

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

CAMP MINUTES

26 January 2008

Molloy's Tavern
1655 Mission Road, Colma, California 94014

Camp Officers present:

Jr. Vice Commander Frank Avila
Bro. Tad Campbell (PDC)
Bro. Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Bro. Dave Schleeter (PCC)
Bro. Joe Marti
Bro. Tom Graham
Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)
Bro. Robert Soria

Guests present:

Department Commander Jerry Sayre & Kim Sayre
Rachelle Campbell (President, Dr. Mary Walker Auxiliary 52)
Kathleen Welch
Ann Schleeter
Katie Marti
Beverly Graham
Cindy Soria

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Steven Welch at 1900 hours at Colma, California's historic 1887 Molloy's Tavern. Charles Christian, Chaplain of Colonel Ellsworth Camp 23, Santa Rosa, California provided the divine blessing. Commander Welch Introduced Department Commander Jerry Sayre to conduct the installation of the Camp officers for 2008.
- II. Department Commander Sayre administered the oath of office to the Camp officers elect of Camp 4 and Camp 23, jointly, in accordance with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution and Regulations. Following the installation of the Camp officers, Department Commander Sayre conducted the installation of the officers elect of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary and the re-established Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary.
 - A. Installed Camp 4 officers were:
 - Commander: Br. Frank C. Avila
 - Sr. Vice-Commander: Br. Tad D. Campbell (PDC)
 - Jr. Vice-Commander: Br. Thomas T. Graham
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Br. Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)

- Council: Br. Rick T. LaRosa
- Council: Br. William H. Pope
- Council: Br. Joseph Marti

- Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC): Chaplain
Historian
- Richard A. Staley : Assistant Chaplain
- Paul E. Lavrischeff : Patriotic Instructor
- Daniel R. Earl Counselor
Graves Registration Officer
Civil War Memorials Officer

- William H. Pope: Guide
- Donald W. Pray: Guard
- Richard J. Ferman Color Bearer
United Veterans Council Delegate
Musician

- Crittenden Bell: Eagle Scout Coordinator
- Tad D. Campbell (PDC): Signals Officer
Newsletter Editor

- Thomas T. Graham: United Veterans Council Delegate
- Frank C. Avila: United Veterans Council Delegate
- Christopher Avila Musician
- James M. Welch: Musician

B. Installed Auxiliary officers were:

- Rachelle Campbell
- Ann Schleeter

III. Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Commander Frank Avila assumed command of the Camp and presented the following announcements:

- A. The annual American Legion Four Chaplains Ceremony will be held on February 2nd at Saint Frances Cabrini Church in the Cambrian Park area of San Jose. Four people in uniform will be required to post the colors for the Camp and Company C, of the 8th California SVR. Frank Avila, Tad Campbell (PDC), Paul Lavrischeff, and Robert Soria volunteered to be part of the color guards.
- B. The annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner will be hosted by Pleasonton Camp 24 in Newark, California on the 9th of February. Details will be forwarded when available.
- C. The 122nd annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific will be held on the 14th and 15th of March in San Luis Obispo. Those planning to attend should make their reservations by the end of January.
- D. Meeting dates for the next Camp meetings will be posted on the Camp web site.

IV. Good of the Order:

- A. Camp Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC) announced the possibility of a potential fund raising activity for the Camp. The San Jose Saber Cats have established a program for organizations to sell tickets to their arena football home games in San Jose and keep 50-percent of the sale. For example, for every \$18 ticket sold, the organization would keep \$9. There is no minimum number of tickets required to be purchased by the organization. If anyone in the Camp is interested in participating in this program, they need to contact Bob Kadlec within the next week.
- B. Past Department Commander Tad Campbell presented Department Commander Jerry Sayre with a rare encampment badge from the 1903 SUVCW National Encampment that was held in San Francisco.

V. Closing Ceremony:

Charles Christian, Chaplain of Colonel Ellsworth Camp 23, Santa Rosa, California provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 2130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
Department of California & Pacific

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CAMP MINUTES

9 February 2008

Cattleman's Restaurant
35000 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California 94560

Camp members & guests present:

Camp Commander Frank Avila
Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC)
Jr. Vice Commander Tom Graham
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Joe Marti
Brother Robert Soria
Brother Dan Earl (PCC)
Auxiliary Department President Rachelle Campbell
Sister Karen Lavrischeff
Sister Debbie Earl
Beverly Graham

- I. The meeting was called to order by Department Sr. Vice Commander Charlie Mabie (PCC) at 1900 hours at Newark, California's Cattleman's Restaurant. General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Commander & Chaplain Lynn Owens provided the divine blessing.
- II. Normal Camp business was postponed until the next Camp meeting in lieu of the Lincoln Birthday Dinner.
- III. Camp 24 Commander & Chaplain Lynn Owens gave an inspirational presentation on President Lincoln and Department Sr. Vice Commander Charlie Mabie gave an informative presentation on Civil War era Colt firearms along with numerous examples of historic weapons.
- IV. Closing Ceremony:
Camp 24 Commander & Chaplain Lynn Owens provided the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at approximately 2130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
Department of California & Pacific

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

CAMP MINUTES

12 April 2008

American Legion Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Camp Officers present:

Commander Frank Avila
Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC)
Jr. Vice Commander Tom Graham
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Council Member William Pope (Guide)
Council Member Joe Marti
Bro. Dan Bunnell, PDC (Chaplain)
Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Counselor)
Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)
Bro. Don Pray (Guard)

Members & Guests present:

Sister Rachelle Campbell (President, Department of Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary)
Sister Karen Lavrischeff (President, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)
Bro. Crit Bell (Eagle Scout Coordinator)
Bro. Robert Soria (Acting Color Bearer)
Bro. John Stolp
Bro. David Colt

- I. The first regularly scheduled meeting for 2008 was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1000 hours at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes of the Camp meetings of 26 January and 9 February 2008 were approved as presented.
- III. Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.
 - A. The distributed Treasurer's Report for 12 April 2008 shows that since 1 January 2008 the Camp had an income of \$1,923.19 and expenses of \$1,238.00 leaving a balance of \$685.19.

BUDGET CORRECTION: Income Received reported as \$1,923.19 included \$354.90 for Merchandise Sales. However, only \$269.40 can be accounted for in Merchandise Sales through April 12, 2008 resulting in actual Income Received as \$1,837.69 leaving a balance of \$599.69.

- B. Embroidered Patch Sales: The cost for purchase of 500 patches was fully recovered in 2007. Since then the Camp has received \$145.00 from continued sales which is pure profit to the Camp.
- C. Nametags: The original contract for the production of Camp nametags at \$14.18 each has been completed. The original supplier has increased the cost to \$21.00 each. Therefore, a new supplier was identified to provide the nametags at amore affordable cost of \$17.89. The Camp does not earn any profit on the sales of the nametags which are provided at cost to Camp members only.
- D. Fund Raising: The possible sale of ice cream and/or bottled water at the annual “Campbell Games (Scottish American Society)” was investigated, however, because of business license requirements, it appears that it would be more trouble than it is worth.

IV. Commander’s Report:

- A. The 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held in San Luis Obispo between March 14 and 15. Department Commander Jerry Sayre from Sgt. Pittenger Camp 21 was re-elected for a second term as Department Commander. The following other officers were elected:

Sr. Vice Commander -- Charlie Mabie, Past Commander of Pleasonton Camp 24.
 Jr. Vice Commander -- Glen Roosevelt, Past Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2.
 Secretary-Treasurer -- Phil Caines, Past Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2.

Council Members -- Past Department Commander Brad Schall (PDC);
 Past Department Commander Tad Campbell (PDC);
 Past Department Commander Al Peterson (PDC).

The appointed officers included the following Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Brothers:

Bro. Paul Lavrischeff Patriotic Instructor.
 Bro. Dave Schleeter (PCC) Color Bearer.
 Bro. Dan Earl (PCC) Newsletter Editor.
 Bro. Tad Campbell (PDC) Signals Officer and Webmaster.

B. United Veterans Council Meeting:

- 1.) Plans for Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill have not been determined as of the April first UVC meeting.
- 2.) “Troopfest 2008,” sponsored by American Red Cross Operation Care and Comfort, will be held on Saturday, 17 May 2008, on board the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier in Alameda from 1000 to 1700 hours. Tours of the Hornet will be conducted and there will be a raffle for an autographed 1980’s Kramer Pacer guitar. There will be an all day rock concert onboard the Hornet beginning at 1100 hours. The UVC plans to have a “sponsor table” set up and the Camp, as a UVC member, will be allowed to pass out literature and answer questions on our organization from the public. Admission for this event will be \$25.00 through advance sales or \$30.00 at the door.

- 3.) The UVC is beginning planning for this year's Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose. Being investigated is the possibility of a weeklong event in conjunction with Warren Heggs' "Stories of Service" organization.

IV. Officer's Reports:

Signals Officer Tad Campbell (PDC) reported that the new improved Department and Camp web sites are now up and operating. The new sites are at:

Department: <http://www.suvpac.org/>
Camp: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp4.html>
Department Auxiliary: <http://www.suvpac.org/aux/dept.html>
Auxiliary: <http://www.suvpac.org/aux/aux52.html>

V. Committee Reports:

- A. Membership Committee Chairman Tom Graham is attempting to contact several potential new members.
- B. History Committee Chairman Dan Bunnell (PDC) reported that there is research underway to identify the dates of veterans' Day Parades in San Jose and Memorial Day Ceremonies/Services held at Oak Hill Memorial Park as well as when the UVC was involved in these events.

C. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

- 1.) For the sixth consecutive year the Camp, along with members of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52, Lincoln Camp 10, and Pleasonton Camp 24, will greet Memorial Day weekend visitors at Roaring Camp on **Saturday and Sunday (24 & 25 May, 2008)** at our Information Booth at Roaring Camp and Big Trees Railroad outside the town of Felton.
- 2.) UVC President Gene Fanucchi has asked the SUVCW to again help with the Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill on **Monday, 26 May 2008**. The following have volunteered:

Post Camp and 8th California SVR Colors:

Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Tad Campbell (PDC)
Dan Earl (PCC)
Don Pray

Place Civil War Wreath:

Frank Avila (Camp Commander)
Marcy Bunnell (Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52)

Place Spanish American War Wreath:

Paul Lavrischeff

Place World War II Wreath:

Leonard Schlusell (Army)

Place Decoration Day Tribute:
Richard Staley (C.L. Burdick, GAR)
Sharon Pope (DUV)
Cindy Eddy (DUV)

Guard and Distribute Wreaths:
Christopher Avila
David Colt
Tom Graham
Karen Lavrischeff

Following the UVC Ceremony, there will be a short service at the Oak Hill GAR and Spanish American War Plots followed by lunch at the Fish Market.

3.) The Redwood City Independence Day Parade application is being submitted to the Peninsula Celebration Association. This will be our fourth year in this annual parade and we will be entered in four categories for prize money. There will be a parade practice following the Camp meeting on 14 June 2008.

D. Visitation Committee Chairman, Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC), announced the passing of Beverly Massey, the current "sitting" National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp and Auxiliary Charters are draped in black in her honor.

E Military Affairs Chairman Joe Marti disseminated information on the responsibilities of the Military Affairs Committee and passed out information on the proper manner of saluting and, for those wearing uniforms during events, examples of proper wearing of the Civil War era uniform and its accoutrements.

VI. Unfinished Business:

During the Camp Installation meeting on 26 January 2008 it was announced that the San Jose SaberCats arena football team had offered to provide home game tickets to be sold for fund raising activities. The Camp would receive \$9.00 for each \$18.00 ticket sold. As a result of the lack of interest on the part of the Camp membership, the Camp has declined the SaberCats proposal.

VII. New Business:

A. The revised Camp budget for 2008, approved by the Camp Council, was approved by the Camp membership.

B. The annual rental of the Camp storage facility is up for renewal on 15 May 2008. The cost will be \$539.00 for the next 12-months. Motion for renewal for another year was made and approved.

C. In accordance with Article 16, Section 2, of the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Bylaws, two Special Committees, both of which running for the period beginning 12 April and ending 1 November 2008, were established. The purpose of these two committees is to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that can be used by the Camp for the operation and

management of the SUVCW ROTC Cadet Commendation Program and the SUVCW Adopt-A-School Program, to include the school essay contest.

The following individuals were appointed to these committees:

- 1.) ROTC Cadet Commendation Program SOP:
Brother Paul Lavrischeff (Chairperson)
Brother Bob Kadlec, PCC (Member)
Brother Rick LaRosa (Member)
- 2.) Adopt-A-School Program SOP
Brother Dan Earl, PCC (Chairperson)
Brother Bob Kadlec, PCC (Member)
Brother Paul Lavrischeff (Member)

- D. As a member of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 participates in the monthly flag lowering ceremony that is conducted at Oak Hill Memorial Park in November.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), which is responsible for the flag lowering in June, has indicated that they are hard pressed to assemble enough of their members because of increasing physical problems. Therefore, the commander of Chapter 11 of the DAV has asked the Camp to help them with their flag lowering on the 29th of June this year.

- E. The Department of Rhode Island SUVCW and ASUVW are reentering a Civil War Veteran whose unmarked grave was washed out in a storm. The Department is seeking financial support for this project and has asked for donations for advertisements placed in their ceremony program booklet. Motion was made and approved to match the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 donation of \$25.00 for a half page advertisement (\$50.00). The Camp will forward “camera ready” art, along with a \$50.00 check, to the Department of Rhode Island.
- F. Commander Frank Avila reported that he is having civilian shirts imprinted with silkscreen logos for the 20th Maine of the ACWA. He proposed that the Camp might want to have polo shirts and/or sweat shirts imprinted with the SUVCW logo and Camp name to be worn at various events in lieu of wearing a Civil War uniform. Artwork is available for the imprinting. No decision was made on having shirts printed. This is an open item.

IX. Patriotic Instructor:

Paul Lavrischeff presented a poem titled: “We Are Coming Father Abraham” which was authored by a member of the 89th Indiana Infantry Regiment after the Civil War.

X. Good Of The Order:

- A. Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC) presented a flag streamer to Commander Frank Avila. The streamer was presented by the National Organization in recognition of the Camp’s participation in the annual Remembrance Day Parade held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in November 2007. PDC Campbell and Department Commander Jerry Sayre were honored to carry the SUVCW Banner at the head of the marching formation.

- B. Commander Frank Avila announced that there will be an NCWA reenactment in Mariposa on the 26th and 27th of April. The SUVCW Department of California & Pacific has been invited to set up a booth at the event if they wish.
- C. The annual junior high school Civil War historical event in King City will take place on June 6th. Details will be forwarded to the membership when they become available.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1159 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary
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CAMP MINUTES

14 June 2008

American Legion Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Camp Officers present:

Commander Frank Avila
Jr. Vice Commander Tom Graham
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Council Member Joe Marti
Bro. Dan Bunnell, PDC (Chaplain)
Bro. Richard Staley (Asst. Chaplain)
Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)
Bro. Don Pray (Guard)
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)

Members & Guests present:

Bro. Stephen Aguirre
Tajja Aguirre
Bro. Joseph Ferman
Bro. Linn Malaznik
Bro. David Schleeter (PCC)
Bro. Robert Soria
Bro. John Stolp

- I. The regularly scheduled meeting for June 2008 was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1010 hours at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes for the Camp meeting of 12 April 2008 were approved as presented.
- III. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The distributed Treasurer's Report for 14 June 2008 shows that our current income stands at \$3,641 and are expenses to date have been \$2,788 leaving us with a surplus of \$853.

IV. Status of Brothers:

- A. Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff reported that Scott Fitzgerald, a member of Modesto's U.S. Grant Camp No. 9, is currently being treated for Prostate Cancer. Scott will be recognized for his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln at many Civil War events including the annual Memorial Day Reenactments at Roaring Camp.
- B. The home of Auxiliary Sister Marcy and Camp Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) is currently under siege from the Butte County fire in Paradise, California.

V. Commander's Report:

Stephen P. Aguirre was initiated as a member of the Camp with his membership being derived from his Great-great-grandfather Private John Wesley Cogburn of Company L, 2nd Kansas Cavalry.

Commander Frank Avila and Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff represented the Camp at the annual junior high school Civil War historical event in King City, California on the 6th of June. Brother Paul had his "armament" display set up in a local park along with the SUVCW display that was provided by Past Lincoln Camp 10 Commander Tim Reese. Commander Frank met with the students at the San Lorenzo Middle School and marched with them to the King City Cemetery (where three Civil War veterans are buried) and then on to the park. The students were dressed in home made uniforms and were armed with "cap guns" for simulated Civil War skirmishes that were conducted under the supervision of Civil War reenactors. The students visited several "stations" in the park for information on the life of the Civil War soldier as well as a presentation from "Abraham Lincoln."

VI. Officer & Committee Reports:

- A. Membership: Mike Ostrander, a member of the ACWA 114th PA Zouaves, has expressed an interest in Camp membership and has been provided with an invitation and application.
- B. Civil War Memorials: Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff advised that he had been contacted by Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Kirby Morgan, that there is a Women's Relief Corps stained glass window in the San Francisco Presidio church. He is asking if we could verify this. Brother Joe Marti advised that he lives in San Francisco and would be more than happy to look into this and coordinate with Brother Kirby Morgan.
- C. Ceremonial Observances Committee:
 - 1.) Sincere appreciation is extended to all who supported and participated in this year's Memorial Day Weekend events at Roaring Camp and Oak Hill Memorial Park. For the UVC Oak Hill Ceremony, and the GAR and Spanish American War Service which followed, there were a total of 21 Brothers and Sisters from the Camp, its Auxiliary, and the DUV who participated. Following the Service, two new Camp brothers and three new Auxiliary Sisters were initiated into the Orders.

- 2.) For this year's Redwood City Independence Day Parade, the Camp has been assigned to Division Two. We have been entered in five judging categories for this year's parade. There will be a parade practice in the parking lot following the Camp meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business:

The Camp will need between four and six members to conduct the UVC Flag Lowering at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Sunday, June 29th. There will be a practice flag folding in the parking lot following the Camp meeting.

VIII. New Business:

There was no New Business.

IX. Patriotic Instructor:

Brother Paul Lavrischeff announced that today is Flag Day, which was first observed on June 14th, 1777 in commemoration of the adoption of the U.S. flag. Brother Paul presented President Woodrow Wilson's 1916 proclamation, which established June 14th as Flag Day. An Act of Congress made this date official in August 1949. Copies of the American Legion "Flag Etiquette" pamphlet were handed out to the membership.

X. Good Of The Order:

This year's National SUVCW Encampment will be held between 7 and 10 August in Boston, Massachusetts. Registration forms can be found on the SUVCW National web site.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1118 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
Department of California & Pacific

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CAMP MINUTES

20 September 2008

American Legion Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Camp Officers present:

Commander Frank Avila
Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC)
Jr. Vice Commander Tom Graham
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Acting Chaplain)
Bro. Rick LaRosa (Acting Patriotic Instructor)
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)

Members & Guests present:

Bro. Joseph Ferman
Bro. Linn Malaznik
Bro. David Colt
John Boursier
Patrick Boursier
Sis. Rachelle Campbell (Dept. Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary President)
Emelia Campbell

- I. The regularly scheduled meeting for September 2008 was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1015 hours on 20 September at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Acting Chaplain Dan Earl (PCC) provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes for the Camp meeting of 14 June 2008 were approved as presented.
- III. Correspondence:
 - A. The Camp received a letter of thanks from Eagle Scout Stephen Jones of Saratoga for the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition.
 - B. The Camp thank you letter from Rosemary Lowe for the Camp's donation to the San Diego Hospice in the name of her husband Past Department Commander Bob Lowe who passed away on June 23, 2008.
 - C. The Commander received a thank you letter from the San Diego Hospice for the Camp's \$100 donation in the name of Bob Lowe.

IV. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The distributed Treasurer's Report for 20 September 2008 shows that our current income stands at \$4,979 and are expenses to date have been \$3,255 leaving us with a surplus of \$1,723. After payment of allocation of Independence Day Parade prize money, the will drop to \$953.

National Headquarters finally resolved the difficulties with the IRS regarding the new requirements for filing of reports by small tax-exempt organizations. On 16 September the Camp was finally able to successfully submit the IRS Form-990-N for tax year 2007.

V. Commander's Report:

A. National SUVCW Encampment Report:

1.) The 2008 National Encampment of the SUVCW was held between 7 and 10 August 2008 in Peabody (Boston), Massachusetts. Camp members attending were: Commander Frank Avila, SVC Tad Campbell (PDC), Dan Bunnell (PDC) and Rachelle Campbell (Department Auxiliary President).

2.) Elected and appointed officers for 2008-2009 were:

David V. Medert, National CinC (Ohio)
Leo Kennedy, National SVCinC (Rhode Island)
James Hanby, National JVCinC (Maryland)

New Council Members: Perley Mellor (New Hampshire and Henry Shaw (Ohio)

Department of California & Pacific members appointed to National Positions:

Brad Schall (PDC): National Chief of Staff
Department Commander Jerry Sayre: National Patriotic Instructor
Tad Campbell (PDC): National Fraternal Relations Committee Chairman
Dan Earl (PCC): National Legislation Committee Chairman

3.) Two new Departments formed: North Carolina and South Carolina & Georgia.

4.) Dates for future National Encampments:

2009 -- Louisville, Kentucky
2010 -- Overland Park, Kansas
2011 -- Department of Maryland host probably in Northern Virginia
2012 -- Department of California & Pacific (tentatively in Los Angeles)

5.) Additional service numerals (years of service) approved for the Membership Badge.

6.) Camps are now required to meet at least twice a year

7.) Encampment committed to the establishment of a "physical" National Headquarters. A committee was formed to identify a location. Currently the National Headquarters is a rented room in the National Historical Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

8.) References to Jesus Christ in the SUVCW Rituals:

There was discussion regarding the re-writing of the SUVCW Rituals as a result of a ruling by the National Counselor during the past year. Because the SUVCW is a non-sectarian organization with membership from many religious denominations, it is totally inappropriate for references to Jesus Christ in the SUVCW Rituals & Ceremonies. Therefore, these references should be deleted. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to remove any and all references in the Encampment Proceedings that this subject was even discussed at the Encampment.

9.) Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary President, Rachele Campbell, was elected to the National Auxiliary Council.

B. United Veterans Council Report:

Plans are underway for the 2008 Veterans' Day Parade. They are still looking for money to pay for it.

C. Monterey History Fest:

Lincoln Camp 10 is coordinating the Civil War "living history" display at the Presidio of Monterey Museum (Fort Mervine) between 4 and 5 October. Reenactor participation expected to be low because of a conflict with an event at Alcatraz this year.

D. Genealogical Society Color Guard:

The Camp received a request for a color guard to post colors during the opening ceremony for the Monterey County Genealogical Society yearly conference/summit meeting at Seaside, California on October 11th. Between two and four individuals in uniform would be required for the ceremony at 8:30am.

E. Fresno Reenactment:

The annual "Civil War Revisited" will be held at Kearney Park in Fresno, California on 18 & 19 October. The Department of California & Pacific will again have an information booth set up at Kearney Park.

F. Election and Initiation of New Members:

John E. and Patrick J. Boursier were initiated as members of the Camp. John E. Boursier was initiated as a Junior Member, which is derived from his Great-great-grandfather Private Theophilus Boursier of Company E of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment. His father, Patrick J. Boursier, was initiated as a Regular Member, which is derived from his Great-great-grandfather Private Theophilus Boursier of Company E of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

VI. Officer Reports:

A. The Camp Secretary reports that Committee Report forms have been distributed and they must be completed and turned in no later than 1 November 2008. Information in the reports will be consolidated and used in the Camp Report presented at the Department Encampment.

- B. The Camp Secretary distributed the new Camp “Officers’ Guide” to the Commander, SVC and JVC (and Secretary/Treasurer). This guide is an update to the original “Commander’s Guide” that was published in 2004.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Membership: JVC Tom Graham reports that since the last meeting, the Camp has initiated two new members and hopefully will initiate an additional two members during the November 1st Camp meeting. There has been response to a total of thirteen queries of interest in the SUVCW this year.

- B. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

- 1.) The Peninsula Celebration Association has awarded the Combined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War formation **FIRST PLACE** in the Drum & Bugle category (\$750), **SECOND PLACE** in the Senior Color Guard category (\$100), and **SECOND PLACE** in the Senior Drill Team category (\$250). There were 40 participants (and two dogs) in the formation which amounted to an allocation of \$27.50 per person. Following is a breakdown of the distribution of the prize money to participants that was approved at the meeting:

SUVCW/DUVCW/SVR Apportionment: 26 People = \$715.00

ACWA Apportionment: 14 People = \$385.00

- 2.) The Annual United Veterans Council Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans' Day Parade for 2008 will take place in Downtown San Jose beginning at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 11th. We have been entered in the Veteran/Auxiliary Color Guard and Marching units as well as the Drum & Bugle musical unit. We should be "stepping off" promptly at 12:00 noon. Therefore, you should plan to be in the Staging Area on Delmas Street at the corner of Santa Clara Street at 10:00 AM to participate in a short practice before the staging area is filled up with other marching units.

VII. Unfinished Business:

There was no New Unfinished Business.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Everyone needs to attend the annual Camp Election Meeting on November 1st.
- B. Remembrance Day, the day that we recognize the passing of the last surviving Civil War Soldier (Albert Woolson in 1956) and the dedication of the dedication of the GAR monument to him at Gettysburg, will be Saturday, the 22nd of November.” The Camp will hold a ceremony at the GAR plot at Oak Hill on the 22nd of November (details will be provided by the November 1st meeting).
- C. The Camp needs to begin work on the process to obtain and install a GAR monument/marker at the original GAR plot at Oak Hill. The SUVCW National organization will provide matching funds for a monument and there is a strong possibility that Oak Hill will provide a contribution to the purchase and manufacture of a monument as well as its installation. It is

desired that the work be completed in time for an “dedication” during Remembrance Day 2009.

- D. The Camp should initiate a Graves Registration project for the Saratoga Cemetery as soon as possible.
- E. The Camp has received an application from the City of San Jose for its annual Holiday Parade on the 7th of December. This is a large event with live television coverage. Interest was expressed in the Camp’s participation in this event should we be able to assemble the necessary people to meet the requirements of the application.
- F. The last Camp meeting of the year in held during November. In January the Camp will hold its annual Installation Ceremony and banquet. It was proposed that the Camp hold an informal Christmas Dinner during December. Department Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell stated that there will be a joint Auxiliary/DUVCW gathering at her Gilroy home on the 6th of December. This will be a potluck dinner that will be held in conjunction with a “stocking stuffing” activity for our troops overseas.

IX. Patriotic Instructor:

Nothing to report.

X. Good Of The Order:

Commander Frank Avila reminded everyone that he is having civilian shirts imprinted with silkscreen logos for the 20th Maine of the ACWA and that the Camp might want to have shirts and/or jackets imprinted with the SUVCW logo and Camp name to be worn at various events in lieu of wearing a Civil War uniform. Interest was expressed, however, no decision was made on having shirts/jackets produced.

SVC Tad Campbell (PDC) passed around a small photograph that he recently acquired on eBay. It is a faded image of members of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, all in uniform, during Memorial Day 1900. Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec agreed to scan the photograph and try to improve the image in PhotoShop.

Commander Frank Avila obtained a number of photographs at an April auction. The photographs were taken during Civil War veteran reunions at Gettysburg. He proposed that they be mounted for display at Camp events.

Brother Dick Ferman has obtained a copy of the latest Mathew Brady Civil War photography book.

Past Department Commander Brad Schall, a member of the SUVCW National Council, has advised that the Camp’s request for renewal of its license to sell embroidered patches with the SUVCW logo should be approved for another two years at the next Council of Administration meeting.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Acting Chaplain Dan Earl (PCC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1145 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary
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CAMP MINUTES

1 November 2008

American Legion Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Camp Officers present:

Commander Frank Avila
Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC)
Jr. Vice Commander Tom Graham
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Bro. Joseph Marti (Council)
Counselor Dan Earl (PCC)
Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Asst. Chaplain Richard Staley
Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff
Guard Donald Pray
Color Bearer Richard Ferman
Eagle Scout Coordinator Crit Bell

Members & Guests present:

Bro. Dean Birge
Bro. Joseph Ferman
Bro. Linn Malaznik
Bro. John Stolp
Bro. Steven Welch (PCC)
Sis. Rachelle Campbell (Dept. Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary President)
Sis. Karen Lavrischeff (Auxiliary 52 President)
Emelia Campbell
Kenneth Macy (Member Candidate)
Nancy Macy
Richard Whittington (Member Candidate)

I. The scheduled meeting for November 2008, also known as the Annual Election Meeting, was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1015 hours on 1 November 2008 at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the opening prayer.

II. The minutes for the Camp meeting of 20 September 2008 were approved as presented.

III. Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

IV. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The distributed Treasurer's Report for 1 November 2008 shows that our current income stands at \$5,057 and our expenses to date have been \$3,978 leaving us with a surplus of \$1,078.

V. Status of Brother:

Jim Spencer, Commander of Matheson Camp 16, recently lost his wife to Cancer. The Camp Chaplain will forward condolences from Phil Sheridan Camp 4.

VI. Commander's Report:

A. Election and Initiation of new members:

(1) Richard D. Whittington was initiated as a member of the Camp with his membership being derived from his Grandfather Corporal Julius Morey of Company G of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

(2) Kenneth L. Macy was initiated as a member of the Camp with his membership being derived from his Great-grandfather Private Alonzo F. Baldwin of Company E of the 151st Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

B. United Veterans Council Report:

Bro. Richard Ferman (UVC Delegate) reported that there are a number of gatherings/BBQs planned for service members returning from Iraq. The 2008 Veterans' Day Parade is scheduled for November 11.

C. Monterey History Fest:

Members of Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52 joined with Lincoln Camp 10 for the annual Civil War "living history" display at the Presidio of Monterey Museum (Fort Mervine) on 4 and 5 October.

D. Genealogical Society Color Guard:

The Camp provided a small Color Guard during the opening ceremony for the Monterey County Genealogical Society yearly conference/summit meeting at Seaside, California on October 11th.

E. Fresno Reenactment:

The annual "Civil War Revisited" was held at Kearney Park in Fresno, California on 18 & 19 October. The Department of California & Pacific was represented by seven SUVCW Camps.

F. Oak Hill Flag Lowering:

Oak Hill has advised that the November, and December, UVC Flag Lowering Ceremonies have been cancelled. Therefore, the Camp will not have to provide a Color Guard this month. It appears that Oak Hill will no longer hold ceremonies during November and December because of conflict with Thanksgiving and New Years Eve. It is suggested that the Camp volunteer to support other veteran organizations when they are unable to provide the necessary personnel as was the case this past June when we supported the Disabled American Veterans.

G. Fort Point Open House:

The annual National Park Service Open House will be held on 31 January and 1 February 2009. The ACWA will make this an “overnight encampment” using the “barracks” rooms within the fort.

VII. Officer Reports:

Nothing to report.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Annual Camp Committee Reports are due today:

- A. Membership: JVC Tom Graham reports that thirteen potential new members were contacted with six new members being initiated.
- B. Program & Publicity: SVC Tad Campbell (PDC) reports that Camp activities this year were handled by the Camp Patriotic Instructor instead of by the Program & Publicity Committee. There were no publicity campaigns, however, general publicity was generated through activities such as information booths (7) and school presentations (1).
- C. Graves Registration & Civil War Memorials: Dan Earl (PCC) reports that there was no activity this year.
- D. By Laws Committee: Dan Earl (PCC) Dan Earl (PCC) reports that there were no By Laws changes this year.
- E. History Committee: Dan Bunnell (PDC) reports that he has recently acquired the “Descriptive Book” for the Halleck GAR Post in Chico making it the third Descriptive Book to be acquired. The other books are the San Jose Sheridan Post 7 and Los Gatos E.O.C. Ord Post. Bro. Bunnell proposes that he scan the books so that they can be placed on the Camp web site. Bro. Bunnell also has the May 1900 photograph of the Phil Sheridan SUVCW Camp 4 members.
- F. Ceremonial Observances Committee: Bob Kadlec (PCC) reported that The Camp participated in the Memorial Day Weekend ACWA Reenactment at Roaring Camp in Felton on the 24th and 25th of May. On Monday, the 26th of May, the Camp participated in the UVC ceremony at Oak Hill which was followed by a Camp Memorial Service at the GAR plot.

On the Fourth of July Ellsworth Camp Number 23 and Pleasonton Camp 24, and the newly forming Ivy Stiers Auxiliary, joined with Camp Number 4 and Dr. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 and the Daughters of Union Veterans, and members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve's 8th California Volunteer Infantry and the 3rd U.S. Artillery Regiment, along with members of six units from the American Civil War Association, rounded out the formation Participated in the Redwood City Independence Day Parade. The formation won one First Place (Drum & Bugle) and two Second Place (Drill Team & Color Guard) awards.

The Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War members of the ACWA will join us again this year in the Civil War formation during the UVC's annual Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose.

Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) will conduct its first annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose on November 22, 2008.

G. Military Affairs Committee: Joe Marti compiled a source list of established authorities on appropriate era military dress, provided a short instruction on appropriate mannerisms and formalities, i.e. how and when to hand salute. In doing so he included the names and web addresses of sutlers whereby brothers could research and purchase authentic military dress and accoutrements. Additionally, Bro. Marti oversaw the Camp Guard, was involved in recruiting local Civil War reenactors to join us at various ceremonial observances and parades.

H. Visitations Committee: Dan Bunnell (PDC) will forward the Visitation Committee Report at a later date.

I Special Committees:

(1) ROTC Cadet Commendation SOP Committee: Paul Lavrischeff distributed a draft of the JROTC Cadet Commendation Program Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Camp membership for review. The sections on the rules to qualify for the receipt of the award (Section IV), how the applications are evaluated (Section V), and how the awards are presented (VIII) will need to be expanded. Once completed, the Committee membership will need to meet with High School JROTC representatives to finalize the SOP so that it meets the needs of the JROTC Program and the SUVCW objectives.

(2) Adopt-A-School SOP Committee: Dan Earl (PCC) distributed a draft of Adopt-A-School Program Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Camp membership for review. With changes in the school curriculum, the Civil War era is now addressed during the seventh and eight grades instead of the fifth grade.

IX. Unfinished Business:

(1) An estimate for the acquisition of GAR monument for the original (1880) GAR burial plot at Oak Hill will need to be obtained and a request for funding needs to be submitted to National. Bro. Steve Welch (PCC) will be provided with a drawing, and dimensions so that he will be able to obtain cost quotes.

(2) Graves Registration Officer Dan Earl advised that a Graves Registration project at the Saratoga Cemetery will need to be scheduled for early 2009.

- (3) It was determined by the Camp Officers that it is too late to apply for entry in this years San Jose Holiday Parade and be able to assemble the minimum number of participants required by the parade organizers. We will plan for entry in next years parade instead.
- (4) The annual UVC Veterans Day Parade will be held in downtown San Jose on Tuesday, November 11th. This year we will have a mounted cavalry officer at the head of the Civil War formation in the form of USAF Major Dan Burtz who is a member of CHAS.
- (5) The first annual Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Remembrance Day ceremony will be held at the large Oak Hill GAR plot on Saturday, 22 November. This ceremony is in honor of the 145th anniversary of the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Camp members should arrive by 10:00am to help set up and the placement of flags at the 420 GAR graves. The ceremony will begin at 1:00pm.
- (6) The Dr. Mary E. Walker SUV Auxiliary 52 and Kate B. Sherwood DUV Tent 89 will hold a joint pot luck social gathering at the Campbell residence in Gilroy on Saturday, December 6th.

X. New Business:

- A. The Camp Budget for 2009 is approval by unanimous vote.
- B. Nomination and election of Camp officers for 2009 and delegates to the March Department Encampment:

Camp Commander: Frank C. Avila
 Camp SVC: Thomas T. Graham
 Camp JVC: Joseph Marti
 Camp Secretary: Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)
 Camp Treasurer: Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)
 Camp Council: Tad Campbell (PDC); Rick LaRosa; Paul Lavrischeff
 Department Encampment Delegates:
 Frank C. Avila (ex officio)
 Dan Bunnell, PDC (ex officio)
 Tad Campbell, PDC (ex officio)
 Robert J. Kadlec, PCC (ex officio)
 Daniel R. Earl, PCC (ex officio)
 Steve Welch, PCC (ex officio)
 Richard Ferman
 Thomas T. Graham
 Paul Lavrischeff
 Joseph Marti

- C. The annual Installation Banquet is tentatively planned for the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara on Friday, 30 January 2009. Department Commander Jerry Sayre has agreed to perform the installation again this year. Sebastian Nelson (former Camp 4 member and now a Camp 22 member) will provide the keynote presentation at the banquet.

The Camp will subsidize part of the cost for the Installation Banquet. This should allow us to keep the cost to \$30 per person. Details and registration forms will be forwarded in December.

D. Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday celebration dinner will be held at Holder's in Cupertino on Saturday, 21 February. This is an annual joint event with Pleasonton Camp 24.

XI. Patriotic Instructor:

All Camp members are encouraged to participate in Camp programs (events and activities) such as Memorial Day ceremonies at Roaring Camp and Oak hill, Independence Day and Veterans Day Parades.

XII. Good Of The Order:

During attendance at the reunion of the U.S. Army 100th Infantry Division (Auxiliary Sister Karen Lavrischeff's father was a member of the World War II Division) in North Carolina in September, Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff told that the John A. Logan Camp Number 4 of the SUVCW is located in Raleigh. Bro. Paul, and his wife, Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52 President Karen Lavrischeff, visited Civil War sites in North Carolina where his ancestor fought.

Past Camp Commander Steve Welch mentioned that he has a connection with North Carolina as well. Members of the Logan Camp 4 have assisted him with research on his ancestor's unit when it was in North Carolina and took photos of headstones of members of his ancestor's artillery unit who are buried at the cemetery in New Burn. Bro. Paul also mentioned that there is a proposal being considered to erect a Union monument at Bentonville.

For those who do not have a uniform and will not march in the Veterans Day Parade are encouraged to gather at the reviewing stand at Cesar Chavez Park at 11:00am for the opening ceremony. The Civil War formation will be in Division One so we should pass the reviewing stand about 12:30pm. After a group photo we will adjourn to a local restaurant for lunch.

There will be a short SVR meeting following the Camp meeting. Due to the inclement weather, the parade practice was cancelled.

XIII. Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1230 hours.

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