

# **CARLIN CAMP 25 REPORT**

Camp Activities for March 2014 to March 2015  
By John Riggs Camp Commander

## **STATISTICS**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We presently have 20 full members and 4 associate members and meeting attendance has ranged between 6 and 10. The associate members are working on their lineages. We gained seven new members and lost two members to death

### **EAGLE SCOUTS**

We issued one Eagle Scout certificate to Camp Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis during the August Camp meeting at the VFW Post 9211 Hall in Reno. An impromptu court of honor with Troop 88 attending was held at the same time. Brother David Hess is the Camp Eagle Scout coordinator and is a "Silver Beaver."

### **VETERANS DOCUMENTED**

Camp officers forwarded 35 plus names of Civil War veterans to the Camp Graves Registration Officer for research and entry into the National graves registration database. He entered 40 new verified veterans into the database from within Camp 25 boundaries and made corrections to 4 more to update information. He also entered 94 more veterans from other States and Camps. Camp 25 still has within its boundaries 100 plus Civil War veterans to verify with burial locations, military service, and markers to order and place. He spent 300 plus hours this last year, mostly computer time, verifying and keeping track of several lists, entries, and correspondence. The Camp Historian has been updating spreadsheet lists of the 1,000 Nevada and 17,000 California volunteers compiled by him in the last several years.

### **MEMORIALS DOCUMENTED**

Camp 25 Brothers explored the different areas covered by the Camp and the Department locating several lost and unknown memorials in the Department. Photographs were taken and submitted to the Department Memorials Officer. Form 61's have been submitted for a G.A.R. symbol formerly attached to the Reno 1926 VFW plaque and the plaques for Fort Reading in Shasta County and Fort Curtiss near Arcata in California.

## **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, and on our Facebook page. Our Camp Website is also up to date and current with what our Camp has accomplished.

## **MEMORIAL, NEVADA, INDEPENDENCE, AND VETERANS DAYS ACTIVITIES**

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Camp 25 participated in four Memorial Day weekend events: 1). the Virginia City Memorial Day parade; 2). the service at the G.A.R. O.M. Mitchel Post 69 plot, in the Hillside Cemetery on Angel Street in Reno held by the V.F.W. and American Legion, and their auxiliaries; 3). the service at Veterans Section in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City sponsored by the Sea Cadets during which Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC,

recited General Order No. 11; and 4). the Camp 25 wreath laying at the Statue at the G.A.R. Post 5 plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery, during which President Abraham Lincoln (Wally Earhart) was present and said a few words.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Camp 25 participated in the ringing of the Liberty Bell (actually replica Liberty Bell at the Nevada State Museum) on July 4th. The event was sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution as part of the ringing of replica Liberty Bells at the same time in all 50 states to mark the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

## **NEVADA DAY**

Camp 25 took part in two Nevada Day Parades: 1). Virginia City on October 31st (the REAL Nevada Day and the State of Nevada's REAL 150th birthday); and 2). the main Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on November 1st. The entry for Carson City was a joint effort with Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District.

## **VETERANS DAY**

Camp 25 participated in the Reno Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. Council Member No. 2 (now Junior Vice Commander) Edward G. Carson, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired, was the parade committee **Chairman**. Commander John A. Riggs was Grand Marshall. The entry was a joint effort with Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District. Battery A combined with the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and their sponsored Fifes and Drums of Nevada, the ladies of the Battle Borne and Sagebrush Chapters of the Daughters of the Revolution, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Johana Shine Tent 96. Additionally we had the reenactors from the 81<sup>st</sup> PA Vol. INF participate with us and recruited several of their members to be regular members of our Camp.

## **AWARDS**

Camp 25 received the national Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award as the most outstanding camp in America. During the year, the Brothers were awarded official Nevada sesquicentennial pins by the Commander. This is Nevada's 150th anniversary of statehood in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The official 150th anniversary Gettysburg pins were also awarded to the membership by the Commander.

Commander Riggs also as Aid-De-Camp to the Governor of Kentucky made the Camp officers and several members official Kentucky Colonels. Several Camp members were given "Certificates of Commendation," as well as the Mineral County Museum, Truckee Donner Historical Society, Truckee Cemetery District, Historian Chaun Mortier, VFW Post 9211, Historian (Mineral Co) Georgiana Mayne and the Toiyabe National Forest Ranger.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

At the April 24th meeting of the Nevada State Genealogical Society at the Reno Family History Center, Commander John A. Riggs and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, gave an informal presentation called Ramblings about the Civil War in the West. We presented some maps, books, and other memorabilia, and talked about whatever came to mind. About 20 people attended, and we were well received.

On July 19th, the Truckee Donner Historical Society held its 34th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and History Expo at the Truckee River Regional Park in Truckee, CA, and Camp 25 was a sponsor on the program.

Camp 25 participated as Bowers Mansion celebrated Nevada's 150th anniversary, which included an open house, music, and living history on July 26. Camp 25 members guarded the Mansion's library, which included a 36-star flag donated by Nevada Senator George W. Malone

in 1958, and attempted to answer questions. At this time, Richard Burr of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers presented Commander Riggs with one of the Civil War tents for the Camp.

On August 9, 2014, Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery SVR participated in the dedication of a monument to the veterans of the War of 1812, and the Mexican and Civil Wars buried in the cemetery at Aurora in Mineral County. As part of the Nevada Sesquicentennial, Mineral County erected the granite monument. The program was put on by the Mineral County Museum, the SVR fired a salute from a Coehorn mortar..

Camp 25 participated in the Gardnerville Civil War Reenactment on September 12-14, 2014, with Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery, SVR. Battery members fired the Mountain howitzer in support of the Federal troops and conducted demonstrations for school children on the Friday school day.

On December 5, 2014, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Commander Riggs participated in the Virginia City Christmas parade.

On December 7, 2014, several members of Camp 25 and the Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery SVR attended Dayton's third annual Small Town Christmas at their town park. The Camp had been invited. Some of our members and the 81<sup>st</sup> PA INF Civil War reenactors wore period uniforms.

On December 13, 2014, the Northern Nevada Veterans' Coalition conducted the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, in Fernley, Nevada. Several members participated and represented Carlin Camp 25 and the Sons of the American Revolution.

In February 2015, Camp 25 brothers attended the George Washington Day Luncheon put on by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

The following Brothers were honored with the following medals by the SAR:

1 – Sec/Treas. Brian Worcester received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

2 – Brother David Hess received the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal.

3 – Brother David Hess received the Nevada Society, Sons of the American Revolution's Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the state's Eagle Scout Essay Program in 2014-15.

4 – Brother Roger Linscott received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Commander Riggs and Sec-Treas. Brian I Worcester plus Johanna Shine Tent Daughter Pats Worcester represented the Camps at the Daughters of the American Revolution Christmas luncheon.

SVC Davis and CC Riggs have also met with and arranged to put on two major events with the Nevada Historical Society and the Dayton Valley Historical Society in the near future.

Submitted March 7, 2015:

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