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OPEN HOUSE

In conjunction the Battle Born Civil War Reenactors, Carlin Camp 25 is planning its annual Open House between 1 to 3 pm on April 15.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be brief and informal and held at 1 pm, Sunday, April 15, 2012, during the Open House at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive (formerly Burris Lane) near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

March 9-10, 2012

The 125th Annual Department Encampment was held on March 11-12, 2011, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. Camp Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC, attended the proceedings. Except for some minor changes in the appointed officers, the Department officers are the same as last year. David remains as Department Historian. The Camp Report is reprinted at the end of the newsletter.

2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 9-11, 2012

The 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 126th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 126th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 9-11, 2012, at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in Los Angeles, California. **The Encampment will be hosted by our very own Department of California and Pacific.** This will also be a celebration of the centennial of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in California. Please see the Department website, <http://www.suvsac.org> for more information.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 14, 2012

All are invited to the 56th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony which is sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS. It will be held at 10 am on Saturday, April 14, 2012, at President Lincoln's tomb in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The headquarters for the event is the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield. The ceremony will be followed at 3 pm by the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, hosted by the Department of Illinois, at Dr. Stephenson's grave in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.suvcw.org/lincolnday.htm>.

LIVING HISTORY FAIRE

May 19, 2012

The Living History Faire will be held between 10 am to 4 pm at Miguel Ribera Park at 3925 Neil Road in Reno. It will include: Civil War Re-Enactors, Basque Dancing, Japanese Taiko Drummers, Cowboy Poetry, Bluegrass Music, and Musical Instrument Demonstrations among other things. Carlin Camp 25 will have a booth there, and volunteers to man it are needed. For more information, please visit: <http://www.livinghistoryfaire.org>.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 8-10, 2012

The Carson City Rendezvous will be held June 8-10, 2012 at Mills Park in Carson City. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nvshows.com/carson-city-rendezvous/>.

TRUCKEE TOMBSTONE DEDICATION

June 23, 2012

Tentatively planned for 10 am on June 23 is a dedication of six new Government issued tombstones for six previously unmarked Civil War Union veterans' graves. The Veterans Day 2011 article in the Sierra Sun by Amy Edgett, Gone, Not Forgotten: Truckee Cemetery District Receives Six Civil War Headstones, talks about the research done, and can be viewed at <http://www.sierrasun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011111119984>. Local historian and archivist for the Truckee Cemetery District, Chaun Mortier did the research and is helping to organize the event. Details will be sent as they become available.

BATTLE BORN DAYS

October 25-28, 2012

Battle Born Days will be held October 25-28, 2012 at Mills Park in Carson City. This event is billed as a salute to America's military from the Revolution to the present and into the future. It is being planned to honor all the services through both war and peace time. The event will include static displays, living history re-enactments, tributes and military honors, equipment, weapons, and vehicle displays, and the Vietnam Travelling Wall is scheduled to come. The event planners are looking for volunteers and donations. Please visit <http://www.battleborndays.com/> for details.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

November 3-4, 2012

The 27th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference is sponsored by the Orange County Civil War Round Table and will be held in Orange County at a location to be announced soon.

FEBRUARY 12, 2012, MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and the Pacific. General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25. Camp mailing address: 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025.

1. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Chaplain Eider. All Brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Tyrone Davis, Wayne Eider, Steve Frady, Brian Worcester and guests Ed Morris and Pierre S. Martin.
3. Commanders Report: Commander Riggs reported he donated the two bricks from Fort Winfield Scott to the Reno Historical Society. The bricks were originally donated to the Camp by the current property owner. The Commander also discussed the following subjects in depth: Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Harry Reynolds of Elko, NV; the James Reid (Reed) research; the Alcatraz Living History Day, which is 29 April and the history of Henry T.P. Comstock.
4. History and Memorials Report: submitted via email by Brother Davis contains the detailed update concerning the Lone Mountain Memorial, GAR Records Officer and 36 Star Flag update.
5. Secretary/ Treasures Report: Brother Worcester stated our US Bank balance is \$354.79 and Minutes of previous Camp meeting was accepted.
6. New Business: Brother Eider announced that he will be receiving a \$35,000.00 Grant from the NRA to purchase two Parrott rifles (cannons) and related equipment plus six Enfield muskets and six Springfield rifles. There will be a equipment training session held on March 3, 2012 in Dayton, NV. with details to be announced. He also announced the Battle Born Winter Social (contact Wayne for details) during which there will be a silent auction for Civil War related items donated by Wayne and his wife that includes a one year membership to Camp-25. Brother Wayne was thanked by the Brothers present for the donations. Brother Wayne also reminded the Brothers that our Facebook page is now in operation. Other new business. Upcoming Events: a. Open House at the VFW Post including related Civil War items on display as well as the firing of an Artillery Piece on 15 April 2012 starting at 1300 Hrs. Detailed media announcements will be handled by Brother Frady. b. Living History Faire, Neil Road Community Center, 3925 Neil Rd. 19 May 2012, the Camp will have a booth inside the Center. c. Carson City Rendezvous at Mills Park, 9 June 2012. d. Nevada Day, last weekend in October with further details to be announced.
7. The next meeting will be at the VFW Post at 1230 Hrs on 15 April 2012, The meeting concluded at 1530 Hrs. with a silent Prayer

Submitted in F, C, and L. Brian I. Worcester

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 12, 2012

David A. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

LONE MOUNTAIN CIVIL WAR STATUE UPDATE

In several previous reports, I told of the sorry shape the statue at Lone Mountain was in after being renovated by the Karkadoulis Bronze Art Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2004. The company was run by Mercene Karkadoulis. Scott Fahrenbruch is Director of Operations for Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, which oversees the Lone Mountain Cemetery. He has been looking into the problem and said the following concerning the statue.

Mercene Karkadoulis died in September 2011. According to her on-line obituary, she was 86 years old and had been ill off and on with cancer and myasthenia gravis. The statue has a 20-year warranty, but Scott had trouble finding anyone to get into contact with about it. Scott tracked

down Mercene's ex-husband Eleftherios Karkadoulis, and he tracked down her daughter Kathy Axiotes. Kathy Axiotes is still dabbling in the business, and the company is still solvent. She says she will honor the warranty, and Scott says the District Attorney will get involved if she hedges on it. Scott is having someone on his staff taking pictures of the damage to get the process started.

GAR RECORDS OFFICER

In the late 1990s, National came up with the idea of creating a National GAR Records Program and a committee was formed to take care of this. Dean Enderlin is our Department Civil War Memorials Officer and is also on the National GAR Records Officer. Dean sent me the following e-mail, which best summarizes how this all came about and where things stand now:

"There's a long and somewhat quirky evolution of the GAR Records Program and its relationship to the SUVCW History Committee. One of my challenges last year was to go back through the SUVCW records to understand it. Here's a summary of what I found:

The idea of a formalized National GAR Records Program goes back to about 1997 when CinC Alan R. Loomis proposed that a GAR Records Committee be formed for "locating, cataloging, copying and preserving GAR records." In 1997-98, CinC Richard Orr directed in GO No. 1 that the National History Committee take on this task. A special committee on GAR Post Records formed in response to this directive. They continued to function as a special status committee for a number of years, and in 2000 produced the GAR Post lists that are publicly available on the SUVCW website.

The GAR Records Program continued to be managed by the National History Committee until 2004 when some big changes took place. Setting the stage for change, CinC Kent Armstrong in GO No. 22 "strongly urged" Departments to create a GAR Records Officer. At the 2004 National Encampment, the Chair of the GAR Records Committee, Donald Palmer, Jr. (now our CinC) and National Counselor Jim Pahl made several recommendations that, 1) created the new office of GAR Records Officer, 2) elevated the National GAR Records Committee from special status to standing status, 3) expanded the scope of the GAR Records program to include all GAR records (not just Posts), and 4) following up on GO No. 22, directed Departments to appoint a GAR Records Officer if they didn't already have one. All recommendations were approved.

In response to the 2004 Encampment actions, the C&R Committee took on the task of revising the National Regulations, and at the 2006 National Encampment placed several recommendations before the Membership. They proposed to modify the duties and job descriptions of the National Historian and the National History Committee "eliminating references to the GAR Records and placing focus on Civil War and SUVCW records activity." These actions were put in place to "avoid conflicting directions to the History Committee and the GAR Records Committee." All the proposals were approved, and the duties in the C&R's were modified.

The consequences of the actions taken in the 2004 and 2006 National Encampments are significant, and yet, I don't think most Departments are aware of the new directives. Even Brother Bob Wolz didn't fully appreciate the resulting changes to the direction of his History Program until he and I recently started a dialogue. We're both in agreement that the revised duties and job descriptions are impractical as worded, and that we need to reword them (again) to make our respective jobs collaborative and synergistic. We've started the process, and hope to have some new ideas to discuss with the C&R Committee later in the year. It's a long process, as changes to the SUVCW Regulations are complicated and require a vote at a National Encampment.

We're in a gray zone right now, as far as how to manage a GAR Records Program at the Department level. For the time being, I'm recommending to each Department that they manage their program as best they can with their existing committees, whether they go by the name of History Committee, GAR Records Committee, GAR Research Committee, GAR Artifacts Committee, etc. The goal is the same -- and all in keeping with the vision of our Order -regardless of the name."

I am the Department Historian, and Dean and I have had some discussion about this. At this time, it appears this only affects the National and Department levels, and not the Camps.

36-STAR FLAG IN SPARKS - UPDATE

For the last meeting, I reported on the 36-star National flag on display at the Sparks Heritage Museum. It is 72 inches by 76 inches, silk, and apparently hand sewn with brass rings down the side for mounting. The stars are sewn on the blue field. The blue field was also cut out behind the stars, so the stars are on piece of cloth seen on both sides. The flag was folded and stored through the years, and at some point got wet causing the red to run some on the white. The provenance and donor of the flag are unknown.

Early last month, flag expert James J. Ferrigan studied the flag and wrote up a preliminary report for the museum staff. A copy of the report is in our files. His general opinion and conclusions are that the flag is authentic for its time period and very well preserved. He feels the flag was not issued by the military because: 1) the method of attachment is different from that on military-issued flags; 2) he knows of no official military record of 36-star flags being issued during the Civil War; and 3) the military had a huge oversupply of 35-star flags ordered during the Civil War and issued them into the 1880s.

The flag was most likely privately purchased. An almost identical flag was recently sold in Pennsylvania suggesting one of a number of flag manufacturers especially in the New York City may have made and shipped the flag. Another possibility was B. Pasquale Company who did the same in San Francisco.

The dimensions of the flag are in accordance with military regulations, which strongly suggests the flag may have belonged to one of the local militias, which existed in the Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Austin areas during and after the Civil War and were never federalized. Also, it cannot entirely be ruled out that the flag belonged to any of a number of fraternal, patriotic, union, or fire fighting organizations as they commonly acquired military-like flags for parades.

While the provenance can only be surmised, the original donor thought the flag to be of enough historic importance to give to the museum. The museum needs to properly conserve, archive, and display the flag beyond hanging it on the wall using binder clips.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No new Department orders were issued since the November issue of the Carlin Dispatch. For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

For a complete list, see National website: <http://suvchw.org/go/go.htm>.

General Order No. 15
SERIES 2011-2012
9 February 2012

1). The family of Allied Orders past National leaders has become smaller. I have the sad duty of reporting the recent deaths of Sisters Nancy Conaway, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and Patricia Mullenix, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).

2). Sister Conaway was a member of the LGAR for over 57 years in Ohio as part of the Mother McKinley Circle No. 4 and served as National President of the LGAR during the 1979-1980 administrative year. She presided over the LGAR National Encampment in Richmond, VA in August 1980. Sister Conaway passed away on 29 January at the age of 81.

3). Sister Mullenix served as National President of the DUVCW during the 2006-2007 administrative year and presided over the DUVCW National Convention in St. Louis, MO in August 2007. She was a long time member of Charlotte Harrison Boone Tent No. 20 in Kahoka, MO. Sister Mullenix passed away on 06 February at the age of 62.

4). I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 09 March 2012 in remembrance of Sisters Conaway and Mullenix and in honor of their long term dedication to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union.

Ordered this 9th Day of February, 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

CIVIL WAR APRIL-MAY 1862

[Modified from The Blue and Gray Trail - Civil War Timeline / Chronology
(<http://blueandgraytrail.com/>)]

April 4: Federal troops began movement towards Richmond from Fort Monroe

April 5: Siege of Yorktown began.

April 6: Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) began. General Albert Sidney Johnston, commander of the Department of the West was killed while leading an advance against a Union position in a peach orchard.

April 7: Union forces defeated the Confederates at Pittsburg Landing. P. G. T. Beauregard assumed command following Johnston's death. Island No. 10, in the Mississippi River downstream from New Madrid, was captured by Union forces, and more than 5,000 Confederates are taken prisoner.

April 8: Confederates withdrew to Corinth, Mississippi

April 10: Battle of Fort Pulaski

April 11: Quincy Gillmore used rifled cannon to effectively end the use of palisaded forts world-wide. General Halleck assumed personal command of the forces at Pittsburg Landing, the Army of the Tennessee and the Army of the Ohio. Union General Fitz-John Porter decided to ride in an observation balloon alone when inventor Thaddeus Lowe took a sick-day. In flight, the balloon tether broke, and Porter nearly crossed into enemy territory. A last minute change in wind direction returned him to Union lines.

April 12: The Great Locomotive Chase occurred in Georgia. Combining the Confederate Army of the Potomac with John Magruder's Army of the Peninsula and a large garrison at Norfolk, President Jefferson Davis created the Army of Northern Virginia.

April 14: Federal fleet under Commodore David Farragut appeared at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

April 15: Union naval forces entered the mouth of the Mississippi and sailed up the river to Fort Jackson.

April 16: President Lincoln signed legislation freeing the estimated 3,500 slaves in Washington, D. C. Battle of Dam No. 1 (Lee's Mill/Burnt Chimney), which in attempting to break the Yorktown Line, Union forces under General Winfield Scott Hancock engaged Confederate forces under General John Magruder. This battle is sometimes noted as the Battle of Lee's Mill or Burnt Chimneys. Confederate Congress passed a conscription law.

April 18: Federal fleet began a 5-day bombardment of Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip.

April 24: Early in the morning Commodore Farragut ships began sailing up the Mississippi River past Fort Jackson and Fort St. Phillip. After half the fleet sailed past the fort, the Confederates discovered the movement and opened fire. All major federal ships made it past the forts.

April 25: After a duel with Confederate ships at English Turn, Commodore Farragut's fleet weighed anchor at New Orleans and demanded the surrender of the largest city and most important port in the South. By the time Farragut arrived the city was partially on fire. George Thomas promoted to major general. Union General John C. Parke bombarded Fort Macon, near Beaufort, following a month-long siege of the fort. Colonel Moses White had no choice but to surrender.

April 28: City of New Orleans surrendered.

April 29: Battle of Bridgeport, Alabama. Under the command of Henry Halleck, the Army of the Tennessee began to advance on Corinth.

May 1: Infantry under Union General Benjamin Butler began entering the city of New Orleans

May 5: Battle of Williamsburg. Confederate Major General James Longstreet nearly defeated Union Major General "Fighting Joe" Hooker during a rear-guard action.

May 7: Battles of West Point and Eltham's Landing. Union General William B. Franklin skirmished with Confederate General John Bell Hood.

May 8: Battle of McDowell, Virginia. Stonewall Jackson defeated Robert Milroy in the Shenandoah Valley.

May 9: Union General David Hunter freed the slaves in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Confederate forces withdrew from Norfolk, Virginia, destroying the base as they left.

May 10: Federal mortar boats, shelling Fort Pillow, were attacked by a makeshift Confederate fleet. The U. S. responded in force, with ironclads. Although the eight Confederate boats managed to sink two ironclads (the *U. S. S. Cincinnati* and the *U. S. S. Mound City*), the battle of Plum Run Bend or Plum Point ended when the Rebels withdrew to Fort Pillow, Tennessee. Confederate forces destroyed Naval Base at Pensacola, Florida.

May 11: Confederate soldiers scuttled the *C.S.S. Virginia* near Norfolk, Virginia.

May 15: Battle of Drewry's Bluff, a. k. a. Battle of Proctor Creek, Virginia. Benjamin Butler issued Order Number 28, directing his troops to treat any woman who insulted them as they would a woman "plying her advocacy (a prostitute)." It was this order that led to his title, the Beast of New Orleans.

May 19: Lincoln rescinded David Hunter's emancipation of the slaves in his department and used the opportunity to call for a gradual emancipation.

May 20: Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, giving citizens 21 years or older the right to buy 160 acres of land in the West.

May 23: Battle of Front Royal, Virginia.

May 25: Battle of Winchester, Confederate General Stonewall Jackson defeated Union General Nathaniel Banks. Halleck arrived outside of Corinth, Mississippi. It had taken him 26 days to march 20 miles, virtually unopposed.

May 27: Battle of Hanover Court House, Virginia.

May 30: Confederates evacuated Corinth.

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 SUCVW 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.

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 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 SUVCW 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.

Submitted March 10, 2012:

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