



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



**Meeting Minutes
Camp Meeting (Hybrid)
Saturday, September 9, 2023**

Oak Hill Memorial Park (Administration Building)
300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California

Camp No. 4 Members Present (13):

In-Person: Terry L. Briggs, Tad D. Campbell (PCinC), Daniel R. Earl (PCC), Thomas T. Graham (PDC), Rick T. LaRosa (PCC), Paul E. Lavrischeff (PCC), Linn W. Malaznik, Donald E. Menzies, John E. Stolp (PCC); *Virtual via Zoom:* Frank C. Avila (PDC), Dean A. Enderlin (PDC), Kenneth G. Felton, Robert "Nels" Nelson

Guests Present (0):

None.

Meeting called to order by CC Rick LaRosa at 10:10

The draft minutes for the meeting of April 15, 2023 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. It was moved (Graham) and seconded (Lavrischeff) that the minutes be approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Secretary Tad Campbell reported that email confirmation had been received of the Camp's entry into the San Jose Veterans' Day Parade on November 11, 2023.

Camp Treasurer Linn W. Malaznik reported that the Camp treasury has a balance of \$6,845.29.

Camp Commander Rick LaRosa thanked Bro. John Stolp for his excellent historical presentation at the last Camp meeting at Madronia Cemetery. He also thanked those that participated in the Independence Day Parade in Monterey on July 4th. CC LaRosa commented on the excellent turnout from the Camp at the National Encampment. Of the nine Delegates from the Department, six were from Camp No. 4 (*F. Avila, T. Campbell, D. Earl, D. Enderlin, R. LaRosa, & L. Malaznik*). Finally, CC LaRosa welcomed the 12 new Brothers who transferred from the recently defunct Lincoln Camp No. 10 in Santa Cruz/Monterey (*M. Arbuckle, R. Barratt, K. Coyne, P. Gomez, R. Groeling, G. Hasslinger, R. Hawkinson, H. Lyon, J. Lyon, R. Nelson, K. Quattlander, & C. Tittle*).

No other officers nor committees had anything to report.

Unfinished Business:

- CC LaRosa commented that at the National Encampment there was discussion about membership qualifications, specifically issues regarding gender identification, but that no decisions had been made yet.
- CC LaRosa advised that he had received an email from Department Commander Steve Doyle asking Camp No. 4 to vote to assume “jurisdiction” for those areas previously handled by Lincoln Camp No. 10. It was agreed by all that it was not appropriate at the Camp-level to claim responsibility for geographic areas and that such assignments should be decided by the Department.
- CC LaRosa reminded the Camp of the Civil War monuments challenge posed by Department Patriotic Instructor Kyle Jones during the Department Encampment.

New Business:

- Graves Registration Officer Ken Felton gave details about the upcoming headstone dedication ceremony at Santa Cruz Memorial Park in Santa Cruz, California for Pvt. Henry L. Barnett of Co. G, 113th United States Colored Troops (USCT), which will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Pvt. Barnett has had an unmarked grave since his death in 1909.
- CC LaRosa gave thanks to Dan Earl and John Stolp for submission of an article regarding Remembrance Day at the GAR Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park, which will be featured prominently in the October edition of the newsletter of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHGS).
- CC LaRosa reminded Brothers of the upcoming officer elections, which will be held at the Camp meeting on November 4. He also announced that he will not be running for another term as Camp Commander.
- CC LaRosa reminded Brothers of the upcoming Veterans’ Day Parade in downtown San Jose, which will take place on November 11, in which the Camp will be participating.
- CC LaRosa reminded Brothers of the upcoming Remembrance Day Ceremony that the Camp will be conducting at the GAR Plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The tentative time is 10:00 am. The cemetery will be distributing a flyer for the event and the Fort Point Garrison Brass Band is scheduled to perform.
- Treasurer Linn Malaznik will coordinate with the Camp Council about placing some of the Camp funds into short-term CDs, which are yielding about 5% interest.
- Bro. Thomas Graham inquired about the whereabouts of the funds and property belonging to the now-defunct Lincoln Camp No. 10. Bro. Tad Campbell reported that Camp No. 10 had donated their funds to an appropriate charity, but that the status of their Camp property is unknown.
- Bro. Linn Malaznik volunteered to assist with Eagle Scout Courts of Honor in the Monterey and Salinas area (previously covered by Lincoln Camp No. 10) and will coordinate with Bro. Randall Hawkinson.

Patriotic Instructor’s Report:

Patriotic Instructor Dean Enderlin shared two images from newspaper accounts of a “preparedness” parade held in San Francisco in July 1916 and associated funeral. The parade, lead by members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS), was marred by a pipe bomb explosion attributed to anarchists. 44 people were wounded and 6 were killed, including two members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The parade was cancelled, but took place the following weekend, with members of the SUVCW carrying an enormous U.S. Flag.

Good of the Order:

- CC Rick LaRosa reminded the Camp of the available Camp awards and requested the names of nominees be forwarded to him.
- Bro. Frank Avila mentioned several school events in which he has participated and announced that Quimby Oak Middle School in San Jose provided the Camp with an honorarium of \$90.00.
- Bro. Frank Avila announced that there will be living history event at Alcatraz Island on October 21, 2023 for those interested in attending.
- Bro. Paul Lavrischeff reminded everyone that Patriot Day is coming up on Monday, September 11, 2023 and encouraged attendance at the annual memorial ceremony at the 9/11 Monument at Oak Hill Memorial Park.
- Camp Historian John Stolp remarked that today is California Admission Day and that it is the 173rd anniversary of California's admission into the Union on September 9, 1850.

Meeting was duly closed at approximately 11:15 am.

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