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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

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The new leadership of the Camp relieved the previous administration and took command of the Camp in a smooth transfer of power during the Annual Installation Banquet, held at the Three Flames Restaurant in San José on Friday, January 16, 2015.

Department Senior Vice Commander and Past Camp Commander **THOMAS T. GRAHAM** served as Installing Officer for the Camp, standing in for Department Commander **TIMOTHY T. REESE** who could not be present.

The new elected officers of the Camp are Commander **JOHN E. STOLP**, Senior Vice Commander **PAUL E. LAVRISCHEFF**, Junior Vice Commander **WILLIAM H. POPE**, Secretary-Treasurer **THOMAS T. GRAHAM PCC**, Councilmen **RICK T. LAROSA**, **FRANK C. AVILA PCC**, and **DANIEL R. EARL PCC**. The appointed officers of the Camp remained largely the same.

Retiring Camp Commander **STEPHEN P. AGUIRRE** had his Past Camp Commander's badge pinned on by National President **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL PDP**. On behalf of the Camp, Commander Stolp presented Brother Aguirre with a gavel plaque in recognition of his two years of service as Camp Commander.

Only one other piece of business was conducted during the Camp's portion of the meeting, namely the election of Camp No. 24's **KENNETH G. FELTON** as a Dual Member of Camp No. 4. Welcome Brother Ken!



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INSTALLATION IMAGES



Pledge of Allegiance — DSVC Tom Graham



New Dual Member Ken Felton



The "First Family"
 CinC Tad Campbell,
 NP Rachelle
 Campbell, and
 daughter Emelia



Outgoing Camp
 Commander Steve
 Aguirre presents Bro.
 John Stolp with the
 Camp's Exemplary
 Dedication Award

Images by Bro. Bob Kadlec

Attention to Orders!

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

None Issued

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 12 (31 Dec 2014)

Central Coast/Northern California Multi-Camp Installation of Officers

Announces a multi-Camp installation of officers at Fort Point on January 24, 2015.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 13 (18 Feb 2015)

Visit to Dept. Encampment by Major General John C. Fremont

Announces a visit by Gen. Fremont at Dept. Encampment.



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

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 (7 Jan 2015)

Passing of Real Son David Ordean Chase

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" David Ordean Chase of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large No. 1 in the State of Washington.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14 (15 Jan 2015)

Ruling on Prior Indebtedness for Former Member Rejoining the SUVCW

Clarifies what may be considered prior indebtedness for rejoining members.

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 3 (27 Jan 2015)

Passing of Real Son Luke Perkins Martin, Jr.

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" Luke Perkins Martin, Jr. of the Dept. of North Carolina.

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 (3 Feb 2015)

Passing of Real Son Hilbert J. Gramelspacher

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" Hilbert J. Gramelspacher of the Dept. of Missouri.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 15 (13 Feb 2015)

IRS Requirement for By-Laws of Subordinate Entities

Requires all subordinate entities of the SUVCW to submit bylaws to the National Treasurer by March 1, 2015 for subsequent submission to the IRS relative to the Order's 501(c)3 conversion application.





Four Chaplains Ceremony



The Camp once again participated in an annual ceremony honoring the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT *Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II after being torpedoed by a German submarine. The chaplains helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. They joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Camp members participating in the moving ceremony at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San José on February 7, 2015 included: **TOM GRAHAM, FRANK AVILA, JOHN STOLP, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF**, and **BOB KADLEC** (not pictured).

Civil War Sesquicentennial and Book Signing Event

The Camp and Auxiliary have been invited to participate in a Civil War book signing event on March 14, 2015 that will promote the observation of the sesquicentennial of the war. The event will take place at Barnes and Noble, 6825 Camino Arroyo in Gilroy, California from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The featured author will be **DAVID DAVENPORT** of Fresno, California. He will be signing copies of his book "*Dear Beloved Wife: the Civil War Letters of Andrew Foster Davis, Co. I of the 15th Indiana Infantry, to his wife, Sarah McKee Davis.*" All Camp and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend, whether or not in period attire. Be sure to wear your membership badge!

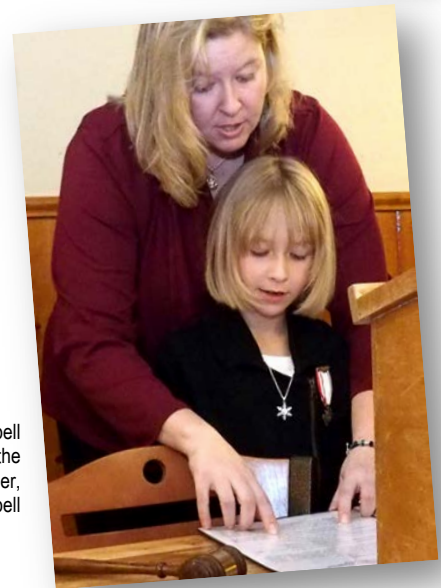


Lincoln Birthday Commemorations



The Camp and Auxiliary held their annual Lincoln Dinner on February 7, 2015, in commemoration of President Lincoln's 206th Birthday. The event took place at Holder's Country Inn in San José, California. Attendees were treated to a presentation on antique postcards by historian **DARLENE THORNE**. The

event also marked the inaugural function of the Auxiliary No. 52's newly installed Chaplain, 6-year old **EMELIA J. CAMPBELL**, who performed her duties admirably. Her father, Commander-in-Chief **TAD D. CAMPBELL** could not attend the dinner as he was in Wisconsin to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Department of Wisconsin. However, Brother Campbell was honored to present a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on February 12th. Also in attendance at the event in our nation's capital was Auxiliary No. 52 Sister **ROSEMARY MARTIN**.



Auxiliary Chaplain Emelia Campbell performs the duties of her office with the assistance of her mother, National President Rachelle Campbell



Camp Commander John Stolp presents historian Darlene Thorn with a certificate of appreciation for her presentation on postcards



Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.



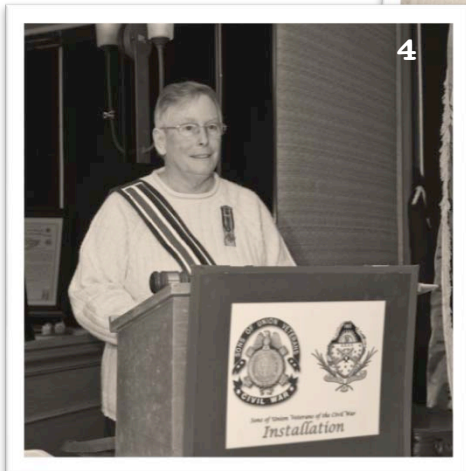
San José images by Bro. Bob Kadlec.
Lincoln Memorial images by Bro. Kevin Martin



Dr. Walker's Remedies AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES



1. Emelia Campbell at Fort Point on Jan. 24.
2. NP Rachele Campbell and DC Tim Reese at Fort Point on Jan. 24.
3. Aux. 52 President Debbie Earl presents DP Bev Graham with a certificate of appreciation during Installation Banquet on Jan. 17.
4. DP Bev Graham presides during the Installation of Officers of Aux. 52 on Jan. 17.
5. NP Rachele Campbell and DP Bev Graham confer with Aux. 23 President Tanya Gjerman during the Aux. 23 Installation at Windsor, California on January 18.



Event Schedule

January 16, 2015

Camp & Auxiliary Installation Banquet
Three Flames Restaurant, San José, California

January 24, 2015

Fort Point Civil War Days
Fort Point, San Francisco, California

February 7, 2015

Four Chaplains Ceremony
St. Frances Cabrini Church, San José, California

February 7, 2015

Annual Lincoln Dinner
Holder's Country Inn, San José, California

March 6-8, 2015

Annual Department Encampment
Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Sacramento, California

March 14, 2015

Civil War Book Signing Event
Barnes & Noble, Gilroy, California

May 16, 2015

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
American Legion Post, Santa Clara, 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 – 1865

January 12 – Fort Fisher on the Cape Fear River in North Carolina is attacked for a second time. Fifty-eight Union warships bombard the fort. It is estimated that 100 shells a minute are burst above and inside the fort. After 3 days of bombardment 5200 Union soldiers attack the 1900 defenders. In hand-to-hand combat, the fort is captured, but the cost is high in the war's largest sea-land battle: more than 1300 Union casualties and 500 Confederates. The Union now controls all Confederate ports.

January 14 – Emil Frey, a Union captain who had been captured at Gettysburg, is released from Libby Prison. He promptly rejoins his regiment and will serve in the final campaigns in the Carolinas. After the war he will return home to Switzerland -- he had been touring America when he impulsively volunteered for the army. He does well at home, becoming president of the Swiss Confederation. Emil is the only known Civil War soldier to become the head of a foreign government.

January 31 – The U. S. Congress passes the proposed 13th Amendment to the Constitution. "Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Lincoln will sign the bill the next day and the amendment goes to the states for ratification.

February 18 – Union officer Galusha Pennypacker, age 20, becomes a brigadier general; he is still the youngest ever to hold this rank in the U. S. Army and is also a Medal of Honor recipient.

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 2015-2016

**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4
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 Senior Vice Commander Paul E. Lavrischeff
 Junior Vice Commander William H. Pope
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 Council Daniel R. Earl, PCC

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 Counselor Daniel R. Earl, PCC
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 Color Bearer Frank C. Avila, PCC
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 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
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 Trustee #1 Cindi Menzies
 Trustee #2 Sharon Pope, PAP
 Trustee #3 *Vacant*
 Secretary Beverly Graham, PAP
 Treasurer Rachele M. Campbell, PDP
 Patriotic Instructor Diane Wetzel
 Chaplain Emelia J. Campbell
 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



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<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific
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