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A Message from the Editor



ear Brothers: Let me begin by saying I am pleased to have been re-appointed by **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LINN HOADLEY** as newsletter editor for *The California Column* and thank you all for the confidence you place in me to serve in the position while doubling as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

This is the start of my fourth year writing, editing, and publishing *The California Column*.

With this issue you will notice a few changes in the layout of the newsletter. I hope to maintain the content of the newsletter with substantially the same quality articles you have been accustomed to reading over the past three years.

As always, I want to strongly encourage any Brother who so desires to submit articles for publication; especially Department

elected and appointed officers. With this, I present to you this first edition of volume four of *The California Column*.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

DANIEL R. EARL. Editor

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GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN'S MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

General Order No. 11 Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868



I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite

the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.



II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of: JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief

Another Encampment Passes

his year brought us another successful Department Encampment. Kudos go out to now-Department Commander LINN HOADLEY, who, as DSVC organized our 118th Annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo this past March. The Department of California and Pacific was honored to have not only Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong attend the proceedings, but also National Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels, wife of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels. Approximately 75 people (members and family) the Encampment proceedings held at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge.



This year's Encampment presented a great deal of work for the Delegates. All listened closely to each Camp report followed by Department officer reports. Next Department Commander **Brad Schall** moved forward with new business for the Encampment. Several issues were brought up impacting how the Department conducts business. Among other things, there were three proposals to amend the Department Bylaws. The Encampment adopted two of these proposals, by unanimous vote. The first was to add Section 5 to Article II of the Bylaws which establishes the time frame for holding Camp elections (this section is required by the National

C&Rs). The other amendment, also adopted unanimously, was to amend Section 5 of Article V to clarify the terms of office for Department officers. The proposal that failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds vote would have added Section 7 to the end of Article V, clarifying the authority of elected officers.



In addition to the Bylaws amendment items, a proposal was submitted to replace and streamline the eighteen existing standing rules with four more straightforward regulations. After a lengthy discussion and the lack of agreement on the proposals a motion was adopted referring the proposed regulations and remaining Bylaws amendment to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Department Commander. (Ed. note: This committee is still being formed by DC Hoadley.) Also submitted, and referred to committee by the Encampment, was a proposal to identify specific areas of responsibility and areas of interest throughout the Department. This was proposed to accommodate the increase in Camps and growing membership in the Department.

After Department business was completed Delegates took a break for lunch. At this point Brothers were introduced to **Danielle**MICHAELS, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. President MICHAELS was on hand to present the Auxiliary Charter and perform the installation of officers of the newly formed Dr. Mary E. Walker

Auxiliary No. 52, associated with the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4. Those installed as officers of Auxiliary No. 52 included: President RACHELLE M. CAMPBELL, Vice President ANN SCHLEETER, Secretary-Treasurer LAUREL M. ANDERSON, Trustees PATSY J. EVERETTE, PHYLLIS J. EARL, and ROWENA L. CAMPBELL, Patriotic Instructor SHARON POPE, Chaplain KAREN LAVRISCHEFF, and Counselor DANIEL R. EARL (Camp 4). The Department of California and Pacific welcomes Auxiliary No. 52 and all of its new members!

At the formal conclusion of the Encampment, Brothers and Sisters gathered at the cemetery adjoining the Elks Lodge to hold a brief memorial service for those soldiers and sailors who fought to save the Union and all U.S. military personnel. The day ended with two dinner parties. Some Brothers hosted a dinner for Commander-in-Chief Armstrong at the Elks Lodge and other Brothers hosted a birthday dinner for 50-year plus member, Rev. Clark Seum of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4.

Department Orders

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 1 Series 2004-2005

ELECTION & DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

It is a great honor to have been elected and installed as the Commander of the Department of California & Pacific by the delegates assembled at the 118th Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, CA on March 20, 2004. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this office and I look forward to working with you to further our Order's efforts in tribute to those who answered President Lincoln's call to "Save the

Union" between 1861 & 1865.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and State of California, as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcome and encouraged at any of the above listed contacts, or at the Department Post Office Box, P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664.

Best regards to all, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty as we begin another year in our unending efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and to promote public pride toward all who honorably served the Union between 1861-1865.

By Order of: /s/ Linn P. Hoadley
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl Department Secretary-Treasurer

We've Come a Tong Way

by Robert J. Kadlec Commander, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

The Department of California and Pacific is beginning its 118th year in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Organized during its first Encampment in February of 1886, it has experienced early growing pains, a three decade cycle of growth and decline, and a revitalization over the last five years that has been nothing but spectacular. The Department hosted two National Encampments — 1959 in Long Beach and 1973 in Palm Springs — however, during the 1980s and through the 1990s, the Department lost most of its influence in the Order and was apparently not afforded much consideration by National, and the "Eastern" Departments, as a result of its decline.

Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, organized in 1897 in San Jose by the Sheridan/Dix GAR Post Number 7, is the oldest continuously active Camp in the Department. Rosecrans Camp Number 2 and Lincoln Camp Number 10, both having been organized in 1898, are the only other original Camps in the Department. These two Camps, along with seven other original California Camps, became inactive in the 1960s and 1970s. Only the semi-active Logan Camp Number 20 in Los Gatos, a very small "family" organization of maybe a dozen members, organized in 1889, and Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, with a membership of approximately 160 from throughout the State, made up the Department until 1995.

Although the Department apparently dropped below the minimum number of active Camps to retain its status as a viable Department during the 1980s and early 1990s, it was able to retain its Charter. Apparently, since the Department had been organized in 1886, the National Commander-in-Chief used his authority to continue the status of the Department in the best interest of the Order. The National Constitution requires that to be eligible for the position of Department Commander, a candidate must be a Past Camp Commander. Since there was only one active Camp during this period, only one candidate, who hadn't already served, could be fielded for the position of Department Commander during annual "Encampments." It wouldn't be until the end of the 1990s that there would be sufficient Camps and Encampment Delegates to compete for the Department Officer positions.

The Department of California and Pacific 107th Annual Encampment in 1992 consisted of three delegates. Two years later, in the Grover Beach, California home of Peggy Mann, Past President of the Department of California Auxiliary, the Encampment had grown to five delegates plus members of the Auxiliary. Don

Greely of San Jose was the Department Commander. The photograph taken during the April 1994 Encampment by Don Greely shows, from left to right, Betty Woerner, Auxiliary PNP; Dan Bunnell, DSVC; Margaret Atkinson, Auxiliary PNP; Peggy Mann's son-in-law (not a SUV); Peggy Mann, Auxiliary PDP; Millie Gentile, Auxiliary PDP; Don Cheney, PDC and his wife Doris. Not shown in the photograph were the two other Delegates to the 1994 Encampment, Donald Pray (DJVC) and Charles Christian. The 2004 Department Encampment will see over 65 Delegates in attendance in San Luis Obispo, California.



1994 Dept. Encampment - Grover Beach, CA

By 1995 a few of the members of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 began forming, or reestablishing SUVCW Camps within the Department. During the 1996 National Encampment, Department Commander Dan Bunnell was presented with the prestigious U.S. Grant III trophy for the largest increase in membership, and the Augustus Davis award for the most new camps.

The Department now consisted of five Camps covering membership in both the north and south of the State. Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 in San Jose and Logan Camp Number 20 in Los Gatos were the core Department Camps. The three "new" Camps by 1996 were Sergeant

William Pittenger Camp Number 21 in San Diego, General George Wright Camp Number 22 in Elk Grove (Sacramento), and Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Camp Number 23 in Santa Rosa. In 1999 General W.S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2 and Lincoln Camp Number 10 were reestablished. Additionally, the new General Alfred Pleasonton Camp Number 24 was organized. William B. Kieth Camp Number 12 came along in 2001. In 2003, the Department gained three more Camps (Matheson Camp 16, Sedgwich-Granger Camp 17, and Carlin Camp 25) bringing the total to twelve with an additional two more in the formative stage (Grant Camp 9 and Patchin Camp 26).



U.S. Grant III Membership Trophy

During the past three years the Department of California and Pacific has gained a new respect that has the rest of the Order courting the Department and its growing influence. The National Encampments between 1996 and 2000 would, at most, consist of two delegates from the Department. However, in 2001, under the able leadership of Bob Lowe, the SUVCW would see the Department participation increase to ten delegates. In 2004 the Department should have a representation of eighteen delegates, the largest voting block so far.



2000 National Encampment, Lansing, MI

Department of California & Pacific Delegates have historically attended National Encampments "uninstructed." This has provided the Department with a significant amount of leverage at the National Encampments. Other Departments of the Order now "lobby" the Department of California & Pacific to solicit votes for their resolutions and/or candidates for office. The Department would hold caucus sessions to interview various officer candidates and consider various resolutions to determine which candidate and/or resolution would be the best choice for the Order and address the concerns of the Department.



2001 National Encampment - Springfield, Missouri

The Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW requires that each Department, in order to obtain and retain its Charter, must develop and adopt Bylaws that are consistent with the

National Constitution and Regulations and are approved by the Commander-in Chief.
Additionally, any Bylaws that are inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, National Constitution, or Regulations, will be null and void. In accordance with the duties and responsibilities of the Department officers, as outlined by the National Committee on Program and Policy, it is the responsibility of the Department Secretary to maintain the Bylaws of the Department. Additionally, the Constitution and Regulations require that the Department Treasurer maintain a Department bank account, and financial system, and prepare any and all financial reports required by state law.

The Department has always had Bylaws. They were required as far back as 1886 when the Department was Chartered. Sometime around 1990 the original Department Bylaws were lost. In 1995 Department Secretary Don Cheney requested a replacement Charter from National. In providing the replacement Charter, National requested an updated set of Department Bylaws. The Bylaws, re-written by Don Cheney and DSVC Dan Bunnell, mirrored applicable National Bylaws and were the minimum required by the SUVCW for the Department to obtain the replacement Charter. The budget for the Department in 1994 was about \$200 which was essentially maintained in a "petty cash" box. There was no per capita tax for the Department at that time and all Department income was raised through fundraising efforts. The only expenses were \$100 that went to Peggy Mann for hosting the Encampment, \$75 for the Commander for travel expenses, and \$25 for charity.

Since the Department was relatively small during the mid 1990s, there were very few, if any formal governing rules or regulations for the Department. Nor was there any real requirement for a formal financial system. As the Department has grown, there has become a significant need to

establish records and formalize procedures and rules to effectively manage the operation of the Department. Additionally, as the "budget" has increased from \$200 in 1994 to almost \$12,000 in 2004, an accurate accounting system and approved budget is essential for the effective and efficient operation of a financially sound Department. As recently as 1999, there apparently was no system for financial accountability. It took almost a year and a half to locate and retrieve Department financial assets that had been distributed into various accounts. Additionally, no copy of official Department Bylaws could be located and a new set had to again be developed in 2001 to prevent the potential suspension of the Department Charter.

Standardized procedures, including Bylaws and Regulations, are essential for any organization, as it grows in size and wealth, to maintain viable operations and continuity for the future success of the organization. It is good, and important, to keep operating procedures and rules as simple as possible. A very small organization might be able to operate out of a "petty cash" box and only need a one or two page operating procedure (i.e. Bylaws). However, as the organization becomes larger and more diversified, and acquires significant financial and material assets, it is imperative that procedures are formalized and be consistent with appropriate governing rules and regulation (either the National organization, or governmental agencies). As the organization grows, its governing procedures will also tend to grow. This is inevitable and is the reason that it is important that full and objective consideration be given in the adoption of Bylaws and Regulations by the organizations "directors." In the case of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the convening of the annual Encampment is the venue for the approval of the procedures of operation for the Order as well as the selection of its officers.

The teamwork demonstrated over the years by all the members of the California and Pacific Camps has been instrumental in the continuing success of the Department. As the Department continues to grow and prosper, it is essential that we all strive for the common objective of building and maintaining a strong and healthy organization. In the last ten years, after a significant decline through the 1980s and early 1990s, the Department will have grown from approximately 170 members in two Camps, to approximately 450 in 14 Camps by the end of the year. That is a growth of 275-percent in membership and a sevenfold increase in the number of Camps. This is truly a phenomenal record. To maintain this success, and continue to grow, uniform procedures and guidelines must exist, and be appropriately updated, to ensure that we are all working together for the common goals. Activities and procedures need to be documented for both historical purposes and legal reasons. Financial accountability is of the utmost importance to preclude any questioning of our monetary procedures which might threaten our not for profit authorization/status.



As the Department continues its success, and today's youth moves up the chain to carry on the traditions of the Order, we must ensure that we have a viable system, with well-documented standardized practices and procedures (Bylaws and Regulations), to maintain continuity of the organization that will stand the test of time and not have to be recreated every five or ten years.

Commander's Column

submitted by Department Commander Linn P. Hoadley

First of all...I'd like to thank everyone for there support and electing me to this office. As our Department continues to grow...there is more for all of us to do. Working together we can accomplish many things. I look forward to visiting as many Camps and Camp Events as I am able.

A Committee is in the process of being formed to handle the resolutions that need to be gone over from our last Encampment. All of our Camps will have the option of having a representative on this Committee. This Committee's recommendations will be brought up at our 2005 Department Encampment.

Interest in our organization continues to grow. More and more people are becoming interested in the American Civil War.... and all of us need to be aware of this. This is becoming a excellent tool to "add" to our membership in all the areas that this Department serves. I attended a new venue to the Civil War Re-enactment community in Southern California this past month. Prado Regional Park in Chino, California is this new site. The entire community was behind this event.... with all proceeds going to a Scholarship Fund for the local Boy Scout Troop. Over 4000 people attended over this weekend and a little over \$5000 was raised for the Boy Scouts Scholarship Fund....and this was the 1st year!!!

Two new Camps are in the process of forming...one in the Modesto area...the other in the Fresno area...with the possibility of others in the "talking stage". This will require the help of all the Camps in the surrounding areas of these new Camps. Let us all remember....working together...we can do much.

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The Department Encampment Photo Album is in the process of being produced. All the pictures have been recorded on 2 CD's and each Camp will receive a copy of this album along with the CD's. Those wishing to purchase their own copy.....the cost will be \$25.00 each.

As all the Camps are getting ready for Memorial Day this year....please keep in mind the sacrifice that is now being paid by our soldiers...defending our freedom. Please make time to remember all those that have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice"...both of late..... as well as the "Boys in Blue".

In closing...a special "Thank You" to all the Brethren that sent cards, letters, and flowers to Brother Ken Walker's Family in sympathy of the death of his son....Staff Sergeant Allan Walker, USMC....Killed in Action on April 6, 2004, in Iraq. The out pouring of love and support that was expressed from the SUVCW...from all our levels.....National, Department, and Camp was greatly appreciated and well received. Brother Walker has asked me to give everyone a THANK YOU for helping him and his family through this most difficult time.

"Lest We Never Forget"....the sacrifice that has been already paid...and is now being paid by the Soldiers of this GREAT COUNTRY of ours. Fraternally.....

Linn P. Hoadley, Commander Department of California & Pacific

DR. MARY E. WALKER AUXILIARY NO. 52

he Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was officially chartered by National President DANIELLE MICHAELS on 20 March 2004 and is the official Auxiliary to the

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4. Because there are currently no other Auxiliaries in California, Nevada, or Hawaii, Auxiliary 52 also represented those areas. Ladies from throughout the SUVCW's Department of California and Pacific are encouraged to join Auxiliary 52. The Auxiliary is named after the Civil War physician, Dr. Mary E. Walker. The number "52" was selected for the Auxiliary to honor the 52nd Ohio Infantry, with which unit Dr. Walker provided much of her Civil War service.

DR. MARY E. WALKER (1832-1919) was a pioneering female physician (only the second in the nation) and a contract surgeon for the U.S. Army, eventually being attached to the 52nd Ohio Infantry. She provided invaluable services at the Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861; the U.S. Paten Office Hospital, Washington, D.,C., October 1861; in Chattanooga, Tennessee, following Battle of Chickamauga, September 1863, and at the Battle of Atlanta, September 1864. She was even captured by the enemy and held as a Prisoner of War at Richmond, Virginia from April 10, 1864 to August 12, 1864.



Auxiliary 52 President Rachelle M. Campbell Department Senior Vice Commander Tad D. Campbell

While performing her medical duties, **DR. WALKER** also acted as a Union spy, frequently slipping behind enemy lines. She is the only

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woman in history to have received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, having been recommended by MAJOR GENERALS SHERMAN and THOMAS.

DR. WALKER was also an early suffragette and staunch supporter of women's rights. She maintained her maiden name when married in 1856, and shunned the normal restrictive women's clothing of the day. In later years she donned full men's evening wear, including tuxedo and top hat, to lecture on women's rights.



It was for her progressive ideas, and her courage in implementing those notions, that **DR**. **MARY E. WALKER** was chosen as the Auxiliary's namesake. Any ladies interested in joining the Auxiliary should contact President **RACHELLE CAMPBELL** via email at should-composition.

What is Fraternity?

submitted by
Tad D. Campbell
Dept. Senior Vice Commander
(taken in part from Pi Kappa Phil Fraternity Journal, 1909)

Il fraternal organizations are founded upon the principle of brotherhood. But what exactly does that mean? Fraternity is a complex and dynamic concept that often eludes definition

There is no sentiment more powerful in the

relationships between men and women than love. There is no principle more active in the interrelations of men and women than is friendship and brotherly love. Through all times men have striven for the closer binding, the firmer establishment of this uniting bond.

This natural craving and actual need for true friendship and brotherhood, including the recognition of the strength and mutual gain acquired by close and intimate association in the bonds of fellowship, may be what styled the sense of fraternity. All fraternal organizations have at their foundation the desire for brotherhood, unselfish, undying friendship, interdependence and interreliance.

The stronger this mutual love, the stronger is the order, the more capable of performing its function. With brotherhood, fraternities are invaluable. Without brotherhood, they are worse then useless.

There is no worldly organization which can better aid the spiritual side of man's nature than a fraternity, if conducted to live up to its basic principle; for its power is due solely from this active, living force, Fraternity.

There is no principle more ennobling than true, unselfish friendship; no force stronger in the building of character than the love of fellowman. With brotherly friendship as the keystone of its formation, the main object of a fraternity should be character development.

Fraternity should be an active, not a passive principle. It is an inspiration toward all that is better in human life. Brotherly love exterminates all the petty feelings of man's nature and brings to view the larger, nobler traits which reside in every man, and which merely need the proper stimulus to which they must sooner or later respond.

Fraternity lends strength to each individual and strength to the whole. It teaches the men under its influence to be creators of circumstances, to be rules of themselves and hence to be rules of the world. Let a man be made capable of fraternity and he need never fear character destruction. Fraternity is a powerful and unique force. Real fraternity can never harm or impoverish, and often cheers and enriches. The capability for fraternity is a gift from the divine.

The members of a fraternity should learn through the exercise of the principle of Fraternity to know themselves, to know their brother, to rule themselves, to become forceful men, powerful in this world's regard; to be noble men of irreproachable character, powerful in the spirit of the world to come; to be, in short, really great men.

With this accomplished, no fraternity should be ashamed of its work. May it be the goal and well-accomplished task of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to lead through trials and despair to the clear light of a noble spirit, great now and great forever.

Camp 25 Achieves Success

submitted by Camp 25 Commander Paul Washeleski

Passmore Carlin Camp
25, Gardnerville Nevada, are celebrating
in their successful attempt to have the
Grand Army of the Republic Civil War
Monument "Nevada's Tribute to Union
Soldiers and Sailors March 19,1891" completely
restored this summer. The Civil War Monument
is located in the old GAR section of Lone
Mountain Cemetery, Carson City Nevada. On
April 26, 2004 the Carson City Supervisors
approved \$82,000.00 for the complete

restoration of the Monument.



Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, NV

This Civil War monument stands over 17 feet tall with a base of over four feet. The statue consists of six distinct sections upon a granite base. Each section features a symbolic tribute to the Union Civil War veteran. On the lower level is located the following: the inscription "Nevada's Tribute to Union Soldiers and Sailors March 19,1891" in large raised letters (on the south panel); a raised relief of General Ulysses S. Grant (on the east panel); and, a raised relief of an anchor, representing the US Navy (on the north panel). On the upper level is located the following: a raised relief of the G.A.R. membership badge (on the south panel); a raised relief of crossed sabers, representing the USA Cavalry Service (on the east panel); a raised relief of crossed cannons, representing the USA Artillery Service (on the west panel); and, a raised relief of stacked rifles, representing the USA Infantry Service (on the north panel). The top level is the statue of a typical Union Civil War soldier in uniform, with rifle, standing at parade rest.

Camp 25 Brothers are now planning a Re-Dedication of the monument later this year after the National Encampment.

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