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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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HAPPY 203RD BIRTHDAY, ABE!!

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, February 12, 2012, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive (formerly Burris Lane) near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

NOTE: DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 1

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

The following Camp Officers were elected/appointed at the December 18, 2011 meeting:

Camp Commander: John A. Riggs
Senior Vice Commander: David A. Davis
Junior Vice Commander: Francis H. Wood
Council Member 1: Steve Frady
Council Member 2: Donald W. Guidici
Council Member 3: Walter Roode
Secretary/Treasurer: Brian I. Worcester
Patriotic Instructor: Tyrone W. Davis
Chaplain: Wayne Eder
Graves Registration Officer: Donald J. Huffman
Historian: David A. Davis
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis
Signals Officer: David A. Davis
Guard: Tyrone W. Davis

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to SUVCW Department of California & the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25's web page!

On behalf of my Camp, Department and National Brothers, I hope that you, your family, and community are having a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. As you well know, 2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War year of 1862. 1862 was truly the dark days of the

war for Federal forces and our President, Abraham Lincoln. I am reminded of the Bible verse in the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Titus, Chapter 3, verse 1:

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work”

People were different 150 years ago, with much different beliefs and thoughts than we have now. Like many of you, I have visited the Civil War Battlefields and am myself and avid Civil War Reenactor. So many times I have looked across the “battlefield” at Confederate reenactors and wondered if I could truly march across that field to certain death. Could you? If it were not for our ancestors, taking this risk, with many paying the ultimate sacrifice, we would not enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today. In our modern society, many of us are experiencing difficult times based on the nations and worlds economic crisis. We can learn from our forefathers, both in the Civil War and in the Bible, to make the best of our situation and work to make our Great Country stronger, and better. We are facing a different type of struggle, however the results will be remembered by future generations, who will look back on this 150th anniversary and be thankful for the efforts that we made to remember our ancestors, and to help our Nation get back on track.

Please join us in remembering our (and your) American Civil War ancestors, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the founding members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Let us carry on their efforts, heroics, and other accomplishments while honoring their memory.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Wayne L. Eder, EFO, MBA
Chaplain

NOTE: Brother Wayne is also overseeing Carlin Camp 25 on Facebook

CARLIN CAMP 25 OPEN HOUSE

April 15, 2012

The Camp is planning their annual Open House, which is tentatively scheduled for April 15. Potential scheduling conflicts at the VFW Post 9211 Hall are being looked into, and details will be discussed at the February meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

March 9-10, 2012

The 125th Annual Department Encampment will take place on March 11-12, 2011, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. As registration and other information become available, it will be posted on the Department website: <http://www.suvsac.org>. Please note that Camp San Luis Obispo is a military base, and a pass, which will eventually be provided on-line, will be required to enter for the Encampment.

2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 9-11, 2012

The 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 126th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 126th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 9-11, 2012, at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in Los Angeles, California. **The Encampment will be hosted by our very own Department of California and Pacific.** This will

also be a celebration of the centennial of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in California. Please see the Department website, <http://www.suvcw.org> for more information.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 14, 2012

All are invited to the 56th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony which is sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS. It will be held at 10 am on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at President Lincoln's tomb in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The headquarters for the event is the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. The ceremony will be followed at 3 pm by the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, hosted by the Department of Illinois, at Dr. Stephenson's grave in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.suvcw.org/lincolnday.htm>.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 8-10, 2012

The Carson City Rendezvous will be held June 8-10, 2012 at Mills Park in Carson City. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nvshows.com/carson-city-rendezvous/>.

BATTLE BORN DAYS

October 25-28, 2012

Battle Born Days will be held October 25-28, 2012 at Mills Park in Carson City. This event is billed as a salute to America's military from the Revolution to the present and into the future. It is being planned to honor all the services through both war and peace time. The event will include static displays, living history re-enactments, tributes and military honors, equipment, weapons, and vehicle displays, and the Vietnam Travelling Wall is scheduled to come. The event planners are looking for volunteers and donations. Please visit <http://www.battleborndays.com/> for details.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

November 3-4, 2012

The 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference is sponsored by the Orange County Civil War Round Table and will be held in Orange County at a location to be announced soon.

DECEMBER 18, 2011, MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25. Camp mailing address 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025. Due to a last minute conflict with another meeting at the VFW Post 9211 Hall, the meeting was moved the home of Junior Vice Commander Frank Wood.

1. Time: 1315 Hrs. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Chaplain Tyrone. All Brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Tyrone Davis, Wayne Eder, Brian Worcester and guest The Battle Born Commander (Harry Ehrman).
3. Commanders Report: Commander Riggs provided several pages of a detailed report to be sent via email.

4. Secretary/ Treasurers Report: U.S. Bank Bal. \$ 354.79. Past Camp meeting minutes accepted. Camp dues, in the amount of \$36.00 should be sent or presented to Brother Brian before March First 2012.
5. History and Memorials Report: Submitted via email by Brother David.
6. Certification of Election and Election of Camp Officers was held according to procedures enumerated in Ritual and Ceremonies. Form-22 completed and submitted to Department Secretary/ Treasurer.
7. For the Good of the Order: The 2012 Nevada Day Parade will have as its theme "All Wars" and will encompass a four day event utilizing all of Mills Park. The majority of Heritage Organizations as well as the U.S. Army and related military equipment and displays e.g; the moving Vietnam Wall Memorial, the American Legion, VFW, ROTC, Honor Guards and escorts and many other organizations will participate. Details will be announced. However, a preliminary presentation will be held at the Carson City, Gold Dust West on 7 January 2012 at 1300 Hrs.
8. Meeting concluded at 1500 Hrs with a silent Prayer. The next Camp meeting will be held at the VFW Post 9211, 255 Veterans Historic Way on 12 February 2012. This will be our annual open house.

Submitted in F, C & L. Brian I. Worcester

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 18, 2011

David A. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

36-STAR FLAG IN SPARKS

I was told of a 36-star flag on display at the Sparks Heritage Museum, and went to see it yesterday afternoon. It is 72 inches by 76 inches, silk, and apparently hand sewn with brass rings down the side for mounting. The stars are sewn on the blue field. The blue field was also cut out behind the stars, so the stars are on piece of cloth seen on both sides. The flag was folded and stored through the years, and at some point got wet causing the red to run some on the white.

The origin of the flag is unknown. Recently, one of the docent thought of hanging an old flag on the wall. They had a box of mostly later flags, and this one was found inside. The museum has been around for about 25 years, and records for early donations are sketchy at best.

One of the docent did an internet search, and found one exactly like this one, but minus the brass rings, on the website of Jeff R. Bridgman American Antiques and Antique Flags - <http://www.jeffbridgman.com/inventory/index.php?page=out&id=844> – located in York County, Pennsylvania. The docent e-mailed Mr. Bridgman for more details, but so far has gotten no reply.



The flag had 33 stars when the Civil War started, and stars are added the July 4th after a state is admitted. The 34th was added after Kansas became a state in 1861, and the 35th was added for West Virginia, which became a state in 1863. Nevada became a state on October 31, 1864, and the star would not officially be added until July 4, 1865, after the Civil War was over. It is probably unlikely this is true Civil War flag, however that being said, stars were locally unofficially added immediately after a territory became a state, and sometimes before. Also, General Grant's Civil War Headquarters for 1864-1865 had a 36-star flag ([The Flags of the Union, An Illustrated History](#), 1994, by Devereaux Cannon, Jr.). Also, a note on <http://www.illinoiscivilwar.org/cwflags.html> says Army Regulations required regiments to have two silk flags 6 feet by 6 feet. One was the national flag with the regimental name and number on the middle stripe, and the other was the regimental flag. This flag is about the right dimensions but lacks regimental identification.

I have seen two other 36-star flags. Nevada State Archives has one that flew over Fort Ruby, and a 36-star flag of unknown provenance is on display at the Way It Was Museum in Virginia City.

COLONEL NORMAN PARKER CHIPMAN

Recently, our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman tracked down the final resting place of Colonel Norman Parker Chipman. Colonel Chipman co-founded the GAR and authored the order creating Memorial Day. He was also GAR Department of California and Nevada Commander in 1897. He died in San Francisco in 1924 and was cremated. His remains were sent for burial at Cypress Lawns Cemetery in Colma, California. Department Civil War Memorials Officer Dean Enderlin had been researching Col. Chipman and ran into a dead end, because Cypress Lawns said he was not buried there. After a diligent search, Don found that Colonel Chipman was buried at the Bellefontaine Cemetery in Saint Louis, Missouri. He also has a rather ordinary gravestone with no mention of his military or GAR record.



ROAD TRIP TO CALIFORNIA MILITARY MUSEUM

On Oct. 15, Commander John Riggs and I met with our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman at the California State Military Museum in Sacramento. We attended a talk on the Civil War era history of California by an historical novel author. On the way back to Reno, Commander Riggs and I visited the GAR plot in the cemetery at Auburn and the GAR monument at the cemetery in Newcastle.

SALUTE TO VETERANS CONCERT IN ELKO

Saturday, November 12, 2011, the Ruby Mountain Symphony presented Salute to Veterans at the Elko Convention Center in honor of veterans, and Carlin Camp 25 participated. I gave a brief synopsis of the Civil War. Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester presented Jerry Reynolds a certificate recognizing the medal of honor his grandfather Harry Reynolds posthumously received for his actions in the Indian Wars. Chaplain/Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis took pictures, and a reception was held at the Northeastern Nevada Museum after the event. This activity is written up in more detail with several pictures in the November issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. Also during the trip, Mountain View Cemetery near Lovelock, the Elko cemeteries, and Carlin Cemetery were reconnoitered, and the graves of Civil War veterans were photographed.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No new Department orders were issued since the November issue of the Carlin Dispatch. For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

For a complete list, see National website: <http://suvcw.org/go/go.htm>.

General Order No. 10 SERIES 2011-2012 26 November 2011

1). A request has been received from Maine Department Commander Larry Williams to revoke the charter of T.W. Hyde Camp No. 46 located in Bath, ME.

2). The Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports with the Department. The remaining active Camp member has transferred to another Camp within the Department. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.

3). Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Maine any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 26th Day of November, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 11 SERIES 2011-2012 26 November 2011

1). National Civil War Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit, PDC, has announced his resignation due to a large number of commitments and shifting priorities. I want to thank Brother Butgereit for his efforts over the past two years in developing this important program.

2). PDC Walter Busch, who has been serving as a member of the Civil War Memorials Committee, is hereby appointed as National Civil War Memorials Officer and Chairman of the Civil War Memorials Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

3). Brother Busch has built the Department of Missouri Civil War Memorials program from the ground up and I am confident that his leadership will help move the National Civil War Memorials program forward. Please give Brother Busch your full support.

Ordered this 26th Day of December, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 12

SERIES 2011-2012

27 December 2011

1). The purpose of this General Order is to announce leadership changes relative to the Remembrance Day Committee. PCinC Bud Atkinson and PCinC Charles Kuhn, who have been serving as Co-Chairs of this key committee, have announced their respective resignations. Their resignations come after a successful Remembrance Day 2011 and their desire to give the new leadership as much time as possible in preparing for Remembrance Day 2012.

2). PCinC Atkinson has helped coordinate Remembrance Day programs for over 20 years and has been principally involved with coordinating and planning the activities at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, including the National Civil War Ball. PDC Robert Petrovic (Col., Chief of Staff, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Brother Atkinson. Brother Petrovic's appointment is effective immediately.

3). PCinC Kuhn has been a key figure in working with the borough of Gettysburg in planning the annual Remembrance Day Parade. PCC Henry Shaw (Brig. Gen., Deputy Commander, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Brother Kuhn. Brother Shaw's appointment is effective 31 December 2011.

4). I can't thank Brothers Atkinson and Kuhn enough for their time and effort over the years in planning and executing Remembrance Day activities. Through their efforts, Remembrance Day has become one of the more prominent programs associated with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am confident that Remembrance Day will continue to flourish under the leadership of Brothers Petrovic and Shaw. Please give them your full support.

Ordered this 27th Day of December, 2011.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 13
SERIES 2011-2012
7 January 2012

1). It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Isabelle Roberts. Sister Roberts passed away on 05 January 2012 at the age of 87. She was a member of Auxiliary No. 49, Department of New York. She also served as ASUVCW National President in 1985-1986.

2). Sister Roberts was also the wife of the late Donald Roberts, who served as SUVCW Commander-in-Chief in 1985-1986. Together, they presided over their respective Orders' National Encampments at Lexington, KY in August 1986.

3). I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 07 February 2012 in remembrance of Sister Roberts.

Ordered this 7th Day of January, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 14
SERIES 2011-2012
8 January 2012

1). A request has been received from Illinois Department Commander Terry Dyer to revoke the charter of Simon Shaffer Camp No. 134 located in Lacon, IL.

2). Due to circumstances, the remaining members of the Camp voted to surrender their charter. These members have either transferred to another Camp within the Department or have become Department Members-at-Large. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.

3). Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Department of Illinois any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 8th Day of January, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

CIVIL WAR FEBRUARY-MARCH 1862

[Modified from The Blue and Gray Trail - Civil War Timeline / Chronology
(<http://blueandgraytrail.com/>)]

February 2: Union Captain David Farragut leaves Hampton Roads aboard the USS Hartford en route to assume command of military operations on the southern Mississippi River

February 4: Confederate forces in Fort Heiman, Kentucky, withdraw to Fort Henry, Tennessee

February 6: Battle of Fort Henry, Tennessee

February 7: Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina. General Stonewall Jackson withdraws from Romney and returns to Winchester, Virginia

February 8: Ambrose Burnside captures Roanoke Island with an amphibious force, taking some 2,765 Confederates as prisoners

February 9: Union Brigadier General Charles Stone arrested and taken to Fort Lafayette, New York and placed in solitary confinement. He was not told the reason for his confinement.

February 10: Securing Roanoke Island, Ambrose Burnside's navy destroys a small squadron of Confederate vessels in Pamlico Sound, North Carolina. Navy Secretary Gideon Welles forms an organization to review inventions and technical developments. The group eventually became today's National Academy of Science.

February 13: Confederate General John Floyd takes command of Fort Donelson, Tennessee. Battle of Fort Donelson.

February 16: General Ulysses S. Grant demands the unconditional surrender of the garrison from an old friend, Simon Bolivar Buckner

February 17: General John Floyd arrives in Nashville after leaving Simon Bolivar Buckner to surrender at Fort Donelson

February 18: The first Confederate Congress meets in Richmond, Virginia. Prior to this time, legislative duties had been carried out by secessionist convention. West Virginia Constitutional Convention adopts the first constitution of the state of West Virginia.

February 21: In the "battle" of Valverde, Union forces under Colonel E. R. S. Canby are driven into Fort Craig by Brigadier General H. H. Sibley.

February 22: Jefferson Davis is inaugurated as the first (and only) President of the Confederate States of America. Alexander Stephens is inaugurated Vice President.

February 23: General Ulysses S. Grant orders William Nelson to advance on Nashville, Tennessee.

February 25: "Bull" Nelson enters Nashville, Tennessee, first Confederate state capital to fall into Union hands. Don Carlos Buell accepts the city's surrender. Nathan Bedford Forrest provides a rear guard for Hardee's Army of Central Kentucky as it withdraws to Alabama.

February 28, 1862: The Battle of New Madrid / Island No. 10

March 2: Leonidas Polk completes his withdrawal from Columbus and moves south to New Madrid, Missouri.

March 3: Abraham Lincoln appoints Andrew Johnson to be military governor of Tennessee. General John Pope lays siege to New Madrid

March 4: Halleck relieves Grant from command and replaces him with Charles Ferguson Smith.

March 6: Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. Abraham Lincoln proposes that slaves in the border states be emancipated gradually, with compensation to the owners. The Monitor, the first Union ironclad, departs from New York. Barnwell Rhett proposes a yellow sun in a blue shield with a ray for each state. It would eliminate the stars and the red, white, and blue combinations of the Yankee flag

March 8: Battle of Elkhorn Tavern, Arkansas. The CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) battles the USS Congress and the USS Cumberland, destroying both frigates and killing more than 240 of their crewmen. Joseph E. Johnston orders the Confederate Army of the Potomac to withdraw from Centerville/Manassas to the Rappahannock River based on reports from J. E. B. Stuart of increased Yankee activity. Abraham Lincoln, chagrined at George McClellan for not appointing corps commanders, names Edwin Vose Sumner, Samuel Heintzelman, Erasmus Keyes and Irvin McDowell for him.

March 9: Battle of Hampton Roads - the duel of the ironclads, The USS Monitor and The CSS Virginia. First use of a turreted gun.

March 11: President Lincoln relieves George McClellan as General-in-Chief of the U. S. Army. He continues as commander of the Army of the Potomac. President Lincoln puts Henry Halleck in charge of all forces in the West. Lincoln also creates the Mountain Department, covering West Virginia and the mountainous area of Virginia. John Fremont is put in command. For their disastrous performance at Fort Donelson, President Jefferson Davis relieves John Floyd and Gideon Pillow from command.

March 12: Jacksonville, Florida, is occupied by Union naval forces.

March 13: Grant is reinstated to his command.. Jefferson Davis orders Robert E. Lee to "...conduct military operations of the armies of the Confederacy."

March 14: Battle of New Bern (sometimes called Newberne), North Carolina. Following a two week siege, federals under John Pope take New Madrid, Missouri

March 15: William Tecumseh Sherman and Stephen Hurlbut arrive at Pittsburg Landing and move inland to Shiloh Baptist Church.

March 17: Ulysses S. Grant assumes command of the forces at Pittsburg Landing. George McClellan begins transporting his men to Fort Monroe for the Peninsula Campaign in Virginia. Major General Lew Wallace and his division stop at Crump's Landing, Tennessee, to destroy the tracks of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

March 18: Jefferson Davis moves Judah Benjamin from the War Department to Secretary of State, replacing R. M. T. Hunter. George Randolph of Virginia is appointed Secretary of War.

March 20: Threatened by Stonewall Jackson, Nathaniel Banks withdraws from Strasburg to Winchester, Virginia.

March 23: Union General John G. Parke demands the surrender of Fort Macon on the coast of North Carolina. When the Confederates refuse, he lays siege to the fort. First Battle of Kernstown, Virginia. In the first battle of the Shenandoah Campaign General Stonewall Jackson loses to Brigadier General James Shields.

March 24: Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston's Army arrives at Corinth, Mississippi, from Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

March 26: Moving along the Santa Fe Trail, Confederates engaged a group of Colorado volunteers at Johnson's Ranch. Federal forces withdraw to Glorietta.

March 28: Jefferson Davis proposes a conscription bill, shocking many Southerners.

March 29: The Central Army of Kentucky and the Army of Alabama and West Florida are merged into the Army of Mississippi in Corinth under General Albert Sidney Johnston with P. G. T. Beauregard as second-in-command. Corps commanders are Braxton Bragg, Leonidas Polk, William Hardee and George Crittenden.

March 30: The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reopens following six months of Confederate control in Maryland and West Virginia