



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



Meeting Minutes — Saturday, January 22, 2022

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



Camp No. 4 Members Present (14):

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Terry L. Briggs, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), John G. Jensen, Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (2):

Cynthia L. Eddy (PDP), Diane K. Wetzel

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 11:42 am.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell called the roll of officers and Chaplain Daniel Earl invoked the divine blessing.

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

It was moved and seconded that the draft minutes of the November 6, 2021 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp has had no correspondence and had nothing else to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik presented a brief report on the Camp's finances. The Camp has \$7,379.25 in the checking account. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted as presented.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa gave a brief report and hoped that the Camp would be able to be more active in the coming year, despite the ongoing pandemic.

Brother Daniel Earl, representing the Camp Membership Committee, gave a report on the membership application of Mr. Gregory Lee Mast of San Jose, California. Mr. Mast's ancestor, Felix G. Myers, was a Private in Company H, 189th Ohio Infantry. The committee examined Mr. Mast's application and found everything in order, and also met with Mr. Mast in person. The committee recommended approval of his membership application. The Camp unanimously voted to accept Mr. Mast's application. It is intended that he will be initiated at the next Camp meeting.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business, so Camp Commander LaRosa turned the meeting over to Department Commander Frank Avila who conducted the installation of officers. The following duly elected and appointed officers were installed by Commander Avila:

Commander — Rick T. LaRosa
Senior Vice Commander — Daniel R. Earl
Junior Vice Commander Donald E. Menzies
Secretary Tad D. Campbell
Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik
Councilmen — Daniel R. Earl, Frank C. Avila, Donald E. Menzies
Patriotic Instructor — Dean A. Enderlin
Chaplain — Daniel R. Earl
Historian — John E. Stolp
Counselor — Daniel R. Earl
Guard — Paul E. Lavrischeff
Color Bearer — Frank C. Avila

Graves Registration Officer — Kenneth G. Felton
Civil War Memorials Officer — Kenneth G. Felton
Legislation Officer — Daniel R. Earl
Newsletter Editor — Tad D. Campbell
Assistant Treasurer — Thomas T. Graham
Signals Officer — Tad D. Campbell
Musicians — Christopher C. Avila, James M. Welch
Delegates to the UVC — Frank C. Avila, Rick T. LaRosa, Daniel R. Earl

Control of the meeting was then returned to Camp Commander LaRosa.

It was moved and seconded that the Camp spent \$25.00 to place an ad in the Department Encampment program. Motion passed.

Camp Commander LaRosa proposed the following meeting dates for 2022: February 12, April 9, June 18 (optional meeting), September 10, and November 5 (election meeting). It was moved and seconded to approved the proposed meeting dates. Motion passed.

Patriotic Instructor’s Report (Dean Enderlin):

- Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 is planning an observance/get together for Lincoln’s birthday, possibly on February 11. Camp No. 4 is invited to participated. Details will be announced later.
- Grant’s 200th birthday is coming up and it might be nice to organize a multi-Camp get-together in celebration, possibly on or around April 30.

Good of the Order:

- Brother Frank Avila informed all that the usual Memorial Day weekend Civil War reenactment at Roaring Camp in Felton, California will not take place again this year due to the ongoing pandemic.
- Brother Paul Lavrischeff reminded all that the SVR dues for Company C, 8th California Infantry remain at \$6.00 and are due now. He reviewed the local Civil War history of the period company for which the SVR unit was named and encouraged Brothers to recruit members for the company. Brothers Graham, Avila and Malaznik voiced that they each have “loaner” uniforms that can be used by those needing one. The uniform that Brother Malaznik has was given to him by Amanda Bunnell Hagos, the daughter of our late Past Department Commander Daniel M. Bunnell, for the use of the Camp.
- Brother Linn Malaznik reminded all that Camp dues remain at \$35.00 and are due now.
- Department Commander Frank Avila invited all to attend the upcoming Department Encampment.

Meeting was duly closed at 12:32 pm.

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



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Meeting Minutes — Saturday, February 12, 2022

Camp Meeting
G.A.R. Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (12):

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Terry L. Briggs, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory L. Mast, Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (3):

Emelia J. Campbell (ASUVCW), Vernie Mast (wife of Gregory Mast), Diane K. Wetzell (ASUVCW)

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:49 am.

Brother Donald Menzies was appointed as acting Guide.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell called the roll of officers and Chaplain Daniel Earl invoked the divine blessing. The Camp recited the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved and seconded that the draft minutes of the January 22, 2022 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp has had no correspondence and had nothing else to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent. Assistant Camp Treasurer Thomas Graham reported that the Camp's Post Office Box has been discontinued and that Brother Malaznik would like dues, etc. to be mailed directly to him.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa gave a brief report and expressed optimism that the Camp will continue to expand its activities in light of the lessening severity of the pandemic.

Camp Graves Registration Officer Kenneth Felton submitted a written report of his activities.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

The only new business was the initiation of Brother Gregory Lee Mast of San José. Brother Mast explained that one year ago he did not even know about the Union service of his great-great-great-grandfather, Private Felix George Myers of the 189th Ohio Infantry, and that he joined the SUVCW to help ensure that his ancestor's service was not forgotten as it has been in the past.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Since it was the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, and in lieu of a formal Patriotic Instructor's report, CC Rick LaRosa read excerpts from *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, which touched upon Lincoln's appearance and mannerisms.

Good of the Order:

- Brother Daniel Earl presented each attendee with cookies made by his wife, Debbie Earl, and offered oranges from his backyard tree to all.
- Brother Paul Lavrischeff reminded all that it was on or around this date that Abraham Lincoln left for Washington, DC and that he gave credit to God for guiding him.
- Brother Lavrischeff also thanked all of those who renewed their dues in the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and reported that the company now has twelve (12) members. He is hopeful that the company will be able to be more active this year.
- Department Commander Frank Avila reminded all of the upcoming Department Encampment at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on March 18-19, 2022.

Meeting was duly closed at 11:18 am.

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



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Meeting Minutes — Saturday, April 9, 2022

Camp Meeting
G.A.R. Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (12):

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), John G. Jensen, Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Kirk D. Stoddard, Scott T. E. Stoddard, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (3):

Emelia J. Campbell (ASUVCW), Susan Stoddard (wife of Kirk Stoddard), Diane K. Wetzel (ASUVCW)

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:57 am.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell called the roll of officers and the divine blessing was invoked. The Camp recited the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Earl) that the draft minutes of the February 12, 2022 Camp meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp has had no correspondence and had nothing else to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent. No report was presented.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa discussed meeting place options. The Cup and Saucer Restaurant is not available. Holder's Country Kitchen in Cupertino has a room that is available, but the room has to be left open to the public and it is busy at this time of day.

Camp Commander LaRosa called upon Department Commander Frank Avila to give a summary of the Department Encampment held in Bakersfield, California last month. DC Avila reported that there were 26 Brothers in attendance, with 30 people at the banquet. Guests of honor included Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette and Council of Administration member Kevin Martin. Brother Martin announced his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. No organized meeting of the Auxiliary took place, but there is a good possibility that they will attend next year's Department Encampment, which will likely take place the third weekend of March 2023. Daniel Earl received the Department Officer of the Year award. Veatch Camp No. 30 was recognized for having recruited 14 new members since the last Encampment. Brother Randy Dhindsa of Clovis, California is the new Department Secretary-Treasurer, taking over for Brother Owen Stiles who retired from the offices.

There were no other officer nor committee reports.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Daniel Earl, on behalf of the Membership Committee, presented the membership applications of Kirk D. Stoddard and Scott T. E. Stoddard, father and son, who are descendants of Charles Sidney Stoddard of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry. The Stoddards were elected by unanimous vote. Dan Earl administered the oath and Rick LaRosa completed the initiation.
- It was moved (Earl) and seconded (Graham) to purchase audio/video equipment required to conduct hybrid meetings. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- Memorial Day: The United Veterans Council's ceremony will take place on May 30th. Former United States Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will be the keynote speaker and they plan to have two helicopters present.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

No report.

Good of the Order:

- Kirk Stoddard gave a summary of the life and service of his ancestor, Charles Sidney Stoddard. Charles Stoddard was a Past Commander of the GAR's Department of California and Nevada, and his wife, Laura Belle Stoddard, was active in the WRC and is the namesake of the DUVCW'S Laura Belle Stoddard Tent No. 22 in Santa Barbara.
- John Jensen talked about a website (<https://www.navsource.org>) that provides a listing of U.S. Naval ships from the Revolution forward.
- Frank Avila talked about various school events, namely: Christian High School in Monterey, Quimby Oak Middle School in San Jose, and Chalone Peaks Middle School in King City.
- It was noted that the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse occurred on this date in 1865 – 157 years ago today.
- Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Paul Lavrischeff pointed out that the 6th Military District should be cashing the dues checks shortly, and Paul will be sending out membership cards soon.
- John Stolp brought greetings from former member Richard Staley, who now lives in Jamestown, California.

Meeting was duly closed at 12:01 pm.

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



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Meeting Minutes — Saturday, September 10, 2022

Hybrid Camp Meeting (in person & via videoconference)
Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Avenue, San José, California



Camp No. 4 Members Present (14):

Frank C. Avila (PCC), Terry L. Briggs*, Howard D. Campbell*, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC)*, Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC)*, Kenneth G. Felton*, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies*, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (1):

Cindy Eddy (ASUVCW)*

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:52 am.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell called the roll of officers and the Chaplain Daniel Earl invoked divine blessing. The Camp recited the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A correction was made to the draft minutes of the April 9, 2022 Camp meeting and it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

* Attended via Zoom videoconference.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp has had no correspondence and had nothing else to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik reported that the Camp has \$7,151.69 in the treasury as of July 1, 2022.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa reviewed the Camp's participation in Memorial Day activities at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, including wreath-laying and a display table. He also discussed the Camp's participation with Lincoln Camp No. 10 in the Independence Day Parade in Monterey, California.

There were no other officer nor committee reports.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Paul Lavrischeff brought up an issue with the eagle atop the Camp's 50-star U.S. Flag coming loose. Robert Kadlec said he would provide heavy-duty tape as an interim fix.
- Tad Campbell brought up the recent increase in per capita dues, which was approved at the National Encampment. The Camp Council and Treasurer will discuss options and bring a report with recommendations to the Camp meeting in November.
- Rick LaRosa reminded the membership of the Camp's intention to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose and obtained a tentative headcount of those in attendance that would be available to assist.
- Rick LaRosa brought up Remembrance Day and suggested the Camp consider some sort of ceremony/observance at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin presented a reading of GAR CinC John Palmer's "The Patriotic Influence of the Grand Army" from "The Acme Haversack of Patriotism and Song."

Good of the Order:

- Frank Avila announced the following:
 - Next year's National Encampment will take place in Nashua, New Hampshire.
 - The Friends of Civil War Alcatraz will have a living history event on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay on October 1, 2022.
 - As Department Commander, he is hoping for a multi-Camp officer installation ceremony at Fort Point in San Francisco in January 2023.
- Paul Lavrischeff announced that the *Western Dispatch*, the newsletter of the 6th Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) was recently published and is downloadable.
- Dean Enderlin encouraged Camp members to participate in the upcoming "open house" at Fort Point in San Francisco, which will take place the last weekend in January 2023.
- Dean Enderlin also discussed the recent formation of "Logan's Brigade," a men's associate to the National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC). Additionally, Dean remarked that the National President of the WRC has stated her desire to visit the gravesites of all previous WRC National Presidents. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne (1843-1918), wife of Charles Mason Kinne, was one and is buried at San

Francisco National Cemetery, which may provide the opportunity for participation in a ceremony at a future date.

- Gregory Mast displayed a commemorative U.S. Grant whiskey decanter from 1976, which he offered to anyone who was interested.
- Sister Cindy Eddy announced that tomorrow (September 11) would be Dean Enderlin's birthday and the Camp offered celebratory wishes.
- Rick LaRosa expressed the desire to have a Camp social gathering in the future, with consideration being given to Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, California. Options for dates will be sent out later.
- Frank Avila announced that the Department Encampment will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on March 17-18, 2023.

Meeting was duly closed at 11:43 pm.

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



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Election Meeting Minutes — Saturday, November 5, 2022

Hybrid Camp Meeting (in person & via videoconference)
Denny's Restaurant, 1140 Hillsdale Avenue, San José, California



Camp No. 4 Members Present (13):

Frank C. Avila (DC), Howard D. Campbell, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Robert J. Kadlec (PCC), Rick T. LaRosa (CC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory L. Mast, Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (0):

None

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:35 am.

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell called the roll of officers. Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent and excused. Chaplain Daniel Earl invoked divine blessing and the Camp then recited the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The draft minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2022 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Earl) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell reported that the Camp received registration and other information regarding the San Jose Veterans Day Parade, which will be discussed later in the meeting. There was no other correspondence and nothing else to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik was absent, but Assistant Camp Treasurer Thomas Graham reported that the Camp has over \$7,000.00 in the treasury.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa had nothing to report and deferred to the Camp Council.

On behalf of the Camp Council, Councilman Dan Earl presented three possible scenarios for dealing with the dues increase passed at the National Encampment in August and moved that Option #3, as follows, be adopted (second by Graham):

- Maintain the current 2022 dues, for 2023, at \$35.
- Camp to subsidize each Brother's per capita by \$1.
- None of the dues remains at the Camp level. Implement annual \$10 dues increase in 2024.
 - Take the \$9 that would normally remain with the Camp and apply it to the increase for National per capita plus a \$1 subsidy from the Camp to cover the \$10 increase.
 - Cost change to brothers: \$0; cost to camp \$32.

The motion to adopt Option #3 passed.

Councilman Dan Earl presented the proposed budget previously prepared and distributed by the Camp Council. It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Avila) that the budget be adopted as presented. Motion passed.

There were no other officer nor committee reports.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Rick LaRosa discussed the Camp's participation in the upcoming Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose on November 11. The plan is for Dan Earl, Tad Campbell, and Linn Malaznik to carry flags, Rick LaRosa to serve as a guard, Randall Hawkinson and Jose Silva to constitute the firing detail, and Paul Lavrischeff to lead the contingent. There was a discussion of whether or not to continue the tradition of firing a salute in front of the reviewing stand, considering additional safety requirements/concerns. The final decision was to continue with the practice until told otherwise by the event organizers, and to comply with any reasonable safety requirements.
- Rick LaRosa outlined plans for the Remembrance Day observance at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Participants should gather at 10:30 am, with the event starting at 11:00 am.
- Rick LaRosa also outlined plans for a Camp outing to Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 11:00 am, with Camp Historian John Stolp to give some historical highlights of the cemetery. Those attending will be invited to meet for lunch afterward at a nearby restaurant. Details will be sent out later.

- **Camp Elections:** The following officers of the Camp were duly nominated and elected for the next term:
 - Commander – Rick LaRosa
 - Senior Vice Commander – Donald Menzies
 - Junior Vice Commander – Daniel Earl
 - Secretary – Tad Campbell
 - Treasurer – Linn Malaznik
 - Council – Gregory Mast, Daniel Earl, and Frank Avila
 - Delegates to the Department Encampment – Donald Menzies
 - Alternate Delegates to the Department Encampment – All other Brothers in good standing

Patriotic Instructor’s Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin presented information from the “Grand Army of the Republic Hand Book,” including a timeline of the history of the GAR, districts of the GAR with the Department, political activism to “punish” the South, the naming of GAR Posts, Memorial Day, and badges.

Good of the Order:

- Rick LaRosa asked Brothers to submit names for consideration for the Camp’s Exemplary Dedication Award, to be presented at the Installation Luncheon, which will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 12 noon, at a location to be announced.
- Rick LaRosa also reached out to the Santa Clara County Genealogical Society who expressed an interest in the Camp submitting an article for their newsletter in 2023.
- Paul Lavrischeff suggested the Camp consider some type of archives for photos of Camp activities over the years.
- Frank Avila relayed that Department Senior Vice Commander Stephen Doyle is currently seeking Brothers interested in serving on the Department’s Publicity and Promotion Committee.
- Frank Avila reminded Brothers that the Department Encampment will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California on March 17-18, 2023.
- Tad Campbell brought up the recent unexpected death of Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert (1952-2022) in Ohio on November 4th.

Meeting was duly closed at 12:01 pm.

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