

PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP No. 4
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Camp Meeting
Saturday, May 6, 2006

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

Brothers in attendance: Frank C. Avila, Vincent H. Bartning, Crittenden Bell, Tad D. Campbell PCC,
Daniel R. Earl, Thomas T. Graham, Robert J. Kadlec PCC, Rick T. LaRosa, Paul E. Lavrischeff,
Sebastian A. Nelson, and David C. Schleeter PCC.

Sisters in attendance: Rachele M. Campbell, Debra Earl

Guests: None.

Call to Order:

Camp Commander Daniel R. Earl called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was offered by acting Chaplain Robert J. Kadlec PDC.

Roll Call of Camp Officers:

Commander Daniel R. Earl (present)
Senior Vice Commander Steven J. Welch (absent)
Junior Vice Commander Rick T. LaRosa (present)
Secretary-Treasurer Tad D. Campbell PCC (present)
Camp Council – Frank C. Avila (present), Paul E. Lavrischeff (present), Joseph C. Marti (absent)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Due to computer problems, the minutes of the February 18, 2006 Camp meeting were destroyed and were not able to be reconstructed. Therefore the minutes of said meeting were unanimously approved "as imagined".

Commander's Report

Camp Charter:

Dan announced that the Camp Charter was draped in black in accordance with General Order No. 10, in honor of Past Department Commander Robert J. Eck of the Department of Maryland.

Department Events:

Dan deferred to Department Commander Tad D. Campbell PCC, who spoke about the Sons of Confederate Veterans' dedication of a memorial bench for Gen. Edward Higgins and Col. George M.

Flournoy, both of whom lie in unmarked graves at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California. The SUVCW participated in the ceremony, which took place on April 29, 2006.

Tad also reviewed the social gathering put on in Livermore, California by the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 and 120th Annual Department Encampment, which took place in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 24-25, 2006.

Armed Forces Day:

Dan discussed plans for the Armed Forces Day Parade to be held in Santa Cruz, California on May 20, 2006. This is to be a combined effort between Camp Nos. 4, 10, and 24.

Memorial Day:

Dan also reviewed plans for Memorial Day weekend activities, including set-up of the Camp's information booth at Roaring Camp in Felton, California on Friday afternoon, staffing of the booth on Saturday and Sunday, and the Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José, California on Monday. Bros. Crittenden Bell and Sebastian A. Nelson will be coordinating with the Boy Scouts of America for the placement of American Flags on veterans graves at Oak Hill. Sebastian would like to include some of the more prominent Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who are interred at Oak Hill.

With the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, David C. Schleeter PCC will be participating in a re-enactment of a 1906 G.A.R. ceremony at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Independence Day:

Dan discussed the Camp's planned participating in the 67th Annual Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California. He reminded everyone that there will be a parade practice immediately following the Camp meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Membership:

Tad advised that the Camp was required to drop two (2) members due to non-payment of dues. They were dropped after several notifications.

Treasury:

Tad provided the Camp with estimated funds contained in the Camp's checking and savings account.

Senior Vice Commander's Report – No Report

Junior Vice Commander's Report

Rick reported on a prospective member.

Council's Report – No Report

Patriotic Instructor's Report

Patriotic Instructor Paul E. Lavrischeff presented the Camp with a newly constructed display featuring ammunition, to be used at the Camp information booth at Roaring Camp over Memorial Day weekend.

Historian's Report

Historian Sebastian A. Nelson reported that, with the assistance of Past Camp Commander Tad D. Campbell, he has been able to compile a nearly complete list of past Camp Officers from 1965 to the present.

Sebastian also reported that he recently meet with Dr. Tollhurst, a great-grandson of Past Camp Commander Augustus G. Bennett, Jr. and great-great-grandson of Col. Augustus G. Bennett, Sr. The elder Bennett was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic in San José. Dr. Tollhurst has a number of artifacts and photographs of G.A.R. and S.U.V.C.W. activities and says that the Bennett family donated much of Col. Bennett's Civil War and G.A.R. memorabilia to History San José in the 1960s. Sebastian is in negotiation with Dr. Tollhurst to obtain copies of some of the photographs, etc., and is also in contact with History San José to locate the donated Bennett memorabilia.

Graves Registration Officer's Report

On behalf of Graves Registration Officer Daniel M. Bunnell PDC, Commander Earl reported that approximately seven (7) new headstones have been ordered for unmarked Union veterans at Oak Hill Memorial Park. The estimated time for delivery is three to four months.

Eagle Scout Certification Coordinator's Report

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Crittenden Bell reported that the Camp has presented seventy (70) Eagle Scout Certificates through February. He received from Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Alan E. Peterson PDC the names of four Eagle Scouts in San Mateo County. Crit's efforts to contact the San Mateo County Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have been unsuccessful. Commander Earl will follow-up with the BSA Council.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Sheridan's Dispatch Newsletter Editor Tad D. Campbell PCC reported that, in accordance with the vote of the membership at the last Camp meeting, the current issue of the Camp newsletter has been published electronically via e-mail. He noted the need to reduce the size of the file being e-mailed to avoid long download times for those with slower internet connections.

United Veterans Council Delegate's Report

Delegate Robert J. Kadlec PCC discussed ongoing plans for the UVC's Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2006. There is discussion that the parade could be held in Santa Clara, rather than San José. He mentioned that survivors of the Port Chicago disaster might be used as Grand Marshals for the parade.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Status of Brothers

The Camp discussed the health and wellbeing of Camp Chaplain Rev. Clark Seum, who has been in failing health. No one has been able to reach him in some time. Commander Earl will follow up on this.

Good of the Order

Bro. Frank C. Avila discussed his recent trip to Gettysburg with the Friends of Gettysburg. He mentioned budget cuts at the National Park and touched on the recent vandalism of monuments there. He also relayed that the National Park Service is doing work to make the Park look as it did in 1863.

Bro. Avila also discussed a school presentation event to take place in King City, California on June 2, 2006. Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff will attend the event.

Bro. Rick T. LaRosa passed around an article on medals of the Allied Orders, which was published in the journal of the Orders and Medals Society.

Bro. LaRosa also showed the Camp a book on Lincoln's Presidential papers, speeches and writings. He was kind enough to lend the book to Bro. Vincent H. Bartning.

Bro. Vincent H. Barting discussed the KIA/DOW Family Foundation's Memorial Day activities, which will take place in Moss Landing, California.

Bro. Robert J. Kadlec PCC mentioned that the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County now has its new website up and running at www.uvc-scc.org.

Bro. Kadlec advised the Camp that one of the four Vietnam Memorial moving walls will be in Yountville, California through Monday at 2:00 pm.

Bro. Kadlec also informed the Camp that Dave Sanders of the Mission City Charities, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3982 in Santa Clara, has offered money to the Camp (possibly \$500.00 to \$2,000.00). It was suggested that the funds could be used toward the Camp's Eagle Scout Certificate or JROTC programs.

Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff offered best wishes to Bro. Vincent H. Bartning for a rapid recovery from an "incident" at Bro. Bartning's home. No explanation was offered by either Brother.

Bro. Lavrischeff also suggested the Camp should adopt a military unit or a school. Commander Earl mentioned that the JROTC Program might fit this bill. No further action was requested.

Bro. Tad D. Campbell PCC reported on the oldest person in California, George Johnson, age 112, of Richmond, California. Mr. Johnson is the state's last surviving World War I Doughboy.

Announcements

Commander Earl reminded the membership that the next Camp meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 10:00 am at Casa de Fruta near Hollister, California. This will be in conjunction with a Civil War re-enactment by the American Civil War Association.

Closing Prayer:

The closing prayer was offered by acting Chaplain Robert J. Kadlec PCC.

Close:

There being no further business to come before the Camp, the meeting was duly closed by Commander Earl at 12:32 pm.

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Saturday, June 24, 2006

Casa de Fruta
Hollister, California

Brothers in attendance: Frank C. Avila, Tad D. Campbell PCC, Daniel R. Earl, Thomas Graham,
Robert J. Kadlec PCC, Rick T. LaRosa, and Joseph C. Marti.

Sisters in attendance: Rachelle M. Campbell

Guests: None.

Call to Order:

Camp Commander Daniel R. Earl called the meeting to order at 10:22 am.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was offered by acting Chaplain Robert J. Kadlec PDC.

Roll Call of Camp Officers:

Commander Daniel R. Earl (present)
Senior Vice Commander Steven J. Welch (absent)
Junior Vice Commander Rick T. LaRosa (present)
Secretary-Treasurer Tad D. Campbell PCC (present)
Camp Council – Frank C. Avila (present), Paul E. Lavrischeff (absent),
Joseph C. Marti (present)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 6, 2006 were unanimously approved as printed.

Correspondence: None.

Officers' Reports:

➤ **Commander's Report**

General Orders

Commander Earl reviewed the following General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby: G.O. #12 – National Scholarships; G.O. #13 – Resolution by the Department of Wisconsin to change the tax exempt status of the SUVCW; G.O. #14 – Appointment of Jerome Kowalski to the Lincoln Tomb Committee.

Independence Day Parade

Commander Earl reported that the SUVCW contingent has been entered in five (5) categories. The SUVCW will be in Division 1 and participants should plan to be at the staging area no later than 9:00 am. Bro. Robert J. Kadlec PCC passed out flyers to the membership for distribution to the Union re-enactors at today's re-enactment, encouraging their participation in the parade.

New Member

Commander Earl reported on a potential new member who lives in Florida, who was referred to the Camp from the Department website. The gentleman's ancestor was G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief Elias Riggs Monfort.

➤ **Senior Vice Commander's Report** – absent, no report

➤ **Junior Vice Commander's Report** – no report

➤ **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Bro. Tad D. Campbell PCC reported on new member Henry L. Jespersen of Redwood City, California. Bro. Jespersen was referred to the Camp by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Bro. Jespersen's ancestor was William Stone of Co. E, 10th Rhode Island Infantry.

➤ **Camp Council's Report** – no report

➤ **Patriotic Instructor's Report** - absent

➤ **Historian's Report** – absent

➤ **Newsletter Editor's Report** – no report

➤ **Signals Officer's Report** – no report

➤ **United Veterans Council (UVC) Delegates' Report**

Bro. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC reported the following: 1) The UVC meeting for July has been cancelled and the next meeting will be held in August. 2) Budgeting and fundraising issues for the San José Veterans Day Parade. 3) The UVC dues will increase to twenty dollars (\$20.00) in January 2007. 4) The UVC will be requesting a donation of sixty dollars (\$60.00) from each member organization for the Flag Fund.

Unfinished Business:

SUVCW Embroidered Patches

Commander Earl and Bro. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC reported that PDC Brad Schall has given tentative pre-approval for the Camp to produce patches for sale at the upcoming National Encampment. Final approval will have to come from the National Council of Administration. Bro. Kadlec displayed a potential advertisement for *The Banner*, a sign for a sales table at the National Encampment, and sales flyers.

Memorial Day

Bro. Robert J. Kadlec, PCC distributed pictures of the Camp's participation at the Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José.

New Business: None.

Status of Brothers:

There was no update on the state of Camp Chaplain Clark Seum, whose health has been declining recently.

Good of the Order:

Bros. Frank C. Avila and Paul E. Lavrischeff reported on their participation at a living history event at a school in King City, California.

Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PCC reported on his receipt of photocopies of a number of Civil War letters written by three of his uncles, all of whom died during the war. Bro. Campbell is transcribing the letters and adding additional footnoted information.

Bro. Frank C. Avila reported that he had recently visited a G.A.R. plot at Buffalo, New York, which was integrated with both white and colored troops.

Bro. Joseph C. Marti reported that he visited the G.A.R. plot at Chico, California and found a G.A.R. monument there featuring a Civil War soldier. The statue was missing its rifle.

Announcements:

Commander Earl reminded the Brothers that the next regular Camp meeting will be on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 10:00 am at the American Legion Hall in Santa Clara, California.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the Camp, the closing prayer was offered by acting Chaplain Kadlec and the meeting was duly closed by Commander Earl at 11:32 am.

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Mission City Post 564
Santa Clara, California

Brothers in attendance: Frank C. Avila, Crittenden Bell, Daniel M. Bunnell PDC, Tad D. Campbell PCC, Daniel R. Earl, Robert J. Kadlec PCC, Paul E. Lavrischeff, Sebastian A. Nelson, Donald W. Pray, David C. Schleeter PCC, Robert G. Soria

Sisters in attendance: Rachelle M. Campbell, Debra Earl

Guests: Taylor Nelson (brother of Sebastian Nelson)

Call to Order:

Camp Commander Daniel R. Earl called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was offered by Assistant Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell PDC.

Roll Call of Camp Officers:

Commander Daniel R. Earl (present)
Senior Vice Commander Steven J. Welch (absent)
Junior Vice Commander Rick T. LaRosa (absent)
Secretary-Treasurer Tad D. Campbell PCC (present)
Camp Council – Frank C. Avila (present), Paul E. Lavrischeff (present),
Joseph C. Marti (absent)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 24, 2006 were unanimously approved with one correction.

Correspondence:

Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell PCC read the following correspondence: 1) Letter of thanks to the Department Delegates to the National Encampment from immediate Past National Auxiliary President Cynthia Fox; 2) Invitation to attend the installation of officers of the Kate B. Sherman Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans in San José on September 23, 2006 from Sharon Pope. Auxiliary President Rachelle M. Campbell read a card of thanks and encouragement to the members of Auxiliary No. 52 from immediate Past National Auxiliary President Cynthia Fox.

Officers' Reports:

➤ **Commander's Report**

Commander Earl called upon Secretary-Treasurer Campbell to summarize the membership application for Peter Joseph Feain of Santa Clara, California, whose great-great-grandfather John Lowrey served as a Private in the 1st Battalion of the 14th Regiment from September 7, 1865 to August 16, 1867. After reminding the membership that Mr. Feain's ancestor did not qualify due to his service outside of the prescribed dates, Mr. Feain was unanimously elected as an Associate member of the Camp.

Commander Earl reviewed his most recent Camp Orders and mentioned recent General Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander Earl reported that the Camp had won \$1150.00 in award money from its participation in the Peninsula Celebration Association's Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2006. The Camp voted on and unanimously approved proposed distribution of the funds between the Camp, Auxiliary, SVR units, and other groups that assisted the Camp in the formation.

Commander Earl called upon Department Commander Campbell to report on the 125th Annual National Encampment, which was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in August. Commander Campbell reported that the Department had an excellent showing, including a number of first-time attendees. The Department won several awards and the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was honored with the Commander-in-Chief's Abraham Lincoln for Best Camp in the Nation. The Camp received a certificate and a flag streamer and Commander Camp presented the Camp with a bust of President Lincoln as the main award.

At Commander Earl's request, Past Camp Commander Kadlec reporting on the status of SUVCW patches being sold by the Camp.

Commander Earl reminded everyone about several upcoming events, including the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San José on November 11, 2006 and the Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on November 26, 2006.

At Commander Earl's request, Graves Registration Officer Daniel M. Bunnell PDC reported that headstones have arrived for Union veterans Barnham, Snowden, Parsons, Klink, Cheney, and Walker. Historian Sebastian A. Nelson reminded the Camp that Barnham was one of the three men responsible for naming the city of Wichita, Kansas. The Camp scheduled the rededication ceremony for Saturday, October 14, 2006.

➤ **Senior Vice Commander's Report** – absent, no report

➤ **Junior Vice Commander's Report** – absent, no report

➤ **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Bro. Tad D. Campbell PCC reported that the Camp's combined bank accounts contained approximately \$2696.09.

- **Camp Council's Report** – no report
- **Patriotic Instructor's Report** – Paul E. Lavrischeff asked for assistance on a report that he is compiling regarding events in which the Camp has participated. He also reported on the information/recruitment booth at the recent Huntington Beach reenactment.
- **Historian's Report** – Sebastian A. Nelson reported that he recently took on a position with History San José at Kelly Park which may help in determining if there are further SUVCW, GAR, or Civil War artifacts in their collection.
- **Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator's Report** – Crittenden Bell reported that there had been 600 new Eagle Scouts in the Santa Clara County Council since 2004 and that all had received certificates. There have been 148 new Eagle Scouts so far in 2006.
- **Newsletter Editor's Report** – no report
- **Signals Officer's Report** – no report
- **United Veterans Council (UVC) Delegates' Report**

Bro. Robert J. Kadlec PCC reported preparations for the Veterans Day Parade. It was moved and seconded that the Camp donate \$25.00 to the UVC for parade support.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Department Commander Campbell displayed a Meritorious Service Award issued to Camp Chaplain Clark Seum by Commander-in-Chief James Pahl in recognition of his many years of service to the Order and the community. The award will be presented to Rev. Seum by PDC Bunnell.

Auxiliary President Rachele Campbell proposed that the Camp and Auxiliary look into having a banner made for parades. Sister Campbell will look into the matter further and report back at a future meeting.

Status of Brothers:

Bro. Bunnell reported that Rev. Clark Seum's health is bad and that he is currently wheelchair bound.

Bro. Campbell reported that Bro. Charles "Corky" Reed of Camp 24 has been having both physical and mental health issues lately.

Bro. Paul Lavrischeff reported on the recent passing of his mother-in-law Ruth Schlüssel. Mrs. Schlüssel was the mother of Auxiliary Sister Karen Lavrischeff.

Good of the Order:

Bro. Kadlec passed around pictures of his recent trip to Gettysburg during the National Encampment.

There was discussion about placing a flagpole and marker at the original GAR plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park. The general consensus was that it should be done but no action was taken.

Bro. Frank Avila reported that he and Bro. Joseph Marti attended a reenactment at Nevada City, California. While there they represented the SUVCW during a flagpole rededication at the GAR plot.

Announcements:

Commander Earl reminded the Camp and Auxiliary that the next meeting will be Saturday, November 18, 2006. Elections of officers will be held at that time.

Bro. Paul Lavrischeff announced that the memorial service for his mother-in-law will be on Monday, September 18, 2006. He also thanked the Camp and Auxiliary members for their notes of condolence.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the Camp, the closing prayer was offered by Assistant Chaplain Bunnell and the meeting was duly closed by Commander Earl at 12:20 am.

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Brothers in attendance: Frank C. Avila, Vincent Bartning, Crittenden Bell, Dean R. Birge (new member), Daniel M. Bunnell PDC, Tad D. Campbell PCC, David Colt, Daniel R. Earl, Robert J. Kadlec PCC, Paul E. Lavrischeff, Sebastian A. Nelson, Bill Pope, Robert G. Soria

Sisters in attendance: Karen Lavrischeff, Sharon Pope

Guests: Gordon Wolfe (GAR artifacts), Cindy Eddy (Kate B. Sherwood Tent No. 89, DUVCW)

Call to Order:

Camp Commander Daniel R. Earl called the meeting to order at 10:42 am.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was offered by Assistant Chaplain Daniel M. Bunnell PDC.

Roll Call of Camp Officers:

Commander Daniel R. Earl (present)
Senior Vice Commander Steven J. Welch (present)
Junior Vice Commander Rick T. LaRosa (present)
Secretary-Treasurer Tad D. Campbell PCC (present)
Camp Council – Frank C. Avila (present), Paul E. Lavrischeff (present),
Joseph C. Marti (absent)

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 16, 2006 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Election and Initiation of New Member:

The application for membership of Dean R. Birge was summarized by Secretary-Treasurer Campbell and he was unanimously elected into the Camp by the Brothers assembled. Bro. Birge was initiated into the Order by Commander Earl and presented with his membership badge by Bro. Campbell.

Officers' Reports:

- **Commander's Report** – Commander Earl reminded everyone of the Camp's upcoming participation in the Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on Sunday, November 26, 2006.
- **Senior Vice Commander's Report** – Bro. Welch thanked everyone for their participation in the various Camp activities throughout the year and cited the Camp's receipt of the Commander-in-Chief's Abraham Lincoln Award for Best Camp in the Nation as evidence of the good work being done.
- **Junior Vice Commander's Report** – No report.
- **Secretary-Treasurer's Report** – Bro. Campbell reminded Brothers that annual dues of \$35.00 for 2007 are due in January and are payable now.
- **Camp Council's Report** – no report
- **Patriotic Instructor's Report** – Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff presented a summary of the Camp's activities during the past year.
- **Historian's Report** – Bro. Sebastian A. Nelson presented the Camp with the original headstone for Comrade John Klink, the Camp having replaced the worn original stone with a new one. A local business donated the work to cut the headstone down to a reasonable size and a letter of thanks has been sent. Sebastian also mentioned that GAR and Civil War items are still being found at History San José and that perhaps the historic village at Kelly Park can be used as a meeting place in the future. Bro. Nelson informed that a GAR quilt has been donated to the San José Museum of Quilts and Textiles, which will be unveiled in Spring 2007. It was suggested that the Camp, Auxiliary and DUVCW should participate if possible. Bro. Nelson displayed an enlarged version of a photo from the 1890 GAR Department Encampment, which was held in San José. He also reminded the Camp that he will be graduating this year and that there is a possibility that he will have to move out of the area to seek employment. The general consensus of the Camp was that Bro. Nelson will not be allowed to leave the San Francisco Bay Area.
- **Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator's Report** – Bro. Crittenden Bell reported that by the end of October there had been 192 Eagle Scout Certificates provided to the BSA's Santa Clara County Council. Bro. Bell feels confident that we will surpass 200 certificates issued by the end of the year. He also pointed out that the Camp and SVR units have been provided streamers for their flags for their participation and awards won during the Independence Day Parade in Redwood City.
- **Graves Registration Officer's Report** – no report
- **Newsletter Editor's Report** – no report
- **Signals Officer's Report** – no report

➤ **United Veterans Council (UVC) Delegates' Report**

Bro. Kadlec reported on the Veterans Day Parade held in downtown San José on November 11th.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Commander Earl proceeded with the nominations and elections of Camp Officers for 2007.

Commander – Bro. Kadlec nominated Bro. Steven J. Welch for the office. Bro. Welch accepted and as there were no other candidates, Bro. Welch was elected by acclamation.

Senior Vice Commander – Bro. Bunnell nominated Bro. Rick T. LaRosa for the office. Bro. LaRosa accepted and as there were no other candidates, Bro. LaRosa was elected by acclamation.

Junior Vice Commander – Bro. Lavrischeff nominated Bro. Frank C. Avila for the office. Bro. Avila accepted and as there were no other candidates, Bro. Avila was elected by acclamation.

Secretary – Bro. Campbell nominated Bro. Daniel R. Earl for the office. Bro. Earl accepted and as there were no other candidates, Bro. Earl was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer – Bro. Campbell nominated Bro. Daniel R. Earl for the office. Bro. Earl accepted and as there were no other candidates, Bro. Earl was elected by acclamation.

Council – Bro. Kadlec nominated Bro. Daniel M. Bunnell PDC (accepted), Bro. Graham nominated Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff (accepted), and Bro. LaRosa nominated Bro. Thomas T. Graham (accepted). As there were only three candidates for the three vacant Council positions, Bros. Bunnell, Lavrischeff, and Graham were elected by acclamation.

Delegates to the Department Encampment – The following Brothers were unanimously elected: Frank C. Avila, Thomas T. Graham, Rick T. LaRosa, Paul E. Lavrischeff, Sebastian A. Nelson, and Dean R. Birge (alternate delegate).

Commander-elect Welch set the date for the Installation Banquet for Saturday, January 6, 2007, with location and other details to be announced later.

Status of Brothers:

Assistant Chaplain Bunnell reported that he had not received notice of any Camp members in distress. He also reminded the Camp of the planned visit to ailing Camp Chaplain Clark Seum immediately after the meeting.

Good of the Order:

Bro. Lavrischeff encouraged the Camp to view the photo album and GAR artifacts on display in the Camp meeting room. He also reminded the Brothers that many good ideas come to light during lunch after the Camp meetings, but that action on such ideas rarely happens.

Bro. Earl informed the Camp of a Civil War essay contest for elementary school children, which he is hoping to implement in 2007, in conjunction with the Adopt-a-School Program suggested by National.

Bro. Bartning informed the Camp of a free tutoring program that is available to children of veterans.

Bro. LaRosa showed the Camp two books on President Lincoln's speeches and writings and read an article on the history of the Thanksgiving celebration.

Bro. Soria reminded everyone that Post 564 was hosting a benefit barbecue tri-tip luncheon just outside the meeting room and encouraged all to participate.

Bro. Kadlec displayed photos from the Veterans Day Parade and memorial service for Bro. Charles "Corky" Reed. He also showed videos of the Veterans Day Parade and the headstone rededication at Oak Hill Memorial Park, featuring Bro. Sebastian Nelson.

Bro. Campbell displayed a reproduction of the joint Sons of Union Veterans-Sons of Confederate Veterans period photo taken at the recent Civil War Revisited Reenactment at Fresno, California. Of particular note was the box containing the cremated remains of Bro. Charles "Corky" Reed, which held a prominent position in the image. Bro. Campbell related that the Department has officially expressed an interest in hosting the 2012 National Encampment in the Los Angeles area and that the newest Camp in the Department, the William T. Sherman Camp No. 28 of Santa Barbara, will officially receive its Charter on December 2nd.

Closing:

There being no further business to come before the Camp, the closing prayer was offered by Assistant Chaplain Bunnell and the meeting was duly closed by Commander Earl at 11:58 am.