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SPECIAL EDITION

A Message from the Editor

Dear Brothers: Well, we've made it through another successful year with the conclusion of our 117th Annual Department Encampment several weeks ago. With the guidance of our fearless leader, Department Commander Brad Schall, business moved right along, including the election of officers and Delegates to the National Encampment. As not only Department Newsletter Editor and Department Counselor during the past year, but as Department Secretary-Treasurer, I want to thank all who attended, participated, and submitted reports. We accomplished a



great deal during the business session, which will be reviewed elsewhere in this special edition of *The California Column*.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF **ROBERT E. GRIM** for attending our special event and for acting as the Installing Officer following the election of newly elected Department

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Officers. Also deserving of a special thank you is National Patriotic Instructor of the SUVCW Auxiliary, **MRS. ROSEMARY LOWE**, wife of PDC **BOB LOWE**. Finally, and certainly not least of all, I would like to thank all of the ladies of the Auxiliary for their assistance not only with the raffle, but in supporting the activities of the weekend. Among others (I apologize in advance for those I've forgotten), thank you to the following: First Lady **PATTI SCHALL**, **MRS. JEAN HOADLEY**, **MRS. RACHELLE CAMPBELL**, **MRS. CHARLENE PETERSON**, and Brother **DAVE ALLYN'S** new bride, **MRS. EILEEN ALLYN**. All of the ladies were a great help to accomplishing an enjoyable Encampment.

With continued strong leadership, and by the good grace of God, the Department of California and Pacific should have no difficulty moving forward and continuing to expand our Order in the western United States. All Brothers have quite a challenge ahead of them — especially in the area of recruitment — however, when considering what our ancestors had to deal with, the formidable challenges we have in front of us must be considered effortless. Thank you all for what you've done and I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity,
and Loyalty,*

DANIEL R. EARL, Editor

Department of California and Pacific Banner

*submitted by
Sheridan Camp 4 Commander
Robert J. Kadlec*

The photograph of the Banner in this newsletter was created for the Department in the 1890s and was originally inscribed with the words "Sons of Veterans, USA." At the turn of the century it was the custom to display a banner at the Department level rather than a flag. The original inscription on the Banner was changed to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" sometime after 1924.

Department Secretary **JOHN ELMER WOHLGEMUTH** (1908-1991) kept Department property, including the Department Banner, Seal, and Charter, in the trunk of his car. Upon his death at his home in Long Beach, and before the Department property could be retrieved, the family sold the car and the property disappeared.

In 1994, a member of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 living in Nevada spotted the Banner in an antique store in Reno. He notified the Department Secretary-Treasurer **CHUCK DAVIS** who in turn notified the owner of the antique store that the Banner was Department property and would have to be returned. The owner of the store was unwilling to turn it over for free. Fearing that it would disappear before legal action was effective, the

Department purchased the Banner for between \$500 and \$750. The original Department Charter, dated 1886, and Seal have not been recovered. National Headquarters reissued the Department Charter in 1992. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the original Charter and the Seal, the Department looks forward to hearing from you.

In 1996 the Department Banner was taken to the National Encampment of the SUVCW, and proudly stood with the flags of other Departments.

CIN ACKNOWLEDGES DELEGATES

After being introduced to the Delegates, Commander-in-Chief **ROBERT E. GRIM** spoke briefly, thanking Brothers for all their hard work. He specifically acknowledged those who also at the National level of the Order: **DAN BUNNELL** (PDC) as National Guide, **LINN HOADLEY** as NMAL Coordinator, **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, Member, National History Committee, **BOB LOWE** (PDC), Member of the National Committee on Graves Registration, **DANIEL R. EARL**, as chairman of the National Committee on Legislation, **ED BERGER**, Member of the National Committee on Legislation, and **KIRBY MORGAN**, National Aid to the National Memorials Committee. Additionally, **CinC GRIM**, with the assistance of

Brothers **KADLEC** and **SCHLEETER**, distributed "Commander-in-Chief tokens" to all present at the Encampment.

As well as kudos received from the CinC, Commander **SCHALL** read a letter he received from U.S. Senator **DIANNE FEINSTEIN**, extending her congratulations and wishes for a successful Encampment. Secretary-Treasurer **EARL** also read a letter from the City of Lincoln, California, sending their best regards for a triumphant Encampment.

**SUVCW
SUPPORTS
U.S. TROOPS**

During new business of the Encampment, Brother **CARL TAYLOR** (JVC of Pleasonton Camp 24), introduced the following resolution that was agreed to unanimously by the Delegates:

**A
RESOLUTION**

Dept. of California &
Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

29 MARCH 2003

**A Resolution
Providing for support of the
military involved in
Operation Iraqi Freedom
and to provide emotional
and available financial
assistance to the families of
servicemen who are
members of the Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil
War.**

**Submitted by
Brother Carl M. Taylor,
Junior Vice Commander,
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton
Camp 24**

Whereas, The Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War totally supports the actions of our military involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, The National Organization has requested that the names of every serviceman who is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be submitted to National Headquarters for listing on the National website; and

Whereas, The Department of California and Pacific supports and encourages the submission of names of current Brothers serving in the Middle East and any Brothers who shall be deployed into any future actions related to Operation Iraqi Freedom to the National Headquarters for inclusion on the National website; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall provide emotional support and financial support, within the fiscal constraints of the Department, to families of

those Brothers who are deployed in any action related to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Delegates to the 117th Department of California and Pacific Annual Department Encampment, on this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three and in the independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of San Luis Obispo County of San Luis Obispo, State of California.

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All Brothers and their families are encouraged to support, in any manner they feel best appropriate, the service men and women serving our country overseas and here at home!

**OFFICER OF THE
YEAR
KIRBY MORGAN**

*by
Daniel R. Earl,
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

As you may recall, last year then-Department Commander **BOB LOWE** created a new award that has come to be known as the "Department of the Year Award." Brother **DANIEL R. EARL** was the first recipient of this award for his work as Department Secretary-Treasurer, Counselor, Newsletter Editor, and chair of several committees. The award has since been incorporated to the Department Bylaws. The award may be conferred by the Department Commander, upon

any Department Officer who, in the judgment of the Department Commander, has, through his words, actions, and/or deeds exhibited superlative dedication and service to the Department and Order in his official capacity as an Officer of this Department during the term for which the Department Commander is currently serving.



Commander Brad Schall presenting the Officer-of-the-Year Award to Kirby Morgan and his wife, Carol

This year, Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL** had the pleasure of presenting Brother **Kirby Morgan** of Camp 22, with this prestigious award. **KIRBY** has served as the Department Civil War Memorials Officer of the past year. He was re-appointed to the same position for another year. **KIRBY** and his wife, **CAROL**, have traveled throughout the State of California in search of any Civil War Memorials he can find. He has collected multiple pieces of data on memorials and monuments from one end of the state to the other. One might ask, "What's the big deal about driving around the state . . . I would do the same if I were retired and had time to travel." However, any person making such statement clearly

does not know Brother **KIRBY MORGAN** and what he has been through over the past year! Yes, **KIRBY** and his wife enjoy traveling and collecting data on Civil War monuments. However, what many people didn't know at the time is that in the middle of doing this **KIRBY** underwent major heart surgery putting him out of commission for a while. During the time he was laid up in the hospital – supposedly trying to recover he claims – he was eagerly trying to get back to his research and apologizing to others for slacking off on the job. We'll forgive you this time **KIRBY** – just don't let it happen again!

Meritorious Awards Presented

Several months ago – January 26, 2003 to be exact – Brothers from various camps had the distinct opportunity to participate in the pre-game ceremonies of the Super Bowl XXXVII in San Diego, California. Brother **WILL TISCH** and others organized a Department Color Guard which presented colors during the playing of the National Anthem. Although the media coverage was minuscule at best, the Department put forth its best with a very proud Department Color Guard.



About twenty-five Brothers participated in the Color Guard. In recognition of their involvement with this national event, Commander-in-Chief **GRIM** presented each with a meritorious award certificate.

Military Salute to Bob Hope

submitted by Daniel R. Earl and Bob Lowe, PDC

BOB HOPE, the actor, entertainer and comedian, is universally known around the world for his long career as a star of stage, screen and television. Yet it is in the hearts of generations of U.S. servicemen that his most enduring legacy will reside. For over a period of fifty years, from 1943, he dedicated himself to entertaining soldiers, sailors and airmen of the armed forces in the many battle fronts and remote outposts where they've served throughout the world. His overseas USO tours, which often took place over Christmas, were deeply appreciated and well-

remembered by countless thousands of servicemen on protracted tours of duty, often under combat conditions, far from their homes and families.

Fifty-seven years have passed since **BOB HOPE** first entertained our country's men and women in uniform.

Whenever there was a need, **BOB HOPE** was there. Thanks to him, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have had their spirits lifted.

Congress has honored Mr. **HOPE** five times. But, in October 1997, he received one of his greatest tributes when he was unanimously made an Honorary Veteran – the first individual so honored in the history of the United States.

Ninety-nine and still making a difference. That's **BOB HOPE**. Now it's our turn to make a difference in honoring this legendary man. Currently, Taffy III is raising funds to create a Military Tribute to **BOB HOPE** in recognition of his efforts for all our country's servicemen and women.

Taffy III is a group of World War II Navy veterans who served on three ships that were sunk during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. ("Taffy III" was the code name of this task unit.) In recent years, these men have devoted their efforts toward raising money for monuments to preserve the history of this era. In the past several years they have successfully erected and dedicated four monuments. The Port of San Diego has graciously donated almost a full acre of land on the shoreline of San Diego Bay for tribute to **BOB HOPE**. This property is worth

approximately 4.9 million dollars.

One of the hardest obstacles to overcome was the agreement of **BOB**, his wife **DELORES** and daughter **LINDA** to erect this Military Tribute. After 14 months of communications and meetings, agreement was reached with certain conditions: that money raised for this project would come from the Veterans themselves and the American people. It was further agreed that corporate money would not be solicited and neither his former corporate sponsors nor professional friends be approached for funds.

Completion of this "tribute" requires the raising of 4.5 million additional dollars. All Brothers are encouraged to make a donation to this worthy tax-deductible cause. Brother **BOB LOWE** (PDC) of Pittenger Camp 21 has been designated the "collection man" for these donations. Not part of the resolution, but certainly an enticement to move forward these donations, was the following offer by publisher and fellow member **GEORGE VAN VALKENBERG**: any organization or entity thereof (such as our Department) that collects 50 or more donations of \$20 each will receive the following – a 5"x7" plaque for each donor (\$20 or more) and one for the Department. A prototype of this plaque was shown at the Encampment. Each plaque will be inscribed with the name of the donor, the SUCVW Department emblem, and a photo of **BOB HOPE**. Please make your checks payable to "Military Tribute to Bob Hope" and mail them to Brother **BOB LOWE**, PDC at

780 Paulsen Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020-7346. More details can be found at

<http://www.hopetribe.org/> and

http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego_publicart/bobhopetribe.asp or by contacting Brother **BOB LOWE** via email at <cavalry21@cox.net>.

A

Resolution

"Military Tribute to Bob Hope"

Presented to Delegates
of 117th Annual
Encampment
Department of
California & Pacific
March 28-29, 2003
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Whereas, Bob Hope was made an "Honorary Veteran" by an Act of Congress, the only citizen of our great Nation to ever be so honored; and,

Whereas, Bob Hope unselfishly devoted himself to bringing laughter to five generations of our Nation's Armed Forces, in times of peace as well as in war, even going to places where the risk of enemy attack was at all times a possibility; and,

Whereas, Bob Hope taught by his example how all notable celebrities should behave towards the men and women who serve and protect our great Nation; and,

Whereas, the "Military

Tribute to Bob Hope,” sponsored by the surviving members of Task Unit 77.4.3, called “Taffy III,” has undertaken to erect a fitting tribute in San Diego to Bob Hope; and,

Whereas, the City of San Diego has donated the land for this Tribute, a parcel valued at some \$4.9 million dollars, provided the funds for the Military Tribute to Bob Hope have been completely collected before any construction will commence; and,

Whereas, the principal cost of the Military Tribute to Bob Hope shall be made by donations from Veteran’s groups, Fraternal orders, and individuals; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Department of California and Pacific of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby decree that we fully support the Military Tribute to Bob Hope. Further, that we commend the actions taken by the City of San Diego and “Taffy III” to complete the Military Tribute to Bob Hope without undue delay, and that we will undertake to raise a donation in all of Camps within our Department; and,

Be it Finally Resolved, that with passage of this resolution, a similar resolution be prepared by the Department of California & Pacific for presentation at the 2003 National Encampment of the SUVCW.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Delegates to the 117th Department of California and Pacific Annual Department Encampment, on this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three and in the independence of the United States of America the

two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of San Luis Obispo County of San Luis Obispo, State of California.

REV. SEUM HONORED WITH 50-YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ORDER

*submitted by
Daniel R. Earl
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

Fifty years ago this year the Order was greeted with a new member by the name of **CLARK SEUM**. **CLARK**, an ordained minister by trade, is currently a member of, and serves as the Camp Chaplain for the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 in San José, California. After meeting him, many thought that he was a charter member of the Camp when it was founded in 1897. To everyone’s pleasant surprise, we were all proven wrong at the past Encampment.



With great pride and honor Commander-in-Chief **ROBERT E. GRIM**, assisted by Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL** and Camp Commander **BOB KADLEC**, presented **REV. CLARK SEUM**

with a continuous service award and his 50-year medal at this year’s 117th Annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California. Needless to say, **CLARK** was surprised – almost to the point of being speechless. (For those of you who know **CLARK** – being speechless is a major task for him!) Officers, Delegates and guests honored **REV. SEUM** with a standing ovation and a long lasting round of applause.

DEPARTMENT BYLAWS AMENDED

*by Daniel R. Earl,
then-Chairman of the
Department Bylaws Committee.*

At last summer’s National Encampment there were many amendments to the National Constitution and Regulations. Some of the major changes impact the reporting system, changing it from a quarterly system to an annual system. As a result, every Department in the Order was faced with amending their Department Bylaws. At our 117th Annual Department Encampment the Delegates unanimously adopted amendments as recommended by the Department Committee on Bylaws. I would like to thank all who served on the Committee, including **DAN BUNNELL** (PDC), **BOB LOWE** (PDC), **LINN HOADLEY**, and **TAD D. CAMPBELL**.

Highlights for changes in the Bylaws include: adding language to authorize Juniors and Associated, add language requiring DMALs within the jurisdiction of the Department of California and Pacific belong to an existing Camp, and modifying the “reporting” language from a quarterly system to an annual system. Other amendments included modifying the term of the Secretary and Treasurer from one year to three-year terms, and for the Department Council from one year to two year staggered terms.

Although the Delegates unanimously agreed to the amendments, the Commander-in-Chief must still approve them. Once he adds his signature to the final document, we can declare them as “officially” amended Department Bylaws.

ROSECRANS BROTHERS TAKE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S AWARD

Each year the Camp that increases its membership by initiation, by the greatest number of Brothers during the four quarters preceding the Department Encampment at which the award is to be issued is presented with the Department Commander's Award. The award is a perpetual tribute to the Camps receiving it. Each recipient Camp has its Camp name and date inscribed on the award. This year the General W. S.

Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles had the greatest increase in membership. Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL** presented the award to Camp Commander **BILL NELSON** who proudly accepted it on behalf of Camp 2 Brothers.

DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS

As with every annual Encampment, elections were successfully held for the 117th Department Encampment this March. Candidates for the following positions were: Department Commander: **BRAD SCHALL** of Lincoln, CA; Department Senior Vice Commander: **LINN HOADLEY** of Los Angeles, CA; Department Junior Vice Commander: **TAD CAMPBELL** of Gilroy, CA; Department Secretary: **DANIEL EARL** of Gilroy, CA; Department Treasurer: **DANIEL EARL** of Gilroy, CA; Department Council: **DAN BUNNELL** (PDC) of San José, CA, **RUDY VELASCO** of Cathedral City, CA, and **DAVE ALLYN** of Lakeside, CA. Since there were no other nominations, all candidates were elected unanimously.



Dept. Officers L-R: Secretary-Treasurer Daniel R. Earl, DJVC Tad D. Campbell, Dept. Commander Brad Schall, CinC Robert E. Grim, and DSVC Linn Hoadley

Following the election of officers, re-elected Department Commander **SCHALL** announced the appointment of the following officers: Patriotic Instructor - **JERRY SAYRE** of Fallbrook, CA, Historian - **ROBERT NELSON** of Santa Cruz, CA, Counselor - **JAMES C. BRAZELTON**, Esq. of Modesto, CA, Guide - **ROBERT J. KADLEC** of San José, CA, Color Bearer - **CHARLES MABIE** of Newark, CA, Guard - **DAVID C. SCHLEETER** of Pacifica, CA, Graves Registration - **JOHN PATCHIN** of Los Molinos, CA, Assistant Graves Registration Officer - **Bob LOWE** (PDC) of El Cajon, CA, Civil War Memorial Officer - **KIRBY MORGAN** of Coursegold, CA, Signals Officer - **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, GAR Highway Officer - **GARY PARROTT** of Mammoth Lakes, CA, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - **AL PETERSON** (PDC) of Las Vegas, NV, and Newsletter Editor - **DANIEL R. EARL** of Gilroy, CA.



Brothers place their handles on the Bible or the shoulder of the Brother in front of them as CinC Grim installs them as officers for the 2003-04 term.

Commander-in-Chief **ROBERT E. GRIM** served as Installing Officer. Congratulations and welcome to all newly elected and re-elected officers!

ANOTHER FUN CAMPFIRE

*submitted by
Daniel R. Earl
Department Secretary-Treasurer*

Tradition has it that Delegates, guests, and family attending the weekend Encampment gather that night before the business session for a “campfire social.” This year was no different. Brothers, family, and friends all met at the Elks Lodge Friday evening before the Encampment to reminisce, meet new members, and just overall social and have a good time. At lunch members also enjoyed gathering and socializing.

Following lunch and the official business session of the Encampment, Brothers gathered at the neighboring G.A.R. plot for a brief memorial service. Below are a small sample of photographs from these three events.



Bob Lowe (PDC) and ASUVCW National P.I. Rosemary Lowe



Linn Hoadley after organizing the 117th Dept. Encampment . . . or was that 117 Encampments he’s organized?



Mrs. Kim Sayer, ASUVCW



G.A.R. cannon and replica that was just fired



Kim Sayre at the Memorial Service



Tim Reese of Camp 10 and Richard Mayer of Camp 4



Bob – after all the work you and Brad have done, we just couldn’t let this expression of gratitude go without publication.

ENCAMPMENT PHOTO ALBUM & DELEGATE PINS

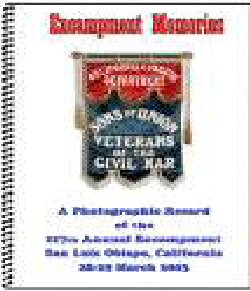
This year the Department Encampment was professionally photographed to provide a remembrance for everyone who had attended and for those who have not had the opportunity to attend an Encampment. Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 Brother **RICHARD MAYER** was the official Encampment photographer. The album, containing 26-pages with over 125 photos, can be ordered for \$25.

For the third year in a row, the Department is having a unique pin produced for each Delegate to the National Encampment. The Department will present a pin to each delegate when they arrive for the 122nd National Encampment in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky in August. Additional pins may be ordered by anyone wanting pins as a souvenir for the price of \$4.00 each.

The proceeds from the sale of the album and pins will help defray the cost to produce these historic and valuable Encampment souvenirs. If you wish to place an order, please submit the enclosed form(s) before the end of May 2003.

Please return the order form below to Commander **BOB KADLEC**, no later than Monday, 16 June 2003 to ensure prompt delivery.

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San Luis Obispo, California
28-30 March 2003

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2003 Delegate
August 24
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

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“May Day”

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