



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, September 13, 2025**

GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park
300 Curtner Avenue, San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (8):

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Thomas B. Hammer, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Donald E. Menzies (PCC), David W. Pearce (new member), John E. Stolp (PCC)

Guests Present (3):

Kathleen Pearce Fuad, Dan Pearce, Jennifer J. Cohas

Officers Absent - Excused (4):

Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Secretary; Linn W. Malaznik, Treasurer; Gregory C. Lindley, Council; Wyatt E. Sutton, Guide

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

Bro. Daniel Earl was appointed *Secretary Pro Tempore* for the meeting and Bro. Frank Avila was appointed *Guide Pro Tempore* for the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were deferred until the November meeting.

Officer and Committee Reports:

None of the Officers had anything to report.

None of the Camp Committees had anything to report.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Initiation Ceremony of Brother David Wayne Pearce.
- Veterans Day Parade
 - CC Menzies has filed the application.
 - Discussion on who could attend. No one made a commitment. Rick LaRosa will follow up to determine if we have a sufficient number of Brothers for a color

guard. Frank Avila will check with reenactors who could supplement us (at the moment it doesn't appear there are enough to have a firing detail as we have had in years past).

- Dan Earl pointed out that if Wyatt Sutton marches in the parade he is welcomed to serve as a guard or carry a flag. However, due to him being a minor and the liability on the organization, he is not to discharge a musket as a part of the firing detail.
- Election Meeting
 - CC Menzies reminded Brothers that our next meeting on November 8, 2025 will be our annual election meeting.
- Remembrance Day
 - Remembrance Day this year falls on November 15, when the national organization of the SUVCW will march in the parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Since our next meeting is November 8, Dan Earl suggesting combining our ceremony with our Camp meeting. We will be more likely to have a higher attendance, since Veterans Day is just after our meeting. The consensus was to move the ceremony forward to November 8. Dan Earl will update the script for the ceremony.
- Christmas Social
 - CC Menzies announced that we have – for at least the past few years – had a holiday/Christmas social gathering (no business) the first part of December. Rick LaRosa and Dan Earl will take the lead on this, probably returning to Garrett Station on Winchester in Los Gatos where we had it last year.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin was absent. No report was submitted.

Good of the Order:

- Frank Avila, Rick LaRosa, and Dan Earl summarized events at the National Encampment in Houston, TX.
- Frank Avila invited Brothers to the Living History Day on Alcatraz on October 4, 2025.
- CC Menzies presented Brother David Pearce with his membership certificate.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:03 am.

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