



# The California Column

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## Department Newsletter to be Published Quarterly

*Charlie Mabie, PDC*

Bros: It is the intent of the newsletter editor (that's me) to publish the Department of CA and Pacific Newsletter quarterly. The content of future newsletters depends on submissions from Camps and individuals.

The next newsletter will be published in August after the National Encampment. Senf your photos and articles in ASAP!

## Department Encampment a Rousing Success!

Submitted by Sheridan Camp #4

The 125th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific took place at San Luis Obispo, California on March 11-12, 2011, and also marked the 100th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary's Department of California and Pacific.

Both organizations saw changes in their elected leadership. Brother **CHARLES W. MABIE** of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 completed two years as Department Commander and was succeeded by Brother **GLEN L. ROOSEVELT** of

Gen. Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17. Brother **TIMOTHY P. REESE** of Lincoln Camp No. 10 advanced to Department Senior Vice Commander, **THOMAS T. GRAHAM** of Sheridan Camp 4 was elected Department Junior Vice Commander. Brothers elected to the Department Council were **TAD CAMPBELL PDC** (Camp 4), **JERRY SAYRE PDC** (Camp 21), and **OWEN STILES PCC** (Camp 22).



After seven years of leadership, **RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL** of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was succeeded by **MELINIE PROSKAINES** of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2 as Department President. Sister Campbell took over the position of Department Treasurer. Other Auxiliary No. 52 Sisters were elected as follows: **BEVERLY GRAHAM** – Dept. Chaplain, **KATHY MABIE** – Dept. Chief of Staff, and **DEBRA EARL** – Dept. Council #2.

Honored guests included SUVCW Commander-in-Chief **D. BRAD SCHALL** of Lincoln, California, ASUVCW National President **VIRGINIA L. TWIST** of Ovid, New York, and DUVCW Department President **DR. CAROLE MORTON** of Granada Hills, California. A number of Brothers were honored for their hard work and dedication, including: **KIRBY R. MORGAN** -



Department Officer of the Year Award and National Meritorious Service Award.

Congratulations are extended to the 16th Camp in the Department — Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18 serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties — which received its charter during the Encampment.



## Bring Memorial Day Back to May 30th

Taken from

<http://www.usmemorialday.org/act.html>

How many graves of our fallen do we in America leave dishonored by leaving their resting places forgotten and neglected?

Unfortunately, when Congress made Memorial day into a mandatory three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363), it made it all the easier for us to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day.

The Moment of Remembrance started in 2001 is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance. Set aside one day out of the year for the nation to get together to remember and reflect, to maintain and decorate the graves of the fallen, and as Gen Logan stated in his famous [General Order #11](#): "renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's

gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

On 17 of March 1989 [Senator Inouye](#) [HI] introduced a bill to the Senate which called for the restoration of the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th. Every new Congress since then (every two years), Mr. Inouye has faithfully re-introduced the bill, to no effect.

However, the State of New Jersey passed legislation, urging congress to Restore Memorial Day during the 2010 session. Their bill is SR17. Thank you New Jersey.

To keep the number of three day Federal Holidays the same, Armed Forces day, the third weekend of every May, could easily become a three-day holiday. On that holiday we can celebrate our freedoms won and maintained by our Armed Forces - a three-day holiday to focus on our active duty men and women in uniform and to expressively show them our love and support.

Do you think Memorial Day should have its traditional day of observance restored? If so, should

Armed Forces Day (presently the third Saturday of May) be converted to a 3-day weekend holiday in its place? [Vote in our poll here](#). And if you do agree that Memorial Day should have its traditional day of observance restored, please take a moment to [sign the petition](#) that will be delivered to Congress, and invite your friends and family to do the same. Do you have any ideas? Are you involved in local efforts to promote this cause? Please contact us to let us know what you are doing, or what ideas you may have to help further this cause:

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We need to teach our children the day's meaning. Show others by our actions that we will not forget. You don't have to believe in war to honor our family, friends and neighbors who died in service to their country. *Don't we owe our loved ones and friends who died in service to our country a restored Memorial Day?*

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### How can you help?

- Write your [Representative](#) and your [Senators](#), urging them to support Mr. Inouye's bill to restore Memorial Day. Ask them to co-sponsor the bill (especially your Representative, urge them to introduce the bill to the House).
- Contact [members of the Senate Judiciary Committee](#) and urge them to act upon the bill.
- [Sign the Petition](#) in support of the bill.
- Write [Mr. Inouye](#) to let him know of your support.
- Help spread the word: Contact your local newspaper, and your local TV and radio stations. Two online sources for finding contact info for your local newspaper, radio or tv news media are [Kidon Media-Link](#) and [Zap2it | TV: Nets/Stations](#). Write letters to the editors or take out an ad. Direct readers to this website, <<http://www.usmemorialday.org>>, for more information.
- If you are a member of a military/veteran organization, please consider bringing this matter to the attention of your fellow group members; urge them to sign the petition and to help spread the word.



### Passing of Kirby Morgan, Department Civil War Memorials Officer

Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan passed away on Friday, March 29, 2011. Kirby had been battling congestive heart failure but was able to attend the Department Encampment.

On April 4, 2011, Brothers, friends, and family members gathered at the College City rural cemetery to honor Kirby, who received full military honors.

Kirby Ray Morgan was born June 29, 1929, at Salem, Marion County, Oregon. He was the only child of Chester Raymond Morgan and Ada M. (Carl) Morgan. Within a year of his birth, the family moved to Berkeley, California where they worked in the Berkeley Hat Works, owned by Kirby's maternal grandparents. In 1936, Kirby's parents bought the business and in 1937 they moved to a residence in Lafayette, California.

Lafayette was at that time a rural community so the family kept farm animals and horses. Along with the hat shop, both of his parents were commercial photographers. His father worked horse shows and his mother illustrated her short stories, articles and syndicated columns. From the time he was a toddler, Kirby spent many hours in libraries and cemeteries as his mother did research. As a teenager, he also

helped with some of her photography work. After Kirby graduated from Acalanes High School in 1947, his mother fulfilled another dream by becoming an outstanding western equestrian instructor and horse trainer at their Lafayette residence, known as "Rolling Ridge Ranch."

Kirby left home to work on a Pacific Gas & Electric survey crew in the Sierra Nevada. After finding himself wading in snow up to his waist, he got smarter and talked his way into the University of California at Davis where he earned his first high marks in academic work. He worked at various odd jobs, including overhead crane operator for Pabco in Emeryville, California. While employed at Pabco, Kirby was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent the next two years on active duty. The most significant assignment was with the 8th Army, 712 Eng. Sub Depot at Pusan and Inchon in South Korea.



**SUVCW Brothers Saluting Kirby**

With the assistance of the G.I. Bill, while living and working on the family ranch, Kirby was able to return to college, receiving an AA degree from Mt. Diablo College at Pacheco, California. In 1960 he earned a BS degree in Big Game Management from Humboldt State. Some thirteen other colleges were attended during his working career resulting in certificates in police science, supervision, interpretation and a variety of other subjects, including the live firing of cannon from the National Park Service at Fort Point in San Francisco.

Kirby started permanent work with the California Department of Beaches and Parks in 1961 and retired from the California Department of Parks and recreation in 1986. Along the way, he learned much of California's history doing interpretation in a variety of park settings. He first came into contact with Civil War reenactment groups at Fort Tejon State Historical Park in 1971 and joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War about 1973. He claimed his membership eligibility from his two great-grandfathers, namely: Jacob Francis Morgan of Company E, 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry Jacob Landis Berry of Company B, 98th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Until 1998, Kirby was satisfied just being a National Member-at-Large and following the National Graves Registration and Memorials programs from a distance. He was then assigned to the Department of California and Pacific, which in turn assigned him to the Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 of Elk Grove, California.

Kirby was involved in his own family genealogy for many years. One day in 1998 his wife, Carol, and he had a few spare minutes so they decided to check Oak Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst, thinking there surely were not many Civil War veterans to be found in California. They found four Civil War graves that day. Many cemeteries and monuments later, his work continued, having met many interested and interesting people along the way. ♠ ♠







# Patriotic Paragraphs

by Dean Enderlin,  
Dept. Patriotic  
Instructor

In our last column we began to take a deeper look into the guiding principles of our Order, which are *Fraternity*, *Charity*, and *Loyalty*. These principles go back to the earliest days of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), and each was symbolically displayed on the badge of the Order as follows: "The design upon one side presents the Goddess of Liberty to represent *Loyalty*, and on either side of her is a soldier and sailor clasping hands to represent *Fraternity*, while two little children, receiving benediction and assurance of protection from the comrades, represent *Charity*." Having already discussed the principle of *Fraternity* in our last column, let's move on to our two other guiding principles, *Charity* and *Loyalty*:

## CHARITY

Charity can take many forms, and each of our Camps applies this principle in their own way. Within the sphere of a Camp, *Charity* can be as simple as listening and counseling a Brother who is going through a rough patch in life. Our Ritual reminds us that, "we, who are able, help those Brothers with failing strength, suffering misfortune or distressed by problems common to this life. Let them lean upon our shoulders, share with us our portion and draw from us inspiration to hope and happiness." Outside of the sphere of the Camp, there are no limits to how *Charity* can be applied. It all depends on what opportunities present themselves in the community and abroad. Offering various forms of assistance to veterans or those who are actively serving our country is one way to do

this. *Charity* can also encompass the maintenance and protection of veterans' graves and monuments. Be creative!

Like us, the members of the GAR saw *Charity* as a principle which could be applied in many ways. *Charity* to them was to be exemplified "through kind actions and benevolent deeds and sacrificing efforts for those associated with us." PPC Albert C. Leonard in his GAR Hand Book (Dept. of PA, 1884), elaborated on this principle:

*Charity*, the second great principle of the Order, makes it of great and lasting benefit to all who come within its influence.

The necessity of introducing this principle into the Order was apparent immediately after the close of the war, for it was even then clear that the duty of caring for the crippled and diseased soldiers, and the helpless widows and orphans of those who had fallen would rest upon the shoulders of the survivors, hence the wisdom of the founders of the Order in including *Charity* as one of its principles.

## LOYALTY

Loyalty – the third principle of our Order – held great importance to the members of the GAR, just as it does to SUVCW today. In an early proclamation, the members of the GAR resolved that "we shall cling to the principles of loyalty to flag and country, with the same pertinacity and energy with which we sustained it in the field; and that no foe, foreign or domestic, shall ever find us backward in rushing to the rescue of the Government we have saved, by whatever danger it

may be assailed; that our hearts still beat time to the 'music of the Union,' and will ever be found vibrating in harmony with the pulsations of the national life." A. C. Leonard in his 1884 GAR Hand Book, explained this principle of the GAR as follows:

*Loyalty* was the principle that called the Grand Army into existence. Of all secret organizations it alone flings out the banner of *Loyalty*.

It is loyal to the laws of the land, believes in the governing power and respects authority. Were danger to assail the flag to-day the weary heroes would brighten up the old sabre, polish the rusty bayonet, and forgetting the sufferings of the past rally round the standard as in 1861.

The members of the G.A.R. are likewise loyal one to another. During the dark days of the war, the soldier knew that each member of the company or regiment would, in the hour of trial and danger, be loyal and true, not only to the country but also to each other, and likewise in these times of peace, when the old veteran is suffering for the necessities of life, or amid sickness and sorrow it is ours to be loyal and true in thought, word and deed.

Loyalty, as exemplified by the G.A.R., cannot but prove of great value to the whole nation, for its devotion to the Country and to each other will serve to strengthen the loyalty of the rising generation.

As their Sons, *Loyalty* holds the same meaning to us as we strive to keep green the memory and

traditions of the Boys in Blue. The Ritual of the SUVCW reminds us that:

Loyalty, as exemplified by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union soldier or sailor of the War of the Rebellion, should always stir our hearts to greater love of country. These men who wore the Union Blue constituted the Grandest Army that ever marched under one flag. Their sacrifices have no parallel, and we, their flesh and blood, would be ungrateful sons of noble ancestors should we fail to revere their sacred memories.

At the beginning of every meeting, we remind ourselves that *Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty* are the founding principles of our Order, and that they are the duties that we inculcate. They are watchwords from the GAR that we inherited, treasure, and apply in our work. Use them well! ♠♠

## King City "Student Civil War Reenactment"

By Tim Reese, DVC

May 20, 2011: It started at Chalone Peaks Middle School, coordinated by School Teacher Chris Andrews, a parade march of close to 300 students in uniforms they assembled over the course of the school year. There was a stop at the King City Cemetery for a Memorial Service with a four man firing detail in which Sheridan 4's Frank Avila and DSVC Tim Reese participated...the march led the students into battle at San Lorenzo Regional park. Civil War reenactors took command of 20 to 30 students, Frank Avila to command of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine; DSVC Timothy P. Reese took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wisconsin; Paul Lavrischeff was a LT under General Ulysses S. Grant (portrayed by school Teacher John Miller), whose voice was so horse Paul had to relay his orders the distant areas of the division; Lincoln 10's Don P. Fuselier was a Surgeon Major in the field. There were two battles, between them students stopped at teaching stations. Lincoln 10's Don P. Fuselier operated a Civil War Medical/Medicine station, Paul Lavrischeff and Frank Avila operated an Ordnance and Soldiers life station, which consisted of firing demo's in which DSVC: Reese assisted. Also, retired Salinas Police officer Wayne Scott was portraying Pres. Abe Lincoln at the Cemetery, review stand, operated a teaching station of his own, and gave the Gettysburg address at the last minutes of the event. The event ended at 2:45pm. ♠♠



(L to R) Frank Avila (Camp 4 & SVR), Teacher John Miller, Wayne Scott (portraying Abe Lincoln) Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4 & Dept. Color Guard coord & SVR), standing in back: DSVC: Timothy Reese (Camp 10 & SVR), Bottom step is: Teacher Chris Andrews, and Donald P. Fuselier (Camp 10 & SVR)

## News from Around the Department

Brothers,

We have just received word that the Council of Administration has approved our application to designate "Civil War on the Homefront September 1861" at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in

Wilmington, California as a SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event. It will be held Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Yours in F, C & L,

Loran Bures  
Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
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5/8/11: As some of you may already be aware, this last Thursday Brother Bob Kadlec, Past Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, fell in his home and severely shattered his ankle. Bob does not have any local family, so members of Camp 4 and Auxiliary 52 are looking after his needs. He is currently resting at home, but his injury is going to require surgery and he will likely have a long recovery.

If you would care to take a moment to send a card to Bob, I'm sure the thought would greatly lift his spirits. Here is the address:

**Robert J. Kadlec, PCC**  
**5052 Joseph Lane**  
**San Jose, CA 95118**

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
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### Department Encampment Update

*Tim Reese, DVC*

I like to announce to all members in our Department and the ASUVCW, that the 2012 Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Camp San Luis Obispo, as in the previous year. I decided (in concurrence with the other elected officers) that the Encampment should remain here, as the costs are extremely reasonable, and with the 2012 National Encampment that will follow, this is the best course to take. Stay tuned for more information  
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## ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS, & DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall at the 125th Annual Department Encampment on March 12, 2011, are as follows:

- Commander - Bro. Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Timothy P. Reese, PCC
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Thomas T. Graham, PCC
  - Secretary - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
  - Treasurer - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
  - Council - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
  - Council - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
  - Council - Bro. Owen R. Stiles (Chair)

Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain - Bro. Thomas E. Helmantoler, PCC
- Patriotic Instructor - Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, CC
- Counselor - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
  - Historian - Bro. David A. Davis, PCC
  - Guide - Bro. Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC
    - Guard - Bro. Daniel J. Henry, CC
- Signals Officer - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
  - Color Bearer - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
- Graves Registration Officer - Bro. Joseph C. Marti
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Bro. Kirby R. Morgan
- GAR Highway Officer - Bro. Thomas P. Chumley, PCC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Bro. Alan E. Peterson, PDC
- California Column Newsletter Editor - Bro. Charles W. Mabie, PDC

The following two Special Aides are hereby appointed:

- Special Aide to the Civil War Memorials Officer –
  - Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, CC
- Special Aide to the G.A.R. Highway Officer –
  - Bro. Andrew Brown, Camp 2.

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://suvpac.org/officers.html>

The CA and Pacific Website can be found at:

<http://suvpac.org/index.html>



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a creation of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union Civil War veterans, which was formed in 1866. Wanting to pass on its heritage, the GAR in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created a Corps of Cadets in 1878 which later became the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America (SV). This latter organization was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 12, 1881.

The SV units functioned much as National Guard units and actually served along with state militia during the Spanish American War. In 1904, the SV elected to become a patriotic education society and in 1925 changed its name to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

However, to keep the military aspect alive, the SUVCW created within the organization the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) which was carried on the Army rolls as a Reserve contingent. Some SVR units served with the Army during World War I. After World War I, the SVR was listed as a training company of the U.S. Army. In more recent years, the SVR's mission has become historic, ceremonial, and commemorative.

Prior to disbanding and before the death of its last member, the GAR officially designated the SUVCW as its successor and heir to its remaining property. On August 20, 1954, the SUVCW was officially incorporated by an Act of Congress by the passing of Public Law 605 of the second session of the 83rd Congress. The Department of California and Pacific was established in February 1886 and currently consists of sixteen local Camps.



# CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT FORT MERVINE

Monterey, CA

**OCTOBER 8th & 9th, 2011**

*On the lower quarter of the Presidio of Monterey, at the  
"Presidio Museum" off of CPL: Ewing Road.*

*Hosted by the*

**"SONS OF UNION VETERANS  
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Camp 18 gets their Charter



Kirby and Brad, San Luis Obispo, 2011



Memorial Service at SLO