

Phil Sheridan Camp #4

Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

19 January 2002
10:45 Hrs
Cupertino, California

MINUTES

Officers

Tad D. Campbell, Commander
Robert J. Kadlec, Senior Vice-Commander
David C. Schleeter, Junior Vice-Commander
Daniel R. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer
Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), Camp Council
vacant, Camp Council
vacant, Camp Council

Appointed Officers

Rev. Clark Seum, Chaplain
David C. Schleeter, Patriotic Instructor & Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Daniel R. Earl, Counselor
Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), Guard & Historian
Tad D. Campbell, *Sheridan's Dispatch* Editor & Signals Officer

Present:

Officers — Commander Campbell, Senior Vice-Commander Kadlec, Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter, Secretary-Treasurer Earl, Chaplain Seum, Council Member Bunnell (PDC).
Brothers — Don Pray.

Absent:

Officers — .

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order — Cmdr. Campbell/Chaplain Seum

The meeting was called to order by Commander Campbell and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum. Cmdr at 10:45 Hrs. Cmdr. Campbell led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the American's Creed.

II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

The Roll of the Officers was called by Secretary-Treasurer Earl.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

Brother Bunnell moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 10 November 2002 as corrected. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad shared pictures from the Veterans' Day Parade and the first place trophy our Camp won for its participation in the parade.
- 2) Department Encampment on 16 March 2002. Our Camp needs to come up with a donation for the fundraiser. Tad sought any ideas or suggestions.
- 3) Special Election: The next meeting will be on Monday, 11 March 2002 at 19:00 at the home on Brother Donald Pray. We will hold a special election for purposes of filling the two vacant Council seats.
- 4) Graves Registration Program: Tad wants to initiate a G.R. program for our Camp. The first coordinated event is scheduled for Sunday, 24 February 2002 at 14:00 at Oak Hill Cemetery.

5) Tad discussed the potential for holding a National Encampment in California and Nevada.

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) Balances of the Camp accounts are as follows:
Checking – \$102.10
Savings – \$608.39
Petty Cash – \$50.00

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Keith Camp Installation — Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Earl

- 1) Dan reported on his and Tad's trip to Las Vegas during the previous weekend. Dan attended as Department Secretary, along with Department Commander Bob Lowe to present the Keith Camp with its Charter. Several Brothers from southern California also attended in addition to Tad and Dan.

VII. New Business

A) School Presentation — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) Tad reported that he had been contacted by the Kennedy Middle School in Redwood City, which has asked us to give a presentation on the Civil War in late March or early April. Details are forthcoming.
- 2) Dave reported that he had just given a school presentation last Thursday at an Oceanshore Elementary School 5th grade class in Pacifica.

B) Lincoln Day Dinner — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) On 9 February 2002 at 18:00 Hrs at the Carrows Restaurant in Dublin, the Pleasonton Camp will host the 3rd annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

C) War Medal Resolution — JVC Schleeter

- 1) Dave suggested the Camp adopted a resolution, proposing an amendment to the National C&Rs modifying the requirements of the war medals section. Dave suggested this resolution be adopted by our Camp, that we seek approval at the Department Encampment, and then take it to the National Encampment this summer. He will work with Camp Counselor Dan Earl in preparing a draft resolution for the next meeting.

D) Department Per Capita Dues — Secretary-Treasurer Earl

- 1) Dan asked what the feeling was of increasing PCD to provided for an increased circulation of the Department newsletter. Although the Brothers present had no objection to paying \$2-\$3 extra a year, it was the consensus that most in the Department probably would.
- 2) Bob suggested that in lieu of distribution to all members, a fixed amount be sent to each Camp for distribution internally, and PDF versions be e-mailed to National officers. This has the potential for saving postage costs and would prevent having to increase PCD.

VIII. Good and Welfare of the Camp

A) Bible — Chaplain Seum

Rev. Seum donated a Holy Bible to the Camp.

IX. Good of the Order – Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Schleeter

- A) Dave recommended Brothers see the move Blackhawk Down.

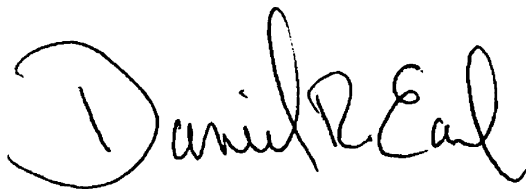
X. Announcements

- A) Tad announced that he is running for of the Office of Department Junior Vice-Commander.

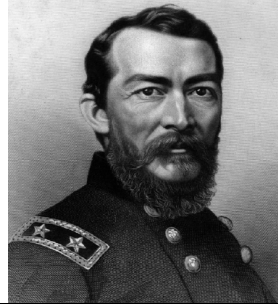
XIII. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:25 Hrs.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,
Camp Secretary-Treasurer
Camp Counselor
Phil Sheridan Camp #4
Department Secretary-Treasurer
Department Counselor
Chair, National Committee on Legislation
Department of California and Pacific
SUVCW



Phil Sheridan Camp #4

Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

11 March 2002
19:00 Hrs
Cupertino, California

MINUTES

Officers

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Present:

Officers — Commander Campbell, Senior Vice-Commander Kadlec, Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter, Secretary-Treasurer Earl, Chaplain Seum, Council Member Pray.

Brothers — None.

Absent:

Officers — Council Members Bunnell (PDC) and Renfroe.

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order — Cmdr. Campbell/Chaplain Seum

The meeting was called to order by Commander Campbell and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 19:26 Hrs. Cmdr. Campbell led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

The Roll of the Officers was called by Secretary-Treasurer Earl.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

Brother Schleeter moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 19 January 2002 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

- A) Dan read a thank you card that was sent by Bro. Jim Churchyard of the Pittenger Camp, thanking the Camp for contributing to his fire disaster relief fund after his house burned in recent southern California fires.
- B) Tad reported on correspondence he received from a production studio. This organization was inquiring about a Brother Edmonds who died in 1956 and was a 50-year member of the Phil Sheridan Camp. He was supposed to have been one of the last carpenters to work on what is now known as the Winchester Mystery House in San José. The studio wanted information on him for a Japanese documentary they are making. (Unfortunately no one had any information on this late Brother.)

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Delegates to the Department Encampment: Tad Campbell, Dan Earl, Dan Bunnell (PDC), Bob Kadlec, Rev. Clark Seum, Dave Schleeter, Bill Stewart.
- 2) Tad discussed plans for the display table at the Department Encampment. We will have a photo board, the trophy we won at the Veterans' Day Parade last year, Sheridan's picture, our flags, camp brochures, recruiting posters, SVR recruiting forms, graves registration books, etc.
- 3) Our Camp is donating two Civil War books for the Department Encampment fundraiser. Fundraiser tickets are selling at 7 for \$5 or 20 for \$10.
- 4) Our Camp is scheduled for the Saturday morning set-up at the Encampment.

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) Two honorable discharge requests have been received: Steve Roberts of Moss Beach and Zane Jacobs of Seaside. There are approximately 9 members who have not renewed their membership dues. Late fees are required after 15 March 2002. There is still a possibility that Brothers may pay their dues before the end of the month (the reporting date for our Q1 Report). If they do not, and are not dropped, the Camp will have to pay their National PCD for them. Dan moved that the Camp Secretary-Treasurer be given permission to drop those Brothers who have not renewed their membership dues by the time the Camp Quarterly Report is due at Department Headquarters. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.
- 2) Financial Report Ending March 2002:
 - Checking Account – \$373.10
 - Savings Account – \$608.39
 - Petty Cash – \$50.00

VI. Unfinished Business

A) Special Election for Camp Council — Cmdr. Tad Campbell

- 1) There are two vacancies for Camp Council.
- 2) Brothers Don Pray and Dan Renfroe (previous to the meeting) have accepted nominations for these two vacant positions. No other nominations being made, Commander Campbell declared these two brothers elected by acclamation.

B) Graves Registration Committee — Cmdr. Tad Campbell

- 1) According to Bob, Dan Bunnell had expressed an interest in forming a Graves Registration Committee. Tad will consult with Dan prior to appointing a G.R.O. and committee.

C) Oak Hill Graves Registration — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob reported on the Graves Registration conducted at Oak Hill Memorial Park on 24 February 2002. Sections “O” and “L” adjoining the GAR plot were completed in about three hours. Thirty-seven Civil War soldiers from either government headstones or private family stones were identified. All who participated found this to be not only a worthwhile project, but a nice social gathering as well. One of the thirty-seven graves found was that of a Confederate soldier.

Bob sought clarification on whether or not a form should be completed for the wife of a Civil War soldier who was in the W.R.C. Although there was no formal consensus, it was felt that a form should be completed.

Bob will collect the graves registration forms and print them out neatly, the submit copies to Oak Hill Memorial Park to be researched by their staff.

D) War Medals Resolution — Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter

- 1) Dave discussed his proposed War Medals Resolution. Camp Counselor Earl has presented him with a draft copy. After several modifications, a final version was agreed to and will be introduced by Dave at the Department Encampment next week.

VII. New Business

A) T-shirts — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob suggested that the camp investigate the possibility of making t-shirts for members of the camp that have the SUVCW emblem on them. He brought a sample shirt to the meeting that he produced with software on his computer. This involves the use of a decal, which may be in violation of National Policy. The matter was turned over to Camp Counselor Dan Earl for follow-up and to report back on at the next meeting.

B) School Presentation — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad reported that the Kennedy Middle School in Redwood City had asked us to give a 40 minute presentation for approximately 160

students at a special assembly they are planning to have. This is for 8th grade students and is scheduled for 12 April 2002 at 12:40. Tad encouraged all Brothers to attend. Dave suggested that Kermit be contacted as well.

2) At the moment, those scheduled to attend include: Tad, Dan, Dave, Bob, and Corky Reed of Camp #24. Dave will speak about Gettysburg and Corky about Lincoln's assassination.

C) Memorial Day/Ardenwood — Bro. Campbell

1) The consensus was that we need to find out what the status is of this project as soon as possible and possibly contact Bro. Claytor.

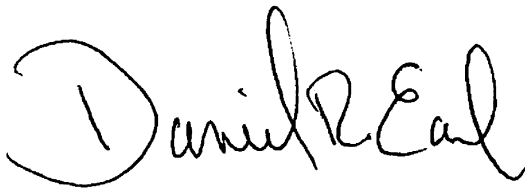
VIII. Good of the Order – Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Schleeter

A) Dave highly recommended brothers see the movie We Were Soldiers. The soldiers were actually portrayed as “good guys.” Brothers discussed the various regiments/units that were depicted in this movie.

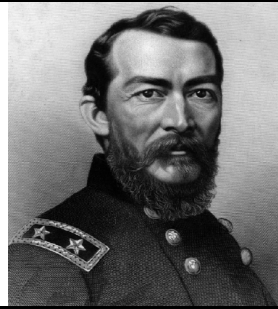
IX. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 21:55 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,
Camp Secretary-Treasurer
Camp Counselor
Phil Sheridan Camp #4
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Chair, National Committee on Legislation
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Phil Sheridan Camp #4

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18 May 2002
10:00 Hrs
San José, California

MINUTES

Officers

Tad D. Campbell, Commander
Robert J. Kadlec, Senior Vice-Commander
David C. Schleeter, Junior Vice-Commander
Daniel R. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer
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Present:

Officers — Commander Campbell, Senior Vice-Commander Kadlec, Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter, Secretary-Treasurer Earl, Chaplain Seum, Council Members Bunnell (PDC).
Brothers — None.

Absent:

Officers — Council Members Pray and Renfroe.

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order — Cmdr. Campbell/Chaplain Seum

Following a pleasant lunch at the Bold Knight Restaurant in San José, the meeting was called to order by Commander Campbell and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10.20 Hrs. Cmdr. Campbell led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

The Roll of the Officers was called by Secretary-Treasurer Earl.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

The Minutes for 11 March 2002 were approved without objection.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

A) Union Cemetery, Redwood City, CA.

Bro. Earl contacted ??? in regards to an “email petition” forwarded to him by Commander Campbell seeking recognition of the Union Cemetery in Redwood City on official roster of Civil War cemetery cites by the federal government. Mrs. Jennifer Bohrsedt, an area author who has researched the lives of men buried at the Redwood City GAR plot, sent an email which Bro. Earl read describing the project. Brothers discussed possible courses of action and it was suggested that we should locate all cemeteries qualifying and submit them for inclusion on the official roster.

The consensus was to: 1) locate all cemeteries without our Camp’s primary jurisdiction; 2) seek clarification of “recognition” involves; 3) seek to have the cemeteries within our primary jurisdiction recognized on the official register; and 4) let Mrs. Bohrsedt know of our intentions.

B) Letter from DSVC Linn Hoadley regarding the 2003 Dept. Encampment.

Commander Campbell received a letter from Linn asking for input on the organization of the 2003 Department Encampment. In response to the questions Linn asked in his letter, the consensus was: 1) to rotate the Encampment site each year if possible; 2) extend the Friday night “campfire” to include the program, leaving more time for business on Saturday; 3) there was no preference as far as the month in which the Encampment is held; 4) continue with weekend Encampments, and avoid holidays; 5) an additional day would be good; 6) Bro. Kadlec suggested even having a 9-4 business session and then an installment banquet/dinner in the evening.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander’s Report — Bro. Campbell

1) Oak Hill Ceremony: Tad sent a letter to Ernie Glave of the National Guard informing him that we have no intentions of conducting a conservation and dedication ceremony this September at the Oak Hill G.A.R. Cemetery Plot as we did last year. The letter also respectfully requested that no other organization, specifically including the National Guard, host any such event.

- 2) Presidio Picnic: Tad announced that the Pleasonton Camp is hosting the annual picnic at the Presidio in San Francisco. It is scheduled for Saturday, 20 July.
- 3) Civil War Memorial website: The new website, created by Tad, who doubles as Department Signals Officer, will list all known Civil War Memorials within the jurisdiction of the Department, as well as listing their status. Information is collected by Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan, then forwarded to Tad for inclusion on the website.
Recently, Tad was able to collect some of his own information in the town of Volcano, Amador Co., Calif. This included a cannon and adjoining fountain, for which Tad prepared assessment reports on and submitted to Brother Morgan.
- 4) Memorial Day at Ardenwood: Brothers need to be at Ardenwood by 0700 Saturday morning for set up of the booth. Attendance is as follows:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday Saratoga
Tad	Tad	Tad
Dan E.	Dan E.	Dan E.
Bob	Bob	Dan B.
Dave	Dave	Bob
Dan R.	Dan B.	Dave

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) Membership now stands at 36 members (that includes five members who have been dropped and two who have requested honorable discharges).
- 2) Finances: The Camp has \$646.86 in its checking account, \$608.39 in its savings account, and \$50 in petty cash, for a total of \$1,305.25. Per capita dues payments for the quarter have not been paid yet. After they are Dan will transfer the remainder of the checking (less a small minimum) to the savings account to earn us more interest.

C) Graves Registration Officer Report — Bro. Dan Bunnell, PDC

Dan submitted recent information to National and the Dept. GRO John Patchin. There was a question about where a wife's name should be listed on the form. Dan will check into this with National GRO Leo Kennedy and report back to us.

VI. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VII. New Business

- A) SVR – Miscellaneous SVR business was discussed by Brothers

VIII. Announcements

A) Next Camp Meeting: Dan Bunnel's home on Saturday, 13 July 2002 at 10 a.m.

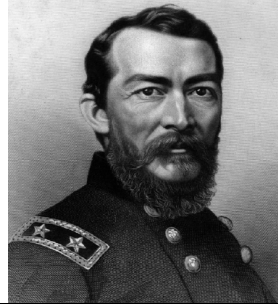
IX. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:20.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Earl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Daniel R. Earl,
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13 July 2002
10:15 Hrs
San José, California

MINUTES

Officers

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Present:

Officers — Commander Campbell, Senior Vice-Commander Kadlec, Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter, Secretary-Treasurer Earl, Chaplain Seum, Council Member Bunnell (PDC).

Brothers — Brother-elect Rick LaRosa.

Absent:

Officers — Council Members Pray and Renfroe.

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order — Cmdr. Campbell/Chaplain Seum

The meeting was called to order by Commander Campbell and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:10 Hrs. Cmdr. Campbell led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the American's Creed.

II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

The Roll of the Officers was called by Secretary-Treasurer Earl.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

The Minutes from 18 May 2002 were approved with unanimous consent.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad thanked everyone for the participation at Ardenwood
- 2) Cmdr. Campbell distributed "prospective member information index cards" for Brothers to review.
- 3) Brothers were reminded about the upcoming National Encampment in Springfield, IL, 8 Aug. 2002 through 11 Aug. 2002.
- 4) Election and Initiation of New Members: Cmdr. Campbell appointed Bro. Kadlec as Guide-pro tem for purposes of this meeting and to assist in the election process of new members. He also appointed Bros. Bunnell, PDC, and Kadlec to serve as the "Investigation Committee" to review the applications of the candidates Rick LaRosa, Gregory Sweatt, Nathan Sweatt, and Stephen Sweatt. The Committee reported favorably and the candidates were elected unanimously using the GAR voting box that once belonged to the Phil Sheridan Post, GAR, San José. Following their election, Bro. LaRosa was initiated by Cmdr. Campbell, and had his badge pinned on him by his mother, Mary LaRosa (Brothers Sweatt, Sweatt, and Sweatt were all absent due to prior Civil War related commitments).
- 5) Commander Campbell appointed Bro. Rick LaRosa as Camp Guide.

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) Reinstatement of Dropped Brothers: Bro. Earl moved, and it was seconded, that Brothers Bill Effle and Steve Pelikan be reinstated into the Camp. This was agreed to unanimously.
- 2) Bro. Earl moved, and it was seconded that pursuant to C&Rs Paragraph F, Section 3, Article III, Chapter V, relative to the War Medal, the Camp determine at this regular meeting that Rev. Clark Seum is entitled to such medal. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

A) Department U.S. Flag — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) Cheney Flag: Brothers voted unanimously to donate the Camp's Cheney (U.S.) Flag to the Department of California and Pacific since the Department does not currently own a U.S. Flag. Bro.

Kadlec will look into purchasing the flag pole and stand through his sources at the American Legion (for which the Department will reimburse him).

B) Standing Rules — Camp Counselor Earl

- 1) Bro. Earl presented a copy of Stand Rules for the Camp. After a brief explanation, with the major change fixing the nominations/elections meeting in November and the installation meeting in January, they were approved unanimously.

C) Meeting at American Legion Hall — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) Any interested Brother is invited to attend, along with Bro. Kadlec, at the American Legion Hall Mission City Post 564 on Walsh Ave in Santa Clara for a brief presentation on 26 July 2002 at 2000 Hrs. Brothers will meet with officials of the American Legion to investigate the possibility of using one of their facility as a meeting place.

D) Next Meeting and Graves Registration — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) The next meeting is scheduled for Sat., 14 September 2002 at the Bold Knight Restaurant at 10:00, located at Monterey Hy. & San José Av. in San José. Graves registration will follow the meeting at nearby Oak Hill Memorial Park.

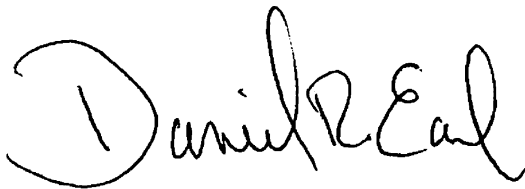
IX. Announcements

- A) Tad reminded Brothers about the Northern California SUVCW Picnic at El Polin Springs Picnic Area, San Francisco Presidio on 20 July 2002. Dave Schleeter and his wife Ann will be attending; other Brothers have previous commitments.

X. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

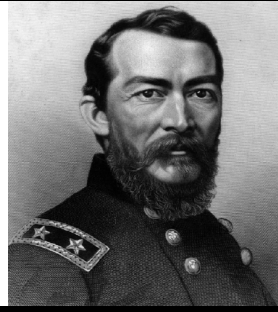
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14 September 2002

10:27 Hrs

1600 Monterey Hwy, San José, California

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Brothers — Richard Mayer, Greg Sweatt.

Absent Officers — None.

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II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

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III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

Brother Kadlec moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 13 July 2002 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

Correspondence from Gene Fanucchi, Chairman of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, relative to the upcoming Veterans Day Parade, was deferred to New Business.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad announced there would be a brief SVR meeting upon adjournment of the Camp meeting.
- 2) Cmdr. Campbell appointed the following Brothers to the Camp Committee on Bylaws: Camp Counselor Daniel R. Earl, as chairman, Brother Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, and Brother Donald Pray. The Committee was assigned the task of revising the Camp Bylaws, consistent with recent amendments to the National C&Rs.
- 3) Tad reported on the trip that he and Bro. Earl took to the Dragoo Family Association Reunion at the Renaissance Hotel in Sacramento, Calif. The both gave speeches on the GAR, SUVCW, and California's role in the Civil War, including the California Column and Cal-100. Tad made special mention of a fellow Brother who was in attendance at the reunion, Bill McAfee. Bill is the chaplain of the Department of Michigan, Past Camp Commander and charter member of the Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180 of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Michigan, which was founded in 1999 and serves Washtenaw County.

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) Membership: Dan reported that with the recent addition of members that Camp now stands at 45 Brothers.
- 2) Annual Reports: Dan updated Brothers on the new annual reporting system and that it will require the national portion of the per capita dues be prorated quarterly for members joining mid-year. He also informed the Camp that he had proposed a similar proration scheme for the Camp Budget.
- 3) Financial Reports: As of 13 September 2002 there was \$301.69 in the checking account and \$861.71 in the savings account, for a total of \$1,193.40.
- 4) FY 2003 Budget: Brother Earl reported that at the National Encampment, the national per capita dues were increased by \$6 annually, effective 1 January 2003. For purposes of implementing this dues increase, and in accordance with Camp Bylaws, he submitted three options for a budget to the members of the Camp Council, prior to the meeting. The options included a) making no change to our dues, which would provide essentially no money for

the Camp to spend, other than for the Camp Newsletter; b) increase the dues by only \$6, which would maintain the status quo, allowing our Camp to meet it's basic fiscal obligations and conduct minimal financial activities; and c) increase Camp dues by \$10, from \$25 to \$35, annually, providing extra money for Memorial Day/Veterans Day events and other expenses. After a great deal of discussion, the Camp Council recommended (by a vote of 2-1, Bros. Bunnell and Renfro supporting and Bro. Pray opposing) that the Camp increase dues by \$10, from \$25 to \$35, annually. Brother Earl then moved (and it was seconded) that the Camp adopt the plan to increase dues by \$10, from \$25 to \$35, annually. After further discussion, weighing both the advantages and disadvantages to such an increase, the Camp voted unanimously to approve the motion.

5) National Council of Administration Meeting Summary: At the CoA meeting on 10 Aug. 2002 members voted to a) donate of \$2,500 was made to the NYPD and FDNY funds, and an addition \$2,500 donation was given to the Salvation Army; b) allow camps that are now or in the future exist in the State of Georgia to become part of the Dept. of Tennessee; and, c) to appoint Bro. Linn P. Hoadley (DSVC) as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. At the CoA meeting held 11 Aug. 2002 members voted to a) implement the \$6 dues increase effective 1 January 2003; b) increase the NMAL per capita from \$25 to \$30 annually; c) increase the Online Application Fee from \$35 to \$41 annually; d) appointed PDC Darby to chair the committee for the design of the newly authorized Service Medal.

C) Senior Vice-Commander's Report — Bro. Kadlec

1) No Report.

D) Junior Vice-Commander's Report — Bro. Schleeter

- 1) Dave reported that he would contact the Brothers recently referred to our Camp by National, to wit: Jordan L. Bruce and Julian L. Bruce.
- 2) Bro. Bunnell, PDC, presented an application for a new member, Scott Young, son of current life member Robert Young. Candidate Young was voted a member of the Camp, unanimously.

E) Camp Council's Report — Bros. Bunnell (PDC), Pray, and Renfro

- 1) Brothers reported on the FY 2003 Camp Budget as covered under the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

F) Camp Signal Officer's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad reported that the National website has undergone a redesign and seems to be loading much faster. The webpage that contains only links to the various Departments has been eliminated.

G) Camp Graves Registration Officer's Report — Bro. Bunnell, PDC

- 1) Dan reported that there have been 888 names collected and entered into the National database, from Santa Clara county cemeteries. He has about 100 more still to enter.
- 2) SVC Kadlec suggested that a comprehensive list of cemeteries within the primary jurisdiction of our Camp be developed so that we can systemically search them for Civil War graves. All agreed this was a good idea; the consensus was that in the meantime, if anyone came upon a cemetery, whether within our primary jurisdiction or not, and he has an opportunity to register the grave, he ought to do so.

VI. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports.

VII. Unfinished Business

A) Presidio Picnic — Bro. Campbell

- 1) For new members, Tad explained that over the past couple years northern California Camps would meet for a picnic/BBQ at the El Polin Springs Picnic area of the San Francisco Presidio, followed by a tour of Ft. Point and memorial service at the GAR monument.
- 2) Bro. Schleeter and his wife were the only members of Camp 4 to attend. He reported that there was no tour and memorial service at the nearby GAR monument.
- 3) Bro. Mayer suggested the possibility of future activities including Alcatraz Island.

B) New Meeting Location — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob reported on the visit to the American Legion Post 564 (attended by himself, and Bros. Campbell, Schleeter, Earl, and Seum) on Friday, 26 July 2002. They are willing to allow us to use their meeting room at no cost.

The consensus was that this is a good location to hold future meetings.

Bob moved (and it was seconded) that our Camp accept the offer to use the American Legion Hall Post 564 facility as a meeting place for future meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) The next meeting date and time, at which nominations and elections will be held, will be 16 November 2002 at 10:00 hrs at the American Legion Hall. Bro. Earl will send them a letter confirming our meeting date. Bob strongly recommended that all who have uniforms wear them.

C) Black Powder Demonstration — Bro. Campbell

- 1) 28 September 2002 is the date scheduled for the black powder demo that Bro. Bunnell will be hosting in south San José. However, this is also the same weekend as “The Civil War Revisited” (the largest Civil War reenactment and living history event in the U.S.) being

held at Kearny Park in Fresno, Calif. Our Department has been invited to staff a recruitment booth there as well. Brothers discussed whether or not to postpone the black powder demo and attend the Fresno event, or to forego the Fresno event and attend the black powder demo. The consensus was to attend the black powder demonstration. The demonstration will take place on Saturday, 28 September 2002 at the Field Sports County Park at 9580 Malech Road (off Metcalf Rd. (south San José) at 10:00 hrs.

D) Cheney Flag — Bro. Campbell

- 1) At the previous meeting, Brothers voted to donate the Cheney U.S. Flag to the Department. Tad verified with Bro. Don Pray, who donated the flag to our Camp, that he had no objection with this. Don confirmed this. Bro. Earl will send a letter to Dept. Commander Schall informing him of the donation to the Department.

VIII. New Business

A) Initiation of Brother Greg Sweatt — Cmdr. Tad Campbell

- 1) Bro. Sweatt, having been duly elected a Brother of Camp 4 at the previous meeting, was initiated as an Associate by Commander Campbell and presented his membership badge and certificate.

B) Confederate Memorial Service — Bro. Campbell

- 1) The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has invited our Camp to attend a special Memorial Observance of Confederate veteran Samuel Austin of Co. K, 5th Louisiana Cavalry on Saturday, 5 October 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland. Austin's 106-year-old daughter, Alma Grigsby will be present. The Evergreen Cemetery is located at 6450 Camden Street, Oakland, Calif. (between 64th Ave. and MacArthur). The SCV request we attend in uniform.

C) Veterans Day Parade — Bro. Earl

- 1) Dan reported that the Camp had received correspondence from Gene Fanucchi, Chairman of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, inviting us to participate in the upcoming Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11 November 2002. After a brief discussion the consensus was that the Camp participate in the parade with a color guard as we did last year.

D) Department Encampment — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad announced that the Department Encampment is scheduled to be held at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo on March 28th-29th.

IX. Good and Welfare of Brothers

- A) Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan — Tad reported that Kirby is recovering from bypass surgery and doing well.

X. Good of the Order — Bro. Kadlec

- A) Visiting Civil War sights — Bob encouraged those who want to visit Civil War sights to do so on your own or with someone who has the same interests as you if you are serious about viewing the sights in any detail; if you do not, the chances of successfully seeing all you desire to see is not likely.

XII. Program of the Day — Bros. Earl and Campbell

- A) Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois: Dan distributed several pamphlets that he and Tad collected when they visited Rock Island, several days prior to the 2002 National Encampment. Rock Island was made an active military base on 12 September 2001, the day after the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Dan and Tad reported on their experience with the exceptionally rude and confrontational personnel they had to speak with when checking in prior to entering the base. After being allowed on the military base they were able to visit the National Cemetery as well as the Confederate Cemetery (the island was a Prison Barracks during the Civil War). After visiting the cemeteries, Brothers Campbell and Tad moved on to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum where they were able to view an extensive collection of artillery pieces, rockets, memorabilia, etc.

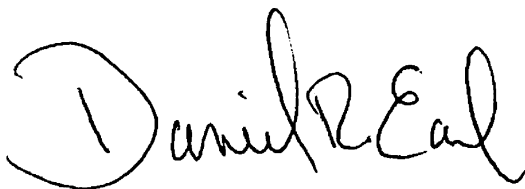
XIII. Announcements

- A) Graves Registration: Following the close of the meeting, those Brothers interested will meet at the Oak Hill Memorial Park to conduct graves registration at the “old GAR plot” and other areas of the cemetery that have yet to be explored for Civil War graves.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:20 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,
Camp Secretary-Treasurer/Camp Counselor
Phil Sheridan Camp #4
Department Secretary-Treasurer/Department Counselor

Chair, National Committee on Legislation
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Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment, SVR

1st Sgt. David C. Schleeter convened a short meeting of Company C, 8th CVI, SVR at which elections were held. Cpl. Kadlec moved that all officers remain as they currently are. Sgt. Schleeter was elected Company Commander by acclamation, and had no objection to officers remaining in their current positions, to wit: Cpl. Earl, Co. Adjutant, and Cpl. Kadlec.



Phil Sheridan Camp #4

Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

16 November 2002

10:00 Hrs

American Legion Hall, Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, California

MINUTES

Officers

Tad D. Campbell, Commander
Robert J. Kadlec, Senior Vice-Commander
David C. Schleeter, Junior Vice-Commander
Daniel R. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer
Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), Camp Council
Donald W. Pray, Camp Council
Daniel F. Renfroe, Camp Council

Appointed Officers

Rev. Clark Seum, Chaplain
David C. Schleeter, Patriotic Instructor & Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Daniel R. Earl, Counselor
Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), Guard & Historian
Tad D. Campbell, *Sheridan's Dispatch* Editor & Signals Officer
Rick T. LaRosa, Guide

Present:

Officers — Commander Campbell, Senior Vice-Commander Kadlec, Junior Vice-Commander Schleeter, Secretary-Treasurer Earl, Council Members Bunnell (PDC), Pray, and Renfroe, Chaplain Seum, Guide Rick LaRosa.

Brothers — Greg Sweatt, Jordan Bruce, Julian Bruce, Steve Welch.

Officers Absent — .

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order — Cmdr. Campbell/Chaplain Seum

The meeting was called to order by Commander Campbell first announcing Camp Order #6 and then opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:50 Hrs. Cmdr. Campbell led the Camp in the American's Creed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call of Officers — Bro. Earl

The Roll of the Officers was called by Secretary-Treasurer Earl.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes — Bro. Earl

Brother Schleeter moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 14 September 2002 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

The Camp received a letter from Department Commander Brad Schall accepting the donation of the Cheney Flag as the Department U.S. Flag.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Campbell

- 1) The following candidates were unanimously elected to membership in the Camp: Jordan Bruce, Julian Bruce, Steve Welch, James Welch, Steve Frady, and Scott Young. Commander Campbell conducted their initiation following their election.
- 2) Tad announced that he is accepting nominations for Camp Awards, to wit: the Brother Don Cheney Award, the Gov. John A. Dix Graves Registration Award, and the Gen. Phil H. Sheridan Exemplary Performance Dedication Award. If anyone has nominations, contact Tad privately. Awards will be presented at the installation banquet in January.
- 3) Tad appointed a interim Military Affairs Committee as follows: Dave Schleeter (chair), Don Pray, Dan Bunnell (PDC), and Greg Sweatt to serve until January 4th.

B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report — Bro. Earl

- 1) At the end of the 2nd quarter we stood at 43 members. Over the past quarter we have had a gain of six members and now stand at 49 Brothers strong, which is what I reported for our 3rd quarter Report. These new members include those we just elected. We had one loss, which was Steve Pelikan who was given an Honorable Discharge.
- 2) Financial Report Ending 15 November 2002:
Checking Account – \$276.65
Savings Account – \$861.71
TOTAL: \$1,138.36
This amount does not include any 2003 dues renewals, and it does not include any end of year expenses that should be under \$300.
- 3) Dues notifications went out at the end of October. We have heard back from 17 members so far. Results of the survey thus far vary: Most, however, prefer meetings every other month on Saturday mornings, and would like to have a guest speaker. A majority of

the surveys returned were incomplete due to the members being non-local.

VI. Committee Reports

A) Committee on Bylaws —Daniel R. Earl, Chairman

- 1) On behalf of Brothers Dan Bunnell, PDC and Don Pray, Members of the Bylaws Committee, Dan presented and discussed proposed amendments to Camp Bylaws. A final ratification vote will be taken at the next meeting on January 4th.

VII. Unfinished Business

A) Veterans Day Parade — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad thanked everyone who assisted with the Veterans Day Parade. Rev. Seum was in the reviewing stand and said it was very impressive; he was very proud of us when we fired our muskets)

VIII. New Business

A) Veterans Memorial Flag Lowering Ceremony.

To be held 24 November at Oak Hill Memorial Park at 1400 Hrs. Bob provided details on this. He will report to Oak Hill that we will only be able to due salute, not the volley, due to only a limited number of Brothers available that weekend

B) Annual Elections.

The following nominations and elections were made:

Camp Commander: Robert J. Kadlec nominated and elected.

Camp Senior Vice Commander: David C. Schleeter was nominated and elected.

Camp Junior Vice Commander: Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC) was nominated and elected.

Camp Secretary: Daniel R. Earl was nominated and elected.

Camp Treasurer: Daniel R. Earl was nominated and elected.

Camp Council: Rick LaRosa, Tad Campbell, Don Pray, and Dan Renfroe were nominated. Rick LaRosa, Tad Campbell, and Don Pray were elected.

Delegates to Department Encampment were nominated and elected: Bill Stewart, Don Pray, Rick LaRosa, Rev. Clark Seum, Steve Welch, and Julian Bruce were elected by acclamation.

IX. Good of the Order – Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Schleeter

- A) Pursuant to Camp Order #6, Dave read the Gettysburg Address.

XIII. Announcements

A) The next meeting will be on 4 January 2003 at Lou's Village in San José and will be a banquet/installation meeting

XIV. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:12.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Earl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

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