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(1837 – 1861)

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## New Camp Officers Installed on Jan. 21st

Storm clouds gave way to sunny skies on January 21st, when the members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 gathered in Windsor to install our new officers for the 2012-2013 administrative year. Once again, the Gjerman family opened their house for our installation meeting. They made us all feel at home.



Above: CC Mace Gjerman presents PCC Dean Enderlin with a plaque in appreciation for his three years as Camp Commander.

Our installing officers, **Tad and Rachele Campbell** accompanied by daughter **Emelia**, made the journey up from Gilroy to honor us by presiding over our ceremony. Department Commander **Glen Roosevelt** had intended to be our installing officer for the Camp, but some unexpected health issues forced him to cancel. Brother Tad kindly stepped in at very short notice to handle our installation, and he did so masterfully. Tad is a Past Department Commander of the Department of California & Pacific. He currently serves on the National Council of Administration and recently announced his intention to run for the office of Jr. Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW.



Above: PDC Tad Campbell presents newly installed Camp Commander Mace Gjerman with the gavel of office. Below: Camp officers being administered the oath of office.

This year's installation ceremony for the Camp saw some new faces take the oath of office. **Mace Gjerman** assumed the top job as Camp Commander, while **Allen Davis** and **Jamin Gjerman** were sworn in as Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, respectively. Our other officers are listed on the updated list on the back page of this newsletter.

For more information on the Auxiliary installation, please see the separate article on page 9.



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## Camp General Orders



### CAMP ORDER No. 3, Series 2011 PAST CAMP COMMANDER PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO BROTHER ROGER A. FERNWOOD



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: Brother Roger A. Fernwood – a Charter Member of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 – has served our Camp continuously and dutifully as its Secretary-Treasurer since its founding.

Section 2: Chapter II, Article II, Section 1 of the SUVCW Regulations states that, "Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments." Brother Fernwood has met the above criteria for conferral of this rank, and at a meeting of our Camp on 12 February 2009, was granted the rank of Past Camp Commander with privileges by vote of the membership.

Section 3: As Commander of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, I wish to congratulate Brother Fernwood on his devotion to our Camp, and I will request that this Camp Order be read by our Department Commander at the 2012 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth, 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



## Sam Hollister (1817 — 1876), Bear Hunter, Soldier

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

In the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, plot MC 188, lies a man who made a mark in western history. Samuel E. Hollister was born in Saratoga County NY and married Mary Ann Demarest in 1844 in MI. The next year they were in Indiana where they had three children. Sam left them back in MI with Mary Ann's folks and went to Calif. in 1849 to apparently seek gold. He shortly thereafter took up the trade of being a bear hunter and it appears he learned this trade from James "Grizzly" Adams. They became partners in getting bear cubs, and maybe other animals, for P. T. Barnum's museum in NYC. In 1853 Sam went for a Grizzly cub one day in the Sierras and the mama Grizzly took offense and charged Sam. He could not get his rifle ready in time, or it misfired, and he had to resort to killing the bear with a knife, but not before the bear had a taste or two of Sam. This encounter resulted in a famous lithograph being printed and distributed far and wide of the incident. Most likely it appeared on the wall in saloons, but



Charles Christian, PCC

**CHARLES L. CHRISTIAN**, joined the Sons, Phil Sheridan Camp #4, on April 15, 1993. His Civil War ancestor was his great-grandfather, Pvt. Charles B. Smith, served with Co. D, 4th MN Infantry Enlisted April 11, 1862 and was discharged June 11, 1864. It is unknown to which GAR post Smith belonged.



Charles L. Christian



Charles B. Smith

He took sunstroke at the siege of Corinth, MS, May 1862. As a result he was assigned as a printer clerk to the Commissary-Quartermaster sergeant. He went back into the trenches in the rear of Vicksburg and his brigade was given the honor of being the first to march into that city on its surrender, July 4, 1863. Upon his discharge for disability July, 1864, he became the quartermaster agent on Island #98, north of Vicksburg. In 1865 he joined the 9th Vets. Res. Regt. in Washington, D.C. At the end of the war he got a clerkship in the war department and assigned as an assistant to General O.O. Howard in the Freedmens Bureau. This resulted in a friendship with the noted General that was prized by Charles until his death at Cloverdale, CA in 1924.

Charles Christian's ancestor bio from Stahura & Gibson, 1996, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

not behind the back bar, as this area was usually reserved for paintings of young, but poor, attractive women who posed in order to make money to buy clothes which they all were lacking at the time of their posing. Here is a link for the bear painting. I have none of the young women.

<http://www.ancestorstalker.com/images/samuelehollisterandbear.jpg>

While working with Adams to fill the Barnum order, their first bear was taken back east by Sam with Adams to follow with one or more as he caught them. Sam and Adams had a different opinion of their relationship as Sam thought it was a partnership and Adams thought it was that Sam just worked for him. Anyway Sam sold the bear to Barnum and kept the money and remained in NYC. After Adams arrived with his animal(s) it seems they resolved their differences as they both are shown living together in the census of 1860 in NYC.

Sam signed up for the army during the Civil War with the 1st NY Mounted Inf. It did mostly support and scouting type work in VA on the basis of its record for the time that Sam was in it. He also shortly got off the horse and got behind them becoming a Teamster with the wagons. Here he would be out of most harm's way no matter what sort of scrape the regiment got itself into during his service from 1862-65.

After the war Sam and family moved to San Francisco where he was listed in the 1870 census as working on a patent for a North Star Washing Machine. It is not known if this was for clothes or for ore. Shortly thereafter the family moves to a 25 acre farm near Santa Rosa on the Sonoma Road (Rincon Valley). Sam, on a Saturday morning in 1876, was in town on business near the court house when he had a heart attack and died shortly thereafter. Mary Ann died in 1909 in Pomona. She had a soldier's widow's pension since 1891 and is in an unmarked grave in a local cemetery there.

Sam and Adams were portrayed in an annual Lantern Tour vignette at SRRC a few years ago. They starred with a good impression of an angry Grizzly thrashing about in a wooden cage after having just caught it in the Sierras.





## William Wood Porter by Charles L. Christian, PCC (Special to *The Bugle*)

WILLIAM WOOD PORTER, Born: 1827 Orange Co., VA; Died: 17 Jan. 1907 Age 80.

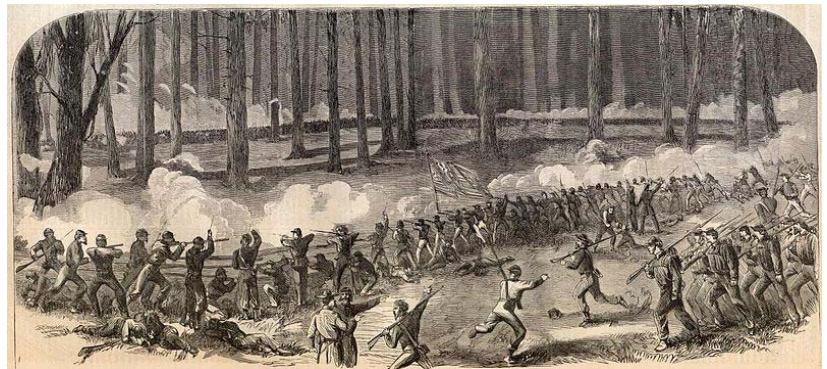
Moved to TN with family as a boy and then on to Miss, where his father became a large and very successful cotton grower.

After regular schooling, he studied the law and upon completion of his studies, instead of opening up a practice, he appears to have received a grubstake from his father and went to the gold fields of Calif. to try his luck in 1853. After some time at this, he went down the river, found himself in Stockton where he started a practice and shortly thereafter he was elected DA of San Joaquin Co.

He must of heard of the new town of Santa Rosa, investigated and found all to his liking and came here and started a new practice.

When the Civil War started, he wished to get into it on the side of the CSA and armed with letters of introduction from the fathers of Santa Rosa, mostly of whom were pro-confederates from Mo, he went to that state and received a commission in the 1<sup>st</sup> TN Militia Inf. Shortly after this he was assigned as one of the two ADC's to Gen. Geo. Crittenden, who was the commander of the CSA forces in the area. In early 1862 he was at the battle of Mills Spring, KY and was commended in the O.R.'s by Gen. C. for his performance during the battle.

At the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862, Gen. C. had command of the CSA reserve forces and having no need of ADC's, loaned him out one day to Gen. Beauregarde and the next day to Gen. Polk, Gen. B. also commended him for his services in the O.R.'s. About this time he was promoted to Capt. During the middle of 1863 he was apparently doing various duty in MS, including a couple (?) of months as enrollment officer at Jackson. Towards the end of the year he was assigned to the staff of Gen. J. Johnston, the new Commander of the West. This appears to have resulted in a close friendship between the two. Gen J. tried to get him a command of his own, but due to inter-divisional politics, it never happened. During the Vicksburg Campaign on April, 28, 1863, he received a telegram at Hazelhurst, MS from Gen. Pemberton in Jackson to take two companies of the MS State Militia Cav. and follow-pursue Col. Greirson's Union Cavalry raiders who had just raided Hazlehurst. This telegram is also in the O.R.'s. On May 11 he was sent by Gen. J. to Raymond, MS, probably to coordinate with B/Gen. Gregg's Brigade there. The next day Gen. G attacked the vanguard of the 17<sup>th</sup> Corps of Grant's army and Capt. P. volunteered his services and led a company of the 50<sup>th</sup> TN Inf in the battle. For this the CO of the 50<sup>th</sup> TN thanked him in his official report of the battle, and this is in the O. R.'s. He remained with Gen. J. until he was replaced in the summer of 1864 in GA by Pres. Davis and replaced with Gen. Hood. He may have gone on to the bad winter in TN with Gen. H and shared in the disasters in Hood's campaign at Franklin and Nashville.



Battle of Raymond, Mississippi, May 12th 1863 (from *Harpers Weekly*)

At the end of the war he surrendered at Citronelle, AL on May 4, 1865, signed the loyalty oath and received a pardon. It is known that shortly after the war he returned to S.R. with a wife and regained his practice. She presented him with 5 daughters and he presented her with a fine house on College near Mendocino Ave. During the administration of President Cleveland in either the 1880's or during his second presidency in the 1890's he received a Supreme Judgeship in the N.M. Territory where he served several years. He retired from his practice in S.R., probably in the 1890's. In his last years he had poor health and it was aggravated by the damage done to his home during the 1906 earthquake. He was well known and respected in S.R. as is related in his obit at the time of his death in Jan, 1907.

### Further Reading:

*William Wood Porter—Miner, Soldier, Judge*, by Charles Christian, 2004

<http://battleofraymond.org/porter.htm>





# Scrapbook



Above Left: AP Cindy Eddy at Fort Point. Above Right: Brother Kevin Mowrey writes from Colorado about the '67 Mustang he's posing next to: "I feel if the Civil War was in 1967 this is the kind of horse the NORTH would have preferred!"

Below: Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 Sisters sharing some laughs around the chocolate fountain at the January 21st installation ceremony.



Left: Sgt. Rick Gray drilling the troops at the January 28th Fort Point living history event.

Below: Some of the SUVCW and ASUVCW participants at the January 28th event at Fort Point: L to R: Eric Wilt, PCC Frank Avila, PCC Don Wilt, PCinC Brad Schall, PDC Jerry Sayre, PDC Tad Campbell, Ken Felton, Jamin Gjerman, Brian Pinarretta, CC Mace Gjerman, Morgan Pinarretta, PDC Charlie Mabie, Allen Davis, AP Cindy Eddy, and PCC Dean Enderlin.



## Commander's Corner



### CHANGE OF COMMAND!

Congratulations to **Mace M. Gjerman**, our new Camp 23 Commander, along with our line-up of Camp officers for the 2012-2013 administrative year. Mace served as Jr. Vice-Commander of our Camp in 2009-2010, and as Sr. Vice-Commander from 2010 until he was installed as Camp Commander on January 21st. Our officer list has been updated, and is located on the back page of this newsletter. It can also be viewed at our website:

<http://www.suvpac.org/camp23/officers.html>

Past Commanders of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 include: **Charles L. Christian** (1999-2001), **James L. Spencer** (2001-2002), **Steve Martin** (2002-2003), **Ronald D. Cannon** (2003-2007), **David C. Schleter** (2007-2009), and **Dean Enderlin** (2009-2012).



## Why I Joined . . . What I Found

by **Allen Davis, Camp Sr. Vice-Commander / Assistant Chaplain**

In January 2010, I began researching my family history for the first time. I had so little to go on, but jumped into the mix and did the best I could. At that time, the only family I really knew much about was my great grandmother Swift and her parents and siblings. Before long, I discovered that her grandfather, Wesley Fletcher Swift, was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. I was so excited because for the first time I had a *real* connection to the Civil War. Having grown up mostly in a small town called Ringgold in northwest Georgia I fell in love with the Civil War because of the local history associated with the War. I spent many hours at the Chickamauga Battlefield where I almost believed that I could see and feel the battle. That battlefield has always been a "sacred" spot for me. Not long after that I began to wonder if there was an organization that I could join to honor my 3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandfather Swift and it didn't take me long to find the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I spent a few months debating whether or not to join (guess I wasn't sure if I'd fit in!) but then I sent in my application. In March 2011 my application was approved and I went to my first event on April 9, 2010 at the Rural Cemetery. Since then I have discovered many, many more ancestors who wore Union Blue and I determined that I would serve the Order to the best of my ability out of respect for each of them. Little did I realize how much I would gain by joining the SUVCW.



Starting with that first event at the Rural Cemetery I found men and women who loved history (especially history of the Civil War), their country and their family's role in that history. Until I met each of you, I had never been around anyone with whom I could share that love. I found comrades and friends. In a word, I found *fraternity*.

I also found folks who are patient, kind and willing to teach the newcomer what the Order is all about. You have taken the time to explain things to me and to answer what I assume must sound at times like silly questions. You share your wisdom and insight about many topics. When I found those things in you, what I really found is *charity*.

Lastly, I found a group of like-minded people who cherish the memory of the "Boys in Blue" who sacrificed so much for their ideals and principles and for the love of country. Every time we gather together we remember them. Each grave marker cleaned, recorded or replaced is a symbol of the fact that we will never forget. We march in parades and participate in ceremonies to tell their story. When I found this Order, I found *loyalty*.

Fraternity. Charity. Loyalty. These are not merely words we recite in the opening ceremony of our Camp, Department and National meetings. These truly are the principles upon which our Order was founded, and to which we pledge ourselves to uphold and perpetuate.





# A Few Words From Your Past Commander by Dean Enderlin

What a privilege it has been to be your Camp Commander these past three years. I can now say that I've tied **Ron Cannon** for the longest run as head of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23! Each of us builds on the accomplishments of our Past Camp Commanders, and I feel privileged to have made my contribution to our Camp.

I was first elected Camp Commander on the same day that Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 was mustered in, so I also had the privilege of being our first Camp Commander to work with our



new Auxiliary. The Auxiliary strengthens our Camp, and I can't thank the ladies enough for their support. Special thanks goes to Past Auxiliary President **Ann Schleeter** and current Auxiliary President **Cindy Eddy** for their leadership and cooperation as the Camp and Auxiliary charted the new waters as separate but closely affiliated organizations.

Many of you know how deeply I feel about my Civil War ancestors, and how important being a part of the SUVCW is for me in perpetuating their memory. Being Camp Commander had an added benefit, in that I feel that I was able to do something that my great-great-grandfather, Erick Nelson, wanted to do but could not. Erick was a veteran of Co. F, 89th Illinois Inf., and was a charter member of Lew Wallace Post, No. 137, GAR, in Scandia, Kansas. The Post organized in 1882. Erick held offices almost every year, and in the 1884 election of officers, he was elected Senior Vice Commander (S.V.C.) of the Post. He held this office for two years, but never achieved the rank of Post Commander. Wallace Post declined in the late 1880's due to the death and/or departure of several key members. In 1896 the Post disbanded. In June of that year, the members—including Erick—transferred to nearby Courtland Post, No. 344. Erick never held an office in a GAR Post again.

So, not only am I personally honored to have served three terms as your Commander, but I feel that you have honored my ancestor by electing me to an office that he could never attain. I thank you all for that.

We are very fortunate as a Camp to have a growing and active membership. Planning for the future is essential to the success of our organization, and seeing a strong line-up of capable officers assures me that our future is bright. There are Camps that aren't so fortunate. My heartiest congratulations goes to Commander **Mace Gjerman** as he takes the helm of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23. May the experience of leading this Camp be as pleasant for him and future Commanders as it was for me!

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**ADJUTANT'S REPORT,**  
*Muller* Post No. *137*  
*Fourth* QUARTER, 188*4*

Headquarters: *Muller*

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

Respectfully forwarded,  
*C. M. Gulerick*  
 Post Commander.

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

\*ROSTER OF OFFICERS.

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

P. C.	<i>S. A. McKim</i>
S. V. C.	<i>E. Nelson</i>
J. V. C.	<i>Jet Trofiman</i>
Adjt.	<i>C. H. Kelly</i>
Q. M.	<i>Christian Sullivan</i>
Surg.	<i>L. M. Morris</i>
Chap.	<i>J. Hollenback</i>
S. D.	<i>C. M. Messenger</i>
O. G.	<i>George Nicholas</i>
S. M.	
Q. M. S.	

Post Meets every *2nd* <sup>*Wed*</sup> <sup>*off*</sup> *Wednes* day's in *Hall*, *St.*

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Give names of newly elected officers here



## Camp and Auxiliary Members turn out in Force at Fort Point Sesquicentennial Signature Event

It was one of those picture-perfect days in San Francisco on January 28th when members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, one Sister from Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23, and Brothers from four other California SUVCW Camps gathered below the Golden Gate Bridge at historic Fort Point to host a SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event. This is the third Signature Event held in northern and central California since the Sesquicentennial program began.

The Fort Point Living History Day usually takes place twice a year. It is coordinated by the 20th Maine Volunteers, Company "G" (ACWA) and hosted by the National Park Service. The SUVCW has partnered with the 20th Maine at this event in the past, and was generously invited to scale up our activities this year for the Signature Event.

Fort Point is a well preserved reminder of the coastal defenses in the West during the Civil War. It was built between 1853 and 1861 as part of the gauntlet of defenses in San Francisco Bay, and was first garrisoned in February 1861 by Co. I, 3rd U.S. Artillery. Fort Point is the only "third system" masonry fort on the West Coast. Over forty forts of this type

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Fort Point as it appears today. *Cindy Eddy photo, January 28, 2012.*



Fort Point about 7 years after the Civil War. *Source: New York Public Library, Robert N. Dennis collection.*





# Nurse Ivy's Log

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



## Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 Installs Officers for 2012-2013

On January 21st, 2012, the Sisters of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 gathered with our Brothers in Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 to install our newly elected and appointed officers. Thank you, everyone, for attending. A special thank you goes to Sisters **Tanya Gjerman** and **Tiana Gjerman**, and Brothers **Mace Gjerman** and **Jamin Gjerman** for graciously allowing us to hold our ceremony in their house.

Honoring us as our installing officer was Past Department President (and National Patriotic Instructor) **Rachelle Campbell** who made the trip from Gilroy that morning. Sister Rachelle had a busy day that day, with a second installation scheduled for later that evening. We really appreciate her efforts.

This year, we decided to conduct our installation early in the day, combining the meeting with a potluck brunch. It was a resounding success and the food was absolutely delicious. Sister **Tanya Gjerman's** chocolate fondue fountain and Sister **Ann Schleeter's** picture-perfect Dutch waffles, along with all the other tasty treats, brought smiles to everyone who attended!

Getting down to business after the brunch, AP **Cindy Eddy** presented each of her past year's officers with certificates of appreciation and a thank you gift. She also recognized Sisters **Tiana Gjerman** and **Amber Pinarretta** with thank you gifts in appreciation for their participation.

Our roster of Auxiliary officers for 2012-13 includes some new faces! Serving for the first time as Auxiliary officers are **Patricia Fitkin** (Trustee #3) and **Tiana Gjerman** (Guard). Our full roster of officers appears on the back page of this newsletter, and can also be viewed on our website:

<http://www.suvpac.org/aux/officers23.html>



Returning for her second term as Auxiliary 23 President, Cindy Eddy receives the gavel from PDP Rachelle Campbell.



Taking the oath of office (standing in front of the podium L to R): Tanya Gjerman, Katherine Cannon, PDP Ann Schleeter, AP Cindy Eddy, Amber Pinarretta, Tiana Gjerman, PDC Tad Campbell, PCC Dean Enderlin. At the podium, PDP Rachelle Campbell administers the oath.

## Patriotic Points

by Ann Schleeter, PAP, Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23



### A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S VALENTINE

There were many Civil War artifacts from many basements and attics. Some of the items were documents, letters and mementos that were collected and archivists have saved those into digital database. Archivists have collected 25,000 Civil War artifacts to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

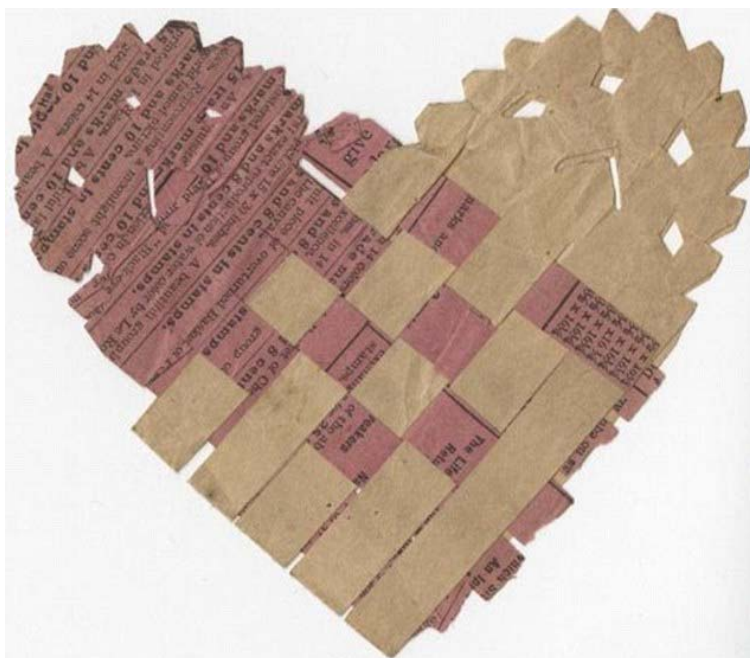
With the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, have you wondered how the soldiers felt being away from their wives and love ones during the war years? I found this interesting story about a Confederate soldier with time on his hands between battles.

One item that was collected was a hand-made valentine that a Confederate soldier named Robert King sent to his wife. He used his penknife to cut one sheet of newspaper and a used envelope together so that he could intertwine the two in a basket weave pattern. After finishing he folded it and sent it to his wife, Louiza in Montgomery County, Virginia. When folded, it was about 4 square inches and looked like a woven heart.

Once Louiza open the heart, she saw random dotted holes which turned into the shape of two people sitting opposite one another, crying. The memento must have come as a bittersweet token of his affection when Louiza received it. Her husband died in battle and never saw his wife or their child again.

It is stories like this which shows the emotional weight behind the artifacts that have been collected by the Library of Virginia which is just one of the state libraries preparing for this anniversary.

Source: Story from Simon Tomlinson and Meghan Keneally  
Mail Online News website



Robert King's valentine. Source: Mary Foster, *The Associated Press*  
(photo courtesy Library of Virginia)

#### Dates to Remember— 2012

- Feb. 12 — Union Defender's Day (Lincoln's Birthday)
- Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
- Feb. 20 — Presidents' Day
- Feb. 22 — George Washington's Birthday
- April 16 — Patriots Day
- May 01 — Loyalty Day
- May 13 — Mother's Day
- May 19 — Armed Forces Day
- May 27 — Memorial Sunday
- May 28 — Memorial Day (observed)
- May 30 — Memorial Day (traditional)





# Coming Events . . .

## CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

### ANNUAL LINCOLN DINNER

Friday, February 10, 2012  
Washoe House, Petaluma  
6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner, 8 pm Lincoln Stories  
(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

Campfire, Friday, March 9, 2012  
Meetings Saturday, March 10, 2012  
Camp San Luis Obispo

### NORTH BAY CWRT MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
6 pm Food Service, 7 pm Round Table Meeting  
Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa.  
<http://www.northbaycwrt.com/>

### ALCATRAZ LIVING HISTORY DAY

Saturday, April 14, 2012  
<http://www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org/>

### NORTH BAY CWRT MEETING

Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
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Sam's For Play Restaurant, Santa Rosa.

### MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)

Monday, May 28, 2012  
Time and place TBA

### MEMORIAL DAY (TRADITIONAL)

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

In Memory of  
**ROBERT WILLIAM VOLIVA**  
19 Oct. 1942—17 Dec. 2011



*A friend to our Camp and a man who — through his efforts to rehabilitate the GAR Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery — helped keep green the memory of the **Boys in Blue.***



## 2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

August 9 - 11, 2012

Los Angeles Airport Marriott, Los Angeles, CA  
<http://www.suvpac.org/2012.html>

## Department of California & Pacific

### 126th Annual Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### 101st Annual Encampment

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

March 9 - 10, 2012

Camp San Luis Obispo  
San Luis Obispo, California

Details available at:

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

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- Junior Vice-Commander..... Jamin Gjerman
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- Council..... Ronald Cannon, PCC
- Council..... David Schleeter, PCC
- Chaplain..... Charles Christian, PCC
- Assistant Chaplain..... Allen Davis
- Historian..... Jamin Gjerman
- Guide..... Jamin Gjerman
- Color Bearer..... David Schleeter, PCC
- Guard..... Grant Noah
- Civil War Memorials Officer.... Dean Enderlin
- Eagle Scout Certif. Coord... Ron Cannon, PCC
- Graves Registration Officers.....
- Dean Enderlin, PCC (Southern Service Area)
- Ron Cannon, PCC (Northern Service Area)

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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- Vice-President..... Elaine Christian
- Secretary..... Elaine Christian
- Treasurer..... Mary Lou Christian
- Patriotic Instructor..... Ann Schleeter, PAP
- Chaplain..... Katherine Cannon
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- Trustee #2..... Amber Pinarretta
- Trustee #3..... Patricia Fitkin
- Guide..... Cali Debevoise
- Guard..... Tiana Gjerman
- Press Correspondent..... Cindy Eddy
- Musician..... Tanya Gjerman
- Historian..... Cindy Eddy
- Counselor..... Dean Enderlin, PCC
- Signals Officer..... Tad Campbell, PDC

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**Fort Point, cont'd**

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were built on the East Coast, including Fort Sumter. Fort Point was supplemented by artillery defenses on Alcatraz Island and other parts of the Bay, creating a formidable defense against enemy ships trying to sail through the mile-wide narrows of the Golden Gate. Thankfully, these defenses never saw combat, and the guns at Fort Point were never fired in anger.



Jamin Gjerman at the Fort Point display tables. Cindy Eddy photo.

Attendees at the event included the following members of our Camp and Auxiliary: **CC Mace Gjerman, Jamin Gjerman, AP Cindy Eddy, PCC Dean Enderlin, Brian Pinarretta, Morgan Pinarretta, Rick Gray, and Allen Davis** (accompanied by his wife **Deanna** and son **Nathan**).

Pictured below is one of the flag ribbons presented to Auxiliary 23 and Camp 23 in appreciation of our attendance at the Fort Mervine Signature Event at Monterey. The Camp's streamer will be a welcome addition to our new Camp flag (currently on order)!



**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).

