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A Message from the Editor



Dear Brothers: Recently we lost a grand member of our Order. **BROTHER CHARLES J. "CORKY" REED, SVC** of Camp 24, left us this past September 23rd to join his Civil War ancestors in Heaven. In light of his unexpected passing, this edition of *The California Column* is dedicated to his memory.

On a lighter note, over the past several months I have been contacted about the

possibility of running camp-sponsored advertisements in *The California Column*. This could range from such things as simple event notices, camp meeting announcements, or perhaps even selling something for a fundraiser. At the moment, the ideas I've had submitted to me only include submissions from "Camps" not individual Brothers, however, all ideas are being explored. Please

contact me via email at <danearl64@earthlink.net> and let me know what you think of this proposal.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
DANIEL R. EARL, Editor and Publisher



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**DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER #1
PASSING OF BROTHER
CHARLES J. "CORKY" REED**

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 with a heavy heart that I report the death of current Department **COLOR BEARER CHARLES JOSEPH "CORKY" REED**. Brother **REED** passed away unexpectedly at his home in San Francisco, California on September 23rd, 2006 at the age of fifty-five years.

Section 2: Brother **REED** was a dedicated and long-time SUVCW member, claiming his eligibility for membership from his ancestors, the **REED** brothers (**ELLIS, WILLIAM** and **JEREMIAH**), who served in the 134th New York Infantry and 7th New York Heavy Artillery. He was a charter member of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 and Company G, 1st California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve. He was currently serving as the Senior Vice Commander of Camp No. 24 and Department Color Bearer. Brother **REED** was also a past Department Patriotic Instructor and past Commander of the Sixth Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 3: A memorial service, led by the SUVCW, will be held on Saturday, November 4th, 2006 at 2:00 pm at Duggan's Funeral Service, 3434 17th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110. Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders are encouraged to attend, as are friends in the Civil War and Indian Wars communities.

Section 4: It is hereby ordered that the Department Charter, Camp Charters, and membership badges within the Department of California and Pacific be draped in black from the date of this General Order until the date of Brother **REED'S** memorial service (November 4, 2006).

Section 5: It is further ordered that the Department of California and Pacific's information booth at the upcoming "Civil War Revisited" reenactment at Kearney Park in Fresno, California on October 21-22, 2006 shall be known as "Camp Corky Reed" in honor of our departed Brother.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord two



Charles J. "Corky" Reed
2006 – Ft. Point, San Francisco, CA

thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California by **TAD D. CAMPBELL**, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of:
/s/ Tad D. Campbell
Department Commander
Dept. of California and Pacific

ATTEST: By:
/s/ J. Thomas Smith
Department Secretary-Treasurer

CAMP 4 RECEIVES MOST OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD

The 125th National Encampment, held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania this past August was one of the most successful National Encampments in history. Attendance was the highest in twenty-five years with over 225 Brothers present. Highlights included tours of Gettysburg and the National Civil War Museum.



During the session of the Encampment when Commander-in-Chief **DON DARBY** was presenting awards, the Brothers of California and Pacific were shocked to hear (even doubting themselves at first) that the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was being called on. Much to everyone's amazement, Camp 4 had just been named recipient of the prestigious **2006 Abraham Lincoln Most Outstanding Camp Award**. Only one such award is issued each year, at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, after he reviews activities of the several hundred Camps in the Order. Accepting the award on behalf of Camp 4 was Camp **COMMANDER DANIEL R. EARL**. "Camp 4 is not only highly honored to have received this award, but grateful and humbled for being recognized as the best Camp

in the Order," EARL remarked after accepting the award.



Daniel R. Earl CC, Rick LaRosa JVC, Tad Campbell DC, Dan Bunnell PDC



A TRIBUTE TO BOB HOPE AND THE MILITARY REVISITED

by
Bob Lowe, PDC

As you all remember, the Dept. of California & Pacific (individually and collectively) contributed generously to this tribute several years ago. The project has finally came to fruition seven years after the idea was introduced.



On 25 Oct. 2006, the unveiling and dedication of the "Tribute to Bob Hope and the Military" took place on the shoreline of San Diego Bay - next to the aircraft carrier/museum USS Midway. I was honored and pleased to represent the SUVCW on this occasion. The memorial itself is represented by 15 bronze statues, each depicting a serviceman of various ranks, branches of service and conflicts awaiting the arrival of Bob Hope.



Among the over 300 attendees, were several celebrities, local, state and military dignitaries. Naturally, a military color guard was present and the Marine Corps Band performed. Those of you old enough, will recognize me being photographed with actress Connie Stevens, who was instrumental in promoting and moving forward this fine tribute from the beginning. Being the glory hog that I am, I couldn't resist also having my photo taken with the "Gold Diggers" of the old Dean Martin TV Show.



This was a wonderful day and a well-deserved tribute to Bob Hope, the only American citizen to be accorded the title "Honorary Veteran" in 1997. This memorial is yet another jewel in the crown that is the San Diego Bay shoreline.



GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 Series 2006-2007

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1. Recent events have demonstrated that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Lincoln Death Day Association have different objectives and goals.
2. As a result, it has been determined that the Order shall no longer assist the Association in their Lincoln Death Day ceremonies and shall withdraw all financial and other support.
3. Any permission for the Association to use our name, symbols, badges or other protected items is withdrawn. Any brother participating in future operations of the Association are doing so individually and not as a member of the Order.
4. Pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article IV, Section 6, brothers Robert Graham

and Jon Austin are hereby removed from the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.

5. Brothers Nick Kaup and Ed Krieser, PCinC, are hereby appointed to the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.

6. Pursuant to the job description of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ceremonies to pay tribute to our 16th President and remember his death, shall be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

7. As the observances began as and have traditionally continued as a cooperative effort between this Order and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, efforts will be taken towards the formation of a joint committee to continue these observances as it was always intended.

Ordered this 23rd day of October, 2006
By Order of: James B. Pahl
Commander-in-Chief

Attested: Michael Bennett
National Secretary



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4
Series 2006-2007

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1. On October 31, 2006 , President George W. Bush issued a Proclamation, urge all Americans to observe November 5 through November 11, 2006 , as National Veterans Awareness Week. The proclamation states in part: "I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to support and participate in patriotic activities in

their communities. I invite civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, businesses, unions, and the media to support this national observance with commemorative expressions and programs."

- I call upon my brothers to take appropriate measures to honor those within our Order who have honorably served our country in our armed forces, to remember our brothers now serving in our military forces around the world today and to appropriately observe Veteran's Day and National Veterans Awareness Week.
- To our veterans, I say thank you for your service to defend our freedoms.
- I direct the full Proclamation of our President, be posted on our Order's web site.

Ordered this 3rd day of November, 2006
By Order of: James B. Pahl
Commander-in-Chief

Attested: Michael Bennett
National Secretary



Co. G, 5th Calif. Vol. Infantry, SVR
Jerry Sayre, Glen Roosevelt, Deane Poole.
Will Tisch. Bob Lowe

Rev. Clark Seum Recognized for Years of Service

(reprinted from *Sheridan's Dispatch*, vol. 7, issue 2)

Camp 4's Chaplain, **REV. CLARK SEUM** of San José, was recognized by **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JAMES PAHL**, for his outstanding service to the Order and to his community. **REV. SEUM** has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over fifty-two years and has served as Chaplain at both the Department and Camp level. **CLARK** is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He also serves the community as a volunteer police chaplain, comforting strangers at some of the most difficult times.



On behalf of **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PAHL**, **REV. SEUM** was presented with a Meritorious Service Award by Past Department Commander **DANIEL M. BUNNELL**. Rev. Seum has been ill recently and the award was quite a surprise and greatly lifted his spirits

The Department of California
 and Pacific Welcomes
 the
William T. Sherman
Camp 28

The William T. Sherman Camp 28 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established on July 24, 2006, and was

named for William Tecumseh Sherman (February 8, 1820 - February 14, 1891), an American soldier, educator, and author. He served as a general in the United States Army during the American Civil War (1861-65), receiving both recognition for his outstanding command of military strategy, and criticism for the harshness of the "scorched earth" policies he implemented in conducting total war against the enemy. Military historian Basil Liddell Hart famously declared that Sherman was "the first modern general."

Sherman served under General Ulysses S. Grant in 1862 and 1863 during the campaigns that led to the fall of the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg on the Mississippi River and culminated with the routing of the Confederate armies in the state of Tennessee. In 1864, Sherman succeeded Grant as the Union commander in the western theater of the war. He proceeded to lead his troops to the capture of the city of Atlanta, a military success that contributed decisively to the re-election of President Abraham Lincoln. Sherman's subsequent march through Georgia and the Carolinas further undermined the Confederacy's ability to continue fighting. He accepted the surrender of all the Confederate armies in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida in April 1865.

After the Civil War, Sherman became Commanding General of the Army (1869-83). As such, he was responsible for the conduct of the Indian Wars in the western United States. He steadfastly refused to be drawn into politics and in 1875 published his *Memoirs*, one of the best-known firsthand accounts of the Civil War.

[ED NOTE: At the time of publication the editor had not yet received a list of officers or meeting schedules from Camp 28.]



U. S. Grant Hotel Re-Opens in San Diego

by

Bob Lowe, PDC

Exactly ninety-six years after its original dedication, the U. S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, CA was rededicated following a one hundred million dollar purchase and renovation by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. This magnificent high-end hotel in the heart of the city has been returned to the original opulence present October 15, 1910, at which time it was dedicated by builder-owner Ulysses S. Grant Jr. to the memory of his father. **CHAIRMAN DAN TUCKER** of the Kumeyaay Nation found it only fitting that, as Grant had provided his people with reservation land while President, we were able to honor his memory in returning the hotel in its splendor to the City of San Diego.



Tom Helmantoler, Will Tisch, Mim Selgren (GG Granddaughter of Grant), Dave Allyn, and Bob Lowe

A full block of 3rd Avenue was cordoned off for the ceremony, which was attended by many dignitaries. Among others, California LT.

GOVERNOR CRUZ BUSTAMANTE, San Diego **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**, and Congress members **BRIAN BRIBRAY** and **SUSAN DAVIS** were present. Company G, 5th California Infantry, SVR was honored to be selected to provide the color guard for the rededication ceremony. The presenting of the colors was preceded by four members of the ASUVCW in period attire. An additional honor was to meet and chat with the Great-great granddaughter of U.S. Grant, **MIM SELGREN**. As the ceremony came to its conclusion, bugles blew, doves were released, confetti dropped from the sky like rain and a huge ribbon surrounding the hotel was pulled down.



Bob Lowe, Will Tisch, Dave Allyn, Tom Helmantoler
Company G, 5th CA Color Guard
Lobby of the U.S. Grant Hotel

Members of the color guard, who are also with the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 were, **DAVE ALLYN**, **TOM HELMANTOLER**, **BOB LOWE** and **WILL TISCH**. Supporting and assisting from the ASUVCW were **BRENDA BOUCHER**, **CHERYL REYNOLDS**, **ROSEMARY LOWE** and **EILEEN TISCH**.

At the ceremony's end, all were invited into the hotel, where strawberries in champagne were served and self-guided tours of the public areas were allowed. Hung on a prominent wall was a rare and valuable painting of U.S. Grant.

Veterans Honored in San José, California

Veterans throughout the country were honored this past November 11th. Honoring those who serve, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) sponsored the 88th Annual Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Parade. The parade's Grand Marshal was Lt. Colonel Frank Kappeler (USAF, ret). Kappeler was a navigator with the 34th Bomb Squadron and flew with the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders in 1942.



Led by Paul Lavrischeff; color guard: US-Dave Schleeter, Dept. Flag-Tad Campbell, Camp 4-Daniel Earl; Co. C, 8th CVI-Karen Lavrischeff; guards: Rick LaRosa & Don Pray

The Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, a member organization of the United Veterans Council, participated in the Veterans Day Parade with its SVR unit. Company C, of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry once again marched down the streets of San José as it did some 145 years ago.



The parade detail included not only members of Co. C, 8th CVI, and CC TIMOTHY REESE and PCC ROBERT NELSON (Camp 10), but also ladies of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 and the Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-65. Accompanying the color guard were the ERICKSONS playing their fifes and CHRISTOPHER AVILA of the ACWA on the drum.

Although this was a "forward moving" parade, official made one exception – for Camp 4 – allowing us to stop in front of the reviewing stand and permitting our firing detail (coordinated by then-1st Sgt. Frank Avila) to fire an astounding volley that shook windows and set off car alarms for miles around the downtown area.

SUVCW Embroidered Patches

Small 2¹/₄ inch oval for use on any piece of clothing, back packs, athletic bags, etc.



Royal blue twill base with words and banner in white. The center emblem design, with the eagle, is made with a shiny gold thread.

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“Christmas Day”

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