



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24  
Minutes of the Meeting of August 19, 2023

Meeting called to order by Commander Gary Hormel at 5:00 p.m. at the home of member Brad Hatton. Roll call of those present were:

Commander Gary Hormel

Senior Vice-commander Glenn Martin

Secretary/Treasurer Steve Johnson

Council members Brad Hatton

Members Robert Mayer and Ken Felton.

There was a quorum to do the business of the camp.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The camp's current bank balance is \$1, 210.80. Our account is with US Bank, which charges us no monthly fee as a non-profit organization. The treasurer's report was approved. Commander Gary expressed his thanks to all you brothers who contributed to help with his expenses to attend the national encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire, at the beginning of August. He also thanked the brothers who have contributed to the expenses for the graveside memorial ceremony for Private Hentry Barnett, coming up next month.

Brothers Ken, Gary, and Steve reported that the Living History Day at Fort Point was a success. Over 2,000 visitors came to the fort to see the exhibits, take the tours, and watch the military drills of the re-enactors of the 20th Maine. The cannon drills were especially popular, along with Mother Constance's cooking demonstration. We did have visitors stop by our Sons information table and some inquiries were made. The next LH Day at the Fort will be in late January or early February. Alcatraz will have its LH Day on Saturday, October 21st.

Brother Gary gave a detailed report on the National Encampment. 160 delegates attended, plus national officers and staff. As described in the recent camp bulletin, he thought that after some discussion the issue of transgender persons not being allowed in the organization had been set aside for further review until next year's encampment.

However, the national Commander-in-Chief has recently sent General Order #2 to all Departments to vote on (meaning a vote by the Department officers). See attachment. Apparently all efforts to ammend the wording of this change to the By-laws, or to table this issue, were dismissed and the conservative faction in the organization wants to bring this to a vote now. Our Department officers have called for an “emergency encampment” to discuss this latest development and will meet soon. Whatever decisions are made, they will be forwarded to you. If you have any questions about all this, you can email Brother Gary.

After a pleasant dinner provided by our gracious host Brad Hatton, we discussed the program for the memorial ceremony in September for soldier Henry L. Barnett, and what role our camp members will have that day. As it stands now, here is what will be happening:

Welcome and Introduction by Brother Glenn, Senior Vice-Commander

Who We Are - the SUVCW by Brother Hormel, Camp Commander

Finding the Grave by Brother Ken, Graves Registration Officer

The Story of Henry Louis Barnett, by Brother Steve Johnson

Reading of the Poem “The Colored Troops” by Brother Glenn Martin, SVC

The Laying of the Wreaths - Brothers Brad Hatton, Frank Avila (Camp 4)

Thanks to Brother Brad Hatton, we will have as part of the program Command Sargeant Major Sharon Campbell to speak about black soldiers in the Civil War, and Chaplain Fred Tittle, USA, to give the benediction. This will all take place at the Santa Cruz Memorial Cemetery on September 16th at 10 a.m. Any camp brother who wishes to join us can email me.

The next camp meeting will be on Saturday, October 14th, at Brother Hatton’s home in Fremont. At that time we will have the election for camp officers for 2024. If you would like to nominate someone - or yourself - for an officer position, please e-mail me soon. A ballot will be sent to all members by mid-September and returned to a non-candidate to be counted and recorded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brother Steve Johnson  
Secretary, Camp 24