



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting (Hybrid)
Saturday, March 23, 2024**

Oak Hill Memorial Park (Administration Building)
300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (12):

In-Person: Frank C. Avila (PDC), Terry L. Briggs, Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Randall W. Hawkinson, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory C. Lindley, Henry J. Lindley, Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies; *Virtual via Zoom:* Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC)

Guests Present (2):

Heather Lindley, Jude Lindley

Meeting called to order by CC Donald Menzies at 10:03

The draft minutes for the meetings of November 4, 2023 and January 13, 2024 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (Campbell) and seconded (Earl) that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell had nothing else to report at this time.

Camp Treasurer Linn Malaznik reported that the Camp treasury has a balance of \$5,045.16, which does not include the \$3,000.00 that was invested in a CD last year. The CD is earning 5.5% interest and has earned approximately \$38.00 since November. He also reported that several members have failed to renew. Brother Malaznik will provide the Secretary will a list of those affected so that they can be dropped from the rolls before the Camp pays per capita dues.

Camp Commander Donald Menzies had nothing to report at this time.

No other officers nor committees had anything to report.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Recently elected Brothers Gregory Lindley Henry Lindley were formally initiated into the Order. Bro. Gregory's badge was pinned on him by his wife, Heather, while Bro. Henry's badge was pinned on him by his brother, Jude.
- Bro. Linn Malaznik received an application for participation in the Monterey Independence Day Parade. Bro. Randall Hawkinson informed all that he had also received an application and that the Camp is already registered to participate.
- Bro. Rick LaRosa brought up Memorial Day and a discussion ensued over whether the Camp should participate at Oak Hill Memorial Park or at Los Gatos Memorial Park. Last year the Camp participated at the latter. The general consensus was toward going to Los Gatos Memorial Park again, but that a final determination would be made after the Department Encampment.
- Bro. Frank Avila reminded everyone that the Department Encampment will be held in Laughlin, Nevada on April 5-6, 2024. Bro. Daniel Earl brought up the possibility for some contentious elections for the offices of Department Junior Vice Commander and Department Council, but assured everyone that Delegates would be able to vote their conscious and that there would be time during the elections for the Camp to caucus, if necessary.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin discussed the word "Loyalty" as a watchword for both the GAR and the SUVCW, and explained that it stands for loyalty to the flag of the United States. He went on to relate that the local scout troop in Camp No. 23's area recently folded and handed over to the Camp a large stash of used American flags that had been slated for retirement. Bro. Enderlin mentioned that the SUVCW does indeed have a solemn service for the proper disposal of retired flag and he read a portion of the service from the Ritual.

Good of the Order:

- CC Donald Menzies thanked everyone for assisting him with his first official meeting as Commander.
- Bro. Paul Lavrischeff thanked those who participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose on November 11th.
- Bros. Paul Lavrischeff, Frank Avila, and Randall Hawkinson reminded everyone about the upcoming school event at Chalone Peaks Middle School in King City, California, which will take place on May 10. This is a long-standing annual event that has been taking place for over 20 years. The students put on a mock-battle with cap guns and the school and community is very supportive.
- Bro. Frank Avila mentioned that he participated in a school event in San Mateo on March 22, 2024, along with Bro. Steve Johnson of Camp No. 24.
- Bro. Paul Lavrischeff reminded members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) that, if not already paid, their dues of \$7.00 are overdue.
- Bro. Tad Campbell announced that he had recently been appointed by the Commander-in-Chief as the National Patriotic Instructor. There has been a great deal of turnover in the position and Bro. Campbell is the fourth person appointed to the position this term. He also agreed to remain in the office through the next term, should Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin be elected Commander-in-Chief in August.
- Bro. Frank Avila tendered his resignation as Camp Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, which was accepted by CC Menzies. Bro. Randall Hawkinson then offered his services in the position, which likewise was accepted by CC Menzies.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:26 am.

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