

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



**Brothers of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 pose with Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff**

*L-R: Ken Felton, Tad Campbell, Randy Sessler, Dept. Cmdr. Tom Graham, Linn Malaznik, CinC Gene Mortorff,  
Dean Enderlin, Frank Avila, Paul Lavrischeff, Dan Earl, Don Menzies, and Bob Kadlec*

*(Photo by Bro. Tim Reese)*

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# Department Encampment

The 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held on March 4-5, 2016 at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham in Sacramento, California.

Honored guests included Commander-in-Chief **EUGENE G. MORTOFF** and wife **LINDA** of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, ASUVCW National President **LINDA M. KRONBERG** of Tecumseh, Michigan, DUVCW Past National President **CAROLE MORTON** of Granada Hills, California, and Department of the Chesapeake Commander **KEVIN L. MARTIN** and wife **ROSEMARY** of Frederick, Maryland.

Election results were as follows: Commander **THOMAS T. GRAHAM**, Senior Vice Commander **DEAN A. ENDERLIN**, Junior Vice Commander **RUDY E. VELASCO III**, Secretary-Treasurer **OWEN R. STILES**, Councilmen **DANIEL R. EARL**, **STEPHEN E. DOYLE**, and **WILLIAM E. DALEY, JR.**

## Attention to Orders!

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

None Issued

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

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1** (29 Apr 2016)

**Election, Appointed Officers & Department Headquarters**

*Announces Department elected & appointed officers and establishes headquarters.*

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2** (29 Apr 2016)

**Appointment of Department Standing & Special Committees**

*Announces appointments to Department committees.*



**General Orders** — [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=513](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513)

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 14** (5 Apr 2016)

**ROTC Program**

*Announces the appointment of an Assistant Quartermaster to manage the ROTC program.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 15** (4 Apr 2016)

**Resignation of National Secretary**

*Announces the resignation of the National Secretary and the election of a temporary replacement.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 16** (6 Jun 2016)

**Camp Geographical Boundaries**

*Reminds the membership that Brothers may conduct graves registration and other activities outside their home Camp's "jurisdiction" without hinderence or punishment.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 17** (15 Jun 2016)

**Suspension of Departments for Annual Report Non-Compliance**

*Suspends the following Departments: Columbia, Iowa, Kentucky and Vermont.*

# Memorial Day 2016

Memorial Day Weekend is always a busy time for the Camp and Auxiliary. This year was no exception.

It began on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> with a school presentation at Quimby Oak Middle School in San José, California. Brother **TAD CAMPBELL PCINC**, Sisters **RACHELLE CAMPBELL PNP** & **EMELIA CAMPBELL**, and Brother **GARRETT HASSLINGER PCC** of Lincoln Camp No. 10 educated several hundred students about the Civil War, Union veterans, and the true meaning of Memorial Day. Garrett and Emelia "manned" a cannon in the quad area, Rachelle gave a presentation on medical advancements, and Tad gave informed the students about the Grand Army of the Republic and the veterans after the war.



Images by  
Bro. Ryan B. Brown

On Saturday and Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> members of the Camp and Auxiliary staffed an information booth at the annual Civil War reenactment at Roaring Camp Railroads in Felton, California. The displays attracted hundreds of members of the public and educated them about the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Allied Orders.

On Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> the Camp and Auxiliary participated in three separate Memorial Day observances at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California. The first was the United Veterans Council's ceremony at the Veteran's Section. The event was well attended by the public and dignitaries, including San José Mayor **SAM LICCARDO**, and U.S. Representatives **MIKE HONDA** and **ZOE LOFGREN**. Members of the Allied Orders represented the Civil War and Spanish-American War soldiers through flag and wreath presentations, and also staffed an information booth aside other veterans' organizations. The second ceremony took place at the Grand Army of the Republic and United Spanish American War Veterans plots and was the focal event for the Camp and Auxiliary. The ceremony followed modified G.A.R. ritual and included the raising of the flags to full-staff and the presentation of wreaths. The third ceremony was at the Field of Honor section, where Brother **ROBERT KADLEC PCC** served as Master of Ceremonies and Brother **LINN MALAZNIK** conducted the Missing Man Table ceremony.



**Camp and Auxiliary members at the Grand Army of the Republic plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park**

*L-R: Diane Wetzel, Dan Bunnell PDC, Dan Earl PCC, Richard Staley, Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa, DC Tom Graham, DP Bev Graham, Frank Avila PCC, CC John Stolp, Dean Enderlin PCC, Cindy Eddy PAP, Emelia Campbell, Tad Campbell PCinC*

# Memorial Day 2016

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1. John Stolp & Bev Graham present a wreath on behalf of Civil War soldiers

2. Paul Lavrischeff & Tad Campbell present a wreath on behalf of Spanish-American War soldiers

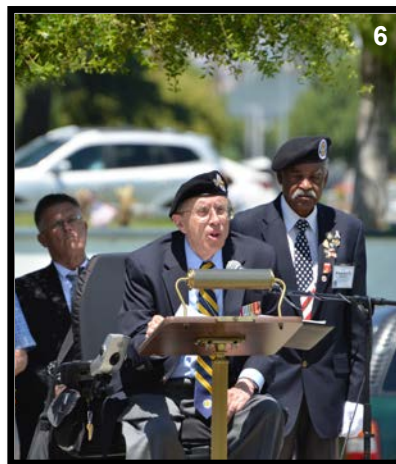
3. Richard Staley recites General Order No. 11

4. Dan Bunnell asks for God's blessings as John Stolp stands by

5. Dean Enderlin and Cindy Eddy in period attire

6. Bob Kadlec conducts the Field of Honor ceremony

7. Linn Malaznik attends to the Missing Man Table



# Event Schedule

## March 4-5, 2016

Annual Department Encampment  
Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Sacramento, California

## May 14, 2016

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

## May 27, 2016

School Presentation  
Quimby Oak Middle School, San José, California

## May 28-29, 2016

Information Booth  
Roaring Camp Civil War Reenactment  
Roaring Camp Railroads, Felton, California

## May 14, 2016

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

## June 25, 2016

Camp & Auxiliary Meeting  
Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

## July 4, 2016

Independence Day Parade  
Monterey, California

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

[www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html](http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html)

## Did You Know?

### *Civil War Photography: Wet Plate Process*

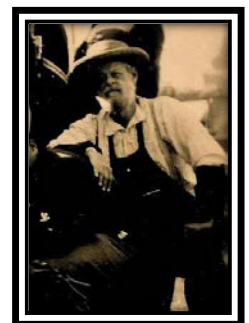
Producing photographs from wet plates involved many steps:

- A clean sheet of glass was evenly coated with collodion.
- In a darkroom or a light-tight chamber, the coated plate was immersed in a silver nitrate solution, sensitizing it to light.
- After it was sensitized, the wet negative was placed in a light-tight holder and inserted into the camera, which already had been positioned and focused.
- The "dark slide," which protected the negative from light, and the lens cap were removed for several seconds, allowing light to expose the plate.
- The "dark slide" was inserted back into the plate holder, which was then removed from the camera.
- In the darkroom, the glass plate negative was removed from the plate holder and developed, washed in water, and fixed so that the image would not fade, then washed again and dried.
- Usually the negatives were coated with a varnish to protect the surface.
- After development, the photographs were printed on paper and mounted.

Source: Library of Congress

(<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/cwp/civilwarphotos.html>)

**Brother RICHARD STALEY** is our Camp's resident expert on Civil War photography. He has spent many years at reenactments and living history events participating in the period photographic process, particularly with well-known collodion artist **Will Dunningway**.



***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, September 10, 2016  
***LOCATION:*** Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California

## *Officers for 2016-2017*

### **Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers**

Commander ..... John E. Stolp, PCC  
 Senior Vice Commander ..... Paul E. Lavrischeff  
 Junior Vice Commander ..... William H. Pope  
 Secretary ..... Richard J. Ferman  
 Treasurer ..... Thomas T. Graham, PDC  
 Council ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Council ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 Council ..... Richard A. Staley

Patriotic Instructor ..... John G. Jensen  
 Chaplain ..... Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC  
 Assistant Chaplain ..... Richard J. Ferman  
 Historian ..... John E. Stolp, PCC  
 Counselor ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Guide ..... Joseph R. Ferman  
 Guard ..... Michael C. Sanders  
 Color Bearer ..... Frank C. Avila, PCC  
 Graves Registration Officer ..... Kenneth G. Felton  
 Civil War Memorials Officer ..... John E. Stolp, PCC  
 Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. .... Stephen P. Aguirre, PCC  
 Legislative Officer ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Musician ..... Christopher C. Avila  
 Musician ..... James M. Welch

### **Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Auxiliary Officers**

President ..... Mary E. Sessler  
 Vice President ..... Cindi Menzies  
 Trustee #1 ..... Cindi Menzies  
 Trustee #2 ..... Sharon Pope, PAP  
 Trustee #3 ..... Brooklyn Sessler  
 Secretary ..... Beverly Graham, PDP  
 Treasurer ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP  
 Patriotic Instructor ..... Diane Wetzel  
 Chaplain ..... Emelia J. Campbell  
 Press Correspondent ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP  
 Guide ..... *Vacant*

Counselor ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

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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



#### ***Phil Sheridan Camp 4***

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

#### ***Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52***

<http://www.suvcw.org/aux/aux52.html>

## ***Websites***



#### ***SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific***

<http://www.suvcw.org>

#### ***SUVCW National Organization***

<http://www.suvcw.org>

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