

# **CARLIN CAMP 25 REPORT**

Camp Activities for March 2009 to March 2010

By David A. David, Past Camp Commander, Historian, and Memorials Officer

## **STATISTICS**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We presently have 11 members, and meeting attendance has ranged between 4 and 7. Over the past year, we had one member move and transfer his membership to another camp. Our one junior member reached 14 and is now a full member.

### **EAGLE SCOUTS**

Because of a lack of manpower and especially funds, we do not have an active Eagle Scout program. However, we will send out certificates if contacted.

### **VETERANS DOCUMENTED**

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman has been working on several lists of Civil War veterans as his busy schedule permits. In 2008, we sent in the forms and documentation to the Veterans Administration to get replacements for the seven weathered and damaged grave markers at the GAR Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Five were okayed and replaced.

## **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 12, 13, and 14, 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 Comstock Civil War Reenactors agreed to our participation and lent us a tent to partly fit in. Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Past Camp Commander and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, manned the tent together and in shifts.

### **NEVADA DAY**

Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and member Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on October 31. We used Frank's pick-up truck and borrowed chairs from the VFW Post 9211 Hall. We flew a 36-star U. S. and Camp flags from the back of the bed of the truck and put the magnetic Camp signs on the sides.

Frank drove, John rode shotgun, and the rest of us sat in the back. We were well received by the crowd.

## **MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAYS ACTIVITIES**

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

On Memorial Day, Commander Frank Wood, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and junior member Tyrone Davis attended the 9:00 am service hosted by the VFW and American Legion at the O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside. David read a brief history of that cemetery, and Tyrone wore his Boy Scout uniform and helped the two Boy Scout Troops officially there place flowers on the graves and with the color guard.

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 spoke about General Order 11 establishing Memorial Day, and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, read the Gettysburg Address. Senior Vice Commander John Riggs took pictures. After the main service, we laid a wreath at the statue at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot.

### **VETERANS DAY**

At 11 am, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and member Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Veterans Day parade in Reno. We put the magnetic Camp signs on the sides of Brian's Jeep Cherokee and displayed the 36-star U. S., Nevada, and Camp flags from the back. Six members of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors provided us with a color guard.

In the afternoon, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and member Tyrone Davis attended the rededication of the Veterans Memorial at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, which was held by American Legion Post 56 of Carson City and others. After the ceremony, we laid a wreath at the Custer Post 5 plot and Civil War monument.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

### **36-STAR FLAG**

We acquired a 36-star U. S. flag for our activities. Nevada became the 36th state on October 31, 1864, and the state is referred as "The Battleborn State". Though it did not become the official flag of the United States until July 4, 1865, after the Civil War "officially" ended, the last Nevada Volunteers were actually not mustered out until July 1866.

### **NEVADA MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT**

We are researching Private James C. Reid (Reed) of the 8th U. S. Cavalry, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in an Indian skirmish in Deep Canyon near Paradise Valley, Nevada, which was mistakenly placed in Arizona on his certificate. Lieutenant Pendleton Hunter, Sergeant John Kelly, Privates Reid and Thomas Ward, and civilian John Rogers were investigating an Indian raid on April 29, 1868, when they were ambushed by Chief Howluck and 16 other Paiutes. Their horses were shot out from under them, and Hunter, Kelly, and Ward were wounded. Reid and Rogers got them to the safety of a cave, and Rogers ran the 6 miles over the

mountain to Fort Winfield Scott for help, while Reid held the Indians off. Private Reid received the only Medal of Honor for action in Nevada. While the event did occur immediately after the Civil War, Private Reid was a career soldier and Civil War veteran. We hope to find his final resting place and correct his record to say Nevada instead of Arizona.

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