

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

CAMP MINUTES

May 17, 2014

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

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother John Stolp
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother John Jensen
Brother Stephen Aguirre (CC)
Brother Kenneth Felton
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)
Sister Debbie Earl (AP)
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Beverly Ferman

- I. A joint meeting of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52 was called to order by Camp Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:02 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Officers Present: Camp No. 4: Camp Commander, SVC, JVC, Secretary/Treasurer and two members of the Camp Council. Auxiliary No. 52: Auxiliary President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee.
- III. The minutes of the November 11th Camp meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Richard Ferman seconded. Motion carried. The minutes of the November 11th Auxiliary meeting had been distributed to the members. Sister Campbell moved to accept and was seconded by Sister Graham. Motion passed.
- IV. Correspondence: None.
- V. The Camp's Treasurer's report had been emailed to all Brothers. Brother Graham moved, and Brother Richard Ferman seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried. The Auxiliary Treasurer's report was distributed. Motion to accept by Sister Ferman, seconded by Sister Graham. Motion passed. The Auxiliary had a motion to accept a new application for membership. Motion made by Sister Campbell, seconded by Sister Graham. Motion passed.
- VI. Chaplain's Report: None.
- VII. Officer Reports Camp:
 - 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: No followup has been received about the GAR Quilt. There is an ongoing exchange of ideas about recruitment ideas. Also some ideas about using social media, i.e. Facebook.
 - Junior Vice Commander: There are two new applicants for membership. Currently the Camp has 40 members.
 - Secretary: No report.
 - Treasurer: No report.
 - Camp Council: No report.
- VIII. Auxiliary Officer reports were tabled until the next meeting.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - Bylaws – No report.
 - Graves Registration & Civil War Memorials – Working with a Brother in the Arizona Camp to put information on Find-A-Grave for some Oak Hill burials. Discussions with Oak Hill Memorial Park concerning the replacement and rededication for the SpanAm, Old GAR Plot and New GAR Plot markers. Consider this a three year project – one new marker per year with the SpanAm marker maybe this September. Brother Graham moved to have the SVC set up the rededication of the SpanAm marker with Oak Hill. Brother Campbell seconded. Motion passed.
 - History – No report.
 - Ceremonial Observances – Memorial Day activities at Oak Hill will start with the UVC Ceremony at 12:45 PM. After the UVC Ceremony the Camp and Auxiliary will have their

usual ceremony at the GAR plot. Oak Hill is having a BBQ and information display event after the ceremonies and would like us to have two tables of display material. The BBQ is free. There is also the annual ACWA reenactment event at Roaring Camp that weekend. A poll of the Camp and Auxiliary shows that 13 people are planning to attend Roaring Camp, and 14 people to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies.

- Military Affairs Committee – N/R.
- Membership – there was some discussion on recruitment.
- Visitation - No report

X. Unfinished Business: Camp.

- Per a request made at the November meeting, Brother Graham gave an age breakdown of the Camp membership: 2 under 20, 1 between 20 and 30, 1 between 30 and 40, 5 between 40 and 50, 11 between 50 and 60, 8 between 60 and 70, 7 between 70 and 80, and 3 over the age of 80.
- A motion was made by Brother Graham to void the outstanding checks in the amount of \$278.36 and put those funds back into the checking account. Seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion passed.

XI. Unfinished Business: Auxiliary. None.

XII. New Business: Camp.

- Department General Order 19 was read and discussed.
- The application for membership of Donald Eugene Menzies was presented to the Camp. Brother Campbell moved to accept Mr. Menzies' application for membership. The motion was seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Brother Graham that the Camp purchase 3 Membership and 2 Past Camp Commander badges. Seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion passed.
- Brother Graham reported that two members (Todd Armstrong and Michael Sanders) had not paid their 2014 dues. Brother Campbell made a motion to keep these Brothers on the roster of the Camp until the end of the year. Seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion passed.
- Brother Richard Ferman asked the question of whether non-veterans should attend events for veterans. There was some discussion without consensus.
- Forth of July parades were brought up for discussion. There are three parades that the Camp and Auxiliary could participate in: Redwood City, Monterey and the San Jose 'Rose White and Blue' parade. A poll was taken to see where interest lies. 14 people said they would participate in a parade. 9 said Monterey, 3 said Redwood City and 2 said San Jose. The Secretary was asked to poll the membership via email and forward the results to the membership. The individuals that had said they would go to Redwood City said that if no others would go there they would go to the San Jose "Rose, White and Blue" parade.

XIII. New Business: Auxiliary.

- Sister Campbell reported on a school presentation that was held on Friday, 16 May. She stated that the next school presentation would be on 30 May and would like to have some Brothers to help. There was some discussion on participation.

XIV. Patriotic Instructor

- Brother Jensen read two poems by Walt Whitman, "Cavalry Crossing a Ford" and "An Army Corps on the March". He also read a poem he wrote himself.

XV. Good of the Order

- Brother Kadlec brought notice that some local restaurants would give 20% of the bill to Muscular Dystrophy Association during the Month of May.
- Brother Lavrischeff discussed the King City school event. He stated that Brothers Avila, Malaznik and himself represented Camp 4 along with members of Camp 10.
- Brother Campbell announced that his daughter was accepted as a member of Auxiliary No. 52.
- Brother Aguirre described his attendance at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- Brother Kadlec announced that he had created 2 Eagle Scout certificates.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Commander Stephen Aguirre adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

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

Signed

Beverly L. Graham, Secretary
Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary No. 52
Department of California & Pacific

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CAMP MINUTES

June 28, 2014

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

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother John Stolp
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother John Jensen
Brother Linn Malaznik
Brother Frank Avila
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Dean Enderlin
Brother Stephen Aguirre (CC)
Brother Donald Menzies
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)
Sister Debbie Earl (AP)
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Beverly Ferman
Sister Cindi Menzies

- I. The meeting of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 was called to order by Camp Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:05 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Officers Present: Camp No. 4: Camp Commander, SVC, JVC, Secretary/Treasurer and all members of the Camp Council.
- III. The minutes of the May 17th Camp meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
- IV. Correspondence: Two items: Letter from National to Joe Marti concerning 2014 renewal of the Patch License renewal – the Secretary filled out the form, mailed it to National HQ, emailed the National Secretary and he acknowledged that he had received it; Letter to the Camp Commander from the San Jose Veterans Day parade delivered by hand to him at the meeting.
- V. The Camp's Treasurer's report had been emailed to all Brothers. Brother Graham moved to accept the report. Motion carried.
- VI. Chaplain's Report: None.
- VII. Officer Reports Camp:
 - Commander: Gave thanks to Brother Kadlec for creating the Eagle Scout certificates.
 - Senior Vice Commander: See Committee Reports and New Business.
 - Junior Vice Commander: There are two prospective applicants for membership.
 - Secretary: No report.
 - Treasurer: No report.
 - Camp Council: No report.
- VIII. Brother Donald Eugene Menzies was initiated in as a new Brother.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - Bylaws – No report.
 - Graves Registration & Civil War Memorials – There are two items. First – the records of the Spanish American War camp have been acquired by our Camp. Second – The Spanish American War Memorial rededication will be on Saturday 6 September 2014. Muster is between 9:00-9:30 AM, public ceremony will be at 10:30 AM, all at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, Uniforms are required if you have them. This ceremony will be in conjunction with our regular Camp meeting.
 - History – No report.
 - Ceremonial Observances – The Secretary will forward the information to the Camp about the Monterey 4th of July Parade. Information about the San Jose Rose, White and Blue parade will be give to those attending.
 - Military Affairs Committee – N/R.
 - Membership – There are two prospective members in the works.
 - Visitation - No report
- X. Unfinished Business: Camp.
 - The Camp authorized the Secretary/Treasurer to order 3 Membership badges and 2 Past Camp Commander badges for a total cost of \$121. The Secretary/Treasurer has decided to wait until the National Encampment and purchase the items there.

- The outstanding checks in the amount of \$278.36 were voided and those funds returned to the checking account. A memo has been created naming the check number, payee, date issued and amount in case they are ever presented for payment.
- Brothers Todd Armstrong and Michael Sanders have paid their 2014 dues. The Camp had voted to keep these brothers on the roster at the May camp meeting. After further conversations with Brothers Armstrong and Sanders it came to light that they both had lost employment and currently were either not working or doing part-time work. The Camp Council and Camp Counselor have agreed that we should waive the late fees for these Brothers. The Secretary/Treasurer moved to waive the late fees. Motion passed.
- There was a review to the events at Roaring Camp, the UVC Memorial Day ceremony, and a discussion on Recruiting Posters.

XI. New Business:

- Commander Aguirre announced that recruitment of Junior and Junior Associate members can resume, BUT we need to follow Safe Scouting procedures as laid out in the Scouting Manuals, and a parent or legal guardian must attend meetings for any members under the age of 18.
- Brother Graham talked on the Southern California Genealogy Society's Jamboree 2014 in Burbank, CA. He mentioned the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2's booth, where he visited with the Brothers.
- Brother Stolp says that he is working on new signage at the GAR Plot at Oak Hill.

XII. Patriotic Instructor

- Brother Jensen gave a talk on Civil War veteran and author Ambrose Bierce. He is the author of many short stories and the Devil's Dictionary.

XIII. Good of the Order

- Commander Aguirre gave a brief talk on not forgetting history
- Brother Avila stated that the Friends of Alcatraz have new tours and a Civil War room display.
- Brother Kadlec mentioned that today was the 100th anniversary of the event that started WWI.
- Brother Campbell pointed out that one of the Past Commanders of American Legion Post 564 was Kenneth Greely, a Past Camp Commander of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, and a Past Department Commander of the Department of California and Pacific.

XIV. Closing Ceremony

Commander Stephen Aguirre adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

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

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CAMP MINUTES

November 8, 2014

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (C-I-C)
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother John Stolp
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Dean Enderlin
Brother William Pope
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother John Jensen
Brother Stephen Aguirre (CC)
Brother Donald Menzies
Brother William Pope
Sister Beverly Graham (DP)
Sister Rachelle Campbell (NP)
Sister Debbie Earl (AP)
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Sister Cindy Eddy
Sister Sharon Pope (PAP)
Sister Emelia Campbell

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commander Stephen Aguirre at 10:10 hours at Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, CA.
- II. All elected officers present except JVC Lavrischeff who was excused.
- III. The minutes of the June 28th meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Campbell seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Correspondence: The camp received a “Thank You” card from Brother Joe Marti’s family. Entrance information was received for the Veterans Day Parade.
- V. The Treasurer’s report had been emailed to all Brothers. Brother Graham moved, and Brother Dick Ferman seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried. Brother Graham moved to accept the proposed camp budget for 2015. Brother Dick Ferman seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Officer Reports:
 - Brother Graham moved that all camp officer and committee reports be put in writing. Brother Pope seconded. Motion Carried.
 - Commander Aguirre thanked all officers who have submitted their reports as of today.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
 - There was a count taken of potential participants in a Remembrance Day ceremony.
- VIII. New Business:
 - Brother Tad Campbell was called out of the meeting.
 - Information was received from the Issac Stevens Camp in Washington State about a Peter Coulton who said he had been a member of Camp 4 but was dropped due to nonpayment of dues. The matter was looked into by the Secretary/Treasurer and Camp Counselor. Brother Graham moved that late fees and reimbursement fees for Peter Coulton be waived in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Brother Pope seconded. Motion carried.
 - Brother Campbell returned to the meetingj.
 - The Secretary/Treasurer is willing to accept 2015 camp dues, and also will collect 2015 SVR dues..
 - Brother Graham moved to renew the camp’s membership in the UVC. Brother Campbell seconded. Motion carried. Delegates will remain Brothers Thomas Graham PCC, and Frank Avila PCC.
- IX. Election of Officers:
 - A motion was made by Brother Graham and seconded by Brother Campbell that uncontested elections are declared by acclamation. Motion carried.
 - CAMP COMMANDER – Brother Stolp. Passed by acclamation.
 - Sr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Lavrischeff. Passed by acclamation.
 - Jr. VICE COMMANDER – Brother Pope. 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.
 - Brother Graham moved that all Brothers not automatically intitled to a seat at the Department Encampment be designated as Alternates. Brother Kadlec seconded. Motion passed.

X. Good of the Order

- Company C, 8th CA Volunteer Infantry will have elections for Commander immediately after the Camp meeting closes.
- Brother Kadlec brought in some photo albums for viewing.
- Brother Stolp talked about the Argonauts post card collection
- Brother Avila talked about Fort Point and Alcatraz
- Brother Campbell talked about the Medal of Honor awarded to a participant at Gettysburg
- Brother Dick Ferman stated that the UVC was contemplating pursuing 501©3 status .

XI. Closing Ceremony

Commander Aguirre adjourned the meeting at 11:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

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