



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Pleasanton Camp #24

Minutes of camp meeting November 18, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Brother Ken Felton at 7:02 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were Brothers Ken Felton, Bruce Hevelin, John Gee, Brad Hatton, Charles Kenyon, Robert Mayer, and Steve Johnson

Brother Johnson reported that as of 10/30 the camp had \$548.53 in the camp banking account. He also stated that currently we pay \$26 in dues. \$23 of that goes to the National Headquarters, and \$3 goes to the Department of the Pacific, leaving no money for the camp. It was proposed, discussed, and voted upon to raise our dues to \$30/year. The motion passed unanimously. Members can renew their membership now for 2016 by sending a check for \$30 — made out to Camp 24, SUVCW - to Steve Johnson, Camp Secretary, 384 Heathcliff Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044.

Brother Kenyon reported that we have had no inquiries for membership recently. We plan to recruit members at Fort Point in January. So far Brothers Felton, Kenyon, Gee, and Johnson plan to attend that event.

Members of the camp attended various Veteran's Day activities. Brother Felton joined 20 members of Sheridan Camp 4 in the parade in San Jose. Brother Mayer was at the ceremonies aboard the *USS Hornet* in Alameda. Brother Johnson attended the Veteran's Day parade in Florence, Oregon, where he was visiting his sister.

There was a brief discussion about the fact that the V.A.'s present policy is to provide a headstone for veterans only if requested by a living descendant. This means that even if members of the SUVCW provide unquestionable documentation that a soldier served his country, the V.A. will not give him a headstone. Brother Johnson suggested we start a letter

writing campaign to protest this policy. If you agree you can write a letter to Secretary Robert McDonald, Department of Veterans Affairs, 441 4th St NW Washington, DC 20001-2714. Brother Gee suggested contacting our local congressman would be even better.

On this subject, Brother Felton is in the process of verifying 9 graves in the Presidio National cemetery as belonging to Civil War veterans; the data he has collected will be sent to the National Data Base in Washington, D.C.

Brother Felton was nominated to be our representative at the Department Encampment in Sacramento in March.

Nominations for our camp officers were presented and voted upon. The following officers have been elected for the year 2016:

Charles Kenyon - Camp Commander
John Gee - Senior Vice-commander
Ken Felton - Junior Vice-commander
Steve Johnson - Secretary & Treasurer

The following members will continue to serve as councilmen: Robert Mayer, Jeffrey Valliant, Bruce Hevelin

Installation of officers will take place at Fort Point on January 30th, our next camp meeting. There will be no camp meeting in December.

It was proposed, discussed, and voted upon to reimburse Brother Felton the \$35 he paid for the rental of the room for our meeting.

Reminder - in lieu of a Christmas party we will have a Lincoln dinner party on February 15th, 2016 at Brother Mabie's house.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Johnson, Camp Secretary