

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## VETERANS FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY



On September 25, 2016 the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 participated in the United Veterans Council's Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park.

The Camp color guard (at left) consisted of (L-R) JOHN STOLP, JOSEPH FERMAN, RICHARD FERMAN, PAUL LAVRISCHEFF, FRANK AVILA, JOHN SANDERS, and MICHAEL SANDERS.



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# 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>

None Issued

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

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 18** (20 Jun 2016)

**Reinstatement of Department of Kentucky**

*Lifts the suspension of the Department of Kentucky.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 19** (27 Jun 2016)

**Reinstatement of Department of [the] Columbia**

*Lifts the suspension of the Department of [the] Columbia.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 20** (RESCINDED)

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 21** (6 Jul 2016)

**SUVCW Scholarship**

*Announces the recipients of the annual SUVCW Scholarship Awards.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 22** (15 Jul 2016)

**New IRS Requirements**

*Announces new filing requirements regarding IRS Forms 990, 990EZ, 990N and 8976.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 23** (20 Jul 2016)

**New International Camp and Acting Commander-in-Chief**

*Announces the formation of the Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 of London, England and temporarily places Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin in command during the Commander-in-Chief's absence.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 24** (25 Jul 2016)

**Return of Commander-in-Chief**

*Returns command to the Commander-in-Chief upon his return from London, England.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 25** (26 Jul 2016)

**Department Reinstatement - Iowa**

*Lifts the suspension of the Department of Iowa.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 26** (26 Jul 2016)

**Replacement Charter for General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa**

*Approves the request for a replacement Charter for Camp No. 75.*



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 27** (4 Aug 2016)

**Auxiliary to the<sup>[sic]</sup> Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

*Acknowledges and thanks the ASUVCW and their National President Linda Kronberg.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 28** (4 Aug 2016)

**National Encampment Ceremonial Color Guard**

*Designates Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery as official Color Guard for the 2016 National Encampment.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 29** (7 Aug 2016)

**Passing of Real Son Harold Becker**

*Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" Harold Becker of the John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Dept. of Michigan.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 30** (9 Aug 2016)

**Passing of Real Son Garland Pool**

*Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of "Real Son" Harold Becker of the Col. John C. Bryner Camp No. 67, Dept. of Illinois.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 31** (13 Aug 2016)

**Awards**

*The final G.O. of the 2015-2016 term, which lists scholarships and awards issued.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 1** (17 Aug 2016)

**Change of Command**

*The first G.O. of the 2016-2017 term, which establishes headquarters, etc.*



**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2** (18 Aug 2016)

**National Officer Visit Scheduling/Award Nomination Date Requirements**

*Announces date requirements for scheduling visits by the Commander-in-Chief or his representative and for award nominations, and also reminds Brothers that the SUVCW Recruiting Brochures (Form 70) may not be reproduced.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 3** (24 Aug 2016)

**Encampment Attire**

*Reminds Brothers and Officers of appropriate attire during the National Encampment.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 4** (24 Aug 2016)

**Delay Memorial Day Vote**

*With a two-thirds vote of concurrence by the Council of Administration, delays the actions of the 2016 National Encampment, which 1) established that the SUVCW will officially observe the weekend as that prescribed by the federal government as Memorial Day, in lieu of May 30<sup>th</sup>, and 2) created the National Special Committee on Decoration Day. The delay will be in effect until the assigned Memorial Committee files its report with the 2017 National Encampment.*

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 5** (26 Sep 2016)

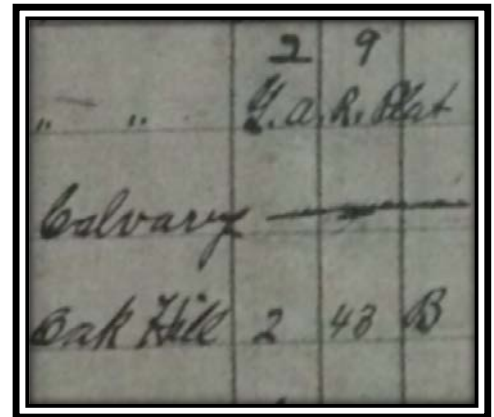
**Appointment of SVR Commanding Officer**

*Reappoints Maj. Gen. Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.*



## A '2", a 'Q" & Transposed Notation

On Sunday, July 31st, I received an email from Veronica Jordan, a member of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County. Her query, which came through my contact information on the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 homepage, concerned a Civil War soldier named Charles A. White.



The Pioneers had recovered a headstone for a Capt. C. A. White from a cache of miscut, "abandoned", and damaged stones that had been sold as scrap over twenty years ago. However, it had been discovered that some of them had erroneously ended up in this allotment. Their mission was to verify and return, if needed, these wayward markers.

In contacting Oak Hill, where the majority of the stones were from, they could find no record of Capt. White. That's where we came into play. Oak Hill directed the Pioneers to the SUVCW, and ultimately to the Camp's Historian.

DECEASED SOLDIERS.												
NAME	DATE OF ENLISTMENT	DATE OF DISCHARGE	RANK	CO.	REG'T. OR VOSSEL.	DATE OF DEATH	HEADSTONE	WHERE BURIED			REMARKS	
								CEMETERY	SEC.	R.R.	LOT.	
Duttonville a. b			Priv	K	88- 7th Inf	Nov 22 1862		Oak Hill	2	117	B	
Hindman a. b			"	B	1st Ill. Regt	Dec 16 1862		"	"	76	A-9	
Mobb Geo S			"	H	4- 26th Inf	Sept 14 1862		"	"	87	994	
Minam James W			"	B	28 2d "	Sept 2 1862		"	"	8a	2/1	
Wilson Geo W			U.S. Revenue		Head Guard	June 12 1862		"	"		2 9	
Wood John			Priv	F	10- 24th Inf	Nov 24 1862		Galvary				
White Chas A			"	C	61- 6th Inf	Sept 12 1862		Oak Hill	2	48	B	
Willson Reuben			Private		8- 7th Inf	June 19 1862		"	"	1	80/1	
Witham Benjamin F	March 21 1864	June 9 1865	Priv	E	2- 6th Inf	Oct 5 1862		"	"	3	33	
Wright James	1865	Apr 12 1864	Priv	F	7- 6th "	April 24 1862		Hilary		4	15	
Wishak Patrick John Comdr			Priv	G	23- 2d "	April 21 1862		Oak Hill	1	2	88 D	
Wyant Peter			"	G	17- 9th "	Sept 1 1862		"	"	"	"	
Yake Chas H			"	F	59- 57- 1st Regt	Dec 16 1862		"	"	"	"	
Andrew J Wagner			"	K	108- 9th Vols	June 9 1862		"	"	72	318	

In referencing the Crook Book (a Phil Sheridan Post artifact listing Civil War veterans funerals), I found Capt. Chas. A. White of Section Q, Block 43, Lot B. Armed with this information, I set off to Oak Hill.

The records office did their best to assist me, but we couldn't make the puzzle piece fit. Section "Q", did not have a "Block 43", nor did "Lot B" fit into its layout scheme.

WHERE BURIED.			
CEMETERY.	SEC.	BLK.	LOT.
Oak Hill	Lt	Blk	Sec
"	1	18	8
"	3	121	0
"	2	53	0
"	4	63	2
"	2	35	2

Returning home, I began trying to work out the mystery. Flipping through the Crook Book again, I found on page 6, a simple notation. The columns printed in the ledger for "Section - Block - Lot" were crossed out and in place was handwritten "Lt - Blk - Sec".

So, if the Section was really "B", the Block would remain 43, and the Lot would be "Q". Then, another thought came to mind, handwritten, older style cursive writing; that wasn't a "Q", it was the numeral "2"!



Back to Oak Hill, back to the records room, back to the vault of good information...and the "new" information fit perfectly, time for a bit of fieldwork.

Within five minutes of searching the correct area, it was found that Capt. Charles A. White has a fine marker in place, proudly bearing the GAR emblem and honoring his service to his country. A privately purchased replacement stone replacing his original Government Issued monument.

I contacted the Pioneers, they were glad that a proper stone was in place. They also mentioned that a few other Civil War veteran markers Had Been returned to Oak Hill and that they would like the SUVCW to participate at a future event for a rededication service.

Huzzah!  
Bro. John E. Stolp, Camp Historian



# Independence Day

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 once again supported Lincoln Camp No. 10 during the annual Independence Day Parade in Monterey, California on July 4, 2016.

*Back Row, L-R:* Dr. Karl Nicholas (Camp 10), Frank Avila (Camp 4), Michael Sanders (Camp 4), Randall Hawkinson (Camp 10)

*Front Row, L-R:* Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4) and Timothy Reese (Camp 10)



## 2016 National Encampment Election Results

The 2016 National Encampments of the SUVCW and the ASUVCW were held on August 11-14, 2016 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel. The following National Officers of the SUVCW were elected:

CinC **DONALD MARTIN** (OH); SVCinC **MARK DAY** (Chesapeake); JVCinC **DONALD SHAW** (Michigan); Secretary **JONATHAN DAVIS** (OH); Treasurer **DAVID McREYNOLDS** (TN); Quartermaster **DANNY WHEELER** (NY); COA: **EDWARD NORRIS** (MA), **BRIAN PIERSON** (OK), **EUGENE MORTORFF** (Chesapeake), **PAUL DAVIS** (MI), **MICHAEL PAQUETTE** (Chesapeake), **FREDERIC LYNCH** (OH); *Banner Editor* **JAMES PAHL** (MI); and Executive Director **DAVID DEMMY** (PA).

Members of the Department of California and Pacific selected for National Offices were:

- **DEAN A. ENDERLIN** (Camps 23 & 4) – Natl. GAR Records Officer; Chair, Natl. Comm. on GAR Post Records; Member, Natl. Comm. on Civil War Memorials
- **DANIEL R. EARL** (Camp 4) – Natl. Legislative Officer; Member, Natl. Comm. on Constitution and Regulations
- **FRANK C. AVILA** (Camp 4) – Member, Natl. Encampment Site Committee; Member, Natl. Comm. on Fraternal Relations
- **JEFFREY L. VAILLANT** (Camp 24) – Member, Natl. Comm. on GAR Post Records
- **GLEN L. ROOSEVELT** (Camp 17) – Member, Natl. Comm. on GAR Post Records
- **D. BRAD SCHALL** (Camps 24 & 22) – Chair, Natl. Special Comm. on Confederate Battle Flag Policy; Member, Natl. Comm. on GAR Post Records
- **OWEN R. STILES** (Camp 30) – Member, National Committee on Scholarships; Member, National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues
- **JON C. HENRY** (Camp 22) – Member, National Committee on Promotion & Marketing
- **TAD D. CAMPBELL** (Camp 4) – Member, National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues
- **TRICIA BURES** (Auxiliary 2) – Natl. Council #3; Chair, Natl. Comm. on Policy & Procedures; Member, Natl. Comm. on New Auxiliaries; Member, Natl. Comm. on Forms & Documents; Chair, Special Natl. Comm. on Bylaws; Chair, Special Natl. Comm. on Junior Member Policies
- **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** (Auxiliary 52) – Natl. Secretary; Natl. Newsletter Editor; Member, Natl. Comm. on Constitution, Rules & Regulations; Member, Natl. Comm. on Policy & Procedures; Member, Natl. Comm. on New Auxiliaries; Chair, Natl. Comm. on Forms and Documents Committee; Chair, Special Natl. Comm. on Junior Members Development
- **EMELIA J. CAMPBELL** (Auxiliary 52) – Member, Natl. Special Comm. on Junior Development

# Event Schedule

**June 25, 2016**

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

**July 4, 2016**

Independence Day Parade  
Monterey, California

**August 10-14, 2016**

135<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment  
Springfield, Illinois

**September 10, 2016**

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

**September 25, 2016**

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

**October 14-16, 2016**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Event  
Lower Presidio, Monterey, California

**November 5, 2016**

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

**November 11, 2016**

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

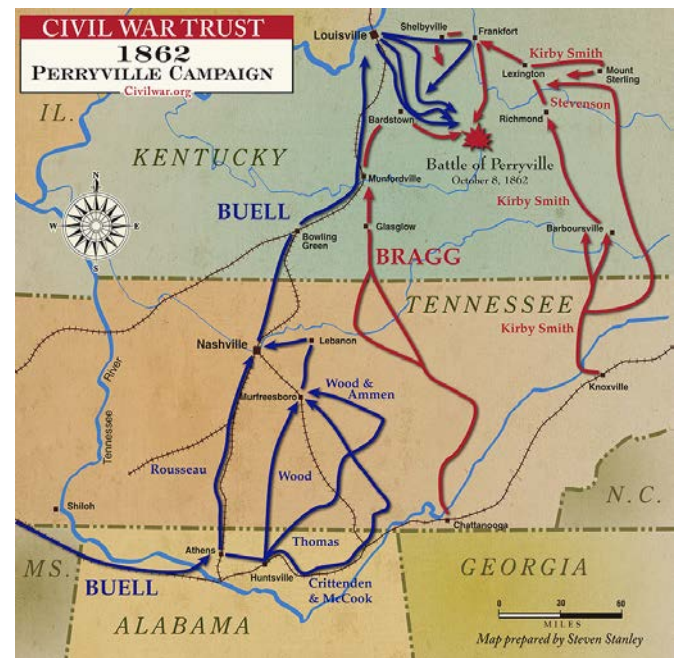
## Did You Know?

### *Battle of Perryville, also known as Chaplin Hills*

October 8, 1862 — Boyle County, Kentucky

In the summer of 1862, Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg launched an invasion of the key border state of Kentucky, hoping to divert Union attention from the Southern strongholds at Vicksburg and Chattanooga, as well as to encourage Bluegrass State volunteers to join the Rebel army. Though unsuccessful in the last regard, the Kentucky Campaign did draw Federal forces out of northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee, ground it would take the Union almost a year to regain. The largest engagement fought in Kentucky, the Battle of Perryville was a Confederate tactical victory, though the heavy fighting and bloodshed forced Bragg to retreat into Tennessee. During the battle, the Confederates held an early advantage that they were able to exploit due to lack of communication among various elements of the Union force. Eventually reinforced on the left of their line, the Federal troops held their ground and pushed some of their attackers back into the town of Perryville itself. Confronted by a larger force and running low on supplies, Bragg withdrew toward the Cumberland Gap. His army would never return to Kentucky.

Source: Civil War Trust  
(<http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/perryville.html>)



***NEXT MEETING:*** Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 10:00 am  
***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

#### ***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***  
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