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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

2013 will be the 150th anniversary of the Nevada Volunteers. On April 2, 1863, General George Wright, Commander of the Department of the Pacific told Nevada's acting governor Orion Clemens that the War Department had authorized him to raise volunteer companies in Nevada to help protect the Overland Mail route. Eventually 1088 men would serve in six cavalry companies and three infantry companies. When the war ended, some Nevada troops were fighting Indians with California and Michigan troops as far away as Wyoming. Some of us have been discussing the possibility of doing a little research and having a commemoration next year.

A POSSIBLE NEW TAKE ON THE SINKING OF THE H. L. HUNLEY

By David A. Davis, PCC

On February 17, 1864, the H. L. Hunley sank the U. S. S. Housatonic in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, in what is hailed as the first sinking of a warship by a submarine. However, somewhere within minutes to hours, for as yet unknown reasons, the H. L. Hunley sunk with her crew and was not recovered until 2000. It was reported that sailors on the U. S. S. Housatonic fired upon the H. L. Hunley with .58 caliber muskets and pistols. On the raised wreck, one of the view ports on the conning tower was found to be damaged, and tests show it was possible for a Minie ball to have penetrated it. If a Minie ball is ever proven to be the culprit, then while the H. L. Hunley was the first submarine to sink a warship in combat, it would also have been the first submarine to fall victim to the first anti-submarine weapons -- the ever versatile .58 caliber musket. This would also bring up the following interesting scenario. The replica of the H. L. Hunley is commonly proudly escorted to events by the Sons of Confederate Veterans or other pro-Confederate groups as the first submarine (theirs) to bag a warship (ours). Members of the SUVCW then could also be proudly in those escorts to represent the heroes operating the first anti-submarine weapons to bag a submarine in combat, which was also, ironically, the H. L. Hunley right after its bagging of the U. S. S. Housatonic.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 8-10, 2012

The Carson City Rendezvous was held June 8-10, 2012 at Mills Park in Carson City. Carlin Camp 25 had a tent there, which was manned by Commander John Riggs, SVC David A. Davis PCC, JVC Frank Wood, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester. The Rendezvous included Civil War reenactments manned mainly by the Battleborn Civil War Reenactors. Carlin Camp 25 members participating in the reenactments included Chaplain Wayne Eder, Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis, and members Harry Ehrman and Vincent Vitale. Wayne performed a wedding just before one of the reenactments.

TRUCKEE TOMBSTONE DEDICATION

June 23, 2012

On June 23, 2012, new Government issued tombstones for six previously unmarked Civil War Union veterans' graves were dedicated at the Sierra Mountain Cemetery in Truckee, California. Local historian and archivist for the Truckee Cemetery District, Chaun Mortier and others of the Truckee Donner Historical Society did the research and decided on a dedication. General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 was asked if their members would put on a dedication ceremony for the Cemetery District, and Commander John A. Riggs suggested using a program adapted from the 1917 Service for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic for a Union Civil War veteran. They agreed that it would be appropriate. Commander Riggs then arranged for the Civil War reenactors to arrange for members to be in full Union Civil War Uniforms to include civilian mourners, Pinkertons, and 21 Gun/Cannon salutes for the dedication. Colonel Harry Ehrman of the Battleborn Civil War Reenactors and Carlin Camp 25 and Carlin Camp 25 Chaplain and Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve 3rd U. S. Artillery Wayne Eder did outstanding jobs arranging the event and bringing in other outside groups.

The dedication involved a series of short speeches and some patriotic tunes. Civil War Reenactors marched slowly in bringing a riderless horse, Whisky. Commander Riggs and Chaplain Eder conducted the dedication, which included the laying of a wreath, flowers, and a folded flag. Ray Ahrenholz of the First Nevada Cavalry played "Taps" on his bugle. It should be noted that "Taps" was celebrated that very day on its 150th Anniversary. Reenactors fired canon and musket salutes, and the Fort Point Garrison Civil War Band from San Francisco, California, provided most of the music. Women wearing black Victorian-era mourning garb stood near the dedicated markers and were escorted to nearby seats.

Aside from General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Battleborn Civil War Reenactors, the Sons of Veterans Reserve 3rd U. S. Artillery, the First Nevada Cavalry, and others mentioned above, in alphabetical order, the other participants included the Bryan Devoe and Greg Van Loon; California Congressman Tom McClintock; Easy Sound, Truckee; Mountain Belles; Patriot Guard Riders; Railroad Regulators 601, Truckee; Truckee Civil Air Patrol; Truckee Donner Historical Society; and others. Other than Commander John, Chaplain Wayne, and Harry, other Carlin Camp 25 members present were: Past Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Historian David A. Davis; Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman; and Vincent Vitale.

The following pictures are from dedication album and more can be seen on the Camp Facebook page. The pictures were taken by Truckee Donner Historical Society President Chelsea Walterscheid, Carlin Camp 25 Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman, Suzette Jones Vitale-Eder, and others. Many more pictures are also available on the Carlin Camp 25 Facebook page.



Sierra Mountain Cemetery, Truckee, California



Left to right: Don Huffman, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Wayne Eder, Harry Ehrman, and Ken Auld



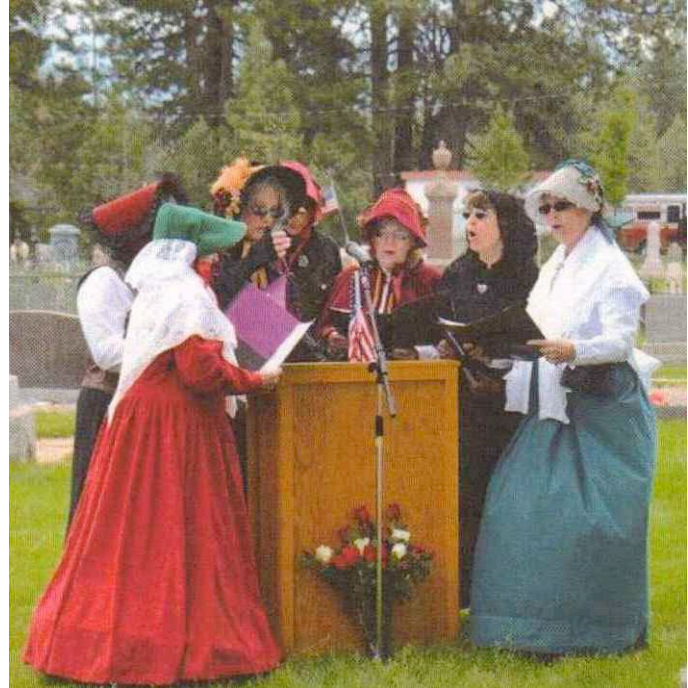
Commander John Riggs.



Chaplain Wayne Eder.



Colonel Harry Ehrman.



Mountain Belles



Graveside mourner.



Ray Ahrenholz blowing the bugle.



Whisky the riderless horse.



Commander Riggs placing the folded flag.



Fort Point Garrison Civil War Band



Marching in of the troops.



Cannon salute.

DON GUIDICI

July 1, 2012

Commander John Riggs, SVC David A. Davis PCC, and Jenny Davis recently dropped in to see Carlin Camp 25 member Don Guidici at his home on the over 6000-acre Guidici Ranch in Sierra Valley, California. We stayed for about an hour, and Don was surprised and happy to have us visit. Don looked good, but at 84 isn't able to get around as good as he use to. He keeps abreast of Camp activities through the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#). Don is our former Camp Chaplain, and in the past, he has lent us his pick-up truck to use in parades.

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.

ALCATRAZ LIVING HISTORY

September 29, 2012

The National Park Service and Friends of Civil War Alcatraz are hosting a Civil War Living History Day on Alcatraz Island on September 29, 2012. For details, please visit http://www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org/lhd_2012.htm

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 will be held November 3-4, 2012 at the Hotel Hanford in Costa Mesa, California. The theme is "1862 – The War Defined". Speakers will include William C. Davis and Craig L. Simonds. The Conference is sponsored by the Orange County Civil War Round Table. Please visit <http://http://www.sparkykurtz.com/West-Coast-Civil-War-Conference.html> for upcoming details.

JUNE 10, 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 at 1235 Hrs.and opening silent Prayer.
- 2). It should be noted that the Camp meeting took place in our tent at the Carson City Rendezvous.
- 3). Roll Call: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Wayne Eder and Brian Worcester.
- 4). Excused for Battle: Harry Ehrman, Vincent Vitale and Tyrone Davis and intermittently Wayne Eder.
- 5). Commanders Report: Attended the Living History Faire on 19 May 2012 with David A. Davis and selected Brothers. The following Camp Brothers plan to attend the parade and graveside dedication and connected events in Truckee, CA. on 23 June 2012: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis, Harry Ehrman, Wayne Eder, Vincent Vitale and Pierre Martin. We made a presentation at the Comstock Cemetery Association with Brother Steve Frady concerning military tombstone replacement. The Commander also toured, with Brother David A. Davis several cemeteries in the Lassen County area.
- 6). Secretary/Treasurers Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted. U.S. Bank balance: \$926.79.
- 7).New Business: None.
- 8). For the Good of the Order: Brother Donald Huffman, our Graves Registration Officer, was presented an Award from the Department for his exemplary work for the Department at large and the Camp. His expertise and untiring work was also praised by the Camp Commander and other

Brothers. Brothers Harry, Wayne and Pierre have participated in extensive cannon restoration and have formed a new Battery with others members. They have participated in events at Mariposa, CA. and are planning additional events in the near future.

It also should be noted that as of June 3, 2012 the Camp has been established for nine years.

9). Closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Eder and the meeting concluded at 1340 Hrs.

10). The next meeting will be held at the VFW Post with a date in August selected by the Camp Commander.

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

NO HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT FOR JUNE

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://suvvw.org/go/go.htm>.

General Order No. 18

SERIES 2011-2012

27 May 2012

1). One the greatest legacies left to us by the Grand Army of the Republic is the observance of Memorial Day. On 05 May 1868, GAR Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued General Order No. 11 establishing a day of reflection and remembrance for those that gave their lives that our Nation might live.

2). I ask that all Brothers, either as part of their Camp, SVR unit or individually, participate in an event in their respective communities on Monday, 28 May, the day of National observance, to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR...*if other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.*

3). I also encourage all Brothers to observe the “National Moment of Remembrance” at 3:00 pm (local time) for a minute of silence in remembrance of all of those that have died in service to our Nation. The “National Moment of Remembrance Act” was signed into law in December 2000. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states...*it’s a way to put the “Memorial” back into Memorial Day.*

4). Finally, I ask that Brothers continue their reflections and remembrances on Wednesday, 30 May...the traditional date of Memorial Day as established by General Logan’s Order. As an organization, we are committed to bringing Memorial Day back to its traditional date. We must support our own Restore Memorial Day Committee and keep working with our legislators to make it a reality.

Ordered this 27th Day of May 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

General Order No. 19
SERIES 2011-2012
12 July 2012

1). A report recently released by Executive Director David Demmy indicates that a number of Departments have yet to file Form 35, Department Annual Report, along with the current department roster and applicable per capita dues and/or Form 49, Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers. As of this date, the Executive Director has not yet received the following: Form 35 : Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts; Form 49 : Colorado and Wyoming and Kentucky.

2). Per Chapter II, Article V, Section 3(a) of the Regulations, Form 35, along with the current department roster and per capita dues are due to the Executive Director by 31 May each year. Per the same reference, the completed Form 49 must be received by the Executive Director within 30 days of the election.

3). As these delinquent Departments have gone well beyond the due dates for submittal of these reports, I am hereby placing the following Departments under suspension: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, and Kentucky. (Colorado & Wyoming is not yet delinquent in submitting their Form 49 as their election and installation was held on 23 June, and as such, is not under suspension).

4). These Departments will be brought back in good standing at such time the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director. However, while under suspension, Departments **may not meet or conduct business**. In addition, **their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated**. With the National Encampment only one month away, the affected Departments are strongly encouraged to submit the delinquent reports as soon as possible so that their standing with the National organization may be restored.

Ordered this 12th Day of July 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

General Order No. 20
SERIES 2011-2012
13 July 2012

1). The purpose of this General Order is to clarify the end dates of a number of non-standing committees currently engaged in performing the work of the Order..

2). The Restore Memorial Day Committee chaired by PDC Al Peterson and the Battle Flag Preservation Committee chaired by Ed Norris were two Special Committees formed by act of a previous National Encampment. By act of the 126th National Encampment in 2007, any Special Committee that did not have specified end dates should cease at the 127th National Encampment in 2008. However, due to an oversight, these committees have continued to function. Given the fact that these two committees continue to good work for the Order, they will be allowed to function for the remainder of this administrative year until the 131st National Encampment this coming August. At that point, the National Encampment will need to determine if these committees have accomplished their goals and should be either (1) disbanded, (2) continue as Special Committees with specified end dates, or (3) elevated to Standing Committee status. I will ask that Brothers Peterson and Norris, in their committee reports to the National Encampment, include their recommendations on the futures of their respective committees.

3). The Vision and Planning Committee chaired by PCC David LaBrot, Marketing and Promotion Committee, chaired by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor and the Committee on Juniors, chaired by PDC Michael Bennett, were committees appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for specific purposes as outlined in General Order #1. These committees will automatically cease at the 131st National Encampment unless reappointed by the next Commander-in-Chief or extended by some action of the National Encampment. Like the Special Committees referenced above, I ask the chairmen of these appointed

committees, in their reports to the National Encampment, to make recommendations as to the future of these committees.

Ordered this 13th Day of July 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

General Order No. 21

SERIES 2011-2012

20 July 2012

The Department of Kentucky has filed Form 49, "Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charter has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 20th Day of July 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