

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

17 February 2007

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

CAMP MINUTES

Present:

Officers – Commander Welch, Senior Vice-Commander La Rosa, Junior Vice-Commander Avila, Secretary-Treasurer Earl (PCC), Council Members Lavrischeff and Graham, and Chaplain Pro Tem Campbell, PCC.

Brothers – Bill Pope, Robert Kadlec (PCC), Joe Marti, Hal Jespersen, Dean Birge, Crittenden Bell.

Officers Absent – Council Member Bunnell (PDC) and Chaplain Seum.

Guests – Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell introduced Sister Sharon Pope and her guest Cindy from the DUV. Commander Charlie Mabie (Camp 24) introduced members of his Camp: Lynn and Linda Owens, Paul Hillar, Charles Mabie, Sr., and Ben Mabie.

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order – Cmdr. Welch/Chaplain Campbell (PCC)

Following dinner (at 17:00) the meeting was called to order by Commander Welch, and opened with prayer by Chaplain Pro Tem Tad Campbell (PCC) at 18:28 Hrs. The Commander led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the American's Creed. Commander Welch appointed Brother Tad Campbell (PCC) as Chaplain Pro Tem and Brother Crit Bell as Senior Vice Commander Pro Tem.

II. Roll Call of Officers – Bro. Earl

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

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Bro. Earl

Brother Pope moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 18 November 2006 as distributed. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence – Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report – Bro. Welch

- 1) Steve distributed a sign-up list for those interested in serving on Camp committees.
- 2) Elections were conducted for member candidates Hal Jesperson, Howard Campbell, and Dean Bersheim. All were elected unanimously and Hal Jesperson was initiated into the Camp. Steve presented both Hal and Bro. Dean Birge with their membership certificates.

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

- 1) At the end of the January we stood at 41 members plus one Junior. Currently we only have 16 Brothers who have not renewed their membership. They are: Roger Barnes, Kermit Claytor, David Colt, J. Frank Guirado III, Joseph Marti, Elias Monfort III, Mike Montgomery, Curtis O'Sullivan, Don Pray, Dan Renfro, Eugene Savage, Clark Seum, Robert Soria, Greg Sweatt, James Welch, and Steven Welch.

He's anticipating about 75% of them will renew very soon.

There is still a possibility that 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 for each of them (this is \$21 each, which we may never recoup).

Secretary Earl made the following motion: *I move that the Camp Secretary be authorized to drop those Brothers who have not renewed their membership dues by the time the Camp Report is due to Department HQ.* The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

- 2) Financial Report Ending 15 February 2007:

Checking Account – \$753.04

Savings Account – \$1,779.12

TOTAL: \$2,532.16

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

A) Chaplain's Report – Bro. Tad Campbell, PCC

- 1) Tad reported on the passing of Brother Floyd Higgs and Sister Joyce Campbell. He also updated Brothers on the failing health of Chaplin Clark Seum and noted that he is receiving regular visits from Bro. Dan Bunnell (PDC) as he rests at home.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A) No unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

A) Meeting schedule – Cmdr. Welch

1) Steve proposed the following meeting dates: May 12 (regular meeting followed by parade practice and a headstone dedication at Oak Hill Cemetery), Sept. 30 (regular meeting followed by parade practice), and Nov. 17 (regular meeting/elections). These dates were approved unanimously by the Camp with the addition of a regular meeting on June 30 (by motion of Rob Kadlec).

B) Oak Hill Flag Lowering Ceremony – Bro. Tom Graham.

1) Tom moved that he, as UVC Delegate, be authorized to act on behalf of the Camp with respect to coordinating the Oak Hill Flag Lowering ceremony schedule (seconded). After brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

IX. Good of the Order – Bro. Tad Campbell, PCC

A) Imposter in the Camp – calling forward Bro. Frank Avila.

“As an officer of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, one of the duties to which we must swear an oath is the exposure of imposters. This can sometimes be an unpleasant duty, especially when the imposter has been a productive member of the Order for several years. It has again become my duty, as an officer, to make such an exposure, this time within the ranks of our own Camp.

“Let me remind you all of the eligibility requirement of membership in our Order, in accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations:

“You are also reminded that the Constitution and Regulations further allow for Associate Membership for those that do not have Civil War ancestry, but who otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

“Brother Frank Charles Avila! You will approach the Altar so as to receive the charges against you.

“Brother Avila, through careful investigation into your background, I have learned that you — are the great-great-grandson of George W. Griffith, who served in Company A of the Marshall County West Virginia Guards, in Company A of the 17th West Virginia Infantry and in Company L of the 4th West Virginia Cavalry, and that George W. Griffith received a pension from the Federal Government for his service in the last two named regiments.

“Because of your bona fide Union ancestor, I charge that you are an impostor, as you are no longer qualified to be an Associate member of this Camp.

“I move that the Camp accept George W. Griffith as the Union ancestor of Brother Frank C. Avila, and I further move that the Camp Secretary cause Brother Avila's membership status to change from Associate Member to Regular Member and that it is so recorded on the books.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with great cheer!

X. Program of the Day – Camp 24 Commander Charlie Mabie

A) Commander Mabie gave a presentation on the Gettysburg Address.

XI. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chaplain Pro Tem Tad Campbell, PCC, at 19:20.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Daniel R. Earl

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Camp Secretary-Treasurer/Camp Counselor
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12 May 2007

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

CAMP MINUTES

Present:

Officers – Commander Welch, Senior Vice-Commander La Rosa, Junior Vice-Commander Avila, Secretary-Treasurer Earl (PCC), Council Members Bunnell (PDC), Lavrischeff, and Graham.

Brothers – Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Richard A. Staley, Donald W. Pray, Joe Marti, Tad D. Campbell (PDC), James M. Welch, Crittendon Bell, Bill Pope, David J. Colt, Sisters Rachelle M. Campbell (AP) and Sharon ope.

Officers Absent – Chaplain Rev. Seum.

Guests – Clyde Ross

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order – Cmdr. Welch/Asst. Chaplain Bunnell (PDC)

The meeting was called to order by Commander Welch, and opened with prayer by Asst. Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) at 10:31 Hrs. The Commander 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. PCC.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Bro. Earl

Brother Paul Lavrischeff moved (and it was seconded) to approve the Minutes from 17 February 2007 as corrected [Paul's name was inadvertently entered twice under those present]. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence – Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report – Bro. Welch

- 1) Guests: Steve introduced Clyde Ross, a possible candidate for membership. Clyde spoke at length about his military ancestors.

- 2) Armed Forces Day: Steve reported that Armed Forces Day Parade in Santa Cruz had been canceled at the last minute.
 - 3) Encampment: Steve reported on the success of the Department Encampment and congratulated all Camp Brothers who also hold Department office.
- B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Bro. Earl
- 1) Membership: Current 37 Brothers and one Junior. For our Annual Report to National HQ this year we lost the following five Brothers: Floyd Higgins and Elias Monfort, both deceased; J. Frank Guirado III, honorable discharge; Roger Barnes and Eugene Savage, general discharge (dropped). Earlier this month we lost former Camp and Department Historian Sebastian Nelson who has transferred to Camp 22 in Sacramento.
 - 2) Financial Report Ending 12 May 2007:
 Checking Account – \$600.88
 Savings Account – \$1,779.12
 TOTAL: \$2,380.00
- Bob moved (seconded) to approve Treasurer Report. There was much discussion over the Adopt-a-School program that was approved with the budget in 2006. Some expressed concerns that it was not discussed in more detail at the time of approval. The consensus was that it was worthy program consistent with organization goals, but more wanted to know more about it. Motion to approve Report passed unanimously.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

- A) Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Lavrischeff
 - 1) Paul reminded all of Memorial Day events and recited a short poem. He also expressed support for organization educational programs and asked all who were available to participate in the King City CW Days on 1 June 2007.
- B) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Bro. Bell
 - 1) Crit reported that 71 Eagle Scout Certificates have been issue thus far.

VII. Committee Reports

- A) Civil War Memorials Comm. – Bro. Lavrischeff reporting
 - 1) Paul reported that Dept. CWMO Kirby Morgan had contacted him with a “mission statement” to fulfill by this Fall. Kirby is concerned about ownership issues at the San Francisco Presidio related to property thereon that may be GAR property (including a stained glass window and ordinance). Steve updated us that the ordinance has been removed to Ft. Hunter Liggett.

- B) Ceremonial Observances Comm. – Chairman Kadlec (PCC), reporting
- 1) Bob reported that Roaring Camp Civil War Days at Felton would be Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27 this year. For the Friday set-up will be: Tad/Rachelle Campbell, Dan Earl, Paul Lavrischeff, Bill/Sharon Pope, Frank/Chris Avila; Saturday staffing the tent will be: Tad/Rachelle Campbell, Dan Earl, Frank Avila, Bill/Sharon Pople, and Bob Kadlec; Sunday staffing the tent will be: Tad/Rachelle Campbell, Dan Earl, Rick LaRosa, Frank Avila, and Bob Kadlec.
 - 2) Memorial Day at Oak Hill – reported by Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell who chairs the UVC Memorial Day Committee: Assignments are as follows → wreath layers are Tad and Rachelle Campbell; color guard are Dan Earl and Don Pray; wreath guard is Rick La Rosa; chaplain is Dan Bunnell; Span-Am flag raising is Paul Lavrischeff. Following the primary ceremony there will be a flag raising ceremony at the GAR and Sapn-Am plots. Crit Bell will coordinate the Boy Scouts with placing flags; Richard Staley will represent the GAR, and Sharon Pope along with DUV ladies will provide escorts for Richard.
 - 3) Bob reminded all of the Independence Day Parade on July 4th in Redwood City: He distributed flyers and described how we won several cash prize awards in the past years. This is an opportunity to have other organizations join us and share in the prize money. (We will have a parade practice following the June 30th meeting.)

VII. Unfinished Business

- A) None.

VIII. New Business

- A) Storage Facility – Bro. Kadlec

- 1) Bob discussed a need for a storage facility for the many toys our Camp has collected over the years. He provided a hand-out describing a nearby facility and the associated costs. Bill moved that we sign a 1-year contract for a 5x8 storage facility at \$505/year. Financing was very briefly discussed, including the need for donations from Camp members. The Treasurer was asked how this would impact the Camp's finances. Dan reported that after per capita taxes are paid there is roughly \$520 remaining for other projects (including the Eagle Scout Certificate program, the Lincoln Day Dinner Cake @ \$70 and other projects for the year). No decision was made on how to finance the storage unit. The motion to sign the contract was agreed to without objection. [Bro. Richard Staley silently pledged \$50 towards the storage unit.]

- B) ROTC Recognition Program – Sister Rachelle Campbell
- 1) Sister Campbell and others discussed the idea of implementing the National ROTC Recognition Program and that the Patriotic Instructor should be involved. After brief discussion Tad moved that the ROTC issue be referred to the Program and Publicity Committee, with the stipulation that the P.I. be consulted, for development of a camp policy for implementation of this program. The motion was seconded, but no vote was taken. Steve will, as CC, refer the matter to Committee.

IX. Program of the Day – Col. Mike Sampognaro, SMR

- A) Our presented for the day was brought to us by Bro. Don Pray. Co. Sampognaro is the Commander and Recruiting Officer, 129th Rescue Wing (Air National Guard) Support Unit, Moffet Field, California State Military Reserve. He discussed some of the duties of the State Military Reserve.

X. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Asst. Chaplain Bunnell (PDC) at 12:53.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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SVR

Following the regular Camp meeting Company C, 8th CVI briefly met for 1st LT Frank Avila to issue his NCO appointments as follows: 1st Sgt. Bob Soria, Sgt. Tad Campbell, Corporals Steve Welch, Joe Marti, Dan Bunnell, and Rick LaRosa.

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

30 June 2007

American Legion Hall, Mission City, Post 564
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CAMP MINUTES

Present:

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Brothers – Robert J. Kadlec (PDC), Tad D. Campbell (PDC), David J. Colt, Donald Pray, Bill Pope, Robert Soria, Chris Avila.

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order – Cmdr. Welch/Acting Chaplain Campbell (PDC)

The meeting was called to order by Commander Welch, and opened with prayer by Acting Chaplain Tad D. Campbell (PDC) at 10:36 Hrs. The Commander 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. PCC.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Bro. Earl

The Minutes of 12 May 2007 were approved unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence – Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report – Bro. Welch

1) Chris Avila was elected unanimously as a new Brother and initiated into the Camp

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

1) Financial Report Ending 28 June 2007:

Checking Account – \$660.96

Savings Account – \$1,779.37

TOTAL: \$2,440.33

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

A) Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Paul Lavrischeff

- 1) Reported on an article he's submitting for *The California Column* on activities at Memorial Day weekend events at Felton and Oak Hill Cemetery. Paul also reported on patriotic activities/living history presentations in the first part of June for the elementary schools in King City and on the memorial service for late Brother Charles "Corky" Reed, held at the Custer National Battlefield in Montana, overlooking the Little Big Horn River.

VII. Committee Reports

A) Program and Publicity – SVC Rick LaRosa, Chairman

- 1) Rick updated Brothers on the Committees work on the ROTC program, and that the broader aims of our Camp are education and being active in the community.

B) Bylaws – Dan Earl (PCC), Chairman

- 1) Dan distributed a summary of changes needed in the Bylaws.

C) Ceremonial Observances – Bob Kadlec, Chairman

- 1) Bob distributed photos of our Memorial Day weekend events and discussed plans for the Redwood City Independence Day Parade.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A) Storage Room Financing: Bill moved to reimburse Bob for the balance of the storage fees. It was seconded and approved.

IX. New Business

No new business.

X. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Acting. Chaplain Campbell (PDC) at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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15 September 2007

American Legion Hall, Mission City, Post 564
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CAMP MINUTES

Present:

Officers – Senior Vice-Commander La Rosa (Acting Commander), Sebastian Nelson of Camp 22 (serving as Acting SVC), Junior Vice-Commander Avila, Secretary-Treasurer Earl (PCC), Council Members Lavrischeff, and Graham.

Absent Officers – Commander Welch (excused), Council Member Bunnell (PDC)

Brothers – Donald Pray, Richard Staley, Tad D. Campbell (Acting Chaplain), Robert Kadlec (PCC), Robert Soria, Joe Marti, Richard J. Ferman, Sister Rachelle Campbell (Auxiliary No. 52 President), Sister Karen Lavrischeff (Auxiliary No.52).

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order – SVC. LaRosa/Acting Chaplain Campbell (PDC)

The meeting was called to order by SVC LaRosa, and opened with prayer by Acting Chaplain Campbell at 10:28 Hrs. The SVC 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. PCC.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Bro. Earl

The Minutes of 30 June 2007 were approved unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence – Bro. Earl

There was received from San José Mayor Chuck Reed inviting the Camp to attend the Flag Ceremony on National POW/MIA Recognition Day being held at San José City Hall on 21 September 2007.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report – Bro. LaRosa

1) Election, Initiation and Presentation of Presentation of Membership Badge to new member Richard Joseph Ferman of San José

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

1) Financial Report Ending 15 September 2007:

Approximately \$2,000 in combined checking/savings.

- 2) Bob reported that we are only \$70 away from breaking even with the sale of our SUVCW embroidered patches (15 more patches).
- C) Junior Vice Commander Report – Bro. Avila
 - 1) Frank has had contact with a prospective member; Bob has sent him a letter inviting him to our meetings.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

- A) Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Paul Lavrischeff
 - 1) Paul reminded Brothers of Patriot Day this past September 11th and the upcoming Remembrance Day in November.
 - 2) Paul also recited “Ragged Old Flat” written by Johnny Cash.
- B) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Bro. Crit Bell
 - 1) Bob reported, on behalf of Crit (who is recovering at home from a recent illness), that through August the Camp has issued 160 Eagle Scout certificates. Dept. ESCC Al Peterson has called for a meeting of Camp ESSCs to try and motivate all Camps to do more with this program and to cut expenses.

VII. Committee Reports

- A) Committee on Bylaws – Dan Earl (PCC), Chairman
 - 1) Dan reported on behalf of Committee Members Tad Campbell (PDC) and Bill Pope, that in consultation with PCC Bob Kadlec and other Brothers the Committee is distributing proposals to the membership to update our Camp Bylaws. Dan reported that these proposals were also sent out via email and that they would be voted on that the November meeting.
- B) Committee on Military Affairs – Bob Kadlec (PCC), Chairman
 - 1) Bob reported on the various colored tassels that are used on flag. He donated blue and white striped tassels to replace the gold tassels on the 34-star U.S. Flag and the 8th CVI SVR Flag.
- C) Committee on Ceremonial Observances – Bob Kadlec (PCC), Chairman
 - 1) At the 2007 Redwood City Independence Day Parade, \$750 in prize money was awarded with our entry. Bob submitted a proposal that this money be allocated, as it has been done in the past, to the participating organizations as follows:
 - SUVCW Camp 4 = 9.25 people (29%) - \$222
 - SUVCW Camp 23 = 3 people (10%) - \$72
 - SUVCW Camp 24 = 1 person (3%) - \$24
 - ASUVCW 52 = 3 people (10%) - \$72
 - DUVCW TENT 89 = 3 people (10%) - \$72
 - Co. C, 8th Calif. = 2 people (6%) - \$48
 - Bat. A, 3rd U.S. Art = 2 people (6%) - \$48
 - ACWA - 2ND U.S. Arty = 1 person (3%) - \$24
 - 5th NY Zouaves = 1 person (3%) - \$ 24
 - 20th Maine = 2 person (6%) - \$ 48
 - 69th NY = 1 person (3%) - \$ 24
 - 114 PA Zouaves = 2 people (6%) - \$48
 - Tony Bishop (Fife) = 1 person (3%) - \$24
 - TOTAL = 31.25 People (100%) \$750**

- Bob moved (and it was seconded) that this proposal be adopted. After brief discussion the proposal was agreed to unanimously.
- 2) The Calvary Catholic Cemetery at 2655 Madden Avenue in San José is planning its 125th Anniversary Celebration. This was originally scheduled for October 13th, but has now been moved to Saturday, 3 November 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
 - 3) Annual Veterans' Day Parade: Although the UVC mailed the Camp an application for participation in the annual Veterans' Day Parade there is still a chance that it may not take place due to a \$20,000 shortfall in funding. The Camp discussed alternative plans, such as San Francisco's parade, which is always held on a Sunday (and coincidentally falling on November 11th this year).
 - a) Tad moved (and it was seconded) that the Camp submit the application to the UVC and make contingency plans should the UVC not carry out the parade plans. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

VIII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

IX. New Business

- A) Auxiliary Department Charter – Sister Rachelle Campbell
 - 1) Rachelle reported that she is now in possession of the original Department Charter for the Auxiliary. It has been given to Auxiliary No. 52 from National HQ with the stipulation that two new Auxiliaries be formed by the next National Encampment in 2008.
- B) Living History – Monterey, CA – JVC Frank Avila
 - 1) Frank received information from Camp 10 PCC Tim Reese inviting us to History Week at the Monterey Presidio on October 6th and 7th.
- C) "The Civil War Revisited" at Kearney Park – Bro. Tad Campbell (PDC)
 - 1) "The Civil War Revisited": Tad provided information on the upcoming Kearny Park event on October 27-28.
 - 2) He also reported that the 2008 Department Encampment would be held in San Luis Obispo on March 7-8.

X. Status of Brothers

- A) Bob reported that Crit Bell was recovering at home after recently being in the hospital for a blood clot in his leg.
- B) The Rev. Clark Seum, Camp 4 brother for more than 50 years, passed away on 29 August 2007, at the age of 80. His funeral was held on 5 September, at Oak Hill Memorial Park with Camp Brothers and Sister serving as pallbearers: Tad D. Campbell (PDC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Rick LaRosa, Paul Lavrischeff, Karen Lavrischeff, Joe Marti, Donald Pray, and David Schleeter (PCC).
- C) Brother James Brazelton of the U.S. Grant Camp 9 passed away suddenly on Monday 10 September 2007. Funeral services were held today with interment at the Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson, CA.

XI. Good of the Order

- A) Brother Sebastian Nelson (former Camp 4 and Department Historian) brought greetings from Camp 22.
- B) Sebastian, who works for the California State Archives also reported on the upcoming flag display at the State Capitol in Sacramento.
- C) Paul and Karen shared their photo album of pictures from their trip to Washington, D.C., and to nearby Civil War sites.
- D) Bob reminded Brothers that the Camp had donated money to the family of Clark Seum to assist with funeral expenses. Bob and Dave Schleeter both made contributes towards this donation.

XII. Announcements

Tad announced that he has found three Civil War relatives for Rachelle, and then informed the Camp that “they” are pregnant and expecting their first child in April 2008.

XII. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Acting Chaplain Campbell at 11:58.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Absent Officers – Council Member Bunnell (PDC)

Brothers – Bill Pope, Joe Marti, Cirtenden Bell, Richard Ferman, John Stolp, Paul Lavrischeff, Bob Kadlec (PCC); and, Sisters Sharon Pope and Karen Lavrischeff.

Guest – Joey Ferman

I. Opening Ceremonies/Call to Order – Cmdr. Welch/Acting Chaplain Bob Kadlec (PCC)

The meeting was called to order by Commander Welch, and opened with prayer by Acting Chaplain Bob Kadlc at 10:23 Hrs. The Commander 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. PCC.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Bro. Earl

The Minutes of 15 September 2007 were distributed. Tom moved for their approval (which was seconded) and they were approved unanimously.

IV. Reading of Correspondence – Bro. Earl

There was no correspondence.

V. Officer Reports

A) Commander's Report – Bro. Welch

- 1) The charter is draped in black by Order of the Department Commander due to the death of Bro. Ed Strobridge.
- 2) The Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery has been canceled by the cemetery this year.

- 3) Steve introduced a guest, Joey Ferman, son of Bro. Richard Ferman.
- 4) New Member Election: John Stolp, a candidate for membership in the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was elected unanimously and initiated by Commander Welch.
- B) Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Bro. Earl
 - 1) Financial Report Ending 17 November 2007:
 - Checking Account – \$76.21
 - Savings Account – \$1,782.38
 - TOTAL: \$1,858.59
- C) Camp Council Report – Bro. Graham
 - 1) Brother Graham reported on the Council's recommendation for the adoption of a balanced budget to be funded with the use of Reserve Funds (attached). Bro. Pope moved the adoption of this recommendation (which was seconded) and approved unanimously.

VI. Appointed Officer Reports

- A) Patriotic Instructor – Bro. Paul Lavrischeff
 - 1) Paul summarized what the NRA is about and encouraged maintaining the 2nd Amendment. He also discussed the origins of Thanksgiving Day.

VII. Committee Reports

- A) Committee on Ceremonial Observances – Bob Kadlec (PCC), Chair
 - 1) Bob reported on our participation at the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Calvary Catholic Cemetery and how our Camp marked the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery, along with providing history about them to the public.
 - 2) Bob also reported on the Camp's participation with the Veterans Day Parade the previous week.
- B) Committee on Military Affairs – Bob Kadlec (PCC), Chair
 - 1) Bob provided proper tassels for our flags: a blue and white chord tassel made for the Co. C, 8th CVI, SVR flag and and gold and red chord tassel for the 3rd Artillery, SVR.
- C) Committee on Legislation – Daniel Earl (PCC), Chair
 - 1) There has been no update since Dan submitted his last National Report in October, 2007.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- Approval of Camp Bylaws amendments.
- Joe moved (and it was seconded), to approve the Camp Bylaws amendments as proposed by the Committee on Bylaws (attached). The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

A) Annual Camp Elections – Commander Welch

- 1) Councilmember Paul Lavrischeff nominated JVC Frank Avila to the position of Camp Commander. There were no other nominations and Bro. Avila was elected by acclamation.
- 2) Bro. Robert Kadlec (PCC) nominated Bro. Tad Campbell (PDC) to the position of Senior Vice Commander. There were no other nominations and Bro. Campbell was elected by acclamation.
- 3) JVC Frank Avila nominated Councilmember Thomas Graham to the position of Junior Vice Commander. There were no other nominations and Bro. Graham was elected by acclamation.
- 4) Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Earl (PCC) nominated Bro. Robert Kadlec (PCC) to the position of Camp Secretary. There were no other nominations and Bro. Kadlec was elected by acclamation.
- 5) Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Earl (PCC) nominated Bro. Robert Kadlec (PCC) to the position of Camp Treasurer. There were no other nominations and Bro. Kadlec was elected by acclamation.
- 6) Council nominations (3 positions):
 - a) Bro. Don Pray nominated Bro. Richard Staley
 - b) Bro. Tom Graham nominated Bro. Bill Pope
 - c) Bro. Frank Avila nominated Bro. Joe Marti
 - d) Bro. Bob Kadlec (PCC) nominated Bro. Rich LaRosaA secret ballot election was conducted and the following nominees were elected by plurality vote: Brothers: Joe Marti, Bill Pope, and Rick LaRosa
- 7) Nomination of Delegates to the Department Encampment (Camp 4 is allotted **5 delegates**, in addition to *ex officio* delegates). The following brothers were nominated by consensus and elected by acclamation (no alternates were nominated or elected):

Crit Bell
Tom Graham
Paul Lavrischeff
Bill Pope
John Stolp

B) Installation of Officers – Commander Welch

Brothers discussed several ideas dealing with the installation meeting in January. Keeping with tradition, Department Commander Jerry Sayre will be performing the installation. It is hoped that Brothers from Camps 10, 23, and 24 will be able to join Camp 4.

Suggestions included holding the installation mid-day during the National Park Service Civil War Living History at Fort Point in

San Francisco on Saturday, 26 January 2008. Alternative plans included having a installation banquet in San Francisco following the events at Fort Point, or possibly having lunch in the area so wives could attend without having to spend the entire day at the frigid Fort with little to do. Another suggestion included having a lunch banquet on Saturday the 19th.

Concerns expressed included the logistics of coordinating a quad-camp installation on a single day/location, driving after dark for Brothers from Camp 10, and parking at the Fort.

No decision was made. Steve and Frank will coordinate plans with the impacted Camps and Auxiliary.

X. Good of the Order

Bro. Don Pray spoke about the 1911 edition of the Boy Scout handbook, with emphasis on the chapter dealing with patriotism and citizenship. He also discussed various literature about the state militia and selective service.

XI. Announcements

Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 6th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve will hold its annual election immediately following the close of Camp business.

XII. Closing Ceremonies/Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Acting Chaplain Bob Kadlec (PCC) at 11:40.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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