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

### *A Message from the Editor*

**D**ear Brothers: The holiday season is upon us once again. In the hustle and bustle normally associated with this time of year it becomes easy to focus on anything but celebrating with parties, shopping until you drop, and exchanging gifts. It is important that we not overlook why and how we are able to carry on as we do.

Although Christmas is a fun and jovial time, we should not forget the true meaning of this special time. That is, the celebration of the birth of **CHRIST**. Albeit, the parties and presents will last for the whole month, now is the time to take just a moment and thank the **LORD** for all that we have. We should all be especially mindful of not only our families, but also specifically all of the men who fought to save the Union during the Civil War and every U.S. veteran before and since that time.



Regardless of your religious faith, I hope each of you will take a brief moment out of one of your many busy days this month and say a prayer for not only yourselves, but for all who have served this great nation of ours and especially for those brave men

and women overseas at this very moment.

May **GOD** bless the United States of American and May **GOD** bless you and your families

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity,  
and Loyalty,*

*DANIEL R. EARL, Editor*



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## Bob Hope Tribute Update

As most readers will recall, since the Department Encampment last March Brother **BOB LOWE (PDC)** has been working with several others on a special project to raise funds for a Bob Hope Tribute in San Diego. Those who donated at least \$20 would be eligible to receive a nice plaque made by Brother **GEORGE VAN VALKENBURG** of 50 or more donations were received. We missed the goal by two donations, receiving a total of \$1,065.00 with 48 donations. Regardless, Brother **VAN VALKENBURG** has agreed to provide the plaques. Thank you Brother **GEORGE!** Additionally, Brother **BOB** would like "to thank all the Camps and individuals that contributed to the Bob Hope fund." **BOB** -- the Brothers of this Department owe you the thanks for undertaking this special task!



The plaques will be distributed as quickly as possible. Commander **BRAD** has agreed to be "delivery boy" of the plaques to the northern California Camps

after his visitation with Camp 2 on December 15th. The remaining plaques will either be distributed at the Department Encampment or mailed directly by Brother **LOWE**.

Again, thank you Brothers **BOB LOWE** and **GEORGE VAN VALKENBURG!**

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## NEW CAMPS CHARTERED

As most of you know, our Department now has two newly chartered Camps in two states. Both the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp 16 of Cazadero, CA and the Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Gardnerville, NV were chartered the past June.



Camp 25 Cmdr. Washeleski

Several Department officers were on hand for the charter presentation ceremony for Camp 25 on August 23, 2003, in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL**, assisted by Department Secretary-Treasurer **DANIEL EARL** presented Camp Commander **PAUL WASHELESKI** with the charter for his Camp. Also representing the Department was DJVC **TAD CAMPBELL**. The meeting was well attended by members and officers of Camp 25, as well as members from the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 of San José, including Brothers **DON CAMPBELL**, **STEVE WELCH** and **JAMES WELCH**. **MRS. RACHELLE CAMPBELL** attended as a representative of the ASUVCW.



L-R: DC Schall, Camp SVC Martin, Col. Cunningham, Cmdr. Jim Spencer

Brothers of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp 16 were presented with their charter on October 25, 2003 at the home of **COL. JACK CUNNINGHAM** in Novato, California. Making the presentation to Camp Commander **JIM SPENCER** was Department Commander **BRAD SCHALL**. Also attending this meeting with Camp SVC **STEVE MARTIN** and **COL. JACK CUNNINGHAM** (Councilman and Camp Chaplain).

## DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT REMINDER

Don't forget, the 118<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment will be here soon! Mark your calendars for March 19-20 and make your room reservations early. We're once again returning to the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo where we will also hold our Campfire get together on Friday night.

Please encourage your fellow Brothers to attend and bring along some friends. The more the merrier!

Any questions should be referred to DSVC Linn Hoadley who is coordinating this special event. More details will be forthcoming as they become available from Linn.

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## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO REV. MARK

[Editor's note: Brother WOOLFINGTON submitted this article back in July of this year in anticipation of his leaving the Department shortly thereafter. This was immediately after the summer edition and just before the special edition of *The California Column*. It is now being printed in this, the autumn edition of *The California Column*, with

apologies to Brother WOOLFINGTON for the unavoidable delay with publishing a quarterly newsletter.]

Dear Brothers:

This will be my final contribution to *The California Column*. As you have probably heard by now, I have resigned from my various positions within the Department, and in the Pittenger and Sedgwick-Granger Camps. I am happy to report that this decision is not made in anger, but instead with tears in my eyes and a broken heart. I have accepted a call to become the Pastor of the Church of the Highlands in La Grange, Illinois, beginning in October. As a result, I have also resigned my as Pastor of the First Advent Christian Church of Tustin.



This move will allow my wife Kathy and I to raise our son Joshua near his grandparents, aunts, uncles and many cousins, all of whom are in the Chicago and St. Louis areas. Unfortunately, this also means that we will be saying goodbye to all of our friends in the SUVCW. As soon as we are settled I will be transferring to the Department of Illinois, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the National Encampments of our

Order in the future. Thank you to the Brothers and Officers of Camp 21, for giving me my start in the Sons, and to Camp 17, who elected me Senior Vice Commander over my protests that I would be unable to fulfill the obligations of the office. I am forever grateful to you for that honor. I only regret that I must say goodbye before serving out my term and stepping up to the position of Camp Commander. Thanks to Camp 17 Commander **GLEN ROOSEVELT** for his efforts in making my dream of an Orange County SUVCW Camp a reality.

PDC **BOB LOWE** deserves a word of thanks, for appointing me Department Chaplain, an honor that current Dept. Commander **SCHALL** also bestowed upon me. One of the greatest thrills of my life came thanks to Capt. **DAVE ALLYN**, the Commander of Co. G, 5thCVI of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Taking the field as part of a color guard at a recent San Diego Padres game is something that I will never forget. Kudos to Bro. Will Tisch for his efforts on behalf of the SVR.

Finally, Brothers, let me encourage you to keep up the good work in preserving the memory of the Boys in Blue. Department Commander **SCHALL** said recently that he envisions our Department being home to 30-40 Camps, and to that I say, "Amen!"

May God bless you all, and God bless the Boys in Blue.

**REV. MARK D. WOOLFINGTON**  
Pastor-Elect  
Church of the Highlands  
La Grange, IL

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# Mid-Year Meeting in Fresno

This past October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Brothers from throughout the Department of California and Pacific, representing five different Camps, joined the largest Civil War reenactment west of the Mississippi. Along with the ACWA, NCWA and other Civil War organizations (including the ASUVCW and DUV), Brothers gathered at Kearny Park, just outside of the Fresno city limits.

families. Everyone had an enjoyable time manning the recruitment booth and visiting with each other.



Bro. James Welch & Cmdr. Kadlec

When not educating the public about the Civil War and recruiting new members, everyone was treated to a very entertaining reenactment of the Battle at Gettysburg, courtesy of the ACWA and NCWA.

where the Department hosted a pizza/pool party. The time was well spent in fellowship and exchanging ideas for future events.



On the following day, Sunday afternoon, visitors to Kearny Park were treated with a special appearance by President Abraham Lincoln. Our Department's own Junior Brother James Welch was honored to personally meet President Lincoln.



All Brothers and families agreed that this mid-year meeting was very much worth repeating next year. Hopefully we have begun a new tradition with this special event.



Among others, DC **BRAD SCHALL**, DJVC **TAD CAMPBELL**, Dept. ST **DAN EARL**, Camp 4 Cmdr. **BOB KADLEC**, Camp 21 Cmdr. **JERRY SAYRE**, and PDC **AL PETERSON** were present for the festivities. Many Brothers were accompanied by their

This special event provided not only an opportunity to educate and recruit the public, but for Department Officers to gather for a mid-year staff meeting rather than handling business by electronic mail.

After a busy Saturday everyone returned to the motel



## Commander's Column

by  
Department Commander  
D. Brad Schall

We are coming to a close of another successful year in the Department of California and Pacific. You have made an impact in your community. The Boys in Blue have been honored by your efforts and our Department has been recognized by the activities we have participated in.



Since we last visited we have chartered a new camp, participated with the Allied Orders in a recruiting effort in Fresno, SVC Hoadley represented the Department at the Charter presentation of a new Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Tent in Southern California, the majority of our camps have added new members, a new SVR units has been chartered in Las Vegas, an auxiliary is being formed by wives from the Phil Sheridan Camp 4, new grave stones have been dedicated and the fellowship of the order has been rewarding an over whelming.

Several reminders. By-law changes need to be signed and approved by the Department Commander, Department

elected and appointed officers need to be informed of your camps activities and dedicated Brothers need to be elected to positions of leadership in your camps.

I would like to acknowledge the great job that Department Chaplain Ernie Powell is doing. In addition to prayer circles, cards, Chaplain Powell has been assisting Camp Chaplains with suggestions for graveside services. Charles Christian, PCC send me a very nice email recently praising Chaplain Powell efforts.

Have a happy Turkey Day, express your faith during the holiday season and commit yourself to honoring the Boys in Blue in 2004.

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## Department Finances & Reports

by  
Daniel R. Earl  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

The text of the next article goes here. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country.

Department finances remain very stable. We have received about 70% of our anticipated revenues and spent about 60% of our budget. In August your elected Department Officers voted to allocate \$100 of the Department Reserve Fund towards the Kearny Park mid-

year gathering held in Fresno. This was a very worthwhile cause and something that will likely be revisited next year (see *Orders* article for more details).

The annual reporting system seems to be working well, although there have been a few snags from time to time. One question that many Camp Secretaries have asked is how to report new members who join between January and April of the same year.

According to National Executive Director Brother Lee Walters (PCC), the names and information of those Brothers who join between January and when the Camp Annual Report (Form-27) need to be reported on the Form-27 in April, when the annual report is filed. For the remainder of the year, new Brothers, change of address, etc. should be reported on the monthly Camp Status Report (Form-30).

**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>](mailto:danearl64@earthlink.net) and I will be happy to assist you any way I can.

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## Veterans Honored

Veterans' Day was very active throughout the Department this year. The below Camps reported

their activities to *The California Column*. Camp 4 Brothers, as Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry Regiment, joined by the ASUVCW, ACWA and NCWA, and accompanied by musicians participated in the annual San José Veterans' Day Parade. Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> CVI was the original Civil War unit assigned to San José. SVR Members included: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. **DAVID C. SCHLEETER**, Corporal **DANIEL R. EARL**, Corporal **ROBERT J. KADLEC**, Privates **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, **RICK T. LAROSA**, **STEVE WELCH**, Junior **JAMES WELCH** (the drummer boy), **FRANK AVILA**, and **ROBERT SORIA**. While passing by the reviewing stand they fired out a volley that rattled, if not broke, some nearby windows. Members of the SCV followed Camp 4 on the parade route. As a courtesy to their fellow brethren, the Union musicians played "Dixie" and several other "southern" tunes.



Brothers of Camp 16 participated in raising flags on the Sebastopol Memorial Lawn.

In the Southland Brothers from Camp 17 and 21 serving as Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry Regiment participated in San Diego Veterans' Day Parade. SVR members included: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. **GLEN ROOSEVELT**, Corporal **BOB LOWE**, Private **LARRY FILLHARD**, and Private **TOM HELMANTOLER**.

The Ellsworth Camp 23 participated in the Veterans' Day Parade in Petaluma. In lieu of any specific event on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Camp 25 Brothers attended the Lineage Luncheon, presented by the Thomas Holcomb Chapter, Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century where Commander **WASHELESKI** was one of the guest speakers

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## DEPARTMENT ORDERS

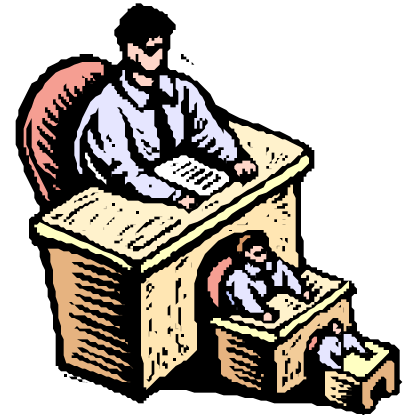
The following Department Orders have been issued since the last issue of *The California Column*.

### DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER No. 1 Series 2003-2004

#### USE OF RESERVE FUNDS: FRESNO, CA — RECRUITMENT/INFORMATION TABLE

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 Department Policy regarding the expenditure of Reserve Funds, I find and declare that the amount of \$100 is necessary for the specific purpose of providing a recruitment/information table at the NCWA sponsored reenactments in Fresno, CA during the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003.



Section 2: Two-thirds of the elected Department officers having voted in the affirmative, as indicated in § 3 below, the Department Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue a check, in the amount of \$100 from Department Reserve Funds, to Pleasonton Camp 24 in accordance with this Special Order.

Section 3: Department Officers voted as follows regarding the use of Reserve Funds —

- Commander Schall: YES — no comments.
- Senior Vice Commander Hoadley: YES — no comments.
- Junior Vice Commander Campbell: YES — no comments.
- Secretary-Treasurer Earl: YES — no comments.
- Councilman Velasco: YES — no comments.
- Councilman Bunnell (PDC): NOT VOTING.
- Councilman Allyn: YES — "Fresno is quite a trip for most members of Camp 21 so I question how many prospective recruits



would come from our area? Having said that, I am willing to support the motion simply because it is, 'for the good of the Order.'"

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 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:  
/s/ Brad Schall  
Commander

Attest:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Department of California and Pacific**

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

**DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER No. 2 Series 2003-2004**

**PASSING OF BROTHER CHRISTOPHER P. GEIGER**

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: It is my sad duty to report that Brother Christopher P. Geiger has died while on active military duty to the United States of America. He was a sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. His immediate survivors include his parents, four brothers and one sister. He is also

mourned by his fellow Brothers of the Captain Theo Howell Camp 48, Department of Pennsylvania, and our entire membership throughout the Department.

Section 2: All Camp Charters and the Department Charter shall be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 3: Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Geiger's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and those of the many other brave service men and women whose memory we honor for having paid the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country.

Section 4: All Brothers in the Department of California and Pacific are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 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:  
/s/ Brad Schall  
Commander

Attest:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Department of California and Pacific**

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

**DEPT. ORDER No. 3 Series 2003-2004**

**PASSING OF REAL SON MADISON WALDON GADBERRY**

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: In accordance with CIC Kent L. Armstrong's Order of 2 November 2003, all Camps and Brothers in the Department of California and Pacific shall drape their Camp Charter and Membership badges in memory of Real Son Madison Waldon Gadberry

Section 2: Brother Gadberry was a Real Son of a Union Veteran, a member of Farragut Camp 6, in the Department of Tennessee. Brother Gadberry honored the memory of his father, Milton Granville Gadberry, who served in Company H of the 8th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Brother Gadberry was named after his father commanding officer, Captain Madison M. Waldon. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Gadberry family and his sister Ms. Jewell Hoffman who is a charter member of Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent 2, DUVCW.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 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:  
/s/ Brad Schall  
Commander

Attest:

/s/ Daniel R. Earl,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## TUSTIN TILLER DAYS

On Saturday 4 October 2003 members of Company G, 5th CVI had the opportunity to march in the annual Tustin Tiller Days Parade. The parade stepped off right in front of the Tustin First Christian Advent Church (former Dept. Chaplain, Rev. **MARK WOOLINGTON'S** old church). This was the second year that Company G was able to participate, as well as the second year the SVR Color Guard was honored to be the lead element for the entire parade.

Corporal **BOB LOWE**, Private **WILL TISCH**, Private **AL HODGES**, Private **ERNIE POWELL**, and Brevet Private (normally 2nd Lt.) **GLEN ROOSEVELT**. The parade route ended at the Tiller Days Festival grounds that celebrates the agricultural roots and origins of the City of Tustin going back to the 1870's. The color guard's SVR/SUVCW participation proudly celebrates the involvement of Union veterans and GAR members in the settlement of Tustin.



The detachment was composed of the following: **R.J. SAINS** (Camp Junior member grandson of Brother **GLEN ROOSEVELT**) and his friend Campbell Cummings as banner carriers, **ROSEMARY LOWE** and **EILEEN TISCH** for the Auxilliary, and SVR members Captain **DAVID ALLYN**, Sgt. **RUDY VELASCO**,

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### Orders, Orders, and More Orders!

by  
*Tad D. Campbell, Dept. JVC*

Recently, there has been some confusion regarding the types of Orders that are issued by Commanders at the various

levels of our Order. This has resulted in such humorous occurrences as both Camp and Department Commanders attempting to issue their own "General Orders", a right normally reserved only for the Commander-in-Chief.

A quick check of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order easily clarifies the issue. In Chapter V, Article I, Section 1, it states that "the Commander-in-Chief shall issue "GENERAL ORDERS", Department Commanders "DEPARTMENT ORDERS", and Camp Commanders may issue "CAMP ORDERS", and all may issue Official Circulars, all attested by the respective Secretaries."



Likewise, the type of Orders issued by the Department Commander are spelled out in our own Department Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1, wherein it states "the Department Commander shall issue DEPARTMENT ORDERS as necessary." Section 2 further states that the "Department Commander may issue SPECIAL DEPARTMENT ORDERS upon the death of any Department Brother and for any other reason he determines to be appropriate."

The bottom line is:

CAMP COMMANDER issues:

CAMP ORDERS.

DEPT COMMANDER issues:

DEPARTMENT ORDERS.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF issues:

GENERAL ORDERS.

Hopefully this will clear up the mystery of the many Orders.

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## THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

by Rudy Velasco  
Chair, Department Council

Along with our good and dedicated Department Officers, we have our Department Council. Currently. The Council members are: **DAVE ALLYN** of the Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 in Escondido, **DANIEL BUNNELL** of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 in San José and **RUDY VELASCO** of the W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 in Los Angeles. Here is a little of the SUVCW experience these Sons bring to the Department Council.



**Dave Allyn** has eight or more years in the SUVCW, serving as Patriotic Instructor, Jr. Vice Commander and presently, Senior Vice Commander at the camp level. Dave is also the National Guide for next year's National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**DANIEL BUNNELL** has served as our Department Commander and at present, Jr. Vice Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp 4.

**RUDY VELASCO**, well I am relatively new to the Sons organization, having almost

two full years in as Department Council and one year as Sr. Vice Commander in the Rosecrans Camp.

A few of the ways the Council helps the Department is reviewing the receipts, expenditures and books of account for the Department at the annual Department Encampment and make a report on how well it was done. The Council as a whole may fill a vacancy in our elected Department Officers, if for some reason, the Officer has to leave his post. Suggesting new ideas to help save and make money for our Department is always an enjoyable task for the Council.

One requirement may be to have an enjoyable time as we Remember the Boys in Blue in the Department of California and Pacific.

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## DEDICATION OF THE CEMETERY AT GETTYSBURG 19 NOVEMBER 1863

**F**our score 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 the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.



But, in a larger sense, we can not 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

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