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SUVCW National Encampment 2011

Submitted by Sheridan Camp #4

The annual National Encampments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the Auxiliary to SUVCW, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) were held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia on August 11-13, 2011.



The SUVCW Delegation from the Department of California and Pacific consisted of Camp 4 Brothers FRANK AVILA PCC, CC TOM GRAHAM, TAD CAMPBELL PDC, and LINN MALAZNIK; and Brothers PHIL CAINES PCC (Camp 2), CC DEAN ENDERLIN (Camp 23), CHARLIE MABIE PDC (Camp 24), DC GLEN ROOSEVELT (Camp 17), JERRY SAYRE PDC (Camp 21), and C-IN-C BRAD SCHALL (Camps 9, 22, & 24). Brother ADAM GAINES, a dual-member of Camp 4 was also present.

The Auxiliary Department was well represented by Sisters TRICIA BURES (Aux. 2), MELINIE CAINES PAP (Aux. 2), RACHELLE

CAMPBELL PDC (Aux. 23 & 52), AP CINDY EDDY (Aux. 23), AP BEV GRAHAM (Aux. 52), and KATHY MABIE (Aux. 52).

Many of the attendees participated in tours of the nearby Bull Run Battlefield, led by well-known historian Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service. Mr. Bearss also addressed an evening audience at the hotel. CA and Pacific's own favorite son, Brad Schall, was acknowledged for his year of service as Commander-in-Chief.

During the business sessions Brother DON PALMER of Missouri and Sister ANNE JASTER of Pennsylvania were elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief and National President, respectively.

Cyber Security for the Technically Challenged

Submitted by Charlie Mabie, Editor

The publication of this newsletter has been delayed due to a virus/malware that was sent to me via my email. Although I had virus protection, it may have not been up to date. The email that I received appeared to be from a friend, who, in fact, had their computer hacked and infected by a virus. To add insult to injury, I had not backed up any of my information on my computer in almost 2 years. As of publication time, I have lost access to almost all of my photos, Camp and Department records, etc, that I had worked on since 2008 or 2009. The good news is that the techie

person who is helping me has recovered much info but I have to wait as everything is checked out for virus contamination and/or damage. Whether my computer can be reformatted and still be usable is in question.



We depend on technology every day to communicate. However, we need to take an active role in keeping our documents and computer safe. For those of us who were raised with rotary phones, analog clocks, and paper n' pencils, there are a few things that we can do to remain safe:

- Create stronger passwords. Create passwords that aren't easy to guess, and don't share them with others.
- Don't expose personal information. Be aware of how much of your personal or financial data you might be sharing with strangers on social networking sites, through e-mail, and on special-interest sites.
- Don't fall for e-mail scams. Online criminals may use e-mail to get your personal information and steal your identity. Or an e-mail might entice you to click a link that takes you to a bogus site or download malware (malicious software) to your computer.

- Know who you're doing business with. It's quick and easy to create a Web site that looks legit, but not all Web sites are.
- Be cautious with e-mail attachments. **Attached files may contain malware, which can damage your computer** — or it may install code that can track your activities
- Use software to avoid malware. Several types of software products can spot and avoid viruses, spyware, and objectionable online content. Make sure you use protection.
- Create safe e-mail aliases and usernames. Whether you're creating an e-mail account or a user account on a social networking or special-interest site, be careful how much information you give away even in your username.
- Find out how others might expose you. Even if you never go online, your information is probably out there. Learn to identify your exposure and stop others from revealing personal information.

Lastly, subscribe to a service that will allow you to back up your data, or invest in an inexpensive hard drive where you store can store copies of all of your files.

Ft. Mervine designated a Sesquicentennial Event

The annual Ft. Mervine Civil War Encampment will take place on October 8-9. This year it will be an unofficial Department event, with Brothers and Sisters from numerous different

Camps and Auxiliaries making plans to attend. It has also been designated as a Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

The event is sponsored by Lincoln Camp No. 10 and the Presidio Museum, in conjunction with the City of Monterey's History Fest 2011. For information, go to:

[Event Schedule - Dept. of CA & Pacific, SUVCW](#)



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Patriotic Paragraphs

by Dean Enderlin, Dept. Patriotic Instructor

They Drank from the Same Canteen

Among the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic was the saying, "we drank from the same canteen." To the Boys in Blue, there was deep meaning in these words, and it became a well known slogan on souvenirs and printed matter associated with encampments. Reproduction canteens (often with elaborate inscriptions and bearing the familiar slogan) were specially made as presentation pieces, and are highly prized today as collectible items. To the veterans of the Civil War, the canteen was an item that

The Old Canteen

Send it up to the garret? Well, no; what's the harm
 If it hangs like a horseshoe to serve as a charm?
 Had its day, to be sure; matches ill with things here;
 Shall I sack the old friend just because it is queer?
 Thing of beauty 'tis not, but a joy none the less,
 As my hot lips remember its old time caress,
 And I think on the solace once gurgling between
 My lips from that old battered tin canteen.

It has hung by my side in the long, weary tramp,
 Been my friend in the bivouac, barrack, and camp,
 In the triumph, capture, advance, and retreat,
 More than light to my path, more than guide to my feet.
 Sweeter nectar ne'er flowed, however sparkling and cold,
 From out chalice of silver or goblet of gold,
 For a king or an emperor, princess or queen,
 Than to me from the mouth of that old canteen.

It has cheered the desponding on many a night,
 'Till their laughing eyes gleamed in the camp-fire light,
 Whether guns stood in silence, or boomed at short range,
 It was always on duty; though 'twould not be strange
 If in somnolent periods just after "taps"
 Some Colonel or Captain, disturbed at his naps,
 May have felt a suspicion that "spirits" unseen
 Had somehow bedeviled that old canteen.

But I think on the time when in lulls of the strife,
 It has called the far look in dim eyes back to life;
 Helped to staunch the quick blood just beginning to pour,
 Softened broad, gaping wounds that were stiffened and sore,
 Moistened thin, livid lips, so despairing of breath
 They could only speak thanks in the quiver of death;
 If an angel of mercy e'er hovered between
 This world and the next, 'twas the old canteen.

Then banish it not as a profitless thing,
 Were it hung in a palace it well might swing
 To tell in its mute, allegorical way
 How the citizen volunteer won the day;
 How he bravely, unflinchingly, grandly won,
 And how, when the death-dealing work was done,
 'Twas as easy his passion from war to wean
 As his mouth from the lips of that old canteen.

By and by, when all hate for the rag with the bars
 Is forgotten in love for the "Stripes and the Stars;"
 When Columbia rules everything solid and sole,
 From her own ship canal to the ice at the Pole;
 When we Grand Army men have obeyed the last call,
 And the May flowers and violets bloom for us all;
 Then away in some garret the cobweb may screen
 My battered, old, cloth-covered, tin canteen.

common ties of every veteran of the war, from private to general and seaman to admiral. All drank from the same canteen. Even more than that, the sharing of one's own canteen with another in distress was one of the most compassionate acts one could do upon the battlefield.



Nostalgic poems of the Civil War appear frequently in Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) literature. This one, transcribed from Washington Davis's "Camp-fire Chats of the Civil War" (published in Chicago, 1886), is one of my favorites. How many times have we come across an old keepsake, and wondered whether to toss it or stow it away in the garret (attic)?

News from Around the Department

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 9th and 10th 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

The 2012 National Encampment will be held in Los Angeles, California on August 9-11, 2012 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriot. A web page has been set up to help keep the masses informed:

[2012 National Encampment](#)

ATTENTION:

There will be no official Department presence during the Civil War Revisited reenactment at Kearney Park in Fresno, California on October 22-23, 2011.

The event costs the Department over \$200 The event costs the Department over \$200 annually to participate and the benefits have been minimal at best. Over ten years of efforts to establish at Camp in the Fresno area have been fruitless.

Camp 25 and C-in-C Schall Honor Real Son

By Glen Roosevelt, DC

98-year old Brother Walter Roode was sworn in as a member of Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 in Reno, NV by C-in-C Brad Schall on July 11, 2011...just a month and 3 days after his birthday. Camp 25 Commander John Riggs presented Walter with his temporary membership certificate and badge. The badge was pinned on by daughter-in-law Janie McBride who is Walter's caregiver. Department Historian and Camp SVC David A. Davis presented Walter with a History Book of the 9th Vermont Infantry that includes his father's service. Camp GRO Donald J. Huffman helped with the initiation, and recorded the event in photos and video.

Real Son Walter E. Roode of Portola, CA, and his sister Montiel H. (Roode) McAuley of Ludlow, MA were located with the help of Pastor Bryan Olden. Pastor Olden of the Chicopee, MA LifePoint Church brought the two to the attention of our Order on behalf of Montiel who is a member of the Church. It was the Pastor's hope to have the two "Real" children added to the List of Living Civil War Widows and Children. Pastor Olden notified the SUVCW about Walter and Montiel on May 31, 2011; and after research by the Department of California & Pacific, their names were added to the List in late July.



Stephen Washington Roode

Walter and Montiel are the children of Pvt. Stephen Washington Roode, who enlisted in Co. K, 9th VT Infantry at the age of 15 in June 1862. After being taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry in September 1862, Stephen was allowed to enlist in Co. B, 2nd Battalion of the 17th Regiment of the Regular Army. He served with the Regulars from January 1863 until June 1865. He saw action at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, in New York City during the Draft Riots, the Wilderness, Petersburg and Weldon Railroad. Stephen died on February 19, 1932 in Northampton, MA; and he is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Flushing, NY.

The brother and sister are children of Stephen's second marriage which

occurred in 1911 when he was 63 years old. His bride was 27 year-old Mary Peerebom. Walter was born in 1913, and Montiel was born in 1915. Both were born in Belchertown, MA. Pastor Olden is currently helping sister Montiel McAuley process her membership application for the DUVCW. Walter himself served three tours in the U.S. Army prior to and during World War 2. His first enlistment coincidentally ended at Fort Preble in Portland, ME where his father was first assigned with the Regular Army. Brother Roode is a 50-year and Life Member of the American Legion, and was named Legionnaire of the Year in 1993. He was a 3-term Commander of the Portola A.L. Post, and served as American Legion District Commander in 1979-1980.

Camp 25 Brothers met again with Walter on Saturday, September 3 to present him with a framed membership certificate that Camp Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester had filled in with calligraphy. Walter intends to hang the certificate in his room for all to see. It is reported that a re-enactor who portrays General Lee from nearby Grayeagle plans to visit Walter dressed as General Lee. We trust that the General will be prepared to surrender to Brother Walter.



Walter Roode receiving his SUVCW membership badge & temporary certificate

Retaining Membership: What you can do to keep your Camp and Department alive.

**Submitted by Charlie Mabie,
Editor**

I found this list on the Internet...seems simple enough (a few modifications were made). If we put some of these suggestions into action, we may be able to recruit and retain members:

1. Call When Absent
2. Put The Member On The Agenda
3. Recognize Each Member
4. Reward Achievements
5. Fun Meetings
6. Theme Meetings
7. Find Out The Individual Needs Of The Members
8. Learn your position and expectations
9. Have Educational Sessions
10. Have A Strong Mentoring Program
11. Have Guest Speakers
12. Have Inter-Camp Meetings
13. Have Social Activities
14. Keep It Fun
15. Have Lively Meetings
16. Allow Time For Everyone To Participate
17. Assign Roles In Advance
18. Call And Remind All Participants
19. Have A Mix Of Speeches
20. Maintain Regular E-Mail Or Phone Contact
21. Follow The Agenda
22. Share The Load
23. Annual Member Interest Survey
24. Focus On Supportive Evaluations And Positive Feedback
25. Promote an Awards Program
26. Ensure That All Members Are Active To Their Level Of Comfort
27. Get Them Involved
28. Praise Them
29. Variety In Meeting Format
30. Individual Name Tags Or Place Cards
31. Executives Speak To Members Personally
32. Recognize Progress
33. Make Friendships
34. Senior Members Set Good Example
35. Present recognition to guest speakers
36. Celebrate birthdays
37. Induction Ceremony – Include Sponsor
38. Be More Open To New Ideas
39. Comfortable Meetings
40. Listen
41. Use Each Members Specific Skills
42. Be Warm And Smile A Lot
43. Get To Know Each Member Individually
44. Use Guilt – “Don’t Quit Or We Will Die!”
45. Learn To Laugh
46. Social Yet Learning Atmosphere
47. Executives Delegate To Members
48. Ave Well-Organized Meetings
49. Show That You Care
50. Give The Members Responsibility
51. Show and Tell
52. Always Manual Speeches
53. Change Of Pace In The Meetings
54. Continuity
55. Re-Invite Inactive Members
56. Make Them Feel Important
57. Get Them Working On A Goal
59. Talk up the benefits of membership and deeds of the order
60. Be An Audience
61. Treat Others With Dignity And Respect
62. Encourage Growth
63. Have A Mystery Guest/Topic
64. Non-Threatening Atmosphere
65. Break Up The Routine
66. Encourage Members Practice F, C, and L
67. Get Them To Attend A Department Encampment
68. Get Them To Attend A National Encampment
69. Use The Better Speaker Series
70. Schedule a fieldtrip
71. Plan Ahead Four To Six Weeks
72. Have a holiday dinner.
73. Have A Brainstorming Session If Short A Speaker
74. Positive And Encouraging Environment
75. Annual Award Ceremony Or Recognition Day
76. Send Out Postcards
77. Have An Orientation Meeting
78. Invite local geneology/History Society members
79. Encourage leadership and active participation
80. Ask Their Opinion
81. Have Them Write Down Their Goals
82. Incorporate Activities Outside Of the Camp
83. Have Refreshments
84. Car Pools For Older Members
85. Timely Meetings
86. Send Lost Members The Newsletter
87. Invite spouses/family members
88. Recognize Achievement With Trophies And Ribbons
89. Have Informal Get Together After The Meeting
90. Periodically Do Training Speeches To Reinforce Roles
91. Talk About The Next Meeting And Psyche Them Up
92. Occasionally Change The Meeting Time And Place
93. Get Well Cards
94. Telephone Tree – Call Each Member Before Each Meeting’
95. Do Things As A Team
96. have Camp pay dues for cash-strapped members
97. Encourage Members To contribute to newsletter
98. Elect Strong Officers
99. Have A membership recognition Plaque
100. Tell Them You Miss Them
101. Design The Meetings That The Members Want
102. Encourage Commitment
103. Solve Conflict Promptly And Fairly
104. Motivate And Teach
105. Thank-You Notes For Special Jobs
106. Awards For Attendance

150th Anniversary of the Civil War



**Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**

Other Sesquicentennial Events

The national Webpage has a listing of Sesquicentennial events from around the nation. Check back frequently as many events are still in the planning stages. The listing can be found at:

<http://www.suvcw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSesquicentennial/CWSEQ.htm>

Department and Camp Officer Job Descriptions

Submitted By Charlie Mabie, Editor

Would you run for an office if you did not know what the job entails? It seems like the punchline for a bad political joke, but many people within our organization put themselves into leadership positions without realizing what is required of them. Although no position is so arduous or complicated that one has to be a "Superman" to serve, it is helpful if you know what is expected of you during your tenure. Here are the basic expectations put forth by the National Organization for positions within a camp:

Commander

Purpose: The purpose of the office of Commander is to direct and to provide oversight of Camp/

Department operations in order to foster and promote the goals and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Activities: The activities of the Camp Commander should include: (1) Presiding at all meetings of the Camp; (2) Appointing the appointed officers and all committees; (3) Become familiar with all SUVCW forms that are utilized for conducting the business of the Camp, especially those that require the Commander's signature, and ensure that all reports are submitted to the Department by the specified time; (4) Ensuring that the Camp officers and committees do their jobs; (5) Representing the Camp at community functions; (6) Becoming familiar with the Camp's and Department's Bylaws and the Order's Constitution and Regulations; (7) Keeping the membership informed by issuing "Camp Orders", attested to by the Camp Secretary; (8) Consulting with Past Camp Commanders for advice on Camp matters; (9) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials; (10) Serving as liaison between the Camp and Department.



You are sworn into office.

Senior Vice Commander

Purpose: The purpose of the office of Senior Vice Commander is to assist the Commander, promote the Order and preside at Camp/

Department meetings in the absence of the Commander.

Activities: The activities of the Camp Senior Vice Commander should include: (1) Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of the Camp Commander; (2) Acting as a personal representative upon the request from the Camp Commander; (3) Gathering appropriate data about Camp activities and forwarding to the Department Senior Vice Commander; (4) Promoting Camp activities in the local media; (5) Publishing a Camp newsletter; (6) Scheduling informative programs for Camp meetings; (7) Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

Junior Vice Commander

Purpose: The purpose of the office of Junior Vice Commander is to assist with the recruitment and retention of Brothers (Members, Associates, and Juniors).

Activities: The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include: (1) Contacting prospective Brothers whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander; (2) Supplying prospective Brothers with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting; (3) Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing membership applications; (4) Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order; (5) Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander; (6) Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the office by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

Secretary

Purpose: The purpose of the office of Secretary is to keep the minutes of the meetings and to carry on necessary correspondence for the Camp or Department.

Activities: The activities of the Camp Secretary should include: (1) Taking minutes of each Camp meeting; (2) Maintaining a book or file of minutes of past meetings; (3) Reading the minutes of the preceding Camp meeting; (4) Processing and responding to Camp correspondence; (5) Notifying Brothers of meeting dates and location; (6) Preparing Form 22, "Report of Camp Installing Officer", in duplicate and sending both copies to the Department Secretary; (7) Reviewing for accuracy the annual "Life Member Reimbursement Form" (Form 10) that can be prepared by a Camp's Commander, Treasurer or Secretary; (8) In conjunction with the Camp Treasurer, prepare and submit a "Camp Annual Report" (Form 27) in duplicate to the Department Secretary on or before April 30 of each year, with check for per capita and application fees, plus two copies of the membership application for each new Brother; (9) Preparing and submitting a "Camp Status Report" (Form 30) in duplicate to the Department Secretary by the 15th day of the next month following any change in a Camp's membership after the annual report is filed. A check for per capita and application fees, plus two copies of a new Brother's membership application must be enclosed; (10) Maintaining Camp membership applications and supporting documentation; (11) Preparing credentials for those serving as Camp delegates and alternates to Department Encampments; (12) Maintaining the Camp seal and affixing it to Camp documents as needed.

Treasurer

Purpose: The purpose of the office of Treasurer is to serve as custodian

of Camp or Department monies and property, to keep accurate financial records and to prepare periodic financial reports.

Activities: The activities of the Camp Treasurer should include: (1) Keeping the financial records of the Camp; (2) Preparing a financial report to be presented at each Camp meeting; (3) Preparing and sending dues notices to Brothers at least one month before the end of the Camp's fiscal year; (4) Issuing membership cards to Brothers upon receipt of annual dues; (5) Serving as custodian of Camp property not otherwise provided for; (6) Maintaining a bank account in the Camp's name for Camp funds; (7) Preparing a report on the financial condition of the Camp for review and approval by the Camp Council; (8) In conjunction with the Camp Secretary, prepare a "Camp Annual Report" (Form 27) with check for per capita and application fees, to be submitted to the Department Secretary on or before April 30 of each year; (9) Preparing and submitting a "Life Member Reimbursement Form" (for those Brothers who qualify) before March 31 of each year; (10) Notifying a Brother who is in arrears for dues or fines, no later than March 31 of each year; (11) Preparing and transmitting any and all financial reports as may be required by applicable state law.

Council

Purpose: The purpose of the three-member Council is to devise and recommend measures to help ensure the financial stability of the Camp or Department and to fill vacancies which may occur in elected Camp or Department offices.

Activities: The activities of the Camp Council should include: (1) Devising and recommending measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; (2) Making the Camp's investments, leases, and other

contracts; (3) Settling and disposing of all disputed accounts between the Camp Treasurer and Brothers of the Camp; (4) Examining the books, vouchers and other financial papers of the Camp; (5) Reviewing and passing upon a quarterly financial report of the Camp; (6) Filling for the unexpired term by of a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in an elected Camp office.

If you want to learn more about Camp and Department positions, go to:

[SUVCW: Department/Camp Job Descriptions](#)



**PHOTO ALBUM:
SIDE TRIPS AT THE
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

*Submitted By Charlie Mabie,
Editor*

One of the highlights of travelling to an Annual Encampment is seeing the sights near that locale. Needless to say, the Washington DC/Northern Virginia area offered many opportunities for sight seeing...



Your newsletter editor and Kathy under the watchful gaze of the Secret Service in front of the White House. Being a Californian, I am happy not having to deal with the

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humidity. Those of you know that I sweat profusely in 70 degree weather can only imagine me in 95 degrees with humidity.

We also saw the GAR Memorial just a few blocks away.



The Campbells and Grahams visited Logan's Tomb in Washington DC.



The Manassas battlefield was a short drive from our hotel. On a warm July day in 1861, two armies of a divided nation clashed for the first time on the fields overlooking Bull Run. Ten hours of heavy fighting swept away any notion the

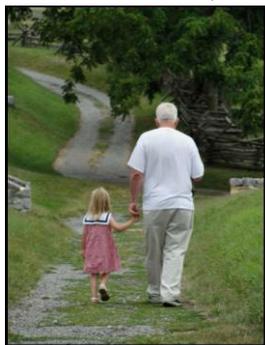
war's outcome would be decided quickly. In August 1862, Union and Confederate armies converged for a second time on the plains of Manassas. The contending armies, now made up of seasoned veterans, knew well the realities of war. The Battle of Second Manassas, covering three days, produced far greater carnage and brought the Confederacy to the height of its power. Dean Enderlin and Cindy Eddy stopped to visit the Manassas Memorial:



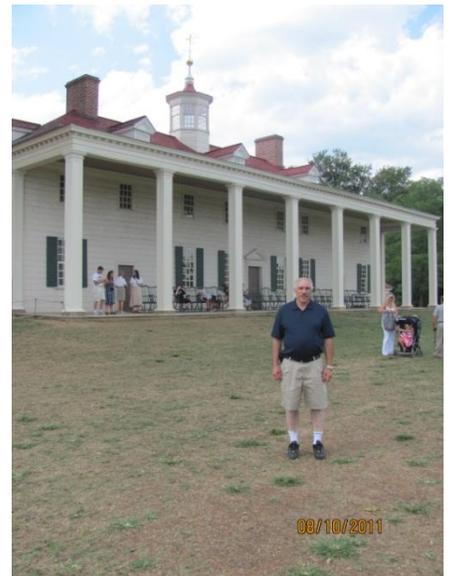
The Campbells visited Monticello. Rumor had it that Thomas Jefferson was inspired by the picture on the back of a nickel.



Tom Graham and Emelia Campbell on the sunken road, Antietam:



I was homesick only once on the trip...a side trip to the National Firearms Museum made me long to be home in my garage..



Frank Avila at Mount Vernon. The new and improved museum had George Washington's false teeth on display.

Overall, there was too much to see in just a few days. It was unanimous that everyone planned to return to see what they missed..



ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS, & DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, Department CA and PACIFIC

- 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)

- 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
- 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.

