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Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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GRAHAMS LEAD THE DEPARTMENT

*At the Annual Department Encampment in Sacramento, California on March 7, 2015 Sister **BEV GRAHAM** of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was elected to a second term as Department President and her husband **TOM GRAHAM** was elected Department Commander. Following is a brief biography of the new Department Commander:*

THOMAS TALBOTT "TOM" GRAHAM was born March 16, 1941 in San Luis Obispo. Moving from San Luis Obispo to Pasadena, then Altadena, then finally La Cañada, California, where he attended public grammar schools, the local Junior High School, and John Muir High School in Pasadena, graduating in 1959. He then attended San José State College where he not only graduated with a BS in Accounting and Finance, but found his future wife, **BEVERLY L. SWARTZ**. After completing his active duty with the US Army and returning to a Reserve Unit he completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration (Accounting). He worked for Shell Oil Company for eight years as a computer programmer then went to work for Hewlett-Packard (HP) Company in the same job. He retired after 30 years with HP.

His interest in the Civil War started with a term paper he wrote in high school on the Battle of Chancellorsville (a term paper he still has). He has collected books and maps on that battle. After graduating from high school his family took a trip across the United States, and when visiting the Gettysburg Battlefield his father pointed to a name on the Pennsylvania Monument and said that that was Tom's great-grandfather **ALBERT SCOTT HAYNES**. Haynes served in Companies I and D of the 57th Pennsylvania Infantry and was mustered out as a Sergeant in 1865 at the end of the war. Subsequent research has revealed another direct ancestor and five great-granduncles. Upon his retirement Tom sought out the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and joined the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4. He has held the camp offices of Guide, Camp Council, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and two terms as Camp Commander. He is currently the Camp Treasurer.

Tom and Bev lived in San José, California and have two children: **SHERI** and **MIKE**. Besides his life membership in the SUVCW, Tom is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), the American Legion, the Camp Curtin Descendants Brigade, the National Genealogical Society, the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, and is a life member of the American Philatelic Society. He is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and is a member of the San José Emergency Communications Group.

*With **Tad and Rachelle Campbell** serving as Commander-in-Chief and National President, respectively, this may be a unique situation: Husband and wife teams are simultaneously leading both the National Organizations and the Department, and all four from the same Camp and Auxiliary!*



Dept. President Bev Graham pins the Dept. Commander badge on her husband Tom

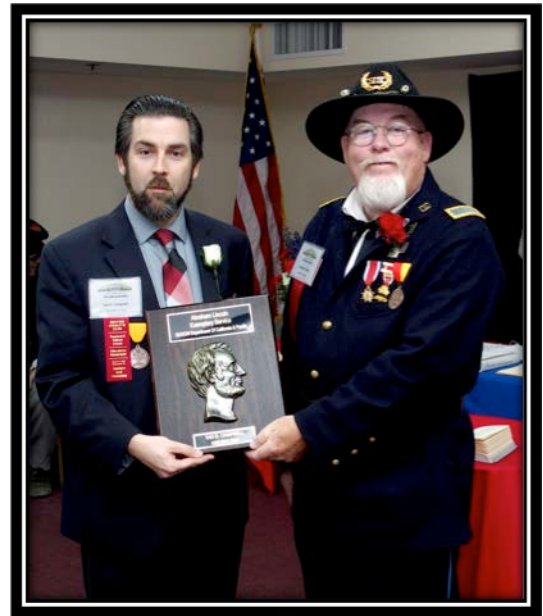
2015 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The following Officers were elected and installed at the annual Department Encampment in Sacramento, California on March 7th:

- COMMANDER — **THOMAS T. GRAHAM, PCC** (Camp 4)
- SENIOR VICE COMMANDER — **DEAN A. ENDERLIN, PCC** (Camp 23)
- JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER — **RUDY E. VELASCO III, PCC** (Camp 18)
- SECRETARY-TREASURER — **OWEN R. STILES, PCC** (Camp 22)
- COUNCILMAN — **DANIEL R. EARL, PCC** (Camp 4)
- COUNCILMAN — **CHARLES W. MABIE, PDC** (Camp 24)
- COUNCILMAN — **TIMOTHY P. REESE, PDC** (Camp 10)



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Members at the Encampment
 L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Frank Avila, Linn Malaznik, Tad Campbell, Dean Enderlin, Tom Graham, Bob Kadlec, Dan Earl, Rick LaRosa, Steve Welch, Ken Felton



Tad Campbell receives the Department's Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award from DC Tim Reese



Sister Emelia Campbell pins the Past Department Commander Badge on Tim Reese with newly installed Department Commander Tom Graham.



COMMANDIER'S COLUMN

Commander Stolp's initial submission was omitted from the last newsletter, therefore both his first and second installments are presented here.

Brothers & Sisters,

It is with a sense of great honor and reverence that I accept your confidence and trust in me to serve our Camp as your Commander. My hopes are that together, we will continue the proud works of our Order by educating the public about those that we constantly remember; our Ancestors who answered the call, who sacrificed their time, or gave their all to preserving a Nation. Their actions formed a stronger Union, declaring rights and liberties available to all. With their memories in mind, we today still advance the principles of Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty.

In the upcoming months, we will continue the process of our standard activities; meetings, events and Encampments. In addition, I hope to be able to enhance our calendar year by offering times that we are able to join together for the sharing of our stories, exploring a museum, a picnic outing, or similar programs.

As always, should you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please feel free to contact me. Together we are certain to have a great year!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty — Commander John E. Stolp



Greetings Brothers & Sisters!

A thought occurred to me (it happens on occasion), that forms of address should be watched to avoid confusion within our Camp!

We are fortunate to have FIVE Commanders: Bro. Tad D. Campbell (CinC), Bro. Thomas T. Graham (CA & Pacific), Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Co. C, 8th CA Vol. Inf., SVR), our new Camp Bro. Kenneth Felton (Pleasanton Camp No. 24), and yours truly (Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4). When it comes to the Senior Vice Commander position, our Camp boasts THREE! Bro. Dean Enderlin (SVC CA & Pacific), Bro. Linn Malaznik (SVC CA Commandery, MOLLUS), and Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4). Our Camp has ONE Junior Vice Commander, Bro. William Pope. Past Camp and Department Commanders abound among our ranks. A number of appointed National, Department, and Camp Officers add to our mix of Camp members.

The simple solution? Address all in Camp as "Brother", that being the strongest bond of all! Huzzah!!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty — Bro. John E. Stolp

Attention to Orders!

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

CAMP ORDER NO. 1 (31 Jan 2015)

Election and Appointment of Officers

Establishes Camp Headquarters and announces newly elected and appointed officers for 2015.

CAMP ORDER NO. 2 (31 Jan 2015)

Committee Appointments

Announces appointments to the Camp Standing Committees.



Department Orders — <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/orders15-16.html>

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1 (9 Mar 2015)

Election, Appointed Officers & Department Headquarters

Establishes Dept. Headquarters and announces new officers for 2015-2016.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2 (9 Mar 2015)

Appointment of Department Standing & Special Committees

Announces appointments to Department Committees.

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16 (18 Mar 2015)

Suspension of Departments for Failure to File EIN Reports

Places the Depts. of California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Florida, Maine, Nebraska, and Rhode Island under suspension.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 17 (21 Mar 2015)

Suspension Lifted for Departments of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California & Pacific

Lifts the suspension of the Depts. of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California & Pacific.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 18 (31 Mar 2015)

Suspension Lifted for Department of Colorado & Wyoming and Department of Maine.

Lifts the suspension of the Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming and Dept of Maine.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 19 (3 Apr 2015)

Replacement Charter for Department of New Hampshire

Authorizes the issuance of a replacement Charter for the Dept. of New Hampshire.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20 (3 Apr 2015)

Suspension Lifted for Department of Florida

Lifts the suspension of the Dept. of Florida.

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 5 (7 Apr 2015)

Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt

Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 21 (14 Apr 2015)

Revocation of Camp Charters in West Virginia

Revokes the Charters of three Camps in West Virginia for due cause at the request of the Commander of the Dept. of the Chesapeake.

SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 6 (14 Apr 2015)

Establishment of the Department of the Columbia

Establishes the Dept. of the Columbia, to include the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.



Memorial Day: Remembering Those Who Gave All

One hundred and fifty years ago, in April of 1865, the United States of America was once again made whole by the conclusion of its great Civil War; a war that had lasted four tragic years. This conflict had cost the country more lives than were lost in all other American engagements, from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. More than 620,000 lives were lost in preserving this Union of States, the Great Democratic Experiment.




**Sons of Union Veterans & Auxiliary
and Sons of
Spanish American War Veterans**



Annual Memorial Day Service



**Grand Army
of the
Republic**



They GAVE Their ALL.



**United
Spanish War
Veterans**

*Honoring the memory & sacrifices of those who served
on the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War and
the Centennial of the first Sons of Union Veterans
Decorations Day Service at Oak Hill*

12:45 o'clock, Monday, May 25, 2015

Grand Army of the Republic Section

Oak Hill Memorial Park

300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California

Following the end of the war, in 1866, a group of Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and the Revenue Cutter Service formed what would become the largest and most influential Veteran's organization; the Grand Army of the Republic. General John A. Logan, in 1868, proclaimed May 30th to be set aside as "Decorations Day". The purpose of which was to honor the graves of those who had lost their lives in the service of their country during the Civil War. Since then, Memorial Day, as we now know it, has been expanded to include all casualties from American conflicts.

In 1915, fifty years after the end of the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic's local Posts, turned to their descendants, the Sons of Veterans, to continue the traditions and commemoration of Decorations Day. This

Memorial Day marks the centennial of service by the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in conducting a program of remembrance at Oak Hill Cemetery in San José, California. Our dedication is to keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved.

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, and the establishment of Memorial Day by the GAR, Sons of Union Veterans Brother **RICHARD STALEY**, in the guise of Comrade Charles L. Burdick, Past Commander of San Jose's Sheridan-Dix GAR Post Number 7, who is buried in the GAR section here at Oak Hill, will do the honors in raising the American flag in honor the Veterans of all wars during the annual United Veterans Council Ceremony at the Oak Hill Veterans Section.

Immediately following United Veterans Council Ceremony, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold services in honor of their ancestors at the GAR Section.



Civil War Sesquicentennial and Book Promotion Event



The Camp and Auxiliary assisted in the promotion of the new Civil War 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"* by **DAVID DAVENPORT** of Fresno, California. The March 14, 2015 event took place at Barnes and Noble in Gilroy, California.

Left to right: Bev Graham, Tom Graham, Rachele Campbell, Emelia Campbell, Tad Campbell, John Stolp, David Davenport (author), Frank Avila, Diane Wetzel, and Bob Kadlec.



Lincoln Birthday Commemoration, Washington, DC



Bells Across the Land Ceremony, Appomattox Court House, VA



Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL

Travels of the Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL** continues to maintain a full travel schedule this year. He is fortunate that his wife, ASUVCW National President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, and daughter, Sister **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, have been able to accompany him on several of the trips. Some of the highlights are pictured here.

January 10 – Dept. of Kansas Encampment, Emporia, KS

January 16 – Camp 4 Installation, San Jose, CA

January 17 – Camp 23 Installation, Windsor, CA

January 24 – Stevens Camp Installation, Olympia, WA

January 31 – Dept. of Tennessee Encampment, Nashville, TN

February 7 – Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting, Wauwatosa, WI

February 12 – Lincoln Birthday Commemoration, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC

March 6-7 – Dept. of California and Pacific Encampment, Sacramento, CA

March 14 – Civil War Book Promotion, Barnes & Noble, Gilroy, CA

March 27-28 – Dept. of Michigan Encampment, Lansing, MI

April 4 – Dept. of Oklahoma Encampment, Tulsa, OK

April 9 – Bells Across the Land Ceremony, Appomattox Court House, VA

April 11 – Lincoln Tomb Ceremony & Luncheon, Springfield, IL

April 11 – Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Ceremony, Petersburg, IL

April 11 – Council of Administration Meeting, Springfield, IL

April 17 – Visit to eastern terminus of the GAR Highway (Route 6), Provincetown, MA

April 17 – Dept. of Rhode Island Awards Banquet, Cranston, RI

April 18 – Dept. of New Hampshire Encampment, Concord, NH

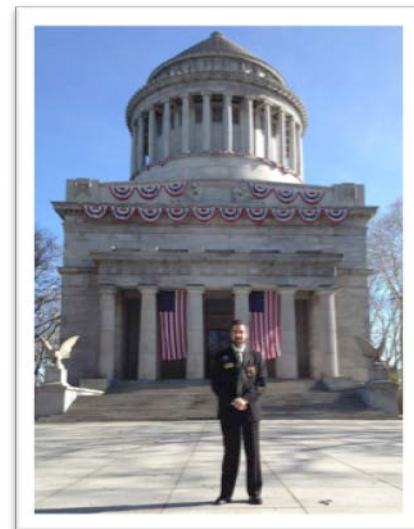
April 19 – Visit to Solders Memorial Building, Lebanon, NH

April 24-25 – Dept. of the Chesapeake Encampment, Fairfax, VA

April 26 – Pres. Grant Birthday Commemoration, Gen. Grant Natl. Memorial, New York, NY

May 2 – Dept. of North Carolina Encampment, Durham, NC

May 9 – Dept. of Illinois Encampment, Rockford, IL



Grant Birthday Commemoration, New York City



Dr. Walker's Remedies

ENCAMPMENT IMAGES



*At left:
Department President Bev
Graham presides over the
business session.*

*At right:
Department Patriotic
Instructor Debra Earl.*

*Below:
The Sisters make a visit en
masse to the Sons' meeting.*



Below left: Bev Graham presents CinC Tad Campbell with the Department's inaugural "Brother of the Year" Award

Below right: NP Rachele Campbell pins CinC Tad Campbell with his Auxiliary membership badge after the Sisters voted him in.



*At right:
PDC Charlie Mabie
makes an attempt to
gain entry into the
Auxiliary during the
evening festivities*



Event Schedule

March 6-8, 2015

Annual Department Encampment
Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Sacramento, California

March 14, 2015

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

May 16, 2015

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
American Legion Post, Santa Clara, California

May 25, 2015

Memorial Day Ceremonies
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

June 27, 2015

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
American Legion Post, Santa Clara, California

July 4, 2015

Independence Day
Activities to be announced

August 19-23, 2015

National Encampment
Omni Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

***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

March 13 – President Jefferson Davis signs a bill passed by the Confederate Congress. The bill says that Negroes may join the Confederate army and will be given their freedom as a reward. Although some units are formed and start training in Richmond, none see combat.

March 19-20 – The Battle of Bentonville, the bloodiest battle ever fought in North Carolina, pits 20,000 Confederates led by Johnston against Sherman's invading Federal forces in the last major battle of the war. Johnston succeeds in delaying but not in stopping the Union invasion at the cost of many lives.

April 9 – General Robert E. Lee surrenders to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox, Virginia. Parole is granted to 28,231 Confederate soldiers.

April 14 – President Lincoln is shot at Ford's Theater. He dies the next day.

April 14 – At Fort Sumter, General Robert Anderson, who had surrendered there at the start of the war, raises the same flag he had lowered 4 years earlier.

April 26 – At Bennett Place, North Carolina, Johnston surrenders all Confederate troops in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida to Sherman; that's 89,270 men.

April 27 – The steamship *Sultana*, loaded with recently released Union POWs, explodes on the Mississippi River near Memphis. In what is still the nation's greatest maritime disaster an estimated 1,800 of her 2,400 passengers die.

May 13 – At Palmito Ranch, Texas the news from the east has not yet been received and Confederate forces win a victory in what is regarded as the last land battle of the war.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 10:00 am
LOCATION: American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564, 2120 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, Calif.

Officers for 2015-2016

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

Commander John E. Stolp
 Senior Vice Commander Paul E. Lavrischeff
 Junior Vice Commander William H. Pope
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 Council Frank C. Avila, PCC
 Council Daniel R. Earl, PCC

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 Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell, PDC
 Musician Christopher C. Avila
 Musician James M. Welch

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 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



Phil Sheridan Camp 4
<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

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

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