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Remembrance Day

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Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 held its sixth annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Camp owned Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California on November 16th. This year's service was conducted by the Camp Guard, as many of the Camp's members were in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to participate in the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony and Parade there on the occasion of the 151st anniversary of the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Camp Senior Vice Commander (SVC) **JOHN E. STOLP** led the service at the GAR plot containing over 400 Union Civil War Veterans. Brother **RICHARD FERMAN** fulfilled the role of Chaplain while Brother **JOSEPH FERMAN** acted as Color Bearer for the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. Camp Junior Vice Commander (JVC) **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** recited President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



The service remembered and honored all those who served at Gettysburg in 1863 and gave specific recognition to three veterans of the battle buried in the GAR plot at the Oak Hill. While the Camp Guide, Brother Joe Ferman, identified the locations of each Gettysburg veteran, SVC John E. Stolp presented their individual service records, as follows:

- **Samuel Kingston**, enlisted as a Private in Company K of the 13th Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry (also known as the 42nd Pennsylvania Infantry and the 1st Pennsylvania Rifles) on July 31, 1861, was seven times wounded and captured and paroled twice. At the Battle of Gettysburg he received his last two wounds, which resulted in his discharge in September 1863 due to his being crippled for life. He was a member of San Jose's John A. Dix GAR Post and passed away in January 1907 and was buried in the GAR Plot at Oak Hill.
- **George Washington Lee** enlisted in Company M of the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry, the "California Battalion", on January 19, 1863. He was captured the following year and survived Andersonville Prison. Upon release at the end of the war, Lee returned to California and joined San Jose's John A. Dix GAR Post. He died on June 20, 1923 and was buried in the GAR Plot at Oak Hill.
- **Albert B. Cash** enlisted in 1862 as a Sergeant in Company L, 6th Michigan Cavalry. He served in General Custer's Brigade and later served under General Philip Sheridan. He was wounded at Gettysburg in July 1863. Cash participated

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in over eighty engagements and was discharged in December of 1865. He was a prominent citizen and farmer in Santa Clara County and Captain-General of the San Jose Commandery No. 10 of the Knights Templar in California. Cash passed away on June 3, 1926 and is buried in the GAR Plot at Oak Hill.



Paul Lavrischeff



John Stolp



Rick LaRosa

Participants attending the San Jose ceremony were: **TERRY L. BRIGGS, JOSEPH R. FERMAN, RICHARD J. FERMAN, ROBERT J. KADLEC PCC, JOHN G. JENSEN, RICK T. LAROSA, JVC PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF, SVC JOHN E. STOLP,** and Sister **DIANE WETZEL** (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 Trustee).

As mentioned above, several members of the Camp and Auxiliary took part in Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Those participating in the East were **FRANK C. AVILA PCC, Sister EMELIA J. CAMPBELL,** National President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL,** Commander-in-Chief **TAD D. CAMPBELL,** Department President **BEVERLY L. GRAHAM, THOMAS T. GRAHAM PCC,** and Sister **ROSEMARY MARTIN.**



Rachelle & Emelia Campbell



Tad Campbell



Frank Avila

Gettysburg photos by Bro. Paul T. Zeien, Jr.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Article and photos by Robert J. Kadlec PCC



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Lincoln Camp No. 10 participated in the United Veterans Council (UVC) 96th Annual Santa Clara County Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. For the fourteenth year in a row, members of the two Department of California & Pacific Camps, along with members of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, participated in the parade in downtown San Jose, California. Joining the SUVCW Camps were members of the Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary No. 52.

The Camps were honored to include the participation of SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, and the Auxiliary National President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL**. The Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, **TIMOTHY P. REESE**, carried the National Colors as they marched down Market Street.

Newly elected Commander of Company C of the 8th California, **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, led the formation to the cheers of those gathered along the parade route and commanded the firing of a musket volley in front of the reviewing stand as a tribute to all veterans and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield. The firing detail was composed of Camp 4 Past Commander **FRANK C. AVILA**, Camp 10 Commander **KEVIN COYNE**, Camp 10 SVC **GARRETT HASSLINGER** and **STEVEN LOPUCH**.



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>

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6 (4 Nov 2014)

Passing of Brother Roger Brotherton

Places Dept. in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Brotherton of Camp No. 25.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 8 (7 Nov 2014)

Southern California Multi-Camp Installation of Officers

Announces a multi-Camp Installation of Officers Ceremony on Jan. 17, 2015 in Los Angeles.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9 (10 Dec 2014)

Camp Statistics Submissions for Department Awards

Seeks data from Camps to assist in determining Dept. awards.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 10 (10 Dec 2014)

Recognition of Outgoing Camp Commanders

Seeks data from Camps for recognition of outgoing Camp Commanders.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 11 (17 Dec 2014)

Nominations for the President Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award

Seeks nominations for the Department's Exemplary Dedication Award.



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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9 (1 Nov 2014)

Addition of Pacific Territories and Possessions to the Department of California and Pacific

Expands and clarifies the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10 (1 Nov 2014)

Addition of Caribbean Territories and Possessions to the Department of Florida

Expands and clarifies the jurisdiction of the Department of Florida.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11 (8 Nov 2014)

Veterans Day

The Commander-in-Chief's Veterans Day message.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12 (12 Nov 2014)

Suspension Lifted for Department of Kentucky

Lifts the suspension for the Dept. of Kentucky, originally issued under G.O. No. 5.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13 (15 Nov 2014)

Suspension Lifted for Department of Iowa

Lifts the suspension for the Dept. of Iowa, originally issued under G.O. No. 5.



New Officers Elected

At the regular Camp meeting, held at the Administration Building at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Saturday, November 8, 2014, an election of officers for Phil Sheridan Camp No.4 for the 2015 term was held. The location of the meeting had to be changed shortly beforehand due to the American Legion Hall being double-booked. The new officers-elect are as follows:

COMMANDER
John E. Stolp

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
Paul E. Lavrischeff

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER
William H. Pope

SECRETARY-TREASURER
Thomas T. Graham PCC

COUNCIL
Rick T. LaRosa
Frank C. Avila PCC
Daniel R. Earl PCC

These officers, along with those appointed by Commander-elect Stolp, will be installed on January 16, 2015.

Annual Installation Banquet

Friday, January 16, 2015

Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Avenue in San Jose

Cocktails at 6:30 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm
Installation at 8:00 pm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS-ELECT FOR 2015

President — Debra Earl
Vice President — Cindi Menzies
Council #1 — Cindi Menzies
Council #2 — Sharon Pope, PAP
Council #3 — vacant
Secretary — Beverly Graham, PAP
Treasurer — Rachele Campbell, PDP
Patriotic Instructor — Diane Wetzel
Chaplain — Emelia Campbell

Department Encampment



The Annual Department Encampments for both the SUVCW and ASUVCW will take place on **March 6-7, 2015** in **Sacramento, California**.

The venue will be the same as last year, the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 321 Bercut Drive.

Details and registrations forms are available online at:

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



Reminder:

If you are a Department Officer for either the SUVCW or ASUVCW, please be prepared to present a written and brief oral report at the Department Encampment in March. If you will not be able to attend, please submit your written report to your respective Department Secretary before the Encampment.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

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

FIGHTING FOR THE UNION

With the outbreak of war in 1861, women and men alike eagerly volunteered to fight for the cause. In the Northern states, women organized ladies' aid societies to supply the Union troops with everything they needed, from food (they baked and canned and planted fruit and vegetable gardens for the soldiers) to clothing (they sewed and laundered uniforms, knitted socks and gloves, mended blankets and embroidered quilts and pillowcases) to cash (they organized door-to-door fundraising campaigns, county fairs and performances of all kinds to raise money for medical supplies and other necessities).

But many women wanted to take a more active role in the war effort. Inspired by the work of Florence Nightingale and her fellow nurses in the Crimean War, they tried to find a way to work on the front lines, caring for sick and injured soldiers and keeping the rest of the Union troops healthy and safe.

In June 1861, they succeeded: The federal government agreed to create "a preventive hygienic and sanitary service for the benefit of the army" called the United States Sanitary Commission. The Sanitary Commission's primary objective was to combat preventable diseases and infections by improving conditions (particularly "bad cookery" and bad hygiene) in army camps and hospitals. It also worked to provide relief to sick and wounded soldiers. By war's end, the Sanitary Commission had provided almost \$15 million in supplies—the vast majority of which had been collected by women—to the Union Army.

Nearly 20,000 women worked more directly for the Union war effort. Working-class white women and free and enslaved African-American women worked as laundresses, cooks and "matrons," and some 3,000 middle-class white women worked as nurses. The activist Dorothea Dix, the superintendent of Army nurses, put out a call for responsible, maternal volunteers who would not distract the troops or behave in unseemly or unfeminine ways: Dix insisted that her nurses be "past 30 years of age, healthy, plain almost to repulsion in dress and devoid of personal attractions." (One of the most famous of these Union nurses was the writer Louisa May Alcott.)

Army nurses traveled from hospital to hospital, providing "humane and efficient care for wounded, sick and dying soldiers." They also acted as mothers and housekeepers—"havens in a heartless world"—for the soldiers under their care.



Source: Women in the Civil War – American Civil War – HISTORY.com
<http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/women-in-the-civil-war>

Event Schedule

November 8, 2014

Camp & Auxiliary Meetings & Elections
San José, 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

November 5 – The Confederate government dumps some 8,000 Union prisoners on the prison at Salisbury, North Carolina. Eventually more than 10,000 men will be confined in a hellhole even worse than Andersonville.

November 8 – Lincoln, running against Gen. George B. McClellan, is re-elected by more than 400,000 popular votes including votes by soldiers in the armies. This move by several states to allow the men in the field to vote while away from home is a first in U. S. history. Andrew Johnson of Tennessee is the new Vice President.

November 15 – Sherman issues orders to destroy everything of military value in Atlanta.

November 16 – Sherman leaves Atlanta with 62,000 men and begins his 300-mile "March to the Sea".

November 30 – The Battle of Franklin in Tennessee is a disaster for the Confederates. In a head-on attack over a mile of open ground, the Confederates lose 6,200 men.

December 7-27 – The Union launches a combined land-sea attack on Fort Fisher, which defends the approaches to Wilmington, North Carolina, which ultimately fails.

December 15-16 – In Tennessee Confederate General John Bell Hood with 31,000 men waits outside Nashville, held by General George H. Thomas and 55,000 troops: Hood hopes to lure Thomas into an attack outside the city. Thomas finally attacks on the 15th and the Confederates are pushed back onto a new line. In the morning another Federal attack forces Hood to retreat, having lost about half of his men.

December 21 – Sherman's march to the sea concludes with the capture of Savannah.

NEXT MEETING: Installation Banquet - Friday, January 16, 2015

LOCATION: Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San José, California

Cocktails at 6:30 pm - Dinner at 7:00 pm - Installation at 8:00 pm

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*
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 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**

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 Press Correspondent *Vacant*
 Guide *Vacant*

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 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>

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