contact information.

General Orders — http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24 (21 August 2014)

Modification to Ruling on ASUVCW Disciplinary Issues

Clarifies SUVCW position, as mandated by National Encampment.



GENERAL ORDER NO. 25 (21 August 2014)

National Awards

Summary of National Award Recipients recognized during the National Encampment.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 (20 August 2014)

Change of Command

Notification of change of command, transfer of headquarters, etc.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 (20 August 2014)

Mission Statement

Commander-in-Chief's acceptance speech, which serves as a mission statement for his term.

Dedication of the Spanish-American War Monument



United Spanish War Veterans



Honoring the memory and sacrifices of the 200 veterans who served during the 1898 Spanish-American War

10:30 o'clock, Saturday, September 6, 2014

Oak Hill Memorial Park

300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California

**Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Sons of Veterans Reserve and the
Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans**



UNITED SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS BURIAL PLOT TO BE REDEDICATED

On September 6, 2014 the Camp and Auxiliary will be rededicating the Spanish-American War plot, almost forty years to the day that Wheaton Camp No. 8, United Spanish American War Veterans (USWV), was formally disbanded.

In 2012 the signage for the Span-Am veterans plot was damaged and Oak Hill has graciously replaced this marker at no cost to us. With our ongoing history of cooperation, we will serve to rededicate this plot to the memory of those who served during 1898-1901 campaigns.

A special thanks goes to **FATHER WILLIAM J. STOUT**, who most generously bestowed the Wheaton Camp No.8, USWV records to our Camp. **BRO. TAD D. CAMPBELL, PDC** had spoken with him concerning these records several years ago, and this discussion was renewed during the Memorial Day exercise at Oak Hill this year. Father Stout's father was one of the last four surviving members of Wheaton Camp, and had tasked his son to find a safe repository for their materials. *We will remember - we will not let them be forgotten!*

The service will commence at 10:30 and is open to the public. Please promote this event to friends, family, and whomever else you can. It would be fitting to have a good turn out. Muster (preferably in uniform / period attire) is planned for 9:00 to set up and go over the actual ceremony on site. Reminders and additional details will be forthcoming in the weeks to follow via email.

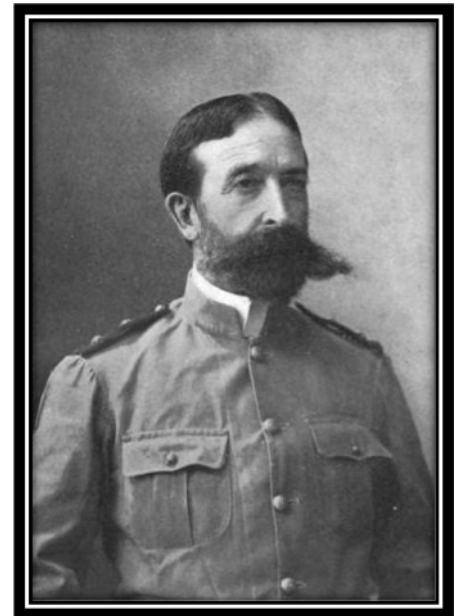
Following the conclusion of the service and clean up, we will adjourn for lunch. The question now remains...shall we have a picnic? There will be a survey presented in the first of the event emails... ***be prepared to respond !!***

Thank you for your consideration on this event,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

John E. Stolp, Camp Senior Vice Commander

Thanks go to **BRO. ROBERT J. KADLEC, PCC** for creating the event flyer, and placing a similar announcement in a local news circular. Also, I have written an article for the *Campbell Express Newspaper*, which will run the week before the service.



Maj. Gen. Loyd Wheaton (1838-1918), for whom the local USWV Camp was named, served in the 8th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and received the Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle of Fort Blakely in 1865.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 participated in Independence Day parades in both San José and Monterey on July 4, 2014.

Camp Commander **STEPHEN AGUIRRE** lead the Camp and Auxiliary in the Rose, White & Blue Parade in the Rose Garden neighborhood of San José. Other members who participated included **TIAJA AGUIRRE, JOSEPH FERMAN, RICHARD FERMAN, JOHN JENSEN, JOHN STOLP,** and **DIANE WETZEL.** The parade route covered just over a mile and a half in distance, and was made most enjoyable by the mild weather, which enlivened the festivities of the day.

Informational brochures were available and distributed to interested spectators, and many photo requests were granted to the patriotically minded crowds. Local media coverage was noted KRON TV4.



The Camp and Auxiliary also greatly supplemented Lincoln Camp No. 10's contingent in the July 4th Parade in Monterey. Participants included: **FRANK AVILA, EMELIA CAMPBELL, RACHELLE CAMPBELL, TAD CAMPBELL, DAN EARL, DEBRA EARL, BEV GRAHAM, TOM GRAHAM, BOB KADLEC, RICK LAROSA,** and **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF.** The public turnout was exceptional and was assisted by the mild weather.





Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

128th Annual National Encampment

The following members of Auxiliary No. 52 attended the recent National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia: **EMELIA CAMPBELL, RACHELLE CAMPBELL PDP, CINDY EDDY PAP, BEVERLY GRAHAM DP, KATHY MABIE, AND ROSEMARY MARTIN.** Sister Beverly served as Parliamentarian for the business sessions, Sister Emelia was a Page, and Sister Rachelle was elected National President of the Order! A great day for Auxiliary No. 52.

Six-year old **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, who was voted into membership in Auxiliary No. 52 in May 2014, was formally initiated during the Allied Orders Banquet and received a standing ovation. The National President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, her mother, administered the oath, while the Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**, her father, pinned her membership badge. They truly represent the "G.A.R. Family!" **Huzzah!**



Upper Right: Rachelle Campbell receives her Natl. President's badge from husband Tad & daughter Emelia. *Photo by Helen Granger.*



Lower Left: Emelia Campbell received her Junior Member Badge from father Tad. *Photo by Tim Reese.*



Lower Right: Rachelle & Emelia Campbell present a wreath at the dedication of the new Wisconsin Monument on the Allatoona Pass Battlefield on Sunday, August 17th. *Photo by Sarah Meyer.*

Event Schedule

July 4, 2014

Rose, White & Blue Parade
San José, California

July 4, 2014

Monterey 4th of July Parade
Monterey, California

August 14-17, 2014

National Encampment
Marietta, Georgia

September 6, 2014

United Spanish American War Veterans
Burial Plot Rededication
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

September 28, 2014

UVC Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

November 8, 2014

Camp & Auxiliary Meetings & Elections
Santa Clara, California

November 11, 2014

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 — 1864

July 30 – Union troops besieging Petersburg, Virginia use a mine to blow a hole in the Confederate defenses. However the troops sent in cannot advance further and many are slaughtered at the bottom of the "Crater" in what one officer later described as a "turkey shoot". Rather than retreat, General Burnside sends in a division of the U. S. Colored Troops who are also trapped. Many are killed even after surrendering. Also among the outfits taking heavy casualties is Co. K, First Michigan Sharpshooters, men who are mostly Ottawa and Chippewa or Ojibwa Indians. As a result of this debacle, Burnside will never command troops again. The siege will continue for 8 more months.

August 5 – As Union ships enter Mobile Bay, Admiral David Glasgow Farragut on board the USS Hartford cannot see what is happening because of the thick smoke so he climbs the rigging with his telescope. Worried about his commander's safety, the captain sends a man up to tie Farragut to the rigging. As the battle continues, Farragut, warned of dangerous mines [then called torpedoes] ahead, cries, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." The Union fleet makes it through the minefield and past 2 forts to defeat the Confederate fleet.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 8, 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.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

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

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

SUVCW National Organization
<http://www.suvcw.org>

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