

CARLIN CAMP 25 REPORT

Camp Activities for March 2008 to March 2009

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STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 12 members, and meeting attendance has consistently been 4. Over the past year, we gained 2 members, regained 1 lapsed member, and lost none. One of the new members was already an at-large member of the SUVCW. The other new member had many Confederate ancestors. It took awhile, but we finally found a Union one.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Although because of a lack of manpower and especially funds, we do not have an active Eagle Scout program, Commander David A. Davis did personally handout one Eagle Scout certificate.

VETERANS DOCUMENTED

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman has been working on several lists of Civil War veterans as his busy schedule permits. We sent in the forms and documentation to the Veterans Administration to get replacements for the weathered and damaged grave markers at the GAR Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Five were for replacements for existing damaged markers at the graves of Civil War veterans Alfred Cross, John Haines, William Smith, Jr., Charles Vogt, and an unnamed Fort Churchill U. S. Soldier. One was for a replacement for a broken marker for the grave of Mexican War veteran Colonel Samuel Fulton, and the other was to replace a broken private marker for the grave of Civil War veteran Harvey Fowler. We got his record from the National Archives. The VA rejected the claim for Samuel Fulton and said we needed to treat his grave as a new request and send in documentation of his service record. The National Archives notified me that they have no record of Samuel Fulton. He was listed in his obituary as being an aid to the Civil War-era Pennsylvania Governor Curtin, but so far that remains unproved.

PUBLICITY

MEDIA

Since it is free through the internet, we have been advertising our meetings through several area newspapers. We have also been advertising our functions through the area newspapers and television websites.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 13, 14, and 15, Carson City held its annual Rendezvous at Mills Park. This included living history, 1840s mountain men, Civil War reenactors, gunfighters, sutlers, stage coach rides, and assorted vendors. The Civil War reenactors accepted us as sutlers, so we could be there at a reduced rate. We acquired a cheap blue and tan gazebo like tent from Wal-Mart, and

Commander David A. Davis, Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester manned the tent together and in shifts.

LABOR DAY

The Comstock Civil War Reenactors invited us to have a booth at their camp in Virginia City over the Labor Day weekend. They held several reenactments involving the steam train, and my the Commander's son Tyrone participated as a Union flag bearer. Four of us spent a day there, and we set up shop in a shed on the edge of the Union camp.

DAYTON VALLEY DAYS

On the weekend of September 20 and 21, the Dayton Valley Days festival was held along Pike Street in Dayton, which across from the old Union Hotel. Commander David A. Davis and Senior Vice Commander Frank manned our Camp tent next to the old firehouse. We were nestled in between the regular vendors, and we had quite a few people stop by, ask questions, and view our displays. We probably gave away at least a couple of dozen flyers and took some donations for the Lone Mountain historical marker.

NEVADA DAY

Commander David A. Davis, Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Chaplain Don Guidici represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on November 1. We used Don's pick-up truck and borrowed chairs from the VFW Post 9211 Hall. We flew the U. S. and Camp flags from the back of the bed of the truck and put the magnetic 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.

ARMED FORCES, MEMORIAL, AND VETERANS DAYS ACTIVITIES

ARMED FORCES DAY

On Saturday May 17, Carson City held its first Armed Forces Day parade. Commander David A. Davis, Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood, and Chaplain Don Guidici participated in it. Don donated the use of his pick up truck, and Frank and I rode in the back. Frank borrowed some chairs from the VFW Post 9211 Hall. We put the magnetic Camp 25 signs on the sides and hung the U. S. and Camp flags on the back. The sidewalks were far from packed, but quite a few people did come out and watch. The parade went 1.3 miles up Stewart Street from Carson Street to Mill Park.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, Commander David A. Davis attended the 9:00 am service hosted by the VFW and American Legion at the O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside. He represented the Camp and read a brief history of that cemetery. Susan Lisagor, the Regional Representative from Senator Harry Reid's office also attended and read a letter from the Senator. She asked to have a copy of my history sent to her, which Commander Davis did by e-mail. Members of the VFW and American Legion also asked for copies. Commander Davis e-mailed it to Commander Cabral of the American Legion Post 1 for dispersion to the others.

At 1:00 pm, Carson City held its service at the veterans' section of Lone Mountain Cemetery. It lasted a little less than an hour. Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester read a brief history of Memorial Day, and Commander David A. Davis read the Gettysburg Address. After the main service, we held a short service and wreath laying at the statue at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot. Secretary-Treasurer Worcester read the words to "Taps" and fired a three-round salute from his pistol. Commander Davis read a history of the cemetery and a Memorial Day prayer. About a dozen people attended.

VETERANS DAY

At 11 am, Commander David A. Davis, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and John Riggs represented Camp 25 in the Veterans Day parade in Reno. We put the magnetic Camp signs on the sides of Brian's SUV and rode in that. At 3 pm, we assembled at the Custer Post 5 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 official Veterans Day service activity 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.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

On April 19, Commander David A. Davis attended the Confederate Memorial Service at the Masonic Temple in Reno put on by the Dixon-Hunley Camp 2016 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Probably over 30 people attended, and Commander Davis's presence representing Camp 25 was noted. On April 26, Commander David A. Davis represented Camp 25 at the Confederate Memorial Service at the Fallon Cemetery put on by the Daughters of the Confederacy and was invited to read the roll of honor of Union veterans buried there.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

GAR MEMBER LISTS

As time permits, from newspaper articles, obituaries, and the few remaining records, we have been compiling lists of officers and members to the GAR Post and WRC Corps for Nevada. I have also been updating as time permits the statistics to these Posts and Corps. At the Special Collections Department at the University of Nevada, Reno, Commander David A. Davis recently came across a book entitled, History of Department of California and Nevada, Woman's Relief Corps, 1883-1953, Ella M. French. It contains lists of Department Conventions, local Corps with vital statistics, and officers.

CUSTER CAMP NO. 1

As Camp Historian, David A. Davis compiled a short history of the Sons of Veterans Custer Camp No. 1 for the Camp History Page. Most of the research was from newspaper articles, and the report includes a short biography of the Camp's organizer Ulysses Grant Persing. An attempt was also made to find the Union ancestor of the few members (mostly fathers) listed in the articles. Custer Camp No. 1 was a Sons of Veterans Camp in Reno that started just before Memorial Day in 1913 to help with the GAR Department of California and Nevada encampment that year in Reno. It was associated with the GAR General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 and apparently ended sometime after Memorial Day 1915.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

At noon, on December 12, then Past Commander David A. Davis and Secretary-Treasurer 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. Secretary-Treasurer Worcester 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.

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