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A Message from the Editor



Campbell, Charles Christian (PCC), DC Linn Hoadley, Kirby Morgan, Corky Reed, CC Glen Roosevelt, and CC Rudy Velasco.



ear Brothers: Now that the campaign season has come to an end and elections completed, regardless of whether your candidate won or lost, I hope everyone will have a chance to relax and read this latest edition of *The California Column*.

This issue is truly one of and by the "membership." I would like to specifically thank the following Brothers for writing or submitting articles for publication: Len Becker, DSVC Tad

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

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

DANIEL R. EARL, Editor



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National Encampment Elects One of Our Own Brothers

It is no surprise that this past National Encampment, held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been, to date, the most successful Encampment for the Department of California and Pacific. For the first time in recent history a member of our Department won election to a National Office. Yes, our very own immediate Past Department Commander Brad Schall was elected to a vacant position on the National Council of Administration. Congratulations Brad – we know you'll represent the best interest of the entire Order and stand by your Brothers in the West!

Donald Braden "Brad" Schall is a retired businessman. He and his wife Patti now live in their new home in the appropriately named town of Lincoln, California. Three generations of the Schall family are members of the SUVCW. Brad is most proud of his wife Patti, their five children, and twelve grandchildren. Among Brad's many Civil War and history related activities are the following: PDC, Department of California and Pacific; PCC, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24, service on numerous National Committees, several SVR units, and numerous other historical and patriotic organizations. Again, congratulations on your election to the CofA!

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Additional Brothers elected include Steve Michaels as Commander-in-chief, Brother Don Darby as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Brother Jim Pahl as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Pahl will also continue to serve as our National Counselor. Various other Brothers were appointed to different positions, including several from the Department of California and Pacific being placed on National Committees and holding appointed offices (see Commander's Report on page 3).



L-R: B. Kadlec, D. Earl, R. Velasco, T. Campbell, J. Sayre, then-CinC Armstrong, L. Hoadley, B. Lowe, G. Roosevelt, Al Peterson, D. Schleeter

There were several other changes made by the National Encampment, which impact our Department. Most notably is the change in SVR Regulations that now permit a Junior member to belong to an SVR unit and participate (with a few safety restrictions). Additionally, the National Military Affairs Committee approved the first unit of Marines in the SVR. The Department of California and Pacific is pleased to take credit for this change with the hard work of Commander Glen Roosevelt (Camp 17) and Commander Rudy Velasco (Camp 2), and proud to be establishing the first Marine SVR unit within the Order (see article on page 5).

Art of Letter Writing in the 19th Century

submitted by
Charles "Corky" Reed
(Source - Southern Refugee Society)

B efore telephones, cell phones, e-mail a very special way to communicate was letter writing in the 19th century. Being able to write a letter was important for all social

classes for comfort, solace, joy, and news. To communicate with family, friends as well as business the art of letter writing was written with certain etiquette.

Slang, vulgarity, improper grammar and spelling were not to be written. There were three guidelines to writing a business letter.

- 1) Never waste time in more compliments than are demanded by common courtesy due.
- 2) Never write anything that has nothing to do with the subject.
- 3) Always write what the subject requires and to write it clearly.

The person receiving the letter may have limited time so staying with the subject was correct writing etiquette.



The tone and wording of a letter determined the response of the person receiving the letter. A letter writer could be judged by his character and habits. There were certain phrases written for certain subjects such as "I take pen in Hand to write you", "We beg to inform you." If one was writing about childbirth phrases such as "Mother has been confined, and baby is a boy/girl."

A letter should flow continuously in a manner like poetry not switch from one topic to another losing the reader's thought process. Writing without having to backtrack.

Once you have chosen a topic to write then select the correct phrases on paper and write as if one was speaking to the person in person. Going straight to the heart of the matter saves time for both the writer and reader. Two short sentences are better then a long rambling paragraph.

Even between best friends proper writing

etiquette is Dear Boy, Dear Sir, My Dearest Annie. To end a letter one may write Your Affectionate Son, Your Friend and Kinsman, Your Obedient Servant.

By using the above guidelines even when emailing makes an e-mail more readable and enjoyable to read.

Commander's Column

submitted by Department Commander Linn P. Hoadley

hope everyone's Summer was a good one. Since our last Newsletter, I have been busy with many Department functions. In April I was the guest of the Daughters of Union Veterans at their Department Encampment held in Bakersfield, CA. It was a very interesting and productive weekend. The DUVCW is growing with 2 new Tents in the Southern California area, one in Los Angeles, the other in the San Gabriel Valley. The next planned Tent will be in Orange County.

On May 22, 2004 our Department, in a joint venture with the Department of Iowa, rededicated the grave of Norman F. Bates. He was a MOH Recipient who died in Los Angeles in 1915. With information supplied from our Brothers in Iowa, and the help of the family, Private Bates now has a new Bronze In-line marker. Please read the article of this event in this newsletter.

This years National Encampment was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 13 th & 14, 2004. Our Department had one of the largest delegations in our Departments history. We commanded 15 votes during the business and election meetings. For the first time in years, one of our own, Brother Brad Schall, PDC, was elected to the Council of Administration for a 3-year term. Congratulations Brad. In addition to

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this elected position, several of our Department Brethren were appointed to other National Offices or Committees. Below is a list of those and their new areas of responsibilities.

Brad Schall, PDC

Council of Administration-Voting Member National Aide to National Committee on

Civil War Memorials

National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Chairman

Bob Lowe, PDC

National Graves Registration Officer National Committee on Communications & Technology

Jerry Sayre, Dept. JVC

National Committee on Americanization & Education

National Committee on Membership

Dan Earl, Department Secretary/Treasurer National Committee on Legislation, Chairman

Kirby Morgan, Department Civil War Memorial Officer

National Aide to National Committee on Civil War Memorials

Gary Parrott, Department GAR Highway Officer

National GAR Highway Officer National Committee on Legislation

Linn Hoadley, Department Commander National Camp at Large & Department Organizer

National Membership at Large Coordinator



Congratulations to everyone. As our Department grows, it is receiving more responsibilities

within the National Organization. This is a compliment to everyone within our ranks.

On September 18th, I presented the Charter to our newest Camp, U.S. Grant Camp #9 located in Modesto, CA. Congratulations to Camp Organizer, Brother Carl M. Taylor and Camp Commander Brother Chuck Gardali. I know that this camp will continue to grow with the leadership it has in place.

We also have a Camp forming in Northern California. The paperwork for the John Patchin Camp #26 in Los Molinos, CA has been forwarded to National. Hopefully they will have their Charter by the end of the year.



Our Department had a tremendous showing at Fresno this year. Please read the article about Fresno in this newsletter. It looks like this event will become an official Department function every year. Next year we hope to have a bigger turn out with more displays etc.

In closing, please remember that there are many SUVCW Members serving our country in the military....many in Harm's Way. They are protecting the Freedom's that you and I enjoy everyday. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers as you fly the flag of this GREAT COUNTRY.

Fraternally....

Linn Hoadley, Commander

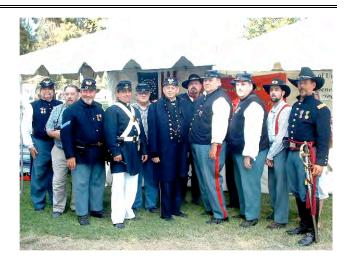
TEN "CANNOTS"

by Abraham Lincoln

- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- ➤ You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
- ➤ You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- ➤ You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
- ➤ You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.
- ➤ You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
- You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- You cannot establish security on borrowed money.
- You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.
- You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

KEARNY PARK REENACTMENT

his past September Brothers from throughout California and Nevada attended what is considered the largest Civil War reenactment held "west of the Mississippi." This year's event was plentiful as ever, with hundreds of reenactors, thousands of spectators, and of course numerous SUVCW Brothers and ASUVCW Sisters. Everyone enjoyed visiting the many sutlers and watching the spectacular reenactments all set up at Kearny Park just west of Fresno, CA.



Most Brothers stayed at the same local motel where whey were able to gather for an evening pizza/birthday party. All had a very enjoyable time celebrating the birthdays of Department Commander Linn Hoadley, Department Junior Vice Commander Jerry Sayre, Brother Harry Harland and Auxiliary No. 52 President Rachelle Campbell.

SVR Marines Looking for a Few Good Men

submitted by Camp Commanders Glen Roosevelt and Rudy Velasco

The request of Camp 17 and 2 Commanders Glen Roosevelt and Rudy Velasco to revise the SVR Regulations to allow for forming a SVR Company of Civil War Marines was approved by the National Military Affairs Committee (SVR leadership) during their meeting at the National Encampment at Cedar Rapids, Iowa in August. The Commanders plan to submit the official application for the Company to be effective from a date-of-rank of

10 November 2004, the 229th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps.



L-R: Glen Roosevelt and Rudy Velasco

Both Brothers were fully uniformed during the National Encampment, and they were recruited by the Department of Iowa to be part of the color guard and honor guard for the proceedings of the Encampment. Glen and Rudy also set up a Civil War Marine Corps display table for the information of our National delegates. The display was well received; and the giveaway Civil War era Marine Corps recruiting posters were quickly gobbled up by our visiting Brothers.

The Commanders are preparing the groundwork and historical background for a SVR Company that will represent the Civil War era Guard Company from the Mare Island Navy Yard in Vallejo, California. Their research has already produced copies of the original January 1863 roster of the Guard Company, along with a layout of the original barracks. All the

researched data will be added to the expanding display for the Marine Company.



The Company will consist of an active uniformed element and a supporting non-uniformed group. The initial formation of the Company will take place within the prevue of Camps 17, 2, and 21. Contact Glen or Rudy if you're interested in more information about the Marine Company.



by Daniel R. Earl Department Secretary-Treasurer

am pleased to report that the financial state of the Department of California and Pacific is strong and healthy. We are now halfway through the fiscal year and expenses have been kept to a minimum.

Thanks to all the Camp Secretaries who are processing the Camp Status Reports (Form-30s)

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and mailing them in to me. As you know, the forms are designed to be self-explanatory. However, there are occasionally inaccuracies with the per capita dues submitted with these forms. For new members, it is important to remember and include the \$5 application fee *in addition to* the Department and National per capita dues (PCD). The annual Department per capita dues amount is \$3.00. The annual National per capita dues amount is \$18. These dues are prorated on a quarterly basis, based on the month a member joins. The chart below better explains this.

in December, and the \$10.25 is submitted with a Form-30, he must still pay (via the Camp) his National and Department per capita dues for the new year beginning the next month.



Quarter	Month Member Joins	National PCD	Department PCD	TOTAL PCD
1 st Qtr.	January-March	\$18.00	\$3.00	\$21.00
2 nd Qtr.	April-June	\$13.50	\$2.25	\$15.75
3 rd Qtr.	July-September	\$9.00	\$1.50	\$10.50
4 th Qtr.	October-December	\$4.50	\$0.75	\$5.25

Here are some examples:

- ♦ 1st Quarter → If a Brother joins during the months of January, February, or March, his per capita dues is the full amount of \$18.00 for National, \$3.00 for the Department, with a total of \$21.00 plus the \$5.00 application fee. The total amount to be submitted for him is \$26.00.
- ❖ 2nd Quarter → If a Junior member joins in May, on the \$5.00 application fee need accompany the Form-30 since Juniors do not pay Department or National per capital dues.
- ❖ 3rd Quarter → If a Brother joins on September 28th, during the 3rd quarter, his per capita dues for National would be \$9.00 and for the Department \$1.50, for a total of \$10.50 plus the \$5.00 application fee for a grand total of \$15.50.
- ❖ 4th Quarter → If a Brother joins during the months of October, November, or December, his per capita dues is \$4.50 for National, 75¢ for Department for a total of \$5.25 plus the \$5.00 application fee for a grand total of \$10.25. Remember, even if a member joins

Please feel free to contact Department Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Earl via email at <u>danearl64@earthlink.net</u> with **ANY** questions about how to apply proper per capita dues amounts. He may be able to provide you some helpful hints with managing these payments



Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific! The Encampment will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, 2005 at Elks Lodge #22, located at 222 Elks Lane, in San Luis Obispo, California. This is the

same location at which the Encampment has been held over the past several years. Each Camp is encouraged to bring at least one item to donate for the Encampment fundraiser. Plans are still underway and further details will be announced as they become available.

Graveyard Marker Dedication

by Corky Reed

SANTA ROSA, CA – On Sat. Oct. 30, 2004 a grave marker dedication memorial took place for Col. James B. Armstrong at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery.

The Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth, SUVCW Camp 23 organized this special memorial. Camp 23 Chaplain Charles Christian was the master of ceremonies. American Civil War Association 69th NY Inf. under the direction of 1st Lt. Joe Gilbert provided Honor Guard Presentation. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Senior Vice Commander Charles J. Reed lead the Pledge Allegiance.

Attendance was estimated between 115-120.

CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY EVENT

by Corky Reed

he American Civil War Association will sponsor their annual Civil War Living History Event at Ft. Point San Francisco, CA Jan. 22, 2005. This event is free to the public!

All participants need arrive between 8:30 - 9:00 am to unload any gear for a display then park their vehicles at designated areas. Bring your own chairs and dress warm.

All SUVCW camps wishing to participate need to contact Brother Corky Reed of Camp 24 (email at ltcolreed@juno.com) with how many will be participating. SUVCW members wishing to participate in the flag raising and lowering ceremonies also need to inform Brother Reed as soon as possible. One needs to be dressed in proper Union uniform to participate in the flag ceremonies. Volunteers are needed for both the morning and afternoon ceremonies.

SUVCW members participating in the flag ceremonies will be escorted to 1st Lt. Joseph Gilbert at 9:30 a.m., who will instruct and inform all participants of their duties. At 9:50 a.m. members of the ACWA will form up and at 10:00 a.m. the flag raising will commence.

I wish to thank Pvt. Mike Musante, 20th Maine, for inviting the SUVCW to have a display and for inviting SUVCW members to participate in the flag ceremonies.



submitted by Kirby Morgan

have often wondered what information the California State Cemetery Office might have. While surveying Sheridan Cemetery in Placer County I found a well maintained sign giving the address of the State Cemetery Board. While in Sacramento on 20 April 2004 and ending our research on 39 California State Historical Landmark Plaques, Carol and I had a little time so drove off to the address given, as I knew the location. The State Cemetery Board had moved and no one at that location knew where. Finally a receptionist found an address which turned out to be another past location.

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Again, the sign information turned out to be 20 years old, though we were finally able to obtain a phone number. The next day we found the California Department of Consumer Affairs in a nice new massive building (less than a quarter of a mile from where we started our research at the Resources Building) at 400 R Street, Suite 3080 for the Cemetery Bureau. The acting receptionist was very nice behind her Plexiglas barrier and locked door. The Cemetery Office, over the years, has changed its name and now has been elevated to a Bureau.

Ninety-nine percent of the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau public contact is now handled through www.dca.gov/cemetery. Their Sacramento office is basically closed unless you have made a previous appointment with a specific person on a specific subject.

Currently the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau is a regulatory agency working with 200 large cemeteries and additional Funeral Homes. They do not have any available cemetery records, and what is available to the general public is on their web site.



All cemeteries that are 20 acres or smaller, historic, and abandoned cemeteries, are regulated to Counties to administer. Generally, Civil War Veterans burial information will be located in county or city records, historical or genealogical societies, and occasionally at county or specialty libraries. Funeral home records of many of the older mortuaries can be found in the historical/genealogical society libraries or special sections of libraries. If the funeral

home/mortuary was bought by another mortuary they sometimes incorporated the old records into their office files.

So, you now know there is not much, if any, help from the California State Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.

SUVCWMEMBERS RECEIVE UDCMEDAI,

t the recent Union Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Calif. Division, convention in Sacramento, CA, Charles Christian and Lou Olker of the Col. E.E. Ellsworth, Camp No. 23, SUVCW, Santa Rosa, CA were presented with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the General Robert S. Garnett Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Fairfield, CA. The medals were awarded for "Excellence in history, essay writing, declamation and any other points of special attainment in keeping with the organization's aims and purposes," and in the case of Mr. Christian "for researching, interpreting, and preserving our Confederate history through presentations and tours in the Santa Rosa old rural cemetery."



For the past 6 years Messrs. Olker and Christian have been a team in finding, researching, and where needed, ordering and placing grave markers on the graves of both U.S.

and CSA veterans whenever they are found. They were especially active in the old rural cemetery at Santa Rosa, CA, but also at other local cemeteries. In addition, both have participated in UDC/SCV activities as participants and/or speakers at meetings and wreath laying ceremonies for CSA veterans. They are not only authorized to wear the medal with their SUVCW attire, but were encouraged to do so by National SUVCW HQ to further their aim of encouraging friendship and cooperation between all civil war groups, north and south. It is understood that this medal is "not given lightly by the UDC" and is therefore all the more appreciated and cherished by both awardees.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CAMPS

ongratulations are extended to all of the members of the recently chartered Grant Camp No. 9. The Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9 of the SUVCW was established on June 16, 2004, and was named for the local Grand Army of the Republic post of the same name and number. The Gen. U. S. Grant Post 9, GAR was in turn named for Gen. Ulysses Simpson Grant (1822-1885), Civil War general and 18th President of the United States (1869-1877).



After much hard work and organizing, Brother Charles Gardali was able to organize this new Camp to serve the Modesto area of California. Following the chartering of the Camp it seemed only natural that Brother Gardali would be elected the Camp's Commander. Please take the time to send your personal congratulations to Brother Gardali and the Brothers of Camp 9.



Also in the works as far as new Camps go, is the pending charter for the proposed Patchin Camp No. 26 of Los Molinos. Brother John Patchin is the organizer for this Camp. At the moment Brothers are waiting for the approval of a few documents at National Headquarters and very soon hope to receive their charter.

Camp 12 Scholarship Fund

submitted by Camp Commander Leonard C. Becker

recipient of a scholarship by one of its Brothers. Brother William Jones presented a check, in the amount of \$5,000.00, to Commander Leonard C. Becker at a recent meeting. It is named for Brother Jones' Ancestor, The Captain William Lloyd Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Captain Jones, born 1 March 1830, was part of Company "G", 74th Missouri Infantry from August 1862 until March 1863. Out of necessity he resigned his commission due to Typhoid Fever. He recovered and lived to the ripe old age of 86 years passing away 1 March 1916. He was laid to rest in the Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA.

The Capt. Wm. L. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund is to be used to assist children of members in good standing of the William B. Keith, Camp 12, SUVCW, Elizabeth Benton Fremont, Tent 79, DUVCW, the local Ladies Auxiliary, SUVCW or the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). It is administered by a committee of three members from Camp 12. The individuals having some expertise in handling this type of account.

Cmdr Becker may be contacted at ka7yiy@juno.com for further details about the program.

Coulterville Cemetery Dedicates Civil War & Mexican War Graves

by Kirby Morgan

n Saturday, 30 October, under beautiful sunny skies, about 35 family and friends gathered at the Coulterville Cemetery to honor four men who fought in the Civil War and one Mexican War Veteran. Those honored for their Civil War service were Lias E. Austin, George B. Haigh, Richard Walsh and Joseph S. Coulter. Joseph's father, George W. Coulter was

honored for his Mexican-American War service.

This project started back in 2001 when I made a walk through of the Coulterville Cemetery and found Lias E. Austin as the only designated Civil War Veteran. It was great to find American Legion markers on all Veterans graves. Then in 2003, when visiting the Madera Museum I left my SUVCW business card, which found its way to Ed Wade, who is the great, grandson of Joseph S. Coulter and who was interested in marking his grave as a Civil War Veteran. While doing further research we found the additional Civil War Veterans and were able to honor these men also.

The honor guard for this event was made up of Camp 9 Commander Chuck Gardali, Brother Daniel Spancill, and four members of the Mariposa VFW: Neil Stonum, Dennis Blessing, Bob Boyer and Bob Todd. The Invocation was given by Derold Luther, Sr., Commander, Coulterville VFW. Also attending from SUVCW Camp 9 were Brothers Jim Brazelton and Rob Orr.



Ed Wade acted as master of ceremonies and I provided a brief welcome and memorial address. The program also included the poem "The Blue and The Gray" read by Wayne Bullis, Coulterville VFW. Mr. Wade presented a brief military history of all those veterans honored. The Mariposa VFW provided the Three-Volley Salute and Neil Stonum played Amazing Grace and then Taps at the conclusion of the program. Commander Luther provided the Benediction after which Ed and his wife, Merlin invited all in attendance to the Coulterville Community Building, the Historic Schoolhouse, for light refreshments.

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