



**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 &  
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**Meeting Minutes  
Joint Camp Installation Meeting  
Saturday, January 10, 2026**

Home of Brother Brad Hatton  
35296 Cano Court, Fremont, California

**Camp No. 4 Members Present (9):**

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton (dual member), Thomas B. Hammer, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies (CC), Wyatt E. Sutton

**Guests Present (0):**

None

Each Camp held its own short business session.

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The Camp No. 4 business session was duly opened by Camp Commander Donald Menzies at 10:38 am, with the following business conducted:

- Camp Treasurer Linn Malaznik reported that the Camp had a balance of \$4,297.66 in the bank, plus approximately \$3,300 in a certificate of deposit (amounts as of 11/30/2025).
- Commander Don Menzies set the Camp proposed the following meeting dates: March 21, May 9, September 12, and November 14. It was moved (Earl) and seconded (LaRosa) that the proposed meeting dates be approved. Motion passed.
- Commander Menzies reminded the Brothers of the upcoming Department Encampment in Bakersfield, California.
- Brother Rick LaRosa reminded the Camp of the upcoming Four Chaplains Ceremony. It was noted that the Camp has participated in the past, but it was decided that Brothers be encouraged to attend on their own and the Camp will have no formal participation.
- Brother Rick LaRosa brought up Memorial Day and the general consensus was that the Camp would only participate in the observance at Los Gatos Memorial Park this year.

- Brother Frank Avila announced that there would be living history event at Fort Point in San Francisco on February 7 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. He also informed the Brothers that reenactment at Knights Ferry would take place in March.
- There was a general discussion about the upcoming Department Encampment and it was announced that Brother Steve Johnson (Camp No. 24) would be the guest speaker.
- Under “Good of the Order,” Commander Don Menzies presented Brothers LaRosa and Earl with certificates of appreciation for all of their assistance during his term.

Commander Menzies duly closed the Camp No. 4 business session at approximately 11:15 am.

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The joint installation portion of the meeting was called to order by Camp No. 24 Commander Gary Hormel at 11:29 am.

The meeting was then turned over to Past Department Commander Frank Avila, who conducted a joint installation of the elected and appointed officers of both Camps.

The meeting was duly closed at 11:50 am.

After the meeting the attendees enjoyed a lunch provided by Brother Brad Hatton and engaged in an extended period of camaraderie before going their separate ways.

Minutes submitted by Camp No. 4 Secretary Tad D. Campbell, PCinC.