

Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, SUVCW Chaplains Message

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Welcome to SUVCW Department of California & the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25's web page!

On behalf of my Camp, Department and National Brothers, I hope that you, your family, and community are having a safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. As you well know, 2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War year of 1862. 1862 was truly the dark days of the war for Federal forces and our President, Abraham Lincoln. I am reminded of the Bible verse in the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Titus, Chapter 3, verse 1:

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work”

People were different 150 years ago, with much different beliefs and thoughts than we have now. Like many of you, I have visited the Civil War Battlefields and am myself an avid Civil War Reenactor. So many times I have looked across the “battlefield” at Confederate reenactors and wondered if I could truly march across that field to certain death. Could you? If it were not for our ancestors, taking this risk, with many paying the ultimate sacrifice, we would not enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today. In our modern society, many of us are experiencing difficult times based on the nations and worlds economic crisis. We can learn from our forefathers, both in the Civil War and in the Bible, to make the best of our situation and work to make our Great Country stronger, and better. We are facing a different type of struggle, however the results will be remembered by future generations, who will look back on this 150th anniversary and be thankful for the efforts that we made to remember our ancestors, and to help our Nation get back on track.

Please join us in remembering our (and your) American Civil War ancestors, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the founding members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Let us carry on their efforts, heroics, and other accomplishments while honoring their memory.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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