



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24
Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2023

Meeting called to order by Commander Gary Hormel at 10:45 at the home of member Brad Hatton. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of those present were:

Commander Gary Hormel, Senior Vice-commander Glenn Martin (by phone). Junior Vice-commander Jeffrey Nibert, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Johnson, Council member Brad Hatton, and member Ken Felton. Our guest was Steven Hormel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The camp's current bank balance at US Bank is \$1,395.80. We received a generous donation of \$1,000 from the Oddfellows Club in Santa Cruz to help defer the cost of lodging for our brothers and for the army officer who came down from Sacramento to give an oration at the ceremony for Pvt. Barnett. A letter of thanks was sent to the club by the secretary.

The brothers who attended the ceremony for Private Barnett in Santa Cruz all agreed that it was a complete success. We did not know until the last minute if it would all come together, but the speakers, the ritual, and the Honor Guard completed the ceremony as if we had practiced for weeks. Commander Gary Hormel gave a Certificate of Commendation to Brother Ken Felton for his perseverance in locating the grave and obtaining the headstone for that almost forgotten soldier. Brother Brad Hatton was also given a certificate for his efforts to obtain military speakers and providing flags and soldier's equipment for the ceremony. A certificate will also be sent to Randy Krassow of the Santa Cruz Memorial ceremony for his efforts to make the event one for the whole community. An article about the ceremony was written by Brother Steve and will appear in the next issue of *The Banner*.

Brother Ken said he found another Civil War soldier with no headstone, located at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. Samuel H. Sullivan served in the 24th Colored Infantry and had been a member of the G.A.R. Lincoln Post #1 in San Francisco. Brother

Ken is doing more research to obtain a headstone for this soldier, and perhaps we can do a proper graveside ceremony for him as well.

Brothers Gary and Steve described the upcoming Living History Day on Alcatraz. We will have an information table for the SUVCW and the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz near the dock, and Sons members Ken Felton, John Ferris, Randall Hawkinson, Gary Hormel, and Steve Johnson will be there to conduct tours and man the display tables and cannon. The Third Artillery Brass Band will be playing 1860s tunes throughout the day, and several women reenactors will portray officer's wives and talk about the role of women during the war years.

As we do every year, we will have a small contingent of Sons at the gates of the Presidio National Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Veterans Day, welcoming veterans and their families. We will also give talks at the gravesites of notable Union soldiers. Anyone who wishes to join Brothers Gary, Steve, and Ken please contact Brother Steve.

We will soon be having an election for officers for next year. All current officers and one council member are willing to serve another year in their positions. However, if you wish to nominate yourself or another member for any office (including council members) please send the nominations to me by October 25th so I can put the name(s) on the ballot, which will be emailed to all members on October 27th. To see the responsibilities of each officer, go to <https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/Blue%20Book%202023b.pdf>

Brother Steve brought a box of Civil War books to the meeting which had been donated to him and which will now be the start of a lending library for all camp brothers. They will be available for lending at every camp meeting.

We will have a brief meeting at the Living History Day at Fort Point in January during which the camp officers will be installed and new members initiated into our camp. The date will be set in the coming weeks and you will be informed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 and lunch was served by our host, Brother Hatton.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Steve Johnson
Secretary, Camp 24