

# SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

*Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4*

*Department of California & Pacific*

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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## ***LaRosa Takes the Lead***

**RICK T. LAROSA** was installed as Commander of the Camp at the Camp's "virtual" Installation Meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021, held via the Zoom application due to the ongoing pandemic, by Department Commander Rudy E. Velasco III.

Brother Rick joined the Camp as an Associate on July 13, 2002 and, despite considerable research, has yet to identify his Union ancestor. He does however have some Confederates in the attic!

The other elected officers of the Camp are Senior Vice Commander **DANIEL R. EARL PCC**, Secretary **TAD D. CAMPBELL PCINC**, Treasurer **LINN W. MALAZNIK**, and Councilmen **DANIEL R. EARL PCC**, **FRANK C. AVILA PCC**, and **DONALD E. MENZIES**. The office of Junior Vice Commander is currently vacant.



## **ON THE HORIZON**



Global Pandemic! Wildfires! Stay at home orders! Job losses! Social unrest and the storming of the United States Capitol! I could echo a music disc jockey of the 1960s by saying "And the hits just keep on coming!" As the Camp looks out towards the months ahead, a question remains unanswered for the time being. We endure through this interlude of inactivity, but for how long? Individually and collectively choices are made. I believe we can make good use of this moment. There is opportunity in the headwinds of history. Let us then step back to pause and reflect — to remind ourselves of our values and goals. On the horizon gleams many events to come. The masks will be removed and no more social distancing! Until then, with patience and hope, our membership endures.

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Rick T. LaRosa — Camp Commander*

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# DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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2 February 2021

Hello Brothers,

As you may already know, we have set the date for the Department of California & Pacific's 135<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, or *2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Encampment Meeting*, for Saturday March 20, 2021. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (PDT). Last year we enjoyed an approximate 4 hour meeting and I expect the same for this year's meeting.

By now we should all be pretty well practiced at attending virtual Zoom meetings so I will assume we can all work the appropriate devices needed to attend.

I would like to invite all who would like to attend the Virtual Encampment meeting to register. Email me your contact information, name, email address, best phone number and PLEASE include your postal mailing address. You can use the email address listed above or [rev03@dc.rr.com](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com)

We will close registration on Sunday March 7, 2021. That should give the Department plenty of time to prepare, send out final announcements and guidelines for attending etc.

Camp Commanders, please email me a list of your Camp voting Delegates, all others who register and are not on your Camp Commander's Delegate list will listed as Alternates.

More information to follow as we get closer to the Meeting date.

Have a great day, everybody!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Rudy Velasco  
Department Commander

# Attention to Orders!

## Camp Orders — <http://www.suvsac.org/camp4/rules/ordersindex.html>

### CAMP ORDER NO. 1 (30 Jan 2021)

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with my sincerest appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, for the 2021 term. I am pleased to assure all of you that my fellow Camp Officers and I will diligently work to ensure that the Camp does all that it can to bring honor to our forefathers who fought to preserve the Union, and to uphold the great traditions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. My term shall be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Section 2: I hereby establish the Camp headquarters at my residence in Campbell, Santa Clara County, California, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence should be sent to me via email at <camp4@suvsac.org>.

Section 3: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 7 November 2020, and installed on 30 January 2021 by Department Commander Rudy Velasco III, are as follows:

- Commander – Bro. Rick T. LaRosa
- Sr. Vice-Commander – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Jr. Vice-Commander – vacant
- Secretary – Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
- Treasurer – Bro. Linn W. Malaznik
- Council – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Council – Bro. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Council – Bro. Donald E. Menzies
- Delegate to United Veterans Council – Bro. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council – Bro. Rick T. LaRosa, CC
- Delegate to United Veterans Council – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Section 4: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Dean A. Enderlin, PDC
- Counselor – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- Historian – Bro. John E. Stolp, PCC
- Guide – vacant
- Color Bearer – Bro. Frank C. Avila, PCC
- Guard – Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff, PCC
- Signals Officer/Webmaster – Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
- Graves Registration Officer – Bro. Kenneth G. Felton
- Civil War Memorials Officer – Bro. Bro. Kenneth G. Felton
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – vacant
- Legislative Officer – Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC
- *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCinC



## Department Orders — <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>

### DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER NO. 7 (1 Feb 2021)

#### Passing of Brother Richard D. Raver

*Places Department in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Bro. Richard D. Raver of Hemet, California, former member of Camp No. 17 and charter member of Camp No. 18.*



## General Orders — [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=513](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513)



### GENERAL ORDER NO. 9 (2 Jan 2021)

#### Passing of Union Solider Widow Helen Jackson

*Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier.*

### GENERAL ORDER NO. 10 (16 Jan 2021)

#### Passing of Lucille "Peaches" Streeter, PNP, WRC

*Places Order in mourning for a period of 30 days in memory of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Lucille "Peaches" Streeter.*

## James Luman Fuller Company G, 1<sup>st</sup> New York Dragoons

*Great-grandfather of Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff, PCC*

James Luman Fuller was born on March 17, 1845 in Angelica, New York. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 25, 1862 at the age of just 17 years. Pvt. Fuller was assigned to Company G, of the 130<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. There is often some confusion when attempting to accurately identify this regiment. This is largely due to the fact that it had several official names during the war. On July 28, 1863, the 130<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry was transferred into the mounted service, and on August 11<sup>th</sup> it was re-designated the 19<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. However, its designation was again changed on September 10<sup>th</sup>, when it was renamed the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Dragoons. During its entire mounted service, the regiment was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Army of the Potomac, and served exclusively in Virginia. While serving his country, James L. Fuller advanced through the ranks from Private, to Corporal, to Sergeant, finally achieving the responsible rank of Quartermaster Sergeant. He was subsequently mustered out on June 30, 1865 at Cloud's Mills, Virginia, after having taken part in forty-four engagements.



Judge Fuller, Lincoln county's last surviving veteran of the Civil war, died at his home here Sunday morning following an illness of several weeks. He was born in 1845 in New York state. For three years he served in the 130th New York infantry and first dragoons. He served with Sheridan at Shenandoah and with Grant at the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Five Forks and Appomattox.

At the age of twenty-two, Fuller decided to come west and accordingly made his way to Iowa, thence to Nevada, and finally to Idaho, where he eventually became the Probate Judge of Lincoln County. He was a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and in 1896 was elected Commander of the Department of Idaho, G.A.R. James Luman Fuller died on June 2, 1935, at the ripe old age of 90.

# Event Schedule

**January 30, 2021**

Installation Meeting at 1:00 pm  
*Virtual via Zoom application*

**March 20, 2021**

Department Encampment  
*Virtual via Zoom application*

**April 10, 2021**

Camp Meeting  
*Virtual via Zoom application*

**May 30, 2021**

Memorial Day  
*Activities TBA*

**July 4, 2021**

Independence Day  
*Activities TBA*

**August 4-9, 2021**

National Encampment  
St. Louis, Missouri

**August 18, 2021**

Camp Meeting  
*Virtual via Zoom application*

**November 6, 2021**

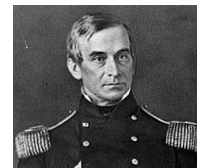
Camp Election Meeting  
*Virtual via Zoom application*

***Be sure to check the Camp website  
for additional events and updates***

[www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html](http://www.suvpac.org/camp4/schedule.html)

## *160 Year Ago — January 1861*

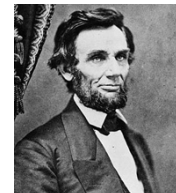
- **January 3** – Delaware votes not to secede from the Union.
- **January 9** – Mississippi becomes the second state to secede from the Union.
- **January 10** – Florida secedes from the Union.
- **January 11** – Alabama secedes from the Union.
- **January 12** – Maj. Robert Anderson sends dispatches to Washington.
- **January 19** – Georgia secedes from the Union.
- **January 21** – Jefferson Davis resigns from the U.S. Senate.
- **January 26** – Louisiana secedes from the Union.
- **January 29** – Kansas is admitted as the 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. state, being admitted as a free state.



Robert Anderson

## *160 Year Ago — February 1861*

- **February 1** – Texas secedes from the Union.
- **February 4** – In Montgomery, Alabama, the Provisional Confederate States Congress is formed by representatives from the first seven break-away states.
- **February 8** – The Confederate States of America are formed, comprising the first seven break-away States.
- **February 9** – Jefferson Davis is elected Provisional President of the Confederate States of America, by the Weed Convention at Montgomery, Alabama.
- **February 11** – The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passes a resolution, guaranteeing non-interference with slavery in any state.
- **February 18** – In Montgomery, Alabama, Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America.
- **February 23** – President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington, D.C. after an assassination attempt in Baltimore.
- **February 28** – Colorado is organized as a United States territory.



Abraham Lincoln

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00 am  
**LOCATION:** To be held virtually via Zoom application

## Officers for 2021-2022

### Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

Commander ..... Rick T. LaRosa  
 Senior Vice Commander ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Junior Vice Commander ..... Vacant  
 Secretary ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Treasurer ..... Linn W. Malaznik  
 Council ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
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 Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. .... Vacant  
 Legislative Officer ..... Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Musician ..... Christopher C. Avila  
 Musician ..... James M. Welch

### Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 Auxiliary Officers

President ..... Beverly Graham, PDP  
 Vice President ..... Cindi Menzies  
 Trustee #1 ..... Cindi Menzies  
 Trustee #2 ..... Sharon Pope, PAP  
 Trustee #3 ..... Vacant  
 Secretary ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP  
 Treasurer ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP  
 Patriotic Instructor ..... Emelia J. Campbell  
 Chaplain ..... Emelia J. Campbell  
 Press Correspondent ..... Rachelle M. Campbell, PNP  
 Guide ..... Vacant

Counselor ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
 Signals Officer ..... Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

#### SUVCW Membership Eligibility

A male descendant, whether through lineal (direct ancestor) or collateral line (uncle) and not less than 14 years of age (6 to 14 years for Juniors), who: (1) is a blood relative (descendant or nephew) of a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service, who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or in such state regiments called to active service and was subject to orders of United States general officers, between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; (2) has never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime and (3) has, or whose ancestor through whom



## Websites



**Phil Sheridan Camp 4**  
<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

**SUVCW Department of Calif. & Pacific**  
<http://www.suvcw.org>

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