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Ellsworth
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Veterans Day 2010



On November 11, 2010, the members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 participated in, not one, but two Veterans Day observances! The schedule was tight, but thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of our members, we were able to participate in a ceremony at Santa Rosa in the morning and march in the Petaluma parade in the afternoon.

The morning event – held at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. – was a dedication ceremony for two new reproduction cannons that were recently installed in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial in the cemetery. Camp 23 assisted the City of Santa Rosa and the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee in the dedication, providing the Chaplain, Taps bugler, and a uniformed black powder rifle squad.

Our attendees at the event included **Charles Christian**, PCC, (Chaplain), **Lou Olker** (Bugler), and rifle squad members **Ron Cannon**, PCC; **CC Dean Enderlin**; **Mace Gjerman**; **Jamin Gjerman**; **Dave Schleeter**, PCC; with prospective Camp 23 members **Brian** and **Morgan Pinarretta**. Also in attendance were **Doug Christian**, **Don VanAuker**, and

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Scrapbook – Veterans Day 2010



Above L to R: Katherine Cannon, Cindy Eddy, Pres. Lincoln (Roger Vincent), and Ann Schleter.
Below: Chaplain Charles Christian stands next to the recently installed replica Model 1861 3” Ordnance Rifle at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery.

L to R: Ron Cannon, Dave Schleter, President Lincoln (Roger Vincent), Jamin Gjerman, Mace Gjerman, and Dean Enderlin at the G.A.R. Memorial, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery.



Above (L to R): Katherine Cannon, Ann Schleter, Elaine Christian and Cindy Eddy pose at Wickersham Park, Petaluma, before the annual Veterans Day Parade.



Left (L to R): Unidentified volunteer, Morgan Pinarretta, Brian Pinarretta, Chris Eich (20th Maine Vols), Dave Schleter, Dean Enderlin, Mace Gjerman, Jamin Gjerman, and Ron Cannon assemble at Wickersham Park, Petaluma, prior to the Veterans Day Parade march.



Scrapbook (continued) - Installation of Officers 2011



Above: Past Camp 23 Commander Dave Schleiter pins the Past Auxiliary President badge on outgoing Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 President Ann Schleiter. January 22, 2011 at the Gjerman household, Windsor, CA. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



Above: Newly installed Auxiliary President Cindy Eddy (left) presents Department President Rachelle Campbell with a certificate of appreciation. *Dean Enderlin photo.*



Above: Camp 23 Commander Dean Enderlin pins the Auxiliary President badge on newly installed Ivy Stiers Auxiliary President Cindy Eddy, while Department President Rachelle Campbell looks on.



Above: Seated (clockwise from left), Cali Debevoise, Elaine Christian, Katherine Cannon, Ron Cannon and Roger Fernwood chat with Tanya Gjerman as she and her family and friends prepare to serve dinner before the installation ceremony. *Dean Enderlin photo.*

Below: Tanya Gjerman (our hostess extraordinaire for the event) and daughter Tiana. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Below: Ladies of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 pose for a group photo after the installation. L to R: Tanya Gjerman, Cali Debevoise, Elaine Christian, AP Cindy Eddy, DP Rachelle Campbell, Tiana Gjerman, PAP Ann Schleiter, and Katherine Cannon.



Camp General Orders



CAMP ORDER No. 1, Series 2011 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS



By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with my heartfelt appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp Number 23, for the 2011 term. My fellow Camp Officers and I will work diligently to guide our Camp as it continues its efforts to honor the memory and sacrifices of those who fought to preserve the Union. My term shall be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Section 2: I hereby establish my residence at 2950 Lake County Highway, Calistoga, California 94515, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matter is welcome and encouraged at my email address, enderlin@sonic.net, or at the Camp postal mailing address listed above.

Section 3: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 11 December 2010, and installed on 22 January 2011 by Department Commander Charlie Mabie, are as follows:

- Commander - Dean A. Enderlin
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Mace M. Gjerman
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Louis C. Olker
- Secretary-Treasurer - Roger A. Fernwood
- Council - Charles L. Christian, PCC; Ronald D. Cannon, PCC; and David C. Schleeter, PCC

Section 4: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain – Charles L. Christian, PCC
- Historian – Jamin M. Gjerman
- Guide – Jamin M. Gjerman
- Color Bearer – David C. Schleeter, PCC
- Guard – Grant R. Noah
- Graves Registration Officers - Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, and Ronald D. Cannon, PCC
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Dean A. Enderlin, PCC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Ronald D. Cannon, PCC
- Newsletter Editor - Dean A. Enderlin, PCC

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this twenty-second day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth, in the City of Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin
Camp Commander
Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Roger A. Fernwood
Camp Secretary-Treasurer



Commander's Corner

Form A. (Use No. 9)
(Envelope)

ADJUTANT'S REPORT,
Muller Post No. *137*
Fourth QUARTER, 1884

Headquarters *Muller*

Post No. *137* Dept. of *Kansas* G. A. R.

Respectfully forwarded, *January 14 1885*
C. M. Nelson Post Commander.

P. O. ADDRESS, *Scandia, Ks.*

*ROSTER OF OFFICERS.
*Report for December 31 to give names of NEWLY ELECTED Officers, but roster is to be filled out each quarter.

P. C. *S. A. McKim*
 S. V. C. *E. Nelson*
 J. V. C. *J. Wolfburn*
 Adj. *C. M. Kelly*
 Q. M. *Christian Sullivan*
 Surg. *L. M. Morris*
 Chap. *J. Hollenbeck*
 O. D. *C. M. Messenger*
 O. G. *George Nicholas*
 S. M. _____
 Q. M. S. _____

Post Meets every *2nd* ^{at} *pts* *Wednesdays*
 in _____ Hall, _____ St.

Rec'd A. A. G. O. *1* Mo. *17* 18 *85*

Give names of newly elected officers here

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,
 Early each year, our Grand Army of the Republic forefathers gathered to install the officers of their Posts, just as we do for our SUV Camps today. In reflecting on our recent installation ceremony (January 22), I'm reminded that holding an office is more than just a formality in our regulations. It is also a tradition of the G.A.R. that we uphold, and it is one more way we honor the memory of the Boys in Blue.



While on the way to the National Encampment in Kansas last summer, I did some research in Topeka and discovered that my Union ancestor, Erick Nelson (Pvt., Co. F, 89th Ill. Inf.), was not only a charter member of Wallace Post, No. 137, in Scandia, KS, he was also an officer in that Post. At left, Erick appears as Sr. Vice-Commander in an 1884 quarterly report of the Post Adjutant. It was the highest office he attained due to the Post folding a few years later. Erick involved several members of his family in his G.A.R. work, including his wife, daughter and grandchildren. Although he died many decades before I was born, I'd like to think he'd be pleased to see his great-great-grandson still trying to carry on his work.

I am honored to serve one more term as your Camp Commander, and I look forward to making this year our best one yet!

This issue of *The Bugle* begins our second year of publication in its new electronic format. I'm really pleased at how our first year of the newsletter turned out, and I thank you all for your articles and suggestions. The more articles we receive, the better the newsletter gets, so keep them coming!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin
 Camp Commander

Remembering our Past by Dean Enderlin



THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War allow for the creation of "regional associations" of Camps (or Departments) in combination with bodies of the various other Allied Orders from within the same region. Although we don't have a regional association in California today, that was not the case in the past. Back in the days of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), several regional associations existed in California. They were very popular social outlets for the G.A.R. Post members, their families, members of the Sons of (Union) Veterans and Auxiliary, Daughters of (Union) Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Southern, Central and Northern California all had regional organizations at one time.

In Northern California – specifically the northern San Francisco Bay Area – the establishment of a regional association came about as the result of a G.A.R. picnic gathering in Healdsburg on October 8, 1897. The picnic, called a "G.A.R. reunion," was so successful and enjoyable that a committee formed late in the day to consider the formation of a district organization. Members of the committee were all prominent G.A.R. men in California, including Department

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of California G.A.R. Commander Norton P. Chipman (author and cosigner of Gen. Logan's Order No. 11, proclaiming Memorial Day in 1868), Richard F. Crawford of Santa Rosa, James L. Winans of Petaluma, Lucius E. Ricksecker of Santa Rosa, and Medal of Honor recipient William T. Simmons of Calistoga. They resolved to include the district of Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake and Mendocino Counties in the new organization to be known as the "Sonoma and Napa Veterans' Association."

The original list of members was just shy of one hundred, with most being G.A.R. men from Sonoma and Napa Counties. Several on the list were honorary members, including G.A.R. Department Commander Chipman who was then living in Red Bluff, and "Mother" Sarah A. Barton from Santa Rosa (a Civil War nurse). More about "Mother Barton" appears in a separate article in this issue.

From 1898 to 1907 the Association rotated their annual summer encampment to different sites in the district. Besides Healdsburg, other communities to host the annual summer event included Calistoga, Camp Meeker, Guerneville, Petaluma, St. Helena, and Sebastopol. Over the years, the organization became known more generally as the "Northern California Veterans Association," and a ladies auxiliary formed, calling themselves the "Ladies Veterans' Aid Association."

Encampment activities included parades, speeches, concerts, and various other forms of live entertainment. Occasionally, special services were conducted to dedicate memorials to the old soldiers. Such was the case during



Members and families of Calistoga's Gov. Morton Post, No. 41, G.A.R., at a Northern California Veterans Association encampment (probably 1903). D. Enderlin collection.

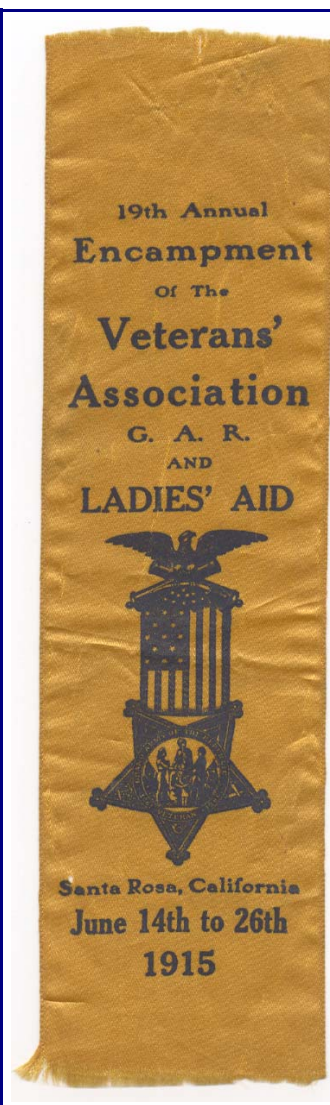
KAY AND BOB VOLIVA DONATE HISTORIC ARTIFACT TO CAMP 23

On Veterans Day, 2010, Kay Voliva presented Camp Cdr. Dean Enderlin with an original ribbon from the nineteenth encampment of the Northern California Veterans Association and Auxiliary (held at Veterans Park in Santa Rosa in June 1915).

This beautiful gold-toned silk ribbon features the G.A.R. badge surrounded by commemorative text. The ribbon will be placed in the Camp archives as a treasured piece of Sonoma County's G.A.R. history.

The Volivas have been instrumental in the rehabilitation of the G.A.R. Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. Bob's latest achievement was the planning for the installation of two replica Civil War cannons in the Memorial. Previously, he was instrumental in erecting an antique flagpole at the Memorial, as well as installing the replica cannon balls that adorn the coping along the perimeter.

Thank you Bob and Kay for this cherished addition to our Camp archives!



the 1901 encampment near Guerneville, when a large coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) was dedicated to the memory of Colonel James Boydston Armstrong who had died the previous year. This tree – known as the Colonel Armstrong Tree and believed to be over 1,400 years old – is still a popular site to visit in what is now Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve.

In 1907, the Association purchased a block of land in Santa Rosa which was then known as Argyle Park, bordered by McDonald and Pacific Avenues and Park and Spring Streets, just one block south of Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. From 1908 on, the veterans held their summer encampments there. The park – which soon became known as Veterans Park – also served as the gathering place for Memorial Day services each year. Its

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convenient distance from the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery was ideal for combining Memorial Day activities at the park with decorating of the graves. The site of Veterans Park today is occupied by First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa.

As the ranks of the old veterans thinned, so came the end of the Northern California Veterans Association. More research is needed to determine the year of their last encampment, but it was probably in the 1920's. By then, many of the local G.A.R. Posts were down to a handful of members, and the comforts of one's own bed outweighed the nostalgia of sleeping on a cot in a military-style tent.

To learn more about the Northern California Veterans Association, please check the following website:

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~enderlin/calistoga/cw/calistoga-ve-1903.htm>



The Colonel Armstrong Tree

Joint Installation of Officers held January 22nd

For the past few years, our Camp and Auxiliary have held our installation ceremonies jointly (and with great appreciation!) with our Brothers of Camp #4 and our Sisters of Auxiliary #52 (San Jose area). The long drive to Santa Clara made it difficult for many of our local Brothers and Auxiliary Sisters to attend these events, so we decided this year to hold our installation closer to home.

Our 2011 installation took place on January 22 at the home of members **Mace, Jamin** and **Tanya Gjerman** in Windsor (Sonoma County). Thanks to the amazing efforts of the Gjerman family, their home was not only transformed into a first class banquet room, it also served well for the ceremonial exercises. Nineteen members and guests were in attendance at the event. Department Commander **Charlie Mabie** presided over the installation of Camp officers, while Department President **Rachelle Campbell** presided over the Auxiliary installation. Our Camp and Auxiliary were also honored to have several National and Department of California & Pacific elected officials in attendance, namely: **Tad Campbell** (Nat'l Council of Administration), **Rachelle Campbell**, PDP (Auxiliary Nat'l Council #2), **Elaine Christian** (Aux. Dept. Council #2), **Cindy Eddy** (Aux. Dept. Patriotic Instructor), and **Ann Schleeter**, PAP (Aux. Dept. Chaplain).

Special thanks goes to our planning committee chair **Tanya Gjerman** and her committee (**Jamin Gjerman**, **Cindy Eddy**, **Lou Olker**, **Ann Schleeter** and **Dean Enderlin**) for organizing this event. Also, a big round of "Huzzahs" goes to our friends **Dr. Julie Hansen**, **Sarah Kelley** and **James Kelley** for their amazing efforts in the kitchen!



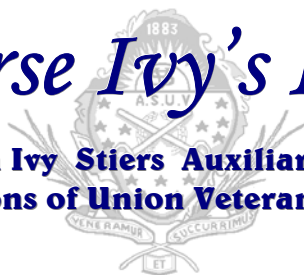
Department of Calif. & Pacific Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell reads the charges of office to newly elected Auxiliary 23 President Cindy Eddy.



Department of Calif. & Pacific Commander Charlie Mabie administers the oath of office to the 2011-12 officers of Camp 23. For more photos, please see the Scrapbook section of the newsletter.

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 Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

I'm truly honored to serve as your Auxiliary President. Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers! Thank you for your willingness to serve and keep our organization strong. The year is already off to a great start with an amazing installation banquet. A huge "thank you" goes to the entire Gjermer family, Tanya, Tiana, Mace and Jamin for all of their effort hosting an elegant, comfortable and very memorable event!

This year, 2011, marks the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the beginning of the Civil War and provides us with a unique and wonderful opportunity for public education and awareness to keep alive the memory of the "boys in blue" and to honor our ancestors who fought to preserve the union.

The past two years have also been filled with wonderful opportunities. The Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 participated in parades, memorial observances, public education events, headstone dedications and the list goes on. Thank you, Ann Schleeter, PAP, for all of your hard work in getting our Auxiliary up and running! And thank you Commander Enderlin and the brothers of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 for all of your support!!!

As we enter our third year, I'm anxious to share ideas as we continue to learn and to lay the foundation for future growth. Together with your help, I hope to focus on the following goals:

- 1) Recruit new Auxiliary members
- 2) Identify and participate in a community care / service project
- 3) Increase public awareness of our organization

We have an intelligent, enthusiastic and talented group of ladies and I'm really looking forward to another fun and productive year!

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Cynthia L. Eddy

President

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23



Auxiliary General Orders



AUXILIARY ORDER No. 1 Series 2011

AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS & ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS



By the authority vested in me as President of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Department of California and Pacific ASUVCW, by the Department Bylaws, and the National Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Auxiliary President at the Auxiliary meeting on December 11, 2010 in Windsor, California, it is with great honor that I assume command of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 for the 2011 term.

Section 2: Whereas I reside outside of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 service area; and whereas I believe it is important to post a local address for the benefit of both members and prospective members; and whereas I often visit and I am in daily contact with Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW; I hereby establish Commander Enderlin's residence in the City of Calistoga, County of Napa, and State of California as the Auxiliary Headquarters. Correspondence on any matter is most welcome and may be sent to 2950 Lake County Highway, Calistoga, California 94515, or to my e-mail address, cindyeddy@gmail.com. Auxiliary dues shall be sent to the Auxiliary Treasurer at 5120 Oak Park Way, Santa Rosa, California 95409.

Section 3: Auxiliary Sisters who were duly elected at the Auxiliary meeting on December 11, 2010 in Windsor, California and installed on January 22, 2011 in Windsor, California by Department President Rachelle M. Campbell, are as follows:

- President – Cynthia L. Eddy
- Vice Pres. – Elaine M. Christian
- Trustee #1 – Rachelle M. Campbell, PDP
- Trustee #2 – Tanya Gjerman
- Trustee #3 – Ann T. Schleeter, PAP
- Secretary – Elaine M. Christian
- Treasurer – Mary Lou Christian
- Patriotic Instructor – Ann T. Schleeter, PAP
- Chaplain – Katherine Cannon
- Guide – Cali Debevoise (Jr. Member)

Section 4: Auxiliary officers are appointed as follows:

- Counselor – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC
- Signals Officer – Tad D. Campbell, PDC

The foregoing Auxiliary Order is proclaimed this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth, in the City of Mountain View, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Cynthia L. Eddy, President of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(AUXILIARY SEAL)

By Order of: */s/ Cynthia L. Eddy*
President
Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23
Department of California and Pacific, ASUVCW

ATTEST:

By: */s/ Elaine M. Christian*
Auxiliary Secretary



Patriotic Points

by Ann Schleeter, PAP

Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23

Symbolism of the American Flag

The American flag is the most respected and recognized symbol in the USA. According to many people, it symbolizes the national government of the U.S. constitution, citizens rights as per the 'Bill of Rights,' and individual liberty and freedom as introduced in the Declaration of Independence. We know very little about why the colors red, white and blue on the flag were originally selected. The meaning of the shapes was defined by the Continental Congress in 1777 as follows: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Per some ancient traditions, the stripes may have been chosen to symbolize "rays of sunlight." The red color in the flag refers to robustness and valor, white color refers to purity and innocence, and the blue color shows vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

When to Fly the Flag

Although it is appropriate to fly the American Flag any and every day of the year, it is especially important to fly the flag on certain holidays and special occasions. Here is a list of dates:

- New Year's Day, Jan. 1st
- Martin Luther King Day, 3rd Monday in January
- Inauguration Day, January 20th
- Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th
- Washington's Birthday, 3rd Monday in February
- Easter Sunday (variable)
- Patriot's Day, 3rd Monday in April
- Mother's Day, 2nd Sunday in May
- Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday in May
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- Flag Day, June 14th
- Father's Day, 3rd Sunday in June
- Independence Day, July 4th
- Korean War Veteran's Day, July 27th
- Labor Day, 1st Monday in September
- Constitution Day, September 17th
- Columbus Day, 2nd Monday in October
- Navy Day, October 27th
- Election Day, Tuesday following the 1st Monday in November
- Veteran's Day, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day, 4th Thursday in November
- Christmas Day, December 25th
- And such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States
- The birthdays of States (date of admission)
- And on State holidays



Dates to Remember

- Feb. 01 — National Freedom Day
- Feb. 12 — Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 21 — Presidents' Day
- Feb. 22 — George Washington's Birthday
- Apr. 06 — Grand Army Day
- May 01 — Loyalty Day

Source: Buzzle.com article on Symbolism of the American Flag by Stephen Rampur.
 United-States-flag.com on when and How to Fly the Flag
 UShistory.org on Section 6d of the Flag Code

Sarah Ann Barton – Civil War Nurse

by Raymond L. Owen (special to *The Bugle*)

Editor's Note: In the April 2005 issue of *The Cemeterian* (newsletter of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee), local historian Ray Owen published an article titled, “ ‘Mother’ Barton, Nurse, Western Department, Union Army.” Ray has compiled additional information on Mrs. Barton since then, and graciously agreed to write and publish his latest findings as a special article for *The Bugle*. Sarah Ann (the middle name also spelled “Anne”) was active in local G.A.R. activities along with her husband, Charles Barton. Both are buried in Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, and the markings on their headstones clearly proclaim their Grand Army affiliation. Sarah was a charter member and officer of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, which — like Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R. — was based in Santa Rosa. —DAE



Badge of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

The Sonoma and Napa Veterans' Association was formed October 9, 1897 at Healdsburg, Sonoma County, and, at the charter meeting it was reported in the local newspaper that “[Sarah Ann] Barton was introduced and gave a very interesting sketch of the life and work of an army nurse.” Sarah Ann Barton widow of Charles Henry Barton, is buried in Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Sonoma County, California. Although no details of the “sketch of [her] life as an army nurse” were reported, it is possible to reasonably reconstruct such duty.

The service and pension records reflect that she enrolled as a nurse in the Western Department on October 6, 1861. The files themselves contain scant information, but establish that she was discharged at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1863. While the details of her service are unspecified, they are implied in correspondence of her husband who wrote that

after service with the 56th Illinois Infantry (July 1861 to January 1862) he was engaged in “Military Service” as a “1st [Hospital] Steward” at St. Louis and aboard three steamers with his “patriotic wife” — Sarah Ann Barton. More explicitly, an article titled “Soldier and Nurse” appeared on August 7, 1886 in *The Daily Republican* of Santa Rosa that addressed the service of F. Schlicker, a Civil War soldier, and Sarah A. Barton, a Civil War nurse.

The article stated, “Mrs. Sarah A. Barton, formerly of Kansas, now residing at Santa Rosa” was residing in St. Louis at the time the war broke out “and at once enlisted in the service as a nurse.” The account related that, “She was the first woman that went down the Mississippi river as a nurse, being detailed to act in that capacity on board the hospital-boat *Red Rover* by the Western Sanitary Commission. She was on that craft when the Federal gunboat *Mound City* was blown up by the Southern Fleet under command of



Graves of Sarah Ann and Charles H. Barton at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. Sarah's stone indicates that she was “a charter member of Ellsworth Circle No. 6,” Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The letters “F. C. L.” inscribed at the bottom of her stone denote the watchwords of the G.A.R. and its allied orders: Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty. Charles' stone prominently features the five-point star from the Grand Army of the Republic badge. *Dean Enderlin photo.*

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Sarah Barton (continued)

Photo # NH 55837 USS Red Rover, by F. Muller



Image of the USS Red Rover courtesy of the United States Naval Historical Center.

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Colonel Frey. Frey was taken prisoner, and as he was severely wounded was put aboard the *Red Rover* and cared for by Mrs. Barton.”

The *USS Red Rover* was originally a Confederate steamer that was captured by the U.S. Navy and converted to a hospital ship. She first served with the Union Army and later with the Union Navy. Her medical complement was thirty-plus and drew on both military and voluntary societies. The *Red Rover* conversion to a hospital ship was an enlightened endeavor and provided for sanitation, an operating room, kitchen facilities for patients, better air circulation and gauze window blinds “to keep cinders and smoke from annoying the sick.” Nonetheless, female nurses, including Sarah Ann Barton, faced formidable barriers.

In *Hospital Days — Reminiscence of a Civil War Nurse*, written by Jane Stuart Woolsey, it was related that the introduction of female nurses was greatly resented by established Army surgeons. It was later recalled by one female nurse, “No one knows, who did not watch the thing from the beginning, how much opposition, how much ill-will, how much unfeeling of thought these women nurses endured.” But endure and overcome they did – some 10,000, including Sarah Ann Barton. They served primarily as ward nurses, and, they had a basic understanding of care and sanitation. Shades were drawn for those with “sick” eyes and doors and windows were opened for fresh air. They listened to stories of home and hope, wrote letters to loved ones and assisted the Chaplain with the dying, and, they made a difference. Recovery rates of those under the care of female nurses far exceeded those under the care of male “hospital stewards.” Such tasks, duties and compassion, regardless of initial rejection and resentment of army surgeons, assuredly were among the “life and work” experiences of Sarah Ann Barton as a Civil War nurse.

In the census of 1880, C. H. Barton, wife Sarah and son James were enumerated at Topeka, Kansas. On June 5, 1884, *The Santa Rosa Republican* carried a notice that “Mr. C. H. Barton of Topeka, Kansas, made us a pleasant call on Wednesday. . . He expects to make a home with our people.”

Photo # NH 59651 Hospital ward on board USS Red Rover



THE FLOATING HOSPITAL ON THE MISSISSIPPI.—DRAWN BY MR. THEODORE R. DAVIS.—[SEE PAGE 501.]

Charles H. Barton died near Santa Rosa on February 16, 1885. Sarah Ann Barton remained in Santa Rosa where she died March 10, 1901. An obituary noted, “During the civil war she served as a nurse in the army and won the devotion of hundreds of wounded soldiers to whom good fortune allotted her tender ministrations.” It was also noted that she had been Chaplain of Ellsworth Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sarah Ann Barton and husband Charles Henry Barton are buried in Plot 41, Eastern Half Circle, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. Her stone is inscribed, “Charter Member, Ellsworth Circle No. 6.”

Image of the interior of the *USS Red Rover* (originally published in *Harpers Weekly*, 1863) courtesy of the United States Naval Historical Center.

Coming Events . . .

CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

ANNUAL LINCOLN DINNER

(see announcement this page)

Saturday, February 12, 2011

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Guest speaker: Our own Dave Schleeter!

CALIF. & PACIFIC DEPT. ENCAMPMENT

(see announcement this page)

March 11 – 12, 2011

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

(date and time to be announced)

April 2011

S.R.R.C. CIVIL WAR EVENT

Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery

April 2011 (date and time to be announced)

REMEMBERING COLONEL ELLSWORTH

Tuesday, May 24, 2011:

Col. Elmer Ellsworth lost his life in the service of his country at the Marshall House, Alexandria, VA, on this day 150 years ago.

BSA TROOP 49 FLAG RAISING AT UKIAH

Saturday, May 28, 2011 (Time TBA)

Details: Ron Cannon (rdcann@hotmail.com)

Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, SUVCW & Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, ASUVCW

cordially invite you to attend the annual

LINCOLN DINNER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011

AT THE FAMOUS

WASHOE HOUSE

Corner of Stony Point Road & Roblar Road, Petaluma



Where soldiers in 1865 "braced" themselves for battle!

Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Menu Options *

- Prime Rib... \$30
- Deep Fried Prawns...\$30
- Chicken Kiev...\$25

* Includes tax & gratuity. Beverage not included.

Cash payment at the door, please.

Per our long-standing tradition, please be prepared to share your favorite story about...

A Lincoln



Please RSVP with menu choice by February 5, 2011



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125TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC, SUVCW

100TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC, ASUVCW

Where: San Luis Obispo, CA

When: March 11 – 12, 2011

More information and registration forms:

<http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>

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www.suvm.org/camp23.html

Email: camp23@suvm.org

Veterans Day (continued)

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Auxiliary 23 members **Cindy Eddy, Katherine Cannon, AP Ann Schleeter, and Mary Lou Christian.**

At the conclusion of the cannon dedication, the members of our Camp and Auxiliary reassembled in Petaluma at 1:00 p.m. to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade and Fly-over. Our marchers included **Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian, Cindy Eddy, AP Ann Schleeter, Ron Cannon, PCC; CC Dean Enderlin; Mace Gjerman; Jamin Gjerman; Dave Schleeter, PCC; Brian Pinarretta, Morgan Pinarretta, Chris Eich (20th Maine Vols.),** and another chap from the ACWA.



Thanks everyone for “marching that extra mile” on Veterans day, and special thanks to Camp 23 Sr. Vice-Commander **Mace Gjerman** for encouraging us to do so!



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).

