

# John A. Sutter Outpost #1841

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 21FEB12

**Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young presiding.

**Pledge to the Flag:** Brother Dave “Dave the Dick” Andre led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call of Board Members:** Roll was taken, those present and absent were so noted.

Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” Young/Present  
Constable Bob “Ironhorse” Stevenson/Present  
Court Clerk Russell “Christ” Holder/Present  
Baliff Dan McCarthy/Present  
Jailer Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins/Present  
Juror Foreman Dave “Dirty Dave” Barnett /Present  
Juror Paul “Sparks” Laue/Excused  
Juror Fred “Mr. Magoo” Willcox/Present  
Master at Arms Kieth “Hardshell” Kenny/Absent  
Raffle Master Gary “Col. Klink” Klinke/Present

**Chief Constable’s Report:** Chief Constable Mike “Gunshot” reported.

BEAN FEED: 1841 was well represented, Bob Ferrel’s crew won the Clampaatriarch’s Choice award; Kevin’s crew won the Red Shirt Open award; Peanut Butter’s hawking raised \$344; all 100 printed Gun & Knife raffle tickets were sold at \$5 each or \$20 for four raising \$435, more tickets will be printed and sold at doins etc between now and the drawing at the Widders Ball.

SPRING DOINS: the information:

IDES Portuguese Hall & Grounds, Freeport  
\$35 pre-pay, \$40 day of, PBCs \$50  
NO artillery, rifles, pistols, swords, knives, cross bows, etc.  
NO lions, tigers, bears, dogs, chickens, skunks, vipers, etc.  
Saturday day: raffle, hot dogs (donation)  
Saturday dinner: steak, beans, salad, bread, water, soda  
[ TURN PBCS OVER TO HANGMAN AT 841AM ]  
Sunday morning: continental breakfast - Danish and coffee  
[ NO ALCOHOL WILL BE PROVIDRD ]  
Tattoo of the day by Rob Quinn of Sunset Design Tattoo \$20

Action item: post to the website (done)

**Bailiff's Report:** Brother Dan McCarthy reported that by the end of January there had been \$100 out and \$700 in implying a balance of \$5400.003, plus, the Bean Feed income; a motion was made and seconded to accept the bailiff's report as read and on vote the motion passed.

**Court Clerk's Report:** Brother Russell "Christ" Holder read the minutes from previous meeting; a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read and on vote the motion passed.

**Historian's Report:** Brother Don "Peanut Butter" Breeland reported on President's Day.

On 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1898 the battleship Maine exploded in Havana harbor. Some thought it was an accident, some thought it was sabotage, some thought an act of war, history was never sure about the incident. Lapel pins of the era had a picture of the Battleship Maine and the words "Remember the Maine, to hell with Spain." Your phone bill *STILL* includes approximately three cents per month tax to pay for that incident, an incident which triggered the Spanish-American War which was also fought over what was going on in Cuba: 60% of the sugar, 30% of all coffee and a big percentage of all tobacco imported to the US in 1898 came from Cuba, and, the Spanish were continuously pillaging the land. The US was at that time not even in the top five military powers in the world, in fact, the US was tied for tenth with two other countries, on the other hand, Spain had the third most powerful military in the world. World powers considered the non-modernized US military a joke.

The Spanish-American War only lasted four and a half months during which time the US seized Cuba, Puerto Rico, San Juan, St Croix, St John San Thomas, Wake Island, Guam and the Philippines. Also, this was the first war in which we used the 3040 Krag Jorgensen rifle which had an increased range. The US not only fought in Cuba (San Juan Hill) but also in Ponce, Puerto Rico, a naval battle in and around Guam and Manila Bay and inland battles in Manila. Since 1898, Puerto Rico has been and is still under US control and the Philippines were until WWII. All the governors in the Philippines were American appointed, for example, Author Me Author (father of Douglas MacArthur), President Taft also served as a governor. General MacArthur was the longest appointed governor and was so loved by the Filipinos that they wanted him to come back after WWII and run for president, however, Marcos ran instead.

Spain, the third most powerful military in the world also had Germany as an ally, and Germany was the fifth most powerful military in the world, so the US not only fought the Spanish, but also the highly mechanized Germans who had better artillery. During the Philippines insurrection, 1899 to 1903, the Hucapinos (Hucs) had to be defeated, Hucs are still there today. Krag rifles given to the Filipino constabulary were used against the US, however the US took Samoa from the Germans in WWI.

Land the US gained from the Spanish-American War were important to the US. The US printed stamps and coin money for Cuba until WWII and for the Philippines until 1962. Coins in the Philippines were printed "Filippines" and it was not until 1907 when the spelling was changed to "Philippines." Money ties that went with land masses the US captured were a boon to the US. Castro was becoming a person of interest in 1954 and 1959. And in the Philippines there was "Tar Paper Town, now known as "Gobbler's Alley.

Persons of note from the Spanish-American War include General Leonard Wood won the Congressional Medal of Honor, visit the army base named after him in Missouri. President Theodore Roosevelt also won the Medal of Honor. Theodore Roosevelt called the Spanish-American War a "splendid little war," his Rough Riders and Leonard Wood fought three battles, and, the only horse that made it up the hill was "Little Texas" owned by Theodore Roosevelt. Walter Reed served as a medical officer and became important in Panama with the canal. Admiral Dewey's "you may fire when ready Gridley" quote has been repeated in movies.

The US had help from the British; “God save the Queen” was the battle cry of the San Francisco militia. The British kept the Spanish fleet bottled up and out of the Caribbean, otherwise, the outcome may have been different, but it was a “splendid little war.”

**Peddler’s Report:** none given.

**Website Report:** Brother Russell “Christ” Holder reported that the website is current with over almost 1500 hits in the preceding month.

**Committee Reports:**

Spring Doins: Brother Kevin “Stinky” Jenkins will make signs and hangman supplies for the doins. Gunshot will assign folks to certain tasks with committees.

Plaquing: Kieth has been looking at Juiceys, Wimpys and the YMCA.

**Old Business:** Stinky wants old white T-shirt.

**New Business:**

Ironhorse reported Gun & Knife raffle tickets are here now... get some!

Gunshot will check with Steve Olson for Rubber Band availability for the doins; Kevin knows a band; Peanutbutter reported that two tubas and a harpsichord don’t make a band.

Peanutbutter requested we consider planning a Candel Light Ceremony in late August which might start at 2pm and end at 7pm, maybe 15 or 20 PBC’s would attend; maybe the VFW Hall in West Sacramento would be available.

Everready reported there is nothing secret going on in the board meetings, rather, board meetings are useful for expeditious taking care of business because the meetings are more orderly with less interruptions.

Brother Laue has been deployed to Afganistan for eighteen months.

**Brothers Sick or in Distress:** Peanutbutter reported that his brother, Gene, is not in attendance tonight because he is having cancer removed from his head; Ironhorse reported that Hardshell was given six pints of blood because he took some medicine that did not agree with him; Stinky Bastard reported that Fry Pan Joe had three stints put into his heart and was back at work;

**Good of the Order:** Klinkey’s raffle brought in \$147.

**Meeting Adjourned:** With no further business appearing the Chief Constable entertained a motion to close the meeting and on vote the motion passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm with 35 brothers present.