

## **2008 NEVADA DAY, VETERANS DAY, AND WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ACTIVITIES OF THE CARLIN CAMP 25 OF RENO, NEVADA**

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Members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Reno, Nevada, took part in Nevada Day, Veterans Day, and the Wreaths Across America Project in 2008.

Camp Commander David A. Davis (now PCC), Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood (now Camp Commander), Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Chaplain Don Guidici, and Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on November 1. We used Don's ranch pick-up truck and borrowed chairs from the VFW Post 9211 Hall in Reno. We flew the U. S. and Camp flags from the back of the bed of the truck and put the Camp signs on the sides. Don drove, and the rest of us sat in the back. We were well received by the crowd. It rained lightly the whole time we were in the parade, and the rain quit the instant we exited the parade route. The theme of the parade was motion pictures in Nevada, and the announcement for our entry was:

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Reno; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; David A. Davis, Camp Commander. The Sons of Union Veterans is the heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, or G.A.R., the main Union veterans' organization. The G.A.R. had 18 posts in Nevada including the Custer Post 5 in Carson City and Mitchel Post 69 in Reno. The Sons keep alive the memory of the sacrifices the Boys in Blue made keeping our country together between 1861 and 1865, the theme of many motion pictures over the last one hundred years.



The Carlin Camp 25 Nevada Day parade vehicle.

David A. Davis, Brian Worcester, John Riggs (now Senior Vice Commander), and Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Veterans Day parade in Reno on November 11. We put the signs on the sides of Brian's SUV and rode in that. Frank Wood was also in the parade, but he rode with the VFW Post 9211 of which he is a member. The announcement for our entry was:

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Standing in front of the Carlin Camp 25 Veterans Day parade vehicle from left to right: Tyrone W. Davis, David A. Davis, Brian Worcester, and John Riggs (photo courtesy of John Riggs).



Standing by the VFW Post 9211 float from left to right: John Riggs, Brian Worcester, and Frank Wood (photo courtesy of John Riggs).



Brian Worcester standing along the parade route in front of the life-sized statue of Reno, Nevada's namesake, General Jesse Reno (photo courtesy of John Riggs).

At 3 pm, we assembled at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot and Civil War monument in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City and had a short wreath laying service. Interestingly, ours was apparently the only public Veterans Day service in Carson City as parades and services were being held nearby in Reno and Virginia City. About 30 people attended including a reporter. We were mentioned in the Nevada Appeal, which included a picture of Brian.



Camp Commander David A. Davis reading his speech to the crowd. Brian Worcester is in the center, and Tyrone W. Davis is to the left (photo courtesy of David A. Davis).



Standing in front of the monument from left to right: John Riggs, Brian Worcester, Tyrone W. Davis and David A. Davis (photo courtesy of David A. Davis).



Tyrone W. Davis, age 13, during the prayer at the wreath laying. The uniform was courtesy of Richard Lee of the First Nevada Cavalry Civil War Reenactors (photo courtesy of David A. Davis).

At noon, on December 12, David A. Davis and Brian Worcester laid a wreath at Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot and Civil War monument in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City as part of the Sons of the American Revolution Wreaths Across America Project to honor veterans. Brian is also the Trustee of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Western Division Vice President General, and Vice Chairman of the DAR Liaison Committee.



Standing in front of the monument from left to right: Brian Worcester and David A. Davis (photo courtesy of Brian Worcester).