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Four Chaplains Ceremony



L-R: Paul Lavrischeff, Mike Sanders, John Stolp, Frank Avila, and John Sanders

Photo by Robert J. Kadlec, PCC

On February 3, 1943, four U.S. Army chaplains gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank 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. On February 6, 2016 Camp members participated in a moving annual ceremony memorializing the Four Chaplains at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San José, California.

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Installation Banquet

The following elective officers were installed at the annual Installation Banquet, held on January 15, 2016 at the Three Flames Restaurant in San José, California:

Phil Sheridan

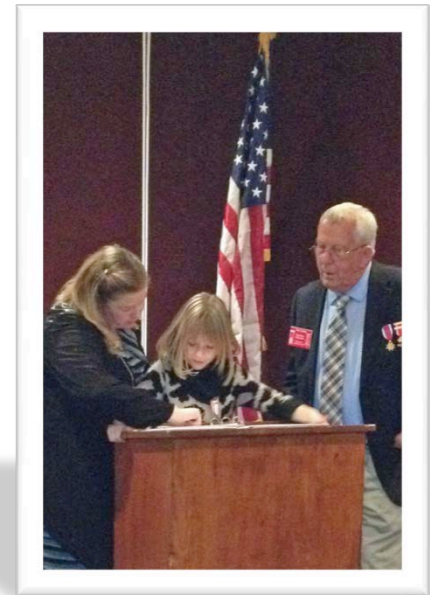
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Dr. Mary E. Walker

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Secretary Beverly Graham, PAP
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Chaplain Emelia J. Campbell
Press Correspondent Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP



DC Tom Graham looks on as PNP Rachelle Campbell assists Auxiliary Chaplain Emelia Campbell in performing her duties.

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>

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4 (30 Dec 2015)

Recognition of Outgoing Camp Commanders

Seeks candidates for formal Dept. recognition as outgoing Camp Commanders.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5 (30 Dec 2015)

Camp Statistics Submissions for Department Awards

Seeks statistics to assist in determining annual Dept. award recipients.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 6 (30 Dec 2015)

Nominations for the President Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award

Seeks recommendations for annual Dept. Exemplary Dedication Award.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2 (13 Jan 2016)

Passing of Brother John A. Riggs

Places Dept. in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Cmdr. Riggs of Camp No. 25.



SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3 (1 Feb 2016)**Passing of Brother Jericho Alexander Mullen**

Places Dept. in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Mullen of Camp No. 10.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4 (13 Jan 2016)**Passing of Brother Donald Braden Schall III**

Places Dept. in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Schall of Camp No. 24.

General Orders — http://www.suvchw.org/?page_id=513**GENERAL ORDER NO. 9** (28 Dec 2015)**Dual Membership Rulings**

Clarifies several issues regarding dual membership in more than one Camp and/or Department.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10 (30 Dec 2015)**Charter Revocation Ellsworth Camp 32 (New Jersey)**

Revokes the Charter of Ellsworth Camp No. 32 in New Jersey.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11 (6 Jan 2016)**Dual Membership Review Special Committee**

Establishes a special committee to examine current dual membership procedures.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12 (3 Feb 2016)**Charter Revocation Siegel Camp 624 (Missouri)**

Revokes the Charter of Siegel Camp No. 624 in Missouri.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13 (3 Feb 2016)**Banner Editor**

Announces the selection of a new Banner editor.



Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

The Camp and Auxiliary held their annual Lincoln Dinner on February 13, 2016, in commemoration of President Lincoln's 207th Birthday. The event took place at the Cup and Saucer Restaurant in San José, California.

A short business meeting was held before the meal and **JOHN M. SANDERS** was initiated as a new member. John is the son of Bro. **MICHAEL C. SANDERS**. Their ancestor was John Ganey of Company A, 9th New Hampshire Infantry.



Dr. Walker's Remedies

SARATOGA'S CONNECTION TO ABOLITIONIST JOHN BROWN

The headstone in the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, California reads: "*Mary A., wife of John Brown of Harpers Ferry.*"

Mary Ann Day was born April 15, 1816 at Granville, New York. She married the militant abolitionist John Brown in Pennsylvania in 1832, raising five children of his first wife and bearing thirteen of her own, of whom six survived to adulthood. Her sons Watson and Oliver died in John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry in 1859. Mary bravely went to visit John on the day before his hanging on December 2nd. She brought his body home for burial in New York (now a state historic site), but Mary and her daughters migrated to California in a wagon train in 1864.

She supported her husband's work to end slavery, and honored his memory until her death in 1884. Two daughters are buried next to her, "*Daughters of John Brown.*"



This portrait of Mary Brown (above) was drawn by her daughter Sarah Brown, using pencil and crayon on paper. The portrait was first presented to the Woman's Relief Corps in Los Gatos, California, and later given to Florence Cunningham, Saratoga historian.



Mary with daughters Annie and Sarah ca. 1851.
Library of Congress photo.

Event Schedule

January 15, 2016

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

January 30, 2016

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

February 6, 2016

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

February 13, 2016

Annual Lincoln Dinner
Cup & Saucer, San José, California

March 4-5, 2016

Annual Department Encampment
Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Sacramento, California

May 14, 2016

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting
Location to be Announced

June 25, 2016

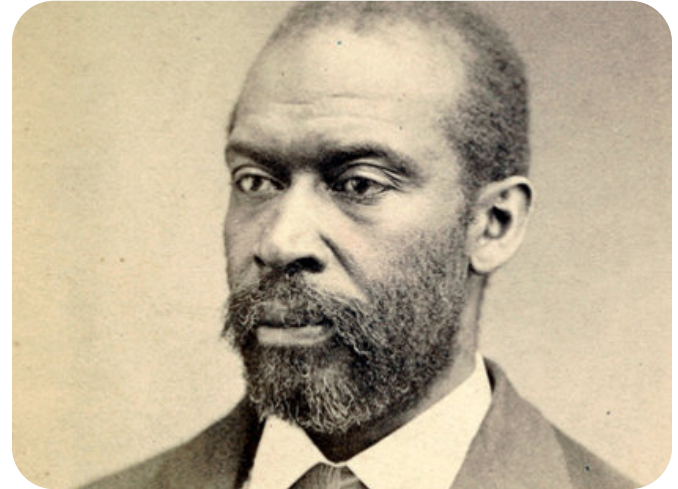
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Location to be Announced

***Be sure to check the Camp website
for additional events and updates***

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

Did You Know?

Who was the first African-American war correspondent?



Thomas Morris Chester

In 1864 the *Philadelphia Press* hired Thomas Morris Chester, son of an ex-slave, to report on black troops on the Virginia front. The only black correspondent for a major daily during the Civil War, Chester reported from Richmond the final year of the war. He provided readers with first-hand experiences of black soldiers. Chester described the responses of Confederate troops and civilians to encounters with black soldiers, as he joined the black troops of the 25th Army Corps as they led the victorious Union forces into Richmond.

After the end of the war, Chester moved to England to study law and went on to become England's first black barrister (lawyer). During the 1870s, Chester moved back to the U.S. and settled in Louisiana, working as the brigadier general of the militia and also the superintendent of schools in 1875. After becoming ill, he moved back to his hometown of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1893.

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 2016-2017

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 Historian John E. Stolp
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 Guide Joseph R. Ferman
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 Newsletter Editor Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
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 Musician Christopher C. Avila
 Musician James M. Welch

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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
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