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Welcome New Brothers!



Gregory Mast was initiated on January 22, 2022



Scott & Kirk Stoddard were initiated on April 9, 2022

The Camp initiated three new members in the first half of the year! **GREGORY L. MAST** of San José was initiated on January 22 and is a descendant of Felix George Myers of Company H, 189th Ohio Infantry. **KIRK D. STODDARD** and his son **SCOTT T. E. STODDARD**, also both of San José, were initiated on April 9 and descend from Charles Sidney Stoddard of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry. *HUZZAH to our new Brothers!*

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Camp Members Elected to Head of MOLLUS Commandery

On June 11, 2022, Camp Brother **TAD D. CAMPBELL** was unanimously elected Commander of the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). The California Commandery was established on April 12, 1871 and includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Camp Brother **LINN W. MALAZNIK**, who had previously held the office, was elected Treasurer of the Commandery. Other officers elected were **RANDY DHINDSA** of Clovis, California as Vice Commander and **WAYNE ROGERS** of Menifee, California as Registrar.

History of MOLLUS

On April 15, 1865, as word of President Abraham Lincoln's death spread throughout the country, three Union Army officer friends met in Philadelphia to discuss the tragic news. Rumors from Washington of a conspiracy to destroy the Federal government by assassination of its leaders prompted the three officers to call other officers and ex-officers together to form an organization that could help thwart future threats to the national government. A mass meeting of Philadelphia veterans was held on April 20, 1865 to pledge renewed allegiance to the Union and to plan for participation in the funeral arrangements for the President. The Philadelphia officers, who served as an honor guard for President Lincoln's funeral cortegé, met again after the funeral was over to establish a permanent organization of officers and ex-officers patterned after the Society of the Cincinnati established after the Revolutionary War. The name they chose, The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, first appeared in a notice calling for a meeting on May 31, 1865 at Independence Hall. By 1899, the Loyal Legion has more than 8,000 Civil War officer members, known as Original Companions, on its roster. At its zenith, the Loyal Legion counted practically every prominent officer among its ranks. Among them were Generals Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman; Lieutenant Generals Philip H. Sheridan, Nelson A. Miles and John M. Schofield; Major Generals George Armstrong Custer, Winfield Scott Hancock, George B. McClellan, Rutherford B. Hayes, David McMurtree Gregg and Grenville M. Dodge; Real Admirals Bancroft Gherardi and George W. Melville. In addition to Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes, Original Companions Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley served as President of the United States. MOLLUS ultimately adopted provisions for hereditary membership, permitting descendants of eligible officers to become members.

Do you have a Union officer in your ancestry? You may qualify to join the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States! For additional information, please contact:

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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/ordersindex.html>

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1 (21 Mar 2022)

Election, Appointed Officers, & Department Headquarters

Announces the elected and appointed officers for the 2022-2023 term and re-establishes Department Headquarters.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2 (23 Mar 2022)

Past Department Commander Rank Bestowed Upon Department Secretary-Treasurer

Announces the vote of the Department Encampment to bestow Past Department Commander voting privileges at the National Encampment upon Bro. Owen Stiles for 10 years of continuous service as Department Secretary-Treasurer.



DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3 (26 Mar 2022)

2023 Department Encampment

Announces that the 2023 Department Encampment will take place on an unspecified date at the Four Points by Sheraton Bakersfield and that the Auxiliary intends hold their Department Encampment at the same time and location.

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5 (26 Jan 2022)

Installing Officer Reports (Form 22) Due to National Headquarters by 15 March Annually

Announces the due date for Form 22: Certification of Election & Installation of Camp Officers.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6 (13 Feb 2022)

Department Commanders Authorized to Lobby in Support of H.J. Res. 58 and S.J. Res. 26

Authorizes lobbying of Congress in support of efforts to elevate Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant to the Rank of General of the Army.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7 (7 Mar 2022)

Use of Photographs and Video Imagery by the SUVCW

Specifies permissions and restrictions on use of photographic and video images from SUVCW events.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8 (8 Mar 2022)

CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications

Establishes and appoints members to a national committee to review membership qualifications.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9 (6 Apr 2022)

CinC Appointed Representative for the Department of Nebraska Annual Encampment

Appoints Brother John Surman PDC to represent the CinC at the Dept. of Nebraska Encampment.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10 (19 Apr 2022)

Appointment of National Secretary

Announces the resignation of National Secretary Jonathan Davis and the appointment of Alan Russ PDC to fill the vacancy until the National Encampment.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11 (22 Apr 2022)

Suspension of Eric D. Richhart, PDC

Suspends Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Department of Colorado & Wyoming, from office and membership in the SUVCW, pending the outcome of a hearing.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12 (24 May 2022)

Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

Announces the passing of Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC and places the order in mourning for 30 days.



GENERAL ORDER NO. 13 (25 May 2022)

Memorial Day / Decoration Day 2022

Communicates a message from the CinC regarding Memorial Day.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14 (6 Jun 2022)

Reactivation of the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations

Reactivates the committee for the sole purpose of incorporating specific missing language into currently published Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 15 (13 Jun 2022)

Attendance at SUVCW Camp, Department, and National Organization Meetings

Specifies that a member of multiple Allied Orders, while under suspension from one of the Allied Orders, may not attend SUVCW functions while representing themselves as a member of the order from which they are under suspension, but may attend if representing themselves as a member of an Allied Order of which they are in good standing.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16 (21 Jun 2022)

Suspension of the Department of Kentucky

Suspends the Department of Kentucky for failure to file required annual reports.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 17 (23 Jun 2022)

Revocation of General Order 16

Revokes General Order No. 16 and lifts the suspension of the Department of Kentucky.

Did you know?

In the Civil War era, it was commonly thought that firing a cannon over water would cause corpses to float to the surface. There is an example of this in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Event Schedule

January 22, 2022

Installation Meeting *(Virtual)*

February 12, 2022

Regular Meeting *(In Person)*
GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

March 19, 2022

Department Encampment
Four Points by Sheraton
Bakersfield, California

April 9, 2022

Regular Meeting *(In Person)*
GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

May 30, 2022

Memorial Day Ceremonies
Oak Hill Memorial Park
San José, California

June 18, 2022

Regular Meeting (Optional)

July 4, 2022

Independence Day Parade
Monterey, California

August 11-14, 2022

National Encampment
Grand Rapids, Michigan

September 10, 2022

Camp Meeting
Details TBA

November 5, 2022

Camp Election Meeting
Details TBA

November 11, 2022

Veterans Day
Details TBA

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

www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html

GRAND ARMY IN HAWAII



During a recent trip to Hawaii, Bro. TAD CAMPBELL was able to visit the GAR Plot at the Oahu Cemetery.

The plot features a flagpole in the center, erected by the VFW in 1955, and four cannons mounted muzzle up at each corner. The cannons were a gift to the GAR from King David Kalakaua in 1884.

At right is a Hawaiian GAR ribbon from Bro. Campbell's collection.



136th Annual Department Encampment

The annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was successfully held on March 19, 2022 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California. Guests included Commander-in-Chief **MICHAEL A. PAQUETTE**, Council of Administration member **KEVIN L. MARTIN**, and ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor **ROSEMARY MARTIN**.



Camp members with the Commander-in-Chief. L-R: Tad Campbell, Mike Paquette, Rick LaRosa, Frank Avila, Dan Earl, Linn Malaznik, Ken Felton, Paul Lavrischeff, Dave Schleeter, and Don Menzies

This was the first in-person Encampment since 2019 and Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was very well represented with a total of nine attendees. The officers for the 2022-2023 term remained largely the same, with the exception of Secretary-Treasurer **OWEN STILES**, who announced his retirement from the office and was replaced by Brother **RANDY DHINDSA** of Camp No. 30. The Encampment voted to bestow Past Department Commander voting privileges at the National Encampment upon Bro. Stiles for 10 years of continuous service as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Camp members **FRANK AVILA** and **DANIEL EARL** were reelected for another year in their offices of Department Commander and Department Council, respectively. Several Camp members also continue to hold appointed offices at the Department level. Bro. **DANIEL EARL** also received the Department Officer of the Year Award for his outstanding service as Chief-of Staff.

It has been announced that the 2023 Department Encampment will take place at the same venue, with the date to be announced later.



Dept. Cmdr. Frank Avila receives instruction from CinC Mike Paquette during his installation

160 Years Ago — Civil War Anniversaries

January 1862

- **January 30** – The first U.S. ironclad warship, USS *Monitor*, is launched.

February 1862

- **February 1** – Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is published for the first time in the *Atlantic Monthly*.
- **February 6** – Gen. Grant gives the U.S. its first victory of the war, by capturing Fort Henry, Tennessee.
- **February 11-16** – Gen. Grant attacks Fort Donelson, Tennessee, capturing it on the last day.
- **February 21** – Battle of Valverde - Confederate forces defeat Union troops near Fort Craig, in New Mexico Territory.
- **February 22** – Jefferson Davis is officially inaugurated in Richmond, Virginia, to a 6-year term as president of the Confederate States of America.

March 1862

- **March 7** – Battle of Pea Ridge - The Confederates are shut out of Missouri.
- **March 8** – Ironclad CSS *Virginia* (formerly USS *Merrimack*) is launched at Hampton Roads, Virginia; the Battle of Hampton Roads starts the same day.
- **March 13** – The U.S. federal government forbids all Union army officers from returning fugitive slaves, thus effectively annulling the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, and setting the stage for the Emancipation Proclamation.
- **March 26-28** – Battle of Glorieta Pass - In New Mexico, Union forces succeed in stopping the Confederate invasion of New Mexico Territory.



April 1862

- **April 5** – Battle of Yorktown - The battle begins when Union Army forces under Gen. McClellan close in on the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia.

- **April 6-7** – Battle of Shiloh - The Union Army, under Gen. Grant, defeats the Confederates near Shiloh, Tennessee.



- **April 12** – Great Locomotive Chase (Andrews' Raid) - Union volunteers steal Confederate steam railroad locomotive *The General* in an attempt to sabotage the rail network.
- **April 25** – Capture of New Orleans - Forces under Union Admiral David Farragut occupy the Confederate city of New Orleans, securing access to the Mississippi River.
- **April 26** – Siege of Fort Macon - The besieged Confederate garrison in North Carolina surrenders.

May 1862

- **May 11** – Ironclad CSS *Virginia* is scuttled in the James River northwest of Norfolk, Virginia.
- **May 15** – U.S. President Abraham Lincoln signs a bill into law creating the U.S. Bureau of Agriculture (later renamed U.S. Department of Agriculture).
- **May 20** – U.S. President Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act into law.

June 1862

- **June 1** – Battle of Fair Oaks - Both sides claim victory.
- **June 4** – Confederate troops evacuate Fort Pillow on the Mississippi River, leaving the way clear for U.S. Army troops to capture Memphis, Tennessee.
- **June 6** – First Battle of Memphis - U.S. Army troops capture Memphis, Tennessee.
- **June 8** – Battle of Cross Keys - Confederate troops under Gen. Stonewall Jackson save the Army of Northern Virginia from a U.S. Army attack on the James Peninsula that is led by Gen. McClellan.
- **June 26** – Battle of Mechanicsville - Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee defeats the troops of Gen. McClellan in the first of the Seven Days Battles.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 10, 2022
LOCATION: Details to be announced.

Officers for 2022-2023

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

Commander Rick T. LaRosa
 Senior Vice Commander Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Junior Vice Commander Donald E. Menzies
 Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
 Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik
 Council Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Council Frank C. Avila, PCC
 Council Donald E. Menzies

Patriotic Instructor Dean A. Enderlin, PDC
 Chaplain Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Historian John E. Stolp, PCC
 Counselor Daniel R. Earl, PCC
 Guide *Vacant*
 Guard Paul E. Lavrischeff, PCC
 Color Bearer Frank C. Avila, PCC
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 Civil War Memorials Officer Kenneth G. Felton
 Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. *Vacant*
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 Newsletter Editor Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
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 Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
 Musician Christopher C. Avila
 Musician James M. Welch

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

President Beverly Graham, PDP
 Vice President Cindi Menzies
 Trustee #1 Cindi Menzies
 Trustee #2 Sharon Pope, PAP
 Trustee #3 *Vacant*
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 Treasurer Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP
 Patriotic Instructor Emelia J. Campbell
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 Guide *Vacant*

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 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 through whom



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