

# *Phil Sheridan Camp 4*

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

## **CAMP MINUTES**

**30 January 2009**

Biltmore Hotel & Suites  
2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara, California 95054

### **Camp Members present:**

Commander Frank Avila  
Sr. Vice Commander Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Junior Vice Commander Tom Graham  
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Bro. Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)  
Bro. Daniel Earl (Counselor)  
Bro. Daniel Bunnell, PDC, (Chaplain)  
Bro. Donald Pray (Guard)  
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)  
Bro. Rick LaRosa (Council)  
Bro. Linn Malaznik  
Bro. Dave Schleeter (PCC)  
Bro. Joe Marti

### **Guests present:**

Department Commander Jerry Sayre & Kim Sayre  
Department Auxiliary President Rachelle M. Campbell  
Sis. Ann Schleeter (President Auxiliary 23)  
Sis. Beverly Graham (Aux. 52)  
Bro. Sebastian Nelson (Camp 22)  
Sis. Anna Buran (Aux. 52)  
Ken Buran  
Sis. Pat Everette (Aux 52 & 23)  
Oliver Everette  
Richard L. Comstock  
Marilyn Comstock  
Sis. Beverly Ferman (Aux. 52)  
Bro. Charlie Mabie (Camp 24)  
Sis. Kathy Mabie (Aux. 52)  
Sis. Cindy Eddy (Aux. 52 & 23)  
Bro. Dean Enderlin (Camp 23)  
Sis. Debbie Earl (Aux. 52)  
Bro. Mace Gjerman (Camp 23)  
Bro. Jamin Gjerman (Camp 23)  
Sis. Amanda Bunnell (Aux. 52)

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Program Moderator, Past Department Commander Tad D. Campbell, at 2000 hours in the San Jose Room of the Biltmore Hotel & Suites in Santa Clara, California. Brother Daniel Bunnell (PDC), Chaplain of Phil Sheridan Camp 4, San Jose, California provided the divine blessing.
- II. Program Moderator Campbell called on Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Commander Frank Avila to present any unfinished business.
- III. Camp Commander Avila presided over the initiation of new Camp 4 Brother Dr. Richard L. (Larry) Comstock. Chaplain Daniel Bunnell administered the Oath and Department Commander Jerry Sayre presented Brother Comstock with his membership badge.
- IV. Camp Commander Avila Presented the Camp's DON CHENEY RECRUITMENT AWARD to Junior Vice Commander Thomas T. Graham for his efforts to add six new members to Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 during 2008.
- V. Program Moderator Campbell introduced Department Commander Jerry Sayre who 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.

"The following Camp 4 officers were elected during the 1 November 2008 Camp meeting:"

Frank C. Avila:	Commander
Thomas T. Graham:	Senior Vice Commander
Joseph Marti:	Junior Vice Commander
Robert J. Kadlec (PCC):	Secretary-Treasurer
Camp Council:	Tad Campbell (PDC)
	Rick T. LaRosa
	Paul E. Lavrischeff

"The following Camp 4 officers have been appointed:"

Patriotic Instructor	Paul Lavrischeff
Chaplain	Daniel Bunnell (PDC)
Asst. Chaplain	Richard Staley
Historian	John Stolp
Graves Registration & Memorials Officer	Tad Campbell (PDC)
Camp Counselor	Daniel Earl (PCC)
Guard	Joseph Ferman
Color Bearer	Richard Ferman
Guide	William Pope
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Crittenden Bell
United Veterans Council Delegates:	Frank C. Avila, Thomas T. Graham Richard Ferman

Signals Officer & Newsletter Editor -- Tad Campbell (PDC)

Musicians: Christopher Avila; Richard Ferman; James Welch

VI. Program Moderator Campbell introduced Auxiliary Department President Rachelle Campbell who administered the oath of office to the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 officers elect.

President:	Karen Lavrischeff
Vice President:	Kathy Mabie
Secretary-Treasurer:	Rachelle Campbell (PAP)
Chaplain:	Beverly Ferman
Patriotic Instructor:	Cindy Eddy
Trustee #1	Beverly Graham
Trustee#2	Debbie Earl
Trustee#3	Anna Buran
Counselor	Tad Campbell (PDC)
Signals Officer	Tad Campbell (PDC)

VII. Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Commander Frank Avila, having been re-elected to a second term, assumed command of the Camp and presented the following announcements:

- A. The annual American Legion Four Chaplains Inter-faith Memorial Service, in honor of the four chaplains who were aboard the USAT Dorchester when it was torpedoed on February 3, 1943, will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 15333 Woodside Road in San Jose (off of Camden and Union). We have been invited to post our organization and National colors during the memorial service on Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am.
- B. The next Camp meeting will be on Saturday evening, the 21st of February. This will be the annual joint birthday party for President Abraham Lincoln with Pleasanton Camp 24. Camp 4 is the host this year for President Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The birthday party, will take place at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant in Cupertino beginning at 5:00pm.
- C. The Department of California & Pacific 123rd Annual Encampment will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March in San Louis Obispo.
- D. The Camp has been invited to participate in Union City's 50th Anniversary Celebration Parade on May 16th. This just so happens to be Armed Forces Day and may be a good opportunity for the Northern California Camps to participate in the first parade in ten years to be held in Union City.
- E. Meeting dates for the 2009 Camp meetings will be posted on the Camp web site.

VIII. Good of the Order:

- A. Camp 4 Commander Frank Avila and Camp 23 Commander Dean Enderlin presented Department Commander Jerry Sayre with a Certificate of Appreciation for conducting the joint Installation Ceremony.
- B. Auxiliary 52 Vice President Kathy Mabie presented Department President Rachelle Campbell with a Certificate of Appreciation for conducting the Auxiliary Installation.

IX. Closing Ceremony:

Daniel Bunnell (PDC), Chaplain of Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4, provided the closing prayer. Program Moderator Tad D. Campbell (PDC) formally closed the joint meeting at approximately 2130 hours. Moderator Campbell reminded all to return after a 15-minute break for the evening's presentation on the "Civil War Flags of California" to be presented by former Camp 4 Brother Sebastian Nelson (now a member of Sacramento's George Wright Camp 22).

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**

21 February 2009

Holdings Country Inn Restaurant  
998 South DeAnza Blvd, San Jose, California

### **Camp members & guests present:**

Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Graham  
Jr. Vice Commander Joe Marti  
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Asst. Chaplain Richard Staley  
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Brother Larry Comstock  
Brother Dan Earl (PCC)  
Brother Dean Enderlin (Camp 23 Cmdr)  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Brother Richard Ferman  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)  
Brother William Pope  
Brother Donald Pray  
Brother Richard Whittington  
Auxiliary Department President Rachelle Campbell (PAP)  
Emelia Campbell (age 10-months)  
Sister Karen Lavrischeff (Dr. Walker President)  
Sister Beverly Ferman (Chaplain)  
Sister Cindy Eddy (Patriotic Instructor)  
Sister Debbie Earl  
Sister Beverly Graham  
Sister Kate Marti  
Sister Sharon Pope  
Marilyn Comstock  
Marydale Paterno  
Janice Staley

- I. The meeting was called to order by Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Graham at 1800 hours at Holdings Country Inn Restaurant. Assistant Chaplain Richard Staley provided the divine blessing.
- II. Normal Camp business was postponed until the next Camp meeting in lieu of the Lincoln Birthday Dinner, however, a few items of unfinished business were addressed.

- A. The Department of California & Pacific 123rd Annual Encampment will be held on the 6th and 7th of March in San Louis Obispo.
  - B. Union City, California will hold a 50th Anniversary Celebration Parade on Armed Forces Day, May 16th, and the Camp has been invited to the City's first parade in ten years.
  - C. Camp meeting dates for the 2009 are posted on the Camp web site ([www.suvsac.org/camp4.html](http://www.suvsac.org/camp4.html)).
- III. Auxiliary Department President Rachelle M. Campbell (PAP) prepared a white cake using an antique recipe which is said to have been Lincoln's favorite cake.
- IV. Camp 4 Assistant Chaplain, Brother Richard Staley, performing a first-person impression of GAR Comrade C.L. Burdick, gave an inspirational presentation on President Lincoln and his involvement in the Blackhawk War of 1832.
- V. Closing Ceremony:  
Camp Sr. Vice Commander Thomas Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 2130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Secretary  
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4  
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## CAMP MINUTES

4 April 2009

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

### **Elected Camp Officers present:**

Commander Frank Avila  
Sr. Vice Commander Tom Graham  
Jr. Vice Commander Joe Marti  
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Council Member Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Council Member Rick LaRosa  
Council Member Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)

### **Members & Guests present:**

Bro. Dan Bunnell, PDC (Chaplain)  
Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Counselor)  
Bro. John Stolp (Historian)  
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)  
Bro. Richard L. Comstock  
Bro. Linn Malaznik  
Bro. Stephen P. Aguirre  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (President, Department of Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary)  
Sister Cindy Eddy (Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Debbie Earl (Trustee, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Ann Schleeter (President, Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23)  
Gary Nelson  
Merle Sweet  
Emelia Campbell (Age 11-months)

- I. The first regularly scheduled meeting for 2009 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 of the Camp meeting of 21 February 2009, distributed electronically, was approved.
- III. Treasurers Report:

The distributed Treasurer's Report shows current income, plus cash on hand since January 1st, is \$5,673.53 and expenses to date have been \$3,062.50, leaving a budget balance of \$2,611.03. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

#### IV. Commander's Report:

- A. Membership: In accordance with Article VI, Section 7 of the Camp Bylaws, "A Brother of this Camp who is one month in arrears shall be classified as delinquent and be suspended from all privileges until reinstated by the Camp. Any Brother of this Camp who has not paid his dues by March 1st may be dropped by vote of the Camp. A suspended or dropped Brother may be reinstated in the Order on reelection by the Camp after paying such dues, reinstatement fee, or any other indebtedness due the Camp, as prescribed by these Bylaws." In accordance with the Camp Bylaws, Brothers Vincent H. Bartning and David J. Sopkin, were dropped from membership by vote of the Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 membership.
- B Department Encampment: The 123rd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held in San Luis Obispo between March 6 and 7. The following officers were elected:

Department Commander -- Charlie Mabie, Past Commander of Pleasonton Camp 24

Sr. Vice Commander -- Glen Roosevelt, Past Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2

Jr. Vice Commander -- Timothy P. Reese, Past Commander of Lincoln Camp 10

Secretary-Treasurer -- Phil Caines, Past Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2

Council Members -- Past Department Commander); Tad Campbell (Camp 4) - Chairman  
Past Department Commander); Daniel M. Bunnell (Camp 4)  
Past Department Commander; Jerry R. Sayre (Camp 21)

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

Bro. Paul Lavrischeff Patriotic Instructor.

Bro. Dan Earl (PCC) Newsletter Editor.

Bro. Tad Campbell (PDC) Signals Officer and Webmaster.

#### C. United Veterans Council Meeting:

- 1.) Determination must be made by the UVC if they would like Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 to perform the June 28th Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill in lieu of the Disabled American Veterans who may not be able to support the ceremony this year. Confirmation will be obtained during the May 5th UVC meeting.
- 2.) The UVC Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Monday, May 25th. The Camp will place the Civil War wreath, Spanish-American War wreath, assist in the placement of the World War II wreath, and placement of the Decoration Day Tribute for the GAR.
- 3.) The UVC Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose may have to be cancelled this year due to lack of funds. The Grant application was not submitted to the City in time, status of the County Grant is unknown, and the fund raising necessary has not taken place. It is expected that the UVC will make a final decision by July.

#### D. School Presentation:

The Camp has received a request from the St. John Vianney Catholic Elementary School in San Jose to provide a presentation along with displays at their "Civil War Activity Day." The month of May will be a busy month for us with the Armed Forces Day Parade on 16



May and Memorial Day events at Roaring Camp and Oak Hill at the end of May. The school has not decided on a date as yet and if it is not between the 14th and 19th of May, the Camp will have to decline their request.

#### IV. Officer's Reports:

##### Secretary/Treasurer:

For the past two years the Camp has rented a storage locker at Extra Storage at the rate of \$539 per year. Our lease is up in May and we have been informed that we will receive a 39-percent increase in our rent. Even with their "Valued Customer" discount, it will cost us about \$700 per year. The original objective of renting the storage space was to provide a central location for Camp property and provide easy access to designated officers to obtain Camp property for various events that we participate in. However, the cost increase cannot seem to justify our continued rental of the space. Therefore, a motion was made, and approved, that the Camp not renew its lease with Extra Storage.

The ensuing discussion resulted in a couple of options to be investigated:

- 1.) Investigate the possibility of an arrangement with History San Jose in Kelly Park by using one of their historic buildings. An advantage for History San Jose might be that we could provide our expertise to help them catalog their Civil War and GAR collections. This might require the Camp to provide individuals to work as docents whenever the park is open to visitors to handle the display of artifacts. Bros. Dick Ferman and Tom Graham will investigate this and report back at the next meeting.
- 2.) Brother John Stolp advised that he has worked with the San Jose Pioneers organization and there might be an opportunity for working out a possible space sharing arrangement with them in their building in History Park.

#### V. Committee Reports:

##### A. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

- 1.) The Camp has been invited to a reenactment that will be held in San Ramon on April 18th. Details will be forwarded when information becomes available.
- 2.) Union City will hold a 50th Anniversary celebration parade on Armed Forces Day, May 16th and has invited the Camp to participate. This will be only the second parade we have participated in that will permit live firing of muskets in front of the reviewing stand. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. Therefore, you should plan to be in the Staging Area in the Dowe Industrial Park no later than 9:00 AM. Following the parade, Department of California & Pacific Commander Charlie Mabie and his wife Kathy (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 Vice President), will hold a potluck chicken BBQ at their home in Newark.
- 3.) Again this 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 at our Information Booth at Roaring Camp and Big Trees Railroad outside the town of Felton on Saturday and Sunday (23 & 24 May). The ACWA has agreed to the SUVCW participation in their School Days presentations

planned for 20 to 22 May at Roaring Camp. We are only being allowed to discuss the history of the GAR.

- 4.) The Camp, and Auxiliary, will again participate in the UVC Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill on Monday, 25 May 2008. Following the UVC ceremony, the Camp will hold a memorial ceremony at the GAR and Spanish-American War plots.
- 5.) The Redwood City Independence Day Parade application is being submitted to the Peninsula Celebration Association. This will be our fifth year in this annual parade and we will be entered in four categories for prize money.

B. Military Affairs Committee:

Military Affairs Chairman Joe Marti advised that he will assist all Brothers who wish to obtain a uniform so that they can actively participate in parades and other ceremonial events. He will provide assistance so that proper attire can be procured and worn correctly.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Oak Hill GAR Monument: At the September 20, 2008 Camp meeting it was brought up that 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. Past Camp Commander Steve Welch indicated that he would see if he could obtain an estimate for this marker before we approach Oak Hill. We need to have this work completed in time for its “dedication” during Remembrance Day 2009. Brother Steve has not been able to provide any information to date. Brother John Stolp has a contact with California Monument who may be able to provide information to support this effort.
- B. Standard Operating Procedures: Camp Order Number 3, series 2008, established two special committees to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Camp’s JROTC Cadet Commendation and Adopt-A-School programs. Draft SOPs were submitted to the membership at the November meeting. However, because of circumstances beyond the control of the officers, final Camp approval for adoption of the SOPs was not obtained. Therefore, a motion was made, and approved, that the Camp JROTC Award Program SOP and the Camp Adopt-A-School Program SOP be officially adopted.

VII. New Business:

- A. Last Soldier Project: JVC Joe Marti has been working with Sebastian Nelson (Camp 22 member & California State Archivist) in the identification of the “Last Soldier” in California. Bro. Joe has found the grave of Samuel Yoho who died in San Francisco in 1943 and is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery. Bro. Joe has been in contact with his descendents regarding this SUVCW National project that was started in 2003. Bro. Joe is investigating the possibility of having a monument made a conducting a ceremony for its installation.
- B. Veterans’ Day Parade: In the event that the UVC may not hold a Veterans’ Day Parade this November in San Jose, we need to determine if there may be another parade to participate in. San Francisco will hold a parade on Sunday, November 8. The commander of San Francisco’s American Legion Post 911 has assumed responsibility for this parade and is

trying to revitalize it. It is uncertain, however, if San Francisco would be a good venue for our Camp. Concerns regarding the distance, parking and general public attitude were raised.

- C. King City School Event: The annual School living history event, conducted by the ACWA, in King City will be held on June 5th.
- D. Candidate Member Ancestor: Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff has recruited a new member from the ACWA. Matthew Reynolds will be initiated at the next Camp meeting. His ancestor died in Andersonville Prison and is buried in an unmarked grave. The Camp Graves Registration Officer could coordinate with the Department of Georgia for the acquisition of a Government headstone for his grave.

#### IX. Patriotic Instructor:

The Campbell-Union High School District Marine Corps Junior ROTC has advised that they have five high schools with JROTC detachments eligible for the SUVCW JROTC Award. We have met with their representative and provided a copy of the Camp SOP for the Award Program. They will be submitting applications to the Camp and we are coordinating the presentation of the SUVCW JROTC Commendation Award to five deserving cadets (one from each school) during their combined awards ceremony to be held at the end of May.

#### X. Good Of The Order:

- A. National Encampment Raffle: Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 Patriotic Instructor Cindy Eddy offered raffle tickets (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00) that were received from the National Patriotic Instructor. The raffle will help defray the cost for the National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky this year. First place is \$200 and second is a print of the Battle of Shiloh. Other prizes will also be awarded.
- B. Flag Book: Camp Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff advised that the suttlers at various reenactments are selling an excellent booklet for grade school students about our American Flag and its evolution. He encourages Brothers to obtain copies and provide them to students they know.
- C. San Francisco War Memorial Building: JVC Joe Marti advised that the Commander of American Legion Post 911 in San Francisco has offered the Camp the use of an office in the San Francisco War Memorial Building for free should we want it. One stipulation is that the Camp would have to start an American Legion Post composed of SUVCW members. To establish an American Legion Post, the membership must be composed of veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during specified periods of conflict. Because the Camp does not have enough members who are veterans that would meet this requirement, it is unlikely that the Camp would be able to qualify. A motion was made and rejected that the Camp start a Phil Sheridan American Legion Post in the San Francisco War Memorial Building.
- D. The Department of California & Pacific has tentatively been approved to hold the 2012 National Encampment in California. The National requirement is that the cost of hotel rooms must not exceed \$100 per night. This would be difficult to do in the downtown Los Angeles area where the Encampment Committee desires to hold the Encampment. Committee Chairman Glen Roosevelt has been provided with some information on possible fund raising efforts that might generate funds to subsidize some of the cost and to reduce room rates.

Also provided was information on the wealth of American Legion Posts in Southern California that might be contacted to provide possible sponsorship to defray costs.

- E. Camp Color Guard: Commander Frank Avila advised that the San Jose Earthquakes soccer team has approached him regarding the possibility of providing a Color Guard during the playing of the National Anthem at the beginning of home games. If we are to do this, four people would be required for the Color Guard.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1205 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 June 2009

American Legion Mission City Post 564  
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### **Elected Camp Officers present:**

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Council Member Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Council Member Paul Lavrischeff (Patriotic Instructor)

### **Members & Guests present:**

Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Counselor)  
Bro. John Stolp (Historian)  
Bro. William Pope (Guide)  
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)  
Joseph Ferman (Guard)  
Bro. Crittenden Bell (Eagle Scout Coordinator)  
Bro. Linn Malaznik  
Bro. Richard Whittington  
Bro. Dean Enderlin, Commander, Ellsworth Camp 23  
Bro. Frederick E. Clark, Commander, Gettysburg Camp 112, Pennsylvania  
Nina Clark, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania  
Bro David Schleeter (PCC)  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (President, Department of Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary)  
Sister Cindy Eddy (Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Beverly Ferman (Chaplain, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Debbie Earl (Trustee, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Patricia Hannum (Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89, DUVCW)  
Barbara Mills (Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89, DUVCW)  
Gary Nelson (Member Candidate)  
Kevin Reynolds (Assoc. Candidate)  
Matthew Reynolds (Member Candidate)  
Yvonne Reynolds (Auxiliary Candidate)  
Kelsey Reynolds (Auxiliary Candidate)  
Emelia Campbell (Age 11-months)

- I. The **second** regularly scheduled meeting for 2009 was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1007 hours at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Acting Chaplain Dean Enderlin provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes of the Camp meeting of 4 April 2009, distributed electronically, was approved.
- III. Treasurers Report:

The distributed Treasurer's Report shows current income, plus cash on hand since January 1st, is \$5,805.57 and our expenses to date have been \$4,212.67. Leaving us with a budget balance of \$1,592.90. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

IV. Status of Brothers:

"On the 7th of June, Brother Donald W. Pray passed away at the age of 82. Brother Don joined Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 in San Jose, California on October 3, 1994 and had faithfully served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as an active member of both the Department and Camp Councils and held several appointed offices, including Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator as well as Department Encampment Delegate. Brother Don received his membership through Private L. Edward Pray of Company F, 7th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

"Brother Don Pray was a retired Navy Veteran having served his country during World War II, the Korean War and the War in Vietnam. Brother Don met and married his wife Josephine in the Philippines, where she served as a civilian intelligence courier during World War II. Josephine preceded her husband in death on January 21, 2001.

"There will be a Memorial Service for Brother Don on Sunday, the 28th of June at St. Joseph's of Cupertino Parish beginning at 1:00PM. For those able to attend, it is suggested that you wear your uniform if you have one but at least your membership badge with a black mourning ribbon attached.

V. Commander's Report:

A. "We have three candidates for initiation as members in Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4.

1. **Gary V. Nelson** is brought before us today in application for membership being derived from his Great-great-grandfather Private Richard P. Dobbs of Company D, 80th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
2. **Matthew C. Reynolds** is brought before us today in application for membership being derived from Great-great-great-grandfather Private Joseph A. Amy of Company F, 81st Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
3. **Kevin Reynolds** is brought before us today in application for Associate membership.

## B. United Veterans Council Meeting:

- 1.) Flag Lowering: “The UVC has been advised that due to the passing of Brother Don Pray, Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 will not be able to conduct the Flag Lowering Ceremony on June 28th. We have offered to swap with another Veteran Organization and conduct the ceremony on the 26th of July. Because of the American Legion Convention is being held this weekend in Los Angeles, we should not receive confirmation on this until next week.”
- 2.) Veterans Day Parade Status: “The UVC is scheduled to make a decision as to whether they will conduct the Parade in Downtown San Jose this year at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. If they cannot come up with the funding for the parade, this will be the first time since 1922 that a Veterans’ Day Parade has not been held in San Jose.”

## C. School Presentation:

Commander Frank Avila and Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff participated in the annual living history event at the Chalone Peaks Middle School in King City on June 5th.

## IV. Officer’s Reports:

Nothing to report.

## V. Committee Reports:

### A. Graves Registration Committee:

Committee Chairman Tad Campbell (PDC) advised that he would forward information to the Department of Georgia regarding the unmarked grave of new Camp Brother Matthew Reynolds’ ancestor who died in Andersonville Prison and is probably buried in a mass grave.

Jr. Vice Commander Joe Marti reported that he has been in contact with Department Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan regarding a marker for the grave of “Last Soldier” Samuel Yoho, past commander of the GAR Department of California & Nevada, who is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery. Because he is buried in a National Cemetery, we are not allowed to place a plaque on his headstone. However, there will be a ceremony at the San Francisco Presidio in December where wreaths are placed. If we desire, we could participate and place a wreath at his grave during this ceremony.

### A. History Committee:

Bro. John Stolp advised that he has been indexing Civil War Veterans from Santa Clara County history texts that will provide biographical information on those who served.

### C. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

- Armed Forces Day Parade:

The Camp participated in the first Armed Forces Day Parade held in Union City, attracted only 17 marchers for our formation. This can be attributed to a number of other events that were in conflict with the Parade. Apparently this was a one-time deal for Union City and no judging was performed and no prizes were given. Following the Parade, many of us met at Department Commander Charlie Mabie's Home in Newark for a Chicken BBQ.

- Memorial Day Events:

The Camp was involved in three major events over the Memorial Day Weekend. Saturday and Sunday had us operating our information booth at Roaring Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains at the American Civil War Associations annual Reenactment.

On Monday we again participated in the United Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Hill. Past Camp Commander Dan Earl and Color Bearer Richard Ferman posted the Camp Colors. The Auxiliary Colors were posted by Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52 President Karen Lavrischeff and Camp Guide Bill Pope. The SVR 8th California Colors were posted by Past Department Commander Tad Campbell and Camp Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff. Camp Commander Frank Avila and Auxiliary Department Commander Rachelle Campbell placed the wreath honoring the Civil War deceased. The Spanish American War wreath was placed by Past Department Commander Tad Campbell and Camp Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff, both attired in Spanish-American War uniforms. Wearing his World War II uniform, Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52 President Karen Lavrischeff's Father Leonard, along with Navy Veteran Rena Estes, place the wreath honoring those from World War II. Finally, a Decoration Day Tribute of a large floral arrangement was again this year placed by Brother Richard Staley, in the guise of GAR Comrade C.L. Burdick. Brother Richard was escorted by his wife Janice and Sister Sharon Pope, President of Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89 of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Following the UVC Ceremony the Camp and Auxiliary held a Memorial Service at the GAR and adjacent Spanish- American War burial plots. Brother Richard Staley, in the guise of GAR Comrade C.L. Burdick, read General Logan's general Order Number 11, which established what we know today as Memorial Day. Sister Sharon Pope, President of Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89 of the Daughters of Union Veterans and Camp Guide Bill Pope place the Civil War Wreath while Auxiliary Department Commander Rachelle Campbell and Past Department Commander Tad Campbell placed the wreath for the Spanish-American War. Past Camp Commander Dan Earl raised the flag over the GAR plot and Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff raised the Spanish-American War flag while Color Bearer Richard Ferman provided the requisite drum roll.



- Fourth of July Plans:

We have received confirmation that we will be entered in Division 2 for this year's Independence Day Parade in Redwood City. Department Commander Charlie Mabie has again invited us to his home in Newark for their Fourth of July BBQ. The Parade Commander this year will be SVR Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment Commander Captain Joe Marti.

B. Military Affairs Committee:

Military Affairs Chairman Joe Marti advised that he has information on how to wear a uniform for different events that can be picked up from him after the meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Kelly Park: At the last Camp meeting we discussed the possibility of making arrangements with History San Jose at Kelly Park as well as the San Jose Pioneers organization to make use of their facilities by the Camp for possible meetings and property storage. Bro. John Stolp reported that he had talked with the Pioneers of Santa Clara organization. Because of financial issues, they would not be able to support us.

Bro. Richard Ferman advised that his History San Jose contacts also have financial concerns that would preclude their supporting us.

- B. Oak Hill GAR Monument: At the last Camp meeting the procurement and installation of a GAR monument at the original 1880 burial plot at Oak Hill discussed. Since then, Bro. John Stolp contacted California Monument and they advised that they would provide a quote for a monument. A meeting is planned with the General Manager of Oak Hill on June 23rd to discuss the installation of a monument at the GAR plot

VII. New Business:

- A. "Brother Richard Ferman, a Past President of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society has informed us that the Society will hold a program at the Santa Clara City Library on October 24. This is the first time that this type of event has been proposed for the library. Tables will be set up around the room perimeter with seating in the center. Individuals will present 10-15 minute presentations during the day. The preliminary presentations scheduled are as follows:

Don Fuselier (Lincoln Camp 10) - Impression of Dr. Bartholomew Boudreaux, Colonel, Surgeon, New Orleans, LA. And display of original Civil War medical equipment.

Timothy Reese (Lincoln Camp 10) - Collection of Civil War era metals and associated paraphernalia.

Paul Lavrischeff (Camp 4 Patriotic Instructor) - Collection of firearms associated with Civil War.

Tad Campbell (Past Department Commander) - Presentation on local cemeteries, including the burial plots at Oak Hill and their Civil War Soldier "population,"

Sharon Pope (DUVCW Tent 89 President) - Presentation on Daughters of Civil War Veterans and other fraternal organizations.

Rachelle Campbell (Department Auxiliary President) - Presentation on Civil War fashions.

Robert Kadlec (Past Camp 4 Commander) - Presentation on the GAR and California's involvement in the Civil War.

If there are displays of weapons and medical equipment, these items will need to be in locked cases to satisfy the safety requirements.

B. Sound System: The South Bay Civil War Round Table has obtained a sound system that may be appropriate for the Camp. It is a very portable system that has two external speakers that can be mounted on poles and can accommodate two separate. Additionally the system has a built in CD player for playing of things like the National Anthem and Taps during ceremonies. The system used by the Civil War Round Table of costs \$668 plus \$100 for the pair of external speaker stands. Bro Bill Pope made a motion that, after inspection of the Sound System, the Camp should purchase the system not to exceed \$800.

IX. Patriotic Instructor:

A. Flag Day: Patriotic Instructor Paul Lavrischeff reported that in 1994 Congress designated June 14th as Flag Day, the day to commemorate the 1777 approval of our Flag.

B. JROTC Awards: Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 presented five Campbell-Union High School District Marine Corps Junior ROTC cadets with the Sons of Union Veterans Commendation Award and medal for their outstanding performance between August 2008 and May 2009. The ceremony was held at the Del Mar High School in Campbell on Friday, May 29th. As a result of changes in the JROTC Program, two of the Marine Corps JROTC Detachments were retired at the end of the ceremony leaving only three schools in the District for next year.”

X. Good Of The Order:

A. Commander Avila reported that he visited Fort Clinch in St. Augustine, Florida during a recent trip. He advised that Fort Clinch is a sister of San Francisco's Fort Point and is the same design.

B. Frederick E. Clark, the visiting commander of Gettysburg Camp 112 in Pennsylvania, expressed his gratitude for the Camp's invitation to our meeting and the hospitality he and his wife received during their visit. He invited everyone to attend his Camp's meetings when in the Gettysburg area.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Acting Chaplain Dean Enderlin provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1149 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

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

# Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

## CAMP MINUTES

19 September 2009

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

### **Elected Camp Officers present:**

Commander Frank Avila  
Sr. Vice Commander Tom Graham  
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Council Member Tad Campbell (PDC)

### **Members & Guests present:**

Bro. Dan Bunnell, PDC (Chaplain)  
Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Counselor)  
Bro. John Stolp (Historian)  
Bro. William Pope (Guide)  
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)  
Bro. Joseph Ferman (Guard)  
Bro. Linn Malaznik  
Bro. Kevin Reynolds  
Bro. Matthew Reynolds  
Bro. Dean Enderlin, Commander, Ellsworth Camp 23  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (President, Department of Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary)  
Sister Karen Lavrischeff (President, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Beverly Graham (Trustee, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Cindy Eddy (Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Yvonne Reynolds  
Sister Kelsey Reynolds  
Sister Sharon Pope (President, Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89, DUVCW)  
Sister Patricia Hannum (Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89, DUVCW)  
Sister Barbara Mills (Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89, DUVCW)  
Diane Wetzel (Auxiliary Candidate)  
Emelia Campbell (Age 11-months)

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1006 hours on 19 September 2009 at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes of the Camp meeting of 20 June 2009, distributed electronically, were approved.

### III. Treasurers Report:

- A. The distributed Treasurer's Report shows our current income, plus cash on hand since January 1st is \$6,692.30 and are expenses to date have been \$5,006.34. Leaving us with a budget balance of \$1,685.96. The Camp's cash on hand stands at \$2,415.44. With payment of shares of Redwood City parade prize money, the bank account balance will be at \$1,895.44.
- B. In accordance with the Camp approval on 20 June, a portable sound system was purchased for the Camp at a total cost of \$754.87. The system was demonstrated at the Camp meeting.
- C. Since we are no longer paying approximately \$550 per year for the rental of a storage facility for Camp property, The Camp approved a motion to reimburse Past Department Commander Tad Campbell for the one-time purchase of a storage shed for Camp property not to exceed \$500.

### IV. Status of Brothers:

Nothing to report.

### V. Commander's Report:

- A. SUVCW National Encampment: The Department of California & Pacific made an almost clean sweep at this year's National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky:
  - Past Department Commander Brad Schall was elected National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.
  - Past Department Commander Tad Campbell was elected to the National Council of Administration.
  - Past Department Commander Tad Campbell received the Marshall Hope Award for the most outstanding Camp Newsletter in the Nation.
  - Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas received this year's Commander-in-Chief "Lincoln Award" as the most outstanding Camp in the Nation.
  - Camp Senior Vice Commander Tom Graham was made a "National Aid" for his membership recruiting efforts.
  - The following Department Brothers received "appointments" as Kentucky Colonels for their contributions to the Sons: PDC Brad Schall, PDC Tad Campbell, PDC Jerry Sayre, PCC Dan Earl.
  - Additionally, Sister Rachelle Campbell, President of the Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary, was elected as the National Press Correspondent for the National Auxiliary.

## B. United Veterans Council Meeting:

- 1.) Flag Lowering: The UVC changed our June 28th Flag Lowering schedule due to the conflict with the Memorial Service for Brother Don Pray. We offered to swap with another Veteran Organization and the UVC has approved our request and has scheduled us for the 27 September Flag Lowering in place of American Legion Post 318 who filled in for our original June schedule. We will need a minimum of six people in uniform, a commander, chaplain and four to lower and fold the flag.
- 2.) Veterans Day Parade Status: The UVC has been able to raise the necessary money and will conduct this year's Veterans' Day Parade in Downtown San Jose on November 11th. SVR Company C, 8th California Commander Captain Joe Marti will lead the Civil War formation this year.

C. Department Special Encampment: A Special Department Encampment will be held on October 3rd in Fresno during the annual Civil War Revisited reenactment. This Encampment is being called to address the issue of admitting Junior Associate members into the Sons of Union Veterans. Every one who was a delegate to the regular Encampment last March is already credentialed. Department Counselor Brad Schall has decreed that all that is needed to vote at this Special Encampment is a valid membership card.

D. Monterey History Fest: Again this year the City of Monterey will hold its annual History Fest throughout the city during October. Lincoln Camp Number 10 will again host the Civil War "encampment" at the Presidio of Monterey Museum, or what is known as "Fort Mervine," on the 10th and 11th of October. All are invited to attend and participate in firing demonstrations or manning the SUVCW Information Booth.

E. The Camp, and/or the SVR Company, may have an opportunity to provide a Color Guard for the season opening of the San Jose Earthquakes in March 2010.

## IV. Officer's Reports:

### A. Senior Vice Commander:

- The Camp Senior Vice Commander has enrolled in the SUVCW Officer Training Course through the "Memorial University" which can be found on the SUVCW web site (<http://www.suvcw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>). All Brothers who desire leadership in the SUVCW are strongly encouraged to take the course.
- The Camp has obtained a copy of the SUVCW Recruiting Handbook that was prepared by Past National Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels. The document contains excellent information for recruiting new members.

## B. Secretary/Treasurer

The Camp Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Department is well underway in preparations for the 2012 National Encampment on the 100th anniversary of the last GAR National Encampment held in California. Senior Vice Commander Glen Roosevelt is the chairman of the Encampment Committee. A proposal is being submitted to the National Encampment Selection Committee recommending three hotels in the Los Angeles area. The Chairman of that committee, Brother Jim Houston, will be traveling to California to inspect the hotels for the committee's approval. The Department is strongly recommending the Hilton in Long Beach which has offered delegate rooms at \$99 per night which meets the National requirement that the room rates be less than \$100 per night. Brother Glen Roosevelt is continuing negotiations with the hotels to determine additional costs for conference rooms and Encampment support. Currently the Department has a notional budget estimate of \$40,000 to put on the Encampment. There will be minimal "seed money" provided by the National level of the Allied Orders and there is projected income from registration, advertisements, and souvenir badge sales. However, it is estimated that the Department will need to raise about \$20,000 from donations and corporate sponsorships.

One of the sources of funding will be to solicit contributions from the Camps in the Department as well as donations from individual members. The Department has three years to raise the money to support the Encampment. Therefore, the Camp approved a motion to make a pledge to the Department in support of the 2012 Encampment. Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 will include in its 2010 through 2012 budgets a donation of \$350 a year, for a total of \$1,050, to the Department of California & Pacific for the 2012 National Encampment.

## V. Committee Reports:

### A. History Committee:

- 1.) A report of the final resting places of the Woman's Relief Corps. members buried in two distinct sections at Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, has been completed and provided to Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary, No. 52.
- 2.) Biographies of Civil War Veterans who resided in Santa Clara County, California, have been collected, transcribed, and indexed. The index has been designed to reference the individual participant, any engagements that they were involved in, and their unit of service. The completed works are: *History of Santa Clara County, California* 1881; *Records of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic* 1886; and *Pen Pictures from the Garden of the World* 1888.

B. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

- Independence Day Parade Prizes:

The Peninsula Celebration Association has awarded the Combined Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War formation FIRST PLACE in the Senior Color Guard category, SECOND PLACE in the Senior Drill Team category, and THIRD PLACE in the Drum Corps category.

First Place Senior Color Guard = \$200

Second Place Senior Drill Team = \$250

Third Place Drum Corps = \$350

The Camp approved the allocation of the \$800 in prize money to the organizations that provided the 30-people who marched with us on the Fourth of July.

- UVC Veterans' Day Parade:

The Camp has received the application for this year's UVC Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose. The plan is to enter us in the following categories:

- Drum & Bugle
- Veteran/Auxiliary Color Guard
- Veteran/Auxiliary Marching Unit

Captain Joe Marti, Commander of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will lead our participation in this year's Parade much as he did during the Independence Day Parade in Redwood City.

- Remembrance Day Ceremony:

The Camp's second annual Remembrance Day Ceremony is being planned for Saturday, November 21st at the GAR Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park. Details are still being developed. Past Department Commander Tad Campbell, now a member of the National Council of Administration, will participate in the Ceremony at Gettysburg and Auxiliary Department President Rachelle Campbell will be away on that date for duties associated with her new position on the National Office of the Auxiliary.

VI. Unfinished Business:

- A. Oak Hill GAR Monument: The Camp is coordinating the procurement and installation of a GAR monument at the original 1880 burial plot at Oak Hill. Brother John Stolp contacted California Monument and obtained an estimate so that the Camp can submit an application for funds from National. We are also waiting on a quote from Oak Hill. Because of the funding approval cycle, it looks like we will not be able to actually install any monument until next year.

B. Santa Clara Presentations: Brother Richard Ferman, a Past President of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, asked Auxiliary Department President Rachelle Campbell to attend a meeting at the Santa Clara Library to give a presentation on how to identify your Civil War ancestor on September 15th, which was well received. Brother Richard Ferman has also prepared an extensive program to be held at the Santa Clara City Library on October 24. The following will be participating in this program, which will be conducted between 1:00 pm and 4:00pm on the 24th:

- An Impression of Dr. Bartholomew Boudreaux, Colonel, Surgeon, New Orleans, LA by Don Fuselier, Lincoln Camp 10. There will be a demonstration of original Civil War medical equipment.
- Tad Campbell, Past Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, will speak on local cemeteries, including the two GAR plots at Oak and their Civil War Soldier "population."
- Rachelle Campbell (PAP), Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary President, will speak Civil War fashions.
- Paul Lavrischeff, Camp Patriotic Instructor, will demonstrate his of Civil War Firearms.
- Robert Kadlec (PCC), Camp Secretary/Treasurer, will discuss the GAR and California's involvement in the Civil War.
- Sharon Pope, President, Kate B. Sherwood Tent Number 89, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will discuss food, cookbooks and examples of meals from the Civil War era.

## VII. New Business:

A. Annual Camp Elections: "The annual Camp Election of Officers will be at our next meeting on the 7th of November. The following positions will be up for election at our next meeting:

- Camp Commander
- Senior Vice Commander
- Junior Vice Commander
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Three Camp Council Positions

Following the elections, the new Commander Elect will solicit volunteers for the Camp position appointments that will be made during the Annual Installation Ceremony in January.

B. Installation Ceremony: The tentative date for the Annual Installation is on Saturday, January 23rd and is planned to be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara. This will be a joint installation with the Auxiliary and at least the Ellsworth Camp from Santa Rosa. Department Commander Charlie Mabie will be the installing officer.



IX. Patriotic Instructor:

Acting Patriotic Instructor, Tad Campbell (PDC), reported on important events on this day (19 September) in history:

- Today is the birthday of John Ross Key, and officer in the Continental Army who was born in 1754. He is the father of Francis Scott Key.
- The first battle of Saratoga, New York took place on this day in 1777.
- In 1881, President James A. Garfield died of the wounds he received when he was shot on July 2nd. Garfield commanded the 42nd Ohio Infantry and rose to the rank of Major General during the Civil War.
- The battle of Iuka, Mississippi took place on this day in 1862 between the Union forces of General Rosecrans and Confederate General Price. Rosecrans won the battle.
- In 1863, the Battle of Chickamauga, a Union defeat, was fought between General Rosecrans and General Braxton Bragg.
- Today is also “talk like a pirate” day .... “Arrgh, avast ye maties....”

X. Good Of The Order:

Commander Avila participated in a Nevada City Parade on September 13<sup>th</sup>, during an ACWA reenactment, in honor of Constitution Day. The Color Guard in the parade was composed of SUVCW members from Camp 4 and Camp 23.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Chaplain Dan Bunnell (PDC) 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  
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4  
Department of California & Pacific

# Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

## CAMP MINUTES

7 November 2009

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

### **Elected Camp Officers present:**

Commander Frank Avila  
Sr. Vice Commander Tom Graham  
Jr. Vice Commander Joseph Marti  
Secretary/Treasurer Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Council Member Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Council Member Rick LaRosa  
Council Member Paul Lavrischeff

### **Members & Guests present:**

Bro. Dan Earl, PCC (Counselor)  
Bro. John Stolp (Historian)  
Bro. Richard Ferman (Color Bearer)  
Bro. Joseph Ferman (Guard)  
Bro. Linn Malaznik  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (President, Department of Calif. & Pac. Auxiliary)  
Sister Karen Lavrischeff (President, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Beverly Graham (Trustee, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Beverly Ferman (Chaplain, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Debbie Earl (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Cindy Eddy (Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Sister Diane Wetzel (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52)  
Emelia Campbell (Age 18-months)  
Richard Gray (Associate Candidate)  
Elisabeth Gray (Auxiliary Candidate)  
George Sanchez (Guest)

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Frank Avila at 1009 hours on 7 November 2009 at the American Legion's Mission City Post 564. Acting Chaplain Dan Earl (PCC) provided the opening prayer.
- II. The minutes of the Camp meeting of 19 September 2009, distributed electronically, were approved.

### III. Treasurers Report:

The distributed Treasurer's Report shows our current income, plus cash on hand since January 1st, is \$6,757.46 and are expenses to date have been \$5,526.34. Leaving us with a budget balance of \$1,231.12. The Camp's cash on hand stands at \$1,895.60.

### IV. Status of Brothers:

Brother Larry Comstock reports that his wife had Cancer surgery in August and is recovering at home.

### V. Commander's Report:

A. Two candidates for membership in Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4 were initiated.

1. **Sean M. Wahlin**, applied for Junior Membership deriving his eligibility from his Great-great-great-grandfather, Color Corporal Jacob Stauff, a Private in Company I, 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
2. **Richard D. Gray**, applied for Associate membership. Candidate Gray is a member of the 20th Maine of the American Civil War Association.

B. United Veterans Council Meeting:

- 1.) San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed has assigned a representative to the United Veterans Council to assist in providing any necessary City support for the UVC's activities.
- 2.) Veterans Day Parade Status: The UVC is finalizing plans for this year's Veterans' Day Parade in Downtown San Jose on November 11th. SVR Company C, 8th California Commander Joe Marti will lead the Civil War formation this year. Details will be provided later during this meeting under Committee Reports.
- 3.) Camp 4 Brother Richard Ferman was nominated for the position of UVC Secretary for 2010.
- 4.) UVC dues for 2010 will be discounted to \$15 if paid by the end of December 2009. The Camp approved renewal of its membership on the UVC.

C. A Special Department Encampment was held on October 3rd in Fresno during the annual Civil War Revisited reenactment. The Encampment was called to address the issue of admitting Junior Associate members into the Sons of Union Veterans. The delegates approved the change to the Department Bylaws which will have to be flowed to the Camp Bylaws.

D. Monterey History Fest: Lincoln Camp Number 10 hosted the third annual Civil War "encampment" at the Presidio of Monterey Museum, or what is known as "Fort Mervine," on the 10th and 11th of October. This was held in conjunction with the City of Monterey's annual History Fest that is held throughout the city during October.

#### IV. Officer's Reports:

Nothing to report

#### V. Committee Reports:

##### A. Membership Committee (Joe Marti)

We have had six new members initiated since January. One of these resigned within days and one has recently indicated that, due to illness in the family, he will continue on inactive status for the time being.

##### B. Program & Publicity (Tom Graham)

Program and Publicity is responsible for arranging special programs, speakers, et cetera for the Camp meetings, and for the general publicity of the Camp and the Order. This past year the Camp has participated in 12 events which have provided publicity of the Camp and the SUVCW.

##### C. Graves Registration & Civil War Memorials (Tad Campbell)

The Committee was successful in entering 135 Union burials in the National Graves Registration Database. The Committee has also worked closely with the Camp Historian and the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52 in researching the three known Women's Relief Corps burial plots in Santa Clara County with the goal of properly recognizing these plots in the future.

The Committee has five recommendations:

- Acquire markers for the GAR plots at Oak Hill in San Jose.
- Work with Auxiliary 52 to properly mark the WRC plots.
- Increase Graves Registration efforts in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.
- Increase efforts to replace worn, damaged or missing headstones.
- Complete the "Last Soldier Project" for Santa Clara County.

##### D. Bylaws Committee (Dan Earl)

Propose a change to the Camp Bylaws to include recognition of the *Junior Associate* membership classification.

##### E. History Committee (John Stolp)

Over one hundred and thirty biographies of Civil War Veterans who resided in Santa Clara County, California, have been collected, transcribed, and indexed. The index has been designed to reference the individual participant, any engagements that they were involved in, and their unit of service. The scope of this project has been through researching five primary sources, three of which have been completed at this point.

In coordination with the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary, No. 52, ASUVCW, a report of the final resting places of the Woman's Relief Corps. members buried in two distinct sections at Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, has been completed. Access to the cemetery records vaults were secured, and primary documentation was employed to provide as accurate a survey as possible. The finished WRC report contains listings of over one hundred and fifteen members, three maps, a grave index, and an alphabetical reference.

F. Ceremonial Observances Committee:

1.) Annual Report:

During 2009 the Ceremonial Observances Committee was responsible for planning and organizing the following activities for the Camp:

- Participation in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Union City on May 16th.
- Memorial Day weekend event at Roaring Camp on 23 and 24 May; UVC Ceremony at Oak Hill on 25 May; and GAR and SAW Flag Raising at Oak Hill On 25 May.
- Independence Day Parade in Redwood City on the 4th of July.
- Upcoming planned events are the Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose on November 11th and the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Oak Hill on November 21st.

2.) UVC Veterans' Day Parade:

Captain Joe Marti, Commander of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, will lead our participation in this year's Parade on November 11th. The Camp is to enter us in the following categories:

- Drum & Bugle
- Veteran/Auxiliary Color Guard
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3.) Remembrance Day Ceremony:

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G. Military Affairs Committee (Joe Marti)

Continued education of camp members in regards to appropriate uniforms and the proper way to employ uniforms and gear. Attempted to assist brothers obtain appropriate uniforms with mixed results (there remains questionable advice as to manufacturers of uniforms and gear coming from within camp which must be addressed and rectified). Have continued to maintain friendly relations with ACWA Reenactors via communication in capacity as member of 20th Maine.

VI. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

VII. New Business:

- A. The Camp Budget for 2010 is approval by unanimous vote.
- B. Nomination and election of Camp officers for 2010 and delegates to the March Department Encampment:

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

- C. The date for the Annual Installation is Saturday, January 23rd and will be held at the Biltmore in Santa Clara. This will be a joint installation with the Auxiliary and at least the Ellsworth Camp from Santa Rosa. Department Commander Charlie Mabie will be the installing officer. The Camp will subsidize part of the cost for the Installation Banquet.
- D. Annual SUVCW membership renewals are due in January. Renewal notices will be mailed shortly.

IX. Patriotic Instructor:

Patriotic Instructor, Paul Lavrischeff, reported on his visit to Perryville, Kentucky in September. Perryville is the location of the most significant Civil War battle in Kentucky. During the Summer of 1862 Confederate General Braxton Bragg's 16,000 troops attacked 20,000 of the 58,000 Union troops in the area.

X. Good Of The Order:

- A. Brother Richard Ferman, a Past President of the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, reported on the program held at the Santa Clara City Library on October 24. The theme for the presentations, provided by Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Lincoln Camp 10 and Dr. Walker Auxiliary 52, was on the Civil War and the GAR. Attendance was estimated at 130 visitors throughout the day with about 40 in attendance during the presentations. The Santa Clara library indicated that this was the most successful Saturday event held at the library.
- B. Reservations for the annual Installation Ceremony and Banquet will be mailed shortly. Everyone is encouraged to return the reservation form as soon as possible.
- C. An additional meeting will be held in December 2010 for the annual Camp Election Meeting.
- D. The next annual National Encampment will be held in August 2010 in Overland Park, Kansas.

XI. Closing Ceremony:

Acting Chaplain Dan Earl (PCC) provided the closing prayer. Commander Frank Avila formally closed the Camp meeting at approximately 1155 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

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