



**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Meeting Minutes — Saturday, January 30, 2021**

**Camp Installation Meeting  
[Held virtually via Zoom application]**



**Camp No. 4 Members Present (15):**

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Kenneth G. Felton, Adam W. Gaines, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa, Paul E. Lavrischeff, Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies, David C. Schleeter (PCC), John E. Stolp (PCC), Steven J. Welch (PCC)

**Auxiliary No. 52 Members Present (2):**

Beverly L. Graham (PDP), Diane Wetzel

**Guests Present (3):**

Department Commander Rudy E. Velasco III (PDC), Cynthia L. Eddy (PDP), Barbara McCoy

Camp Officers pro tempore: Chaplain Daniel R. Earl.

Meeting called to order by CC Paul Lavrischeff at 1:02 pm.

It was moved (Campbell) and seconded (Welch) that the draft minutes of the Camp meetings for 11-02-2019, 01-18-2020, 02-08-2020, and 11-07-2020 be approved as presented. Motion passed.

### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

Camp Commander Paul Lavrischeff acknowledged that this has been a difficult year for all and that he was glad to see those in attendance today, and he thanked everyone for their continued participation in the Camp.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp had received no correspondence and had nothing further to report.

Camp Treasurer Thomas Graham presented a financial report of the Camp. It was moved (Campbell) and seconded (Welch) that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Brother Steven Welch, on behalf of Camp Musician James Welch, reported that Brother James had to drop out of college last year when his National Guard unit was activated. James participated in the helicopter rescue of victims of the Camp Fire.

Brother Frank Avila, on behalf of Camp Musician Christopher Avila, reported that Brother Christopher is expecting his first child in April 2020. Frank also mentioned that his other son, Matthew, had his child in January 2020.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Commander Lavrischeff inquired about the outstanding check to the Old City Hall Restaurant from the installation banquet 2-3 years ago. Camp Treasurer Thomas Graham advised that although the restaurant has never cashed the check, they say the bill has been paid in full. Therefore the amount of the check has been credited to the Camp's account.

### **New Business:**

The meeting was turned over to Department Commander Rudy Velasco who duly installed the elected and appointed officers of the Camp.

The meeting was then turned over to newly installed Camp Commander Rick LaRosa. Commander LaRosa remarked that although we are living in challenging times, we will endure and overcome, as those who lived through the influenza pandemic in 1918. He reminded everyone to be kind and be mindful of our own health and wellbeing.

Commander LaRosa proposed the following meeting dates for the coming year, to be held virtually via Zoom: April 10 (after the Department Encampment), September 18\* (after the National Encampment), and November 6 (election meeting). It was moved (Earl) and seconded (Lavrischeff) that the proposed meeting schedule be approved. Motion passed.

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\* Subsequently changed to September 11 at the call of the Camp Commander.

**Good of the Order:**

Brother Lavrischeff brought up the status of Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve and received a general consensus that the unit should be continued.

Camp Treasurer Thomas Graham presented (virtually) immediate Brother Lavrischeff with a plaque recognizing his service as Camp Commander over the last two years. Arrangements will be made at a later date for Brother Lavrischeff to receive the plaque.

Dept. Commander Velasco saluted Past Camp Commander Lavrischeff for his service.

Brother Lavrischeff mentioned the Four Chaplains Ceremony, which normally takes place in February and which the Camp usually participates. The status of the ceremony is currently unknown.

Brother Earl attempted to share a recruitment/public relations video that he and Brother LaRosa had put together, but technical difficulties prevented it from being seen.

Meeting was duly closed at 2:19 pm.

Minutes submitted by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell (PCinC).



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**Meeting Minutes — Saturday, April 10, 2021**

**Camp Installation Meeting**  
[Held virtually via Zoom teleconference]

**Camp No. 4 Members Present (6):**

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Linn W. Malaznik

**Auxiliary No. 52 Members Present (0):**

None

**Guests Present (0):**

None

Officers noted as absent and excused were Secretary Tad D. Campbell (PCinC) and Councilman Donald E. Menzies.

Camp Officers pro tempore: Secretary Daniel R. Earl.

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:10 am.

After the rollcall and opening prayer, CC LaRosa thanked Brother Enderlin for using his personal *Zoom* account with unlimited time for the meeting.

CC LaRosa asked Brother Enderlin to recite the American's Creed on behalf of the entire Camp (to prevent the "multiple voices" competing on *Zoom*), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved and seconded that the draft minutes of the January 30, 2021 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa discussed that there are no plans scheduled for organized events for Memorial Day or Independence Day (unless he hears differently from Camp 10 about the Monterey parade). He also reminded Brothers of the National Encampment in August.

**Unfinished Business:**

Brother Frank Avila reviewed notes shared with him from Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson regarding the Department Encampment.

**New Business:**

CC LaRosa announced that he had received an Eagle Scout Certificate request forwarded to him from Dept. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Randy Hawkinson, for a scout in Menlo Park, California. CC LaRosa has reached out to the grandmother (who submitted the request) and he is waiting for a reply to find out if the Camp will be able to present the certificate and letter in person or have to mail it.

**Patriotic Instructor's Report (Dean Enderlin):**

- The Camp was reminded that Monday marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.
- Discussed the history of the Patriotic Instructor position and how it began in the 1890s. Its primary purpose was to properly educate school children, since the GAR felt that students were not being appropriately instructed on the cause of the Civil War, but rather being taught a more skewed version of the events leading up to and causing the war.

**Good of the Order:**

- Brother Daniel Earl announced that he and CC LaRosa are beginning work on a new video, the subject being an attempt to compare/contrast the SUVCW with reenactors, since Brothers are so often confused as being one in the same, or just simply reenactors.
- Brother Frank Avila announced, on behalf of Friends of Civil War Alcatraz (FOCWA), that the island would be re-opening for limited tours (no organized groups), and that FOCWA is always looking for new members.
- Brothers were reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2021.

Meeting was duly closed at 10:59 pm.

Minutes compiled by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell (PCinC) from notes taken by Brother Daniel R. Earl (PCC).



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**Meeting Minutes — Saturday, September 11, 2021**

Regular Camp Meeting  
[Held virtually via Zoom teleconference]



**Camp No. 4 Members Present (6):**

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC)

**Guests Present (1):**

Cynthia L. Eddy (PDP)

Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent. Junior Vice Commander remains vacant.

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:15 am.

After the roll call and opening prayer, CC LaRosa thanked Brother Enderlin for using his personal Zoom account with unlimited time for the meeting.

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin recited the American's Creed and led the Camp in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved (Graham) and seconded (multiple) that the draft minutes of the April 10, 2021 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

Assistant Camp Treasurer Thomas T. Graham presented the Camp Treasurer's report on behalf of Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik. It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Campbell) that the report be accepted as presented.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa mentioned that Brothers Avila and Campbell recently attended the National Encampment and would report on that later in the meeting. He also reported that he, along with Brothers Avila and Earl, attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Menlo Park, California and presented an Eagle Scout Certificate to 15-year-old Parker Brown. The letter and certificate were prepared by Brother Robert J. Kadlec (PCC).

Councilman Daniel Earl reported on banking issues, especially with multiple EINs used by the Camp over the years. There will be a meeting at the local bank in Gilroy to change the accounts over to the new Camp Treasurer and sign new signature cards.

Assistant Treasurer Thomas Graham mentioned that the budget is being discussed and will be voted upon at an upcoming meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

Brothers Avila and Campbell reported on the recent National Encampment, which took place in St. Louis, Missouri on August 5-8. This Camp composed two-thirds of the Delegation from the Department of California and Pacific, which included Brothers Frank Avila, Tad Campbell, and Stephen Doyle (Camp No. 18). Major items of discussion at the Encampment included ongoing IRS issues regarding 503c3 designations, liability insurance issues, and changes in the C&R to allow for virtual meetings.

**New Business:**

Brothers Avila and Enderlin brought the Camp's attention to a potential future dedication ceremony of an unmarked Union veteran in Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo, California. The veteran is Jasper Calvin Voorhees (1838-1895) of Company D, 22<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, who was a member of Farragut Post No. 4 of the GAR. A date for the ceremony has yet to be set.

Civil War Memorials Officer Enderlin reported on the apparent theft of a howitzer cannon from St. James Park in San Jose. The cannon has been missing for an undetermined length of time.

Commander LaRosa is considering an in-person election meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>, perhaps at an outdoor venue, but will consult further with the Camp membership as the date gets closer.

Brother Avila mentioned that Fort Point and Alcatraz may be fully opening up in the near future, so the Camp might expect to see some event opportunities at those locations.

**Patriotic Instructor's Report (Dean Enderlin):**

- Today being the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Camp observed a moment of silence for the victims.
- It is one week until the 158<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga and Brother Enderlin related some of his ancestor's experiences leading up to and during the battle.

**Good of the Order:**

- Sister Eddy mentioned that it is Brother Enderlin's birthday and that Camp sang "Happy Birthday" in his honor.
- Commander LaRosa brought up the fact that, due to last year's wildfires and the ongoing pandemic, the Camp has yet to have a memorial service for Brother Daniel M. Bunnell (PDC), who passed away on August 8, 2020. He would like to see the Camp do something to rectify this and suggested on or near November 20<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Day). Sister Eddy voiced support and recalled how impressed she was that Brother Bunnell recited benedictions in the Ritual from memory. Brother Campbell also voiced support and related how it was Brother Bunnell that was responsible for his own active participation in the SUVCW, and how instrumental Brother Bunnell was in holding both the Camp and the Department together during the mid-1990s.

Meeting was duly closed at 11:14 am.

Minutes submitted by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC.





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**Meeting Minutes — Saturday, November 6, 2021**

Camp Election Meeting  
Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Plot  
Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California

**Camp No. 4 Members Present (6):**

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies, David C. Schleeter (PCC), John E. Stolp (PCC)

**Guests Present (1):**

Diane Wetzel

Secretary Tad D. Campbell was absent. Junior Vice Commander remains vacant.

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:00 am.

It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Menzies) that the draft minutes of the September 11, 2021 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik presented the Camp Treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa that the Camp's bank account at Bank of the West was recently cleared up, thus completing the transfer of the Treasurer's office from Bro. Graham to Bro. Malaznik.

No other officer or committee reports were presented.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

- Camp Treasurer Malaznik presented a proposed budget. It was moved (Earl) and seconded (Graham) to adopt the budget as presented, with the stipulation that future revisions be made as needed.
- The following items were discussed:
  - Department Encampment in Bakersfield, California
  - Remembrance Day (no local events planned)
  - Veterans Day Parade in Petaluma, California (invitation from Camp 23)
  - Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) remain at \$6.00
- Camp Elections:  
The following Camp officers were elected for the 2021-2022 term:  
Commander – Rick T. LaRosa  
Senior Vice Commander – Daniel R. Earl, PCC  
Junior Vice Commander – Donald E. Menzies  
Secretary – Tad D. Campbell, PCinC  
Treasurer – Linn W. Malaznik  
Council – Frank C. Avila, PCC; Daniel R. Earl, PCC, Donald E. Menzies  
Delegates to Dept. Encampment – Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies. All other Camp members in good standing were elected as Alternates.  
Delegates to United Veterans Council – John E. Stolp, PCC; Frank C. Avila, PCC; Rick T. LaRosa

**Good of the Order:**

- The National Encampment will take place on August 11-14, 2022 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- A Celebration of Life Luncheon for Past Department Commander Daniel M. Bunnell will be held today (November 6, 2021) at 11:30 am at the home of his daughter Amanda Bunnell Hagos in Fremont, California. All members of the Allied Orders are encouraged to attend.

Meeting was duly closed at 10:40 am.

Minutes compiled by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell (PCinC) from notes taken by Brother Frank C. Avila (PCC).