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COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP NO. 23
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SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA



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

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Another Parade First!



For the Fourth of July the past few years, members of Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 marched in the Independence Day parade in Redwood City (assisting our Brothers and Sisters in Camp 4 and Auxiliary 52). This year, we decided to try something a little closer to home, so we entered the Silverado Parade, held at Calistoga as a part of the Napa County Fair. Our marchers did a fantastic job for our first time at this parade, winning first place for the Color Guard!

Participants were AP **Ann Schleeter**, **Cindy Eddy** and **Tiana Gjerman**; PCC **Dave Schleeter** and CC **Dean Enderlin**, color bearers; **Dan Cheli** (20th Maine Volunteers), **Mace Gjerman**, and **Jamin Gjerman** as our armed escort. The day was hot, the pace was fast, but we made it through with flying colors (literally)! Pictured at left is our Silverado Parade trophy with the Cloverdale Citrus parade trophy behind it. Quite a collection!

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Memorial Day at Calistoga

Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 once again observed Memorial Day (May 31) at Calistoga, teaming up with the members of Calistoga's American Legion Post 231. Our observance was divided into two ceremonies. The first took place at Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, where we performed a simple traditional ceremony at the G.A.R. plot. The site features a historic wooden monument "to the unknowns," pictured at right with AP **Ann Schleeter** standing alongside. The second ceremony was held at the recently completed Calistoga Veterans Memorial located at Logvy Park. One of the highlights of the cemetery ceremony was the assembly of Camp and Auxiliary members on opposite sides of the G.A.R. plot as the roll of honor of the 23 known Civil War veterans buried at Calistoga was read. It

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Scrapbook

Photos from Memorial Day weekend.



Scouts Alex Malarich and Isaac Brown prepare to raise the colors as Joseph Cannon plays "To the Color," May 29, 2010, at the Boy Scout Troop 49 Memorial Day weekend breakfast, LDS Church, Ukiah.



L to R: Ron Cannon, Roger Oeding and Dean Enderlin fire a 3-volley salute during the flag raising ceremony at the Ukiah Boy Scout breakfast, May 29, 2010.



Above: Camp Chaplain Charles Christian delivers the invocation at Calistoga Veterans Memorial.

Below: Ann and Dave Schleeter.



Above: The Cannon family poses for a photo at Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery.

Below: Dean Enderlin and Cindy Eddy.



Above: Camp and Auxiliary members assemble on opposite sides of the G.A.R. Plot at Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, as Dean Enderlin reads the roll of honor.



Above: Auxiliary and Camp members stand to the side of the Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery G.A.R. Plot as Mayor Jack Gingles speaks to the audience.



Right: Camp and Auxiliary members gather for a group photo at Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, May 31, 2010.

Left: The picnic after the events.





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Scenes from our barbecue and picnic at Calistoga, Memorial Day, 2010

Photos by Cindy Eddy and Charles Christian





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Photos from the "Cal 100" headstone rededication ceremony at Tulocay Cemetery, Napa, June 12.



Above: Katherine Cannon (upper right) places flowers at the grave of Charles Briggs, while Mary Lou Christian (2nd from left) addresses the audience. Cindy Eddy (far left) and Cali Debevoise assist with the distribution of the flowers.

Below: Katherine Cannon places flowers at the grave of Charles P. Briggs.



Below, standing (L to R): Authors (and NCWA members) Larry and Keith Rogers, Myron Buzzini, Ron Cannon, Mace Gjerman, Dave Schleeter, Charles Christian, and Dean Enderlin. Kneeling (L to R): Jamin Gjerman, Lou Olker and Joseph Cannon.

Below Right (L to R): Auxiliary members Cindy Eddy, Mary Lou Christian, Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian, and Cali Debevoise.



Above: Elaine Christian placing flowers at the McNeil family monument.

Below: Charles P. Briggs' descendant, Myron Buzzini, poses at his ancestor's grave



Commander's Corner

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

Reflecting on what our Camp and Auxiliary have accomplished in the first half of the year, I can't help but be amazed at what a small and devoted group can do. Think about it! Our members have already marched in three parades this year (Cloverdale, Calistoga and Salinas). We conducted a Flag Day ceremony at Napa, participated in three Memorial Day weekend ceremonies (two at Calistoga, and one at Ukiah), launched a new website devoted to Civil War Napa, adopted three veterans' plots at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, judged a school Civil War project at Santa Rosa, joined forces with our neighboring Camps to participate in ceremonies and to staff information tents, and much more.

As if that weren't enough, we have many projects in the pipeline for the remainder of the year. These include assisting the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee with improvements to the G.A.R. plot, placing and dedicating two new headstones in the G.A.R. plot at St. Helena, representing our Camp and Department at the National Encampment at Kansas, and probably marching in at least one more parade!

August and September tend to be quiet months for the Camp, as we take a break to enjoy summer and plan Camp events for fall. Thank you for all your efforts, and have a wonderful and safe summer!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



Dean A. Enderlin
Camp Commander

Remembering our Past

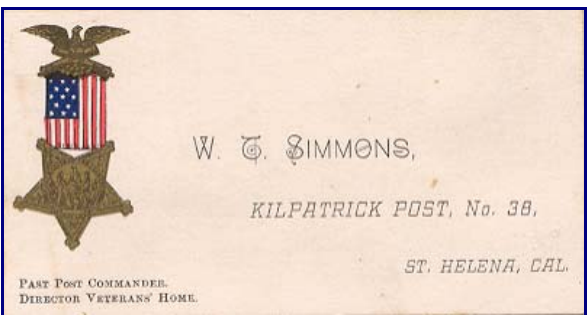


At our Flag Day observance at Napa's Tulocay Cemetery this year, CC Dean Enderlin was requested to repeat his speech from 2009, where he read the words of Union First Lieutenant William Thomas Simmons (Co. C, 11th Missouri Infantry). On December 14th, 1864, Simmons captured the flag of an Alabama regiment at the Battle of Nashville, and for his heroic acts was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the war, Simmons settled in the Napa Valley, living in St. Helena and later Calistoga. He died on December 27, 1908, and was buried in St. Helena Public Ceremony, where his grave is marked with a special military headstone noting his high honor.

Simmons was instrumental in forming the G.A.R. Posts in Calistoga and St. Helena, and was a director of the Veterans Home at Yountville. Additional details on his life and accomplishments can be found at the following website:

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~enderlin/calistoga/cw/calistoga-cw.htm#simmons>

On Memorial Day 1890, Simmons delivered a speech at the schoolhouse at Calistoga to dedicate Gov. Morton Post, No. 41's flag donation to the school that day. Flying a flag from the outside of a school was a novel idea at the time, but there were other reasons for the donation. Back then, it was felt by the G.A.R. and others that patriotism was suffering in the schools, and that revisionist history was creeping into the textbooks. For this reason, the G.A.R. established a policy called *Patriotic Instruction* to try to reverse the disturbing trends. Simmons' words — transcribed below — reflect the feelings of patriotism of the local Grand Army Post as they delivered the flag to the school:



I have been requested by our Post Commander to present you, on behalf of Gov. Morton Post, No. 41, G.A.R., this beautiful American flag to be raised over this school house, where we hope it will be a constant lesson of patriotism and love of our country to our rising generation; and I take great pride in saying to you that to the patriotism and love of country of the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic of which I am an humble member, we are able to present it to you with every star in place, and that it waves to-day over every city, village and hamlet in the broad domain of the U.S., from

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the rock-ribbed coast of the Atlantic to the golden sands of the Pacific; from the great lakes on the North to the sunny gulf on the South, over a free, united and prosperous people.

The idea of the national colors floating over our school-houses is a grand one, and we hope it will prevail until every school-house in the land will be adorned with 'Old Glory' floating over it. Its presence will teach our young folks to look upon and think of it as more than a piece of bunting. It represents an idea. It means protection on sea and land to every American citizen. It means freedom in its broadest sense; It means unity, and it is to all a constant reminder of the greatness of the American Nation, for in every nation and in every clime it is recognized and respected. And it is eminently proper, comrades and fellow citizens, that it should be presented to the school on this, our Memorial Day, by the survivors of the greatest army the world every saw; for on this day thousands and tens of thousands of graves, all over this broad land, of men – our comrades – who died in defense of that starry banner are being covered with beautiful flowers, the school children assisting; and children, I wish to remind you that in the war of the Rebellion alone more than three million men offered, and more than four hundred thousand yielded, up their lives in its defense.



W. T. Simmons from *Deeds of Valor*, by Beyer and Keydel, 1907 edition

*'Tis the flag of our country,
Long may it wave,
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave.*

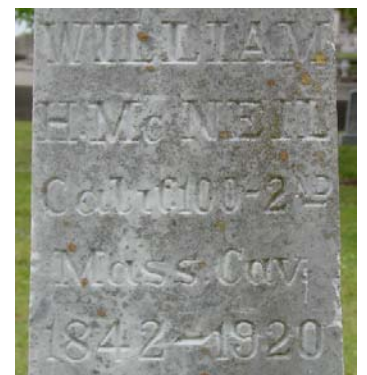
Flag Day Weekend Observance at Napa



On June 12th, thirteen of our Camp and Auxiliary members participated in the second annual Flag Day observance at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa. This was Camp 23's second appearance at this event. We played a small part in last year's ceremony, and it was so well received that we were invited to expand our roll this year!

The ceremony included the posting of the colors by Napa's American Legion Post (assisted by Camp 23 Senior Vice-Commander **Mace Gjerman**), speeches by officials from Tulocay Cemetery, Napa County Landmarks, and other organizations and agencies. CC **Dean Enderlin** reprised his speech from last year (by request). A uniformed squad from our Camp delivered a 3-volley salute to end the ceremony.

After the wall dedication ceremony, our members took part in a public cemetery tour guided by local historian, **Nancy Brennan**. One of the stops on the tour was at the monuments to two Civil War veterans who served in Co. A, 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry (the "California 100"). One of the markers commemorates Cpl. William Hathaway McNeil (1842-1920) who once resided in Napa, and whose parents are buried at Tulocay. McNeil's name and Civil War service are inscribed on the family monument, although he is actually buried in Ashland Cemetery, St. Joseph, Missouri. The other marker (a military headstone) marks the final resting place of Pvt. Charles Phelps Briggs (c.1824-1885). The two markers are near each other, and thanks to the efforts of the ladies of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary, we conducted a



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Troop 49 Flag Raising at Ukiah

Kicking off Memorial Day weekend with an early event, members of Ellsworth Camp 23 gathered at Ukiah early in the morning of Saturday, May 29, to participate in a flag raising ceremony. Camp 23's Past Commander, **Ron Cannon**, coordinated arrangements for our participation in this event. The ceremony preceded a fund-raiser breakfast hosted by Ukiah's Boy Scout Troop 49, to honor veterans, celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and help raise funds for Scout Camp. The event took place at the LDS Church on South Dora Street.



Above: Joseph Cannon plays *To the Color* as Scouts Alex Malarich and Isaac Brown prepare to raise the US colors.

The flag bearers were local Scouts **Alex Malarich** and **Isaac Brown**, escorted by PCC **Ron Cannon**, CC **Dean Enderlin** and local veteran **Roger Oeding** (who brought an original Model 1841 Mississippi rifle for the occasion). It is said that Roger's rifle saw service in a Massachusetts regiment during the Civil War. Auxiliary 23 Sister **Katherine Cannon** was also in attendance.

As the colors were raised, **Joseph Cannon** played a fine rendition of "To the Color" on trumpet. The ceremony ended with our three-man rifle squad firing a three volley salute (a big hit with the crowd, especially the smaller children)!

Congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America for their 100 years of achievement, and congratulations to Troop 49 for hosting and conducting an excellent Memorial Day weekend ceremony!



L to R: Ron Cannon, Roger Oeding, and Dean Enderlin present arms as the colors are raised at the May 29th ceremony at Ukiah.

Historic Headstone Rededication Event at Vallejo



On Saturday, July 24, members of Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 witnessed one of the rarest SUVCW events ever held in this area, when we attended a headstone rededication ceremony at the grave of Pvt. Samuel Brown (Co. K, 137th US Colored Troops), at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo. Thanks to the efforts of Brother **Joe Marti** (Camp 4), a serious and mysterious error which had gone undetected for over eight decades was corrected that day. The inscription on Pvt. Brown's original marker indicated that he served in the "Confederate States Army" (see image above). Far from it, Brown was an emancipated slave who proudly served in a Union regiment late in the war!



Samuel Brown's rededicated headstone, Sunrise Memorial Cemetery, Vallejo, July 24, 2010. *Dean Enderlin photo.*

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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! There is a saying that time flies when we are having fun. Well, we must be having a lot of fun lately because it is already mid July! One event where we had fun recently was marching in the July 4th Silverado parade in Calistoga. The theme of the parade was about "Memories" which certainly fit our Auxiliary. Our organization is about assisting the Sons of Union Veterans in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors. By marching in this parade, we remind everyone of the events and leaders of the Civil War. And how great that our Color Guards took in first prize in the parade! After marching in the parade in our period dress, it was great to change into our casual modern wear and enjoy lunch with everyone. These are the memories we create together by sharing lunch, having a few laughs, and getting to know each other better. So this summer, I hope everyone is creating their own memories. Whether you spend your time on a family vacation, go on a genealogical road trip, go on a cross country trip to visit family and friends, spend time at outdoor concerts, doing home projects – whatever you do, I hope everyone is creating their own memories. And let's share our summer memories at our next meeting!

I want to give a big welcome to our newest Auxiliary member, **Tanya Gjerman**. Welcome! And thank you to Tanya's daughter, **Tiana**, for participating in the July 4th parade. We hope to see both of you at future events.

Have a great summer everyone! Hope to see everyone soon!!

In F, C, & L,

Ann Schleeter, President
E-mail: daa620@comcast.net

Memorial Day (continued)

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was traditional for the members of Calistoga's Gov. Morton Post, No. 41, G.A.R., and Gov. Morton Corps, No. 40, W.R.C., to assemble in this manner on Memorial Day many years ago.

After the ceremonies, we gathered at **Dean Enderlin's** place north of Calistoga, where we enjoyed a barbecue and a chance to socialize in the middle of a Napa Valley vineyard! Joining us for the picnic were **Kevin Mowry** and Camp 4 Sr. Vice-Commander **Joe Marti** with his wife **Kate** and family. For more Memorial day photos, please view our Scrapbook section.

At right: CC Dean Enderlin reads the roll of the 23 known Civil War veterans buried at Calistoga, while American Legion Post 231 Adjutant Jim Barnes (left) and Commander Paul Coates look on. Location: Calistoga Veterans Memorial, Logvy Park, May 31, 2010. *Cindy Eddy photo.*





Samuel Brown Headstone Rededication (continued)

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The July 24 event was attended by about 100 members of Samuel Brown’s family and a large contingent of SUVCW and ASUVCW members. Attendees from Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 included PDP **Rachelle Campbell**, PCC **Ron Cannon**, **Katherine Cannon**, PCC **Charles Christian**, CC **Dean Enderlin**, **Pat Everette**, and **Lou Olker**. Our past Auxiliary member **Sharon Pope** and her husband **Bill** also attended.

Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 extend a hearty Huzzah to Brother **Joe Marti** and to all those who were involved in planning and conducting this historic event!



PCC Ron Cannon (far left) and CC Dean Enderlin (second from left) pose with members of the Samuel Brown family and other SUVCW Brothers prior to the headstone rededication ceremony at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery. Camp 23 member Lou Olker (out of the frame of the picture) also participated in uniform. *Katherine Cannon photo.*

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short but elegant and dignified rededication ceremony to honor these two local heroes of the Civil War.

Representing Ellsworth Camp 23 at the event were CC **Dean Enderlin**, **Jamin Gjerman**, **Mace Gjerman**, **Lou Olker**, PCC **Ron Cannon**, **Joseph Cannon**, PCC **Charles Christian**, PCC **Dave Schleeter**, while representatives of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 were **Katherine Cannon**, **Mary Lou Christian**, **Elaine Christian**, **Cali Debevoise**, and **Cindy Eddy**. Also assisting us were **Larry Rogers** and **Keith Rogers**, authors of the recently published book, *Their Horses Climbed Trees*, which chronicles the history of the California Cavalry Battalion. Larry and Keith are NCWA members, and were dressed as California 100 troopers for the occasion. We were also honored to have a descendant of Charles Briggs, **Myron Buzzini**, attending the event.

For more photos of this event, see our Scrapbook (page 4) in this newsletter!



L to R: Cali Debevoise, Elaine Christian, Katherine Cannon, PCC Ron Cannon, Jamin Gjerman, Mace Gjerman, PCC Dave Schleeter, Joseph Cannon, PCC Charles Christian, Mary Lou Christian, CC Dean Enderlin, Cindy Eddy and Lou Olker. Taken near the grave of Pvt. Charles P. Briggs, Tulocay Cemetery, Napa.



Patriotic Points

by **Cindy Eddy**

Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23

There are many ways to show your patriotism and contribute to your community. I'd like to encourage all of us to take a moment and think about how we might contribute both as an organization collectively and as an individual. Remember, any action no matter how large or how small, can make a positive impact. Here are just a few thoughts on how *you* can make a difference...

Flying Your Flag... Show support for your nation, active-duty troops and veterans by flying the U.S. flag – especially on all patriotic holidays. The flag is our country's most sacred symbol.

Voting... Exercise your right to vote. Men and women have fought and died for you to have the privilege of casting your vote. Consider volunteering to work at the polls on election day.

Volunteering... Visit a lonely or ailing veteran in your community to let them know they are not forgotten. Or, participate in the VFW Citizenship Education Program to work with schools in your area on patriotic projects.

Getting Involved... Remind others why we must protect and honor our veterans. Participate in a parade on the next patriotic holiday or organize a visit to the graves of fallen heroes in your area.

Hiring a Veteran... Help a recently discharged veteran make the transition back into civilian life and let them know their service was appreciated.

Source of Inspiration: Veterans of Foreign Wars www.vfw.org

Dates to Remember	
	Sept. 11 — Patriot Day
	Sept. 17 — Citizenship Day
	Sept. 17 — National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Parade (continued)

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After the parade, our hardy group of marchers gathered on the steps of a Victorian house on Berry Street (graciously permitted to do so by the land owner) for a group photo, pictured at right.

After that, it was off for lunch and refreshments at La Prima Pizza in Calistoga.

In the future, we hope to involve more of our members in parades, as these activities are a lot of fun and they are a great venue to show our patriotism and increase public awareness of our organization. In order to involve more of our non-marching Camp and Auxiliary members, we are hoping to team up in the future with a horse-drawn carriage vendor in our area, so that those who can't make the long walk can ride in style. Brothers **Dean Enderlin** and **Mace Gjerman** are exploring the possibilities. We'll keep you posted!



Front Row (L to R): Tiana Gjerman, Ann Schleeter, Cindy Eddy.
Back Row (L to R): Dan Cheli (20th Maine Volunteers), Mace Gjerman, Dave Schleeter, Dean Enderlin, Jamin Gjerman.



Coming Events . . .

CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Overland Park, Kansas
Aug. 12 to 15, 2010

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa
Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010
<http://www.northbaycwrt.com/>

REGULAR MEETING

September 2010
Time and Date TBA

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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

VETERANS DAY PARADE & FLYOVER

Downtown Petaluma
Thursday, November 11
Step-off: 1:00 p.m.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

November 2010
Time and Date TBA

SPECIAL THANKS

Those who attended the Department of California and Pacific Encampment in San Luis Obispo in March received complimentary patriotic notepads from Auxiliary 23 Sister Cindy Eddy. These notepads were a gift to our organization by

Express Printing & Graphics, Inc.,

based in Sunnyvale, CA. Our thanks and appreciation goes to this company for helping to make the encampment a success!



2010 Veterans Day Parade & Flyover

Petaluma, California

Honoring Petaluma's

235th Engineer Company (Sapper) California National Guard

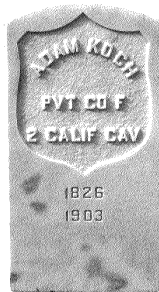
Thursday, Nov. 11
Downtown Petaluma



Parade Coordinator:

Step-off time:
1:00 p.m.

Steve Kemmerle
American Legion Post 28
707-762-5710



HELP US

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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Repro Cannon for SR Rural Cemetery!

Thanks to the efforts of **Bob Voliva** and the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee, two reproduction cannon will soon decorate the G.A.R. Plot at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery! This project is part of the ongoing efforts to replace several decorative elements in the plot that were removed during the World War II scrap metal drives.

Last year, Bob spearheaded the work to install a replacement flag pole in the plot (Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 officiated at the dedication on Memorial Day 2009). This year, the focus is on the guns. Two Spanish-American War era Maxim-Nordenfelt guns once decorated the site. They were installed in 1914 by Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R. The original intent of the Post members was to have two Civil War cannon placed there, but by 1914, the government inventories of these obsolete weapons had been exhausted.

Two full-scale reproduction cannon tubes have been ordered: A U.S. Model 1841 smooth bore six-pounder, and a U.S. Model 1861 3-inch Ordnance Rifle. Both cannon tubes will be mounted on concrete pedestals located inside the plot. Costs for the project are being covered by public donations. Camp 23 currently has a request pending for a grant from the SUVCW Civil War Memorial Fund. If approved, the grant will help defer part of the cost of the project.

If you would like to personally donate to the cannon replacement project, the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee suggests that contributions be sent to:

SRRC – Cannon Fund
415 Steele Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



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).

