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A Message from the Editor

Dear Brothers: I hope this edition of *The California Column* finds you all doing well and having celebrated a very special Independence Day. We truly are fortunate to have our independence and to be able to honor those who have fought to make the United States the greatest nation in the world. Please join with me in pledging your allegiance to the United States of America:



*I pledge allegiance to the
Flag of the United States of
America, and to the Republic
for which it stands, one nation
under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.*



As you all know, last month the 9th U.S. "Circuit" Court of Appeals (having jurisdiction over nine western states, including California) handed down one of the most

resulted in the court declaring the Pledge of Allegiance as unconstitutional because it includes the words, "under God." Albeit, these two words were added almost fifty years ago, this Brother has no doubt that our Founding Fathers must be rolling over in their respective graves.

The original lawsuit allegedly stemmed from **MR. NEWDOW'S** desire to prevent his daughter from being "injured" by having to listen to other classmates recite the Pledge of Allegiance which

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incredulous decisions in American history. The case, *Newdow v. U.S. Congress*, President Bush, the State of California, and others,

include the two words, "under God." With the Court's ruling in his favor (which in fact has been stayed by the judge who authored the decision) school

children in the United States are prohibited from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Newdow claimed that these words were a government endorsed religion in violation of the First Amendment.

Interestingly enough, several days after the Court announced its decision, KGO AM 810 radio station in San Francisco had some interesting information to share. It was reported that Newdow's daughter – the center of the lawsuit – is indeed NOT an atheist, but is rather a practicing Christian as is her mother, **NEWDOW'S** ex-wife. It was suggested that he filed the lawsuit as a means of reprisal against his ex-wife, with whom he is clearly upset because of an ongoing custody battle after he followed her and his daughter from Florida to Sacramento. The **NEW YORK TIMES**, on July 1st, reported that he was very upset with her and California's Family Court when he said to reporters, "You want to do a real story? Do it on the family courts. They steal people's children based on absolutely nothing."

It seems that **MR. NEWDOW**, a self-admitted atheist, has experience with these types of issues in Court. According to **DENNY WALSH**, a **SACRAMENTO BEE** staff writer who authored a May 25th article – prior to the "pledge" decision – describing how **NEWDOW** attempted to stop **PRESIDENT BUSH** from "mixing politics and his Christian faith" by suing and requesting the court to prohibit "any prayer at a presidential inauguration [because it] violates . . . the First Amendment's establishment

clause." Fortunately and the court that heard this case actually followed precedent and "cited an 1866 U.S. Supreme Court opinion that neither the legislative nor executive branches can be restrained by the judicial branch."

It appears **MR. NEWDOW** has no plans on stopping here. The **NEW YORK TIMES** also reported that he "plans to challenge the use of 'In God We Trust' on U.S. currency. One has to ask what is next? Will chaplains be prohibited in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate? *What about the SUVCW?* Will all of our chaplains be banned from existence since we are a Congressionally chartered corporation operating under the auspices of the government? This insanity must stop somewhere. With any amount of simple logic, and a little bit of luck, the full 9th Circuit will reverse this tragic decision before it has to go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

JUDGE FERNANDEZ, the sole dissenter of the Court's erroneous decision, summarizes the issue best by stating that "what the religion clauses of the First Amendment require is neutrality" and to ". . . . assure that government will neither discriminate for nor discriminate against a religion or religions." He goes on to add that, "[t]he danger that phrase presents to our First Amendment freedoms is picayune at most."

Finally, **JUDGE FERNANDEZ** added, "phrases as 'In God We Trust,' or 'under God' have no tendency to establish a

religion in this country or to suppress anyone's exercise, or non-exercise, of religion, except in the fevered eye of persons who most fervently would like to drive all tincture of religion out of the public life of our polity. Those expressions have not caused any real harm of that sort over the years since 1791, and are not likely to do so in the future."

In the humble opinion of this Brother, the majority decision in this case goes beyond simple government neutrality, but instead imposes a malevolent hostility towards those who desire to "pledge allegiance . . . *under God*."

God Bless the U.S.A,
DANIEL R. EARL, Editor

116th Department Encampment a Success

Another Encampment has come and gone without a hitch. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BRAD SCHALL** for all the time and energy he spent putting together the Encampment at the Grange Hall in San Luis Obispo. Thanks are also extended to Brother **ED STROEBRIDGE** without whose help the Encampment would not have succeeded.

At this Encampment, as with last year's, we were once again privileged to have the

Commander-in-Chief join us and preside over the installation of new officers. In addition to **CINC POWELL**, we were also honored with the presence of members from the Allied Orders and from the Sons of Confederate Veterans leader **BARRON SMITH**.

After a very productive business session, Brothers were treated to a presentation by **BECKY REDWINE** who portrayed the wife of her uncle, Confederate **GENERAL STAND WAITE**.



Following the program portion of the Encampment, a buffet lunch was served and followed by a raffle and the installation of the officers-elect.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GEORGE POWELL presided over the installation of the following officers:

Department Commander
D. Brad Schall
Senior Vice Commander
Linn P. Hoadley
Junior Vice Commander
Tad D. Campbell
Secretary-Treasurer
Daniel R. Earl
Department Council
Rudy Velasco (chair)
David E. Allyn
James N. Churchyard

MONUMENT TO B. C. GRIDLEY

*submitted by
Brother Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
written by Robert Beath in 1888 as
an article for the "History of the
Grand Army of the Republic"*

G. A.R. Post No. 23, of Stockton, has undertaken the work, probably for the first time in the history of the Order, of erecting a monument in-memory of one who was not in actual service during the rebellion, a work, nevertheless, that will meet with general approval. B. O. Gridley, merchant in Austin, Nevada, during the war made an



election bet which required the loser to carry a fifty-pound sack of flour through the streets of that town. Mr.

Gridley lost the wager, and commenced the task agreed upon. During his tramp through the streets he was surrounded by a large crowd, and at the conclusion of his trip he put the sack up at auction and bid it in to himself for \$300. As if by an inspiration, he made a proposition that it should be again put up at auction, and the proceeds be devoted to the United States Sanitary Commission.

This took like wildfire, and under the stimulus of this act, Gridley carried the sack of flour to a large number of places on the Pacific coast, each vying with the other in earnest applications for a chance to bid on the flour. Telegrams were showered in on him, and delegations traveled hundreds of miles to make offers for the privilege of being the next bidders. His labors netted the Sanitary Commission nearly \$250,000, but his own business was broken up, his health shattered, and later he died in Stockton. Post No. 23 has determined to appropriately mark an event which so greatly aided the soldiers and sailors in the service.

Department Orders

Since becoming Dept. Commander, **BRAD SCHALL** has had the opportunity to issue four

Department Orders for the Department of California and Pacific. They are as follows:

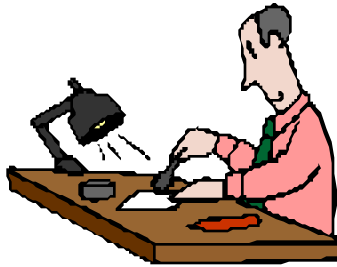
D.O. #1

Election, Appointed Officers, and Department Headquarters

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Department Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Department of California and Pacific, for the 2002-2003 term. I can assure all of you that my fellow Department Officers and I, will work tirelessly to ensure that the Department does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of our Organization. My tenure will be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California as the temporary Department Headquarters (pending my move to Lincoln, CA). Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <dschall@attbi.com>, or at the Department post office box, P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664.



Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed (by Commander in Chief George L. Powell himself) at the 116th Annual Department Encampment of 16 March 2002 are as follows:

- ⇒ Cmndr—Bro. D. Brad Schall
- ⇒ SVC—Bro. Linn Hoadley
- ⇒ JVC—Bro. Tad D. Campbell
- ⇒ Secretary—Bro. Daniel R. Earl
- ⇒ Treasurer—Bro. Daniel R. Earl
- ⇒ Council—Bro. Rudy Velasco
- ⇒ Council—Bro. David E. Allyn
- ⇒ Council—Bro. James Chudhyard

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- ⇒ Chaplain—Rev. Mak Woolfington
- ⇒ Patriotic Inst—Bro. Jerry Sayre
- ⇒ Counselor—Bro. Daniel R. Earl
- ⇒ Historian—Bro. Robert L. Nelson
- ⇒ Guide—Bro. Robert J. Kadlec
- ⇒ Guard—Bro. David C. Schleeter
- ⇒ Signals Officer—Bro. Tad D. Campbell
- ⇒ Color Bearer—Bro. Charles J. Reed
- ⇒ Graves Reg Officer—Bro. John Patchin
- ⇒ CW Mem. Ofcr—Bro. Kirby Morgan
- ⇒ GAR Hwy Officer—Bro. Brian Hoadley
- ⇒ Eagle Scout. Certificate Coordinator — Bro. Charles L. Christian
- ⇒ *The California Column* Newsletter Editor — Bro. Daniel R. Earl

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 16th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the

United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California by D. Brad Schall, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:

/s/ D. Brad Schall,
Commander
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW

ATTEST:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,
Secretary-Treasurer
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW

D.O. #2

Special Committee on the 2005 National Encampment

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. The “Special Committee on the 2005 National Encampment” is hereby created, and shall remain in existence for sixty (60) days beyond the conclusion of the 2005 National Encampment if the National Organization agrees to allow the Department of California and Pacific to host the said Encampment. Upon a decision by the National Organization to have another Department host the 2005 National Encampment, this special committee shall be

terminated and cease to exist sixty (60) days after said decision becomes known.

Section 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this special committee is as follows:

(a) to prepare and submit a proposal to the National Organization offering the Department of California and Pacific to host the 2005 National Encampment in Las Vegas, Nevada;

(b) upon acceptance of this proposal by the National Organization, the committee shall coordinate and implement necessary events and activities to fulfill the proposal and hosting of the 2005 National Encampment.



Section 3: MEMBERSHIP. The following Brothers are appointed to this special committee:

- DSVC Linn Hoadey, co-chairman
 - Al Peterson, PDC, co-chairman
 - DJVC TadD. Campbell, member
 - Dept. Secretary-Treasurer/Counselor Daniel R. Earl, member
 - Bob Lowe, PDC, member
- Department Commander Brad Schall shall be a voting member, *ex officio* of the special committee.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California by D. Brad Schall,

Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:

/s/ D. Brad Schall,
Commander
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW

ATTEST:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,
Secretary-Treasurer
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW



D.O. #3
Appointment of Brother Jerry Sayre as a Delegate to the 121st National Encampment

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Effective immediately, Brother Larry Fillhard has resigned his position as an elected Delegate to the 121st National Encampment being held in Springfield, IL this August 2002.

Section 2: In his stead, I am appointing Department Patriotic Instructor, and Senior Vice-Commander of the Sgt. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Brother Jerry Sayre as a Delegate to the 121st National Encampment being held in Springfield, IL this August 2002.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-fifth, in the City of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California by D. Brad Schall, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:

/s/ D. Brad Schall,
Commander
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW

ATTEST:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,
Secretary-Treasurer
Dept. of California and Pacific
SUVCW

D.O. #4
FY 2002 Department Budget

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The Fiscal Year, for purposes of our Department Budget, shall begin sixty (60) days after the

conclusion of a Department Encampment, and run continuously until sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the following Department Encampment.



Section 2: After consultation with appropriate Department officers, and after approval of this Budget by the Department Council, the below revenue and expenditure amounts are hereby adopted as the budget of the Department of California and Pacific for the FY 2002. It is intended that these figures be treated as guidelines for operational purposes of the Department:

REVENUE	BUDGET
Department Per Capita Dues	\$1,050.00
National Per Capita Dues	\$4,200.00
Dues Subtotal	\$5250.00

Carry-over Profit from 2002 Encampment	\$1,030.00
Encampment Registration	\$1,250.00

Encampment Fundraiser Raffle	\$300.00
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Encampment Luncheon	\$150.00
Encampment Fri. night dinner	\$225.00
Encampment Bar	\$150.00
Encampment Program Advertising	\$50.00
Encampment Subtotal	\$3,155.00
Interest	\$25.00
Donations	\$25.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Misc. Income Subtotal	\$50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,455.0

TABLE 1

OUTLAYS	BUDGET
National Per Capita Dues	\$4,200.00
Dues Subtotal	\$4,200.00
Encampment Room Rental	\$500.00
Encampment Food	\$600.00
Encampment Guest Speaker Lodging	\$120.00
Encampment CinC Lodging	\$250.00
Encampment Ribbons	\$60.00
Encampment Programs	\$150.00

Encampment Refunds	\$0.00
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Carry-over Fundraiser to 118 th Encampment	\$300.00
Carry-over Registration to 118 th Encampment	\$1,175.00
Encampment Subtotal	\$3,155.00
Banking Fees	\$150.00
Newsletter	\$360.00
Post Office Box	\$25.00
Postage	\$75.00
Commander Travel Expenses	\$200.00
Bonding Fees	\$100.00
Ad: National Encampment Program	\$40.00
Operations Subtotal	\$950.00
Department Awards	\$75.00
Awards Subtotal	\$75.00
GENERAL FUND	\$75.00
TOTAL OUTLAYS	\$8,455.0

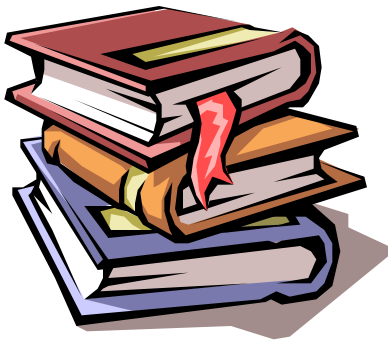
TABLE 2

Editor's note: To save space this is an abridged version of D.O. #4. For details about the Department Budget contact Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Dan Earl.

Santa Ana in the CW

*submitted by DC Brad Schall and
Brother Charles Beal*

After the Civil War, there began the great westward migration. Among the newly arrived settlers to the village of Santa Ana were Civil War veterans and their families. Although largely forgotten today, these veterans possessed the energy and desire that contributed to the rise of Santa Ana to its predominate role as the economic, social and political center of the Santa Ana Valley by 1900. The Civil War Legacy in Santa Ana outlines the conditions that spurred their migration, their contributions to the community and the manner in which they are being remembered today. This is an amazing story that will give you new insights on the beginning of Orange County.



This newest book published by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Series is sixty pages, with illustrations is now available for \$12.75 including tax and shipping. For more information contact the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; c/o History Bookmart; 120 Civic Center

Dr., W., Santa Ana, CA
92701 or check their website
at <http://www.santaanahistory.org>.

Department Finances

by
Daniel R. Earl
Department Secretary-Treasurer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Camps that submitted their 2nd Quarterly Reports on time. This enables me to process the Department report and submit it to National. As some of you may have heard, “rumor control” from National has it that there will be a proposal for an annual report and the elimination of the quarterly reports. I have not been able to verify any of this information and probably won’t know more about it until after arriving in Springfield, IL.

As you may have already read under Department Orders, the Dept. Council approved a balanced budget that I submitted to them last month. After the Council made their formal recommendation for approval of the budget, it was adopted by the officers. Expenses and revenues have remained fairly consent since last year.



One very recent change that should benefit the Department in a small way is a change in our bank’s fee schedule. As long as we maintain a healthy reserve, we should be exempt from service charges. I will have more information on this after next month.

Speaking of “charges” – It has also been rumored that there will be an attempt at the National Encampment to **increase** our National per capita dues. We each currently pay \$12 per year to the National Organization. Although I have not been able to verify this, I have heard that the proposed increase will be to finance the *Banner*. Please let the National Delegates know how you feel about this so they can vote appropriately. If you are not sure who your delegates are, contact your Camp Commander or myself.

Chaplain’s Corner

by
Dept. Chaplain
Mark D. Woolfington

As I made my way home from our recent Department Encampment, an old hymn that my congregation loves to sing came to mind: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”. The hymn describes the fellowship that Christians enjoy whenever they come together. I believe it also applies to the Sons of Union Veterans. Once again, our Department Encampment was a great opportunity to visit old friends, and make new

ones. A lot of my work as Department Chaplain is done by e-mail or through the postal service, so it was nice to finally meet some of the Brothers. For several days afterwards, I couldn't get that hymn out of my head. A little research revealed a few interesting facts that I'd like to pass along.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was written by John Fawcett in 1782, and the music was arranged by Lowell Mason in 1845. Based on these dates, it seems likely that our ancestors, the Boys in Blue, sang this hymn during their worship services, or perhaps around the fire while in camp. Other popular hymns of the day were "Rock of Ages" and "Amazing Grace", which was written by John Newton, the former captain of a slave ship.



"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" even made its way into the Ritual and Ceremonies of our Order by 1890. The Burial of the Dead ceremony of our Order includes the hymn. I think the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are summarized well

by the third stanza: "We share our mutual woes. Our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows. The sympathizing tear."

May God bless our Order, and the Boys in Blue.

Department Chaplain REV. MARK D. WOOLFINGTON has served as the Senior Pastor of the First Advent Christian Church in Tustin, Calif. since 1996. He is a member of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, SUVCW.



*Hillcrest
Middle School
Students Receive
Memorial Day
Lesson*

submitted by Bro. Corky Reed

Brothers Robert Maerdian, Charles J. Reed and Dennis Evanosky of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 gave a presentation to Hillcrest Middle School students on May 22nd at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, Calif.



Camp brothers spoke about the founding of Decoration/Memorial Day, the founding of the Mountain View Cemetery, and answered questions about the G.A.R. Plot

**CW
MEMORIAL
WEBSITE
ESTABLISHED**

submitted by Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan

After being appointed Civil War Memorials Officer at the Department Encampment this last March, I was approached by Brother **CHARLES BEAL**. His question was, "Is there some way we can find out which memorials have and have not been entered into SUVCW Civil War Memorials Data Base?" While looking at the computer generated Grave Registration work on display by Brothers **TAD CAMPBELL**, **ROBERT NELSON**, and others, I came up with the concept of a web page. I discussed this possibility with **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BRAD SCHALL**, and he

authorized me to contact Department **SIGNALS OFFICER, TAD CAMPBELL**, and look at the possibilities.

My first objective was to define what the Department Civil War Memorials web page was to accomplish: 1) it should not to take the place of, or interfere with, the SUCVW National Memorials Assessment Program; 2) It should support and assist the SUCVW National Memorial Assessment Program; and, 3) It needs to be easily available to Department and Camp staff as well as individual members. The Memorials Assessment work could not move forward without knowing the status of the various memorials and who was doing what. This is a Department "in-house" effort to keep track of what monuments/memorials we have within the boundaries of our Department and what the research status is for submission of a Civil War Memorial Assessment report.

Having little experience with the net, it became **TAD CAMPBELL'S** job to critique my ideas and provide the expertise in developing the actual web page. I have learned a lot from **TAD** and this work would not have moved along smoothly with out his advise, assistance, and extreme patience in educating this computer/web neophyte.

Currently there are around 150 entries on the Department Civil War Memorials web page and more information arriving weekly. You may wish to look at the site at <http://home.inreach.com/tadcamp/deptca/cwm.html>

Lincoln Camp 10 Dedicates Headstone

On July 3rd the Brothers of the Lincoln Camp #10 participated in an unveiling ceremony for the headstone of Ord. Edward L. Monroe, at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Salinas, Calif. Monroe died in 1903.



Camp **SVC TIM REESE**, who organized the event, presented a profile of Monroe and Camp **COMMANDER BOB "NELS" NELSON** gave a brief history of the GAR and SUCVW. The Camp was assisted by Salinas Boy Scout Troop 232 which presented the Colors and laid the patriotic flowers. Pictured above, and representing the Department of California and Pacific is **DEPT. SECRETARY-TREASURER DANIEL R. EARL**.

CAMP JVC DUTIES

by

Dept. JVC Tad D. Campbell

The office of Camp Junior Vice Commander is an important one, and

one which should not be held "in name only."

The Camp JVC is often the first and only contact that new or prospective members have with their local Camp. Because of this, it is essential that the Camp JVC engage in timely communications with these individuals. His actions will reflect either positively or negatively on the Camp, Department, and our Order as a whole.

When contact information for new members is received from the Dept. JVC, or from other sources, the Camp JVC should make contact as soon as possible, informing the person of Camp activities, meeting dates, and encouraging them to join.

The Camp JVC should also follow up on these individuals, by recontacting the person later if necessary.

A prospective member may not have all the information required regarding their ancestor or may not understand how to complete the application form. It is likewise the duty of the Camp JVC to assist them through this process.

And don't forget those Brothers who already belong to your Camp. Another function of the office is to encourage delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order, thus sustaining your Camp membership.

Should you require any assistance as Camp JVC, please do not hesitate to call upon me. By working together we can ensure that our Department and our Order continue to grow throughout the year.

Hurrah for the Boys in Blue!

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**Fraternity Δ Charity Δ Loyalty**

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Independence Day

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