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Spanish American War Monument Dedication

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Those gathered at the dedication included (left to right): SUCVW Lincoln Camp No. 10 Commander **KEVIN R. COYNE**; Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 President **DEBRA L. EARL**; Camp 4 Brothers **LINN W. MALAZNIK**; **RICHARD A. STALEY**; ASUVCW Department President **BEVERLY L. GRAHAM** (PAP); Camp 4 Brother **FRANK C. AVILA** (PCC); Department SVC **THOMAS T. GRAHAM** (PCC); Camp 4 JVC **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**; Camp 4 Commander **STEPHEN P. AGUIRRE**; Camp 4 Brothers **JOSEPH R. FERMAN**; **RICHARD J. FERMAN**; **DANIEL R. EARL** (PCC); Camp 4 SVC **JOHN E. STOLP**; SUCVW CinC **TAD D. CAMPBELL** (PDC); Auxiliary 52 Sisters **EMELIA J. CAMPBELL**; **CINDI MENZIES**; ASUVCW National President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** (PDP); and Auxiliary 52 Trustee **DIANE WETZEL**. Not in photo: Camp 4 Brother **ROBERT J. KADLEC** (PCC).

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The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW), the Sons of Veterans Reserve, along with the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans (SSAWV), held a dedication ceremony on September 6, 2014 for the new monument honoring the memory and sacrifices of the more than two hundred Spanish American War veterans interred at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. The monument dedication, held adjacent to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) plot, included an invigorating presentation by Camp 4 Brother **RICHARD A. STALEY**, portraying Civil War veteran, and Past Commander of San José's Sheridan-Dix Post No. 7, GAR, Charles L. Burdick. Comrade Burdick was an honorary member of Wheaton Camp No. 8 of the United Spanish War Veterans. Brother Staley enthralled those attending with stories of American exploits in Cuba, the Philippines and China between 1898 and 1901.



Bro. Richard Staley as Comrade C. L. Burdick



Bro. Paul Lavrischeff as a Spanish-American War veteran

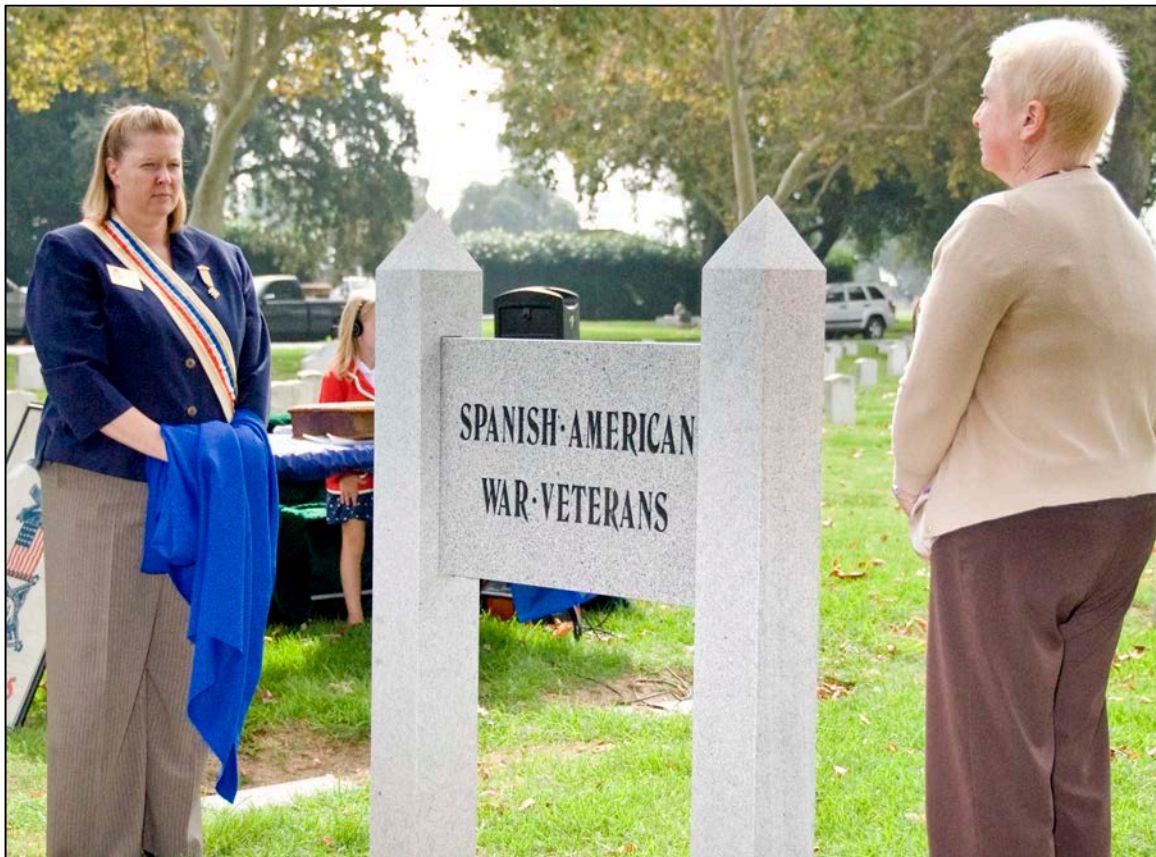
Many of the soldiers who fought in the Spanish American War belonged to the SUVCW. They had steeled themselves for action by forming active militia units, organized under the banner of the "Sons of Veterans Reserve." This was a ready force of the next generation from those who had served in the Civil War. Camp 4 Junior Vice Commander **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, in the guise of a Spanish-American War veteran, provided reminiscences of the Spanish American War.

The gathering was honored with the participation of SUVCW Commander-in-Chief (CinC) **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, who is also a descendent of a Spanish American War veteran and a member of the newly-formed Col. Andrew S. Rowan Camp No. 117, SSAWV, and ASUVCW National President (NP) **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**. CinC Campbell presided over the unveiling of the new monument to the Spanish American War veterans while NP Campbell, ably assisted by Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 President **DEBRA L. EARL**, unveiled the monument.



SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell addresses the crowd

In his preparation for the ceremony, Camp No. 4 SVC **JOHN E. STOLP** met with **FATHER WILLIAM J. STOUT**, an actual son of a Spanish American War veteran. Father Stout was tasked by his father with the proper disposition of the records of the Wheaton Camp No. 8, United Spanish American War Veterans (USAWV). Earlier this year, a transfer of these documents was made to Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 for safe keeping. Father Stout's generous donation will keep fresh in our minds the contributions of the USAWV and insure that future generations will recall the local activities of Wheaton Camp No. 8.



ASUVCW National President Rachelle Campbell and Auxiliary No. 52 President Debra Earl unveil the new monument

VETERANS FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY

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On Sunday, September 28, 2014 the Camp participated in the bi-monthly Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. The event is sponsored by the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) and is usually held on the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm near the main entrance flag pole, where a different



Above, L-R: Richard Ferman, Frank Avila, John Stolp, Terry Briggs, Steve Aguirre, Bob Kadlec, Joseph Ferman, Paul Lavrischeff



At left, L-R: Frank Avila, John Stolp, Richard Ferman, Joseph Ferman, Paul Lavrischeff, Steve Aguirre.

deceased veteran's name is displayed each day. The UVC member organizations take turns performing the ceremony, which includes reading all the veteran names that have been displayed since the previous ceremony. Any deceased veteran may be honored by Oak Hill. The veteran does not have to be recently deceased and does not have to be buried at Oak Hill.

If interesting in having a deceased veteran honored, send as much as is known (veteran's name, branch of service, rank or rate, date of death, where interred, next of kin's name/address/phone) to:

**Oak Hill Memorial Park
Attn: Flag Lowering Ceremony
300 Curtner Ave., San José, CA 95125**



Attention to Orders!

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

None Issued

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

None Issued

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25A (14 Oct 2014)

National Aide and Scholarship Recipients

Corrects the omissions of said awards during previous term.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3 (30 Aug 2014)

Replacement Charter for Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1

Authorizes a replacement charter for the Camp-at-Large in Washington.

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 (5 Sep 2014)

Passing of Real Son Carson W. Yeager

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" Carson Ward Yeager of the Department of Illinois.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 (8 Sep 2014)

Addition of North Dakota to the Department of Nebraska

Adds the State of North Dakota to the jurisdiction of the Department of Nebraska.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5 (13 Oct 2014)

Suspension of Camp and Departments

Suspends the Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, the Dept. of Iowa, and the Dept. of Kentucky for failure to pay per capita dues and/or failure to submit properly completed forms.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6 (20 Oct 2014)

Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project

Encourages support for the Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project in Petersburg, Illinois.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7 (20 Oct 2014)

Government Headstone Application Committee

Establishes the National Special Government Headstone Application Committee.

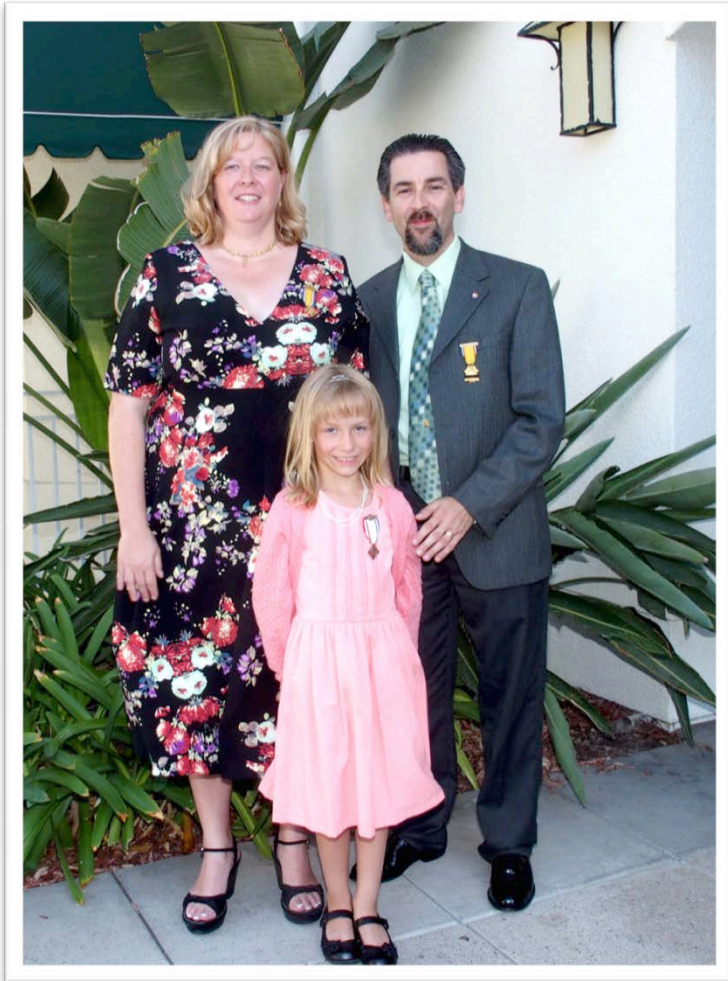
GENERAL ORDER NO. 8 (22 Oct 2014)

Suspension Lifted for Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6

Camp reinstated after submitting properly completed & signed forms and required payment.



Allied Orders Testimonial



The Campbells — Rachelle, Emelia and Tad
All photos by Robert J. Kadlec, PCC

first since 1988. This is the first time in nearly thirty years that the two National Heads have simultaneously been from the same household.

CinC Campbell joined the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in 1997. NP Campbell joined the ASUVCW in 2000 and was the organizer of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 in 2004. Both served several terms as heads of their respective Departments of California and Pacific.

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The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic held a joint Testimonial on September 27, 2014 at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose, California to honor the newly elected Commander-in-Chief (CinC) of the SUVCW and National President (NP) of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Members of the Allied Orders from California, Colorado, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Washington bestowed honors on **TAD D. CAMPBELL** on his election as the CinC for 2014 to 2015, and **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** as the Auxiliary NP for 2014 to 2015. In attendance at the event, providing recognition for the Campbells' achievements, were two recent Past CinCs of the SUVCW, **D. BRAD SCHALL** (2010-2011) and **PERLEY E. MELLOR** (2012-2013), Auxiliary Past NP **DIANE M. MELLOR** (2013-2014) and DUV Past National President **CAROLE MORTON** (2012-2014).

Tad Campbell is the fifth Californian to be elected Commander-in-Chief and the second since 2010. Rachelle Campbell is the seventh Sister from California to be elected as National President of the Auxiliary and the



PCinC Brad Schall and wife Patti

Good Times at the Allied Orders Testimonial

Below: Perley Mellor, PCinC & Brad Schall, PCinC

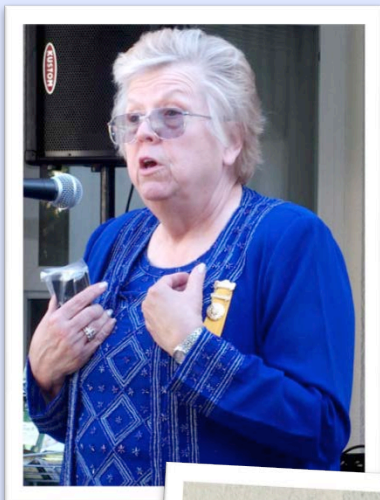
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Above: Gary E. Parrott, PDC



Above: Emelia Campbell



**Above: Carole Morton, PNP
DUVCW 1861-1865**



Above: National Chief of Staff Kevin Martin, PCC and Brad Schall, PCinC



Right: Jerry Sayre, PDC



Left: Diane Mellor, PNP



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

Vivandières in the Civil War

Vivandières, sometimes known as cantinières, were women who followed the army to provide support for the troops. Ideally, a vivandière would have been a young woman—the daughter of an officer or wife of a non-commissioned officer—who wore a uniform and braved battles to provide care for wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

The history of vivandières can be traced to the French Zouave regiments in the Crimean War. By 1859, many local militia regiments in the United States had adopted the name "Zouave," wore colorful uniforms, and adopted the practice of having a "daughter of the regiment" in their ranks. At the outbreak of the Civil War, these regiments—in both the North and the South—answered the call for troops. Vivandières saw most of their service during the early years of the war. By September 1864, General Ulysses S. Grant ordered that all women be removed from military camps in his theater.

Vivandières did not fight in battles but were often armed, earned honors, and were sometimes captured by the enemy. Their most important contribution was the essential medical care they provided as field nurses. As battles raged, vivandières made their way through the wounded offering immediate medical care. Calculating the exact number of women who served as vivandières is nearly impossible. Neither North nor South recognized the service of vivandières and they are rarely mentioned in official records. Their courage and brave deeds are recorded in personal accounts and post-war regimental histories. Here are the names of a few vivandières whose names have become symbolic of all those who served:

- Sarah Taylor – 1st Tennessee Infantry (US) – prisoner of war
- Mary Tepe – 114th Pennsylvania Infantry (Collis' Zouaves) – awarded the Kearny Cross
- Eliza Wilson – 5th Wisconsin Infantry
- Ella Gibson – 49th Ohio Infantry
- Lucy Ann Cox – 13th Virginia Infantry (CS)
- Kady Brownell – 1st and 5th Rhode Island Infantry
- Bridget Divers – 1st Michigan Cavalry
- Annie Etheridge – 3rd and 5th Michigan Infantry – awarded the Kearny Cross



Mary Tepe of the 114th
Pennsylvania Infantry,
wearing the Kearny Cross

Source: Women in the Civil War: Vivandieres

<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collections/treasures-from-the-collection/women-civil-war-vivandieres>

Event Schedule

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

January 16, 2015

Camp & Auxiliary Installation Banquet
San José, California

March 6-8, 2015

Annual Department Encampment
Sacramento, 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

September 1 – Gen. John B. Hood's Confederates withdraw from Atlanta. The next day Union forces under Gen. William T. Sherman occupy the city.

October – Union forces led by Gen. Phil Sheridan cut a path of destruction through the rich Shenandoah Valley, the "breadbasket of the Confederacy." As they destroy crops, farms, and mills, Sheridan describes the area, "A crow could not fly over it without carrying his rations with him."

October 19 – Sheridan, returning from Washington, hears the sound of a Confederate attack at Cedar Creek, Virginia. Galloping frantically towards the battle, he rallies his fleeing troops and is victorious. "Sheridan's Ride" becomes the title of one of America's most famous poems.

October 19 – Twenty Confederate soldiers stage a raid on St. Albans, Vermont, and escape to Canada with \$200,000 stolen from 3 banks. This is the northernmost Confederate raid.

October 31 – Nevada achieves statehood. The state constitution had been overwhelmingly approved by Nevada voters on September 7, 1864, with 10,375 votes supporting it, and a mere 1,184 against. The constitution was telegraphed to Washington, D.C. at a cost of \$3,416.77, supposedly the longest and most expensive telegram ever sent up to that time.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 8, 2014 - 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



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>

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