

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24
Minutes of the Meeting of October 25, 2025

Meeting called to order by Commander Gary Hormel at 11:14 at the home of member Brad Hatton. The blessing was given by Brad Hatton. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of those present were: Commander Gary Hormel, Senior Vice-commander and Treasurer Glenn Martin (joined late by phone), Council Member Brad Hatton, Council Member Dale Smith, Council Member Greg LaFramboise, Frank Avila (Camp 4), members Ken Felton and Robert Mayer, and guests Felix (Son of a Sea Cadet and guest of Brad Hatton) and RB (guest of Dale Smith).

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The dates for the National Encampment in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania need to be amended to reflect correct dates, July 30 – August 2, 2026. Minutes were approved pending this correction. The treasurer's report was given and approved. The camp's current bank balance at US Bank is \$1,461.80. This account has been closed. The funds balance has been sent to Brother Glenn, Treasurer. Brother Glenn will work with Brother Steve to open a new bank account to deposit funds.

A number of General Orders were read by Commander Gary Hormel. The organization has a new National Commander, Kevin Tucker. Camp members may review the list of General Orders on the National website.

Frank Avila announced that the Camp 4 Remembrance Day will be held on November 8, 2025 at the GAR Plot, Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California. Members are encouraged to participate.

Brother Ken has located a Civil War Seaman who is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland and rested in an unmarked grave. His name is Thomas C. Barton and is the recipient of the Medal of Honor ("On board the U.S.S. Hunchback in the attack on Franklin, Va., 3 October 1862. When an ignited shell, with cartridge attached, fell out of the howitzer upon the deck, Seaman Barton promptly seized a pail of water and threw it upon the missile, thereby preventing it from exploding.") Brother Ken intends to develop a gravesite ceremony similar to what was done for Henry L. Barnett. Tentative date April 25, 2026. Brother Ken handed out a tentative plan for the ceremony to get members thinking about the ceremony. Commander Gary advised that many different parts need to come together and that the date may need to be adjusted based on this.

The election of offices was held.

Nominated by Robert Mayer for Commander, Brother Gary, Second Brother Glenn, approved.

Nominated by Robert Mayer for Senior Vice Commander, Brother Glenn, Second Brother Dale, approved.

Nominated by Robert Mayer for Junior Vice Commander, Brother Jeff, Second Brother Glenn, approved.

Nominated by Robert Mayer for Camp Secretary, Brother Steve, Second Brother Dale, approved.

Nominated by Robert Mayer for Treasurer, Brother Glenn, Second Brother Greg, approved. Nominated by Robert Mayer for Council 1, Brother Brad, Second Brother Glenn, approved. Nominated by Robert Mayer for Council 2, Brother Greg, Second Brother Glenn, approved. Nominated by Robert Mayer for Council 3, Brother Dale, Second Brother Glenn, approved.

Next Camp meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2026 and Brother Brad Hatton's house. This will be a joint meeting with Camp 4. Brother Dale offered his house for a future camp meeting in 2026.

Good of the Order. Brother Glenn asked when paperwork needs to be completed to attend the National Encampment in 2026. Brother Gary advised that a Zoom meeting will be held to discuss. On November 11, Camp 4 will be present at the Veterans Parade in downtown San Jose. Members are encouraged to attend. Commander Gary advised that he has heard from the estate of Brad Schall that Camp 24 is listed on his trust for a future gift disbursement. Gary is in contact with the estate lawyers.

After business was completed, the Brothers adjourned at 12:41 to enjoy a fine lunch provided by our host, Brother Brad Hatton.

The next camp meeting will be Saturday, January 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Greg LaFramboise
Council, Camp 24