

CARLIN CAMP 25 REPORT

Camp Activities for March 2011 to March 2012
By John Riggs Camp Commander

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 12 full members and 1 associate member, and meeting attendance has ranged between 5 and 8. Over the past year, we had one full member and 1 associate member join. The full member is also an original son, and the associate member is working on his lineage. We have 3 more getting their applications and lineage in order before they join.

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. Also, Al Peterson of Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas has been sending certificates to Eagle Scouts in all parts of Nevada. Thank you, Al.

VETERANS DOCUMENTED

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman spent approximately 300+ hrs. doing research for verification and entry of information.

Through our combined efforts, Don was informed of 28 new CW Veteran Burials in our camp area since last report. He entered into our database 8 names. The remainders are still waiting verification of service or burial. Of those 8 names, one was an Army Nurse Rebecca Lemmon Oleson who is buried in Sierraville, CA. She is now the thirty first nurse in our national database.

Don entered the name of COL. Norton Parker Chipman, although not in our area, after doing almost 3 straight weeks of investigation to locate his burial.

Don entered the name of General Thomas Crook Sullivan who is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, and is in one of only two Mausoleums on the property. He tried to notify the closest SUVCW Camp, but received no response back. We thought that it was too public a place to have him not mentioned in our data base so Don entered him.

Chaun Mortier, a research historian for the Truckee Donner Historical Society notified us that they just acquired six new tombstones from the Veterans Administration for Civil Veterans buried at the Truckee Cemetery. They are now set and a dedication is planned for June. 9 with us invited to participate. Chaun also notified us of Civil War Nurse Rebecca Lemmon Oleson buried in the Sierraville Cemetery in California. Don found she did receive a pension for her service, and he added her to the National Graves Registration Database.

Don tracked down the final resting place of Colonel Norman Parker Chipman, who co-founded the GAR and authored the order creating Memorial Day. He was also GAR Department of California and Nevada Commander in 1897 and died in San Francisco in 1924. His cremains were generally assumed to be interred at Cypress Lawns Cemetery in Colma, California. It turned out he was interred at the Bellefontaine Cemetery in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Commander John Riggs and SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, also visited cemeteries in Johnsonville, Loyalton, Sierra City, Sierraville, Truckee, and Wadsworth. David and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester also visited cemeteries in Elko, Carlin, and Lovelock.

MEDIA

PUBLICITY

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, and we now have an official Facebook page.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR

On April 16, 2011, to mark the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman laid a wreath at the grave of the last known GAR member buried in Nevada. George Warren was a private in Company F of the 17th Maine Infantry and the last member of O. M. Mitchel Post 69. The GAR ended in Nevada when he died at the age of 93 in 1936. Larry Balsley and another member of the American Legion and Peggy Fish of the VFW Auxiliary attended. A photographer and Martha Bellisle, a reporter for the Reno Gazette-Journal, also attended. Ms Bellisle had a nice little article and picture of Brian in the April 17 issue of the paper.

CARSON CITY, NV RENDEZVOUS

June 10, 11, and 12, 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. SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, assembled a tent similar in design to those during the Civil War from a tent fly, 2x2's, painter's canvas for the Camp displays. Besides David, Commander John Riggs, PCC, JVC Frank Wood, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Chaplain Tyrone Davis also manned the tent together and in shifts.

NEVADA DAY

The 2011 Nevada Day Parade was held October 29, 2011, in Carson City. Carlin Camp 25 was represented by Commander John Riggs, SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, JVC Frank Wood, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Chaplain Tyrone Davis. Frank's pick-up truck was decorated with the Camp's magnetic signs and flags. Chairs were borrowed from VFW Post 9211, and three of us rode in the back. After the parade, we attended the Nevada Day chili feed sponsored by Lieutenant Governor Krolicki at the Carson City Nugget. We were well received by the crowd.

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAYS ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Chaplain 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. .

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. Brian spoke about Civil War nurse Johanna Shine who is buried at Austin, and David spoke briefly about the Civil War in the West. After the main service, we laid a wreath at the statue at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot.

VETERANS DAY SALUTE TO VETERANS CONCERT IN ELKO

On 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. SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, gave a brief synopsis of the Civil War and the GAR, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester presented Jerry Reynolds a certificate recognizing the Medal of Honor his grandfather Robert Smith received fighting in the Indian Wars, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE AND ARTILLERY

Camp 25 brother Wayne Eder has gotten permission to form a Veterans Reserve (SVR) artillery unit in northern Nevada. He is also a member of the Battle Born Civil War (BBCW) Reenactors of Reno and wrote a grant to the NRA Foundation to acquire Civil War replica cannons. Camp Commander John Riggs wrote Wayne a letter of support.

The grant was awarded in the amount of \$34,000 to be used by BBCW Reenactors for the purchase of two parrot guns, muskets and uniforms with associated equipment. Brother Wayne will use these with the reenactor group and loan them on a need basis to SUCVW and our SVR.

MONUMENT PLAQUES

The long awaited plaque of donors has finally been installed near the monument of General Jesse Reno at the Powning Veterans Memorial Park. A life sized statue of the City of Reno's namesake was erected near the other military monuments and plaques at the park 6 years ago. Carlin Camp 25 was one of the donors listed.

REAL SON

Walter Roode of Portola, California, joined Carlin Camp 25. Walter is 98 years old and a Real Son. His father, Stephen W. Roode, served with Co. K, 9th Vermont Infantry and Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 17th U. S. Infantry. National Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, Department Commander Glen Roosevelt, Camp Commander John Riggs, SVC and Department Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman met with Walter at Mimi's Café in Reno on July 11. A month later, several of us from the Camp including Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester met again with Walter and some his family and friends at his home in Portola and presented him with his membership certificate in a proper frame.

GAR BERRY POST 85 FLAG

Commander John Riggs and SVC/Historian David A. Davis visited the Jail Museum in Truckee, CA. The museum has the GAR Berry Post 85 flag hanging on the wall. Post 85 was organized in 1885 in Truckee and lasted until at least 1894.

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