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Bro. Allen Davis Recognized at 2011 SUVCW National Encampment



Camp 23's newest member, **Allen Davis**, was recognized at the 2011 SUVCW National Encampment by CinC **Brad Schall** and National Patriotic Instructor **Don Martin** as one of the most recent graduates of the SUVCW Memorial University Officer Training Course. Brother Davis is the fifth SUVCW member in the Department of California & Pacific to complete the course to date. As of October 2011, one hundred and fourteen individuals have completed the course.

Department of California & Pacific Patriotic Instructor, **Dean Enderlin**, received the certificate and pin on Allen's behalf at the Encampment, and presented it to him at the Camp 23 meeting held at the Veterans Home of California on October 15th. In addition to the Certificate of Completion, graduates receive a pin which may be attached to the ribbon of the membership badge (see image at right).

Memorial University is overseen by the SUVCW National Patriotic Instructor. It is an online course which is self-paced, and it is "open book." It's a great way for any Brother who wishes to dig a little deeper into the SUVCW and SVR rules and regulations to be recognized for that effort. More details on the course and instructions for how to enroll can be found at the Memorial University web page:

<http://www.suvcw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>

Congratulations to Brother Davis on this achievement!



Close-up of Memorial University Pin
(actual size 12 mm)

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A View of a California Volunteer

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

On 9 September 2011 I received a communication from a gentleman in Florida who had in his possession a carte-de-visite of a uniformed man by the name of Philo G. Tuttle, requesting more information about him. It turns out that Philo Tuttle was one of seventy-three men who were members of the only Civil War unit raised in Mendocino County – Company E of the California Mountaineer Battalion. This photograph of Tuttle is the only image I have seen of a member of the Battalion taken during the war. It reveals that the men of the Battalion, as members of an infantry unit, were issued regulation frock coats. The following life sketch has been gleaned from available sources.



Ron Cannon, PCC

Philo George Tuttle was born in July 1841 in DeKalb County, Illinois, the eldest of the thirteen children of David Tuttle and Elizabeth A. Pierson. David Tuttle was a native of Oswego County, New York and his wife Elizabeth hailed originally from Newark, New Jersey.¹ They were married in DeKalb County 19 July 1840.² The Tuttles moved from Illinois to California in 1852, settling in Little Lake township (Willits), in Mendocino County by 1860.³

On 9 June 1863, Philo G. Tuttle enlisted at Ukiah, California, as a corporal in Company E, First Battalion of California Mountaineers. He was mustered into service the following day. This unit was raised for service against the Indians in Humboldt County and the northwestern part of California. The battalion had the same status as other volunteer units, that is, it was regularly mustered into the service of the United States for three years, and received the same bounty and pay as other troops. The battalion was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Stephen G. Whipple and was headquartered at Fort Humboldt for most of its service, except for one year, from September 1863 to September 1864 at Fort Gaston, in Hoopa Valley. Company E was raised by Captain John Pendleton Simpson in Mendocino County. This company was stationed initially at Fort Humboldt, until October 1863, but spent the remainder of its service at Camp Grant in southern Humboldt County, near the present town of Weott. The company was engaged in persuading the local Indians to remain on the reservations, and as a result spent much of its time in the field against “hostile” Indians. There were several engagements with the Indians. Corporal Tuttle was mustered out of service with his company at Fort Humboldt on 14 June 1865.⁴



After his discharge from the service, Philo Tuttle returned to Little Lake in Mendocino County. For the rest of his working life he was primarily engaged in stock raising in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties, though he had a brief stint as the proprietor of the Little Lake Hotel in Willits in the early 1870s.⁵ On 18 December 1871 he married Aurilla A. Osborne. She had been married previously to Silas Osborne on 17 May 1860, her maiden name being Hargrave.⁶ Aurilla, or Aurelia, brought three children from her previous marriage into the relationship, and together she and Philo had three more. In 1896 the fifty-four year old Philo Tuttle was described as standing five feet six inches tall, with a sandy complexion and hazel eyes, and at that age, gray hair.⁷

On 13 May 1892, Philo Tuttle applied for an invalid pension based on his military service, which was granted. Philo’s wife Aurelia died at the age of eighty on 8 May 1925 in Fortuna, Humboldt County. Nearly four years later, on 12 March 1929, Philo G. Tuttle died at the age of eighty-seven at the Veterans Home at Yountville, Napa County, California.⁸

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A View of a California Volunteer (cont'd)

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Endnotes:

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⁶ Mendocino County marriages, 2:16, Tuttle-Osborne marriage (1871); Mendocino County marriages, 1:6, Osborne-Hardgrave [sic] marriage (1860).

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⁸ California Death Index, 1905-1929, pp. 11062, 11064, Family History Library microfilm 1,686,047. Philo G. Tuttle, *Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans who served between 1861 and 1900*, Record Group 15; NARA microfilm publication T289; pension certificate no. 936,891. "Willits Pioneer Dies at Fortuna," *Willits News*, 15 May 1925, p. 1, c. 4. "Philo Tuttle Dead at Veterans' Home," *Willits News*, 15 March 1929, p. 1, c. 6.

Imposter Exposed!

One of the duties of an officer in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to swear an oath to expose imposters. It is rare to see this happen, and it has never been necessary to expose an imposter in the ranks of our own Camp... until now! It was all in good fun, though.

At our recent meeting at the Veterans Home in Yountville, **Richard Gray** was called before the Camp and was read the charges against him, namely, misrepresenting himself as an Associate Member of our Order when in fact he qualifies as a full Member. Brother Gray offered no defense to the charges, and fully accepted the fact that he is in fact entitled to full membership, being the great-great-great-grandson of Pvt. John Smith Johnson who served in Co. K, 7th Kentucky Infantry.

A motion was made to accept John Smith as the ancestor of **Richard Gray**, and a further motion was made to direct the Camp Secretary-Treasurer to change the membership status of Brother Gray from Associate to Regular Member. Both motions passed with a hearty "huzzah!" The matter was concluded by CC **Dean Enderlin** pinning the Regular Member badge on Brother Gray.

Thanks goes to Brothers CC **Tom Graham** and PDC **Tad Campbell** of Phil Sheridan Camp 4, for their assistance with Brother Gray's background research. Plans had been in the works to "expose" Brother Gray as an imposter when he was a member of Camp 4, but he transferred to Camp 23 before they had the chance. Brother Graham



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Scrapbook

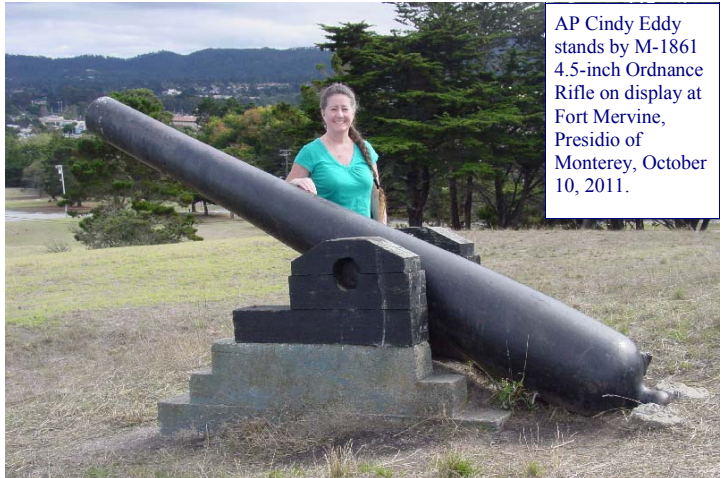


Above: Newly elected and appointed officers of the SUCW National Organization, posing at the National Encampment at Reston, VA, August 13, 2011. CC Dean Enderlin (top row, 4th from right) was reappointed as National GAR Records Officer for 2011 – 2012. *Photo courtesy SUCW webmaster.*

Spirits of St. Helena Cemetery tour, October 1, 2011. CC Dean Enderlin presenting at GAR Plot. *Photo courtesy Mariam Hansen, St. Helena Historical Society.*



Rifle squad at Fort Mervine, Presidio of Monterey, October 8, 2011. *Cindy Eddy photo.*

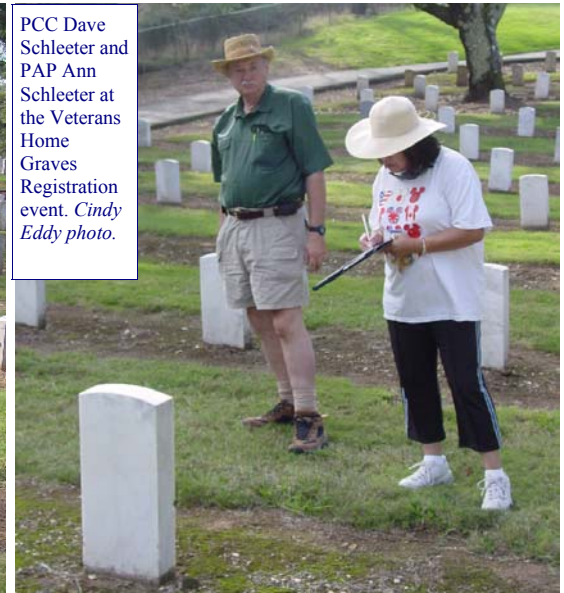


AP Cindy Eddy stands by M-1861 4.5-inch Ordnance Rifle on display at Fort Mervine, Presidio of Monterey, October 10, 2011.

Graves Registration at Yountville Veterans Home, October 15, 2011. L to R: Allen Davis, Katherine Cannon, and Elaine Christian. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



PCC Dave Schleiter and PAP Ann Schleiter at the Veterans Home Graves Registration event. *Cindy Eddy photo.*



Commander's Corner

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

As your newsletter editor, I have to apologize for the tardiness of this issue. This has been an extraordinary year in terms of our Camp and Auxiliary activities, and your editor is kept mighty busy reporting all of them. No complaints, though! Having so much news to report shows how active and thriving our Camp and Auxiliary are. Thanks everyone for keeping your editor busy!

One of the news items that isn't covered in this issue (aside from some photos in our Scrapbook section) was the National Encampment, held at Reston, Virginia, in August. Auxiliary members AP **Cindy Eddy**, PDP **Rachelle Campbell** and I attended as delegates. We really enjoyed it. Gathering with so many folks who are part of the same organization is energizing, and it gives one a feel for how our organization operates as a national entity. We're driven by the enthusiasm of our membership, and the National Encampment is the place to experience that enthusiasm in its grandest form!

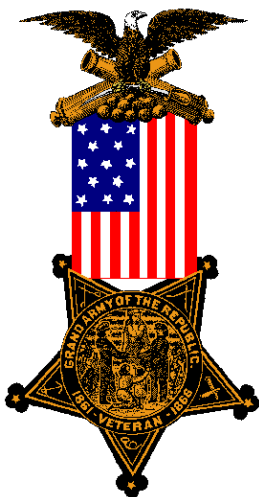
Another event that Auxiliary members Eddy, Campbell and I attended was the "Civil War Encampment" sponsored by Lincoln Camp 10 as a SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial *Signature Event*. The event was held at Fort Mervine, Presidio of Monterey, on October 8th and 9th and was a huge success. Eight Camps, all three Auxiliaries, and many Department officers from across the state attended. Thanks goes to Camp 10's PCC **Tim Reese** for all of his efforts in pulling the event together.

As I write this message, we are planning our next event: Remembrance Day and the Auxiliary Tea in Windsor. Although several of our members have journeyed to San Jose in past years to join Camp 4 and Auxiliary 52 in their Remembrance Day observance at Oak Hill Cemetery, we have never considered hosting an observance of our own... until now. We're going to keep it small and simple this year, with an eye toward possibly hosting a larger public event in 2013 (the sesquicentennial of the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg). Kudos go to our members for their willingness to tackle new projects such as this. Keep the new ideas coming!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin
Camp Commander

Remembering Our Past by Dean Enderlin



A History of Napa Post, No. 192, GAR.

from *Veterans of the Civil War, Napa, Napa County website*
<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~enderlin/cw/napa/napa-cw.html#gar>

Napa Post, No. 192, was a late-comer to Napa, organized with a charter membership of twenty-eight in 1907. The reasons for its formation are lost in time, but it may have arisen from philosophical disagreements within Napa's other GAR Post, Kit Carson Post, No. 74. Notable among the charter officers in the new post was Robert Risk who was a former member and officer of Kit Carson Post.

The mustering-in ceremony for Napa Post, No. 192, took place in the evening of Saturday, August 17, 1907. The ceremony was conducted at the Union Labor Hall in the Bank Building in Napa. The installing officer was Past Post Commander George L. Voorhees from Vallejo's Farragut Post, No. 4. At the conclusion of the organizing ceremony and installation of officers, the members of the new post joined with ladies from Napa's Julia Dent Grant Circle, No. 39, L. G.A.R., for a celebration banquet.

Like Kit Carson Post, meetings for Napa Post were conducted twice monthly.

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At first, Napa's two GAR posts distanced themselves in public activities. Napa Post would conduct annual Memorial Day services at Tulocay Cemetery in the morning, while Kit Carson Post would hold a similar service in the afternoon. As the years passed by, the two posts and their allied organizations grew closer, and by the onset of World War I, their public activities were — for the most part — held jointly.

Napa Post, No. 192, continued to exist for nearly a decade after Kit Carson Post, No. 74, had disbanded. The last member of Napa Post was William Franklin Brandt, who died in Napa on April 9, 1937. Brandt had seen service as a Private in Company F, 12th U.S. Infantry, during the Civil War, and was affectionately known as the "father" of Napa Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), No. 117.

Each of Napa's GAR Posts was allied with its own Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of (Union) Veterans Camp. For Napa Post, No. 192, the allied organizations were Napa Corps, No. 117, WRC, and Napa Camp, No. 17, SV (now called the SUVCW). Kit Carson Post, No. 74, had as its allied organizations Kit Carson Corps, No. 24, WRC, and Kit Carson Camp, No. 26, SV. This curious situation — where similar organizations coexisted in a city as small as Napa — is quite interesting, and it suggests that there were divided philosophies on how to conduct Grand Army business in that community.

For more information on the history of Napa's Grand Army of the Republic Posts and the Allied Orders, please visit the following website:

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~enderlin/cw/napa/napa-cw.html#gar>



**NEWS
FLASH**

GAR Records Found!

AFTER MANY YEARS OF WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE RECORDS OF SANTA ROSA'S ELLSWORTH POST, NO. 20, GAR, A DISCOVERY HAS BEEN MADE!

Recent efforts by the SUVCW GAR Records Committee to catalog the locations of Post and Department records throughout the county, led to the discovery that some of the Ellsworth Post records, along with the records of four other California/Nevada Posts, are in the archives of the University of California's Bancroft Library at Berkeley.

The **Ellsworth Post, No. 20**, records include:

- Minute Books for meetings from 1905 to 1937
- Receipt books
- Descriptive Book.

The collection also includes records from **Napa Post, No. 192**:

- Minutes from 1924 to 1931
- "Service Books."

The other records in the collection are for **George H. Thomas Post, No. 2**, San Francisco; **Sedgwick Post, No. 17**, Santa Ana; and **Mitchell Post, No. 69**, Reno, NV.

Noted Civil War Burials in Sonoma County

by **Charles L. Christian, PCC (Special to *The Bugle*)**

Many of you know I have been a docent and Civil War specialist in the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery since 1998. Some of the individuals I have found, researched and recorded over the years, are the members of the following family. I have been to Raymond, MS, twice and walked the area that they did for so many years before the war. I was lucky to have a local author and historian as a friend who took me around and shared some of the extensive information she has on this family.

Augustine Dabney, Born 1800 VA Died 1878 S.R.

W; Elizabeth Osborne Born 1810 VA, Died 1905 S.R.

Martha Born 1840 MS. Died 1888 S.R.

Eliza "Lizzie" Elizabeth) Dabney Porter, wife of Capt. W. W. Porter, CSA, and dau. of Augustine Dabney, Born 1839 MS Died 1918 TN



Charles Christian, PCC

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Burials in Sonoma County (cont'd)

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Augustine came with Bro. Thomas in a wagon caravan from Gloucester Co. VA in 1835 along with 4-5 other families of relatives and neighbors in carriages with their slaves in wagons. Left in Sept., arrived in Dec. Bro. Thomas had position and wealth and started a plantation 10 miles south of Raymond that was to be 4,000 acres, 200 slaves and another 300 that he was the overseer for those that came with them from VA and had their farms adjacent to his. Both were Episcopal church members and they started St. Marks Church in Raymond which still stands. Most people of the region were, and probably still are, Baptist and Methodist.

Augustine settled in the village of Raymond and had a practice and was Probate Judge for the county for 8 years before the war. He was so good that no ruling of his was ever overturned. He never really prospered and it was tough raising ten children there. Often Bro. Thomas would send in a wagon of meat and produce for him. Before the battle he was present at the CSA parade in town before the fight and assisted during and after the battle in the placing of the wounded in the various churches. Three months before he died, Apr. 1878, he, his wife, and dau. Martha came to live with the Porters of S.R.

Wife, Elizabeth, was a member of the village sewing circle during the war making uniforms for the army. During the battle she also became a nurse and treated the wounded of both sides in the make shift hospitals in the various churches of Raymond.

Daughter and wife of Capt. W. W. Porter, CSA, Lizzie, was a teacher and governess at Uncle Thomas's plantation named Burleigh. She is known to also have been nursing after the battle. She ran a well known center of social life in her home at 415 College Ave., at Mendocino, for over 25 years and moved to Berkeley to live with a dau. (Educator, U. of Cal.) after her husband died in 1907. She was visiting another dau. in TN when she died in 1918.

Dau. Martha, never married, during the battle she was ill in the house with typhoid fever. After the battle the Union troops took all the villager's livestock and provisions and Mother Dabney implored a Union officer to leave the milk cow as Martha was on a liquid only diet and that was about all she could get down. They took the cow and later gave her a cow. Not long afterward they found their cow and came out of the battle a cow ahead. Martha was a teacher in S.R. She was also the S.R. Teachers Assoc. secretary.

Both brothers lost almost everything due to the war. Thomas lived on his plantation alone with a faithful ex-slave or two remaining and was often almost hungry as he was raising mostly nothing. He ended up living with a daughter, who was widowed after a few months of marriage, who then lived in Baltimore. He died there in 1886 at the age of 88. She, Susan D. Smedes, wrote a famous book about the family from beginning to end in 1887 and it can be found on line. It is about 340 pages — "Memorials of a Southern Planter."

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graciously forwarded the information to Camp 23, so that Brother Gray could be properly recognized.

In addition to the direct ancestor mentioned above, research by Brother **Tad Campbell** revealed that Brother Gray also has the following blood uncles who enlisted in the Union Army:

George Franklin, 4th Illinois Cavalry
 Elias Hail, 1st Kentucky Cavalry
 George B. Hail, 32nd Kentucky Infantry
 John L. Hail, 49th Kentucky Infantry
 Aaron Hodges, 45th Missouri Infantry
 Thomas E. Hodges, 45th Missouri Infantry
 Elliott B. Hodges, 7th Kentucky Infantry & 6th Kentucky Cavalry
 Paschal Johnson, 47th Kentucky Mounted Infantry
 Ebenezer Rhodes, 16th Illinois Infantry
 James M. Rhodes, 39th Iowa Infantry
 Griffith, Shreck, 112th Illinois Infantry

Veterans Day Parade At Petaluma



Undaunted by the wet conditions, members of our Camp and Auxiliary — joined by our friends in the 20th Maine Volunteers — honored our nation's veterans by marching in the annual Petaluma Veterans Day Parade. Posing at Wickersham Park just before parade time are our marchers, L to R: AP **Cindy Eddy**, CC **Dean Enderlin**, **Katherine Cannon**, PCC **Ron Cannon**, **Amelie Brown** (20th Maine Vols), **Trey Brown** (20th Maine Vols), PAP **Ann Schleeter**, PCC **Dave Schleeter**, **Logan VanderJagt**, **Brian Pinarretta**, **Cali Debevoise**, **Jamin Gjerman**, **Elaine Christian**, and **Mace Gjerman**.

Camp and Auxiliary Meet at the Veterans Home



On October 15, 2011, Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 gathered at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville to hold a fall picnic meeting and to spend some time recording graves at the Veterans Home Cemetery. We held a similar meeting in the fall two years ago.

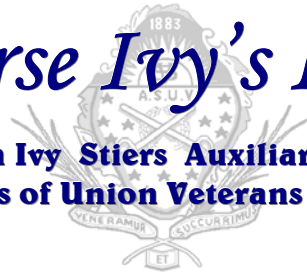
The weather was perfect and our turn-out great. We held our meeting in the Veterans Memorial Grove, which is a battlefield tree grove with a number of GAR and Allied Orders memorial plaques. It is

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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,

As the holiday season is upon us, let us remember those men and women, both Veterans and active duty, who have so bravely defended and continue to defend our country to secure and protect our freedom.

Please consider taking time to visit a Veteran or send a card to an active duty military person. A simple "thank you" or a seemingly small gesture can mean so much to someone, especially someone who may be away from family and friends during this time of year.



Looking forward, we have many exciting activities and events on the horizon, such as our very first Remembrance Day Observance along with a Victorian Tea to celebrate the third anniversary of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23.

Wishing all of you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Cynthia L. Eddy
President
Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23



Gathering of the Dept. of California & Pacific Auxiliaries at the Sesquicentennial Signature event "Civil War Encampment," Fort Mervine, Presidio of Monterey, October 8, 2011.

L to R: PDP Rachele Campbell; AP Cindy Eddy (Aux. 23); AP Bev Graham (Aux. 52); AP Susan Sweet; DP Melinie Caines; and Tricia Bures (Aux. 2).



Patriotic Points

by Ann Schleeter, PAP

Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23

Women of the Civil War

Many history books tell the story of the war from a man's point of view. There was very little mention of the contributions of women. Here are some of the roles women played during the Civil War.

When the men and boys went to war, some women dressed up as soldiers and fought along side the men. Frances Clayton disguised as a man served many months in Missouri artillery and cavalry units. Because they passed as men, it is impossible to know how many women soldiers served in the Civil War.

There were some women spies during the war. Rose O'Neal Greenhow was a Confederate spy. One of her accomplishments was the ten-word secret messages she sent to General Pierre G.T. Beauregard which ultimately helped him to win the battle of Bull Run. She spied so successfully for the Confederates that Jefferson Davis credited her with the Confederate victory.

The most famous nurse was Clara Barton. She formed an agency to obtain and distribute supplies to wounded soldiers. In July 1862, she obtained permission to travel behind the lines, where she reached some of the grimmest battlefields of the war and served during the sieges of Petersburg and Richmond. Clara Barton delivered aid to soldiers of both the North and South. In 1881 she established the American Red Cross.

Before the Civil War, Mary Edwards Walker earned her medical degree, married and started a medical practice. The practice didn't do well and she volunteered with the Union Army at the beginning of the Civil War and served as a female surgeon. She was captured by Confederate forces after crossing enemy lines to treat wounded civilians and arrested as a spy. She was sent as a prisoner of war to Richmond, Virginia and was later released in a prisoner exchange. After the war, Dr. Mary Edwards Walker was approved for the United States military's highest decoration for bravery, the Medal of Honor, for her efforts during the war.

The women of the war formed groups like the Sick Soldiers Relief Society and the Soldiers aid Society. They made bandages for the wounded and knitted socks to keep the soldiers' feet warm and dry.

There were women writers such as Harriet Beecher Stowe who wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin in 1851. Following the publication of the book, she became a celebrity, speaking against slavery in America and Europe. When she was introduced to President Lincoln, it is said that he greeted her with "So this is the little lady who started this great war."

Harriet Tubman was a runaway slave from Maryland who became known as the "Moses of her people." During the course of 10 years, and at great personal risk, she led hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad, a secret network of safe homes where runaway slaves could stay on their journey north to freedom.

And the last woman of the Civil War was the First Lady of the United States, Mary Todd Lincoln. Not only did she have to deal with the death of her son Willie, she had to deal with the deaths of siblings killed in the war.

During her time at the White House, she often visited hospitals around Washington where she gave flowers and fruit to wounded soldiers. And in 1865 she had to deal with the death of her husband.

Soldiers, spies, nurses, doctors, social workers, writers, slaves and the First Lady are some of the roles women played in the Civil War. It took over 100 years before women of the Civil War were recognized for their contributions outside of caring for their family at home. It is important today that these women are recognized for their efforts they deserved.

Dates to Remember— 2011/2012

Nov. 19 — Remembrance Day

Nov. 24 — Thanksgiving

Dec. 07 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Feb. 01 — National Freedom Day

Feb. 12 — Union Defender's Day (Lincoln's Birthday)

Coming Events . . .

CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

AUXILIARY 23 TEA & REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

Saturday, November 19, 2011
10:45 a.m. — Observance at Shiloh Cemetery, Windsor
Noon Tea at the Schleeter household, Windsor

ANNUAL ELECTIONS MEETING

Joint Election of Officers, Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23
1:30 p.m., Saturday, December 3, 2011. Place TBA

NORTH BAY CWRT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 21, 2011, Legends
Santa Rosa

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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

FORT POINT LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Saturday, January 28, 2012, Fort Point, San Francisco. Details
TBA.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Annual Lincoln Dinner
Date, Time and Place TBA
(actual birthday is on Sunday, February 12, 2012)

CLOVERDALE CITRUS FAIR PARADE

11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 18, 2012, Theme: *Mardi Gras*
Downtown Cloverdale.

DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

March 9 - 10, 2012
San Luis Obispo

The 2011 Petaluma Veterans Day Parade & Fly-Over

was a tremendous success!

Thanks goes to Steve Kemmerle (nansen1k@att.net) and
Petaluma's American Legion
Post 28, for organizing the
biggest and best parade yet!



*“Support America and her
Freedoms
Support her Veterans and
our Troops!”*

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Gettysburg National Cemetery, November 19, 1863

*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth
on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and
dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether
that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated,
can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that
war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a
final resting place for those who here gave their lives that
that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that
we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not
consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men,
living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it,
far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will
little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can
never forget what they did here. It is for us the living,
rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which
they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is
rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task
remaining before us — that from these honored dead we
take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave
the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly
resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that
this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom —
and that government of the people, by the people, for the
people, shall not perish from the earth.*

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Meeting at Veterans Home, cont'd

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a beautiful place, and the GAR history makes it even more special.

Camp members attending were PCC **Ron Cannon**, PCC **Charles Christian**, **Allen Davis**, CC **Dean Enderlin**, **Richard Gray**, **Brian Pinarretta** and PCC **Dave Schleeter**. Auxiliary members attending the meeting were **Katherine Cannon**, **Elaine Christian**, **Mary Lou Christian**, AP **Cindy Eddy**, and PAP **Ann Schleeter**. Auxiliary member **Amber Pinarretta** with sons **Morgan** and



Brian Pinarretta (left) and Rick Gray recording information from headstones.

Owen joined us later in the afternoon.

After the meeting, our members gathered at the Veterans Home Cemetery to record headstone inscriptions as part of our Graves Registration Program. Although the graves have already been indexed, our efforts will concentrate on transcribing the information on each headstone. With such a large group, we can cover sections of the cemetery quickly. Not only will this be a record we can share with the public, but it is also a terrific project that involves our members of all ages.



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).

