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## SUVCW Grant Awarded to SRRC Cannon Fund



Members of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee (SRRC) gather around a newly placed replica cannon to receive a check in the amount of \$500 from members of Ellsworth Camp 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23. Left to Right: Tiana Gjerman, Ann Schleeter (PAP), Cali Debevoise, AP Cindy Eddy, Tanya Gjerman, Mace Gjerman, Allen Davis, Roger Fernwood, Charles Christian (PCC), Lynn Fostine (SRRC), Bill Montgomery (SRRC), Rebekah Thomas (SRRC), Kristen Skold (SRRC), Kay Voliva (SRRC, receiving check), Jamin Gjerman with friend Michelle Hansen, and Camp 23 Commander Dean Enderlin (presenting check). Taken April 9, 2011, at the GAR Memorial, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa.

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On April 9th, 2011, following the Civil War Sesquicentennial public event at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery (SRRC), members of the Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee gathered to receive a check in the amount of \$500 from representatives of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 and Ellsworth Camp 23. The payment was made as a grant to the Rural Cemetery Cannon Fund. This fund was established by the Committee to receive donations to offset costs for the two replica cannons placed in the GAR Memorial last November 11th.

Camp 23 has worked closely with the Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee to assist with the rehabilitation of the memorial over the years. Many of the decorative elements in the memorial fell victim to the scrap metal drives in World War II. Among the losses were cannon balls that decorated the coping, a flag pole and Spanish-American War era artillery pieces.

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## Annual Lincoln Dinner Includes Special Guest!



Above: Abraham Lincoln (Roger Vincent) listens attentively as local historian Ray Owen (center) and Charles Christian share Civil War stories at the Washoe House during the February 12th Lincoln Dinner. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 hosted our annual Lincoln Dinner at the Washoe House near Petaluma, celebrating the 202nd birthday of President Abraham Lincoln.

Twenty-five people attended the evening event, with guests including several members of the North Bay Civil War Round Table and the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee. Also joining us were Brothers **Frank Avila** (Camp 4), **Tad Campbell** (Camp 4), and **Jeff Vaillant** (Camp 24).

After dinner, attendees were invited to recount their favorite story about President Lincoln. Many rose to share their stories, but the most noteworthy of all storytellers was Abe Lincoln himself (alias **Roger Vincent**), who with **Colleen Vincent** (looking every bit the part of Mary Todd Lincoln), honored us with his first appearance at one of our dinners.

The annual Lincoln Dinner at the Washoe House has become a tradition with our Camp and Auxiliary. The place itself played a part in local Civil War history, when militia marching north from Petaluma in 1865 – bent on attacking parts of Santa Rosa as punishment for their highly vocal anti-Union sympathies – stopped at this watering hole to refresh themselves. After a few cool libations, the troops decided to call off the attack and returned home. We, too, returned home after another wonderful evening at the Washoe House.

For more Lincoln Dinner photos, see our “Scrapbook” section on page 3.

## The Civil War – A 150 Year Commemoration

Ellsworth Camp 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 kicked off the beginning of the Civil War Sesquicentennial in a big way this year, collaborating with Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery to host one of the largest events in the history of our Camp.

The event took place on April 9th (the day Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in 1865). The event began at 12:30 p.m. with a rose planting ceremony, organized by the Rural Cemetery “Rose Brigade,” at the grave of Lt-Col. John Gotea Pressley. At 1:00 p.m., **Chuck Seekamp** and his artillery crew fired “Dixie,” their Napoleon-style cannon, to draw people’s attention to the main ceremony at the GAR Memorial. There, master of ceremonies **Bill Montgomery** welcomed the crowd of about 250 attendees. After a few



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# Scrapbook – Lincoln Dinner



Left: Celebrating Abe Lincoln's 202nd birthday, attendees enjoy dinner upstairs in the historic Washoe House near Petaluma. *Dean Enderlin photo.*

Below: Cali Debevoise presents her Lincoln story, while Elaine Christian looks on. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Below\_Center: Abe and Mary Lincoln (alias Roger & Colleen Vincent) chat with Rachelle Campbell. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

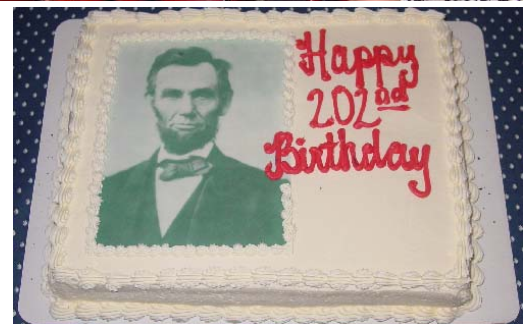


Left: President Abe Lincoln (portrayed by Roger Vincent of Santa Rosa) delivers a speech.

Below Left: Charles Christian presents the opening prayer and pays honors to the "empty chair" for all those who never returned home.

Right: (L to R) Katherine Cannon, Rebekah Thomas (standing), Ron Cannon, Don VanAuker, and Elaine Christian listen to Lincoln stories.

Below: Tad Campbell and Frank Avila "cooling off" as troops did at the Washoe House in 1865. *Cindy Eddy photos.*





Scrapbook (cont'd) - Department Encampment, San Luis Obispo



Above (L to R): Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan, Carol Morgan, AP Cindy Eddy and CC Dean Enderlin at the CinC Dinner, March 12th. Susan Sweet photo.

Left (L to R): PDC Jerry Sayre (Camp 21), PCC Dave Schleeter, Frank Avila (PCC, Camp 4), Joe Marti (Camp 4), Linn Malaznik (Camp 4) and CC Dean Enderlin, forming the color guard at the post-encampment services held at the San Luis Cemetery GAR plot, March 12th. Cindy Eddy photo.

Below Left: Attendees at the Department Encampment (Dave Schleeter at far left). Dean Enderlin photo.

Below Right: PCC Dave Schleeter holding the colors of the SUVCW Commander-in-Chief at the opening ceremony of the encampment. Cindy Eddy photo.



Left: National officers and aides receive certificates from Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. L to R: Owen Stiles (CC, Camp 22), DC Glen Roosevelt, Al Peterson (PDC, Camp 12), Will Tisch (PCC, Camp 21), CinC Brad Schall, and CC Dean Enderlin. Dean's certificate was in recognition of his service as National GAR Records Officer. Tim Reese photo.



Scrapbook (cont'd) - Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Civil War event, April 9th



Left: Jamin Gjerman and Michelle Hansen. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Right: Cali Debevoise handing out programs to attendees as they arrive. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Far Right: Tiana Gjerman handing out programs to visitors. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Below: Morgan Pinarretta and a friend from the 20th Maine Volunteers enjoying some quiet time at the base of the GAR Monument. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



Below: Camp Chaplain Charles Christian (long time Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Civil War specialist and docent) delivers the benediction during the main ceremony. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



Above: (L to R): Katherine Cannon, Tanya Gjerman and Allen Davis at the Camp and Auxiliary information tables. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Left: Auxiliary President Cindy Eddy at her tour station at the grave of Ivy Stiers (namesake of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23). Cindy's station was one of twelve tour stops where members of our Camp and Auxiliary presented short biographies on Civil War nurses and veterans. *Dean Enderlin photo.*

Right: Roger Fernwood "galvanized" for the day to assist with the Confederate rifle squad and to assist with the tours. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



## Commander's Corner

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

Our Camp and Auxiliary have already accomplished a lot in 2011, and more is one the way! Our ever-popular Lincoln Dinner on February 12th was fun and entertaining again this year, with the added bonus of having President and Mrs. Lincoln (**Roger and Colleen Vincent**) join us for the occasion!

On April 9th, in recognition of the beginning of the 4-year Civil War Sesquicentennial, we coordinated with the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery to put together one of the largest public events we have ever done. Working closely with our friends at Rural Cemetery, the ACWA, and NCWA, the event went extremely well, with around 250 attendees gathering to witness our program and enjoy the guided tours afterward. A huge round of thanks goes to our members for helping with this. Ten Camp members and eight Auxiliary members were involved with this event, which is an extraordinary turnout!

This year is also looking great as far as our membership growth! I want to personally welcome **Allen Davis**, whose application has been received and processed by our Secretary-Treasurer. Allen jumped right into our Camp activities by manning our information table at the April 9th event. Thank you Allen! We also recently received and are processing membership applications from the Pinarretta family. **Morgan Pinarretta** will be our first Junior Member, and his father, **Brian Pinarretta**, will be our first Associate. Brian and Morgan have already been involved in a number of our Camp activities over the past year, and we're delighted to welcome them aboard. You may recall that Brian was the one who tipped off Camp 4 Brother Joe Marti to the location of the incorrectly marked headstone of Union veteran Samuel Brown at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo. Were it not for Brian's discovery, this error of the past (which incorrectly identified Samuel Brown as a Confederate veteran), might have remained unnoticed. So, Brian has already made a tremendous contribution to upholding the values of our Order. Please join me in welcoming these Brothers to our Camp. I'm looking forward to our next regular meeting, when I'll have the honor of performing the initiation.

Lastly, don't forget that I still have some of the GAR 150th Anniversary challenge coins available. Each coin comes in an individual pouch and is available for \$10. Our sales have been very successful so far, and I think you will all be pleasantly surprised when the proceeds from the sales are finally announced. Contact me if you or someone you know would like to get one. They're going fast!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Dean A. Enderlin*  
Camp Commander

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## Remembering Our Past by Dean Enderlin

### LAKE COUNTY'S CIVIL WAR FORT

**Editor's Note:** The following article is reprinted from the compiled works of Henry Mauldin, who devoted many years of his life to researching and documenting Lake County History. This excerpt was written 12 October 1958. Jerusalem Valley is located a few miles southeast of Lower Lake in Lake County, CA. Source: Mauldin collection pages 6866-6868, "Jerusalem Valley and Jerusalem Valley Fort."

About one half mile south of where the road crossed Soda Creek in Jerusalem Valley and one fourth mile up and west from the stream is a slope nearly one half mile long from top to bottom. It is composed mostly of clay, is open country and contains a few small white oak. The old immigrant road runs through here that came from Middletown way to Jerusalem Valley.

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## Remembering Our Past (continued)

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In the middle of this slope is a neat little hill with an appearance as if it had been poured out of a sand bucket. On the top of this little hill is a natural formation of broken up rock which ranges from head to body size.

Pleasant Smith, George Bishop and others living nearby took advantage of this natural fortress like location and built themselves what is now known as Jerusalem Valley Fort.

Instead of building a wall around a single enclosure they dug a series of fox holes. There still shows four well defined holes, each about five feet across and three feet down. Another half dozen less perfect holes show work.

From this vantage point it was down hill in every direction and men in the fort had a good view in all directions. With two men to a hole, back to back, hid behind these rock barricades it would have taken a small army to have dislodged them.

In this fort they stored necessary supplies, such as powder, lead for bullets, and other items to withstand a siege, each family furnishing a share.

The Civil War ended. No attempt was made by government to force any of the men to enter the conflict, therefore the fort was never put to use. After all danger of being drafted was over, the supplies were divided back to the original donors and Jerusalem Valley Fort was abandoned. A living descendant of one of the parties remembers as a boy in helping to cut up the remains of a lead brick which had been stored in the fort. The intention had originally been to melt it down for running bullets but its final [use] was having it cut up in small pieces as shot in a muzzle loading shotgun.

It has been reported that another fort, for the same purpose, was built principally by the Mathews and Copseys in Excelsior Valley on the old Doc Mathews place now belonging to Mrs. Luella Adamson. Its location, if it existed, is a mystery.

As far as is known there is no other fort, works, building nor establishment in Lake County that had to [do] with the Civil War. Until someone comes forward with such information all Civil War honors go to Jerusalem Valley Fort.

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## My Civil War Ancestor by Allen R. Davis, 6 April 2011 (special to *The Bugle*)

### WESLEY FLETCHER SWIFT Co. E, 3rd Iowa Cavalry

Why does a 16 year-old leave his family farm in Missouri to join the cavalry regiment from Iowa temporarily encamped near Rolla, Missouri? Did duty and honor drive his decision? Was he a teenage boy seeking the adventure that would surely come his way in the cavalry? Had he heard stories about his great grandfather, Thomas Selby, who served in 1<sup>st</sup> Co., Middle Battalion, Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War? Or could it be as simple as the necessity of providing for his family due to the fact that his father had died in 1856 when he was 10 years old, leaving his mother to care for him and his four siblings? I have absolutely no idea! However, I do know that my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather, Wesley Fletcher Swift did just that, enlisting in Co. E, 3rd Iowa Cavalry on 1 August 1862.

Under the command of General Vandever, Wesley accompanied Captain Spencer in the pursuit of Confederate Major General Marmaduke beginning 25 April 1863. Of course, this excursion proved futile as Major General Marmaduke had the distinction of being captured on 25 October 1864 by James Dunlavy, a Private in Co. D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry. Wesley re-

#### Editor's Note:

This article was contributed by one of our newest Camp 23 members, **Allen Davis**. Thank you Brother Allen for sharing this history of your ancestor!



## My Civil War Ancestor (cont'd)

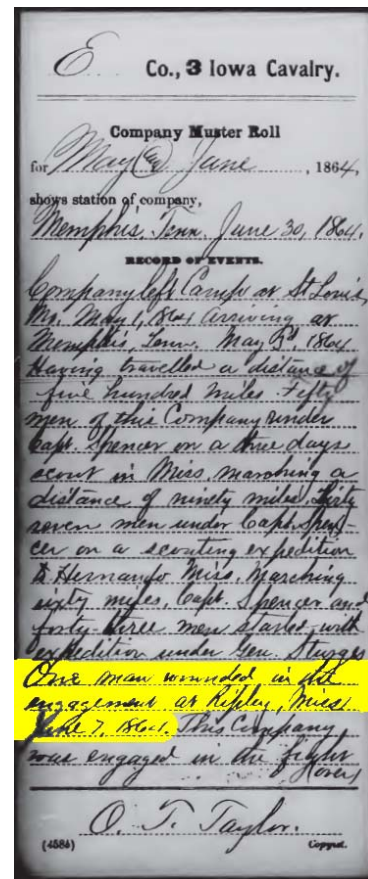
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enlisted as a Veteran on 1 January 1864 and was promoted to full bugler on 1 March 1864.

On 7 June 1864 Wesley was severely wounded during an engagement near Ripley, Mississippi as the Union troops, commanded by General John Sturgis, retreated from Brice's Cross Roads after tangling with an inferior number of Confederates under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Wesley spent the rest of June and July 1864 in Overton Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. After rejoining his unit, he continued to serve in Co. E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry, being mustered out 9 August 1865 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Following the war, Wesley returned to Boone County, Missouri, and later removed to Cooke, Texas where he met and married Lucretia Ann Gabriel on 29 September 1876. To this union were born four children (three daughters, Cora, Agnes and Susannah, and one son, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather, Theodore). Before the birth of their youngest child, Susannah, Wesley and Lucretia moved their family to Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, which combined with Oklahoma Territory to form the state of Oklahoma in 1907. I was proud to have them documented as a First Family of the Twin Territories on 15 January 2011. Wesley Fletcher Swift died at the age of 83 on 10 June 1930 in Pryor, Oklahoma.

At right: Page from the May/June Muster Roll and Report of Company E, 3rd Iowa Cavalry. A notation near the bottom of the page (highlighted) states, "One man wounded in the engagement at Ripley, Miss., June 7, 1864." That man was Bugler Wesley F. Swift.



## News from the SUVCW Department Encampment

The annual encampment of the Department of California & Pacific was once again held in San Luis Obispo this year. The event took place on Saturday, March 12th, at Camp San Luis Obispo (a California National Guard base), marking the 125th anniversary of the Department encampment for the SUVCW and the 100th anniversary for the ASUVCW. Delegates from Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 were Auxiliary President **Cindy Eddy** and Past Auxiliary President **Ann Schleeter**. Delegates from Ellsworth Camp 23 were Camp Commander **Dean Enderlin** and Past Camp Commander **Dave Schleeter**. Auxiliary Department President **Rachelle Campbell**, who is also a member of our Auxiliary, was of course also in attendance. As always, the campfire on Friday night and the encampment on Saturday were fun and informative. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next encampment: March 9-10, 2012!

Congratulations goes to our newly elected Department leaders, **Melinie Prosk-Caines** (Auxiliary Department President) and **Glen Roosevelt** (Department Commander), and special thanks goes to our outgoing leaders **Rachelle Campbell**, PDP, and **Charlie Mabie**, PDC.

From our Camp, CC **Dean Enderlin** was re-appointed as Department Patriotic Instructor and Special Aide to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

See page 10 for Department of California and Pacific Auxiliary Encampment news.

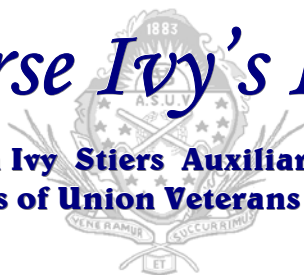


Camp Commander Dean Enderlin and Auxiliary President Cindy Eddy at the 2011 Department Encampment. *Phil Caines photo.*



# Nurse Ivy's Log

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



## President's Perspective



Greetings Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

Time is marching by quickly as we strive to honor our ancestors and "remember the boys in blue" during this first year of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> seven members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 enjoyed a festive evening with our brothers of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 and friends at the Washoe House in Petaluma for our annual Lincoln Dinner. A fun time was had by all as we sang "Happy Birthday" to our guest of honor, President Lincoln himself!



The Dept. of CA & Pacific ASUVCW celebrated it's 100<sup>th</sup> encampment on March 11-12 in San Luis Obispo where three members of Ivy Stiers Aux 23 attended and all three were elected to hold department offices! Two weeks later, on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Ivy Stiers Aux 23 met to tackle a lengthy agenda on how best to achieve our goals. Eight members participated and we were pleased to initiate our newest Junior member, Tiana Gjerman.

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> presented the Auxiliary with a new and unique opportunity as eight members participated in the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Event commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Two members recited graveside biographies of Civil War nurses while the remaining members "womaned" the fundraising booth which raised over \$100!!!

Additionally, I'm excited to report the Auxiliary has received an application for a prospective new member! So, as you can see, it's been a busy few months!

I'd like to take a moment to personally thank *each* of you Auxiliary members for your commitment and dedication. I really enjoy the creative exchange of ideas and it is truly wonderful to see how well the Auxiliary works together as a team to accomplish our goals! The level of participation is simply phenomenal and I continue to be inspired by your enthusiastic support of our organization!

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Cynthia L. Eddy*

President

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23

## Auxiliary Encampment News by Cindy Eddy

### 100<sup>TH</sup> ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC AUXILIARY TO SUVCW

Last year the Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary to SUVCW celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year, 2011, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> encampment of the Auxiliary! The Auxiliary encampment was held jointly with the SUVCW on March 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> in San Luis Obispo.

We were honored to have the ASUVCW National President, **Virginia Twist**, in attendance. We truly appreciate the effort she made to join us as it was a long and rather adventuresome trip from New York! The Commander-in-Chief, California's very own **Brad Schall**, was also able to join us briefly as he imparted a few words of wisdom and brought greetings from the SUV.



Front Row (L to R): Auxiliary National President Virginia Twist, DP Melinie Caines, Susan Sweet, CinC Brad Schall, Eileen Tisch, AP Cindy Eddy, and Patricia Bures. Back Row (L to R): Frank Avila (PCC, Camp 4), PDC Jerry Sayre, PCC Dave Schleeter, CC Dean Enderlin and Linn Malaznik. Taken March 12 at the post-encampment services, San Luis Cemetery. *Maria Malaznik photo.*

Department President, **Rachelle Campbell** led the meeting and Dept. Chaplain, **Ann Schleeter**, PAP gave the opening prayer. Officer reports were read and the business portion of the meeting was conducted including a discussion regarding updating the Department Bylaws. A presentation about the National Medal of Honor Day (March 25<sup>th</sup>) was given by Dept. Patriotic Instructor, AP **Cindy Eddy**. Officers were elected, appointed and installed (a complete listing may be found on the department website).

Three members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 were in attendance and were elected to department offices. **Ann Schleeter**, PAP, was elected to serve as Dept. Vice President; AP **Cindy Eddy** was elected to a second term as Dept. Patriotic Instructor; and **Rachelle Campbell**, PDP, was elected Dept. Treasurer.

**Rachelle Campbell**, PDP, and newly elected Department President, **Melinie Prosk-Caines**, PAP, handed out gifts of appreciation. The meeting was adjourned and folks headed out to the cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony prior to attending the evening banquet.

Congratulations to the Dept. of CA & Pacific Auxiliary on a successful 100<sup>th</sup> Encampment!

## Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 – March Meeting by Cindy Eddy



Front Row (L to R): Ann Schleeter, PAP, AP Cindy Eddy, Elaine Christian  
Center Row: Tiana Gjerman, Cali Debevoise Back Row: Mary Lou Christian, Tanya Gjerman, Katherine Cannon. Not pictured: Rachelle Campbell, PDP, Pat Everette, and Elisabeth Gray.

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 held its second meeting of the year at the Gjerman residence in Windsor, CA. Thank you **Tanya** and **Tiana Gjerman** for hosting! Eight members were in attendance and the meeting began with a formal opening ceremony complete with officer stations. Auxiliary President, **Cindy Eddy**, presided over the meeting and conducted a formal initiation of the Auxiliary's newest Junior member, **Tiana Gjerman**.

The ladies then broke for a wonderful brunch consisting of scones, fruit, quiche and juice thanks to **Elaine Christian**, **Cali Debevoise**, **Mary Lou Christian** and **Cindy Eddy**. A special "thank you" to Brother **Mace Gjerman** who acted as chef enabling the ladies to maximize their meeting time. The meeting resumed in a more relaxed setting as many agenda items were discussed including the planning

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and preparation of upcoming events. Camp Commander, **Dean Enderlin**, the Auxiliary's Counselor, was also in attendance and doubled as the designated official photographer. Individual and group photos were taken for the Auxiliary archives. Thank you brother Enderlin.

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## Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Sesquicentennial Event by Cindy Eddy

On April 12, 1861 the Civil War began at Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. Almost 150 years later, on Saturday, April 9, 2011, Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 joined forces with SUVCW Ellsworth Camp 23, local reenactors of the ACWA & NCWA, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the SRRC Preservation Committee to participate in a commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The event, held at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, drew a crowd of over two hundred and fifty people and was the brainchild of our very own **Charles Christian**, PCC. With the help of many others, including CC **Dean Enderlin** and **Lou Olker**, who assisted with the organization of information and the coordination of personnel, this idea became a reality.

During the program, SUV Chaplain **Charles Christian** gave the benediction and CC **Dean Enderlin** delivered an eloquent speech about the Civil War. All available SUV Camp 23 men were deployed as they served in the rifle squad or represented veterans at the gravesites.

Eight Auxiliary 23 members pitched in to participate in this historical event while dressed in Civil War period attire. All the ladies worked together to set up the Auxiliary's information booth and – not to be outdone by the SUV/SCV table which was covered in blue cloth and a lace overlay with an artistic fresh flower arrangement – the ladies decorated their table in red cloth trimmed with red, white and blue bunting for a very patriotic look.

**Tanya Gjerman**, **Katherine Cannon** and **Ann Schleeter**, PAP, staffed the Auxiliary booth which provided information and offered for donation, "hardtack" sugar cookies, thumbprint cookies, patriotic star cookies, bottled ice water, patriotic notepads and beautiful handmade red, white and blue woven bookmarks. Through straight donations and items offered for donation, the Auxiliary received a total of \$100.72 which made this an extremely successful first fund raising event for the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary!!!

Junior members **Cali Debevoise** and **Tiana Gjerman** passed out event programs to the public while **Mary Lou Christian** portrayed a grieving widow and mother dressed in full black mourning attire. During the graveside tours which consisted of five groups of about 20-30 people each, real life midwife, **Elaine Christian**, shared the history of Civil War nurse, Sarah A. Barton and Auxiliary President, **Cindy Eddy**, was honored to read the biography of the Auxiliary's namesake, Civil War nurse, Ivy Stiers.

This important event, afforded the SUV and Auxiliary an opportunity to keep alive the memory of the "boys in blue" and help educate the public on the Civil War and the lives of both the Union and Confederate veterans.

*(Special thanks to Tiana and Tanya for providing the hardtack cookies, to Cali and Elaine for providing the star cookies and tables, to Katherine for providing hardtack and thumbprint cookies, bookmarks, bunting and cooler, to Ann for providing sandwiches and healthy snacks for members, to Mary Lou for her help and encouragement, to Cindy for the notepads, tablecloths, ice and water, to Dean for the table and ice chest, to SUV Ellsworth Camp 23 for their continued support and to the SRRC Preservation Committee for making this opportunity possible!)*





# Patriotic Points

by Ann Schleeter, PAP  
Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23



## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

For more than a century, Americans have recited the Pledge of Allegiance as a promise of loyalty to the United States. When saying the Pledge, all should stand at attention and face the flag. The U.S. Flag Code advises that those not in uniform should place the right hand over the heart. Those not in uniform who are wearing a nonreligious hat should remove it with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, so that the hand is over the heart. Soldiers and others in uniform (such as scouts) should remain silent, face the flag, and give the appropriate salute.

The Pledge of Allegiance was first published in September 1892 in a magazine called the *Youth's Companion*. The magazine printed it to help celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Columbus reaching America. Schoolchildren first recited the pledge on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892. The original words read: "I pledge of allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The words were altered in the early 1920s to change "my flag" to "the flag of the United States of America." In 1942 the Pledge received official recognition by Congress when it was included in the U.S. Flag Code. Congress added the phrase "under God" in 1954.

Francis Bellamy, a clergyman and editor at the *Youth's Companion*, is believed to have written the Pledge of Allegiance. In the 1930s some people suggested that James B. Upham, who also worked at the magazine, was the author. By the time the question arose, both men were deceased. In 1939 a panel of scholars gave credit to Bellamy.

Source: *The American Patriot's Almanac* by William J. Bennett and John T.E. Cribb

### From the SUVCW *Ritual and Ceremonials*, (revised Aug. 2006):

"Whenever the United States Flag is passing or being passed in a formal matter, as on parade, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, not in military uniform, will salute the Flag by removing their hat or cap; the head dress being held in the right hand opposite the left shoulder; right forearm against the breast. When not wearing a head cover, the right hand will be placed over the heart. This will not apply when the Flag is flying from a staff, but only when supported by a color bearer. When giving the pledge of allegiance, stand with the right hand over the heart."

### Dates to Remember

- May 01 — Loyalty Day
- May 21 — Armed Forces Day
- May 24 — 150th anniversary of Ellsworth death
- May 29 — Memorial Sunday
- May 30 — Memorial Day
- June 14 — Flag Day
- July 04 — Independence Day



### 150 Year Commemoration at SR Rural Cemetery (cont'd)

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words about Sonoma County's history during the Civil War, Bill passed the microphone to Camp 23 Chaplain **Charles Christian**, PCC, who delivered the benediction and directed the attention of the crowd to **Mary Lou Christian** (pictured at right) and **Marilyn Lane** who sat nearby representing the widows and mothers of all those who did not return home from the war. **Roger Vincent** (portraying Abraham Lincoln) followed, fittingly choosing words from Lincoln's first inaugural address.



Camp 23 Commander **Dean Enderlin** delivered an address to the crowd summarizing the war and recounting a history of the Grand Army of the Republic, United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Three-volley rifle salutes followed, alternating between two squads (one Union and one Confederate). Camp 23 members assisting with the Union rifles were **Jamin Gjerman**, **Brian Pinarretta** and **Ron Cannon**, PCC, while **Roger Fernwood** "galvanized" to assist with the Confederate rifles. At the conclusion of the rifle salute, "Dixie" fired one round from the hill above the assembly, and **Mace Gjerman** rendered Taps.

Free public tours of the cemetery were offered after the main ceremony, featuring presentations at the graves of two Civil War nurses, five Union veterans, and five Confederate veterans. Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 volunteers at these stations were: CC **Dean Enderlin** (Col. James B. Armstrong, US), **Roger Fernwood** (Capt. James S. Austin, CS), **Ron Cannon**, PCC (Sgt. Thomas M. Goodman, US), **Brian Pinarretta** (Capt. Charles H. Barton, US) assisted by **Morgan Pinarretta**, **Elaine Christian** (Nurse Sarah A. Barton) assisted by **Cali Debevoise**, AP **Cindy Eddy** (Nurse Ivy Stiers), **Jamin Gjerman** (Cpl. Augustus L. Fisher, US) assisted by **Michelle Hansen**, **Lou Olker** (Lt.-Col. John G. Pressley, CS), and **Mace Gjerman** (Pvt. John W. Clanton, CS). Leading each of the five guided tours were Rural Cemetery volunteers **Kay Voliva**, **Rebekah Thomas**, **Kristen Skold**, **Bill Northcrop** and **Bill Montgomery**.



Both Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 staffed an information table, offering baked goods and other items, as well as information on our organizations. Staffing the table were **Tanya Gjerman**, **Katherine Cannon**, **Ann Schleeter**, **Tiana Gjerman**, and **Allen Davis**. *(See page 11 for more details from the Auxiliary).*

Ten members of our Camp and eight members of our Auxiliary participated in this event, making it one of our largest efforts ever! Thanks everyone for helping to make this event a success. *(For more photos of the event, see our "Scrapbook" on page 5).*

Top of Page Right: Mary Lou Christian dressed in "widow's weeds," representing the widows and mothers of those who never returned home from the war. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Left: Ron Cannon before the event. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

Right: The Union rifle squad, L to R, Douglas Erickson (ACWA), Galen Dunham (NCWA, Cal-100), Jamin Gjerman, Brian Pinarretta, and Ron Cannon. *Cindy Eddy photo.*





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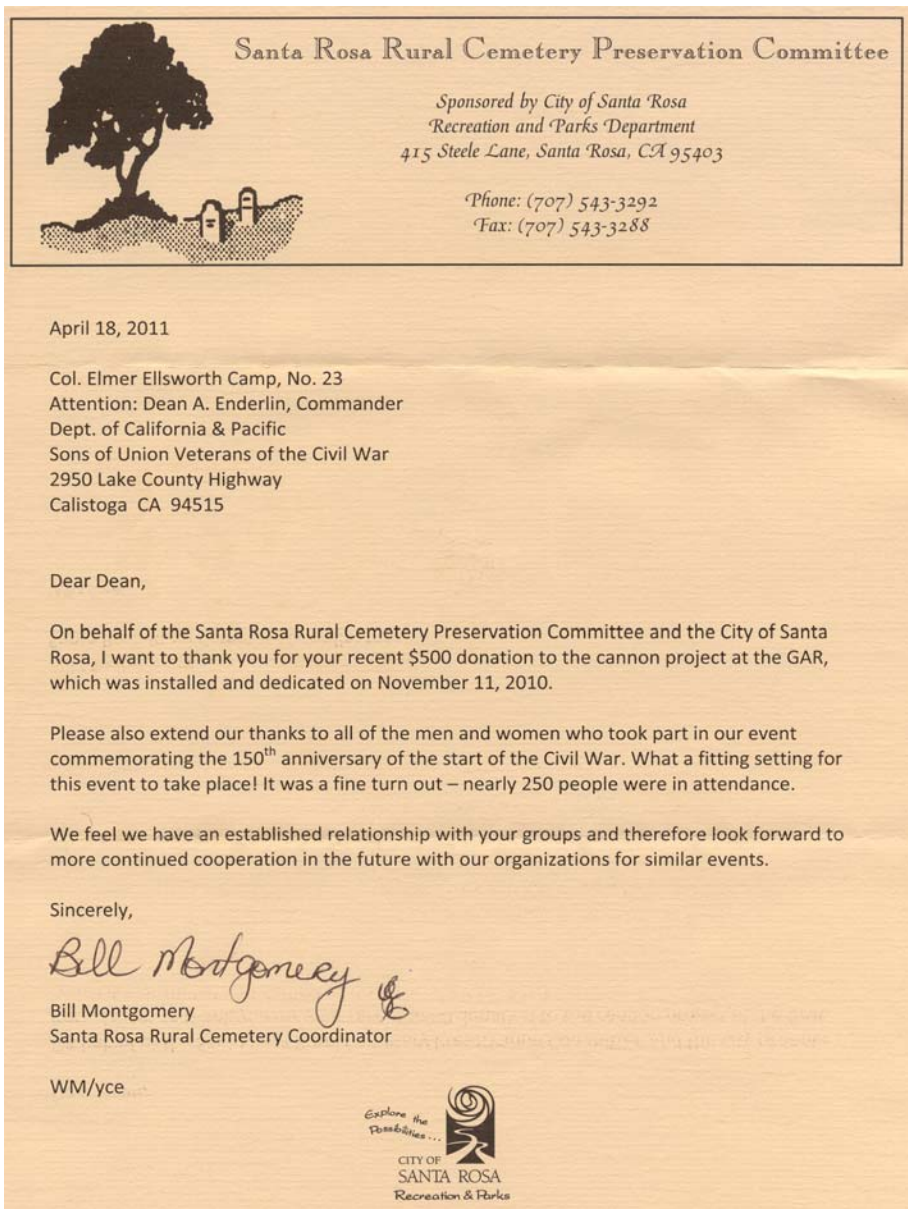
Over the course of the last decade, the damaged or removed decorative elements have been replaced. The replica cannons are the latest and final addition.

To assist with the restoration, Camp 23 requested a grant from the SUVCW Civil War Memorial/Monument Fund in 2010. The fund is designed to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to restore or refurbish Civil War or GAR related memorials and monuments. The grant application process took a bit of time, but in January, the good news was received that we had been awarded the grant.

Our thanks goes to Brother **Robert Petrovic**, PDC, chairman of the National Civil War Memorial Fund Review Committee, and his committee members for their efforts in processing our request. The late **Kirby Morgan**, Department of California & Pacific Memorials Officer, also provided welcome assistance with the exchange of

Right: Letter to Camp 23 from the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee.

Below: Kay Voliva and Camp Civil War Memorials Officer Dean Enderlin discuss the grant for the replica cannons at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery's GAR Memorial. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



necessary information between our Camp and National.

Camp Commander **Dean Enderlin**, who also serves as Camp Civil War Memorials Officer and Special Aide to the Department Memorials Officer, presented the check to **Kay Voliva** at the April 9th event. Kay and her husband, **Bob Voliva**, have been the principal planners and organizers behind the rehabilitation of the GAR Memorial throughout the entire process. Thanks to their efforts, and the efforts of all concerned, the GAR Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery has been returned to a condition that rivals – if not surpasses – its beauty when it was first dedicated on Memorial Day, 1915.



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# Final Respects to Brother Kirby Morgan

Camp 23 lost a good friend with the passing of Department Civil War Memorials Officer **Kirby R. Morgan** in Arbuckle, on March 29th. Kirby had assisted our Camp on many occasions, especially with guidance in filling out our Civil War Memorial assessment forms. He also frequently forwarded information on local Civil War veterans and GAR Posts that he found during the course of his own research.

On April 4th, four members of Camp 23 and one member of Auxiliary 23 gathered at Colusa with brothers from at least five Northern California Camps to pay our last respects. Rest in Peace, Bro. Kirby.



Above: Kirby Morgan standing next to Parrott cannon tube at the GAR Plot, Sunrise Memorial Cemetery, Vallejo, 9 January 2010. Dean Enderlin photo.



Left: Members of at least five California SUVCW Camps perform honors at Kirby's graveside service, held at College City Cemetery. Attending from Camp 23 were Ron Cannon, CC Dean Enderlin, Lou Olker and Dave Schleeter. AP Cindy Eddy attended on behalf of Auxiliary 23. Cindy Eddy photo.



## 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).

