



Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837 – 1861)

THE BUGLE

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Annual Lincoln Dinner is a Success

On February 12th, the members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Aux. #23 gathered once again at the historic Washoe House to celebrate the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. We were joined by members of Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. #52, members of Co. "G" 20th Maine Volunteers, the North Bay Civil War Round Table, the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee, and other interested folks from the community. Having so many guests added immensely to the celebration, and we thank them all for joining us!

Forty people attended, doubling our record attendance from last year. Following dinner, we enjoyed a Lincoln birthday cake furnished by **Dave and Ann Schleeter**, and shared our favorite stories about our late President. The room was decorated by our Auxiliary members, giving a patriotic and festive atmosphere to the old inn.

The Washoe House was a refreshment stop for the Petaluma militia in 1865, as they marched north intending to silence outspoken Southern sympathizers at Santa Rosa after Lincoln's death.

Top Award at Cloverdale Parade

Thanks to reinforcements from Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary #52, and our friends in the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 received the Parade Sweepstakes Award (the top parade award) for our entry in the 2010 Cloverdale Citrus Fair parade. This was our first time marching in this event, so receiving the trophy was a special surprise. As we started our march down Cloverdale Boulevard, we knew something was up. Two young ladies with a banner stepped into the lead in front of our own banner, but we couldn't see what it said. It wasn't until after the parade that we discovered they were our escort, presenting us to the viewers as the Sweepstakes award winner!

The event took place on Saturday, February 13, at Cloverdale (Sonoma County). The theme for this year's parade was "Salute to the US Military." The parade coincided with the 118th annual Cloverdale Citrus Fair, California's first fair of the year. See our Scrapbook for photo highlights!



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Scrapbook

Scenes from our annual Lincoln Dinner, held February 12 at the Washoe House, near Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Joining Camp #23 and Auxiliary #23 were members of Camp #4, Auxiliary #52, members of the North Bay Civil War Round Table, members of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee, members of the American Civil War Association's 20th Maine Volunteers, local historians, and other folks interested in celebrating Abe Lincoln's birthday.



L to R: Tom and Bev Graham, Emelia Campbell with parents Rachele and Tad Campbell, Kim and David Buckley, and Elisabeth and Richard Gray.



Mary Lou Christian sharing her Abe Lincoln story.



L to R: Pat Everette, Norma Cornell, Donna Pedvin and her guest, Barney and Kathleen Hays, and Judy and Tom Lubas.



L to R: Charles Christian, Cali Debevoise, Elaine Christian, Lou Olker, Don VanAuker, Rebekah Thomas, Ray Owen, and Mary Lou Christian.



The Lincoln birthday cake and decorations.



Lincoln and GAR memorabilia on exhibit.



Scrapbook

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More 2010 Lincoln Dinner photos!



L to R: Kevin Mowrey, Frank Avila, Jamin Gjerman, Mace Gjerman, Ann Schleeter, Dave Schleeter, Cindy Eddy.



Tom Lubas (N. Bay Civil War Round Table) telling a Lincoln tale.



L to R: Linn and Maria Malaznik, Paul and Rose Sofranko, Pam and Chuck Seakamp, Ron and Katherine Cannon.



Richard and Elisabeth Gray.

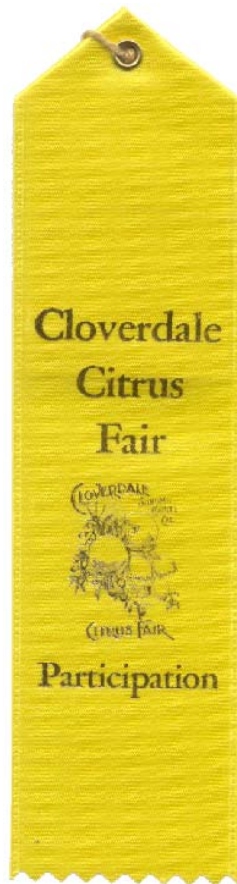


Members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23. L to R: Mary Lou Christian, Pat Everette, Cindy Eddy, Rachelle Campbell, Ann Schleeter, Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian, and Cali Debovoise.



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On Saturday, February 13th, members of Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 teamed up with our friends from Phil Sheridan Camp #4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. #52, along with reinforcements from Company "G" of the 20th Maine Volunteers, in the annual Cloverdale Citrus Fair parade. Bro. **Tom Graham** (Commander, Camp #4) filmed our triumphant march down Cloverdale Boulevard. Below and to the right are screen shots from Tom's video.



Front Row (ladies). L to R: Elaine Christian (Aux. #23), Ann Schleeter (President, Aux. #23), Cali Debevoise (Aux. #23), Cindy Eddy (Aux. #23 & #52), Elisabeth Gray (Aux. #52, also 20th Maine member), Katherine Cannon (Aux. #23), and Rachele Campbell (Aux. Dept. President, Aux. #23 and #52 member).
Back Row (gentlemen). L to R: Dan Cheli (20th Maine), Dave Schleeter (Past Commander, Camps #4 and #23), Dean Enderlin (Commander, Camp #23, holding trophy with Ann Schleeter), Frank Avila (Past Commander, Camp #4, also a 20th Maine member), Richard Gray (Camp #4 and 20th Maine member), Ron Cannon (Past Commander, Camp #23), and Tad Campbell (Camp #4, Past Department Commander) holding daughter Emelia Campbell.

Commander's Corner

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

Thanks everyone for the compliments and encouragement in response to the relaunch of Camp 23's newsletter. We look forward to publishing regularly! This — our second issue — is packed with news, so it looks like we will have no problem finding items to report!

The month of May is upon us, and that means preparations for Memorial Day. Our Camp did a tremendous job last year, participating in three ceremonies (two on the federal holiday and one on May 30th). I expect we'll be plenty busy again this year!

Here's a bit of historical trivia: The G.A.R. and Allied Orders made a special exception in years like this when May 30th fell on a Sunday. The Sunday before May 30th was traditionally set aside as "Memorial Sunday," when members gathered for a special service at a local church (locations varied from year to year). Most Posts in our area did this. When May 30th fell on a Sunday, the church service was held on that day and the decoration of graves was postponed until the following day (this policy was established by the G.A.R. at the National Encampment in 1870). This year's federal holiday falls on Monday, May 31, so 2010 is one of those rare years when the modern holiday and the "traditional" holiday coincide.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



Dean A. Enderlin
Camp Commander

Remembering our Past

With spring in the air, our Camp's professed "incurable romantic," **Donald VanAuker**, couldn't resist sharing one of his favorite Civil War love letters!

A shortened version of this letter from Maj. Sullivan Ballou to his wife, Sarah Hunt Shumway Ballou, was recited in Ken Burns' PBS series, *The Civil War* (1990). Sadly, the letter was never mailed. It was found in his personal effects and delivered to Sarah after his death.



Maj. Sullivan Ballou
1829 – 1861

*July 14, 1861
Camp Clark, Washington*

My very dear Sarah:

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days - perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more.

Our movements may be of a few days duration and full of pleasure - and it may be one of some conflict and death to me. "Not my will, but thine, O God be done." If it is necessary that I should fall on the battle field for my Country, I am ready.

I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans on the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution. And I am willing - perfectly willing - to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt.

But my dear wife, when I know that with my own joys, I lay down nearly all of yours, and replace them in this life with cares and sorrows, when after having eaten for long years the bitter fruits of orphanage myself, I

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Sullivan Ballou

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must offer it as the only sustenance to my dear little children, is it weak or dishonorable, that while the banner of my forefathers floats calmly and fondly in the breeze, underneath my unbounded love for you, my darling wife and children should struggle in fierce, though useless contests with my love of Country.

I cannot describe to you my feelings on this calm Summer Sabbath night, when two-thousand men are sleeping around me, many of them enjoying perhaps the last sleep before that of death, while I am suspicious that death is creeping around me with his fatal dart, as I sit communing with God, my Country and thee. I have sought most closely and diligently and often in my heart for a wrong motive in thus hazarding the happiness of those I love, and I could find none. A pure love of my Country and of the principles I have so often advocated before the people - another name of Honor that I love more than I fear death, has called upon me and I have obeyed.

Sarah my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and burns me unresistably on with all these chains to the battle field.

The memories of the blissful moments I have spent with you come creeping over me, and I feel most gratified to God and to you that I have enjoyed them so long. And hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together, and seen our sons grown up to honorable manhood, around us. I have, I know, but few and small claims upon Divine Providence, but something whispers to me - perhaps it is the wafted prayer of my little Edgar, that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not my dear Sarah, never forget how much I love you, and when my last breath escapes me on the battle field, it will whisper your name. Forgive my many faults, and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless and foolish I have often times been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness, and struggle with all the misfortunes of this world to shield you, and your children from harm. But I cannot. I must watch you from the Spirit-land and hover near you, while you buffet the storm, with your precious little freight, and wait with sad patience, till we meet to part no more.

But, O Sarah! if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you; in the gladdest days and in the darkest nights, advised to your happiest scenes and gloomiest hours, always, always, and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, as the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again.

As for my little boys - they will grow up as I have done, and never know a father's love and care. Little Willie is too young to remember me long - and my blue eyed Edgar will keep my frolicks with him among the dim memories of childhood. Sarah I have unlimited confidence in your maternal care and your development of their characters, and feel that God will bless you in your holy work.

Tell my two Mothers I call God's blessing upon them. O! Sarah I wait for you there; come to me and lead thither my children.

Sullivan

Footnote by Don VanAuker:

Major Ballou was with the 2nd Rhode Island which suffered heavily at the battle of First Bull Run. Ninety-three of its men were killed, wounded and missing. He was too badly wounded to move during the Federal retreat and was left behind in the care of army surgeons who amputated Ballou's shattered leg. He died on July 28, 1861. When the Confederates abandoned Manassas, Union forces tried to find the bodies left to be reburied. They discovered a macabre atrocity by Confederate troops to Major Ballou's remains. To read more go to "Sullivan Ballou: The Macabre Fate of an American Major."

The Lightning Sword – A Well-grounded Story

By Ronald Cannon, PCC (Special to *The Bugle*)



The “Lightning Sword” next to Joseph Rea’s headstone, Russian River Cemetery, Ukiah, Mendocino County. Photo by Ronald Cannon, March 28, 2010.

On 18 June 1865 a freak accident occurred involving members of the 152nd Illinois Infantry, stationed at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Regimental Surgeon Hiram S. Plummer described the event:

About two o’clock p.m., a violent thunderstorm visited us...While the old guard was being turned out to receive the new guard, a blinding flash of lightning was seen, accompanied instantly by a terrible peal of thunder. The whole of the old guard, together with part of the new guard, were thrown violently to the earth. The shock was so severe and sudden that in most cases the rear rank men were thrown across the front rank men.¹

Private Jeremiah Cooley of Co. C was killed outright and thirty-two others were injured. Among the wounded was 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Nelson Rea. Lt. Rea had his 1850 foot officer’s sword at his side at the time of the lightning strike and received a burn to his hip. The family relates that he was a short man (though at five foot eight he hardly ranks as a midget) and that his sword was touching the ground when the lightning struck. Dr. Plummer initially “thought that Lieutenant Rea of Co. E, would not live.”² But live he did.

Joseph Nelson Rea was born in Ripley County, Indiana 28 November 1844. Family tradition states that after a relative was killed when Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan came through Indiana in 1863, Joseph enlisted. He first joined a 100-day unit, the 136th Illinois Infantry on 19 May 1864, serving as a sergeant in Co. F. Mustered out on 22 October he next enlisted in Co. E, 152nd Illinois Infantry. It was while his regiment was guarding the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad at Tullahoma that he had his brush with the forces of nature. He recovered from the incident, though he walked with a limp the rest of his life, and was mustered out with the regiment at Memphis on 11 September 1865.

Rea returned to Clay County, Illinois for the next few years, marrying Mary J. Eddy there 26 November 1868. The following year he and his wife migrated to California, settling in Ukiah, where he clerked in a store. He was involved mostly in merchandising in Potter Valley and Round Valley over the next few years. After a stint as county supervisor from 1891 to 1895 he was elected county treasurer, serving from 1897 to 1905. His last venture was as cashier of the Mendocino Bank of Commerce. He died in Ukiah 6 June 1916.³

Joseph Rea kept the sword which he felt grounded him and saved his life. Before it darkened with age a heat mark was apparently visible on the blade. It was passed down in the family over the years and is still in the possession of his descendants in Ukiah.



JOSEPH NELSON REA

¹ “Shocking Calamity,” *Chicago Tribune*, 26 June 1865.

² *Ibid.*

³ Aurelius O. Carpenter and Percy H. Millberry, *History of Mendocino and Lake Counties, California...* (Los Angeles, Cal.: Historic Record Co., 1914), 937-938. Joseph Nelson Rea obituary, *Ukiah Republican Press*, 9 June 1916.

Nurse Ivy's Log

News from Ivy Stiers Auxiliary, No. 23
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



President's Perspective

Greetings Everyone! It was wonderful celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Department of California and Pacific of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in San Luis Obispo! What a well-organized event and a fun encampment for all who attended. **Rachelle Campbell**, our Department Auxiliary President, with her continued hard work and many supporters from the Department and National put on a very enjoyable and productive Encampment. We are very fortunate as an organization to have **Nancy Greenwalt Hilton**, our National President, and many dignitaries from National come join us on our 100th Anniversary. We are still a very young department and to have ladies from National show us the right way to conduct a meeting is very much appreciated.

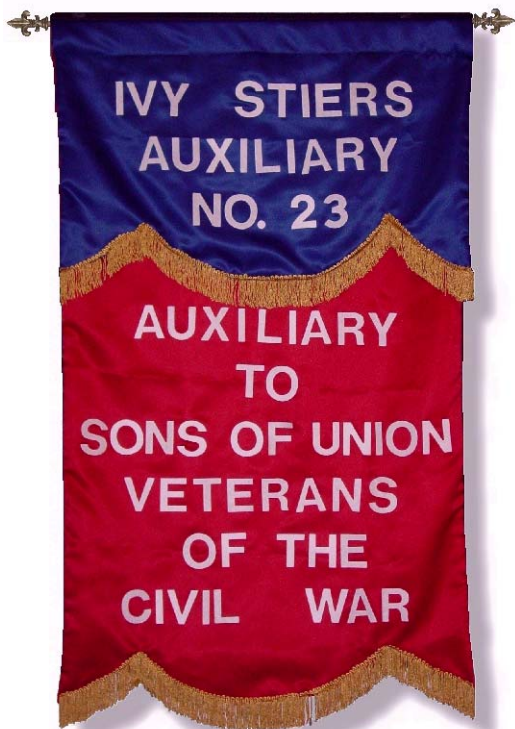


I also want to thank Rachelle for guiding me as President the past year. There is still so much to learn! And thank you to Commander **Dean Enderlin** for his leadership and his help in the Auxiliary. And thank you again for the wonderful ladies in the Auxiliary for all your ideas and goals for the Auxiliary... We are sure a great team!

A big goal for our Auxiliary this year is recruitment as stated in the last meeting; we welcome new ideas from everyone. So please speak up and let us hear from you!

In F, C, & L,

Ann Schleeter, President
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New Auxiliary Banner!

As depicted on this page is a picture of our new Auxiliary #23 banner. At the Centennial Celebration of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of California and Pacific Auxiliary Encampment, each auxiliary received a beautiful banner. Our Auxiliary Department Vice –President **Melinie Prosk-Caines**, AP (Aux. #2) spent many hours designing, cutting, and sewing each banner in time for display and use at our 100th Encampment. We want to thank Melinie for this wonderful gift to our Auxiliary #23. We appreciate your hard work in making this banner for us, Melinie! This banner will be very useful for future events in our auxiliary.

Thanks again!

Remembering Kari



Rose Planting Ceremony

On April 10, 2010, Aux. #23 gathered at the grave of our namesake, Ivy Stiers, at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, to plant a rose in memory of Sister **Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey**. Members of Ellsworth Camp #23 and the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee's "Rose Brigade" (led by **Sandy Frary**), assisted. Kari loved roses, especially red ones, so a red variety called *Lichterloh* was selected. The name is a German word roughly meaning "radiantly ablaze." It is a fitting name for this rose that will be entered in the Cemetery register as *Kari's Rose*.

Our ceremony included the reading of Kari's biography (reprinted at right) by AP **Ann Schleeter**, words from Aux. Chaplain **Katherine Cannon** (including a lovely poem), and the ceremonial placing of flowers next to Ivy Stiers' grave.



Kari *

Our dearly departed sister Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey was born in Havre, Montana in 1964. She attended Brighton High School in Brighton, Colorado. Her interests included reading anything where she could learn something new. She had interests on the Native American rituals, dance, and anything about different cultures. Her husband, Kevin, went to the same high school in Colorado. It was at their 20th high school reunion where they were re-united and after two months, they were married on October 15, 2002. They later settled in Valley Ford, California.

Kevin once asked Kari why she had such an interest in the Civil War. Kari felt that the members in our Civil War groups, Auxiliary #23 and Camp #23 were like her family. Since she herself was adopted, she adopted our organization as her family and she meant that, because she felt everyone was her family. Kari was also interested in writing books. She was in the process of writing two books to help other adoptees cope and find their birth families. Because of her love for reading, no matter where Kari went, she had a book in her hands. In fact she often fell asleep in bed reading a current book of her interest. Another pastime for Kari is that she liked to listen to meditation music on her mp3 player.

Kari was a Charter member of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23. She was Vice President of Ivy Stiers, and she was also Trustee of the Department of California and Pacific.

Our dearly departed sister, Kari, passed away too soon on March 9, 2009. Kari was a well-liked person, easy going individual, and was always open with the world of knowledge. She had given a lot of herself when she was alive and it was unfortunate she was taken away too soon. She was surely missed by all who knew her.

Kevin has requested everyone to always honor Kari Lynn. Today, we honor Kari with the planting of a rose.

* As read at the rose planting ceremony by Auxiliary President Ann Schleeter





Patriotic Points

by **Dean Enderlin**

Patriotic Instructor, Dept. of California & Pacific

With Memorial Day fast approaching, we will soon be preparing to recite General John A. Logan’s Order No. 11, which proclaimed the day in 1868. His heartfelt words stir our hearts each time it is read. Equally moving are the words of General Logan’s wife, Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan, who commented on the outcome of her husband’s order in an article published in the *Los Angeles Times* on May 30, 1903. Mrs. Logan’s commentary is reprinted below:

“Time has shown how well that order has been obeyed, and although the observance of the day has grown as the years have glided into the past and every city and hamlet in the country assists in the noble work, the eyes of the nation are every year centered upon the great national cemetery on the Heights of Arlington where, lying under the emerald lawns and shaded by the great trees, are the bodies in whose honor the day was inaugurated. Nearby the graves of the men who wore the blue are hundreds of mounds that cover all that was mortal of those who wore the gray, and it is one of the most beautiful traits of forgiving humanity that none of them are overlooked on the most sacred day in the American calendar. In Dixie they garland with one hand the mounds above the ashes of the northern soldiers while with the other they strew beautiful blossoms on the graves of their own heroes. We of the north do the same, for they were all heroes, each dying for the cause he thought was right. They gave their all to prove their sincerity, and they all died true Americans whatever their political affiliations may have been....”

Dates to Remember

- May 01 — Loyalty Day
- May 09 — Mother’s Day
- May 15 — Armed Forces Day
- May 30 — Memorial Sunday
- May 31 — Memorial Day
- June 14 — Flag Day
- June 20 — Father’s Day
- July 04 — Independence Day

Annual Dept. Encampment – San Luis Obispo

Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 were well represented at this year’s Department of California and Pacific encampment, held at San Luis Obispo, California. The encampment convened on March 13, 2010. Camp #23 attendees were CC **Dean Enderlin**, PCC **Charles Christian**, and PCC **Dave Schleeter**. Auxiliary attendees were AP **Ann Schleeter**, **Cindy Eddy**, **Mary Lou Christian**, **Elaine Christian**, **Cali Debevoise**, and DP **Rachelle Campbell**.



Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 members at the Department Encampment. L to R: Mary Lou Christian, Dept. Chaplain Ann Schleeter, Dept. President Rachelle Campbell, Dept. Patriotic Instructor Cindy Eddy, and Dept. Council #2 Elaine Christian. Not shown: Cali Debevoise.

Serving as Department officers at the encampment were **Dean Enderlin** (Department Guard), **Rachelle Campbell** (Department President), and **Ann Schleeter** (Department Chaplain). **Cindy Eddy** acted as Department Patriotic Instructor *pro tem*. The encampment was once again held at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo (a California National Guard training facility, located west of town). The encampment commenced with an impressive joint opening ceremony that included the presentation of visiting National officials. Upon conclusion of the opening ceremonies, the Sons and Auxiliary retired to their respective meeting rooms to conduct business.

This was an especially noteworthy year for the Auxiliary as the Department of California and Pacific celebrated its 100th anniversary. Congratulations to the ladies for reaching this milestone!

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Coming Events . . .

CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY AND REGULAR MEETING

Veterans' Plots – Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery
Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa
Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday May 20, 2010
<http://www.northbaycwrt.com/>

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Ukiah Scouts Breakfast
Saturday, May 29, 2010 Time TBA

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

(plans to be announced)
Monday, May 31, 2010

FLAG DAY WEEKEND EVENT

Tulocay Cemetery, Napa
Saturday, June 12, 2010 Time TBA

INDEPENDENCE DAY

(plans to be announced)
Sunday, July 4, 2010

COLMO DEL RODEO PARADE

Salinas, Monterey County, California
8:00 p.m. step-off
Saturday, July 10, 2010

CIVIL WAR DAYS

Duncan's Mills, Sonoma County
July 17 – 18, 2010
<http://www.civilwardays.net/>

“Come to Kansas – where the Civil War began!”

Where: Overland Park, Kansas
When: August 12 - 15, 2010

More information and registration forms:

<http://www.suvcw.org/encampment/2010/Kansas2010.htm>



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LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Join Lincoln Camp #10 in the **2010 Colmo del Rodeo Parade** **Salinas, Monterey County, California** *Celebrating 100 Years of Tradition* **July 10, 2010**

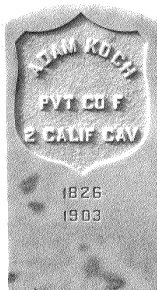
Information: Bro. Tim Reese, PCC
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KEEP THEIR MEMORIES GREEN!

Please consider a donation to support our ongoing program to mark the forgotten graves of Civil War veterans.



For Information please contact: camp23@suvpac.org

Recent Projects:

- 2008 – Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery – Pvt. Charles Cook, Co. F, 1 NE Cav.
- 2008 – Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery – Pvt. John W. Clanton, 30 TX Cav. (C.S.A.)
- 2009 – St. Helena Public Cemetery – Pvt. Adam Koch, Co. F, 2 CA Cav.
- 2010 – St. Helena Public Cemetery – Sgt. Anderson C. Bagwell, Co. I, 12 TN Cav.
- 2010 – St. Helena Public Cemetery – Pvt. Charles Kray, Co. K, 4 OH Cav. (pending)

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- Trustee..... (To Be Announced)
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WE'RE ON THE WEB!:
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Annual Dept. Encampment (cont'd)

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Elected and appointed Department officers for the new term include several of our Camp #23 and Auxiliary #23 members. For the Camp, **Dean Enderlin** was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor. For the Auxiliary, **Rachele Campbell** was elected to her third term as Department President, **Ann Schleeter** was re-elected as Department Chaplain, **Cindy Eddy** was elected Department Patriotic Instructor, and **Elaine Christian** was elected Department Council #2. **Dean Enderlin** also received a certificate of appreciation from Department Commander **Charlie Mable** for “outstanding Service and Effort” in “the area of Graves and Memorials Registration.”

At the conclusion of the encampment the attendees adjourned to the old Mission Cemetery in San Luis Obispo, where tributes of respect were paid at the graves of 1st Calif. Native Cavalry veterans Jose A. Romero and Jose V. Olivas. Camp #23 Brothers **Dave Schleeter** and **Dean Enderlin** served in the color guard, while Aux. #23 Sister **Ann Schleeter** delivered part of the oratory as Department Chaplain, and Sister **Rachele Campbell** helped place a wreath as Department President.



Our display at the encampment.

Special thanks goes to our Auxiliary members who assembled a beautiful display to showcase our activities. It was placed in the lobby at the encampment and received a lot of attention!

Thanks everyone for representing your Camp and Auxiliary so well!



About the SUVCW

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was named after the original Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Post in Santa Rosa, which in turn was named for Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837-1861). The current Camp was organized in 1996, and was originally a provisional Camp under the name "Col. Wesley Brainard Camp." Brother Steve Martin was the Commander during this provisional period. Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 was chartered on 20 March 1999.

The Camp serves Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties, east of US 101, and Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, & Napa counties (See map at right).

