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Department of California and Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

A Message from the Editor

Dear Brothers: As you can tell, this edition of *The California Column* is a bit delayed (about a month) past the normal time period for the "spring" edition. In June, before they could officially become members of the Auxiliary (and charter members of a soon to be formed new Auxiliary in California), my 95-year-old Grandmother, **RETHA (BONNER) WEBB**, and DJVC **TAD CAMPBELL**'s mother, **KATHY (APPLETON) CAMPBELL** both passed away; my grandmother due to old age, and Tad's mother due to a two and one-half year battle with cancer.

Since both Tad and I are members of Camp 4, and know each other's families very well, this occupied a great deal of our time during the past several weeks when I would have been preparing this newsletter for publication.



Now that I am back on schedule, I hope you will enjoy this latest edition of *The California Column*!

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and
Loyalty,*

DANIEL R. EARL, Editor

Columnists Wanted

For the past two years *The California Column* has essentially been a one-man operation, with the exception of a regular article by Rev. Mark Woolfington and a couple others. It is important to remember this is **YOUR** newsletter. Contributions from all, and especially from Department and Camp Officers, are encouraged. Please contact the editor if you are interested in submitting an article or otherwise contributing to the newsletter.

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Veterans Honored on Memorial Day

As expected, the Camps within the Department of California and Pacific performed superbly with their endeavors to pay tribute to those who gave their lives to save the Union and to other veterans of the United States of America.

Camp 2 Brothers honored Civil War and all other U.S. War Veterans in a Memorial Day Ceremony at Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park, formerly Sunset Cemetery & Burnside GAR Post 188 Plot at Sawtelle. Many of the Burnside Post Veterans chose Sunset Cemetery as their and their family's final resting place. At least five of the Charter Members of the Burnside Post are interred at Westwood.



The program began, before an audience of about 30, with Co. G, 5th Calif. Vol. Inf., SVR **BROTHERS GLEN ROOSEVELT, MIKE QUIGLEY,**

GERALD SCHEIB, DENNY DETTMER AND RUDY VELASCO, presenting the National and Camp Colors. An invocation and introduction by **DSVC LINN HOADLEY** followed.

Guest speaker, **FRANK PRICE**, Motion Picture Executive and Camp 2 Brother, gave a very interesting report on "Remembering our Veterans in Films." Following that three-5 round volleys were rendered in Salute to America's Fallen by Camp 2's Honor Guard.

Others in Camp 2 participated in the Garden Grove Magnolia Memorial Park ceremony.

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Military Salute to Bob Hope

*submitted by Daniel R. Earl and
Bob Lowe, PDC*

Brothers: An IMPORTANT reminder that tax-deductible donations are still needed for the Bob Hope monument. With a donation as little as \$20 you will receive a nice plaque in honor of Bob Hope. Please read the article below for details.

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.

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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>.

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Several members from Camp 10 joined Camp 4 with staffing its information/recruitment booth at Roaring Camp in Felton (up in the Santa Cruz Mountains). During the two-day event just under two hundred contacts were made with the public. Of these, approximately 30 of them showed an interest in joining. Brothers **TAD CAMPBELL (PCC)** and **DAN EARL** completed "interest/research" cards for these potential members and

are still in the process of researching their family history and searching for their Civil War ancestors.

Representing Camp 10 were **COMMANDER BOB NELSON**, **SVC TIM REESE**, and **BRIAN ZWETZIG**. Those from Camp 4 included: **COMMANDER BOB KADLEC**, **SVC DAVE SCHLEETER**, **JVC DAN BUNNELL (PDC)**, **SECRETARY-TREASURER DAN EARL**, **COUNCILMAN TAD CAMPBELL (PCC)**, **COUNCILMAN RICH LAROSA**, **STEVE WELCH**, and **JAMES WELCH**.



D. Schleeter, D. Earl, R. LaRosa, T. Campbell, B. Kadlec

On Monday, Brother **STEVE WELCH** performed the duties of master of ceremonies at the local Memorial Day parade in Pacifica. In San José Brothers **CAMPBELL**, **EARL**, **LAROSA**, and **SCHLEETER**, led by **COMMANDER BOB KADLEC** participated in the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County Memorial Day observance at Oak Hill Memorial Park. The Camp posted its Colors and **COMMANDER KADLEC** laid a wreath in memory of those who fought to save the Union. Camp 4 is a member of the UVC.

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Recently chartered Camp 16 set up an information/recruitment booth in front of the GAR Monument in the Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg.

Brother **STEVE MARTIN** (PCC) delivered a speech on Col. Matheson (the namesake of their Camp) and **COMMANDER JIM SPENCER** led a tour of cemetery where Col. Roderick Matheson is buried. About 60 people were in attendance, with the possibility of one of them being recruited for membership.

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Camp 21 Brothers **CHARLES BEAL, WALTER DAVIS, and JIM BLAUER** participated in the Santa Ana Cemetery ceremony at the GAR Soldiers Monument and GAR plot, and included representatives of all the Orange County Veterans groups. Over 200 people



attended the service.

COMMANDER JERRY SAYER and his wife **KIM** (ASUVCW) participated in events at the El Cajon Cemetery (pictured below), and Fort Rosecrans and Mount Hope.

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Lastly, the Ellsworth Camp 23 participated in a small Memorial Day parade in Ukiah, the county seat of Mendocino County. After the parade, Brothers took part in the VFW ceremony at the local cemetery, posting a 34-star U.S. Flag. The GAR plot was decorated with 18 flags, one for each grave, 14 of which are unmarked. At least 46 Union veterans resting the Ukiah cemetery have been identified to date.

Department Orders

DEPT. ORDER No. 1
Series 2003-2004

**ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS,
& 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 re-elected Department Commander, it is with the sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I resume command of the Department of California and Pacific, for the 2003-2004 term. I want to assure all of you that my fellow Department Officers and I, will continue to 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 second

term will continue to be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Lincoln, County of Placer, State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcomed and encouraged at my email address, <dschall@starstream.net>, or at the Department post office box, P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664

Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected (and re-elected) and installed (by Commander in Chief Robert E. Grim, himself) at the 117th Annual Department Encampment on 29 March 2003 are as follows:

Commander—Bro. D. Brad Schall
Sr. Vice-Commander—Bro. Linn Hoadley
Jr. Vice-Commander—Bro. Tad D. Campbell
Secretary—Bro. Daniel R. Earl
Treasurer—Bro. Daniel R. Earl
Council—Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC (Secretary)
Council—Bro. David E. Allyn
Council—Bro. Rudy Velasco (Chairman)

Section 3: Department Brothers who were elected or who are *ex officio* Delegates to the National Encampment in August 2003, who were elected at the 117th Annual Department Encampment on 29 March 2003 are as follows:

Bro. Dave Allyn
Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC)
Bro. Tad D. Campbell (PCC)
Bro. Daniel R. Earl
Bro. Larry Fillhard
Bro. Linn Hoadley (PCC)
Bro. Robert J. Kadlec
Bro. Glen Roosevelt
Bro. Jerry Sayre
Bro. Rudy Velasco
Bro. Steven Welch

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Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:
 Chaplain—Ernie Powell
 Patriotic Inst.—Jerry Sayre
 Counselor—Jim Brazleton, Esq.
 Historian—Robert L. Nelson
 Guide—Robert J. Kadlec
 Guard—David C. Schleeter
 Signals Officer—Tad Campbell
 Color Bearer—Charles Mabie
 GRO — Bro. John Patchin
 Asst GRO—Bob Lowe, PDC
 CWMO—Kirby Morgan
 GAR Hwy Ofcr—Gary Parrott
 ESCC — Al Peterson, PDC
 Newsletter Editor—Daniel Earl

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh, 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:

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

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Earl, Sec-Treas.
 Dept of California & Pacific
 SUVCW

LONE
 MOUNTAIN
 CEMETERY
 NEEDS YOUR
 SUPPORT

The Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City is the second resting place for many of Civil

War veterans originally buried at Fort Churchill, east of Carson City in Lyon County. In 1885 they were re-interred to Carson City with full military honors.



The Civil War statue guarding the cemetery was erected in 1891. It is a 9-foot-tall Union soldier atop a 9-foot-tall pedestal; the faces of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Adm. David G. Farragut are on the sides. It has managed to endure a shift from the foundation and being pierced with bullet holes over the years. The Brothers of newly created Camp 25 have been working to gather funds for the repair work. Originally Carson City had promised \$21,000 for the repair work, but recently eliminated that with other budget cuts. It's estimated that repairs will run about \$60,000.

PAUL WASHELESKI, Commander of the Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 described his first experience seeing the statue as inspiring. He described to some in Reno area that, "the conditions they [Union soldiers] were under were really terrible. The men who are in this cemetery are

buried without names. It put chills in my body. We want to make sure they are not forgotten."

Commander **WASHELESKI** has applied for a \$500 grant from the National Memorial/Monument Fund. Although grant money for projects sponsored by this fund is limited to \$500, the committee overseeing distribution of money from this fund has agreed to make it a \$1,000 grant if matching funds can be found. "It's not much, but it's a start. I think the whole state ought to get involved," **WASHELESKI** said. "This monument is very rare. It's something you would find back East in Gettysburg or Arlington National Cemetery. It's such an important monument, especially in the state capital," **WASHELESKI** added. "If it falls over, it's going to bust into a million pieces."

COMMANDER

WASHELESKI is asking that any Brother who can, "just donate a buck, [and] we can get this thing taken care of in no time."

**Commander's
 Column**

submitted by
 Department Commander
 D. Brad Schall

It has been fourth months since we met in San Luis Obispo and you guys and gals are lookin' good. The Department officers and staff congratulate each one of you for a job well done.

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Let me officially welcome two newly chartered camps to our Department. Col Robert Matheson Camp 16 in north Sonoma and General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 in Garderville, Nevada are the Department's newest camps. **COMMANDER S SPENCER** and **WASHELESKI** have done an outstanding job in organizing. We are officially at 11 camps and have two more being formed.



Our membership continues to grow. Our goal of 500 is attainable this year. We have nine months before the end of our Department year and we need only six new members per camp to reach that objective. I know that you will do your part.

All nine camps plus the two forming camps were involved in Memorial Day services. One camp participated in seven Memorial Day services. Each year our participations grow. Memorial Day activities are not only our goal but it is our duty.

I wish to thank all those appointment officers who have or will assist the camps in achieving their goals. If you don't call on the Department Officers, that's your fault. We are all here to help and have committed the time to do so.

Our yearly reporting system has not gone without a few hitches but I want to thank

DAN EARL for his leadership and the help he has given the camp secretaries. It will probably take a year or so to get all the kinks out but it beats the heck out of the last system.

Last but not the least I would like to thank past Department Chaplain **REV. MARK WOOLFINGTON** for his services to the Department and our order. Mark exemplifies the brotherhood of our order and it has been my honor to serve along side him. I'm happy that his relocation will allow Mark and his family to spend more time with their family and our loss in California is Illinois gain.

You Obedient Servant,
Brad

Department Finances & Reports

by
Daniel R. Earl
Department Secretary-Treasurer

First I would like to thank all of you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me by re-electing me to the position of Department Secretary-Treasurer. I am honored to serve as the Department's chief financial officer and administrator.

Last month the Department Council has recommended, and Senior Officers have approved an operating budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Our budget is balanced at just under \$12,000 for the year with a \$6,000 reserve fund. Most of the funds are used to pay per capita dues to the National Organization; others vary from travel expenses to bonding fees, and newsletter expenses. The budget itself is a lengthy document; so if anyone is interested in a copy of it, please contact me via email at <danearl64@earthlink.net> or if you do not have email, at P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664. In addition to recommending the budget for approval, the Department Council has proposed that up to 50% of our reserve funds be invested in a manner that will produce more revenue than a regular savings account. This is something I will be looking into in the near future.



As many of you have learned by now, we've run into a few minor glitches with the Annual Reporting system. So far nothing has come up that we haven't been able to fix. Although, in theory anyway, the annual system *should* simplify things for Camps (with only having to do paperwork as new members are recruited), in the end it probably increases paperwork for Department Secretary-Treasurer's throughout the Order because we are constantly processing the

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paperwork on generally a month basis, rather than quarterly. Much depends on how actively we recruit members. I still want to encourage Brothers to increase their recruitment. Processing the paperwork is worth it for me if we continue to expand.

Finally, I would like to echo Brad's comments about our new Camps and extend my congratulations to Commanders **SPENCER** and **WASHELESKI** for their work in organizing the new Camps. Charter presentation ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for August and will probably be announced via email after dates, times, and locations are finalized.



REMINDER: Any Camps that have questions about how to complete *any* Camp, Department, or National forms or paperwork or anyone with operational questions, *please* do not hesitate to contact me via email at <danearl64@earthlink.net> and I will be happy to assist you any way I can.

THE HISTORY OF FLAG DAY

submitted by
Charles J. "Corky" Reed
Department of New York

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. **BJ CIGRAND**, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as "Flag Birthday." In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as "Flag Birthday," or "Flag Day."



On June 14, 1889, **GEORGE BALCH**, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State

Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.



Following the suggestion of **COLONEL J GRANVILLE LEACH** (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. **LEACH** went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day,' and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, **DR. EDWARD BROOKS**, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day

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exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings. With **BJ CIGRAND** and **LEROY VAN HORN** as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. **FRANKLIN K. LANE**, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day – the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 – was officially *established* by the Proclamation of **PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON** on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after **WILSON'S** proclamation, it

was not until August 3, 1949, that **PRESIDENT TRUMAN** signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

VANDALISM LEGISLATION

*submitted by
Daniel R. Earl*

Chair, Natl. Comm. on Legislation

In 2001 when I took over as chair of the National Committee on Legislation one of the primary directives given the Committee by then-CinC **GEORGE POWELL** was to seek out and promote legislation that would help to prevent the desecration of Civil War monuments and memorials. This has been an underlying goal of the Committee since then. Over the past couple of years legislation has been introduced in Congress and at state levels that accomplishes this goal.

In January of this year legislation was introduced in the California Assembly by Assemblyman **BILL MAZE** of Visalia. The proposal, known as Assembly Bill 207 (or AB 207), would make it a specific crime to commit destructive acts with respect to a cemetery marker, tomb, monument, or grave. Moreover, the if signed into law by Governor **DAVIS**, it would make it a felony to destroy, mutilate, damage, or otherwise injure or remove a Veterans' memorial or monument located any place in the state. Although there are already laws on the books that make it a crime to deface private property, this legislation makes it clear to

anyone considering vandalizing a veterans' monument or memorial that such acts will not be tolerated.

On April 10th AB 207 passed the Assembly unanimously (72-0). It was then sent to the California Senate where it was awaiting action in the Public Safety Committee. Unfortunately on the June 10th, when it was scheduled to be heard, too few members appeared for the committee meeting and a quorum was not present. As a result, the bill could not be discussed. It was granted "reconsideration," however has not been placed on the agenda for any future committee hearings. The deadline for policy committees to hear and pass bills is July 18th of this year.

The Dept. of CA & Pacific has taken an official position of support for this legislation and written all members of the Senate Public Safety Committee urging them to pass AB 207. Each Brother throughout the State of California is urged to write a letter (or make a phone call) to his State Senator and ask that they support AB 207. Additionally, please ask each of your family members and friends to do the same. Remember, these are *your* elected representatives and you need to ensure they know your desires. If the bill is not passed by the Committee soon it will likely die and there is no way to know if it might be re-introduced next year. If anyone has any questions, please contact me at <danearl64@earthlink.net>.

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“Independence Day”

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