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THE CALIFORNIA COLUMN



Looking Ahead to the Department Encampment



*By Dept.
Commander
Glen Roosevelt*

Department SVC Tim Reese has been working tirelessly all year on the planning for our 127th Annual CA and Pacific Department Encampment. Now those plans are nearly all complete, and we look forward to meeting with all our Camps' and Auxiliaries' delegates on March 8th and 9th at San Luis Obispo. Many Brothers and Auxiliary Sisters have helped Tim along the way, and we thank them all in advance for their efforts to make this another successful Encampment.

Details can be found at:
<http://suvcw.org/encampment.html>

We will be honored by a visit from Commander in Chief Perley Mellor and his wife, National Aux. Vice President, Diane Mellor, National Aux. President Jane Graham, the DUVCW President Carole Morton, and Jr.

Vice Commander in Chief Tad D. Campbell. Starting at 4:00 PM on Friday the Camp San Luis Obispo NCO Club will be open, and the registration table will be in operation for you to pick up your registration materials. The Campfire officially opens at that time, and will include a no-host bar and snacks. Dinner is at 6:00 pm.

Saturday Business Meeting – Camp, Officer, and Committee Reports Due

The registration table will again be open at 8:00 AM, and coffee and donuts will be available for your early morning refreshment. A Joint Orders Opening Ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM, and our business meetings will start at 10:00 AM. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

Besides old and new business, financial and budget reporting, and election of officers; one of our most important and interesting sessions is the reading and submittal of Camp, Officer, and Committee Reports. All these reports are due at the Encampment. Please have your reports in written form before the Encampment, and ready to read and submit to the Encampment. One written copy of your report should be handed to the

Department Secretary as your official submittal of the report. If your Camp or Committee will not have a delegate at the Encampment, please mail a copy of your report to the Department Secretary so he will have it prior to the Encampment. Since we do have numerous Camp reports to present, please make your oral readings as brief as possible.

Saturday Afternoon Memorial Service

Directly after the conclusion of the Saturday meeting, we will repair to the GAR Plot in the San Luis Cemetery (formerly IOOF) for our traditional Memorial Service. Make sure to bring a coat or jacket for this outdoor service, since the weather is variable at this time of year, and can get rather chilly. Photo opportunities with the C-in-C will be available after the ceremony.

Saturday Evening C-in-C Dinner

The optional C-in-C Dinner will be held back at the CSLO NCO Club, preceded by a Social Hour at 6:00 with a no-host bar.

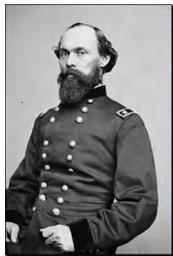
Silent Auction Items Needed

Each Camp is requested to donate one or two items (or more) that can be used in our traditional silent auction as a fund-raiser for the Department. All the donated items will be displayed at the Encampment, and delegates can purchase tickets to place in the "bid bags" for each item. The winning "bids" will be drawn after the Saturday evening dinner.

Again, we look forward to meeting all of our Camp and Auxiliary representatives at the Encampment as we conduct ourselves and our business in an atmosphere of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.



California and Pacific Hosts National Encampment



The Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17

The 131st Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW was hosted by the Department of California and Pacific and was held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel on Thursday August 9 through Saturday August 11, 2012.



The Department had about 50 Brothers in attendance and had an actual voting block of 22 which was the largest at any National Encampment that any of our members could recall. There were 99 credentialed Brothers on

the floor when doors were closed for voting.

Outgoing National C-in-C Donald Palmer had set the Allied Orders tone of the joint Encampment by his close workings with the other four Allied Orders during the past year. The Auxiliary, LGAR, and DUVCW held their Encampments or convention concurrently at the Marriott, and only the WRC was unable to schedule their convention at the same time.

The 2013 elected National officers are: C-in-C Perley Mellor of New Hampshire (Dept. of MA), Senior Vice Commander Ken Freshly of Ohio, and our own Junior Vice Commander PDC Tad Campbell of Camp 4, Secretary Eugene Mortorff of PA, Treasurer Richard Orr of PA, C of A member William Vieira of RI, C of A member Robert Petrovic of MO, C of A member Donald Shaw of MI, C of A member Steve Hammond of MD, C of A member Donald Martin of OH. Patriotic Instructor is John W. Bates III of MA, and Chaplain is Jerome Kowalski of IL. CC/PDC Jerry Sayre of Camp 21 was named as a National Aide-de-Camp. PCC Dean Enderlin of Camp 23 is the National GAR Records Officer, PCC Dan Earl of Camp 4 is the Chair of the National Committee on Legislation, NJVC Tad Campbell and PC-in-C Brad Schall also serve on two other National Committees.



The business side of the meeting yielded several points of interest. The following highlights of the SUVCW business sessions were compiled by James B. Pahl, PCinC and reprinted here courtesy of the Camp 4 Sheridan's Dispatch:

- A new Life Member Program was adopted, creating five brackets. There is no payout to the Camps. However, the plan allows for interest and principal payments to National's General fund of \$23.00 per year. The breakdown is as follows:
 Age under 40 = \$1,000.00
 Age 61 to 70 = \$300.00
 Age 41 to 50 = \$700.00
 Age 71+ = \$200.00
 Age 51 to 60 = \$500.00
- The Ritual was amended to allow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to render a hand salute rather than removing the hat or cap during the playing of the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.
- A special committee was formed for the purpose of examining the proposed

fundraising plan submitted by Glenn Knight PDC, consider other options and recommend a plan at the 132nd National Encampment.

- The Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to develop a visual/audio program for Camps and Departments was approved. Memorial University is to be redesigned to a simpler, more user-friendly format.
- The National Civil War Memorials Committee is almost ready to place their new database online.
- The National Organization relinquished any claim they might have upon the published works of the Grand Army of the Republic contained in the HathiTrust Digital Library and requested the HathiTrust Digital Library open said works up for access by the general public.
- A proposal to waive National Per Capita dues for a dual member for other than his primary Camp was resoundly defeated.
- A new GAR Records Project Plan was adopted, which

includes: consolidating information into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, expanding the spreadsheets to allow for additional information, converting those spreadsheets into a web-ready format, placing this data into a separate internet domain specifically for the GAR Records Project, launching a new GAR Records Project information web site and standardizing forms for public use in submitting information on the whereabouts of GAR records.

- Approved the purchase of a commercial pop-up tent to be donated to the Lincoln Monument Association, for use during ceremonies at the Lincoln tomb during inclement weather.
- The delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to: *We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of American during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.* This change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861-1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and our organization, per Article III of the C&R, as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces. This change will need ratification by all Departments.
- The delegates voted in favor of National continuing to pursue 501(c)3 non-profit status.



The official Encampment activities started on Thursday with two bus tours. One tour visited Civil War and GAR sites like the Drum Barracks Museum, and the other tour centered on Hollywood and the Autry Center of Western Heritage.

The Friday evening “Campfire” featured a presentation on “Taps” by Dr. Gary Scott of the Band of the California Battalion. The Band came back for an encore during the Saturday evening banquet to provide dinner music and some rousing Civil War era tunes. After the entertainment portion of the “Campfire”, the various delegations of the Departments presented outgoing C-in-C Palmer and Auxiliary President Anne Sosnowski with verbal tributes and gifts of remembrance. The California & Pacific delegations dressed in their customary “Aloha” style for the occasion.

Besides conducting their own business, the Sisters of the Department Auxiliary helped tremendously with the set-up of the administration stations,

conducted the arrangements for shirt sales, coordinated the vendor displays, and prepared and set out the banquet table decorations on behalf of the Department Host Committee. Great thanks are extended to all the ladies of the Auxiliary for their outstanding efforts.

All the members of the Host Committee and other delegates pitched in to work tirelessly to make the Encampment a success, and none worked harder than Brother Frank Avila who was the “floor boss” and was constantly on the go dealing with any problem that came up. The uniformed troopers of the 6th Military District-SVR provided the Provost and Honor Guards under the direction of Captains Will Tisch and Joe Marti.

PC-in-C Palmer gave his thanks to the Department and Host Committee for an outstanding Encampment, and proclaimed it to be one of the best ever. Many other delegates also expressed that it was the best hotel and best Encampment that they had ever attended. We also pass on kudos

to the LAX Marriott Hotel management and event catering staff for providing an outstanding venue and great food service.



Patriotic Paragraphs

*Dean Enderlin,
Dept. Patriotic
Instructor*

This edition’s Patriotic Instruction was posted on the National website:

February 2013: The Month We Celebrate our Presidents and its Purpose.

When I was a young boy, the Birthdays of Our First President, George Washington, and our Sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln were honored as National Holidays. In our time, these two separate days have been replaced as one day honoring all The Presidents. With no disrespect at all for the other occupants of The White House since it was first occupied by President John Adams in 1800, I think we have lost a little of our traditions and History by doing this. Certainly no one could argue, with any real reason, that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were two of our top Presidents, but then again, I know that many people do.

As time shifts opinions, certain things are forgotten. There was a publication recently put out by a National Magazine (Newsweek I believe) that did not have either

of these men in their top Ten! The need for some people to "consolidate" for convenience sake the number of "Holiday Three Day Weekends" has become a matter of life for American Citizens. This is true for Memorial Day (originally Celebrated on May 30th) and other Federal "Holidays throughout the Calendar Year. While we celebrate the ideas that have made us The Nation that we are, let us also remember the Traditions that got us there in the first place. When we honor and remember the work and sacrifice of any issue or person, let us do so appropriately! We celebrate New Year's Day, Fourth of July and The anniversary of The Gettysburg address (Nov 19th) on those days, but other days are moved on the calendar for social purposes.

It is my opinion that this detracts from the true meaning of what we honor and remember and allows what I term the "Anonymity of Reason" to overtake us. It is, an unfortunate truth that many Americans do not know or care about the Past of this Great Nation. That is where we in The SUV CW come in to play: WE CAN AND MUST ALWAYS PUT FORTH OUR HISTORY TO THOSE WHO EITHER DO NOT KNOW, AND /OR DO NOT CARE. " Those who forget History are destined to repeat it" was spoken by British Statesman Edmund Burke nearly two Hundred Years ago, and is as important as ever to us today. We must always inform our fellow citizens that it is THEIR HISTORY as well as

ours. While we Honor and Remember The Soldiers and Sailors of our Civil War, we also relay what happened before this event as well as what followed down to our own times.

Honor the Boys in Blue, and all our service personnel by telling what you know to those who do not know. Praise and Love our Country and show that we really do care about it, and the people that have made her The great and Honorable Nation that we are. LEST WE FORGET! As President Lincoln said in his first annual message to Congress "The struggle for today is not altogether for today----it is for a vast future also. With a reliance on Providence, all the more firm and earnest, let us proceed in the great task which events have devolved upon us."

Great words from a Truly Great Man.

Duty at the Grave Side

By Don Wilt, PCC, PCGRO



The new stone stands bright in the sun. The earth still brown from where the hole was dug. The SVR has been called out and are standing at attention, their uniforms brushed and brass buttons gleaming. Their white gloves add an air of solemnity to the event. Wreaths are laid. Heads are uncovered as the Chaplain prays. The guns roar

out their seven solutes and taps give the final Amen.



But what brought about this call-out to serve at a Headstone Dedication Service?

Researching unmarked graves is the duty of the Camp Graves Registration officer. In the General George Wright Camp 22 this duty can be exciting, interesting and most frustrating. This camp is responsible for cemeteries in 12 Counties. I started as Camp GRO many years ago under Bob Lowe and Kirby Morgan, both now deceased. A year ago, I relinquished the position to Jim Monteton. However, I still help with researching California burials for our Camp, in the Bay area and for queries that I receive from researchers all across America and even Australia. The Australia affair is another story, not one for the subject of this article.

This past month, I have been, again, assisting researcher Jay Smith in Iowa with a Civil War Soldier who served Iowa, who's life's journey ended in Oakland, CA. I have been working with Jay for a number of years. He is attempting to locate the final resting places of all the Iowa Contingent. This latest request

was to locate final resting place of Private Warren B. Parret, a resident of Marshall County, Iowa, who enlisted at age 20, 7 Jan 1861 in Co. D, Iowa 5th Infantry Regiment. He mustered out 7 Jan 1863 at St Louis Missouri. His Pension Death Index Card, Warren B. Parrott died 2 Feb 1918 at Oakland, CA.

Some searches end in frustration- Ken Felton of Camp 24 has done a great job assisting with this research. When Warren Parret/Parrott/Parrott passed away he was cremated and his ashes interred in the "California Crematorium" in Oakland, CA. This Crematorium has been sold at least six times. Ken found that it is now doing business under the name "Chapel of Chimes" and is still located in Oakland.

The Chapel of Chimes confirmed that the ashes of Private Parrott were indeed interred here. Success, another burial confirmed.

However, elation was short lived. A close check of the records shows that a Jessie Parrott, who turned out to be the wife of Warren Parrott, signed a paper on March 20, 1920, to have his remains transferred out of the California Crematorium. The record is marked "Transferred - Destroyed."

Was it the records that were destroyed or was it the ashes that were destroyed?

The search continues. Ken found that Jessie Parrott had remarried, this second husband dies, is cremated and his ashes buried

with his first wife. No ashes of Warren interred here. Then Ken locates another Obituary and it is for Jessie Parrott Spotter who passed away in the 1930's. She was cremated and interred in the "Chapel of Chimes." Ken's check of their records indicates that Warren's ashes are not interred with her.

What happened to the remains of our Civil War Soldier, Warren B. Parrott may never be known. He left no descendants who may be able to tell the whole story of his final resting place.

While Ken Felton was researching Warren Parrott he came across an obituary of John O. Watkins, Civil War Soldier buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, CA. Ken checked the cemetery record and located the grave site. However, upon visiting the cemetery, Ken found the grave unmarked. When he spoke with the secretary in the cemetery office, he was told that he would have to have the permission of a relative of the deceased and would have to pay \$350.00 to have the headstone placed on the grave.

Working with Ken, I was able to locate three relatives connected to the Watkins Family. One in North Carolina, one in Florida and one in Cool, CA. I spoke with the Lady in Cool and she is willing to provide the required permission.

Conclusion: This grave may never receive a Headstone unless we can convince this cemetery to wave the \$350.00 Headstone placement fee.

Remember, at the beginning of this article, I said Civil War Research can be exciting and, at times, most interesting. Well, buried in the same plot with the Watkins Family are the remains of Clark Duncan. He is a Grandchild of the original owner of Duncan Mills, Alexander Duncan. The lady whom I contacted in Florida turned out to be a descendant of my own Rice family of Massachusetts. It is a "Small World" after all.

Sons of Veterans Reserves stand at the ready. Keep your uniforms in order. You will be called. The finding of unmarked graves is never ending

In F. C. & L.

Don Wilt

News from Around the Department

Department Commander Helps Rededicate Los Angeles Court of Historic Flags on 9/11

Los Angeles County rededicated The Court of Historic Flags as the Flag Garden as part of The Grand Park in the heart of the Los Angeles Civic Center on September 11, 2012. The rededication marked the City and County remembrance of the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

The event marked the third and final reopening stage of the great civic park that had been undergoing a make-over for the past several years. The original

Court of Historic Flags was dedicated on June 14, 1971. The display is made up of 19 flagpoles flying an array of historic flags from the beginning of the American Revolution in 1774 up to our current National symbol. A twentieth pole flies the 1971 POW/MIA banner. Each flagpole base is embellished with a plaque that describes the history of the particular flag. In addition to the individual flag plaques, there is an overall dedication plaque, a memorial plaque to POWs/MIAs, and a Vietnam Veterans' Monument.



Commander Roosevelt stands by to assist with the raising of the Fort Sumter flag. James Wong.

Department Commander Roosevelt was honored by the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to assist with the raising of the Fort Sumter flag as a remembrance to our Civil War veterans.



Commander Roosevelt is seen in the center of the aerial view of The Flag Garden saluting the simultaneous raising of the historic flags. L.A. County photo.

Commander Roosevelt served on the event planning committee under the supervision of Brigadier General Ruth Wong (USAF Ret.), the Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and as a DMVA volunteer, he was responsible for the replacement of the bronzed Vietnam-era helmet from the Vietnam Memorial that had gone missing some years ago.



Fort Point – Living History Day

Submitted by Brad Schall

Ellsworth Camp #22, SUVCW, Sesquicentennial event, Living History Day was held at Ft. Point, San Francisco, CA. The National Park Service, Twentieth Maine ACWA reenactment group and the SUVCW held a Living History day inside the historic fort under the Golden Gate Bridge.



Lorne Marmet and John Gee

Visitors experienced history first hand! Demonstrations include musicians, infantry, artillery drill, medicine and view memorabilia from the Civil War period. Young and old alike shared with the living historians the daily life of the soldiers and civilians of the era.



Tad Campbell and Jamin Gjerman

Saturday January 26, 2013, saw people dressed in period attire from the Civil War. Soldiers and sailors dressed in uniforms and Ladies and their Children dressed in hooped skirts and children clothes of the 1860's period.

SUVCW and ASUVCW Descendants of Union Soldiers shared stories about what it was like to be a soldier in the Civil War and what the soldiers' lives were like after the war ended. The SUVCW brought along several weapons and items that a soldier might be caring to share with the visitors.

About 2500 people visit the Fort during the day and were delighted to hear Civil War music and to watch infantry drill

provided by the 20th Maine reenactment group.

The SUVCW turned out with a good showing, as six Camps and one Auxiliary were represented (not including dual members), with 19 Brothers and 2 Sisters present: Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4: Frank Avila, PCC, Tad Campbell, PDC, Lorne Marmet and Michael Sanders.

Lincoln Camp No. 10: Garrett Hasslinger



Ken Felton

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp NO. 21: Jerry Sayre, PDC

Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22: James Monteton, Owen Stiles, PCC, Gregory Tracy, PCC and Donald Wilt, PCC

Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23: Charles Christian, PCC, Allen Davis, Dean Enderlin, PCC Jamin Gjerman and Mace Gjerman, PCC

Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24: Kenneth Felton, John Gee, D. Brad Schall, PCinC and Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23
Elaine Christian and Cynthia Eddy, PAP

(List courtesy of Brother Tad Campbell)

6th Annual Ft Mervine Civil War Encampment SESQUICENTENNIAL SIGNATURE EVENT.

OCTOBER 12, 13, & 14th, 2012, Monterey, California.

The weather was perfect, blue sky, blue bay. It was a record breaker in participant and public

the City of Monterey's Presidio Museum.

The California Historical Artillery Society brought a horse drawn Civil War Ambulance, and Cannon. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (Sixth Mil. Dist.) provided the 7 man Musket Detail. Three Volleys were fired for the public twice daily. The SUVCW & Auxiliary provided Six display/exhibit stations. The National Civil War Association provided Civilian Town with 4 exhibits and the Civilian & Soldiers Society provided a Medical Hospital Tent and Union



turn out on both days. The SUVCW, Dept. of CA. and Pacific had 5 Camps and all three of their Auxiliaries represented. Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, Timothy P. Reese, PCC, directed and coordinated the event for

Physician
The total of all participants was 41. The public estimated count



for Saturday was about 800 and for Sunday about 500.



Getting it all together...

By Charlie Mabie,
Editor

I would like to thank all of you who information during my two-years as your newsletter editor.

Brother Jeffrey L. Vaillant, President of the California Genealogical Society and Library, has a full set of **The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies** that he would like to give to an interested party. Did I say that it is free? It consists of the following:

The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies

Other Title: ***Official records of the Union and Confederate armies***

MoA Volumes: Series I, 1-53; Series II, 1-8; Series III, 1-5; Series IV, 1-4 (1880 - 1901)

Confederate Military History is a 12-volume series of books written and/or edited by former Confederate general Clement A. Evans that deals with specific topics related to the military personalities, places, battles, and campaigns in various Southern United States, including those of the Confederacy.

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion

Series: ***Office memoranda*** (United States. Naval War Records Office)

MoA Volumes: Series I, vols. 1-27; Series II, vols 1-3 (1894 - 1922)

If interested, please email Bro. Jeff at
jeffreyvaillant@hotmail.com

Other sites for Sesquicentennial Information:

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2011/04/110407-civil-war-sesquicentennial/>

<http://www.civilwar.org/150th-anniversary/>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/04/12/presidential-proclamation-civil-war-sesquicentennial>

<http://www.facebook.com/civilwar150network>

<http://www.nps.gov/fosu/planyourvisit/civil-war-sesquicentennial.htm>

http://www.history.army.mil/html/bookshelves/resmat/civil_war/cw_additional_resources.html

<http://www.gadling.com/2011/02/17/nation-gears-up-for-civil-war-sesquicentennial-reenactments-ex/>

<http://www.civilwartraveler.com/150/index.html>

<http://www.johnbrownraid.org/>

<http://rosenbach.org/civilwar/>

<http://civilwar150.longwood.edu/>

<http://www.7score10years.com/>

DO YOU HAVE YOUR 150TH PASSPORT YET?

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR 150TH MEDAL?



Keep track of all of the 150th events you attend through the Sesquicentennial Signature Event Passport. The individual and/or bulk cost is \$5.00 per book. The official Sesquicentennial Event Medal cost \$12.50 for individual purchase, or \$5.00 each when purchased in bulk. Information is available at:
http://suvew.org/SUVMerchandise/SUVOS_SesqItems.htm

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PASSPORTS NOW AND DID NOT HAVE THEM STAMPED AT THE EVENT YOU ATTENDED, HAVE THE EVENT ORGANIZER STAMP AN

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150th Anniversary of the Civil War



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



Veteran's Day Parade 2012, San Jose, California

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

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- Council - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
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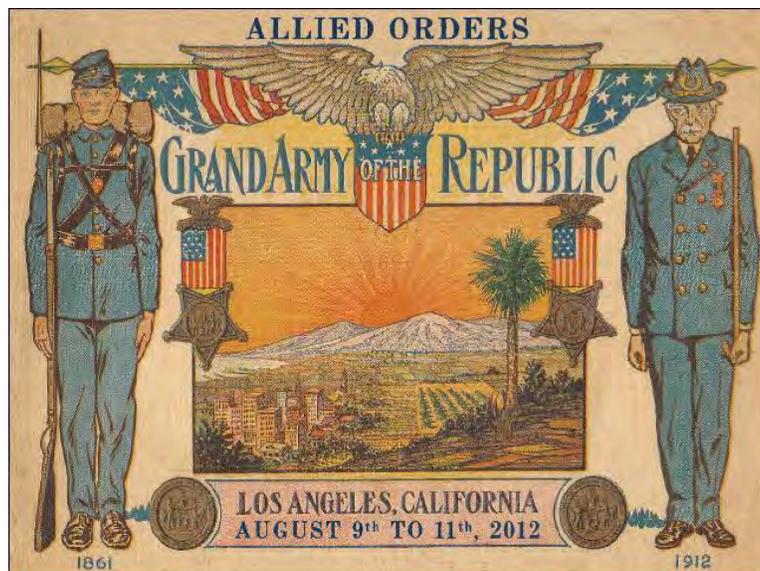
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The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a creation of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union Civil War veterans, which was formed in 1866. Wanting to pass on its heritage, the GAR in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania created 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.





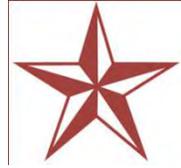
August 17, 2012

Dear Department of CA, SUVCW
Glen Roosevelt

On behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we wish to express our deep gratitude for your unfailing courtesy at all times previous to and during the National Encampment last week. Although this year has come to an end, there will remain a greater tie of friendship and a desire for the continuance of historical research that several of your Department of CA, SUVCW members have offered to assist with. For this we thank you.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Elizabeth Rock, National Secretary
The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

*... We have come far since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but our fathers never lost faith in this instrument that gave us our liberty. If it means anything to us, it should awaken in us a sense of responsibility as individuals; our lives should be such that others will be happier in the association and our organization, the best. Halfway measures do not count, for work to which we do not give our best is never well done. Half done is half failure. Have we done our best--forgetting self--to make our Order the best of its kind? That is our task.
July 1934 Bugle Call, LGAR*



ATTENTION CIVIL WAR REENACTORS!



Sign up now for Alcatraz Living History Day on March 2nd, 2013 at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco.

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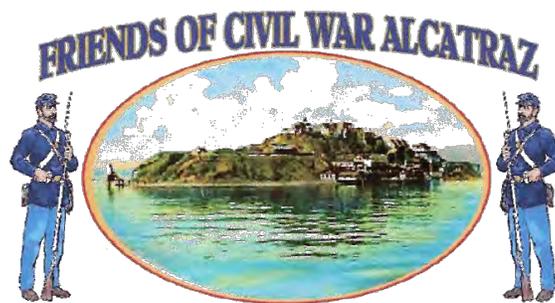


the National Park
Friends of Civil War

Military impressions must be that of a unit stationed on the island during the 1860s. Other impressions must be connected to the island of that time.

PLEASE BE PROMPT AND AWARE THAT EACH PARTICIPANT CAN ONLY BRING WHAT THEY CAN CARRY ON THEIR PERSON OR WITH A CART IN ONE LOAD.

Weapons Inspection will take place on the **Alcatraz Cruises Dock at 0815**. Your weapon will NOT be allowed on the island if you miss this inspection. Per law enforcement, there will be **NO powder, NO caps, and NO EXCEPTIONS.** Impressions, Scenarios, and a Schedule for the Day may be found on the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz (FOCWA) web site: WWW.FRIENDSOFCIVILWARALCATRAZ.ORG.



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