

CARLIN CAMP 25 PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL “OLD TOWN DAYS” EVENT, SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2005

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On September 30 - October 2, 2005, the Town of Gardnerville and the Douglas County Historical Society sponsored the Second Annual “Old Town Days” at Heritage Park in Gardnerville, Nevada. The major theme of the 2005 event was the “War Between the States”, and the centerpiece of the program was the recreation of a typical Civil War "Camp", both Union and Confederate. Members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 participated in the event along with the Comstock Civil War Reenactors.

Carlin Camp No. 25 set-up a very visually interesting display table which included photographs, maps, booklets and other information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The featured items at this recruitment/information booth were several actual Civil War letters and a GAR Highway road sign. Representing the SUVCW were Carlin Camp No. 25 Commander Gary Parrott and Senior Vice Commander Paul Washeleski, PCC (both in Union Civil War officer's uniforms). Friday's agenda included a full morning of Civil War Chautauqua (lectures and "show and tell") and a Civil War battle by the Comstock Civil War Reenactors. The Saturday and Sunday agenda included more of the same (set-up of display table, answering questions, recruitment, etc.). Present during all or part of this three day event were: Commander Parrott, Senior Vice Commander Paul Washeleski and Camp Historian David A. Davis. Also present and providing valuable assistance was Lori Parrott (Auxiliary to the SUVCW -Dr. May E. Walker No. 52). It should be noted that Camp Commander Parrott was "conscripted" by the 4th U. S. Artillery, Battery B (part of the Union component of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors) and assigned to a field artillery unit.

While the theme was called the “War Between the States”, that term only became common long after the war was over because southern historians pushed it use. The North generally referred to the war as the “War of the Rebellion” and the South generally referred to the war as the “War for Southern Independence” or the “War for Southern Secession”. The term “Civil War” was referred to in the “Gettysburg Address”.



Carlin Camp No. 25 recruitment/information table at the 2005 “Old Town Days” even. Left to right: Senior Vice Commander Paul Washeleski and Commander Gary Parrott.



Carlin Camp No. 25 Commander Gary Parrott, "in action" during the Civil War Reenactment Battle at “Old Town Days”, in Gardnerville, Nevada.