



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2024**

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

Camp No. 4 Members Present (11):

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Terry L. Briggs, Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas B. Hammer, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory C. Lindley, Henry J. Lindley, Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (0):

None

Meeting called to order by CC Donald Menzies at 10:08 am.

Bro. Daniel Earl was appointed *Secretary Pro Tem* for the meeting.

The draft minutes for the March 23, 2024 meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (LaRosa) and seconded (Earl) that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell was absent, but did not have anything to report other than the minutes already approved.

Camp Treasurer Linn Malaznik was absent. In his place, Bro. Daniel Earl reported on the treasury balances, as follows: Checking = \$3,908.16 and CD = \$3,077.37, for a total of \$6,985.53 as of May 17, 2024.

Camp Commander Donald Menzies reported that he had received an email from Bro. Greg Sweatt about the Fort Point Garrison Brass Band performing on Remembrance Day. More about this was discussed under New Business.

Junior Vice Commander Daniel Earl reported that there is one pending membership inquiry, but that the individual has yet to submit an application. The same person made an inquiry a little over a year ago, with the same results, even after a meet and greet. There is also one application that the Membership Committee (Earl and LaRosa) have reviewed and approved, pending meeting with him and his parents (he's 15 years old). After the Membership Committee has their "meet and greet" they will report back for final approval by the Camp.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Bros. Rick LaRosa and Donald Menzies discussed having Greg Sweatt and the Fort Point Garrison Brass Band perform at the Camp's Remembrance Day ceremony this year (the band had to cancel last year). It's important for the band to lock in a date now, so it was decided that the Camp's ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This is the same day as the election meeting. The Camp will hold its business meeting first, followed by its Remembrance Day ceremony and band performance.
- Independence Day Parade: Bro. Rick LaRosa spoke about the parade in Monterey. Bro. Randall Hawkinson is working on the details for that. Those who plan to be there include: Frank Avila, Tad Campbell, Randall Hawkinson, Rick LaRosa, and Paul Lavrischeff.
- Memorial Day: The Camp will participate at Los Gatos Memorial Park again this year. Bro. Rick LaRosa has been in contact with staff to finalize arrangements (the location has moved a short distance from where it was last year). The Camp will post its three flags. It's recommended that participants arrive by 9:00 am, since the music begins at 10:00 am. The main ceremony begins at 11:00 am and runs 45 minutes. The Camp will then conduct its service at the GAR plot as soon as participants can relocate. Those planning to attend include: Frank Avila (wreath), Tad Campbell (color guard), Daniel Earl (keynote address), Rick LaRosa (color guard), and Paul Lavrischeff (color guard).

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin was absent. No patriotic instruction was provided.

Good of the Order:

- Bro. Paul Lavrischeff:
 - Reminded Brothers that today is Armed Forces Day.
 - Reported that former Brother Michael Sanders is in poor health.
 - Reported on the status of SVR and how corrections need to be made to our line-up of personnel (too many officers, etc.). He encouraged others to join whether they have uniform or not.
- Bro. John Stolp:
 - Described for our new members the difference between Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, and Remembrance Day. He also relayed the story of John Lincoln Clem.
- Bro. Frank Avila:
 - Reminded Brothers that there will be a living history event at Alcatraz on June 8, 2024.
 - Reminded Brothers of the National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky on August 1-4, 2024.

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- Bro. Daniel Earl:
 - Updated Brothers on elections and voting results from last month's Department Encampment in Laughlin, Nevada.
- Bro. Rick LaRosa
 - Brought up that the condition of Camp Bible continues to deteriorate. There was a brief discussion on restoration options.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:57 am.

Minutes submitted by Camp Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC, from notes compiled by *Secretary Pro Tem* Daniel R. Earl, PCC.