

SHERIDAN'S DISPATCH

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4

Department of California & Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Abraham Lincoln Award (Best Camp in the Nation) • Marshall Hope Award (Best Camp Newsletter in the Nation)

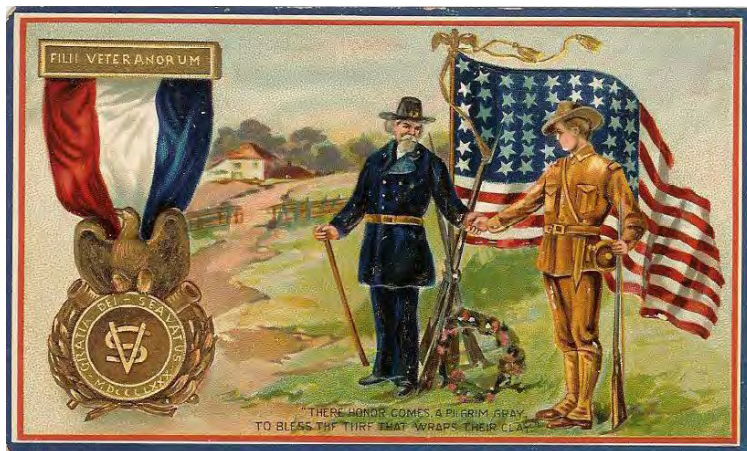
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THE SONS' PURPOSE VS. PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS

The scene — a local neighborhood coffee shop in 2019. I was at a table immersed in light conversation with some casual friends of mine. We were speaking on various topics, when suddenly, I chimed in “I took part in a headstone dedication ceremony with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.” A quiet pause descended on our little party. The man across from me, his eyes turned down as though processing what I just said, glanced up at the others and spoke “The war is over, right?” Turning to me, he continued “This is nothing against you, but I get upset at these groups who are dividing this country. I’m sorry.” he concluded. The others shared his sentiments, but understood honoring one’s ancestors was not a bad thing. This was not the response I expected! “Wait a minute,” I thought to myself later, “but we are the good guys!” Public perception dons different interpretations upon our Order and that for which what we stand. “Are you reenactors?” versus “Oh, by wearing a Civil War uniform you want to continue stoking the conflict!” These are opinions of some, but thankfully not all. Meandering through the present cultural environment has its challenges for our Camp (and others). How do we inform the general public about our order? How do we share our aims and purposes at the Camp level with others? First, we can educate our fellow citizens on basic American history 101. Second, we can, by our example through public displays of ritual and ceremony, show how we honor our ancestors. Third, we can share the memory of the “Boys in Blue” who fought not to divide our nation, but to preserve it for future generations.



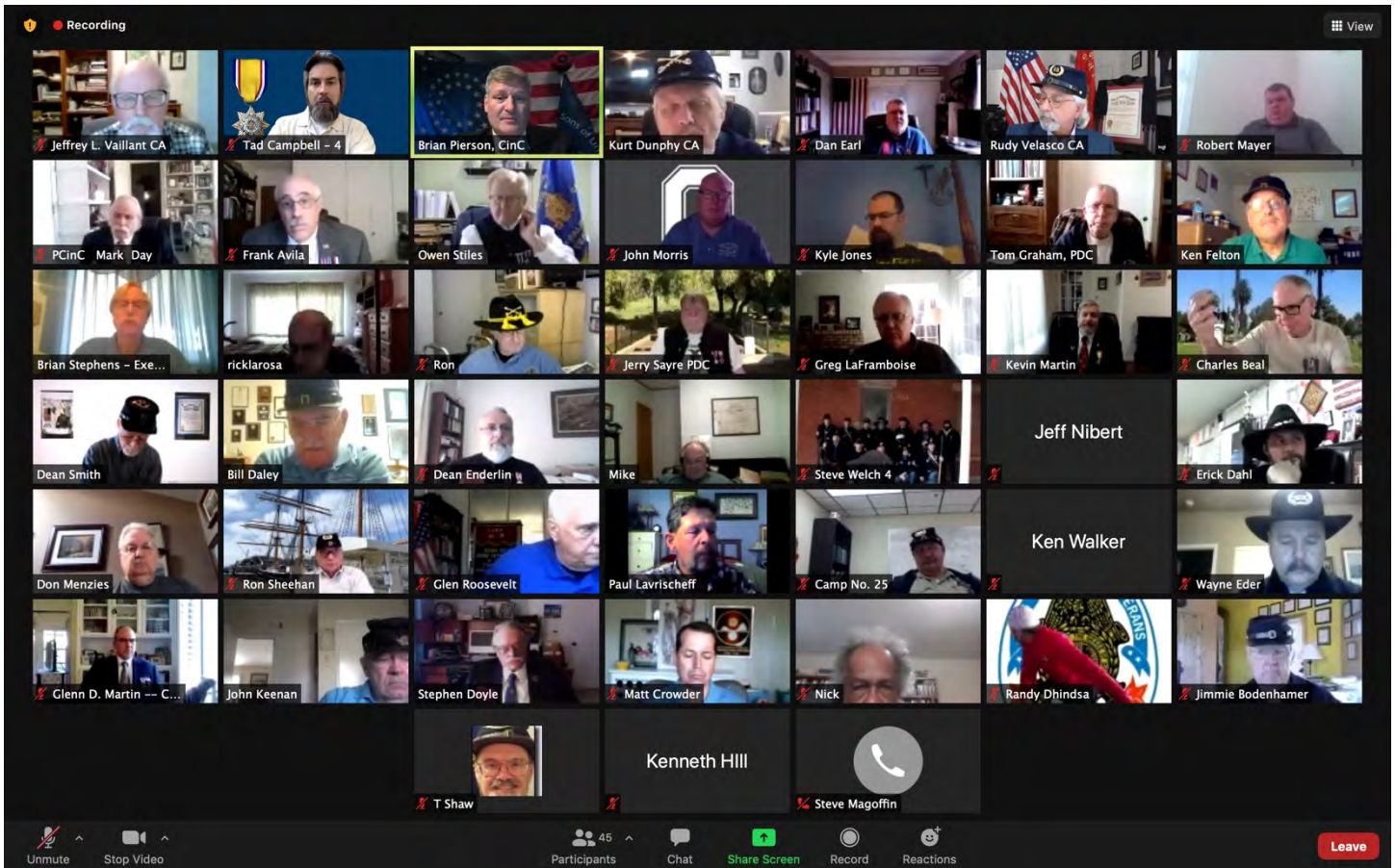
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Rick J. LaRosa
Camp Commander

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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT



The 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific took place on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held via the Zoom video conferencing application. Guests of honor included Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, Council of Administration Member Kevin L. Martin (who recently became a dual member of Camp 21), and Past Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell (a member of this Camp).

The following officers were elected and duly installed by Commander-in-Chief Pierson: Commander Frank C. Avila (Camp 4), Senior Vice Commander Stephen E. Doyle (Camp 18), Junior Vice Commander Wayne L. Eder (Camp 31), Secretary-Treasurer Owen R. Stiles (Camp 30), and Councilmen Daniel R. Earl (Camp 4), Kurtis F. Dunphy (Camp 12), and Robert J. Mayer (Camp 24).



CinC Brian Pierson



Outgoing DC Rudy Velasco



Incoming DC Frank Avila

Attention to Orders!

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

CAMP ORDER NO. 2 (7 Feb 2021)

Section 1: Brother Thomas T. Graham, PDC, is hereby appointed as Assistant Camp Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term.

Section 2: The following Brothers are hereby appointed to the respective Camp Committees for the 2021-2022 term:

- Membership Committee:
 - Bro. Tad D. Campbell PCinC (member).
- Program, Publicity, and Policy Committee:
 - Bro. Daniel R. Earl PCC (chair)
- Graves and War Memorials Committee:
 - Bro. Kenneth G. Felton (chair)
- Bylaws Committee:
 - Bro. Daniel R. Earl PCC (chair)
 - Bro. Tad D. Campbell PCinC (member)
 - Bro. Thomas T. Graham PDC (member)
- History Committee:
 - Bro. John E. Stolp PCC (chair)
 - Bro. Daniel R. Earl PCC (member)
- Ceremonial Observances Committee:
 - Bro. Robert J. Kadlec PCC (chair)
- Military Affairs Committee:
 - Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff PCC (chair)
- Visitations Committee:
 - Bro. Daniel R. Earl PCC (chair)



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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2 (18 Mar 2021)

Department Awards

Announces the recipients of various Department-level awards. Commendations were given to Camp No. 4's Rick T. LaRosa and Daniel R. Earl for their efforts on a recruiting/information video.



Congratulations to all the award recipients!

General Orders — http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513



GENERAL ORDER NO. 11 (27 Feb 2021)

Appointment of National Counselor

Announces the appointment of Mark R. Day, PCinC as National Counselor.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12 (12 Mar 2021)

Licensing

Addresses issues involving licensing requirements for items bearing the wording "Sons Union Veterans" and/or the acronym "S.U.V.", with both being added to the official list of badges, emblems, seals, coat-of-arms and/or other symbols of the Order that must be authorized or licensed for use or reproduction.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13 (18 Mar 2021)

Liability Insurance

Requires Camps and Departments owning real estate to carry liability insurance for the property and to provide a copy of ssuch insurance policy to the Executive Director annually.

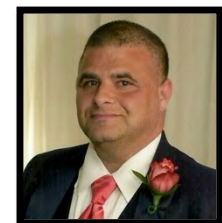
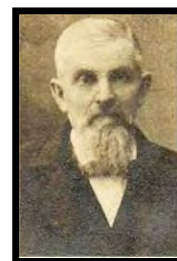
GENERAL ORDER NO. 14 (13 Apr 2021)

Lobbying

Revokes General Order No. 35, Series 2019-2020 and provides guidance regarding lobbying.

Galusha Turner Company D, 18th Michigan Infantry

Great-great-great-grandfather of Bro. Adam W. Gaines



*Adam Gaines
resides in
Harrow, Ontario*

Galusha Turner was born on November 1, 1837 in Monroe County, Michigan to Winthrop and Lucy (Warren) Turner. At five years old, he travelled with his family to near Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. When his father died in 1855, his mother and her two sons traveled back to Michigan settling in Hillsdale, where a lot of Lucy's family was residing. On August 4, 1862, Galusha and his brother, Daniel, enlisted in the 18th Michigan Infantry, although they were placed in different companies. Galusha was assigned to Company D and Daniel to Company G. On August 23, 1862, he married Anna C. Nares, who was originally from New York and who had a brother that fought as a Lieutenant in the Union Army. On August 26, 1862, Galusha was mustered into Federal service. In 1863, he was transferred to the regiment's teamsters, where he spent the rest of the war. According to his pension record, a tree limb fell on him while on scouting sometime in 1863. On June 26, 1865, he was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee. After the war, he lived in several different places in Michigan. Galusha and his wife had four children: Charles Winthrop, Lucy Mae, Harry Judson, and Edwin Alvin. Unfortunately, only Harry and Edwin survived to adulthood. On December 9, 1879, Galusha applied for a veteran's pension based on injuries sustained while in the army and eventually receive one. In 1886, he joined the Sedgwick Post No. 16, Grand Army of the Republic in Ewart, Michigan. In 1901, Galusha and Anna moved to Leamington, Ontario, Canada, where their son Harry was living, and where he set them up with a house on Orange Street. Galusha Turner died of a stroke on June 11, 1909. After his death, Galusha's widow received a pension. Anna C. Turner died of pneumonia January 13, 1929. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Leamington, Ontario, Canada.

Event Schedule

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

September 11, 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

160 Year Ago — March 1861



- **March 2** – Nevada is organized as a United States territory. Texas is admitted to the Confederate States of America.
- **March 4** – Abraham Lincoln is sworn in, as the 16th President of the United States. The “Stars and Bars” is adopted as the flag of the Confederate States of America.
- **March 11** – The Constitution of the Confederate States of America is adopted.
- **March 21** – Alexander Stephens, Vice President of the Confederacy, gives the infamous Cornerstone Speech in Savannah, Georgia, in which he declares that slavery is the natural condition of blacks, and the foundation of the Confederacy.
- **March 28** – Convention in present-day Tucson ratified the ordinance of secession of the southern part of New Mexico Territory.

160 Year Ago — April 1861

- **April 12** – The Civil War begins with the bombardment of Fort Sumter, South Carolina.
- **April 13** – Fort Sumter surrenders to Southern forces.
- **April 15** – President Abraham Lincoln calls for 75,000 men to confront in the South, “combinations too powerful to be suppressed in the ordinary way”.
- **April 17** – Virginia secedes from the Union.
- **April 20** – Robert E. Lee resigns his commission in the U.S. Army, in order to command the forces of the state of Virginia.
- **April 25** – The Union Army arrives in Washington, D.C.
- **April 27** – President Abraham Lincoln suspends the writ of habeas corpus in the United States.



NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:00 am
LOCATION: To be held virtually via Zoom application

Officers for 2021-2022

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 Camp Officers

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 Signals Officer Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
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 Guide Vacant

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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



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<http://www.suvcw.org/camp4.html>

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