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A Message from the Editor

Dear Brothers: It's time again for another edition of *The California Column*. This time of year brings us several significant events. First and foremost, it is important that we all acknowledge and honor the Veterans who fought to not only save the Union in the War of the Rebellion, but that we honor all those who have fought for the United States since the formation of our great country! Secondly, an event that is commonly overlooked, which should be celebrated by all in the SUVCW is Remembrance Day. This is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address (originally on the 19th day of November) is something that should be observed by all. You'll read more about both of these special events elsewhere in this edition of *The California Column*.



One last thing to remember: is that it's that time of year for Camp elections and

your elections, as soon as you have them. Thanks!

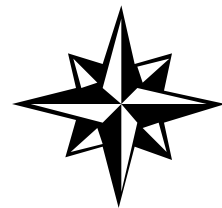
*Yours in Fraternity, Charity,
and Loyalty,*

DANIEL R. EARL, Editor

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installations. Each Camp is responsible for completing a Form-22 (Report of Installing Officer) and sending two copies to the Department Secretary. Please notify the Department Secretary-Treasurer and Department Commander with the results of



Veterans' Day Revisited

by Daniel R. Earl

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Many people came to the burial and a military ceremony was performed for the unknown soldier. On November 11th, people began to celebrate the end of WWI fighting, ending the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. A Memorial Ceremony for the Unknown Soldier was included during the celebrations. The day was christened "Armistice Day." Armistice Day became a national holiday, so citizens and military soldiers could pay tribute to the Unknown Soldier and the ending of WWI ("the War to end all wars").



However, WWI was not the last war American soldiers fought, and more than four hundred thousand soldiers died in the war following the implementation of Armistice

Day. To pay tribute and honor all those who served in American Wars, a proposal was made to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day. In 1968, the recognition date of Veterans Day was changed to the fourth Monday in October. However, because November 11th was so significant to American history, the recognition date was reverted back to its original date of November 11th in 1978.

Today November 11th is now recognized as a day to pay tribute to and honor all American Soldiers who served our country in the Armed Forces during any war or time of piece.

The following Camps have submitted their plans for Veterans Day to *The California Column*:

SHERIDAN CAMP 4 – Brothers will march in the annual Veterans' Day Parade in San José (usually attended by several thousand people and televised live). Last year Camp 4 won the first place trophy for their category in this parade which was led by Camp Commander **TAD CAMPBELL** and then Department Commander **BOB LOWE**.

LINCOLN CAMP 10 – In addition to working on the local Veterans Memorial Building display cabinets, the Brothers of Camp 10 will be participating with the American Legion in Veteran Day services at the IOOF Cemetery as well as conducting a

Veterans story telling tour at the Evergreen Cemetery.

PLEASANTON CAMP 24 – Brothers in this Camp will be dedicating headstones for three Civil War Veterans buried in Modesto. Dept. Commander **BRAD SCHALL** will be the guest speaker. This event will also receive media coverage

2003 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT TO RETURN TO ELKS LODGE

The upcoming 117th annual Department of California and Pacific Encampment will once again be held at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo next year. It is scheduled for the weekend of March 28th, 29th, and 30th. Brothers are invited to meet for the traditional Friday evening campfire, following by a no-host dinner at the Elks Lodge. The business session will last all day on Saturday. More details should be available for the winter edition of *The California Column* after the first of the year.

Don't forget to elect your delegates at your election meetings this Fall, and also include Alternates!

The 122nd National Encampment will be held at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky (just outside of Cincinnati, OH)

over the weekend of August 7th-10th 2003. Delegates will be elected at the Department Encampment, but all who desire are welcomed and encouraged to attend. It is certainly an event of a lifetime.

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Pursuant to Department Bylaws, the following Department Orders, issued by Commander **BRAD SCHALL**, are published as follows:

D.O. #5

TERMINATION OF 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: Pursuant to Section 1 of Department Order No. 2, establishing a Special Committee on the 2005 National Encampment Department, and as a result of the split vote advisory decision of the 2002 National Encampment (held in Springfield, Illinois) to hold the 2005 National Encampment within the jurisdiction of the Department of New Hampshire, said Special Committee is hereby

dissolved, effective 3 October 2002.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of Lincoln, County of Placer, 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 CA & Pacific, SUVCW

ATTEST:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,
Secretary-Treasurer
Dept. of CA & Pacific, SUVCW



D.O. #6

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SITE COORDINATOR

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: There is hereby established an appointive position to be known as the National Encampment Site Coordinator (hereinafter, "Coordinator") for the

Department of California and Pacific. The position shall be responsible for coordinating, at the Department level, any National Encampment that may be held within the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific. The position is also responsible for acting as liaison to the National Encampment Site Committee for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Coordinator shall report directly to the Department Commander.

This appointive position, and the term thereof, shall be concurrent with that of the Department Commander, and shall cease to exist at the end of his term as Commander.

Section 2: Brother **LINN P. HOADLEY**, Department Senior Vice Commander, and Camp Commander of the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles, is hereby appointed National Encampment Site Coordinator for the Department of California and Pacific, effective immediately.

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D.O. #7
BOB LOWE, PDC
APPOINTED ASSISTANT
GRAVES REGISTRATION
OFFICER

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: Brother **BOB LOWE, PDC**, Member, National Committee on Graves Registration, is hereby appointed Associate Graves Registration Officer for the Department of California and Pacific, effective immediately.

Section 2: Specific responsibilities of Brother **LOWE** will be the collection of and input to the National database of graves registration data that is collected within the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific.

Section 3: Effective immediately, all Brothers within the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific shall submit their graves registration data to their respective Camp Graves Registration Officer (or other designee as determined by the Camp Commander), who shall periodically forward said data to Department Associate Graves Registration Officer **BOB LOWE, PDC**.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of Lincoln, County of Placer, State of California by D. Brad Schall, Commander of

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ATTEST:
 /s/ Daniel R. Earl,
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Dept. of CA & Pacific, SUVCW

D.O. #8
CHARLES MABIE
APPOINTED COLOR BEARER

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 **CHARLES J. "CORKY" REED**, of Pleasonton Camp 24, is, upon his written resignation, relieved of duty as the Department Color Bearer.

Section 2: Brother **CHARLES MABIE**, of Pleasonton Camp 24, is hereby appointed Color Bearer for the Department of California and Pacific, effective immediately.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of Lincoln, County of Placer, State of California by D. Brad Schall, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

D.O. #9
APPOINTMENT
OF
DEPARTMENT BYLAWS
COMMITTEE

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: Brother **DANIEL M. BUNNELL (PDC)**, Brother **BOB LOWE (PDC)**, Brother **LINN HOADLEY**, and Brother **TAD CAMPBELL** are appointed members of the Department Bylaws Committee. Department Counselor **DANIEL R. EARL** is appointed as chairman of said Committee.

Section 2: The primary purpose of the Committee will be to review the Department Bylaws and prepare necessary revisions, in the form of amendments to the Bylaws, with special attention to bring the Bylaws into conformance with the National Constitution and Regulations, as amended at the National Encampment this last August 2002. The Committee shall submit to each elected Department officer and each Camp no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Department Encampment any and all proposed amendments it deems appropriate. Said amendments shall be presented to Delegates at the 2003 Department Encampment for their ratification.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 21st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the

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

Remember Remembrance Day

“Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they

who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”



President **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**'s address, delivered at the dedication of the National Cemetery on the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, is one of the most inspiring expressions of democracy and one of the greatest speeches of all time. It followed the two-hour speech of famed orator **EDWARD EVERETT** and must have been almost shocking in its brevity. **EVERETT** later wrote, “I wish that I could flatter myself that I had come as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes.”

There are five known manuscript copies of the Gettysburg Address.

LINCOLN gave each of his private secretaries a copy, both of which are now in the Library of Congress collection. The others were transcribed by **LINCOLN** at a later date. One is at the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield, a second is at Cornell University and the third is in the Lincoln Room in the White House.

Gettysburg Address

ORDERED READ AT CAMP MEETING

In preparation for and in honor of Remembrance Day, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Commander Tad Campbell issued the following Camp Order:

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The following Resolution shall be read by the Camp Secretary immediately following the Camp Commander calling the meeting to order, and prior to the opening prayer by the Camp Chaplain:

Whereas, Remembrance Day commemorates the speech by President Lincoln – the Gettysburg Address – (first delivered on 19 November

1863) and the meaning of those reverent words about the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Battle of Gettysburg; and,

Whereas, the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is celebrating the 46th Annual Observance of Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on this very day; and,

Whereas, members of the SUCVW, Allied Orders, and other Civil War groups will be honoring the dead with memorial marches, wreath-laying ceremonies, and other appropriate forms of recognition; and,



Whereas, even though all Camps are invited to participate in the parade and attend the Grand Military Ball held in Gettysburg, it is not possible for the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 to send a delegation to Gettysburg; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, The Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp #4, SUCVW shall observe Remembrance Day with a moment of silence in conjunction with the opening prayer by the Camp Chaplain; and be it

Further Resolved, the Camp Patriotic Instructor is directed to recite the *Gettysburg Address* during his report at the Camp meeting; and be it

Finally Resolved, that the Camp Charter shall be draped in black during the Camp meeting held this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord thousand two, and of the

Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth.



The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Tad D. Campbell, Commander of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:
/s/ Tad D. Campbell, Commander
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4
Dept. of CA & Pacific, SUCVW

ATTEST:
/s/ Daniel R. Earl,
Secretary-Treasurer
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4
Dept. of CA & Pacific, SUCVW

Department
Finances

by
Daniel R. Earl
Department Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks again to all Camps for sending in their Q3 Quarterly Reports. As I reported in the last Special Edition of *The California Column* our per capita reporting system will be

changing from a quarterly scheme to one structured on an annual basis. I am still waiting to receive details from National HQ on the implementation (i.e., forms, etc.), and will pass them along to all Camps as soon as I receive them. I hope to learn about this new filing system by the end of the year.



As I reported in the summer edition of *The California Column* the “rumor control” suggesting that National per capita dues would be increased, proved to be correct. After significant and sometimes heated debate at the National Encampment in this past August, a majority of the Delegates voted to increase the dues by \$6 per year. The issue was so controversial that the support and opposition for the increase was split even within our own Department.

What this means for us is that a minimum increase of \$6 per year (in addition to anything increase or decrease each Camp may decide to implement), beginning January 2003.



Chaplain's Corner

by
Dept. Chaplain
Mark D. Woolfington

A passage in the New Testament encourages believers to be prepared to give an answer to any who asks about their faith. I was recently reminded that this applies to the Civil War, and our work to preserve the memory of the Boys in Blue. During the recent rebroadcast of Ken Burn's excellent documentary "The Civil War," I fielded questions about the War of the Rebellion from family and friends on an almost daily basis. Some of these questions were better than others. A member of my congregation, who is a recent immigrant from Canada actually asked which sides Lee and Grant led!



Other topics included slavery, secession, and of course, the role that religion played in the war. I had many opportunities to talk about my ancestor's service in the 71st Ohio Infantry at the battles of Franklin and Nashville. (Never mind that the Burns film glosses over these engagements in the Western Theater. That's a column for another day!) This of course, led to a discussion about the

Sons of Union Veterans. I did my best to use these questions as opportunities to educate my friends and families about the war, the contributions of our ancestors, and our order.

When people ask you questions like this, what do you say to them? When people see you wearing your membership badge, their natural curiosity will give you an opening to talk about the Sons. I hope that you'll answer to the best of your ability. Remember, there are no stupid questions! If you're not comfortable talking about your Camp, and your involvement in the Sons, talk to your Camp's Junior Vice-Commander. He's the Officer charged with membership recruitment, and should be able to help. Who knows, you may recruit a new member, and there is special recognition from the National Headquarters for those Brothers who recruit new members. At the very least, you'll have done your part to educate the public about nation's history, and in doing so, you've honored your ancestor's memory, and that is what SUCVW is all about.

May God bless our Order, the memory of the Boys in Blue, and may the flag that flew over our cradles fly over our graves.

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 Junior Vice Commander of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, SUCVW.*

From the Commander's Desk

Two thousand two has been a good year for our Department. We have increased our membership, our activities at the Camp level has been innovative, and the Boys in Blue would have been very proud. I would like to congratulate each of you and at this time of year thank all Camp officers who have served their Brothers in a very honorable fashion.

Election season during the next two months will be a prime subject at all our Camp meetings. Our activities are our prime responsibility but electing and serving at the Camp level is the way we keep our Order and Camps health. I hope that each of you would take the rewarding experience of service in an elected or appointed position in the SUCVW.

This will be my fifth Department Encampment in March 2003 and I hope to see you all in San Luis Obispo. Our National Commander in Chief, Brother Robert Grimm, will be in attendance. This is quite an honor for our Department and an opportunity for you to meet the CinC.

Additionally, I would like to thank all Department elected and appointed officers who have worked very hard over this past year. Last, but not

least, Patti and I would like to wish each of you and your families the happiest of holidays between now and the end of the year.

God Bless and thank you for letting us serve.

Brad Schall, Commander
Dept. of California and Pacific

CO. G 5TH CVI TROOPS MARCH THROUGH THE STREETS OF TUSTIN

*submitted by
Daniel R. Earl*

Brothers: I recently received the below letter from Sgt. Jerry Sayre, Co. G, 5th Calif. Vol. Inf., SVR (also known as the Department Patriotic Instructor). The unfaltering performance of his SVR Company warrants reporting on, so I felt it important to include his observations below --

Dear Phil [alias for Dan Earl who is known by Brother Sayre's wife as "Phil Sheridan"],

We started the morning of Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002, by showing up at First Advent Christian Church of Tustin at 8:30 am. After gathering our senses,

equipment, and a little coffee, we proceeded to "Fall In" as we were to be first in line at the "Tustin Tiller Days Parade" helping to celebrate Tustin's 75th anniversary. At 10:00 (or at least close, you know how these things go) 11 members of Company G, 5th CA Vol. Inf. started off on the 1.5-mile journey to great cheers and salutes. Capt. Dave Allyn, and two ranks of Infantry, escorted by 2 motorcycle units from Tustin Police, led the way followed by a Squad of "Buffalo Soldier" Cavalry, several local High School Bands, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, ROTC, and several Veterans groups and various civic organizations, marching, riding floats and antique cars. Soldiers of Company G were: Pvt. Rudy Velasco, Sgt. Mike Quigley (National Colors), Pvt. Mark Wellington (Calif. State Colors), Cpl. Jon Gottshall (Camp 2 Colors), Pvt. Will Tisch (Camp 21 Colors), Pvt. Colin McKim, 1st Sgt. Glen Roosevelt, Cpl. Ken Walker, Pvt. Michael Hicks, and Sgt. Jerry Sayre.



Co. G, 5th CVI

Photo: Courtesy of Mrs. Kim Sayre

A splendid time was had by all (even if you get a little beat marching in wool uniforms), and we look forward to our next event. Rumor has it that Company G will be seen at the "Mother

Goose Parade" in November. Huzzah for Company "G"

Retention of Members

*submitted by
Tad D. Campbell,
Dept. Junior Vice Commander*

The backbone of any organization is its membership, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is no exception to that rule. All Brothers of a Camp, whether active or inactive, are essential for the success of that Camp. Those Brothers who are able to participate in the day-to-day activities of the Camp are the ones that carry out the work of the Order. Brothers who may not be able to actively participate due to health, distance, or other commitments assist by paying their dues and thus helping to supply a monetary base.

When dues are up, encourage members to renew. Be sure to notify them several times that dues are coming up or are now payable, and why they should renew. This can be done via the Camp newsletter or through a separate mailing. If a particular Brother does not send his dues in on time, contact him personally and encourage him to renew.

Continued interest in membership can be accomplished through a variety of means, most important of which are regularly held meetings and a regularly

published Camp newsletter. The newsletter is especially important for those Brothers that cannot attend meetings or other activities. Often, this is their only contact with the Camp other than dues notices.

Encourage those members who live far from Camp activities to participate by performing graves registration or Civil War memorial assessment in their local community. If they are internet active, they can also become involved in the Camp by being a member of a committee via e-mail. Have them send a biography of their Civil War ancestor for the Camp newsletter.



Camp meetings should be published well in advance. If practical, a program for the meeting should be arranged and included in the notification. A Brother of the Camp or someone from a local historical society, or similar organization, can provide the program.

Above all, encourage Brothers to remain in the Order by making them feel a part of the Camp. Men that feel that they belong to a worthwhile organization that promotes the memory of the Boys in Blue are more likely to retain their membership.

UPDATE on Brother Churchyard's Home

by
Jim Churchyard,
Department Council

[For those who do not recall, Brother Jim Churchyard and his wife, Al, lost their home and entire belongings in a wild land fire that struck the Fallbrook area of southern California earlier in the year. Several homes were lost in this tragic fire. -- Ed.]

The framing, drywall, roof and stucco are complete. The flooring and electrical will be complete on 25 October. Al has made about 75% of the cabinets, but they are not all installed. We plan on putting in temporary countertops and having the plumbing sufficient to pass final inspection in the next week. Then we can move out of the garage into the house!



There is still a year of small work (baseboards, window and door casings, etc.) before we can relax back to pre-February tranquility.

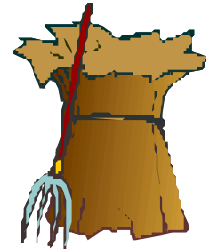
People Who Make America Great: Patrick Henry

ADDRESS BEFORE THE VIRGINIA
CONVENTION, MARCH 23, 1775

Mr. President . . . this is no time for ceremony. The question before the house is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery . . . If we wish to be free, if we mean to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending, if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged . . . we must fight!

Three millions [*sic*] of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us . . .

Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace, but there is no peace. . . Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!



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All Saints Day

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