

2011 SALUTE TO VETERANS CONCERT IN ELKO, NEVADA

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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. Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, gave a brief synopsis of the Civil War, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester presented Jerry Reynolds a certificate recognizing the medal of honor his grandfather received, and Chaplain/Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis took pictures. The orchestra played patriotic songs, and high school students read 400- to 500-page essays on the post-Civil War conflicts America fought in. A reception was held at the Northeastern Nevada Museum after the event.

Jerry Reynolds is the grandson of Harry Reynolds, which is the alias of Robert Smith who died January 5, 1930 and was buried in the Elko City Cemetery. Robert Smith was a Confederate drummer boy, who became a private in Troop M, 3rd U. S. Cavalry during the Indian Wars and was wounded three times. He was posthumously awarded the medal of honor for bravery in action against the Sioux at Slim Buttes, Dakota Territory, on September 9, 1876. Carlin Camp 25 worked with the Medal of Honor Society in finding information on Robert Smith/Harry Reynolds.



Left to right, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Jerry Reynolds, and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, at the Northeastern Nevada Museum.



Grave of Harry Reynolds in Elko City Cemetery.