



Col. Elmer Ephraim
Ellsworth
(1837 – 1861)

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Camp & Auxiliary in Two Memorial Day Events



Obelisk at Calistoga Cemetery. C. Eddy photo

Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 once again joined Calistoga American Legion Post 231 in observing Memorial Day (May 30th). We participated in two ceremonies, the first at the GAR plot in Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, and the second at the Veterans Memorial located in Calistoga's Logvy Park.

The cemetery program included the posting of the colors by Calistoga Boy Scout Troop 18, an opening prayer by Camp Assistant Chaplain **Allen Davis**, and an address by CC **Dean Enderlin**, explaining the Civil War sesquicentennial. This was followed by CC Enderlin reading General Logan's Order No. 11. The ladies of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary next performed a flower ceremony, each placing a red rose in a basket in front of the GAR plot as the name of each known Civil War veteran buried in the cemetery was called. After the last name was read, AP **Cindy Eddy** placed a single white rose "symbolizing the *unmarked* graves of Veterans of *all* American Wars and Conflicts. Although their names may be unknown and their graves unmarked, they are not forgotten."

At the conclusion of the flower laying ceremony, the microphone was passed to AP Eddy, who recited Mary Simmerson Cunningham Logan's 1903 commentary on the outcome of her husband's order. The Camp rifle squad, consisting of **Dave Schleeter**, PCC, **Ron Cannon**, PCC, **Brian Pinarretta** and CC **Dean Enderlin**, followed with a 3-volley rifle salute. Taps concluded the ceremony.

The program at the Calistoga Veterans Memorial was a large one. Our Camp Chaplain **Charles Christian**, PCC, offered the opening prayer, and later in the ceremony the Camp and Auxiliary joined forces to dedicate a new "Civil War" section of memorial bricks. Each brick bears the name and service information of a known Civil War

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Ellsworth SUVCW Signature Event in New York

Remembering the sacrifice of our Camp's namesake, our SUVCW Brothers in the Department of New York hosted a Sesquicentennial Signature Event in honor of Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth on Sunday, May 15, 2011. Over a year and a half went into the planning for this event, which was held at the Hudson View Cemetery in Mechanicville, New York, at the Ellsworth family plot.

Rain poured down at the morning event – which included a mock funeral – just as it did at Ellsworth's actual funeral in Mechanicville in 1861. In spite of the inclement weather, over five hundred spectators watched as our SUVCW Brothers, Gold Star Mothers, veteran's groups, and reenactors commemorated the day. Participating Zouave reenactor groups included the Rockford Grays, Salem Zouaves, 5th New York Infantry (Duryee's Zouaves), and the 14th Brooklyn Infantry. Four New York SUVCW Camps were present, as well as representatives from other Departments.

Dignitaries at the event included Rep. **Chris Gibson** (R-Kinderhook); State Senator **Roy McDonald** (R-Saratoga); the Mayor of Mechanicville, Hon. **Anthony J. Sylvester**, and several historians and museum officials. The master of ceremonies was New York Department Commander **Jeffrey Albanese**.

As one of only two active SUVCW Camps bearing the Ellsworth name, our Camp was invited to participate in the ceremonies. Although we were unable to send anyone in person, our Camp provided a wreath which was carried in the procession and placed among others in front of the Ellsworth grave. The wreath was sent to New York Bro. **Raymond W. LeMay III**, who arranged for Bro. **Charles Berns** (George L. Willard Camp #154, NY), pictured at left in foreground, to carry and present it at the gravesite.

Our wreath was decorated with blue ribbons prepared by **Lou Olker**, inscribed, "Col. Ellsworth Camp 23" and "California." Also accompanying the wreath was a card from our Camp with the following message: "In fond remembrance of the namesake of our SUVCW Camp. In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, Dean A. Enderlin, Commander, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, Dept. of Calif. & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Thanks goes to Bros. **David M. Dzewulski**, CC, and **Raymond W. LeMay III**, PCC, for providing details and photos for this article.





Scrapbook – Memorial Day at Calistoga 2011



Photos from Memorial Day, Calistoga

Top Left: Some of the newly placed memorial bricks in the Civil War section of the Calistoga Veterans Memorial.

Top Right: Camp 23 rifle squad at Memorial Day, Calistoga.

Right: Auxiliary 23 flower ceremony.

Far Right: Chaplain C. Christian delivers prayer at afternoon observance.

Below Right: CC Enderlin reads the roll of 22 Civil War veterans.

Below Left: (L to R): A. Davis, R. Cannon, A. Pinarretta, M. Pinarretta, D. Schleter, M. L. Christian, C. Eddy, D. Enderlin, A. Schleter, B. Pinarretta, K. Cannon, C. Debevoise, C. Christian.

Photos courtesy Cindy Eddy and Allen Davis.





Camp General Orders



CAMP ORDER No. 2, Series 2011 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CAMP CHAPLAIN



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: Camp Chaplain Charles L. Christian has advised me that – although he would like to continue his services to our Camp as its Chaplain – he is in need of an assistant to carry out the duties of his office in certain circumstances.

Section 2: At the recommendation of Bro. Christian, I hereby appoint Bro. Allen R. Davis as Assistant Camp Chaplain, to assist with the duties of said office as the Chaplain deems necessary.

Section 3: This appointment shall exist until amended or revoked, through the completion of my term of office.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this twenty-sixth day of May 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

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

It's a busy time as AP **Cindy Eddy** and I get ready to head to Reston, Virginia, to attend the National Encampment of the SUVCW and Allied Orders. It's a long trek across the continent, but going to one of these gatherings is an unforgettable experience. If, as a member, you've never been to one of these and would like to see what it's like, I'd encourage you to consider going to next year's National Encampment which will be held at Los Angeles, August 9 to 11, 2012. These events are rare in the Western states, so here's your chance to attend one close to home and perhaps be a delegate for your Department! For more details, please click on the following link: <http://www.suvpac.org/2012.html>



At our last regular meeting, we devoted considerable time to hammering out the calendar for the remainder of the year. Thank you all for helping with that. Our Camp and Auxiliary have some interesting activities planned for the next few months, so please check the event schedule on page 11 of this newsletter and mark your calendars!

As I've mentioned many times, the energy and enthusiasm of our Camp and Auxiliary never ceases to amaze me. Our members consistently go above and beyond all expectations when it comes to patriotic activities. We're not that big a group, and yet it has almost become a standard practice to see our members participate in multiple events on a single patriotic holiday. We did this on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and most recently on Independence Day. The latter amazed me the most. After finishing one parade in the summer heat, our color guard hopped in their cars and drove 25 miles to march in a second parade on the same day. That's hard to top!

I want to also thank the members of our Bylaws Committee, **Allen Davis** and **Charles Christian**, and all our other members who joined us in our recent committee meeting. Crafting a document of this kind takes a lot of time and thought, but having so many constructive ideas really makes the process easier.

Until I return in September, I remain,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin
Camp Commander

Remembering Our Past by Dean Enderlin



In our May "Ellsworth" issue of *The Bugle*, we covered just about everything we could think of that pertained to Ellsworth Post, No. 20, GAR, and its Allied Orders based in Santa Rosa. For those who wanted more on this subject, you're in luck! After the May issue, Department Commander **Glen Roosevelt** sent us a photo of the banner of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, Ladies of the G.A.R. This item came up on an internet auction a few years ago. We don't know the fate of the banner, but we at least know what it looks like!

A nice summary of the history of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, was included in the Santa Rosa *Press-Democrat* newspaper on January 3, 1917. Thanks goes to local historian, Ray Owen, for sending the article to our Camp. It is transcribed below:

G.A.R. CIRCLE TO HAVE BIG TIME

Installation on Thursday Night and Hot Chicken Supper – History of the Organization in Santa Rosa



The installation of the officers of Ellsworth Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will occur on Thursday night at the regular meeting. This will be preceded by the serving of a hot

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Remembering Our Past (continued)



Banner of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, LGAR.

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chicken supper, at 6 o'clock, to which the officers and members of Ellsworth Post, G.A.R., the Sons of Veterans and their families have been and are again cordially invited. They are sure to come, too.

Many friends will be interested in the history of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, Ladies of the G.A.R. This Circle was organized July 27, 1886, and at that time, under the name of Ladies Loyal League at the home of Comrade John Miller on Fourth street, Santa Rosa, and he being past commander installed the officers. It was organized with eleven members, but soon added more to the membership.

The following December and January, 1887, soon after the election of new officers, the name was changed to Ladies of the G.A.R., and since that time has been steadily growing. Much charitable work has been done during the 30 years of prosperity.

In the year 1889 there were 72 members in good standing. But since that time many have left, some have moved away, some are so old and feeble that they cannot attend meetings and have received honorable discharges, and many have also left the ranks to join the Great Circle above.

At the present time there are 69 members in good and regular standing.

"We meet twice a month and all are interested in the good cause for which we are banded together," said one of the members yesterday.

At the meeting December 7, 1916, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Rosa McAfee; senior vice-president, Mrs. Etta Shea; junior vice-president, Mrs. Amanda Ward; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Dibble; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Gillett; conductor, Mrs. Arabella Dougherty; guard, Mrs. Anna E. Carry.

Did You Know...

The California Oath of Allegiance, 1863

by Ray Owen (Special to *The Bugle*)

On April 25, 1863, the State of California passed "An Act to exclude Traitors and Alien Enemies from the Courts of Justice in Civil Cases." The legislation targeted support of the Confederacy and imposed severe penalties upon plaintiffs and their attorneys who had not taken an oath of allegiance to the United States.

The act provided that in any civil suit the defendant(s) or his attorney could file written notice objecting to further prosecution on the grounds of disloyalty of the plaintiff, thereupon all proceedings "shall be stayed until the plaintiff (or his attorney)" had taken, subscribed and filed a sworn affidavit of allegiance. Should this not be done, any "said case shall thereupon be absolutely dismissed, and no other suit shall ever be maintained by the said plaintiff... For the same cause of action." In other words, failure to take the oath resulted in dismissal of a case and forfeiture of future action.

The prescribed oath of allegiance went beyond the traditional working in that it contained language specifically disavowing support of the Confederacy – past, present or future. The oath read as follows:



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Oath of Allegiance (cont'd)

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“I, (*here insert the name of the plaintiff*), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Government of the United States, any ordinance, resolution, or law of any State or Territory, or of any Convention or Legislature thereof, to the contrary notwithstanding; that I have not, since the (*here insert the date of passage of this Act*) knowingly aided, encouraged, countenanced, or assisted, nor will I hereafter, in any manner, aid, encourage, countenance, or assist, the so-called Confederate States, or any of them, in their rebellion against the lawful Government of the United States; and this I do without any qualification or mental reservation whatsoever. So help me God.”

Compliance required that “No Attorney at Law shall be permitted to practice” until an oath was taken and filed with the County Clerk, and, “for every violation... the Attorney so offending shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, shall be fined in the sum of one thousand dollars.”

The legislation represented a clear warning to Confederate supporters and sympathizers in California.

Source: The Statutes of California, 1863, Chapter CCCLXV, pgs. 566-67.

Independence Day Marchers Earn 1st Place Award!

Kudos to Ellsworth Camp 23's color guard for representing your Camp on the Fourth of July! This year, our marchers went above and beyond the call of duty by marching in back-to-back parades on the same day. This is a first in the history of our Camp!



The first parade was in Calistoga, where our 4-man color guard entry took first place in that class (see photos of trophy and ribbon on this page). This adds a third trophy to our rapidly growing collection! The year 2011 is our Camp's second consecutive year participating in Calistoga's Silverado Parade. This small-town annual event has been a tradition since the late 1930's. As much as they would have liked to, Camp Commander **Dean Enderlin** and Auxiliary President **Cindy Eddy** couldn't accompany the Camp's entry this year. Calistoga is celebrating its 125th year as an incorporated city, and as a part of that celebration, Dean (who regularly volunteers to portray Calistoga's founder, Sam Brannan, at Sharpsteen Museum events) was asked to be Grand Marshall. So, he and Cindy got to ride in style!

Unfortunately PCC **Dave Schleeter**, who serves as Camp Color Bearer and is a fixture in our color guard, was also unable to join the march this year, due to a leg injury.

Following the Calistoga parade, our marchers headed south to Napa where they marched in the Napa Sunrise Rotary's 3rd annual July 4th Parade in the afternoon. The organizers accommodated our color guard by placing our marchers near the end of the parade. That way, the guard was able to make it to the assembly area before that part of the parade began to move.

Thanks goes to our intrepid marchers, **Mace Gjerman** (who served as officer of the day), **Jamin Gjerman**, **Brian Pinarretta**, and **Allen Davis** for braving the summer heat to represent your Camp!





Memorial Day (cont'd)



Calistoga's Mayor and Past VFW Post Commander, Jack Gingles, praises Camp 23 Junior Member Morgan Pinarretta on his involvement with the SUVCW as U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson (D - St. Helena) looks on. *Allen Davis photo.*

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veteran buried in Pioneer Cemetery. Our dedication ceremony began with three of our uniformed Camp members, **Ron Cannon**, PCC, **Dave Schleeter**, PCC, and **Brian Pinarretta**, marching single file into position next to the Civil War section. Auxiliary member **Mary Lou Christian** followed, carrying a white basket to receive the roses. Then, as CC **Dean Enderlin** called the roll of each of the known Civil War veterans buried at Pioneer Cemetery, the ladies of the Auxiliary filed up to the basket, each placing a rose in honor of a veteran. The ceremony concluded with AP **Cindy Eddy** placing the single white rose as was done at the cemetery.

In addition to the Camp and Auxiliary members mentioned above, our membership in attendance at the Veterans Memorial event included **Allen Davis**, **Morgan Pinarretta**, **Amber Pinarretta**, **Patricia Fitkin**, **PAP Ann Schleeter**, **Katherine Cannon**, and **Cali Debevoise**.

Special thanks goes to Calistoga's American Legion Post 231 for their generosity in setting aside the Civil War section for memorial bricks. The inscribed bricks, which normally cost \$160 apiece, were provided at no cost. CC **Dean Enderlin** (who also serves as co-Graves Registration Officer for Camp 23) assisted Post 231 Commander **Paul Coates** and Adjutant **Jim Barnes** with the project by providing names and service details for each Civil War veteran.

Camp and Auxiliary Assist with "Daytripping" Tour

Six members of Ellsworth Camp and one member of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary set aside part of their day on June 22nd to volunteer as helpers for a Civil War themed bus tour of Sonoma County hosted by the "Daytripping" travel company. AP **Cindy Eddy** and CC **Dean Enderlin** accompanied the tour bus the entire day, while others joined along the way.

Points visited on the tour in the morning included the Comstock House in Santa Rosa, Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa, and Col. Roderick Matheson's house in Healdsburg. Brother **Charles Christian**, PCC, met us at the Matheson House to provide us with a history of Sonoma County's hometown hero – killed in battle in Maryland in 1862 – who once lived there. Lunch was at the Washoe House, the historic inn in Petaluma where the local militia – bent on punishing outspoken Southern sympathizers in Santa Rosa – halted their "attack" in 1865. Joining the tour there were Bros. **Allen Davis**, **Lou Olker**, **Brian Pinarretta** and **Morgan Pinarretta**. Brother Olker, dressed in Confederate officer's attire, told about his CS ancestor, General Cosby, while the Pinarretta's told stories of the 20th Maine Infantry at Gettysburg.

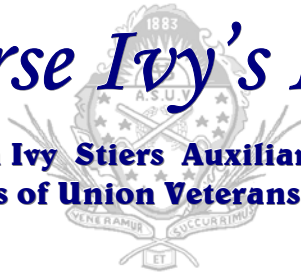
The last stop of the day was at Glen Ellen, where the tour stopped to view the Model 1861 Siege Howitzer on display in the center of town. **Bill Montgomery**, our lead tour guide, reported to us that he received lots of good feedback afterward. As an added surprise, the "Daytripping" company made a generous donation to our Camp in appreciation for our efforts.



Cindy Eddy photo

Nurse Ivy's Log

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



Ladies of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 pose for a group photo at the Calistoga Veterans Memorial, Loggy Park, Calistoga, on Memorial Day, 2011. L to R: Amber Pinarretta, AP Cindy Eddy, Mary Lou Christian, Cali Debevoise, Katherine Cannon, PAP Ann Schleeter, and Patricia Fitkin. Twenty-two memorial bricks honoring Civil War veterans buried at Calistoga are in the foreground. *Dean Enderlin photo.*



Coming Events . . .

CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Santa Rosa, CA.

VALLEY OF THE MOON VINTAGE FESTIVAL PARADE

Sunday, September 25, 2011. Sonoma. Step-off 11 a.m.

FORT MERVINE

Mid-year gathering of Northern & Southern CA Camps
October 9 – 10. Monterey (see ad at right)

CIVIL WAR GRAVES REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, October 15. Veterans Home, Yountville, CA.
Time TBA

NORTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Santa Rosa, CA.

PETALUMA VETERANS DAY PARADE & FLY-OVER

Friday, November 11, 2011. Downtown Petaluma, CA.
Step-off 1 p.m.

AUXILIARY 23 TEA & REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

Saturday, November 19, 2011. Time and place TBA.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING

Joint Election of Officers, Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23
Saturday, December 3, 2011. Time and place TBA

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, January 21, 2012. Time and Place TBA.

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT FORT MERVINE

Monterey, CA

OCTOBER 8th & 9th, 2011

On the lower quarter of the Presidio of Monterey, at the
"Presidio Museum" off of CPL: Ewing Road.

Hosted by the

"SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR"

Tent displays, Ordnance display, Artifacts of the Civil War &
the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic).

Firing demo's at 11:30am & 2:30pm each day.



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History Fest 2011

at the "Presidio Museum
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www.historicmonterey.com or www.suvcw.org

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Support her Veterans and our Troops!"*

**Friday, 11 November 2011
Downtown Petaluma**

Sponsored by Petaluma American Legion Post 28
and other Veteran organizations

Contact: Steve Kemmerle (nansen1k@att.net) for details

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Camp Officers Attend Eagle Court of Honor at Ukiah

On Saturday, June 18th, 2011, Camp 23 Commander **Dean Enderlin**, Sr. Vice-Commander **Mace Gjerman** and Historian/Guide **Jamin Gjerman** attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for **Philip Gilbert** in Ukiah. Camp 23 Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator **Ron Cannon**, PCC, was unable to attend the ceremony due to other commitments, and asked for assistance in making the presentation of the SUCVW Eagle Scout Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Gilbert. Our three Camp officers were honored to be able to attend.

Mr. Gilbert is a Civil War enthusiast and is active in the American Civil War Association (ACWA) as a member of the 69th New York. With his interest in Civil War reenacting, he made our uniformed Camp members feel right at home!

As is noted on the SUCVW website, one of the many goals and purposes of our Order is to reward young men who achieve the status of Eagle Scout with a special congratulatory letter and color Certificate of Commendation. While we encourage any young man searching for a community service project to look to us for inspiration on projects relating to the Civil War, we offer this certificate with no "strings attached" other than that he must be an Eagle. For more information on this program, please visit the Eagle Scout Award page at: <http://suvcw.org/eagle/>



About the SUCVW

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 (SUCVW) 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).

