



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, November 8, 2025**

GAR Plot, Oak Hill Memorial Park, San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (12):

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Terry L. Briggs, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Edward J. Damrose, Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Thomas B. Hammer, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies (CC), John E. Stolp (PCC), Wyatt E. Sutton

Guests Present (2):

Gary Hormel (Commander, Camp No. 24), Diane Wetzel

Meeting called to order by CC Donald Menzies at 10:25 am.

The draft minutes for the meetings on July 10, 2025 and September 13, 2025 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (Campbell) and seconded (Earl) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Camp Secretary Tad Campbell: Nothing further to report.

Camp Treasurer Linn Malaznik: As of September 3, 2025 the Camp has \$4,096.66 in the checking account.

Camp Council Chair Dan Earl: The certificate of deposit (CD) in which the Camp has invested funds is due to expire in January 2026. It was moved that the Treasurer renew the CD. Motion passed.

Camp Commander Donald Menzies: Nothing further to report.

None of the other Camp Officers nor Committees had anything to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Brother Tom Hammer brought up the previously proposed December social event. Brothers Dan Earl and Rick LaRosa are taking the lead on this. The tentative date is Saturday, December 6, 2025 at The Garret Station in Los Gatos. The exact time and other details will be announced.

New Business:

- Treasurer Linn Malaznik suggested that the Camp move some of the excess funds from the checking account to the CD. This was referred to the Camp Council for consideration.
- Brother Frank Avila brought up the upcoming Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. The Camp is unit #27 and it was suggested that participants should arrive between 9-10 am, but no later than 10:30 am. Step-off for the parade is at noon. Brother Terry Briggs reminded all that there is ample parking adjacent to the SAP Center.
- Brother Edward J. Damrose was initiated into the Camp and presented with his membership badge and certificate.
- Brother Tom Hammer brought up the issue of the Camp's storage shed, which has resided with Brother Tad Campbell for the past 16 years. Brother Campbell will be moving to Auburn, California within the next six months and the shed will need to find a new home. Brother Hammer may be able to take possession of the shed, but is not able to commit at this time. Brothers Earl and LaRosa will look into options for storage space rental.
- Brother Paul Lavrischeff reminded all that both Camp and SVR dues will be payable soon. There was a brief discussion about the rank make-up of the SVR unit and whether the unit should consider disbanding. The general consensus was to keep the unit active.
- The following Brothers were nominated and elected as officers of the Camp for 2025:
 - Commander Donald E. Menzies
 - Senior Vice Commander Rick T. LaRosa
 - Junior Vice Commander Daniel R. Earl
 - Secretary Tad D. Campbell
 - Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik
 - Councilman Daniel R. Earl
 - Councilman Thomas B. Hammer
 - Councilman Gregory C. Lindley
- Dept. Encampment Delegate Edward J. Damrose
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- Dept. Encampment Delegate Gregory C. Lindley
- Dept. Encampment Delegate Thomas B. Hammer
- It was moved and seconded that all remaining Brothers of the Camp in good standing be elected as Alternate Delegates to the Department Encampment. Motion passed.
- Delegates from the Camp to the United Veterans Council (UVC) of Santa Clara County will be appointed by the Camp Commander at a later date.

Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Camp Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin was absent. No report was received.

Good of the Order: Nothing brought forward.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:24 am.

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