



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2026**

Reception Room #3, Administration Building,
Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Avenue,
San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (11):

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Thomas B. Hammer, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Gregory C. Lindley, Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies (PCC), John E. Stolp (PCC), Wyatt E. Sutton

Guests Present (0):

None

Meeting called to order by CC Donald Menzies at 10:07 am.

The draft minutes from the meetings of November 8, 2025 and January 10, 2026 were distributed electronically 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:

- **Secretary Tad Campbell**
 - No correspondence has been received.
 - The Camp's annual report has been submitted to the Department Secretary.
- **Treasurer Linn Malaznik**
 - As April 30, 2026 the Camp's bank account had a balance of \$5,143.59 and the CD had \$3,324.47.
 - Brothers Gregory Lee Mast and Victor Alexander Percival have not paid their dues after several requests. In accordance with the Camp Bylaws "any Brother of this Camp who has not paid his dues by March 1st shall be dropped by the Camp." Secretary Campbell will process the required paperwork to drop these Brothers.
- **Camp Council, Daniel Earl (Chair)**
 - The \$1,000 the Camp previously intended to transfer from the bank account to the CD could not be transferred due to the bank requiring all three signatories to be present. The signatories will arrange to meet at the bank before the renewal of the CD on February 28, 2027 to accomplish the transfer.
- **Other Officers:** Nothing to report.

- **Membership Committee, Daniel Earl (Chair)**

- The committee presented for consideration the membership application of Hiram Avery “Hy” Libby of Prunedale, California. Mr. Libby is the great-great-grandson of the 32nd Maine Infantry and 25th Maine Infantry. The committee reviewed his application and found it in order and also met with Mr. Libby and found him an acceptable candidate. The committee recommended Mr. Libby’s election to the Camp. A vote was called and Mr. Libby was unanimously elected as a member of the Camp.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Rick LaRosa reminded all of the Camp’s upcoming participation in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Los Gatos Memorial Park on Monday, May 25, 2026. Music will begin at 10:00 am, with the ceremony commencing at 11:00 am. There will be a Camp ceremony at the GAR Plot afterward. Brothers are recommended to arrive between 8:30 am and 9:00 am. Approximately seven Brothers indicated their plans to attend.
- Frank Avila reminded all of the Camp’s upcoming participation in the 4th of July Parade in Monterey. The parade begins at 10:00 am.
- Frank Avila discussed the large amount of Camp property now at his home, which had been stored in a shed at the home of Tad Campbell for the past 16 years, and provided those in attendance with a three-page inventory of the property. Brother Avila moved that the Camp direct Brothers LaRosa, Earl, and Avila to examine the property and authorize them to make proper disposition of such property, including, but not limited to, finding another home for it in the Camp, donating it to charity, or otherwise appropriately disposing of it, while keeping in mind its historical value and use by the Camp. The motion was seconded (Campbell) and passed unanimously.

Patriotic Instructor’s Report:

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

Good of the Order:

- Frank Avila announced that there would be a living history day on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay, hosted by the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, on June 20, 2026.
- Frank Avila announced that there would be a living history day at Fort Point in San Francisco on August 1, 2026. He also pointed out that this event is in conflict with the National Encampment in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on the same weekend.
- Rick LaRosa related that the Camp participated in two headstone dedication ceremonies for two Medal of Honor recipients at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California on April 25, 2026. The event was hosted by Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp No. 24 and Camp No. 4 was represented by Rick LaRosa, Daniel Earl, and Kenneth Felton (dual member). The first ceremony was for George Prance who was Captain of

the Maintop on the USS *Ticonderoga*. He received his Medal of Honor for action at the battle of Fort Fisher. The second ceremony was for Thomas C. Barton, a sailor aboard the USS *Hunchback*. He received his Medal of Honor for actions around Franklin, Virginia. The event was attended by Oakland City Councilman Zachary Unger.

- Paul Lavrischeff thanked everyone for paying their Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) dues and explained that he accidentally overcharged each member \$3.00. The general consensus was that the SVR retain the overpayment.
- Frank Avila related that the Camp participated in the annual Civil War school event at Chalone Peaks Middle School in King City, California, which features the students participating in a mock battle. The Camp was represented by Frank Avila, Randall Hawkinson, and Paul Lavrischeff.
- Frank Avila pointed out that the Camp's collection of streamers is now displayed on the Camp flag. Some of these streamers are over 20 years old and have not been seen in several years.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:15 am.

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