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MEMORIAL DAY ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY



Above: CinC Tad Campbell appears on CSPAN, alongside Natl. Chief of Staff Kevin Martin and Natl. Personal Aide Rosemary Martin

Tad and Rachelle Campbell participated in Memorial Day observances at Arlington National Cemetery on both the Federal holiday (May 25) and the traditional holiday (May 30).



Above: CinC Tad Campbell & NP Rachelle Campbell
At right: CinC Tad Campbell and daughter Emelia prepare to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns



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PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP PARTICIPATES IN SAN JOSE POW/MIA CEREMONY

Submitted by Bro. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 members CC John Stolp, PCC Bob Kadlec (also Vice President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 201) and Terry Briggs (also President, Silicon Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution) participated in the dedication ceremony to fly the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flag in front of San José City Hall. On September 18, 2015, members of Santa Clara County veteran organizations, and the general public, witnessed the dedication of the historic resolution, unanimously approved by the San José City Council, to fly the POW/MIA Flag below the National Colors 365-days a year in front of City Hall.



Following the ceremony, held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, they met with San José Vice Mayor Rose Herrera who sponsored the initiative that was unanimously approved by the San José City Council, with the support from Santa Clara County veteran organizations, to display the POW/MIA Flag at City Hall year round. Vice Mayor Herrera is a Vietnam-era Air Force veteran who supported military personnel return from Vietnam while stationed on Okinawa. During the ceremony Vice Mayor Herrera recognized the 19,578 POWs and MIAs from the Revolutionary War and the 409,608 Americans (194,743 Union and 214,865 Confederate) listed as POWs and MIAs during the Civil War.

L-R: CC John Stolp, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, PCC Bob Kadlec, Bro. Terry Briggs. Not pictured: Bro. Bill Pope

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 helped swell the ranks of Lincoln Camp No. 10's entry in the 4th of July Parade in Monterey, California. Fine weather and a good public turnout made for an enjoyable march!

Front Row, L-R: Rick LaRosa (Camp 4), Frank Avila (Camp 4), Tim Reese (Camp 10), Karl Nicholas (Camp 10). Back Row, L-R: Randall Hawkinson (Camp 10), Ken Felton (Camp 4), Garrett Hasslinger (Camp 10), Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4), and Mike Sanders (Camp 4).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

RYAN B. BROWN of Gilroy, California
descendant of Capt. Daniel L. Riley
Company C, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry

DONALD E. MENZIES of Livermore, California
descendant of Pvt. Richard R. Lander
Company D, 33rd Wisconsin Infantry

MICHAEL S. MURRAY of San Mateo, California
descendant of Pvt. Jacob Henry Wolf
Company B, 179th Ohio Infantry

RANDALL J. SESSLER of San José, California
descendant of Pvt. George Washington Byers
Company A, 110th Ohio Infantry Regiment

JOSIAH SESSLER of San José, California
descendant of Pvt. George Washington Byers
Company A, 110th Ohio Infantry Regiment



Camp Commander **John Stolp** presents the Department's newest Junior Member **Josiah Sessler** with his membership certificate during the September 12th Camp meeting.

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The Department of California & Pacific recently took home the "Under Forty Award" from the National Encampment. The award is presented to the Department with the greatest number of new members under the age of 40!

Attention to Orders!

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

NONE ISSUED



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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3 (14 Mar 2015)

GAR Highway Sign Project

Encourages Camps to participate in fundraising for replacement of GAR Highway signs in California.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1 (8 Apr 2015)

Passing of Brother Robert Flaherty

Places Dept. in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Flaherty of Camp No. 22.

General Orders — http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22** (20 May 2015)**Memorial Day**

Encourages participation in appropriate services on both the traditional Memorial Day (Saturday, May 30th, 2015) and the designated Federal holiday (Monday, May 25th, 2015).

GENERAL ORDER NO. 23 (2 Jun 2015)**Revocation of Camp Charters in New York, Missouri and California**

Revokes Charters of Camp Nos. 3 and 77 in New York, Camp No. 5 in Missouri, and Camp No. 26 in California.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24 (11 Jun 2015)**Suspension of the Departments of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island**

Suspends the Depts. of Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25 (23 Jun 2015)**Suspension Lifted for Departments of New Hampshire and Rhode Island**

Lifts the suspension for the Depts. of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 26 (25 Jun 2015)**Display of the Confederate Battle Flag**

Reiterates the SUVCW's official position on the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 27 (7 Jul 2015)**Replacement Charter for Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101, Department of Pennsylvania**

Authorizes a replacement Charter for Camp 101, Dept. of Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 28 (23 Jul 2015)**Revocation of Charter for Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3**

Revokes the Charter of Camp No. 3, Dept. of North Carolina.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 29 (22 Aug 2015)**Charters, Scholarships & Awards Issued**

The final G.O. of the 2014-2015 term, which lists all Charters, scholarships and awards issued.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 (22 Aug 2015)**Change of Command**

The first G.O. of the 2015-2016 term, which establishes headquarters, etc.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 (30 Aug 2015)**Allied Orders Leadership**

Recognizes Allied Orders leadership and encourages cooperations between the orders.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3 (14 Sep 2015)**Last Real Sons**

Provides instructions on the proper recognition of "Real Sons" within the membership.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 (16 Sep 2015)
Reinstatement of Department of Connecticut
Lifts the suspension for the Dept. of Connecticut.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5 (29 Sep 2015)
Passing of James A. Getty
Acknowledges the passing of Bro. James A. Getty of Gettysburg, PA, a long-time Lincoln portrayer.

“ORD BARRACKS” ENCAMPMENT

The Camp and Auxiliary once again supported Lincoln Camp No. 10's annual Civil War Encampment on the Lower Presidio in Monterey, California. The event, held on October 2-4, 2015, was well attended by both participants and the public.



1. Participants pose with Pres. Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by **WAYNE SCOTT**).
2. **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** educates Navy JROTC Cadets.
3. **FRANK AVILA** discusses the role of the Hospital Steward.
4. **TAD CAMPBELL** speaks to a youth about the Grand Army of the Republic.
5. **PAUL LAVRISCHEFF** explains Civil War arms and ammunition.

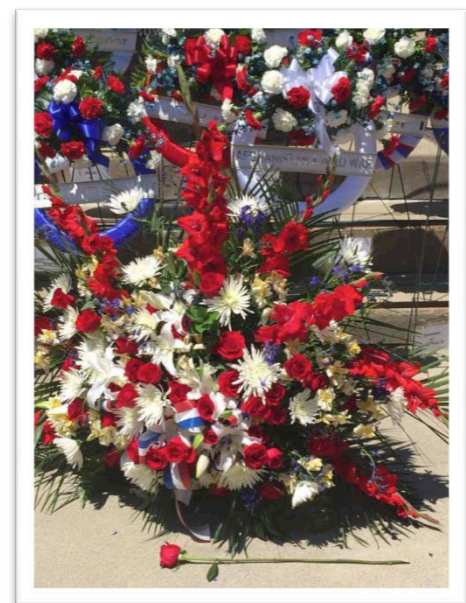


Camp No. 4 and Auxiliary No. 52 participants included:
FRANK AVILA, EMELIA CAMPBELL, RACHELLE CAMPBELL,
TAD CAMPBELL, DAN EARL, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, LINN MALAZNIK,
BILL POPE, and SHARON POPE

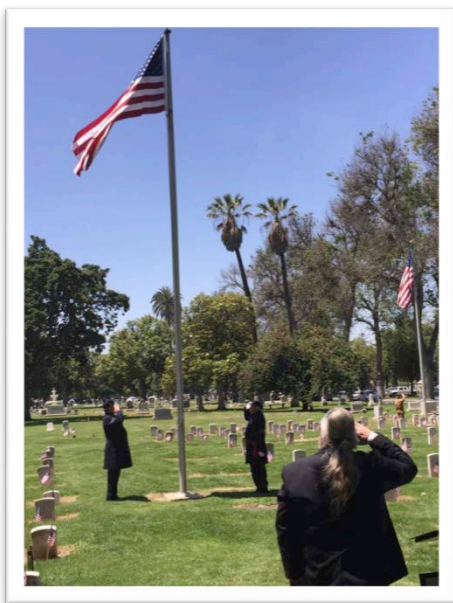


Memorial Day: Remembering Those Who Gave All

In addition to **TAD, RACHELLE** and **EMELIA CAMPBELL** participating in observances at Arlington National Cemetery, the Camp and Auxiliary made sure Memorial Day did not go unobserved locally as well. In addition to its regular staffing of an information booth at the annual Civil War reenactment over Memorial Day weekend at Roaring Camp in Felton, California, members gathered in San José, California to properly commemorate the day. This Memorial Day marked the centennial of service by the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in conducting a program of remembrance at Oak Hill Memorial Park. 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 recognition of the sesquicentennial of the end of the Civil War, during the United Veterans Council ceremony in the Oak Hill Veterans section Brother **RICHARD STALEY**, in the guise of Comrade Charles L. Burdick, Past Commander of San Jose's Sheridan-Dix GAR Post No. 7, did the honors in raising the American flag in honor the Veterans of all wars. Immediately following United Veterans Council ceremony, the Camp and Auxiliary held services in honor of their ancestors at the nearby GAR section.



CC **John Stolp** watches as **Linn Malaznik** and **Frank Avila** raise the colors at the GAR plot.



Part of the SUVCW and ASUVCW contingent at Roaring Camp — **Tim Reese, Tom Graham, Bev Graham, Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa, and Ken Felton**



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

With the leadership of Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL** and National President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, the 2015 National Encampments of their respective orders went very well. The Omni Hotel in downtown Richmond, Virginia served as the headquarters from August 20-24, 2015. The delegations from California and Pacific were lead by Department Commander **TOM GRAHAM** and Department President **BEV GRAHAM**. This may have been the first time that husband and wife teams from the same Camp and Auxiliary have simultaneously lead both the National Organizations and a Department!

The newly elected SUVCW leadership includes: CinC **EUGENE MORTORFF**, SVCinC **DONALD MARTIN**, JVCinC **MARK DAY**, and Council of Administration members **DONALD SHAW** and **JOHN McNULTY**.

The newly elected ASUVCW leadership includes: NP **LINDA KRONBERG**, NVP **DENISE OMAN**, Council #1 **RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, Council #2 **ANNE SOSNOWSKI**, Council #3 **CYNTHIA BROWN**, Natl. Patriotic Instructor **HOPE PARKER**, and Natl. Chaplain **ANN McMILLIN**.



Daniel M. Bunnell



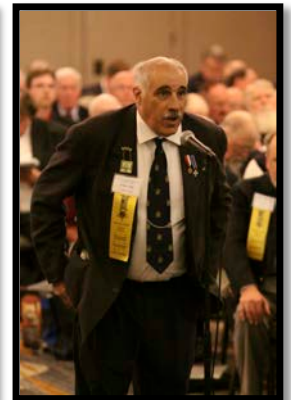
Dean A. Enderlin



David C. Schleeter



Daniel R. Earl



Frank C. Avila



DC Tom Graham accepts the "Under 40 Award" on behalf of the Dept. from CinC Tad Campbell



The Campbells enjoy some silliness during the Courtesy Hour immediately following the Campfire program. Here they appear as a family of "Where's Waldos" – a reference to their frequent travels during their terms.



Changing of the guard – Allied Orders Banquet
L-R: PNP Rachelle Campbell, PCinC Tad Campbell, NP Linda Kronberg, CinC Eugene Mortorff

Photos by Paul Zeien

Travels of the Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL** continued to maintain a full travel schedule throughout his term, which ended on August 22, 2015. Some of the highlights are pictured here.



CinC Campbell speaks during the dedication of a new Union monument on the site of Camp Randall, Madison, Wisconsin, while DC Kim Heltemes looks on. *Photo by Steve Michaels.*

- May 16 – Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large No. 1 Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
- May 25 – Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
- May 28 – Visited SUVCW National Headquarters, Harrisburg, PA
- May 30 – Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA

June 6 – Dept. of Indiana Encampment, Kokomo, IN

June 13 – Dept. of Ohio Encampment, Kenton, OH

June 20 – Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment, Williamsport, PA

June 27 – Dept. of the Columbia Special Encampment, Vancouver, WA

July 3 – Charter signing for Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Missouri, Rogers, AR

July 4 – Independence Day, Fort Scott National Historic Site, Fort Scott, KS

July 4 – Visited Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, MO

July 5 – Visited Pea Ridge National Military Park, Garfield, AR

July 5 – Visited Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, Prairie Grove, AR

July 10 – Visited western terminus of the GAR Highway, Long Beach, CA

July 18 – Civil War Monument Dedication, Camp Randall, Madison, WI

July 25 – Charter Presentation for Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30, Department of California and Pacific, Gridley, CA

August 19 – Visited Fort Monroe National Monument, Fort Monroe, VA

August 20 - Visited Petersburg National Battlefield, Petersburg, VA

August 21-22 – National Encampment, Richmond, VA



CinC Campbell, at left, with newly installed Dept. of Ohio Commander Shawn Cox at Kenton, Ohio
Photo courtesy of Shawn Cox.



CinC Campbell, at center, presided over the 1st Special Encampment of the newly established Department of the Columbia, which includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The Encampment was held in Vancouver, Washington.
Photo courtesy of Don Benson.



The Campbell family at the Allied Orders Banquet during the Natl. Encampment, Richmond, Virginia.
Photo by Paul Zeien.

Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony

Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California - September 27, 2015



Brothers Paul Lavrischeff and Tad Campbell. *Photo by Ryan Brown.*

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 once again participated in the flag lowering ceremony honoring deceased veterans. The ceremony is sponsored by the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County.



Brothers Paul Lavrischeff and Richard Staley lead the color guard. *Photo by Bob Kadlec.*



L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Tom Graham, Tad Campbell, Ryan Brown, Bob Kadlec, Dick Ferman, Terry Briggs, Joey Ferman, Richard Staley. *Photo by Bob Kadlec.*

Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Established December 4, 1897 in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

WELCOME NEW SISTERS!

We are pleased to welcome the following new members into the Auxiliary:

MARY A. SESSLER of San José, California, wife of Bro. Randall J. Sessler.

BROOKLYN N. SESSLER of San José, California, granddaughter of Mary and Randall Sessler, and a descendant of Pvt. George W. Byers, Company A, 110th Ohio Infantry.



Above: Tad & Emelia Campbell with the new Camp Charter at the grave of the Camp's namesake.



At left: Henry Clay Veatch during the Civil War.

At right: The officers of the new Auxiliary are sworn in.



New Camp and Auxiliary

The Department of California and Pacific is proud to announce the simultaneous formation of a new Camp and a new Auxiliary in Gridley, California. The **HENRY C. VEATCH CAMP No. 30** is named for Henry Clay Veatch (1847-1939), who served in Company C, 5th Indiana Infantry and was the last surviving Civil War veteran in Butte County. The **SARAH EDMONDS AUXILIARY No. 32** is named for Sarah Emma Edmonds (1841-1898) who disguised herself as a man and served in the 2nd Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. She was the only woman admitted to the G.A.R.

Event Schedule

June 27, 2015

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

July 4, 2015

Independence Day
Various Activities

August 19-23, 2015

National Encampment
Omni Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

September 12, 2015

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

September 18, 2015

POW/MIA Ceremony
City Hall, San José, California

September 27, 2015

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

October 2-4, 2015

"Ord Barracks" Civil War Encampment
Lower Presidio, Monterey, California

November 7, 2015

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

November 11, 2015

Veterans Day Parade
Downtown 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 — 1865

June 2 – General E. Kirby Smith, commander of the Trans-Mississippi Department, surrenders.

June 19 – Union troops land in Galveston, Texas bringing the news that the war is over and the slaves free. The annual celebration of this date becomes known as Juneteenth.

June 22 – The Confederate cruiser *Shenandoah* attacks a fleet of whalers in the Bering Straits. The shot she fires across a whaler's bow is considered to be the last shot of the war. On August 2nd a British ship will tell the *Shenandoah* that, yes, it is over. The *Shenandoah* sails for England, covering 17,000 miles in 122 days and never sighting land. On November 4, they reach Liverpool and lower the last Confederate flag.

June 23 – The surrender of General Stand Watie's Indian forces at Doaksville, Indian Territory marks the end of Confederate resistance on land.

June 30 – The remaining men of the 39th New York are waiting to be mustered out tomorrow. They are members of what is probably the army's most diverse regiment ever. The officers include Hungarians, Italians, and Germans. The rank and file includes English, Swiss, Croats, Bavarians, Cossacks, men formerly of Garibaldi's supporters in Italy, Sepoys from India, Algerians from the French Foreign Legion, Hungarians, Spanish and Portuguese. Most were soldiers of armies from all across Europe. They fly the Hungarian flag and are known as the Garibaldi Guard.

Final Toll – Roughly 2% of the population, an estimated 620,000 men, have lost their lives in the line of duty. There was also an unknown, but large number of civilian deaths, people killed by being caught in combat or by disease and starvation.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 7, 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
 Secretary-Treasurer Thomas T. Graham, PCC
 Council Rick T. LaRosa
 Council Frank C. Avila, PCC
 Council Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Patriotic Instructor John G. Jensen
 Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
 Assistant Chaplain Richard J. Ferman
 Historian John E. Stolp
 Counselor Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Guide Joseph R. Ferman
 Guard Rick T. LaRosa
 Color Bearer Frank C. Avila, PCC
 Graves Registration Officer John E. Stolp
 Civil War Memorials Officer John E. Stolp
 Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. Stephen P. Aguirre, PCC
 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 Cindi Menzies
 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



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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