



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting
Saturday, September 12, 2026**

Building #2 (Pre-Need Office)
Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Avenue,
San José, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (13):

Frank C. Avila (PDC), Terry L. Briggs, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Kenneth G. Felton, Thomas T. Graham (PDC), John G. Jensen, Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Gregory C. Lindley, Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies (PCC), John E. Stolp (PCC), Wyatt E. Sutton

Guests Present (2):

John S. Dolby, Dr. Robert R. Bravo (both candidates for membership)

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

The draft minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2026 were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. It was moved (Campbell) and seconded (Graham) that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- **Secretary Tad Campbell**
 - No correspondence has been received.
- **Treasurer Linn Malaznik**
 - As August 31, 2026 the Camp's bank account had a balance of \$4,167.59 and the CD had \$3,345.81.
- **Camp Council, Daniel Earl (Chair):** Nothing to report.
- **Commander:** Nothing to report.
- **Other Officers:** Nothing to report.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Camp Property, Frank C. Avila (Chair)**
 - The committee distributed its written report, which outlined their findings and disposition of the various items of Camp property that had previously been kept in a shed at the Gilroy home of Bro. Tad Campbell. No further action was required and the Committee was discharged.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- **Membership Committee:** Daniel Earl (Chair) reported on the membership applications of **John S. “Jack” Dolby** and **Dr. Robert R. “Bob” Bravo**. Mr. Dolby is a descendant of Pvt. Isaac Griffith of Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Infantry and is a retired resident of Bay City, Texas. He is also a fourth cousin of Bro. Earl. Mr. Dolby spoke about his interest in the Civil War and his families connection to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR). Dr. Bravo has yet to discovered a Union ancestor and has applied for Associate membership. He is the Superintendent of the Campbell Union High School District and a former history teacher. Dr. Bravo spoke about the importance of teaching about the Civil War and mentioned that he saw an advertisement for the SUVCW in the *Civil War Monitor* magazine. The Membership Committee recommended approval of both applications. The Camp voted unanimously to approved the same and the members-elect were then initiated into the Camp.
- Frank Avila reminded all of the Camp’s upcoming participation in the **Veterans Day Parade** in downtown San José on November 11.
- Daniel Earl reminded all of the upcoming **Camp Election Meeting** on November 14th. This will be an in-person only meeting and will take place at the GAR Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José. It will be followed by a short Remembrance Day Ceremony at the same location.
- Kenneth Felton reported on an upcoming **headstone dedication event** at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California. A date has not been set and further details will be announced.

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 October 3, 2026.
- Rick LaRosa, Frank Avila, and Daniel Earl reported on their attendance at the **National Encampment** in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in August.
- Tad Campbell advised the Camp that he will be participating in a **headstone dedication** on September 16th at Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles. The soldier is James Jacob “Jake” Stubbelfield of Company E, 12th Kansas Cavalry. His grave has been unmarked since his death in 1924. The effort to get the grave marked was spearheaded by Bro. Dean R. Smith, Past Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2. Pvt. Stubbelfield was the step-3 x great-grandfather of Bro. Campbell, having been married to Bro. Campbell’s 3 x great-grandmother, Sarah Amelia Duryee. Pvt. Stubbelfield is said to have been a friend of Buffalo Bill and Bat Masterson and was a

gold miner in Cripple Creek, Colorado and the Klondike, before settling in Los Angeles County.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:23 am.

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