



# Phil Sheridan Camp #4

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

4 January 2003

19:00 Hrs

Lou's Village Restaurant

1465 W. San Carlos San José, California

## CAMP MINUTES

### Officers

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

### Appointed Officers

Rev. Clark Seum, Chaplain  
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Rick T. LaRosa, Guard  
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Tad D. Campbell, *Sheridan's Dispatch* Editor & Signals Officer

Present:

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

Brothers — Special Guest Department Commander Brad Schall.

Officers Absent — .

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 19:35 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

Rev. Seum moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 16 November 2002 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

There were no officer reports.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

There were no appointed officer reports.

VII. Committee Reports

A) Committee on Bylaws — Bro. Earl, Chairman

- 1) Dan submitted the final copy of proposed amendments to the Camp Bylaws and moved (which was seconded) that they be ratified as presented. The Camp approved the amendments unanimously. Department Commander Brad Schall also gave his approval and signed the Camp Bylaws.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A) No Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

A) Camp Awards — Cmdr. Campbell

- 1) Tad presented the following Camp Awards: the Gov. John A. Dix Graves Registration Award to Bro. Dan Bunnell (PDC), the Brother Don Cheney Grown Award to Bro. Dan Earl, and the General Philip H. Sheridan Exemplary Dedication Award to Bro. Dan Earl.
- 2) Tad presented Rev. Clark Seum, Camp Chaplain, with his War Medal for service in the United States Navy during World War II. This was a surprise for Clark and a gift from the Camp.

B) Initiation — Camp Cmdr. Campbell and Department Commander Schall

- 1) Tad and Brad initiated and presented a “Junior” badge to the Camp’s first Junior member, Brother James Welch (son of Bro. Steve Welch).

C) Installation of Camp Officers — Department Commander Brad Schall

- 1) Brad made several remarks about the history of the G.A.R. and commented on the expansion of our Department. Brad then proceeded to install Camp Officers who were elected at the regular Camp meeting on 16 November 2002, to wit: Robert J. Kadlec, Commander; David C. Schleeter, Senior Vice Commander; Daniel

M. Bunnell (PDC), Junior Vice Commander; Daniel R. Earl, Secretary-Treasurer; Tad D. Campbell (PCC), Council; Donald W. Pray, Council; Rick T. LaRosa, Council. Appointed officers installed include: Rev. Clark D. Seum, Chaplain; Tad D. Campbell (PCC), Patriotic Instructor; Daniel R. Earl, Counselor; Tad D. Campbell, Historian; Daniel M. Bunnell, Guide; David C. Schleeter, Color Bearer; Rick T. LaRosa, Guard; Tad D. Campbell, Signals Officer; Daniel M. Bunnell, Graves Registration Officer; Daniel M. Bunnell, Civil War Memorials Officer; Donald W. Pray, Eagle Scout Coordinator; Tad D. Campbell, *Sheridan's Dispatch* Newsletter Editor.

2) Following the installation of officers, Brad pinned the Camp Commander's badge on Bob. As newly elected Camp Commander, Bob pinned the Past Camp Commander's badge on Tad.

D) Camp Award — Cmdr. Kadlec

1) As newly installed Camp Commander, Bob's first order of business was to present Past Camp Commander Tad D. Campbell with a plaque that had a gavel mounted on it, in appreciation for his two years serving the Camp as Commander.

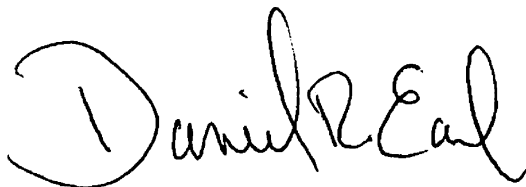
#### IX. Announcements

- A) Bob introduced his guest, and possible future member, Mr. Robert Soria, who is also a member of American Legion Post 564 (where we regularly hold our Camp meetings) and also a member of the American Civil War Association (ACWA).
- B) The next Camp meeting will be combined with an informal Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday evening, 8 February 2003 at 1700. The dinner/meeting will be held at the Coco's Restaurant at 330 E. Hamilton Ave., in Campbell, and celebrate the 194<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.
- C) Committee Assignments: Bob will appoint committee members at the February meeting; all are encouraged to consider serving on committees.

#### X. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 20:25.

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  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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8 February 2003  
17:30 Hrs  
Coco's Restaurant  
330 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell, California

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

Brothers — Joey Lutes (initiated as a Junior member), Laurel Anderson, DUV (Bro. Lutes' mother), Frank Guirado (initiated), James Welch (Junior), Steve Welch, Ann Schleeter (ASUVCW), Dan Renfroe, Great Sweatt, Robert Soria (guest), and Cindy Huarta (guest).

Officers Absent — Council Member Pray.

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

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kadlec and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 17:30 Hrs. Cmdr. Kadlec 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

Rev. Seum moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 4 January 2003 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

Correspondence was received from Department Commander Brad Schall. In one letter he thanked the Camp for inviting him to the installment banquet and having him serve as Installing Officer. In his second letter he congratulated Brothers of Camp 4 for their work at the Fort Point open house in January.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Orders: Bob announced the issuance of G.O. #8 and S.D.O. #1, both relative to the passing of Mrs. Gertrude Janeway.
- 2) Election & Initiation of New Members: Bob conducted elections for Joey Lutes, Frank Guirado, and Sidney Engle. After Secretary Earl read their names, along with information about each of their ancestors, all three candidates were unanimously elected to the Camp. Following their election, Bob initiated Brother Joey Lutes (as the Camp's second Junior member) and Frank Guirado. Brother Engle lives in Ventura so was unable to attend the meeting. As a part of the initiation ceremony, Laurel Anderson (DUV Member), mother of Joey Lutes, pinned his badge and Brother Steve Welch, friend of Frank Guirado, pinned his badge.
- 3) Assistance Chaplain: Bob announced that with the Camp expanding and spiritual needs growing, he is appointing Brother Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, as Assistant Camp Chaplain.
- 4) Camp Musician: Bob appointed Brother James Welch as Camp Musician.
- 5) Committee Appointments: Bob made the following committee appointments:
  - a) Programs and Policy Committee:
    - David C. Schleeter, Chair
    - Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member
    - Daniel R. Earl, Member
    - Rick T. LaRosa, Member
  - b) Civil War Memorials Committee
    - Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Chair
    - Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member
    - Rick T. LaRosa, Member

- c) Graves Registration Committee  
Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Chair  
Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member
  - d) Legislation Committee  
Daniel R. Earl, Chair  
Steve Welch, Member
  - e) Bylaws Committee  
Daniel R. Earl, Chair  
Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member  
Tad D. Campbell, PCC, Member
  - f) History Committee  
Tad D. Campbell, Chair  
Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member  
Daniel R. Earl, Member  
David C. Schleeter, Member  
Rick T. LaRosa, Member  
Greg Sweatt, Member
  - g) Ceremonial Observances Committee  
Daniel Renfroe, Chair  
Daniel R. Earl, Member  
Steve Welch, Member  
James Welch, Junior Member  
Joey Lutes, Junior Member
  - h) Military Affairs Committee  
David C. Schleeter, Chair  
Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC, Member  
Donald Pray, Member  
Greg Sweatt, Member  
James Welch, Junior Member
  - i) Visitations Committee  
Rev. Clark Seum, Chair  
Daniel M. Bunnell, Member
- 6) Department Encampment: Bob reminded Brothers of the Department Encampment being held on 28-29 March 2003. He recommended Brothers make reservations as soon as possible since this weekend is also spring break and rooms are going fast. He also announced that raffle tickets were available.
- 7) SUVCW Auxiliary: Bob announced that he would like to see that Auxiliary to our Camp reactivated and that it would be nice to locate the original Auxiliary charter.
- 8) Movie Gods and Generals: Several Brothers and a Member of the Auxiliary attended the “sneak-sneak preview” of the movie Gods and Generals on Tuesday, 4 February 2003 at the Camera 7 at the Pruneyard in Campbell. All were very disappointed with the movie. Bob reported that National HQ suggested that we make an appearance at theatres when the movie premieres to the general public on February 21-22, 2003. All the theatres that Bob contacted were opposed or ambivalent to the idea, except the Camera 7 that was very enthusiastic about the idea. SCV Stainless Banner members were also contacted and expressed an interest in

joining us. Since only one major theatre in the area is allowed to show the premier, and it will likely not be the Camera 7, therefore we will probably participate in such an event in March or April on a Saturday night.

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

1) Membership: At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter membership stood at 47 members, plus two Juniors. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter there were no gains or losses. At the request of Brother Daniel Wyatt, he was provided an Honorable Discharge after the first of the year. Additionally, Brother Maynard Goethe of Santa Barbara has requested his membership be cancelled. For the 2003 reporting period we have lost only two members. Currently we have eight members who have not renewed their members for the FY2003:

Brother Douglas W. Borland of San Mateo  
Brother Edward Brown of Sunnyvale  
Brother Jordan L. Bruce of San José  
Brother Julian L. Bruce of San José  
Brother John L. Chassels of Los Angeles  
Brother William H. Holland of Riverside  
Brother Gordan C. Young of San Marcos

There is a possibility that these Brothers may pay their dues before the new Annual Reports are due. If they do not, and are not dropped, the Camp will have to pay the full year PCD to National and the Department (\$21 each, which we may never recoup). 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 Annual Report is due at Department Headquarters. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

2) Membership Survey: Of about 47 surveys that were sent out with dues renewal notifications, 24 were returned. Almost every survey was only partially completed. The results are as follows:

- Meeting Day: 9-Saturday morning; 1- Saturday afternoon; 1- Monday or Wednesday evening.
- Prefer Monthly Meetings: 0-Yes 13-No
- More Likely to Attend with Guest Speaker: 8-Yes 6-No
- Interested in Lending Library: 5-Yes 6-No
- Interested in Department Encampment: 5-Yes 5-No
- Interested in National Encampment: 2-Yes 4-No
- Interested in Camp Color Guard: 5-Yes 11-No
- Interested in SVR: 6-Yes 9-No
- Interested in Camp Committees: 6-Yes 9-No
  - Ceremonial Observances: 3
  - Graves Registration: 1
  - Legislation: 1
  - History: 4
  - Program and Publicity: 1
  - Military Affairs: 4
- Any Potential Auxiliary Members: 6-Yes 11-No



- Any Potential Junior Members: 0-Yes 11-No
- Interested in Annual Banquet: 11-Yes 6-No
- Reasonable Price for Annual Banquet: 1-\$25; 4-\$30; 3-\$35; 2-\$40; 1-\$50.
- Miscellaneous Comments written in:
  - “I live too far away to participate in the meetings or on committees, etc.”
  - “I do enjoy the yearly meeting in San Luis Obispo when I have been able to attend.”
  - “To the Camp: At this time I am an inactive member.”
  - “Sorry – Current vision problems will restrict my participation.”
  - “To [*sic*] far away; bowling on Sat.”

3) Financial Reports:

(a) On 7 February 2003 bank accounts stood as follows:

Checking Account – \$297.14

Savings Account – \$1,511.71

TOTAL: \$1,805.85

(b) Brother Earl submitted proposed budget changes to the Camp, in light of added expenses for the Camp newsletter and other unanticipated expenses. Dan moved (and it was seconded) that the budget be adopted as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the budget is attached.

C) Senior Vice-Commander’s Report — Bro. Schleeter

1) No Report.

D) Junior Vice-Commander’s Report — Bro. Bunnell (PDC)

1) No Report.

E) Camp Council’s Report — Bros. Campbell (PCC), Pray, and LaRosa

1) No Report.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

A) Historian — Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCC

1) Tad reported that Laurel Anderson (DUV Member and mother of newly initiated Junior Member Joey Lutes) had located, at a flea market in Santa Cruz, Calif., a scrapbook containing application data for the WRC in San José. It also includes many news articles pasted in it about the Sheridan-Dix GAR Post and WRC. Laurel donated this scrapbook to the Camp.

B) Graves Registration Officer (GRO) — Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC

1) Dan recommended that we survey the cemeteries in Los Gatos in April. Tad and Dave suggested we organize a specific event for that day and invite Camp 20 of Los Gatos. April 12<sup>th</sup> was the consensus for a combined meeting and graves registration project in Los Gatos. The exact time and location to be announced.

- C) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator (ESCC) — Bro. Don Pray
  - 1) Don was absent, so Bob reported that he is still seeking details on coordinating a program in our area.
- D) Civil War Memorials Officer (CWMO) — Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC
  - 1) Dan expressed a concern with the McKinnly statue at St. James Park in downtown San José.

## VII. Committee Reports

- A) Committee on Military Affairs — David C. Schleeter, Chairman
  - 1) Dave and other discussed issues of leaving ones' ramrod in his loaded musket at the firing range during the cease fire period.
- B) Committee on Ceremonial Observances — Dan Renfroe, Chairman
  - 1) Dan reported that he had spoken to the ACWA and made a request for us to be able to participate in the Memorial Day weekend ceremonies at Roaring Camp in Felton, Santa Cruz County. They have not yet required us to have join the ACWA to participate. Dan reported that he is still collecting many more details and much is still in process. Brothers also discussed the issue of the \$45 fee for ACWA membership. Dave Schleeter moved (and it was seconded) that \$45 be authorized to be appropriated for use for membership in the ACWA if needed for our participation at Roaring Camp in Felton.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

- A) Veterans' Day Awards — Cmdr. Kadlec
  - 1) Bob asked Camp Color Bearer Dave Schleeter to present the colors for the addition of awards ribbons. Bob then attached ribbons for and presented trophies to the Camp which the Camp Color Guard won at the 2002 Veterans' Day Parade in San José: 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Marching Unit – Veteran and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Color Guard – Veteran category.

## IX. New Business

- A) Space Shuttle Columbia Resolution — Bro. Daniel R. Earl
  - 1) Dan presented the following Resolution which was approved unanimously by the Camp:

**A**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4**  
**Department of California and Pacific**

## **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**8 FEBRUARY 2003**

### **A Resolution**

**Extending sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the crew of the Columbia Space Shuttle who were killed on 1 February 2003.**

**Submitted by Brother Daniel R. Earl,  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer and Counselor**

*WHEREAS*, the Columbia Space Shuttle Mission STS-107 departed earth on a 16 January 2003 for a 16 day mission dedicated strictly to scientific research; and,

*WHEREAS*, the flight included the first Israeli astronaut; and,

*WHEREAS*, the crew of the Columbia included: Col. Rick D. Husband, Mission Commander; Commander William C. McCool, Mission Pilot; LTC Michael P. Anderson, Mission Payload Commander; Capt. David M. Brown, Mission Specialist; Dr. Kalpana Chawla, Mission Specialist; Commander Laurel Clark, Mission Specialist; Col. Ilan Ramon, Payload Specialist; and,

*WHEREAS*, on the morning of 1 February 2003, as the Columbia was re-entering the earth's atmosphere in preparation for landing at the Kennedy Space Center, the shuttle experienced a catastrophic break up over the State of Texas; and,

*WHEREAS*, there were no survivors of this disastrous event; and,

*WHEREAS*, these astronauts truly exemplified the spirit of America's space program; and

*WHEREAS*, despite this tragic incident, NASA is focusing on the tasks at hand and is still fully engaged in its mission; Now, therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 –

(1) were deeply saddened by the news of the tragic break up of the Columbia shuttle and death of the entire crew; and,

(2) express sorrow for the loss of life of the crew of the Columbia Space Shuttle; and,

(3) offer sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the crew of the Columbia Space Shuttle who were killed on 1 February 2003, and to all of the American and Israeli people; and,

(4) praise the performance, heroism, and professionalism of all NASA astronauts; now, therefore, be it,

*FINALLY RESOLVED* by the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, That the Secretary of the Camp transmit copies of this resolution to NASA with the request that it be forwarded to the

families of the Columbia astronauts, and that a copy be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Adopted by the Brothers of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three and in the independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

B) GAR Post Applications — Bros. Tad D. Campbell & Daniel M. Bunnell

- 1) Recently the Camp was contacted by Department Commander Brad Schall, referring us to an individual named José, who has possession of Phil Sheridan Post GAR papers and possibly other GAR papers. Cmdr. Kadlec, Historian Campbell, and Counselor Earl met with the individual and inspected the papers. Brother Campbell was able to authenticate them as genuine. Later Dan Bunnell learned that his brother works with the same individual who possesses the documents. Dan met with José and is in the process of negotiating with him. When Bob, Tad, and Dan Earl met with José, he made it clear that he was seeking a large sum of money (possibly several thousand dollars) for the documents. However, he indicated to Dan Bunnell that he might be willing to donate the documents to the Camp and accept a tax deduction. Bob and others may look into seeking funds from the American Legion to procure these documents and possibly any others José may possess.

C) United Veterans Council (UVC) — Cmdr. Bob Kadlec

- 1) The UVC has asked us to become members of their organization. Membership is \$12/year. Bob gave a description of what the UVC is and how their purpose is to coordinate veterans events in the county. Clark moved (and it was seconded) that we appropriate \$12 for membership in the UVC. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

D) Last Soldiers Project — Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell, PDC

- 1) Dan reported on the National Last Soldiers Project and the impact it will have on us locally. Bob referred work on this project, jointly to the Committees on Graves Registration and History, and requested periodic status reports.

X. Good of the Order – Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Campbell, PCC

- A) Tad made a presentation on the history of President's Day. He also reported on war service of presidents and the highest military rank held by presidents. Brother Campbell made this presentation at the conclusion of the meeting during the birthday party of President Abraham Lincoln, in celebration of Mr. Lincoln's 194<sup>th</sup> birthday.

XI. Announcements

A) The next meeting will be Saturday, 10 May 2003.

XI. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 19:35.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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Camp Secretary-Treasurer/Camp Counselor  
Phil Sheridan Camp #4  
Department Secretary-Treasurer/Department Counselor  
Newsletter Editor – *The California Column*  
Department of California and Pacific  
Chair, National Committee on Legislation  
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**Sons of Veterans Reserve**

Immediately following the Camp meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Dave Schleeter convened a brief meeting of Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> CVI. For new members he described the SVR and he distributed membership cards.



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Brothers — Daniel Renfroe, Jeff Sweatt, Junior Member Joey Lutes (and his sister), Laurel Anderson (ASUVCW; Joey's mother), Rachele Campbell (ASUVCW), Bob Nelson (Commander, Camp 10), Wayne Thalls (Camp 10), Dave Wear (Camp 10), Phill White (Camp 20).

Officers Absent — Councilman Don Pray.

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

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kadlec and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:29 Hrs. Cmdr. Kadlec 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 Campbell moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 8 February 2003 as read. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Introductions — Cmdr. Kadlec

Bob introduced Camp 10 (Santa Cruz) Commander Bob Nelson, and fellow Camp 10 members Wayne Thals and Dave Wear; additionally, he introduced Bro. Phill White, Secretary-Treasurer of Camp 20 (Los Gatos).

V. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

Secretary-Treasurer Earl read a letter from NASA thanking our Camp for the letter and resolution dedicated to the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

VI. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob distributed a copy of and read General Logan's Memorial Day General Order #11.
- 2) Encampment photo albums are still available for sale.
- 3) National Encampment Delegate Pins are available for sale.

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

- 1) At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter we stood at 47 members plus two Juniors. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter we had no gains and no losses. At the last meeting we had approximately 10 Brothers who had not renewed their membership. Since then, all but three have done so. Accordingly, Brothers Douglas Borland, William Holland, and Col. Gordan Young have been dropped pursuant to Order of the Camp at the last meeting (after several emails and letters to them there has been no response.) As a result of the drops and other membership changes since the first of the year, we now hold steady at 45 members, *including* our Juniors.

2) Financial Report Ending 7 February 2003:

Checking Account – \$478.14  
Savings Account – \$1,511.71 (same as February)  
TOTAL: \$1,989.85

- 3) Minus our Annual Per Capita Dues (which have not cleared yet) which are: \$924 (\$792 to National and \$132 to the Department), we are left with a balance of \$1,065.85. There are a couple last minute

membership renewals just received, so this figure will be increased just slightly.

4) Thus far this year, we have had no expenses, but those are likely soon in coming.

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

1) No Report.

D) Junior Vice-Commander's Report — Bro. Bunnell (PDC)

1) No Report.

E) Camp Council's Report — Bros. Campbell (PCC), Pray, and LaRosa

1) No Report.

## VII. Appointed Officer Reports

A) Signals Officer — Bro. Tad Campbell (PCC)

1) Tad reported that the Civil War lending library has been deleted since it has not been used in over a year. Online listing of Union burials is now at 777 listings. Local Civil War units in our jurisdiction are now listed online. The Dept. website has been overhauled. We now, after several years of making requests, have a link posted on the Santa Clara County GENWEB.

B) Graves Reg./Civil War Mem. Officer — Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC)

1) We need to schedule another trip to Los Gatos Cemetery for a graves registration. Although the last one got rained out, Brother Earl was able to take pictures of over 50 headstones. Brother Campbell now has those names online. What at the cemetery, Brothers Phill White and Richard Walker, both of Logan Camp 20, pointed out some of G.A.R. the stones before the rain was too bad.

2) The next Graves Registration Project for Los Gatos Cemtery is scheduled for Saturday, 28 June 2003 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a pizza party.

C) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator — Cmdr. Bob Kadlec

1) Bob reported that information has generally come from National to the Department, then to the Camp. Usually only 3-4 requests are received each year, which is too low for our area, since the Santa Clara Co. district alone issues over 200/yr. We've decided to develop a program with the local Council and issues certificates directly.

2) Bob has received email from Dept. ESCC Al Peterson (PDC) asking for a status report. He was informed that we are still working on the program. Bob wants to expand this to San Mateo County.

3) Certificates from National cost 35¢ each. Bob's almost identical reproduction cost less than 10¢ each and appear more professional.

## VIII. Committee Reports

A) Committee on Legislation — Dan Earl, Chairman



Since our last meeting, the following Federal Legislation has been introduced and may be of interest to members:

- 1) H.R. 778, to recognize the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- 2) H. Con. Res. 36, encouraging people to celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery.
- 3) H. Con. Res. 149, expressing support for the celebration of Patriot's Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots.
- 4) H.R. 1265, the American Heroes Repatriation Act of 2003.
- 5) H.J. Res. 42, proposing an amendment to the Constitution regarding citizenship.
- 6) H.J. Res. 44, proposing an amendment to the Constitution regarding citizenship.
- 7) H.J. Res. 26, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to protect the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 8) S.J. Res. 7, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency.
- 9) S. Res. 71, expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 10) H.J. Res. 39, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance and on U.S. currency.
- 11) H.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution to guarantee the right to use and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto.

B) Committee on Military Affairs — Dave Schleeter, Chairman

Our next musket-firing day is scheduled for 20 September 2003 at 10 a.m.

C) Committee on Visitations — Rev. Clark Seum, Chairman

Clark reminded all that if there are any sicknesses or deaths in any families that he is available.

D) Committee on Ceremonial Observances — Dan Renfroe, Chairman

1) Dan made a motion to amend and previously adopted motion (which was seconded) as follows: to rescind the motion authorizing the payment of \$45 for a group/sutler rate to the ACWA for our participation in the Roaring Camp (at Felton) Memorial Day weekend, and that in lieu thereof, the money be used to reimburse members for the \$5 "guest membership" [I have to check my notes at home for the correct language on this – not on my laptop.]. Discussion followed. It was not clear if the \$5 requirement was "per day" or "per event." Regardless, the motion was approved unanimously.

2) Dan distributed guest membership application forms (those go to ACWA, not Roaring Camp); Bob reported that if you are in uniform there should be no problem with employees trying to collect fees.

3) Set up:

Set up: Fri 23 May, after 1500, and tear down Sunday evening.

Fri Set up: Tad, Dan E., Dan R., Bob, Dan B.  
Sat. Staff: Tad, Dan E., Dan R., Bob, and Dave.  
Sun. Staff: Tad, Dan E., Dan R., Bob, Rick, Dan B., Dave, Steve.  
Sun. tear down: Tad, Dan E., Dan R., Bob, Rick, Dan B.  
Camp 10 will be supplying staff, also.  
(can't close prior to 1700)  
Gates open at 10 a.m. Sat. & Sun. We need to be there between  
0800-0830.

4) Felton vs. Ardenwood:

Bob explained why we are moving to Felton from Ardenwood.

Our desire is to recruit potential members more local to our own area and that of Camp 10's area.

5) Memorial Day Monday at Oak Hill Cemetery:

a) Bob and Dan R. reported that there would be a ceremony in the Japanese section of the cemetery at 10 a.m.; another ceremony concludes the day at 12:30 p.m. at the Field of Honor section of the cemetery. The main ceremony, sponsored by the UVC begins at 11 a.m. About 29 sets of Colors are to be presented – our Camp should be the second group to do so (with the “Gold Star Mothers” following us); the Marines are first. This will be followed by wreath laying with Bob representing our Camp. Following will be several speeches before the Colors are retired. The ceremony is expected to last about 45 minutes.

b) Our Color Guard will consist of Dave Schleeter with the U.S. Flag and Dan Earl with the Camp Flag.

c) Brothers Tad and Rick will be stationed to guard the wreaths.

d) All Brothers should be at the cemetery by 10 a.m., and park near the G.A.R. plot.

## IX. Unfinished Business

### A) G.A.R. Post Documents — Dan Bunnell, PDC

1) Dan provided background on how Sheridan *Post* documents were located in downtown San José. Initially Jose (who is in possession of the documents) wanted a great deal of money, and did not want the a tax deduction. Last week he dropped what he wanted to \$3,000. Dan suggested that perhaps it would be better to just get copies of the documents instead of seeking the original. Tad – as Camp Historian, indicated that of course we would very much want to have the originals, but clarified that the real value lies with the information they contained on the documents. Dan B. will work in that direction.

### B) Auxiliary — Dan Bunnell, PDC & Rachele Campbell (ASUVCW)

1) Dan reported that there are two methods of forming an Auxiliary. It can be a Camp sponsored, or an independent Auxiliary. For a Camp sponsored, the Camp approves the application, then, after prospective members are approved, the commander would send the list, along with the application fee and the charter application to the

- president of the Auxiliary. The individual applications are then sent to National and then they send an installing officer.
- 2) Rachelle explained how an independent Auxiliary could be started. All ladies who are a part of the MAL can be made members of the Sheridan Camp Auxiliary (or whatever name is chosen). This would include ladies from throughout our Department. As the Auxiliary expands, each Camp can create its own, separate, Auxiliary. Once three exist, the Department can form a "Department Auxiliary." There are at least ten ladies in the local area who might be interested in membership.
  - 3) Rachelle proposed that an Auxiliary be formed that is "affiliated" with the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, but NOT the "Phil Sheridan Auxiliary" in and of itself.
  - 4) Dan B. and Bob both agreed to turn over all work on the Auxiliary to Rachelle.

X. New Business  
No New Business.

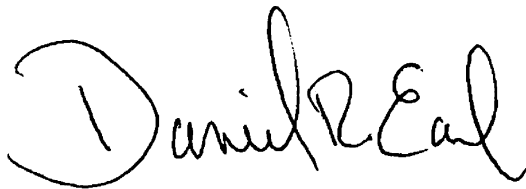
XI. Good and Welfare of Brothers  
No reports.

XIII. Good of the Order – Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Campbell, PCC  
1) Tad gave a presentation on Johnny J. Clem, as a drummer boy.

XIV. Announcements  
A) The next meetings will be 12 July 2003 and 13 September 2003.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment  
The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:16 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer/Camp Counselor  
Phil Sheridan Camp #4  
Department Secretary-Treasurer  
Department Newsletter Editor – *The California Column*  
Department of California and Pacific  
Chair, National Committee on Legislation  
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# Phil Sheridan Camp #4

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

11 July 2003

10:00 Hrs

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

## CAMP MINUTES

### Officers

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Present:

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

Brothers — Steve Welch, James Welch, Greg Sweatt, Frank Avila, Roger Barnes.

Officers Absent — Jr. Vice-Commander Bunnell (PDC), Council Members Pray and La Rosa  
(excused).

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

- A) The meeting was called to order by Commander Kadlec and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:44 Hrs. Cmdr. Kadlec led the Camp in the American's Creed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B) Commander Kadlec appointed Brother Steve Welch as Guide-pro tempore for this meeting.
- C) Commander Kadlec introduced members-elected Avila and Barnes.

## 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 10 May 2003 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. Kadlec

- 1) Memorial Day weekend: Our first time at Roaring Camp in Felton went quite well. Bro. Earl reported that we had just under 200 contacts. About 20-25 contact cards were completed, with follow-up contact made by Brothers Earl and Campbell. For those only one message was returned. Many of the contacts were from individuals living in the Fresno area.
- 2) Memorial Day and ACWA: While at Felton the ACWA had originally wanted us to pay \$5/person while we had our information booth set up in the park. During the weekend there no one asked us for the money and those from the ACWA booth (right next to ours) did not know who we were or where we were located. Since Memorial Day weekend, no one has contacted us to ask for the money. As a result, we are not sure what will happen next year. The consensus was that we return to Felton next year if possible.
- 3) Memorial Day: On Monday we participating in the wreath laying ceremony and presentation of Colors with the UVC program at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José. Our Camp participating among 13 other groups, and w were the second to lay the wreath (following the "Gold Star Mothers").
- 4) UVC Purple Heart Stamp Dedication: Our Camp participated with this event when the U.S. Post Office officially issued the stamp; our flags were on display.
- 5) UV C Meeting: At the last UVC meeting the Post Office issued a certificate of appreciation and "first day cover" for our participation with the stamp dedication. This will remain in the custody of the Camp Historian.

- 6) Grave Markers Requests: Bob distributed an article from the American Legion National Headquarters "Dispatch" regarding new legislation impacting grave markers (PL 107-103 and 107-330).
- 7) National Encampment Pins: Pins are completed
- 8) Department Encampment Photo Albums: Albums are slow going, but going (will be completed before the National Encampment).

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

- 1) For this past Annual Report to National, we have dropped from 45 to 40 Brothers. However, we have two additional members we will be presumably electing and initiating today.
- 2) Financial Report Ending 11 July 2003:  
 Checking Account: \$246.14  
 Savings Account: \$861.71  
 TOTAL: \$1,107.85
- 3) Annual Per Capita Dues were \$882. With the addition of our latest members these figures will change only slightly. We are quite fiscally sound at the moment.
- 4) At the previous meeting up to \$45 was approved for expenses associated with the guest membership at Roaring Camp in Felton. We were never asked to pay this fee, so we continue to have \$100 left in our Memorial Day/Veterans' Day Fund.

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

- 1) No report.

D) Junior Vice-Commander's Report — Bro. Bunnell (PDC)

- 1) No report.

E) Camp Council's Report — Bros. Campbell (PCC), Pray, and LaRosa

- 1) No report.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

A) Patriotic Instructor — Bro. Campbell, PCC

- 1) Tad reported on the First Battle of Bull.

B) Signals Officer — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad reported that online burials had been updated to almost 1,000.

C) Graves Registration Officers — Bro. Bunnell, PDC

- 1) Since Bro. Bunnell (PDC) was absent, Bro. Campbell reported as a member of the Graves Registration Comm. When Los Gatos Cemetery was surveyed last week, Tad recorded even those who *may* have served. Of those names, several did indeed serve, but do not have military stones. Tad recommends that when we survey smaller cemeteries, we look at not only military stones, but all who *may* have served. Also, while Tad and his wife were in Minnesota visiting family, they recorded about 70 graves.

D) Newsletter Editor — Bro. Campbell

- 1) The next issue of the newsletter will probably be a May/June/July edition and published before the National Encampment.

E) Historian — Bro. Campbell

- 1) Tad is researching the military history of all the veterans that we are recording. So far he has about 1,000 pages of data.

F) ESSC — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob reported there have been zero certificates issued this year due to many other Camp commitments. He is seeking someone to assume the ESSC position once he has the program established, up and running with the Santa Clara County Boy Scout Council.

G) Chaplain — Rev. Clark Seum

- 1) Clark mentioned the passing of Retha M. (Bonner) Webb (grandmother of Camp Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Earl and mother-in-law of Brother Robert Earl) and Kathy J. (Appleton) Campbell (mother of Tad Campbell (PCC), wife of Brother Don Campbell, and daughter of Brother George Appleton).

VII. Committee Reports

A) Committee on Legislation— Dan Earl, Chairman

- 1) Dan distributed copies of his final report as chairman of the National Committee on Legislation.

B) Committee on Ceremonial Observances— Dan Renfroe, Chairman

- 1) In Brother Renfroe's absence, Bob reported that the next event is the Veterans Day Parade. James has his drum and will be participating also. The next practice for the parade/musket firing is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A) No unfinished business.

IX. New Business

A) Election and Initiation of New Brothers

- 1) Secretary Earl read the applications of candidates Barnes and Avila as follows: Roger R. Barnes, referred to us by that National Organization. Roger's Civil War ancestor is his Great-great Grandfather John W. Barnes who was mustered into service on 26 Dec. 1863 in Company A of the 87<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry with the rank of Private, and was honorably discharged at the end of the war. Frank Avila, who has yet to find his Civil War ancestor and is joining us as an Associate.
- 2) Candidates Roger Barnes and Frank Avila were elected unanimously. Following their election they were escorted to the Altar for their initiation (they were led by James playing the drum).

B) Kiwanis Donation

- 1) Brother Steven Welch, who is a past president of the San Francisco Mission Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Club of South San Francisco, won a contest in the Kiwanis Club where the prize would allow him to select a favorite non-profit and award a donation. In addition to participating in this contest, Brother Welch was also requested to make a last minute presentation to the Kiwanis. He did so, with the topic being the SUVCW and how we benefit deceased veterans and educate the public. Steve won the award for the contest and for his presentation. He was granted \$500 for this, which he had donated, to our Camp.

X. Good of the Order – Tad Campbell, PCC

Tad announced the formation of new Camps 16 and 25.

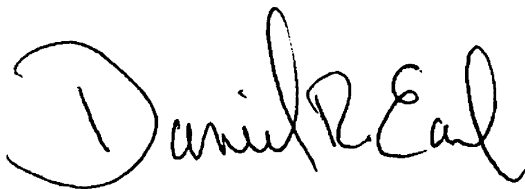
XI. Announcements

- A) Bob explained the purpose of his two uniforms (the corporal's uniform in recognition of his ancestor, and his captain's uniform for ceremonial purposes of the Camp).
- B) The next meeting will be on Saturday, 13 September 2003 at 10 a.m.

XII. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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# Phil Sheridan Camp #4

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

13 September 2003

10:00 Hrs

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

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Council Members Campbell (PCC), and LaRosa, and Chaplain Seum.

Brothers — Frank Avila.

Officers Absent — JVC Bunnell (PDC). Council Member Pray

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

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kadlec and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:35 Hrs. Cmdr. Kadlec 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 from 11 July 2003 were agreed to without objection.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

- A) Thank you/souvenir cards from NASA.
- B) Letter from President Bush regarding NASA.
- C) Letter from Steve Welch regarding Kiwanis.
- D) UVC – Veterans Day Parade application

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob expressed concerns about the low attendance at Camp meetings.
- 2) The photo album from the Department Encampment was circulated amongst members.
- 3) Bob reported on the war medal/military service medal issue discussed at the National Encampment.
- 4) Donations are still needed for the Bob Hope Memorial.
- 5) The next meeting will be 8 November 2003. Nominations and elections will be held at this meeting, and the installation in January.

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

- 1) Membership was reported at 47 Brothers.
- 2) Financial Report Ending September 12, 2003:
  - Checking Account – \$361.19
  - Savings Account – \$1,161.71
  - TOTAL: \$1,522.90
- 3) FY 2004 Budget:
  - A proposed budget was submitted to the Council for recommendation.

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

- 1) No Report.

D) Junior Vice-Commander's Report — Bro. Bunnell (PDC)

- 1) No Report.

E) Camp Council's Report — Bros. Campbell (PCC), Pray, and LaRosa

- 1) No Report.

## VI. Appointed Officer Reports

### A) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator — Bro. Bob Kadlec

- 1) Still attempting to arrange a meeting with the Boy Scouts.

## VII. Committee Reports

### A) Committee on Legislation — Dan Earl, Chairman

- 1) Still waiting for updates on AB 207.

### B) Committee on Bylaws — Dan Earl, Chairman

- 1) Members will likely need to work on revising our Camp Bylaws, consistent with changes at the National level, by the end of the year.

### C) Committee on History — Tad Campbell, Chairman

- 1) Tad has purchased file drawers for storing Camp archives.

### D) Committee on Military Affairs — Dave Schleeter, Chairman

- 1) Dave reported on the safety issues surrounding the use of black powder. He was unable to find any material online that is specific to what we do in the SUVCW. A historical problem that faced many in the Civil War was that if one did not wait long enough after firing, and then added more powder to his musket, there was a chance of firing the musket unintentionally and causing injury. The ACWA recommends replacing the cap last when reloading, to prevent this. Dave suggested that the appointment of a Safety Officer would be useful for us.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

### A) Phil Sheridan GAR Post Documents — Bob Kadlec

- 1) Dan Bunnell is absent and has not updated anyone so there is no report on the status of acquiring these (or copies of these) records.

### B) Musket Firing/Parade Practice — Bob Kadlec

- 1) On 11 October 2003 we will be having a musket firing/parade practice in preparation for the Veterans' Day Parade on 11 November 2003.

## IX. New Business

### A) National POW/MIA Recognition Day — Bob Kadlec

- 1) This day is being observed on 19 September 2003.

### B) Fresno Reenactment Event — Bob Kadlec

- 1) Brad has reported to us that at least 50 SUVCW Brothers will be in attendance at the Fresno reenactment event the first weekend in October.

### C) Moving Wall Ceremony — Bob Kadlec

- 1) The Moving Wall Ceremony will be in Santa Clara 19-25 November 2003. We may be asked to post our Colors on 22 November (Saturday). More details will follow.

### D) Flag Lowering — Bob Kadlec

1) Our Camp is scheduled to participate in the flag lowering ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park on 30 November 2003.

X. Good of the Order

A) Bob asked for how many would be interested in touring the USS Hornet. All agreed they would enjoy that. Bob distributed information.

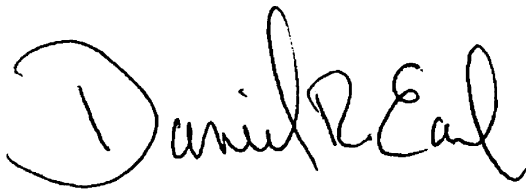
XI. Program of the Day — Bob Kadlec

A) At the conclusion of the meeting Brothers watched videos of old news reels covering media events with GAR members in the 1920s-1930s.

XII. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,  
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# # #

Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry  
6<sup>th</sup> Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Members of Company C met to hold elections. Current Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Dave Schleeter was nominated and unanimously elected to serve another term as Company Commander.



# Phil Sheridan Camp #4

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

8 November 2003

10:00 Hrs

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Council Members Campbell (PCC) and LaRosa, and Chaplain Seum, Guide Welch.  
Brothers/Sisters — Frank Avila, Crittenden Bell, Ann Schleeter.

Officers Absent — JVC Dan Bunnell (PDC) and Council Member Pray.

Guests — Claude Braafladt, Robert Soria, Vincent H. Bartning, John Erickson (ACWA), Kevin Brown (ACWA).

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

The meeting was called to order by Commander Kadlec and opened with prayer by Chaplain Seum at 10:46 Hrs. Cmdr. Kadlec 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 from 13 September 2004 were read and approved without objection.

IV. Reading of Correspondence — Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report — Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Meeting dates: Bob reported there have been suggestions that meetings be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat and not 2<sup>nd</sup> sat of the month. This should help with attendance for others who have membership in other organizations. Steve moved that meetings be changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of odd numbered months from the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Veterans Resource Fair: Bob informed Brothers that this fair is to provide information to veterans. It was held in SJ this year. Our Camp had a display there at the UVC table. Several people expressed interest in membership with the SUVCW.
- 3) Veterans' Day Parade: Set-up at 9 a.m. this Saturday; begins at 11 am. If weather is cooperating we will gather in the parking lot here for parade practice.
- 4) Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall at Central Park in SC: From 19-25 November. There has been difficulty getting information on how/if our Camp would participate. Organizers want to keep it very low profile. The only politician they will have speaking is the mayor of Santa Clara.
- 5) Oak Hill Flag Lowering ceremony: Nov 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday). At least 4 people in uniform needed for this. This is at 1400. Eight Brothers and one Junior volunteered to assist.
- 6) Installation Ceremony & Banquet: Will be in January; considering Lou's Village again, possible Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. Last year it was \$30/person. Lou's would like to give us a larger room this time. Prices will be going up in January. Might have to increase the amount to \$35/person. Also need to seek an installing officer. With concurrence of the Camp, will ask Brad to serve as Installing Officer. Also, Rick has friend who can provide a multi-media presentation. Bob sought discussion from the floor. Consensus was to move forward with these plans.

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

- 1) Membership: Increasing to 50 with the addition of three new members at this meeting: Vincent H. Bartning, Thomas R Beische, and Roberta Soria.
- 2) Financial Report Ending November 8, 2003:  
Checking Account -- \$361.19  
Savings Account -- \$1,161.71  
TOTAL: \$1,522.90
- 3) Statement of Revenue & Expenditures Jan. 2004 – Nov. 2004:  
Total Revenue: \$2,2068.88

Total Expenditures: \$1,174.00

4) FY 2004 Budget:

Per Camp Bylaws, the proposed budget was submitted by the Treasurer to the Council for their recommendation. They do concur. Dan moved (and it was seconded) that the FY 2004 Budget, as submitted, be adopted by the Camp. It was approved unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

A) Committee on Legislation — Bro. Earl, Chairman

- 1) Dan provided a update on recent legislation

B) Committee on Bylaws — Bro. Earl, Chairman

- 1) Dan presented two Resolutions before the Camp for approval. One proposed the Camp Commander submit a Department Bylaws amendment and the other a revision of Department Standing Rules (see attached). Both Resolutions were adopted unanimously.

C) Committee Military Affairs — Bro. Schleeter, Chairman

- 1) Dave provided safety instructions to the Camp.

D) Committee on Visitations — Rev. Seum, Chairman

- 1) Clark reminded Brothers that he is available 24 hours a day if needed.

E) Committee on Ceremonial Observances — Bro. Renfroe, Chairman

- 1) Commander Kadlec thanked those who helped at Roaring Camp.
- 2) January 17<sup>th</sup> is Ft Point in San Francisco.

F) Committee on History — Bro. Campbell (PCC), Chairman

- 1) Tad reported that there is no update on the acquisition of the GAR Sheridan Post records.

VII. Unfinished Business

A) Auxiliary — Bro. Tad Campbell, PCC

- 1) Tad reported, on behalf of Rachele Campbell (Auxiliary Organizer), that she is still working on the formation of an Auxiliary and collecting information from National.

VIII. New Business

A) Fort Point, San Francisco — Cmdr. Kadlec

- 1) Ft. Point – scheduled for 17 January. Bro. Steve Welch is coordinator for our Camp, working with Camp 24 Commander Charlie Mabie. This year representatives from Camps 16, 22, and 24 should be in attendance, in addition to our own members in Camp 4.

B) Flag Fund — SVC Schleeter

- 1) Dave moved that the Treasurer create a budget item to receive contributions for the purposes of purchasing additional flags and accoutrements for the Camp. After brief discussion the motion was adopted unanimously.

C) Memorial Day/Veterans Day Expenses — ST Earl

- 1) Dan moved that the Treasurer appropriate \$100 of Memorial Day/Vet fund to Commander Kadlec for reimbursement for the 34-Star U.S. Flag and accoutrements. After brief discussion the motion was adopted unanimously.

D) New Members — Cmdr. Kadlec

- 1) The following candidates for membership in Camp 4 were presented to the Camp: Vincent H. Bartning, Thomas R Beische, and Roberta Soria. All three were unanimously elected to membership in the Camp and then initiated as new members by Commander Kadlec.

E) Election of Officers — Cmdr. Kadlec

- 1) The following nominations were made for Camp Officer positions:
  - Commander – Robert J. Kadlec – nominated by Tad
  - Senior Vice Commander – David C. Schleeter – nominated by Dan
  - Junior Vice Commander – Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC) – accepted in advance – nominated by Dan Earl
  - Secretary – Daniel R. Earl – nominated by Tad
  - Treasurer – Daniel R. Earl – nominated by Tad
  - Council – Tad D. Campbell (PCC) – nominated by Dan
  - Council – Steven J. Welch – nominated by Fran
  - Council – Rick T. LaRosa – nominated by Tad

There were no additional nominations, so the above Brothers were declared elected by acclamation.

- 2) The following nominations were made for Delegates to the Department Encampment:
  - Delegate – Frank Avila
  - Delegate – Steve Welch
  - Delegate – Rich LaRosa
  - Delegate – Rev. Clark Seum
  - Delegate – Vincent Bartning

IX. Good of the Order — Patriotic Instructor Tad Campbell (PCC)

- A) Gettysburg Address — in recognition of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Remembrance Day (on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>) Brother Campbell recited the Gettysburg Address.

X. Announcements

- A) Bob announced that the Charter was draped in black per G.O. #7, relative to the passing of *Real Son* Brother Edward L. Blakely and G.O. #9, relative to the passing of *Real Son* Brother Madison Waldon Gadberry.
- B) Bob will be appointing officers at the Installation Banquet in January; if interested please contact him.

XI. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Seum, at 12:46.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Daniel R. Earl,  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer/Camp Counselor  
Chair, Camp Bylaws Committee  
Chair, Camp Legislation Committee  
Phil Sheridan Camp #4  
Department Secretary-Treasurer  
Department Newsletter Editor – *The California Column*  
Department of California and Pacific  
Chair, National Committee on Legislation  
National Aide, National Committee on Constitution and Regulations  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War