

Phil Sheridan Camp 4

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

CAMP MINUTES

February 13, 2016

Lincoln's Birthday Celebration
1375 Blossom Hill Rd.
San Jose, CA

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Randell Sessler
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Bill Pope
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother John Jensen
Brother John Sanders
Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)
Sister Beverly Ferman
Sister Cindy Menzies
Sister Sharon Pope
Sister Danie Wetzel
Sister Mary Sessler

- I. I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 1840 hours at the Cup and Saucer Restaurant, 1375 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – excused; JVC Pope – present; Secretary Ferman - present; Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman Staley - absent. Guests – none.
- III. The following date reminder was given to the Camp by Commander Stolp: Department Encampment in Sacramento March 4-5, 2016.
- IV. Commander Stolp moved to accept the following Camp meeting dates for 2016: 5/14. 6/25, 9/10, and 11.5.2016. All meetings to be held from 10-12PM; possible location Oak Hill Cemetery; exact place to be determined. Seconded by Brother Joseph Ferman. Motion carried.
- V. Brother Dan Earl made a motion to modify the Bylaws and move the final date at which Camp member dues can be paid to April 1. Motion was seconded by Brother Thomas Graham. Motion carried.

Addendum: "**Section 8. Member in Arrears.** A Brother of this camp who is one months 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~~ **shall** 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.

~~Any Brother of this Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of dues shall be dropped from the roll of the Camp.~~ A Brother who has been dropped from the rolls of this camp for being ~~one year~~ in arrears in the payment of dues may be reinstated upon re-application and reelection by the Camp after payment of delinquent dues (not to exceed one year), current dues, a reinstatement fee, and other indebtedness to the SUVCW and this Camp as prescribed by these Bylaws and any application Camp Regulations."

- VI. An introduction was made of prospective member John M Sanders. His qualifications were accepted. The motion to accept was made and passed unanimously. Brother John M Sanders was inducted into Camp#4.
- VII. Good of the Order: Commander Stolp shared a three dimensional casting of Phil Sheridan. Those interested should contact him directly.
- VIII. Closing Ceremony:
Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 19:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary
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CAMP MINUTES

May 14, 2016

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Ave.
San Jose, CA

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PNC)
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Bill Pope
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother John Jensen
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Linn Malaznik
Brother Ryan Brown
Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PNP)
Sister Danie Wetzel
Sister Emelia Campbell

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 1002 hours at the Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary Ferman - present; Treasurer Graham – excused; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman Staley - absent. Guests – none.
- III. Brother Tad Campbell moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as amended. Brother Terry Briggs seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Camp Commander Stolp read the Treasurer's Report. Brother Earl moved to accept. Seconded by Brother Tad Campbell. Motion passed.
- V. Status of Brothers:
 - Brother Tim Reece is in hospital for heart surgery.
- VI. Unfinished Business:
 - No report of prospective members
 - Memorial Day - discussion of setup and plans for GAR Plot Ceremony May, 30
 - Memorial Day - Roaring Camp - discussion of participation and support need
 - Brother Kadlec provided Publicity Posters for Decoration Day Service
 - Civil War Memorial - discussion of replacement of signs. Pillars will be cleaned and refaced.
 - Tombstones will be reset in the future for those requiring attention.
- VII. New Business:
 - Quimby Middle School requested presentation for education program for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, Friday May 27, 2016. Brother Tad Campbell, Brother Garret from Camp 10 and Sister Rachelle Campbell will make the presentations from 10-2PM. Brother Kadlec was requested to aid in providing flyers for the event.
 - Assistance is required for a booth to be stationed July 9th, 10-4PM at Reed-Hillview Airport. Brother Lavrischeff will coordinate project with them. Sister Rochelle Campbell with coordinate with Brother Lavrischeff to provide support personnel. Brother Lavrischell moved and Brother Earl seconded to have Sister Rachelle Campbell contact Chapters to identify willing participants. Motion passed.
 - Brother Stolp moved and Brother Earl seconded to send funds to Department Treasurer Stiles for the support of maintenance to the Department Website. Motion passed.
 - The Camp#4 Auxiliary will go to the Los Gatos Cemetery to investigate plans for grave maintenance on June 4th. They will count the GAR Soldiers buries there in order to identify requirements for grave maintenance.
 - A booth will be set up for Memorial day. Discussion was given to format of the table and staffing. Sister Rachelle Campbell will forward to Camp Commander Stolp and changes required to the current brochures in order that corrected versions are available for Memorial Day Ceremony. Brother Earl moved and Brother Tad

Campbell seconded that the brochures for both the Camp and Auxiliary be printed; costs not to exceed \$300.00. Motion passed.

- Camp Commander Stolp will request equipment, flags and etc from Brother Tad Campbell for support of Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Brothers Lavrischeff and Campbell will provide Spanish-American representation.
- Brother LaRosa will attend as an alternative for Spanish-American representation.
- Participants are requested to arrive at Oak Hill by 9:30AM, May, 30, for setup of Booth. Services begin at 12:45PM.
- Discussion of advertising and solicitation of attendees for Memorial Day.
- Brothers Brown and Richard Ferman requested to create an U-Tube video to inform the public regarding the Civil War. Camp Commander Stolp will coordinate.
- Discussion of July 4th participation at Monterrey. Sister Rachelle Campbell will coordinate and report back on participation with Camp#10.
- Discussion of Rose, White and Blue Parade. Parade has requested Camp participation this year.
- Camp#10 has made a wagon for the Parade in Monterrey. Possible use of the wagon will be investigated for use in the Rose, White and Blue Parade in San Jose.
- Camp Commander Stolp has recommended attendance in the Monterrey Parade this year. Those not able to attend in Monterrey are requested to evaluate the Rose, White and Blue Parade in San Jose, and report back to the Camp on suitability of attendance next year.
- Oak Hill has requested evaluation of suitability of room use for meetings. Camp Commander Stolp suggested continued use of the facility for future meetings.

VIII. Patriotic Instructor Report

Brother Jensen discussed Jones County Mississippi's attempt to remain with the Union during the Civil War.

VIX. Good of the Order

- May 20th King City School Civil War Event. Brothers Lavrischeff and Avila will attend

Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:27 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

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CAMP MINUTES

June 24, 2016

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Ave.
San Jose, CA

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Tad Campbell (PNC)
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Daniel Earl (PCC)
Brother Terry Briggs
Brother Dan Bunnell (PDC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother Randall Sessler
Brother Josiah Sessler
Brother Donald Menzigs
Brother Ryan Brown
Sister Diane Wetzel
Sister Cindy Menzis
Sister Mary Sessler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 10:06 hours at the Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – absent; Secretary Ferman - present; Treasurer Graham – excused; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman Staley - absent. Guests – none.
- III. Brother Tad Campbell moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as amended. Brother Terry Briggs seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Camp Commander Stolp read the Treasurer's Report. No reported change.
- V. Status of Brothers:
 - Brother Staley moved to Jamestown, CA.
- VI. Commander's Report:
 - Memorial Day – Commander Stolp thanked all attendees. 12-15 civilians at ceremony
 - Memorial Day – Brother Sanders reported Roaring Camp went well.
- VII. Sr. Commander's Report
 - Discussion of Roaring Camp and Veterans Day booths
 - Discussion of success of community education
- VIII. Bylaws Committee: N/R
- IX. Unfinished Business:
 - July 9, 2016 at Reid-Hillview Airport an event will be held to honor veterans. We will be there, but will not officially participate.
 - Brothers Campbell, Garrett and Sisters Campbell and others made a presentation to Quembic Oaks. Presentation went well.
- X. Historical Committee: N/R
- XI. Ceremonial Observations:
 - Rose, White and Blue Parade; we will not participate this year.
 - Redwood City Parade; we will not participate this year.
 - Monterey July 4th Parade: Review of request for participation. Review of standards of dress for parade. Brother Lavrischeff will conduct.
 - Veteran's Day Parade will change due to staging areas being removed.
- XII. New Business:
 - Flag pole will be repaired.
 - Request to present award to Oak Hill Staff passed.
 - Discussion of General Order #17.
 - National Encampment – rooms are available at the Windham Hotel.

- Brother Brown is coordinating and creating a Video to the UTube Channel with Camp and Vice-Commanders. It should be available by the end of this year.

XIII. Patriotic Instructor Report

A presentation was made relating Civil War writings of famous author Ambrose Bierce.

XIV. Good of the Order

- Brother Lavrischeff discussed the importance of appearance in participation of infantry in public events.
- King City Event – Brother Lavrischeff participation and representation of our group in the yearly King City Event.

Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:20 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

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CAMP MINUTES

September 10, 2016

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Ave.
San Jose, CA

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Randall Sessler
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Bill Pope
Brother John Jensen
Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother TadCampbell(PNC)
Brother Don Menzier
Brother Terry Briggs

Sister Cindi Menzies
Sister Sharon Pope
Sister Diane Wetzel
Sister Mary Sessler
Sister Rachael Campbell(PNP)
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Brooklyn Sessler

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 1040 hours at the Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave., San Jose, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff –present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary Ferman - present; Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl –absent; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman Staley - absent; Councilman Earl - absent. Guests – none.
- III. A motion was made by Brother Graham to accept the minutes as posted on the web site. Brother Avila seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer Graham reviewed proposed budget information emailed to all Brothers. A motion was made by Brother Pope to accept the budget as emailed. Seconded by Brother Tad Campbell. Motion passed.
- V. Status of Brothers: Sister Sonia Bunnell, wife of Brother Dan Bunnell is ill. Brother Dan Bunnell is also ill. Brother Christian of Camp 23 is ill.
- VI. Commander's Report: new name badges were purchased and distributed.
- VII. Camp Officer's Report:
 - 1). Senior Vice Commander:
 - a). July 4th Parade at Monterrey successful. Brothers Avila, Sanders and Campbell attended.
 - b). Fort Mervine Encampment will be October 14th. Contact Brother Tim Reese for further information. Camp 4 will attend.
 - 2). Junior Vice Commander: N/R.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 1. History - Look for next Sheridan Dispatch issue. Commander Stolp wrote article.
 2. Graves Registration - 4 graves were registered at San Francisco National Cemetery:
 - a. John Wilson, PVT Co. G 14th NJ Inf. SF Presidio, Plot: NAWS 1566
 - b. Thomas E. White, PVT Co. K 1st Rd Is Vol. Inf. SF Presidio, Plot: ES 753
 - c. Adolph Hoppe, PVT Co A 5th State Militia, NY Inf. SF Presidio, Plot GHT 355A
 - d. John Doud, PVT Co C 1st WA Terr. Inf. SF Presidio, WS 1028 d. 9/8/1862
moved from Ft. Colville, WA.
- IX. Unfinished Business: Brother Graham will investigate Camp 4 Patch licensing requirements and place an ad in the Dispatch magazine advertising same.
- X. New Business:
 1. Commander Stolp reminded us that there will be a 9/11 Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park on 9/11.
 2. Post 318 & Camp 4 will participate in a flag lowering on 9/25. Camp 4 participants will be: Brothers Richard and Joseph Ferman with Brother Paul Lavrischeff. They will meet at the Veteran's Plot at 12:30PM.
 3. Fort Mervine: More information will be gathered from Tim Reese by Commander Stolp. Further details later.

-X. New Business:

4. Veteran's Day: Parade route will remain the same. The staging areas are changing. Five Brothers are now needed for firing squad detail. Discussion of methods of acquiring reinactor's support.
5. Discussion of attendance at event held on Veteran's Day at Santana Row. Motion made for participation of Camp 4 in Veteran's Day at Santana Row. Discussion. Motion defeated. Commander Stolp will inform UVC Council that Camp 4 will not participate in this event this year.
6. Remembrance Day: November 20, Sunday. There will be a rededication ceremony at 1PM; assemble at 12:30PM, at GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park. There will be a new memorial for Gold Star Moms. Email reminders will be sent out. Brother Staley will not attend this year due to logistics.
7. Camp Social: December 3rd, saturday, at Garrett Station, Los Gatos, 5PM.
8. Brother Graham has new, **and very nice**, recruitment brochures available.
9. Proposed Camp Budget will be voted on in November meeting.

XI. Patriotic Instructor Report - N/R.

XII. Good of the Order:

1. Elections will be held next month
2. Brother Lavrischeff discussed the safety of public officials and soldiers and requested that we keep them in our thoughts.
3. General discussion of need to evaluate the current storage of Camp Equipment and resolve issues with current access. No resolution.
4. Brother Lavrischeff requested consideration of having a outdoor spring social.
5. Brother Avila announced the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz October 1 event.
6. Brother Avila announced a Outdoor Reenactment in Fresno last week in October.
7. Brother Graham discussed the "Light in the Night" San Jose Event, Saturday, October 22 starting at 5PM. He will send out an email reminder. This is for support of Leukemia research.
8. Discussion of Chapter and Oak Hill Memorial Park need of repair of flagpoles. General discussion of requirements. Brother Stolp will work with VVA and Oak Hill to coordinate.
9. Treasurer Graham requested identification of worthy recipients for inclusion in Camp Budget for donations to charitable organizations/causes for next year.

XII. Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:46 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary

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CAMP MINUTES

November 5, 2016

Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Ave.
San Jose, CA

Camp members & guests present:

Brother John Stolp
Brother Joseph Ferman
Brother Richard Ferman
Brother Bob Kadlec (PCC)
Brother Randall Sessler
Brother Michael Sanders
Brother Paul Lavrischeff
Brother Bill Pope
Brother John Jensen
Brother Tom Graham (PCC)
Brother Frank Avila (PCC)
Brother Tad Campbell (PCINC)
Brother Don Menzies
Brother Dan Earl (PCC)
Brother Daniel Bunnell (PDC)
Brother Linn Malaznik
Brother Ryan Brown

Sister Cindi Menzies
Sister Sharon Pope
Sister Diane Wetzell
Sister Mary Sessler
Sister Rachelle Campbell (PNP)
Sister Emelia Campbell
Sister Beverly Graham (PAP)

- I. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander John Stolp at approximately 10:05 hours at the Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave., San Jose, CA.
- II. Roll call of officers: Commander Stolp – present; SVC Lavrischeff – present; JVC Pope – present; Secretary Ferman – present; Treasurer Graham – present; Councilman Earl – present; Councilman Avila – present; Councilman Staley – excused; Councilman Earl – present. Guests – none.
- III. A motion was made by Brother Graham to accept the minutes as posted on the web site. Brother Joseph Ferman seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer Graham reviewed current financial status of the camp. A motion was made by Brother Bunnell to accept the budget as emailed. Seconded by Brother Pope. Motion passed.
- V. Status of Brothers: Sister Sonia Bunnell, wife of Brother Dan Bunnell is ill. Brother John Sanders has a concussion.
- VI. Commander's Report: Commander Stolp mentioned the UVC Veteran's Day Parade; Remembrance Day and status of Oak Hill monuments restoration. Details in New Business.
- VII. Camp Officers' Reports:
 - 1). Senior Vice Commander: read final report noting Roaring Camp, Ft. Mervine, Lincoln Camp #10 and Color Guard activities.
 - 2). Junior Vice Commander: N/R.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - 1). History - Look for next *Sheridan Dispatch* issue. Commander Stolp wrote article.
 - 2). Graves Registration - work continues on new material.
 - 3). By-laws - N/R
 - 4). Civil War Memorials - working to replace flagpole rope and base on sign at GAR plot. Working with Oak Hill on marker for original GAR plot.
 - 5). Ceremonial Observation - services turned out very well. Working to attract more attendees to ceremony from the general public.
 - 6). Newsletter Editor Brother Campbell desires more article submissions.
 - 7). Patriotic Instructor - N/R
 - 8). Auxiliary - N/R.
- IX. Unfinished Business: None.
- X. New Business:
 - 1). VVA - Discussion of VVA with purpose and goals. Brother Kadlac passed out "Vietnam Veterans of America" brochure. VVA is IRS 501(c)(19) charitable organization. Brother Graham moved we donate \$130.00 for scholarship to DaNang Vietnam child. Brother Kadlec seconded. Motion passed.

- 2). UVC requested membership dues. Brother Campbell moved and Brother Pope seconded, to pay membership dues. Delegates appointed were: Brothers Stolp, Graham and Pope.
- 3). Veterans Day: Parade route will remain the same. The staging areas are changing. We are Group 11 in the first division. We will assemble near Notre Dame Ave. near DeAnza Hotel. Arrival time is 10AM. 10:45 parade.
- 4). We will not participate at Santana Row on Veterans Day this year.
- 5). Remembrance Day: November 20, Sunday. There will be a ceremony at 1PM; assemble at noon, at GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park. There will be a new memorial for Gold Star Moms. Email reminders will be sent out. Brother Staley will attend this year.
- 6). Camp Social: Saturday, December 3rd at Garrett Station, Los Gatos, 5-9PM.

XI. Elections of Officers:

- 1). Camp 4 Officers (all elected by acclamation):

Commander: Brother William Pope

Sr. Vice Commander: Brother Paul Lavrischeff

Jr. Vice Commander: Brother Randy Sessler

Secretary: Brother Richard Ferman

Treasurer: Brother Thomas Graham (PCC)

Camp Council: Brother Dan Earl (PCC) Brother Frank Avila (PCC) Brother John Stolp (PCC)

- 2). Auxiliary 52 Officers (all elected by acclamation):

President: Sister Mary Sessler

Vice President: Sister Cindi Menzies

Secretary: Sister Beverly Graham

Treasurer: Sister Rachelle Campbell (PNP)

Trustees: Sister Cindi Menzies, Sister Sharon Pope (PAP), Sister Brooklyn Sessler

Chaplain: Sister Emelia Campbell

Patriotic Instructor: Sister Diane Wetzel

XII. Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Review of "The Quartermaster" book by Robert O'Harrow, Jr. This book documents the impressive effort required of the national quartermaster during the Civil War. Highly recommended!

XIII. Good of the Order:

- 1). Brother Avila reviewed participation in the Fort Mervine event in Monterey this year. Weather was adverse and Sunday events were cancelled due to inclement weather. This was the tenth year anniversary of the event.
- 2). Brother Graham announced the next Department meeting as being March 17th and 18th, 2017 in Bakersfield, CA. Delegates elected were: Brothers: Randy Sessler, Paul Lavrischeff, Ryan Brown, Don Menzies, Michael Saunders and Richard Ferman.
- 3). SVR will hold election of officers after this meeting per Brother Graham.
- 4). Brother Avila announced that the national encampment will be in Lansing, MI next year, the second week of August, 2017. Our camp may have six delegates beyond those past elected camp commanders.

XIV. Closing Ceremony:

Camp Commander John Stolp adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:22 hours.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Signed

Richard J. Ferman, Secretary
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