

# *Phil Sheridan Camp 4*

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

## **CAMP MINUTES**

May 18, 2013

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

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

Secretary Richard Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Sr. Vice Commander John Stolp  
Camp Commander Stephen Aguirre  
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)  
Treasurer Thomas Graham (PCC)  
Jr. Vice Commander Paul Lavrischeff  
Brother John G. Jensen  
Brother Lorne Marmet  
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Brother Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Sister Cindy Eddy  
Sister Cindi Menzis  
Sister Beverly Graham  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Sister Sharon Pope  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)  
Guest Emelia J. Campbell

- I The meeting was called to order by Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:10 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Rick LaRosa performed the duties of Chaplain and provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: Emelia J. Campbell.
- III. The minutes of the last two meetings were web posted. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as posted on the web site. Brother Lavrischeff seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. The Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the camp before the meeting. Brother Earl moved to accept the financial report and Brother Campbell seconded.

Motion passed.

V. Chaplain's Report: None.

VI. Officer's Reports

- Commander's Report:
  - Sr. Vice Commander Stolp was presented at the Bolt Award Plaque for recruitment.
  - Camp 4 was recognized with the Platinum Award for donations to National.
- SVC Report: A discussion was made of our Facebook Account. Administration is required.
- JVC Report: There are two pending applications. Commander Aguirre requested that prospective members be invited to attend meetings to permit introduction.
- Secretary: None.
- Treasurer: Absent.
- Camp Council Report: None.

VII. Committee Reports

- UVC –None.
- Program & Publicity – N/R.
- Membership Committee – Report read.
- Graves Registration/Civil War Memorials – new markers have been discovered in Santa Clara County. Military markers have been discovered in the Open Space Reserve. Oak Hill reports the Spanish-American sign has been damaged. A new sign is expected to be rededicated by Memorial Day. The GAR sign will be replaced.
- Bylaws Committee – None.
- History Committee – Records held by the History Committee will be separated into historical and current. Non-historical records will be given to the secretary for storage.
- Visitations Committee – Brother Bell is in poor health. David Colt and Harold Green emails bounced.
- Signals Committee: None.
- Military Affairs Committee – None.
- Ceremonial Observances Committee – None.
- Eagle Scout Report – Commander Aguirre has received material regarding the Eagle Scout Program. Commander will handle disposition of material. 145 Eagle Scout Certificates were awarded last year. Commander Aguirre has contacted the Boy Scouts and will appoint personnel to restart the award program.
- Newsletter Editor –None.

VIII. Unfinished Business: Discussion of availability of Camp patches.

IX. New Business:

- Combined Roaring Camp Meeting with ACWA
  - 1). Contract negotiation
  - 2). Committee formed to negotiate with ACWA
  - 3). SUVCW is placed in Civilian Coordinator area.
  - 4). This area is not part of the Camp.
- Oak Hill Memorial Day Service
  - 1). Brother Stolp prepared the script
  - 2). Two flag bearers for Civil War
  - 3). Two flag bearers for Spanish-American
  - 4). Four wreaths; two CW & 2 Spanish-American
  - 5). 10AM UVC Ceremony

6). 12:45 GAR Ceremony

- Discussion of attending multiple parades simultaneously.
- Brother Campbell moved to apply to Redwood city and only have Color Guard attend with marching unit w/ACWA invited to attend. Brother Graham seconded. Motion passed.
- Commander Aguirre announced that July 4<sup>th</sup> Redwood City will have a Color Guard and Marching Unit. Brother Lorne Marmet will represent the Camp in Redwood City; Commander Aguirre in San Jose, and Brother Reese in Monterrey.
- Brother Graham moved that any prize monies won at any Camp event participated in by non-Camp personnel be distributed to attending organizational members by percentage of members of each organization attending. Tax seconded. Motion passed.
- Brother Graham moved to donate \$250.00 to Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation. Brother Ferman seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

X. Patriotic Instructors Report - Discussion of Junior ROTC Award Program by Brother Kadlec. Commander Aguirre deferred discussion after review.

XI. Good of the Order

- San Lorenzo County Park attended by Brothers Lavrischeff and Avila.
- Brother Jensen suggested setting up tables to distribute literature at events we attend.
- Commander Aguirre discussed recent monument additions in Campbell and San Jose.

XII. Closing Ceremony

Commander Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 12:47 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary  
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4  
Department of California & Pacific

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## **CAMP MINUTES**

June 29, 2013

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

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

Secretary Richard Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Sr. Vice Commander John Stolp  
Camp Commander Stephen Aguirre  
Brother Todd Gilman  
Jr. Vice Commander Paul Lavrischeff  
Brother John G. Jensen  
Brother Lorne Marmet  
Brother Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Sister Cindy Eddy  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Sister Gail Marmet  
Sister Beverly Ferman

- I The meeting was called to order by Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:19 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Brother Frank Avila performed the duties of Chaplain and provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: Todd Gilman.
- III. The minutes of the last two meetings were web posted. Brother Paul Lavrischeff moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as posted on the web site. Brother Rick LaRosa seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. The Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the camp before the meeting. Brother Frank Avila moved to accept the financial report and Brother Ferman seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Correspondence:
  - A letter was received requesting support for the preservation of a Civil War Era Quilt.
  - Correspondence will be initiated with the Boy Scouts regarding offers of support.
- VI. Officer's Reports
  - Commander's Report: None.
  - SVC Report: An investigation is in progress for our Facebook Account by Sister Wetzel.
  - JVC Report: There are 43 members currently. One prospective member: Allen Dougherty. Todd Gilman will be reviewed for membership at this meeting.
  - Secretary: None.
  - Treasurer: Absent.
  - Camp Council Report: None.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - UVC –None.
  - Program & Publicity:
    - Fourth of July: [Commander sent out emails to all members.]
    - Redwood City: Brother Lorne Marmet will officiate.
    - San Jose – Rose, White and Blue: Commander Aguirre will officiate.
    - Monterrey: Camp 4 will attend.
  - Membership Committee – 43 current members.
  - Graves Registration/Civil War Memorials – Oak Hill Cemetery has changed staff. Brother Stolp is working with new staff person to insure prior agreements are met and concerns are addressed.
  - Bylaws Committee – None.
  - History Committee – None.
  - Visitations Committee – None.
  - Signals Committee: None.
  - Military Affairs Committee – None.
  - Ceremonial Observances Committee – None.
  - Eagle Scout Report – Commander will initiate correspondence with Boy Scout officials.
  - Newsletter Editor –None.

VIII. Unfinished Business:None.

IX. New Business:

- Brother Paul Lavrischeff moved to accept Todd Gilman as a new member. Brother Ferman seconded. Motion passed. Todd Gilman was initiated into membership.
- Discussion of July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. A suggestion was made to have a “lessons learned” discussion at the next Camp meeting. Calistoga Parade was discussed as well as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg currently being celebrated. Both these were mentioned as conflicts with our participation in other July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

X. Patriotic Instructors Report - Discussion of proper handling and respect for the flag by Brother Lorne Marmet.

XI. Good of the Order

- Commander Aguirre commented on diversity of camp members.
- Brother Stolp noted the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the Battle of Gettysburg and the Siege of Vicksburg; which occurred simultaneously.
- Brother Graham forwarded and Commander Aguirre presented a Certificate of Appreciation and flag pendant for our Camp from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. The secretary has both and will display same at the next meeting.

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XII. Closing Ceremony

Commander Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:34 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary

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## **CAMP MINUTES**

**September 7, 2013**

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

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

Secretary Richard Ferman  
Brother Joseph Ferman  
Sr. Vice Commander John Stolp  
Camp Commander Stephen Aguirre  
Brother Linn Malaznik  
Jr. Vice Commander Paul Lavrischeff  
Brother John G. Jensen  
Brother Tad D, Campbell (PDC)  
Brother Robert J. Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)  
Brother Rick LaRosa  
Brother Dan Earl  
Brother Bill Pope  
Sister Cindy Menries  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Sister Rachelle Campbell  
Sister Debbie Earl  
Sister Sharon Pope  
Emelia Campbell

- I The meeting was called to order by Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:11 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564. Brother Rick LaRosa performed the duties of Chaplain and provided the divine blessing.
- II. Guests: None.
- III. The minutes of the last two meetings were web posted. Brother Tad Campbell, PDC moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as posted on the web site. Brother Paul Lavrischeff seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. The Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the camp before the meeting. Brother Tad Campbell, PDC moved to accept the financial report and Brother Ferman seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Correspondence:
  - Redwood City Parade awards were received.
  - Lincoln Award and Banner were received.
- VI. Officer's Reports
  - Commander's Report: Commander Aguirre requested Brothers to bring to his attention any concerns regarding camp business.
  - SVC Report: An investigation is in progress for our Facebook Account by Sister Wetzel.
  - JVC Report: There are 43 members currently. Several prospective members. Terry Briggs will be reviewed for membership by the membership committee.
  - Secretary: None.
  - Treasurer: Absent.
  - Camp Council Report: None.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - UVC –September 28<sup>th</sup> is Flag Lowering at Oak Hill Cemetery.
  - Program & Publicity: N/R.
  - Membership Committee – 43 current members. Request was made to change application in order to clarify application process.
  - Graves Registration/Civil War Memorials – Oak Hill Cemetery has changed staff. Brother Stolp is working with new staff person to insure prior agreements are met and concerns are addressed.
  - Bylaws Committee – A Resolution was passed out for review and action next meeting.
  - History Committee – Brother Kadlec has put together years of photographs for Camp Archives Ingraham Civil War Confederate Plaque for San Jose was discussed.
  - Visitations Committee – None.
  - Signals Committee: None.
  - Military Affairs Committee – None.
  - Ceremonial Observances Committee – Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade. Motion to participate made by Brother Stolp; seconded by Brother Campbell, PDC; passed.
  - Eagle Scout Report – Commander has met Boy Scout officials re: List of Eagle Scouts.
  - Newsletter Editor –None.



VIII. Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of past Parades and future support of other Camps.

IX. New Business:

- Flag Lowering, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1PM, Oak Hill Cemetery; arrive by 12:30PM.
- Three new delegates need to be appointed to UVC Council for next year.
- John Stolp moved and Bob Kadlec seconded, that Rochelle M. Campbell be recognized for all of her work in support of the Camp. Passed.
- Quilt Restoration request was received to fund restoration of an 1892 silk GAR quilt. \$7800. Is the total requirement. Request was discussed and camp will approach the American Legion to request a grant of funds for this project.
- Civil War Revisted, Oct. 19 & 20 in Fresno. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Fresno Historical Society Ruth Lund & Valley Historical Organization. Email: [cwaltham@valleyhistory.org](mailto:cwaltham@valleyhistory.org), 1-559-441-0862 if interested.
- Fort Mervine is Oct. 11, 12 & 13. We are planning on attending.
- Officers Reports are due next month, or earlier.

X. Patriotic Instructors Report – Commander addressed diversity of culture and background.

XI. Good of the Order

- Brother Lavrischeff noted his father-in-law has cancer and is in need of prayers.
- National Encampment was in Wisconsin. Next time it will be in Marietta Georgia.
- The book “Harvard Civil War” was discussed.
- The book “Six Frigates” is regarding the formation of the US Navy.
- The book “Lincoln’s Spymasters” was discussed.

XII. Closing Ceremony

Commander Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:15 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

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

**November 9, 2013**

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

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

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)  
Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC)  
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)  
Brother David Schleeter (PCC)  
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)  
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)  
Brother John Stolp  
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)  
Brother Dean Enderlin  
Brother William Pope  
Brother Paul Lavrischeff  
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)  
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)  
Sister Debbie Earl  
Sister Diane K. Wetzel  
Sister Cindy Eddy  
Sister Sharon Pope  
Emelia J. Campbell, Guest

- I. The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander John Stolp at 10:08 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Guests: None.
- III. The minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Campbell seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Correspondence: Brother Kadlec had received an invitation from Oak Hill Memorial Park inviting all veterans to a Veterans' Breakfast on 13 November.
- V. The Treasurer's report had been emailed to all Brothers. Brother Earl moved, and Brother Campbell seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried. Membership renewal forms were handed out. There was some discussion on the outstanding checks, and Brother Kadlec suggested voiding them. This suggestion will be brought up to the Camp Council by the Camp Treasurer.
- VI. Chaplain's Report: None.
- VII. Officer Reports
  - Commander: SVC Stolp read a letter from Commander Aguirre outlining the activities he was engaged in during the year, such as: appointing officers and committee heads; emailing reminders of Camp meeting to the Brothers; and representing the Camp at various public events.
  - Senior Vice Commander: The SVC had been the representative to the Pioneers of Santa Clara County, Oak Hill Memorial Park, and other organizations. He acquired the speaker for the Lincoln's Birthday dinner, and organized that event. He also organized the Remembrance Day event, and participated in the UVC Flag Lowering.
  - Junior Vice Commander: Two applications for membership have been received, and both have been accepted by the membership committee. They will be brought up for a vote.
  - Secretary: N/R.
  - Treasurer: N/R.
  - Camp Council: N/R.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - Bylaws – Reviewed proposed changes and recommends passage.
  - Graves Registration & Civil War Memorials – They are working with the Santa Clara Medical Center on paupers graves. They are also working on a master list of all cemeteries in Santa Clara County. The Oak Hill Memorial Park interim manager is willing to help with projects we would like to see done. The Spanish American War marker is damaged and the Camp has been asked to help with the rededication when it is finished (a 3 year plan). In discussion Brother Kadlec suggested that the Old GAR marker, the GAR marker for the old plot, and the SpanAm Marker have the same look. Brother Campbell remarked that the old Chaplain at Oak Hill has records for the SpanAm post. Brother Kadlec asked what the status was in ordering VA Tombstones - currently only next of kin.
  - History – The California Pioneers have received a request for information about the "Battle of Almaden Road". Brother Graham presented a concise history of this event as a showdown between law officers and stage coach robbers. There was a discussion about the New Almaden mines during the CivilWar and local militia units. Brother Graham offered to help with historical records concerning these events.
  - Ceremonial Observances – During the year the Camp participated in the following events: January - Fort Point; February - the Four Chaplains ceremony; March – Department

Encampment; April - the headstone rededication in Oakland with Camp 24; May - Memorial Day, Roaring Camp, and King City School Days; July - Fourth of July parades in three different locations; August – National Encampment; September UVC Flag Lowering at Oak Hill; October Fort Mervine in Monterey, CA; November – Veteran’s Day parade and Remembrance Day at Oak Hill.

- Military Affairs Committee – N/R.

#### VII. Unfinished Business:

- The GAR Quilt was sent to the conservators and is now back at the museum in stable condition. Maybe we can get other organizations to contribute to finish the conservation.
- Bylaws – A motion was made by Brother Graham to accept the proposed bylaws changes. This was seconded by Brother Pope. The motion to accept was passed on voice vote.
- A motion to accept Terry Briggs was made by Brother Graham and seconded by Brother Campbell. The motion was passed and Terry Briggs will be initiated at the Installation Banquet.
- Brother Kadlec asked about an award for recruiting members under 40 years of age. Brother Campbell answered that that award was only for camps and departments.
- Brother Lavrischeff asked about the documents that accompany the membership application. It was noted that these are part of the permanent records, and copies should be made available to the new member. Brother Kadlec noted that the Form 30 requires 2 copies of the application materials. Brother Graham offered to make copies of Terry Briggs’ application and documentation.

#### VIII. New Business:

- Department General Order 10 is based on National General Order 3 which suspends recruitment of Junior and Junior Associate members indefinitely. This applies to any new member under the age of 18. There was a discussion on this matter by Brothers Stolp, Kadlec and Campbell.
- There was a request by the SVC to have the Secretary analyze and report the age breakdown of the membership.
- Brother Campbell made a motion to accept the proposed camp budget. Motion seconded by Brother Earl and was passed with one abstention. Brother Kadlec asked about the Awards income item and the price of the Lincoln’s Birthday cake. Brother Graham stated that the Awards income item was a projection based on correct entry to the Redwood City parade (if the camp attends), and noted that the price of the cake was lower than in the past due to a change in where it was purchased.
- The Camp Installation Banquet will be held Friday, 17 January 2014, at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. Department Commander Reese will perform the installation of Officers. Forms will be online by December 2 on the web site.
- The Department Encampment will be held at the Hawthorne Suites by Wyndam in Sacramento, CA, March 7-8, 2014. Registration forms are on the Department web site.
- The Veteran’s Day parade will be on Monday, 11 November. Staging will be at the same spot as last year.
- Remembrance Day will be on Sunday 17 November. Muster will be at noon, and the ceremony will commence at 1 PM. Brother Schleeter noted that Camp 23’s Remembrance Day will be on Saturday 16 November.

#### IX. Election of Officers:

- A motion was made and seconded that uncontested elections are declared by acclamation.
- CAMP COMMANDER – Brother Aguirre. Passed by acclamation.
- Sr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Stolp. Passed by acclamation.

- Jr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Lavrischeff. Passed by acclamation.
- SECRETARY – Brother Graham. Passed by acclamation.
- TREASURER – Brother Graham. Passed by acclamation.
- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother Earl. Passed by acclamation.
- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother LaRosa. Passed by acclamation.
- CAMP COUNCIL – Brother Avila. Passed by acclamation.
- UVC Membership – Brother Campbell moved and Brother Graham seconded a motion to continue membership in the UVC. Motion passed. Treasurer will make out check and forward to UVC for disposition. Delegates will remain Brothers Thomas Graham PCC, and Frank Avila PCC.

X. Good of the Order

- Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> CA Volunteer Infantry will have elections for Commander immediately after the Camp meeting closes. Also Company C will pay 6<sup>th</sup> Military District and National dues for all members for 2014.
- The Camp will be down 6 members starting January 2014.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Senior Vice Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:12 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

*Signed*

Thomas T. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer  
 Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4  
 Department of California & Pacific