

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

CAMP INSTALLATION MINUTES

January 16, 2015

Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PDC)
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother John Stolp
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Don Menzies
Brother Stephen Aguirre (CC)
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Kenneth Felton
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)
Sister Debbie Earl (AP)
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Sister Emelia J. Campbell
Sister Beverly Ferman
Sister Cindi Menzies
Cathy Rogers, guest

- I. The Installation meeting was called to order by Department Senior Vice Commander Tom Graham at 20:00 hours at Three Flames Restaurant, San Jose, CA.
- II. Control of the meeting was turned over to Camp Commander Aguirre for any business brought to his attention.
- III. Brother John Stolp introduced Kenneth Felton, a Brother of Camp 24, who wishes to become a dual member of Camp 4. Brother Graham made such a motion which was seconded. Upon voice vote the motion was carried to make Kenneth Felton a dual member of Camp 4.
- IV. There being no further business to come before the camp, Commander Aguirre relinquished control of the meeting to Department Senior Vice Commander Graham for the installation of officers for 2015.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Thomas T. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer
Phil Sheridan Camp Number 4
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CAMP MINUTES

May 16, 2015

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

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother John Stolp
Brother John Jensen
Brother Ken Felton
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother Mike Sanders
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother William Pope
Brother Ryan Brown
Sister Beverly Graham (PDP)
Sister Debbie Earl
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Sister Sharon Pope

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at 10:14 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – absent; JVC Pope – present; Secretary-Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman LaRosa - present. Guests – Ryan Brown`.
- III. The minutes of both the November 8, 2014, camp meeting and the January 16, 2015 Installation Banquet and meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Richard Ferman seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Correspondence: Brother Graham deferred the correspondence to New Business.
- V. The Treasurer's report gave the balance of the various bank accounts, and the actual versus budget figures as of May 16, 2015. Brother Graham moved, and Brother Pope seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried.
- VI. The membership application for Ryan Brown was read and accepted by the Camp. He was then initiated into the Camp.

VII. Officer Reports

Commander: Wished to give thanks to all those who attended the Department Encampment since he could not be there, especially to Brother Paul Lavrischeff. The Camp gave out two ROTC awards so far this year: a JROTC award to Oak Grove High School, and a ROTC award to San Jose State University. Brother Michael Sanders has been appointed Guard, and Brother Ken Felton has been appointed Graves Registration Officer.

- Senior Vice Commander: No report.
- Junior Vice Commander: No report
- Camp Council: No report

VII. Committee Reports

- Grave Registration – Brother Ken Felton is now the Graves Registration Officer.
- Civil War Memorials – Working with Oak Hill Memorial Park on a marker at the original GAR plot. Next year planning to replace the signage at the main GAR plot.
- Historian – Working with Department to identify previous members desiring to rejoin the order.
- Ceremonial Observances – Discussion moved to New Business

VII. Unfinished Business:

- The Ladies of the GAR quilt: no further contact about this item.

VIII. New Business:

- At the Department Encampment Camp 24 issued a challenge to other camps in the Department to match a \$120 grant made by Camp 24 to the Auxiliary Department for the purpose of acquiring a Department Flag. Brother Graham made a motion to match the grant. The motion was seconded by Brother Joseph Ferman. Motion passed.

- A request has been received by the Santa Clara County Veteran's Alliance for donations to help with the expense of putting on the Veteran's Day Parade. Brother Earl made a motion to donate \$150 to this cause. Brother Graham seconded. Motion passed.
- Requests were made for contributions to the Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project, and the GAR Highway Signs project. It was suggested that these items be tabled for discussion at a later date.
- Roaring Camp Civil War reenactment will be the weekend of Memorial Day.
- Memorial Day at Oak Hill Memorial Park. Muster at 9:30 AM. Please bring gloves and sashes. Fourth of July parades at Monterey and the Rose, White and Blue parade in San Jose.

XI. Closing Ceremony

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:08 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Thomas T. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer
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CAMP MINUTES

June 27, 2015

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

Camp members & guests present:

Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother John Stolp
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother Bill Pope
Brother Richard Staley
Brother Rick LaRosa
Brother Ken Felton
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Michael Murray
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Randall Sessler

Sister Bev Graham (PDP)
Sister Debbie Earl
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Sharon Pope
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PDP)
Sister Diane K. Wetzel
Guest Mary Sessler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at 10:19 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary-Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman LaRosa - present. Guests – Michael Murray, Randall Sessler.
- III. The minutes of the May 16, 2014, camp meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Graham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brother Richard Ferman seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Correspondence: None.
- V. The Treasurer's report gave the balance of the various bank accounts, and the actual versus budget figures as of June 27, 2015. Brother Graham moved, and Brother Richard Ferman seconded, to accept the report. Motion carried.
- VI. The membership applications for Michael Murray and Randall Sessler were read and both were voted into membership. They were then initiated into the Camp.
- VII. Officer Reports
 - Commander: Thanked all who attended the Memorial Day ceremonies at Oak Hill Memorial Park.
 - Senior Vice Commander: Gave a report on the Roaring Camp activities. Also discussion on ways to get more public awareness of who we are and why we exist (schools, public displays, etc.)
 - Junior Vice Commander: No report
 - Camp Council: No report
- VII. Committee Reports
 - Grave Registration – Three new graves have been discovered and registered.
 - Civil War Memorials – Possibility of a November rededication of the original GAR plot signage.
 - Historian – Has been contacted by a previous member about rejoining the Camp.
 - Bylaws – No report.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
 - The donations approved by the Camp at the May meeting have been mailed.
- VIII. New Business:
 - National General Order 26 Series 2014-2015 states the official position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with regard to the display of the Confederate Battle Flag..
 - There are two parades on the Fourth of July: Monterey and the San Jose Rose, White and Blue parade. The Camp may have participants in both parades. Discussion on the SVR.
 - Brother Briggs invited the Camp membership to the next meeting of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on October 17 to hear a speaker on "Bleeding Kansas".

XI. Good of the Order:

There will be a gathering of Veterans Organizations concerned about the POW/MIA flag policy of the San Jose City Council.

XII. Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:53 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Thomas T. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer

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CAMP MINUTES

September 12, 2015

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

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Randall Sessler
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother Don Menzies
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Richard Staley
Brother Ryan Brown
Brother Bill Pope
Brother Dan Earl
Brother Daniel Bunnell
Guest Josiah Sessler

Sister Debbie Earl
Sister Cindi Menzies
Sister Sharon Pope
Guest Mary Sessler
Guest Brooklyn Sessler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 1000 hours at American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary-Treasurer Graham – absent; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman LaRosa - absent. Guests – Josiah Sessler.
- III. The minutes of the June 27, 2015, camp meeting had been posted on the web site. Brother Briggs made a correction to the June 27, 2015 minutes such that the SAR meeting is to be on October 17, and the talk would be on “Bleeding Kansas”. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made and seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Correspondence: Email was received asking for information about our Cloth Patches for sale. This was answered and an order was received for 4 patches via the US Mail. The order was fulfilled and mailed.
- V. The Treasurer’s report gave the balance of the various bank accounts, and the actual versus budget figures as of September 6, 2015. No motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report.
- VI. There was no report on the Status of Brothers.
- VII. The membership application for Josiah Sessler as a Junior member was read and he was voted into membership. He was then initiated into the Camp.

VIII. Officer Reports

- Commander: Thanked all those who went to the National Encampment. This was followed by a report on the National Encampment by Brothers Avila, Bunnell and Kadlec. The Commander has been going to the UVC meeting as a delegate.
- Senior Vice Commander: Working on plans for a family get together picnic next year.
- Junior Vice Commander: No report.
- Camp Council: No report.

IX. Committee Reports

- Bylaws: No report.
- Grave Registration: No report.
- Civil War Memorials: There had been a misunderstanding at Oak Hill about the proposed signage. This year will see the large GAR plot updated. The original GAR plot will be done in 2017. Brother Kadlec suggested that the Camp request funding from National for these projects.
- Historian: Working with the Secretary to scan in documents to help with storage problems.
- Ceremonial Observations: The UVC Veteran’s Day Parade application has been submitted, and the Commander is attempting to recruit members of other camps to join in. Possibly also members of the ACWA. Brother Lavrischeff stated that we need to have practice before the parade. Brother Kadlec announced that in 2018 it will be the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day and the Veteran’s Day parade will be expanded. Brother Lavrischeff

stated that the SVR should be in proper uniform since we are representing the US Army as it was in 1861-1865. Brothers Avila and Lavrischeff gave a presentation on the Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment to be held October 2-4 on the lower Presidio in Monterey. Commander Stolp announced the UVC Flag Lowering at Oak Hill on September 27. We need at least 4 Brothers in uniform to help. The event will be at the Veterans Plot where Memorial Day activities are held.

X. Unfinished Business: There was some discussion on having an informal get together in December to celebrate the birthday of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4.

XI. New Business:

- The 2016 budget was emailed to all the Brothers. It will be voted on at the November camp meeting.
- The November camp meeting will be held on Saturday 7 November, and will be the election of officers for 2016.

XII. Good of the Order: There will be a ceremony at City Hall on 18 September for the raising of the POW/MIA flag to be flown 365 days a year. Also that the Civil War accounted for the largest number of POW/MIA's in US history. Brother Avila announced that 26 September is Living History Day at Alcatraz sponsored by the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz. Also October 23-24 will be the last Civil War reenactment of the year in Fresno.

XIII. Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 hours.

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CAMP MINUTES

November 7, 2015

In the parking lot across the street from the
American Legion Mission City Post 564
2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PCIC)
Brother Randall Sessler
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Linn Malaznik
Brother Don Menzies
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Richard Staley
Brother Ryan Brown
Brother Bill Pope
Brother Dan Earl
Brother John Jensen
Brother Dean Enderlin
Brother Ken Felton
Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Josiah Sessler

Sister Debbie Earl
Sister Bev Graham
Sister Rachelle Campbell
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Cindi Menzies
Sister Sharon Pope
Sister Diane Wetzell
Sister Mary Sessler
Guest Brooklyn Sessler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 1030 hours in the parking lot across the street from the American Legion Mission City Post 564, Santa Clara, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary-Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – absent; Councilman LaRosa - absent. Guests – none.
- III. The following dates were given to the Camp: Veteran’s Day Parade is 11 November; Veterans on the Row booth also on 11 November from 2 to 5 PM; Remembrance Day at the GAR Plot in Oak Hill Memorial Park is 21 November; a Camp social event is scheduled for 5 December at The Garrett Station in Los Gatos at 5 PM; Camp Installation Banquet at the Three Flames at 6:30 PM on 15 January; Department Encampment in Sacramento March 4-5, 2016.
- IV. A reproduction of a GAR Walking Stick was presented to Past National Commander-in-Chief by the Camp.
- V. The minutes of the September 12, 2015, camp meeting had been posted on the web site. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brother Graham and seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion carried.
- VI. A motion was made to to accept the Treasurer’s report by Brother Graham and seconded by Brother Ferman. Motion carried.
- VII. Correspondence: None.
- VIII. Year-to-Date Officer Reports
 - Commander: The Camp has had a very good year. The plans for next year involve adding new members; having more Brothers turn out at events; and creating better communications within the Camp.
 - Senior Vice Commander: Promoted camp activities at Roaring Camp and Fort Mervine; commanded at the Flag Lowering at Oak Hill Memorial Park.
 - Junior Vice Commander: Increased the Camp membership by 4 Brothers.
 - Camp Council: No report.
- IX. Committee Reports
 - Bylaws: Recommended changes to Article VI MEMBERSHIP Section 7 MEMBER IN ARREARS and Article VII MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES Section 7 INITIATION FEES have been made to be voted on later.
 - Grave Registration: Numbers of graves registered – 3; also visited the site of eleven (11) more Civil War veterans grave sites at San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio.
 - Civil War Memorials: New signage to be dedicated in 2016.
 - Historian: Tracking down members who have left the Camp.
 - Ceremonial Observations: Coming up are the Veterans Day Parade and Remembrance Day.

- Military Affairs: The Camp Commander has made himself a delegate to the UVC.
- X. Unfinished Business: The Secretary is asked to send his recruiting posters to the SVC.
- XI. New Business: A motion was made by Brother Earl to accept the proposed 2016 Camp budget. Seconded by Brother Campbell. Motion passed.
- XII. Election of Officers:
- Commander – John Stolp
 - Senior Vice Commander – Paul Lavrischeff
 - Junior Vice Commander – Bill Pope
 - Secretary – Dick Ferman
 - Treasurer – Tom Graham (PCC)
 - Council – Dan Earl, Frank Avila, Richard Staley
- XIII. Election of Delegates to the Department Encampment:
- Delegates :Paul Lavrischeff, Linn Malaznik, Bill Pope, Ryan Brown
 - Alternate: Donald Menzies
- XIV. United Veterans Council: A motion to pay the 2016 dues for membership in the UVC was made by Brother Campbell and seconded by Brother Richard Ferman. Motion passed.
- Delegates to the UVC are: John Stolp, Frank Avila, Tom Graham
- XII. Good of the Order: Dates were given for the National Encampment (August 10-14, 2016); Ancestor Roundup in Seaside, CA (23 January 2016); Southern California Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank, CA (June 3-5, 2016).
- XIII. Closing Ceremony:
- Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Thomas T. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer
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