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Ellsworth  
(1837 – 1861)

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## Catching Up!

Last year was a remarkably busy year, and from July on, your Camp newsletter editor found himself woefully behind in his duties. With all the activities we were involved with last year, we could have published ten newsletters instead of only two.

It's a new year and a new volume for *The Bugle*, so it's time to get back to reporting!

We still need to report all the activities that went on in the latter half of last year, but we'll save that for a special winter issue to follow this one.

**Coming in our  
next issue:**

**2012  
The Year in  
Review**

One milestone we just can't save for a later report is the acquisition of our new Camp flag! Pictured below are **Charles Christian**, PCC, and Camp Commander **Mace Gjerman** debuting the new flag at our Memorial Day 2012 picnic in Calistoga. Brother Charles graciously donated \$200 to the Camp to ensure that we had the necessary funds to cover the costs. It's a beautiful flag, and it has already been put to use at our Camp meetings and activities.



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## Camp Elections & Installation of Officers

The meeting to elect new officers for Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 was held at the Schleeter household in Windsor on December 1, 2012. Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 met at the same time to conduct their own elections, so it was a busy day.

Our installation ceremony took place at the Gjerman household in Windsor on January 19, 2013. The festivities began with a wonderful luncheon prepared by the Gjermans. Attendance was excellent, as can be seen in the group photo at the bottom of this page.

Presiding over our installation ceremony was Department Commander **Glen L. Roosevelt**, who made the long trek from Anaheim Hills to honor us with his presence. Brother Glen had planned to be at our installation last year, but a last minute flu bug changed his plans. He was delighted to be able to be with us this year.

Our newly elected Camp officers are as follows: Commander **Mace Gjerman**; Senior Vice-Commander **Allen Davis**; Junior Vice-Commander **Jamin Gjerman**; Secretary-Treasurer **Roger Fernwood**, PCC; Camp Council **Ron Cannon**, PCC, **Charles Christian**, PCC, and **Dave Schleeter**, PCC; delegates to the Department Encampment **Allen Davis** and **Jamin Gjerman**, alternates were the remainder of the camp.

Our newly appointed officers are as follows: Chaplain **Allen Davis**; Historian **Jamin Gjerman**; Guide **Jamin Gjerman**; Guard **Grant Noah**; Color Bearer **Dave Schleeter**, PCC; Graves Registration Officers **Ron Cannon**, PCC (north area) and **Dean Enderlin**, PCC (south area); Civil War Memorials Officer **Dean Enderlin**, PCC; Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator **Ron Cannon**, PCC; Newsletter Editor **Dean Enderlin**, PCC; and Signals Officer (Facebook pagemaster) **Allen Davis**.

Congratulations Brothers, and best wishes for a successful 2013 administration!



DC Glen Roosevelt presides over the Camp 23 installation as CC Mace Gjerman looks on. *Photo by D. Enderlin.*



**Attendees of the Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 Installation of Officers, 2013.** Back Row (L to R): Don VanAuker, Dean Enderlin, PCC, Jamin Gjerman, Allen Davis, Charles Christian, PCC, CC Mace Gjerman, Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Phil Caines, Dave Schleeter, PCC, and Ron Cannon, PCC. Front Row (L to R): AP Cindy Eddy, Elaine Christian, Mary Lou Christian, Tanya Gjerman, DP Melinie Prosk-Caines, Ann Schleeter, PAP, Katherine Cannon, and Cali Debevoise. Not shown: Roger Fernwood. *Photo by D. Enderlin.*

# Camp General Orders

## RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT



**WHEREAS**, Dean A. Enderlin is a member in good standing of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), being a direct descendant of Private Erick Nelson of Company F, 89th Illinois Infantry; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin has served Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Santa Rosa, CA as Jr. Vice-Commander (2008) and three consecutive terms as Camp Commander (2009-2011), and as Camp Civil War Memorials Officer since 2008, shares the office of Graves Registration Officer with Ronald Cannon, PCC, and is newsletter editor; and



**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin holds a dual membership in Phil Sheridan Camp #4, based in San José, CA; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin is a 2010 graduate of the SUVCW Memorial University Officer Training Course; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin has served the Department of California and Pacific as Guide *pro tem* (2008), as Guard (2009), as Civil War Memorials Officer (since April 2011), as a member of the Department History Committee, and is currently serving his third consecutive term as Department Patriotic Instructor, along with receiving both the Department Officer of the Year Award (2011-2012) and the Maj.-Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs Graves Registration Award (2011-2012), and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin has served the SUVCW National Organization as GAR Records Officer and Chair to the National Committee on GAR Records since August 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin is a member of the SUVCW National Committee on Civil War Memorials, and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, 6th Military District; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin serves as Counselor to Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, Auxiliary to SUVCW; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Enderlin comes from a family tradition of serving the GAR and the Allied Orders; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that we, the Brothers of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby endorse Brother Dean A. Enderlin for the office of Department Jr. Vice Commander at the 127th annual (2013) Department Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Department of California and Pacific for affirmative disposition at its March 2013 Annual Encampment, and that this resolution then be forwarded to all Camps within the Department of California and Pacific.



By Order of: /s/ Mace M. Gjerman  
Camp Commander  
Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23

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

## Death of Judge John G. Pressley

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

We mostly all know of the grave in the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery (SRRC) of the commanding officer of the 25th South Carolina Inf., 1862-64, until he was wounded out of the war. He was also appointed one of two of the first superior court judges in Santa Rosa after a career as an attorney before the war in South Carolina, and after the war, in Solano County and then here.

Extensive coverage of his death was reported locally and throughout the county as he was highly respected and held in high esteem by all. One of the articles relates the scene of his death and the unique individual who was with him at the moment of death.

Here is the story *in toto*:

### PATHETIC SCENE AT DEATHBED OF JUDGE PRESSLEY.

Santa Rosa, CA., July 6 (1895)

The funeral of Judge Pressley, who died at Camp Pressley, near Cazadero, yesterday will be held at the Baptist church here tomorrow forenoon. The members of the Santa Rosa bar met to-day and appointed a committee to draft proper resolutions in respect to the memory of the dead jurist. The attorneys will attend the funeral in a body.

Judge Pressley died in the arms of Lt. P. Legro, an old Union soldier, who had his camp near that of the Judge. Just the evening before the old soldiers had a jolly visit together, felicitating themselves upon the fact that all animosities that ever existed between the blue and gray had been put aside. Before daylight the Judge, who was an ex-Confederate, breathed his last in the arms of the old Union veteran.

An example of how much he was held in respect, even today by those who know of him in detail, was made evident to me some years ago when I was contacted by an attorney from near where Pressley lived in S.C. He was going to be on holiday in Calif. soon and would like to come to Santa Rosa and visit Pressley's grave. He came and stayed downtown in a hotel. I picked him up and gave him a tour of the well known ex CSA officers in the SRRC including Pressley's. He then asked me if he could go back to his grave alone for a while and then he did. I waited in some surprise that he felt so strong about a man he did not know and who had died a long time ago. Needless to say, as we said goodbye at the hotel, he thanked me ever so much. I told him I was very happy to have done so and how impressed I was by his efforts to personally honor this great man in the SRRC.

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## Dave Schleeter Donates US Colors to Camp!

A big round of Huzzah's goes to Brother **Dave Schleeter**, PCC, for his generous donation of a United States flag (complete with gold fringe) for the use of our Camp. He donated the flag at our December 1st meeting.

Up until now, Camp 23 has been borrowing flags from our members for use at the meetings, so this donation will be a lasting benefit to all. Brother Schleeter is a Past Camp Commander of both Phil Sheridan Camp #4 and Col. Elmer Ellsworth #23. He has served as Department Color Bearer, and is continuing in his role as Camp Color Bearer. He also served as US color bearer for the Sons of Veterans Reserve color guard throughout the 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles.

At right is a photo of Brother Schleeter during the opening ceremonies of the National Convention of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, held at the same time as the SUVCW National Encampment in Los Angeles last year.



Charles Christian, PCC





# Scrapbook — Installation January 19 (part 1)



Above (L to R): CC Mace Gjerman, DC Glen Roosevelt, DP Melinie Prosk-Caines, and AP Cindy Eddy.



Below Left: AP Cindy Eddy receives a gift on behalf of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23, presented by Elaine Christian.

Below Center: AP Cindy Eddy presents a certificate of appreciation to Cali Debevoise.



Above: AP Cindy Eddy presents certificates of appreciation to some of her officers: PAP Ann Schleeter (top), Katherine Cannon (middle) and Mary Lou Christian (bottom).

Left: Sisters of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23. (L to R): Mary Lou Christian, Tanya Gjerman, Elaine Christian, DP Melinie Prosk-Caines, AP Cindy Eddy, PAP Ann Schleeter, Cali Debevoise, and Katherine Cannon.



# Scrapbook — Installation January 19 (part 2)



Above: DC Glen Roosevelt reads the charges to Commander-elect Mace Gjerman. *D. Enderlin photo.*

Below: Newly elected and appointed officers of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 being sworn in by DC Glen Roosevelt. *C. Eddy photo.*



Below: Members of Camp #23 pose for a group photo with DC Glen Roosevelt. (L to R): Dean Enderlin, PCC; Don VanAuker; Jamin Gjerman; Charles Christian, PCC; DC Glen Roosevelt; CC Mace Gjerman; Allen Davis; Dave Schleter, PCC; Ron Cannon, PCC. Not shown: Roger Fernwood, PCC.



Above and Below: Camp and Auxiliary members enjoying the installation luncheon at the Gjerman residence. *C. Eddy photos*





# Scrapbook — Fort Point Event, Jan. 26th



Above: The Auxiliary #23 display at Fort Point, included a photo board showing Auxiliary activities and a poster about women in the Civil War. *D. Enderlin photo.*



Above: Auxiliary #23 participants (L to R): AP Cindy Eddy, Elaine Christian, Cali Debevoise and guest, Celia Strumph.

Below: Participants at the Fort Point Signature Event (L to R): Jim Monteton (Camp #22); Owen Stiles (PCC, Camp #22); PCinC Brad Schall (Camp #22); Allen Davis (behind PCinC Schall); Don Wilt (PCC, Camp #22); Tad Campbell, PDC (Camp #4); Jamin Gjerman; Cali Debevoise; Mace Gjerman; Celia Strumph (guest of Cali Debevoise); Elaine Christian; Dean Enderlin, PCC; and AP Cindy Eddy. *D. Enderlin photo.*



Below Left (L to R): Lorne Marmet (Camp #4); Frank Avila (PCC, Camp #4); Jerry Sayre, PDC (Camp #21); and Ken Felton (Camp #24).

**CIVIL WAR**  
*Living History Day*

**Fort Point**  
at the Presidio, San Francisco

**Saturday, 26 January 2013, 10 am - 5 pm**

Come experience history first hand! Demonstrations include musicians, infantry and artillery drill, medicine in the 1800s, and the daily life of soldiers and civilians of the era.

Fort Point is a National Historic site located in the Presidio under the southern anchorage of the Golden Gate Bridge. Additional parking is available at the Crissy Field lot near the Warming Hut and on the hill overlooking the Fort. **FREE** admission

For more information, contact the Fort Point Rangers at (415) 556-1693 or [www.20thmuse.org](http://www.20thmuse.org)

Below Right: Lorne Marmet, Tad Campbell and Jerry Sayre chat with visitors at the SUVCW interpretive display.



## Civil War Black Powder & Sulfur by Dean Enderlin, PCC

Since the time when I was in college studying the history and geology of the local quicksilver mines, the story of the Sulphur Bank mine in Lake County has intrigued me. I've seen it stated time and again that—although this mine became one of the largest producers of quicksilver (mercury) in California – it was originally established as sulfur mine back in the mid-1860's. This would put its sulfur producing days back to near the time of the American Civil War. Sulfur back then had one primary use: It was an essential ingredient in the manufacture of black gunpowder! Could it be that a mine right here in Camp 23's service area actually produced raw materials used by U.S. troops in the Civil War? I decided it was time to do some deeper research to find out 1) Did Sulphur Bank produce sulfur during the Civil War, and 2) Where was this sulfur used?

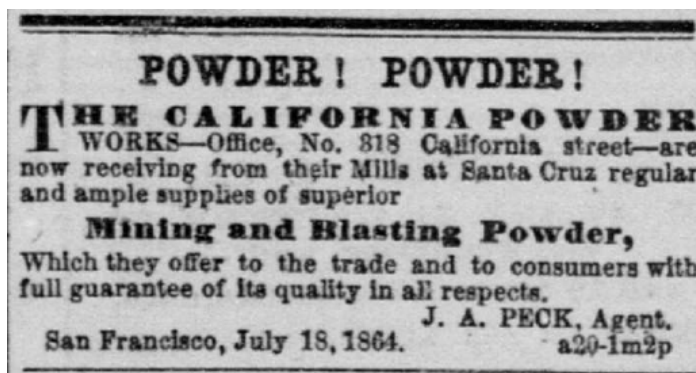
Sulphur Bank (notice the old-style spelling of the word sulfur!) is located on the southeastern shore of Clear Lake. It is just over a hill from Borax Lake, where the California Borax Company had established a borax refining plant in 1860. Although focused on borax production, the owners of the California Borax Company were aware of the nearby sulfur deposits and, not wanting to miss an opportunity to make a profit on other commodities, they soon began to look more closely at the sulphur with the idea of mining it. Before they could consider the sulfur, though, they needed a place to sell it! In the early war years, that was a problem.

Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, black powder was shipped by sea to the West Coast to meet our needs. In addition to its military use, it was also used in mining and construction (including building railroads). When Confederate raiders threatened shipments to the West Coast during the war, the supply line was cut off causing a critical shortage. To meet the need, a group of San Francisco capitalists incorporated as the California Powder Works in 1861, and set out to find a suitable location to construct a black powder factory in California. After several years of searching, they selected a site about 2-1/2 miles north of Santa Cruz on the San Lorenzo River to construct their powder works. The site was ideal, being close to a seaport with a stable water supply. Plus, it was near an abundant source of timber from which charcoal could be made.

The California Powder Works purchased the property in 1863, and began production in May 1864. They were the first black powder manufacturer on the West Coast, eventually becoming the largest manufacturer of explosives west of the Mississippi.

Black gunpowder consists of about 1 part sulfur, 1 part charcoal, and 6 parts potassium nitrate (saltpeter). As mentioned above, charcoal was manufactured locally. Sulfur and saltpeter had to be imported when the powder works started

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Advertisement from the *Sacramento Daily Union* newspaper, Sept. 1, 1864 (courtesy California Digital Newspaper Collection)



Panoramic view of the Sulphur Bank Mine looking north, from *Quicksilver Resources of California* (CDMG Bulletin 78), 1918



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production in 1864. Ships from around the world brought these raw materials from as far away as Chile, Sicily and India to the port at Santa Cruz. Sicily was the world's top producer of sulfur in those days, producing a high purity product known as "Sicilian Brimstone" from Mount Aetna (an active volcano).

With the Powder works at Santa Cruz in full production by mid-1864 the proprietors of the California Borax Company moved quickly to contract their sulfur to this newly-established buyer. Sicilian sulfur cost about 4¢ per pound, while Sulphur Bank sulfur could be marketed at a profit at 3-1/2¢ per pound. Claims were staked at Sulphur Bank about October 1865, and production commenced by June 1866. Although the Civil War had ended by this time, the demand was still there. Railroads were expanding rapidly and needed black powder for blasting. Likewise, hard rock gold and silver mines demanded large volumes of powder to blast tunnels and shafts. Sulphur Bank was able to meet this demand by supplying nearly all of California's sulfur needs from 1865 until 1871. Its total production is estimated to be about 2 million pounds, although this estimate may be conservative. Sulphur Bank shut down sulfur mining operations in the winter of 1871-72, and never produced sulfur again. It reopened as a quicksilver mine in 1873, and became one of the largest producers of quicksilver in California.

So, after several decades of wondering, my question has finally been answered. Although Sulphur Bank did produce sulfur for use as black powder, it didn't commence production until about six months after the Civil War had ended. Sulfur from this mine was shipped to the powder works at Santa Cruz which did have a historical connection to the Civil War. The land of the California Powder works is now privately owned by the Paradise Park Masonic Club (<http://paradiseparkmasonicclub.com/>). The Sulphur Bank mine is an EPA-managed property (<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r9/sfund/r9sfdocw.nsf/ViewByEPAID/CAD980893275>). It is not open to the public.

### **How the sulfur was extracted at Sulphur Bank:**

"The earth, containing about fifty per cent sulphur, is placed in an iron retort, which is heated to a high temperature, so that the sulphur is driven off in fumes into a receiver, where it settles in a liquid form, and runs out into pine boxes, two feet long and a foot square. It is as pure as the Sicilian brimstone, but the latter comes in sticks, which are more convenient for handling, when small pieces are wanted."



The California Powder Works, Santa Cruz, from an undated lithograph produced by Britton & Rey., circa 1875

## Fort Point Sesquicentennial Signature Event

With 2013 upon us, we now enter the third year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and with it comes more Signature Events sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This year, our Camp and Auxiliary were offered the opportunity to be the sponsors of the January living history day Signature Event at Fort Point, San Francisco, partnering with the National Park Service and Co. G of the 20th Maine Infantry (American Civil War Association).

It was a chilly and very blustery day alongside San Francisco Bay on January 26th, but our intrepid group of Camp and Auxiliary members braved the elements to make the day a resounding success. Our participants at the event included AP **Cindy Eddy**, **Cali Debevoise**, **Mary Lou Christian** and **Elaine Christian** from Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, and CC **Mace Gjerman**, **Jamin Gjerman**, **Charles Christian**, PCC, and **Dean Enderlin**, PCC, from Camp #23. Joining us with tables full of interpretive displays were members from five other SUVCW Camps, namely, Phil Sheridan Camp #4, Lincoln Camp #10, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21, Gen. George Wright Camp #22, and Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24.



Above: Jamin Gjerman walks up to an original Model 1861 10-inch Rodman gun on display at Fort Point National Historic Site. The gun weighs over 7.5 tons and was cast at West Point Foundry, New York.

Our Auxiliary ladies set up a fine display, which attracted much attention. Brother **Charles Christian** gave spiritual comfort dressed as a Civil War chaplain. Brothers **Mace** and **Jamin Gjerman** manned the tables and assisted with “recruiting,” while Brother **Dean Enderlin** stood at the ready with Springfield rifle in hand.

For more pictures, please visit our “Scrapbook” on page 7 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for the next proposed Signature Events, which are planned for Angel Island (Camp Reynolds) in June and Fort Mervine in October!



## Unlisted Cannons Discovered at Mare Island

An important project of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the ongoing documentation and monitoring of Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic monuments and memorials. Each Camp generally has a Civil War Memorials Officer, whose job is to gather information on these sites to be documented on a standard form, called a Form CWM-61. Camp #23 has completed a number of these forms for memorials in our service area, including sites in Healdsburg, Santa Rosa and Calistoga.

Solano County lies just outside our Camp’s area, but it is close enough that we frequently coordinate with our neighboring Camps to help with investigations there. The former Mare Island Naval Shipyard is a site that we’ve been focusing on a lot recently, due to the many changes taking place there as its function as a Naval facility transitions to public uses. Your Camp Memorials Officer, **Dean Enderlin**, PCC, has been busy exploring the island over the past few years, and this January he made an exciting discovery. Here are the details...



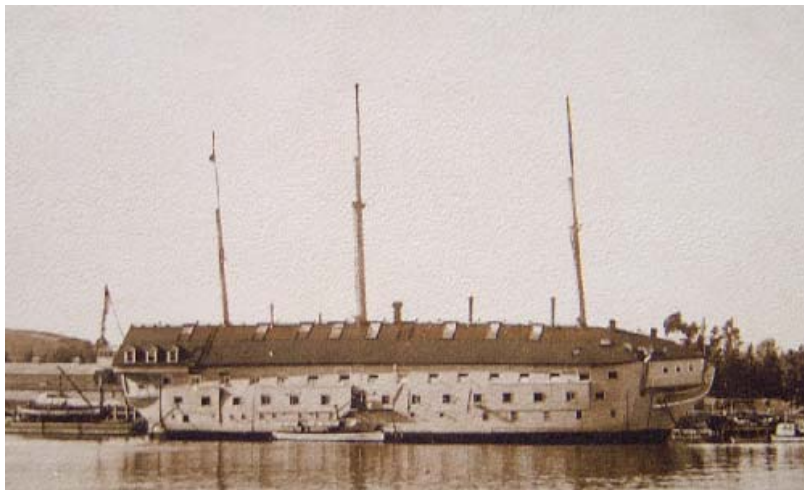
Numerous historic cannons from ships decommissioned at Mare Island are on display at various places around Vallejo and on the Island. Most of these are documented, but it turns out that a couple were missed in previous investigations.

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## Cannons on Mare Island, cont'd

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Following up on reports that a 63-hundredweight 8-inch chambered cannon (cast 1841) and a 9-inch Dahlgren shell gun (cast 1864) were on display near the old hospital complex (Building H-1), Dean made plans to investigate. The site of the old hospital is now on private lands owned by Tuoro University (a nursing school), and it requires special permission to enter. After getting permission from the associate VP of administration at the university, Dean paid the site a visit on January 25th. To his surprise, the two cannons he was hoping to document were no longer there, and only the concrete pedestals remained!



That's the bad news. The good news is that further up the hill, flanking the main entrance to the old building were two other cannons that were not on our list. A close inspection revealed them to be 24-pounder "Sloop-of War" cannons, cast in 1826, that were originally mounted on the gun deck of the frigate USS *Independence*. Several other documented guns from this ship are on display around Vallejo and Mare Island, but these two were a new discovery. Dean contacted cannon expert **Jim Bender**, who manages a nationwide list of known surviving cannons from the Civil War, and confirmed that these guns are a new discovery.

The USS *Independence* was a 3-masted "Ship of the Line," first launched at Boston Navy Yard in 1814 with a crew and officer compliment of 790. She originally had ninety guns mounted aboard her, but in 1836 she was cut down by one deck ("razeed") and re-rated as a frigate with 54 guns. She was considered to be one of the fastest and most powerful ships of the US fleet in her heyday. These two 24-pounder cannons would have been part of that armament of 54. The *Independence* saw service over many years, including the Mexican War where she was present at the capture of Guaymas and the occupation of Mazatlan. From 1854 to 1857, she was the flagship of Commodore William Mervine (for whom Fort Mervine at Monterey is named). She was brought to Mare Island on October 2, 1857, to serve as a receiving ship (training vessel). The above photo shows her docked along the Napa River at Mare Island circa 1900. She served as a receiving ship through the Civil War, and was eventually decommissioned in 1912. In 1915 she was stripped of her iron and hardwood furnishings, and towed to the mud flats near San Francisco Naval Shipyard where her remains were burned.

More history on this vessel is available at Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Independence\\_\(1814\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Independence_(1814))

## Ellsworth Item Sold at Online Auction

Thanks to the keen eye of **Dave Schleeter**, PCC, an eBay (online) auction involving Ellsworth artifacts was brought to our attention late last year. The items, if authentic, have ties to the Marshall House in Alexandria, Virginia, where our Camp's namesake, Col. Elmer Ellsworth, was killed on May 24, 1861.

The auctioned items — two pieces of wood purportedly from the staircase where Ellsworth was shot — were described as having come from a trunk in the attic of an estate in the Hudson Valley in New York. They were rolled up in a piece of paper with a written description of their provenance (see picture at right).

The auction ended on September 23, 2012, with a final price of \$260.55.



# 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,

We're off to a great start of another exciting year! We had a wonderful installation luncheon in January with both the Department President and Department Commander in attendance and we assisted Camp 23 in hosting our first SUVCW Sesquicentennial "Signature Event" at Fort Point in San Francisco on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

2013 brings us into the third year of the Sesquicentennial and once again we will have a unique opportunity to be involved in new and interesting activities and events commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. This allows us to share our knowledge with the public as well as create an awareness of our organizations.



I am very honored to have been elected to serve a third term as your Auxiliary President. One of my goals this year is to do just that... create a greater awareness of our Auxiliary within the community. And in doing so, I hope to attain my second goal of increasing membership in our Auxiliary. We have created a new brochure, which will be distributed at upcoming events, and we will be working with our Signals Officer to enhance our web page with additional information. Both of these efforts along with networking with other organizations such as local historical societies, genealogical societies and museums should help move us in the right direction.

We are delighted to be participating in a community event entitled "Timeless to a Tea" to be held in the afternoon on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Dohn Room of the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa. This should be a fun event as well as providing us with an opportunity to interact with the public.

And finally, I'd like to mention that the annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo is rapidly approaching and our very own Camp 23 Brother Dean Enderlin will be running for Department Junior Vice Commander! We wish him all the best!

And best wishes to all for a peaceful, productive and patriotic new year!

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Cindy Eddy*

President  
Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23  
Department of California & Pacific, ASUVCW





**AUXILIARY ORDER No. 1**  
**Series 2013**  
**AUXILIARY HEADQUARTERS AND ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**



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

Section 1: Having been duly elected Auxiliary President at the Auxiliary meeting on December 1, 2012 in Windsor, California, it is with great honor that I assume command of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 for the 2013 term.

Section 2: Whereas I reside outside of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23 service area; and whereas I believe it is important to post a local address for the benefit of both members and prospective members; and whereas I often visit and I am in daily contact with Dean A. Enderlin, Past Camp Commander of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, SUVCW; I hereby establish Brother Enderlin's residence in the City of Calistoga, County of Napa, and State of California as the Auxiliary Headquarters. Correspondence on any matter is most welcome and may be sent to 2950 Lake County Highway, Calistoga, California 94515, or to my e-mail address, cindyeddy@ymail.com. Auxiliary dues shall be sent to the Auxiliary Treasurer at 8333 Crusher Place, Windsor, California 95492.

Section 3: Auxiliary Sisters who were duly elected at the Auxiliary meeting on December 1, 2012 in Windsor, California and installed on January 19, 2013 in Windsor, California by Department President Melinie Prosk-Caines, are as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| * President – Cynthia L. Eddy     | * Secretary – Elaine M. Christian           |
| * Vice Pres – Elaine M. Christian | * Treasurer – Ann T. Schleeter, PAP         |
| * Trustee 1 – Tanya Gjerman       | * Patriotic Instructor – Mary Lou Christian |
| * Trustee 2 – Amber Pinarretta    | * Chaplain – Katherine Cannon               |
| * Trustee 3 – Patricia Fitkin     | * Press Correspondent – Cynthia L. Eddy     |
| * Guide – Vacant                  | * Guard – Tiana Gjerman                     |

Section 4: Auxiliary officers are appointed as follows:

- \* Musician – Tanya Gjerman
- \* Historian – Cynthia L. Eddy
- \* Counselor – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC
- \* Signals Officer – Tad D. Campbell, PDC

The foregoing Auxiliary Order is proclaimed this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh, in the City of Mountain View, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Cynthia L. Eddy, President of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(AUXILIARY SEAL)

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

ATTEST:

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



## Patriotic Points

by Ann Schleeter, PAP, Patriotic Instructor, Aux. 23 (2012)



### MOUNT RUSHMORE

One of the many places I always wanted to visit was Mount Rushmore. I fulfilled that dream this May when my husband, Dave, and I went on a road trip across the country. We drove many miles and for many days across the country but we finally made it! I told many friends that it was an impressive monument to see! It is just amazing how this monument came about and how it made me feel being an American.

First, here are some facts about Mount Rushmore. Mount Rushmore was designed by artist Gutzon Borglum but the idea for Mount Rushmore was credited to Doane Robinson. Mr. Robinson was looking to create a tourist attraction that would draw visitors from around the country to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Gutzon Borglum sculpted the monument and later with his son Lincoln Borglum and with 400 workers. The Mount Rushmore carvings were made between October 4, 1927, and October 31, 1941. Due to the lack of funding, the project took 14 years to complete. When it was finally done, the Mount Rushmore project cost \$989,992.32.

The monument is located high above the plains in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Mount Rushmore is huge! The overwhelming size of the sculpture is seen through the Avenue of Flags to the viewing area. Here stand four Presidents carved from the mountain. The four Presidents were chosen because they helped shape events which had a dramatic impact upon the country and were spread out over the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries – the life of the nation so far. George Washington was the Father of the Nation. Thomas Jefferson was the Expansionist. Theodore Roosevelt was the Protector of the Working Man. Abraham Lincoln was the Preserver of the Union.



Photo courtesy NPS, Ed Menard (Ranger).

One of the most important gifts of Mount Rushmore National Memorial is an understanding and love for our nation's history and cultures and an appreciation of the importance of caring of that legacy. Mount Rushmore was an accomplishment born, planned, and created in the minds and by the hands of Americans for Americans. The four great presidents reflect the dignity of the heritage that belongs to Americans. Something about these faces carved in cold granite gave all the feelings of love of country and the joy of being an American.

Sources: "Mount Rushmore, The Story Behind the Scenery" by Lincoln Borglum; Websites – History & Culture – Mount Rushmore National Memorial; Facts about Mount Rushmore

## "Lincoln," by Julia Ward Howe (1909)

(contributed to *The Bugle* by Dean Enderlin, PCC)

Through the dim pageant of the years  
A wondrous tracery appears:  
A cabin of the western wild  
Shelters in sleep a new-born child.

Nor nurse, nor parent dear can know  
The way those infant feet must go;  
And yet a nation's help and hope  
Are sealed within that horoscope.

Beyond is toil for daily bread,  
And thought, to noble issues led,  
And courage, arming for the morn  
For whose behest this man was born.

A man of homely, rustic ways,  
Yet he achieves the forum's praise,  
And soon earth's highest need has won,  
The seat and sway of Washington.

No throne of honors and delights;  
Distrustful days and sleepless nights,  
To struggle, suffer and aspire,  
Like Israel, led by cloud and fire.

A treacherous shot, a sob of rest,  
A martyr's palm upon his breast,  
A welcome from the glorious seat  
Where blameless souls of heroes meet;

And, thrilling through unmeasured days,  
A song of gratitude and praise;  
A cry that all the earth shall heed,  
To God, who gave him for our need.



Julia Ward Howe, c.1908 (author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic").  
Library of Congress photo.



# Coming Events . . .

## CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

### LINCOLN DINNER, WASHOE HOUSE

February 12, 2013, Petaluma  
Social 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

### NORTH BAY CWRT MEETING

February 20, 2013, Santa Rosa  
6:00 p.m.

### ALCATRAZ LIVING HISTORY DAY

March 2, 2013, Alcatraz  
8:15 a.m. to Close

### DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 8-9, 2013, San Luis Obispo

### NORTH BAY CWRT MEETING

March 20, 2013, Santa Rosa  
6:00 p.m.

### TABLE SETTING EVENT

“Timeless to a Tea”  
Sponsored by Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Committee  
April 13, 2013, Steele Lane Com. Center, Santa Rosa  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### HEADSTONE DEDICATION CEREMONY

April 28, 2013, Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland  
Time TBA (Camp #24 coordinating)

### MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2013, time and place TBA

### CAMP REYNOLDS CIVIL WAR DAYS

June 7-9, 2013, Angel Island State Park  
8:00 a.m. to Sunset

### TULOCAY CEMETERY TOUR

June 8, 2013, Tulocay Cemetery, Napa  
9:30 a.m.

**Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**127TH ANNUAL  
ENCAMPMENT**


**Camp San Luis Obispo**  
San Luis Obispo, California

Campfire March 8, 2013  
Meetings March 9, 2013

**More Information:**

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

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!:**

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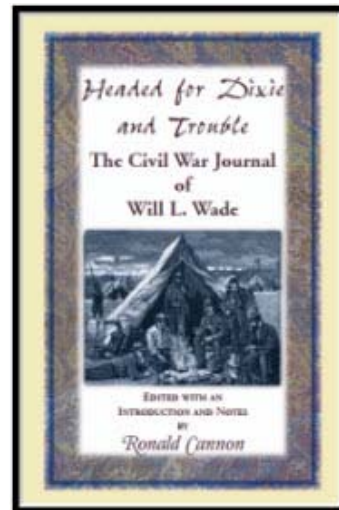
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## New Book by Bro. Ron Cannon!

Camp #23 Graves Registration Officer and PCC, **Ron Cannon** is the author of a new 200 page book (published in 2012), titled, "Headed for Dixie and Trouble: The Civil War Journal of Will L. Wade." It is available in hardcopy or E-book from Heritage Books, Inc. Here is a description:

"Like many soldiers in the Civil War, Private Will L. Wade of Company G, Eleventh Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry was not only literate but made use of his writing ability to keep a diary while in the army. His journal offers readers the perspective of a private soldier in the Civil War and is especially valuable for its contribution to the history of the Eleventh Iowa. His account begins with his enlistment in 1861; includes the major battles and campaigns of Shiloh, Vicksburg and Atlanta; and ends as he traveled home after his discharge in 1864. Will's enthusiasm for military service cooled as time went on. Though he fulfilled his three year obligation, he had no desire to extend his service by re-enlisting. It is evident in the journal that he was marking time, particularly as time passed. His journal reveals an average soldier who did his duty, but who increasingly looked to his life beyond the army. A wealth of vintage photographs, a bibliography, and an index to full-names, places and subjects enhance this excellent eye-witness account of the Civil War."

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### 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).

