

REUBEN LAW, OLDEST MEMBER OF CARLIN CAMP 25

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On November 13, 2004, General Carlin Camp No. 25 Commander Paul Washeleski, Senior Vice Commander Gary Parrott, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester attended the Second Annual Northern Nevada Lineage Societies Luncheon. The event was hosted by the Thomas Holcomb Chapter of the Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century at the Thunder Canyon Country Club, Washoe Valley, Nevada. Present at the luncheon were approximately 50 members of various lineage societies, dignitaries, members of the media, and VIPs including Carson City Mayor Ray Masayko. The special guest of the event was 106-year-old Reuben Walter Law. Mr. Law, a veteran of both World War I and World War II. During the meeting Commander Paul Washeleski presented a special SUVCW Award to Reuben Law.

Mr. Law's maternal grandfather, James M. Bowler, enlisted in the Union Army on November 8, 1861. He served with honor and distinction, rising to the rank of Major (on May 19, 1865), in the 113th USCT Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Law was born on August 14, 1898, in Minnesota, where he was raised and spent most of his life. He was one of five children of Walter T. and Victoria A. (Bowler) Law. During World War I, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Europe. After the war, he returned home and resumed his career as a landscape engineer. At the start of World War II, he tried to re-enlist in the Army but was considered too old. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and piloted a patrol boat on the Mississippi River. After the war, he returned to Minnesota, got married, and raised a family. He was widowed twice and was the father of four children (Margaret, Walter, James and Edward). In 1993, Reuben Law moved to Carson City, where he maintained an active life style (which included hot air balloon and sailplane rides). He drove his own car until he was 101.

Mr. Law was the last surviving veteran of World War I in Nevada. He became a member of the Carlin Camp No. 25, in December 2004 when all of his paperwork and supporting documents were approved. Mr. Law passed away on January 1, 2005, in Carson City after suffering complications during a hospital stay.



Camp 25 Commander Paul Washeleski presents Reuben Law with a special award from the SUVCW.