

*Phil Sheridan Camp 4*  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**CAMP MINUTES**

May 5, 2011

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

**Camp members & guests present:**

Secretary/Treasurer Richard J. Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Brother Dean Enderlan, Camp 23 Commander  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother Bill Pope  
Brother Robert Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother John Stolp  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Brother Frank Avila  
Brother Joe Mardi  
Brother Daniel Earl  
Brother Paul Lavrischeff  
Brother Tad D. Campbell, PDC  
Camp Commander Thomas Graham  
Brother Kevin Reynolds  
Brother Matthew Reynolds  
Brother R. Larry Comstock  
Brother Stephen Agrirre  
Brother Richard Staley  
Brother Richard Whittington  
Brother James Reese  
Brother Dan Bunnell  
Sister Beverly Ferman  
Sister Beverly Graham  
Sister Rachelle Campbell, PDP  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Sister Cindy Eddy  
Sister Debbie Earl  
Sister Yvonne Reynolds  
Sister Kelsey Reynolds  
Guest Emelia Campbell  
Guest John Jensen  
Guest Tyler Koteskey

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas Graham at 10:00 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Brother James Reese provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests Tyler Koteskey and John Jensen were welcomed.
- III. The minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted. Brother Tad Campbell, PDC moved accept the minutes as presented. Brother Joe Ferman seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. The Treasurer's report was presented. Brother Paul Lavrischeff moved and Brother Frank Avila seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Chaplain's Report: Sister Rachelle Campbell reported Brother Bob Kadlec had broken his ankle. Camp Commander Thomas Graham reported on his hip replacement.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - Commander's Report: Commander requested Camp Inventory Reports be sent to Treasurer.
  - Sr. Vice Commander's Report: Brother Joe Mardi will be Commander for Memorial Day.
  - UVC – N/R.
  - Program & Publicity – N/R.
  - Graves Registration – Brother John Stolp will meet with Oak Hill regarding graves.
  - Bi-Laws Committee – N/R.
  - History Committee – N/R.
  - Visitations Committee – N/R.
- VII. Unfinished Business
  - Commander Graham thanked the attendees at the San Louis Obispo event. Brother Tad Campbell, PDC received an award. Commander Graham received a district appointment.
  - Brother Tad Campbell's Lecture at the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society meeting received a large attendance, Society appreciation and Library commendation for content and professionalism.
  - Brother Steve Aguirre suggested approaching the Kelley Park Printer's Shop regarding printing of secretarial posters.
- VIII. New Business:
  - Camp Commander Graham announced that Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 30<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery, on Tulley Road in San Jose:
    - The UVC ceremony will begin at 11AM. We will provide color bearers.
    - SUVCW will perform the GAR/SAW Ceremony at the GAR Plot at 12:45PM
    - The "Field of Honor" Ceremony will begin at 1:30PM by Viet Nam Veterans
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:
    - Commander Graham made a motion to keep the same categories in the Redwood City Parade as were used in years past. Joe Ferman seconded. Motion passed.
    - Brother Tad Campbell, PDC moved to send blanket invitations to an organization's federal brigade. Attendees will be required to identify the entity they represent in order to accept funds garnished by their participation. Only Union representatives will be accepted. Brother Bill Pope seconded. Motion passed.
    - King City has a Civil War Presentation Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- IX. Patriotic Instructors Report – Brother Paul Lavrischeff noted the King City event was worth attending. There will be a San Lorenzo County River Park event Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Brother Paul Lavrischeff gave a description of the responsibility and duties of the color bearer.
- X. Good of the Order
- Brother Frank Avila, PCC is getting San Jose Earthquakes at Stanford University tickets. He will address this issue at the next meeting.
  - Life Magazine has a photo expose on the Civil War.
  - The History Channel has created a fund to purchase land for inclusion in Civil War Battlefield areas. Check web site for details.
  - Brothers Linn Malaznik and Tad Campbell, PDC participated in the laying of a wreath at President Lincoln's Tomb. For this they received a ribbon which was given to our camp.
  - Brother Paul Lavrischeff was presented an award from Charles Nation for participation of Color Guard Commander.
  - May 28-29 our camp will have an informational booth at Roaring Camp.
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, detailed above.
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> is the next Camp Meeting.
  - UVC Flag Lowering for our Camp participation will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery.
- XI. Closing Ceremony  
Commander Thomas Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:25 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary  
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4  
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## **CAMP MINUTES**

June 18, 2011

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

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

Secretary/Treasurer Richard J. Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Brother Robert Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother Bill Pope  
Brother John Stolp  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Brother Frank Avila  
Brother Joe Mardi  
Brother Daniel Earl  
Camp Commander Thomas Graham  
Brother Richard Whittington  
Brother Dan Bunnell  
Sister Beverly Ferman  
Sister Beverly Graham  
Sister Debbie Earl

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas Graham at 10:06 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Chaplain Dan Bunnell provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: None.
- III. The minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted. Brother Joe Mardi moved accept the minutes as presented. Brother Frank Avila seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. The Treasurer's report was presented. Brother Bob Kadlec, PCC moved and Brother Joe Mardi seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Chaplain's Report: N/R.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - Commander's Report: N/R.
  - Sr. Vice Commander's Report: N/R.
  - UVC – N/R.
  - Camp Council – N/R.
  - Program & Publicity – N/R.

- Membership Committee – will in the future recommend an applicant to be voted into the organization. The membership committee will be composed of the Jr. Vice-Commander , Past President and the Secretary/Treasurer. If an applicant is voted in he will then be initiated into the organization at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Graves Registration – Brother John Stolp will meet with Oak Hill regarding graves.
- Bi-Laws Committee – N/R.
- History Committee – N/R.
- Visitations Committee – N/R.
- Military Affairs Committee – Joe Mardi reported that a web site will be created to explain the proper military protocol for dress and arms.

#### VII. Unfinished Business:

- Brother Frank Avila, PCC gave a King City report.
- Brother Tad Campbell, PDC submitted a report on the Roaring Camp attendance.
- Brother Frank Avila, PCC gave a report on Roaring Camp.
- Brother Joe Mardi gave a report on both ceremonies Memorial Day at Oak Hill Cemetery.
- Brother Bob Kadlec, PCC requested that microphones be selected for the appropriate environment, i.e., use outdoor microphones for the outdoor setting.
- Camp Commander Thomas Graham requested that the Remembrance Day ceremony be conducted this year regardless of climatic conditions.
- Brother John Stolp reported that the SJGAR inventory will be completed in the future. Interested parties should contact him for participation in this service.
- Camp Commander Thomas Graham requested that the inventory of camp equipment be completed and that the reports be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer and Camp Historian, John Stolp.

#### VIII. New Business:

- Brother Tad Campbell, PDC will not be attending either Ft. Point nor Duncan Mills this year. He will be at the National Encampment.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Redwood City – Steve Aguirre will be the contact point for the parade. We will send out information on the parade to attendees. A parade application and deposit were submitted. Brother Bob Kadlec, PCC pointed out that this is a major source of revenue for the camp. Monies will be distributed to individual units this year, not individual participants. All participating units this year must be union. No confederate participation will be counted for distribution of funds.
- The Salinas Parade will be July 16<sup>th</sup> this year. We will not participate.
- The National Encampment will be in Reston Virginia this year in August.

#### IX. Patriotic Instructors Report –

#### X. Good of the Order

- Brother John Stolp shared a Remembrance Ribbon which he purchased from EBAY. He is considering reproducing this ribbon and selling it for \$20.00 for a silk ribbon and silver pin. There was a discussion of selling items for profit.
- Commander Graham noted that the IRS has a List of Camp, Department and Organizations which have lost their non-profit status.
- Brother Frank Avila, PCC stated that he needs three brothers to aid him July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Stanford as a Color Guard at a 5AM San Jose Earthquakes game. Brothers Malaznik, Pope, and Mardi volunteered to help.
- Camp Commander Graham read a paper on Memorial Day.

- UVC Flag Lowering for our Camp participation will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Commander Thomas Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:23 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

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**CAMP MINUTES**

September 17, 2011

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**Camp members & guests present:**

Secretary/Treasurer Richard J. Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Brother Robert Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother Sebastian Nelson  
Brother John Stolp  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)  
Brother Joe Marti  
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)  
Camp Commander Thomas Graham  
Brother Dean Enderlin  
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Brother Stephen Aguirre  
Brother Paul Lavrischeff  
Sister Cindy Eddy  
Guest John Jense  
Guest Victor Persival, Jr.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas Graham at 10:06 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Brother Tad Campbell PDC performed the duties of Chaplain and provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: Victor Walter Percival and John Jansa.
- III. The minutes of the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted. Brother Tad Campbell PDC moved accept the minutes as presented. Brother John Stolp seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. The Treasurer's report was presented. Brother Tad Campbell PDC moved and Brother Steve Aguirre seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Chaplain's Report: Brother Dan Bunnell PDC's father has cancer. Brother Frank Avila PCC's mother is fighting cancer. Sister Beverly Ferman is recovering from a knee replacement and doing well. Brother Robert Kadlec PCC is selling his auto and wishes to replace it with a minivan.

VI. Committee Reports

- Commander's Report: N/R.
- Sr. Vice Commander's Report: N/R.
- UVC – Brother Frank Avila PCC reported that the UVC has ½ monies required for parade.
- Camp Council – N/R.
- Program & Publicity – N/R.
- Membership Committee – two applications have been received and reviewed by committee
- Graves Registration – Brother John Stolp reported Sgt. Santos stone down; will be reset.
- Bi-Laws Committee – Camp Commander reported Camp Guard Bylaws are approved.
- History Committee – N/R.
- Visitations Committee – N/R.
- Military Affairs Committee – N/R.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- Camp Commander Graham announced results of July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Awards. See Treasurer's Report for detailed distributions. There were 21 attendees. 12 Camp#4. 4 1<sup>st</sup> NY, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> US, 3 Camp#4 Aux and 3 DUV. 1 Camp#24.
- National Encampment – Brothers Tad Campbell PDC, Frank Avila PCC and Linn Malaznik attended in Reston Virginia. They gave a report on their attendance.
- Inventory of Camp Equipment – only John Stolp submitted a report. Commander Graham will work with Brother Tad Campbell PDC to complete his inventory.

VIII. New Business:

- Flag Raising – will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery. Come by 12:30, event at 1:30.
- The next Camp Meeting on Nov 5, 2011 will be election of officers and appointments.
- Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veterans Day Parade. Units requested to participate.
- Remembrance Day will be Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011; Saturday, Rain OR Shine!
- Sept 24-25 in Wilmington CA there will be a National Event.
- October 1 commemoration of 3<sup>rd</sup> WSART; also National Event. Alcatraz Island.
- October 8-9<sup>th</sup> Fort Mervine, Civil War Encampment, Monterrey CA. Ft. Mervine is applying for National Event Status.
- No Fresno event this year.

- IX. Patriotic Instructors Report – Asking Comments on Having a Patriotic Instructor? Share with others!

X. Good of the Order

- Brother Steve Aguirre announced a Tuesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Lecture on NY Zouaves at Poplar Creek Grill sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> NY.
- Recommended filing dates for dues have been changed to January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dues notification will be sent out in December.
- Dues must be paid by early January before the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- For Camp#4 and SVR member's dues are required at the same time for both organizations.
- Brother Kadlec recommended sending notices of dues in November.
- Camp#4 is also required to submit a payment of \$350.00 due January/February timeframe.
- Camp Commander Graham discussed recruiting of new members.
- Camp Commander Graham passed out the proposed 2012 Camp Budget to be voted on at the next November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Army Air Corps will be celebrated September 19<sup>th</sup>.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Commander Thomas Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:47 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

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**CAMP MINUTES**

**November 5, 2011**

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Brother Joseph Ferman  
Brother Robert Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother John Stolp  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Brother Joe Marti  
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)  
Camp Commander Thomas Graham  
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Brother Stephen Aguirre  
Brother Paul Lavrischeff  
Brother William Pope  
Sister Beverly Ferman  
Sister Beverly Graham  
Sister Rachelle Campbell  
Sister Sharon Pope  
Sister Debbie Earl  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Emelia J. Campbell, Guest  
Sami Campgana, Guest

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Thomas Graham at 10:03 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Brother Tad Campbell PDC performed the duties of Chaplain and provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: None.
- III. The minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted. Brother Tad Campbell PDC moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Paul Lavrischeff seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. The Treasurer's report not presented. Brother Dan Earl moved, and Brother Tad Campbell PDC seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried.
- V. Chaplain's Report: Brother Linn Owens Camp 24 has leukemia.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - Commander's Report: N/R.
  - Sr. Vice Commander's Report: N/R.
  - UVC – Brother Frank Avila PCC reported that UVC elections will be held next month.
  - Camp Council – N/R.
  - Program & Publicity – Santa Clara University is sponsoring a Civil War Event.
  - Membership Committee – Brother Stephen Aguirre moved that Alexander Percival be accepted for membership in Camp#4. Brother Joe Ferman seconded. Motion carried.
  - Graves Registration – Brother John Stolp reported Sgt. Santos stone down; will be reset. Brother John is setting up a Redwood City trip to research for monument registration.
  - Bi-Laws Committee – Camp Commander reported Camp Guard Bylaws are approved.
  - History Committee – Brother John Stolp announced that through the Pioneers Society he has acquired use of a cabinet for display of Civil War Items at Kelly Park in the Paulson House in San Jose.
  - Visitations Committee – N/R.
  - Military Affairs Committee – Brother Joe Marti reported on a military affairs newsletter.
  - Ceremonial Observances Committee – Fort Mervine had a large turnout. Eight camps and three Auxiliaries were present.
  - Eagle Scout Report – see late Brother Larry Comstock Report.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
  - Camp Commander Graham thanked Brothers Frank Avila PCC, Richard Ferman and Linn Malaznik for being Color Guard with him at the Flag Lowering September 25<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery.
  - October 8-9<sup>th</sup> Fort Mervine, Civil War Encampment, Monterrey CA. Ft. Mervine was National Event Status. Brother Tad Campbell PDC reported over 600 members of the public with many Brothers attended. We are considering Ft. Mervine as a yearly event. Camp 10 used this event to acquire more members.
  - BUDGET: Brother Joe Marti made a motion to accept the budget as presented in the September Camp meeting. Brother John Stolp seconded. Motion passed.
  - A Final Report was presented by Camp Council. See 5 November 2011 final report.
  - Brother Tad Campbell PDC made a motion to amend the Budget. Brother Stephen Aguirre seconded. Motion passed.
  - Brother Tad Campbell PDC made a motion to accept the amended Budget. Brother Paul Lavrischeff seconded. Motion passed.
  - Brother Joe Marti made a motion to accept the Camp Council recommendations as presented in Camp Council report. Brother Stephen Aguirre seconded. Motion passed.

#### VIII. New Business:

- Commander Thomas Graham made a motion to calculate the expenses the late Brother Larry Comstock expended for the Boy Scout Awards. Brother Tad Campbell PDC seconded. Motion passed.
- Brother Bob Kadlec PCC will calculate the amount spent and report to the Treasurer.
- Commander Thomas Graham made a motion to authorize a payment equal to the amount spent by the late Brother Larry Comstock as a donation in Brother Comstock's name to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. Brother Stephen Aguirre seconded. Motion passed.
- Brother Paul Lavrischeff made a motion to authorize the Camp Commander or the Ceremonial Observance Committee to spend up to \$1500.00 to subsidize the Camp Installation Banquet. Brother Stephen Aguirre seconded. Motion passed.
- Brother Tad Campbell PDC made a motion to pay up to budgeted amount for the Lincoln Dinner. Brother Paul Lavrischeff seconded. Motion passed.
- Commander Thomas Graham requested those members requiring post cards to inform the Secretary and those items will be sent as needed.
- Commander Thomas Graham commented that Membership Dues are payable before January 1, 2012. A reminder will be sent out by mail.
- Commander Thomas Graham announced that the Veteran's Day Parade will be November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Maps were passed out. Assembly is at 10:30AM. This year we are in Unit 14 Division 1. This will assemble on Santa Clara Street, downtown San Jose, CA. Brothers are requested to bring muskets, where possible.
- Commander Thomas Graham announced that Remembrance Day will be Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery, Curtner Road, San Jose, CA. RAIN or SHINE.
- Department Encampment will be in March, 2012. Brother Tim Reese requested aid in creating Camp Programs. Brother Bob Kadlec PCC asked if an advertisement in the Camp Program would be made this year. Brother Paul Lavrischeff made a motion to spend up to \$25.00 for a full page ad in the Camp Program for the Camp and Camp Auxiliary. Brother Joe Marti seconded. Motion passed. Treasurer is directed to make out the check and send it in.

Delegates to the 2012 Department of CA and Pacific Encampment:

Steve Aguirre, Linn Malaznik, Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa and Dick Ferman

- Election of Officers:
- Commander Thomas Graham made a motion that uncontested elections are declared by acclamation. Brother John Stolp seconded. Motion passed.
- CAMP COMMANDER – Brother John Stolp nominated Brother Joe Marti. Brother Marti accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- Sr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Joe Marti nominated Brother Stephen Aguirre. Brother Stephen Aguirre accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- Jr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Joe Marti nominated Brother John Stolp. Brother Stolp accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- SECRETARY – Brother Rick LaRosa nominated Brother Richard Ferman. Brother Ferman accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- TREASURER – Brother Tad Campbell PDC nominated current Camp Commander Thomas Graham. Current Camp Commander Graham accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother Tad Campbell PDC nominated Brother Dan Earl. Brother Dan Earl accepted. Passed by acclamation.
- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother Dan Earl nominated Brother Rick LaRosa. Brother LaRosa accepted. Passed by acclamation.

- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother John Stolp nominated Brother Frank Avila PCC. Camp Commander Thomas Graham accepted for Brother Avila PCC. Passed by acclamation.
- UVC Membership – Camp Commander Thomas Graham moved and Joseph Ferman seconded, continuing membership in the UVC. Motion passed. Treasurer will make out check and forward to UVC for disposition. Delegates will remain Brothers Thomas Graham, Frank Avila PCC and Richard Ferman.
- Commander Thomas Graham announced that membership renewals will be sent out by the end of this month, November.

IX. Patriotic Instructors Report – Brother Paul Lavrischeff presented a discussion of previous veterans from the start of the USA until the present time. He then explained the history of the evolution of Armistice Day into Veterans Day.

X. Good of the Order

- A Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2012 was passed to meeting attendees. It will be voted on at a later meeting.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Commander Thomas Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:48 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary  
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