

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, August 18, 2013, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

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## CARLIN CAMP 25



SUVCW Camp 25 Reno, NV April 2013

FRONT (L-R): Ken Auld; Frank Wood, Junior Vice Commander; John A. Riggs, Commander;  
Ray Ahrenholz, Bugler;

REAR (L-R): Tyrone W. Davis, Patriotic Instructor; Brian Worcester, Secretary-Treasurer; Wayne Eder,  
Chaplain; David A. Davis, Senior Vice Commander, Historian; Vincent Vitale, Guard

## HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY CARLIN CAMP 25



The members who attended the June 9th meeting had a cake and some refreshments to celebrate the 10th anniversary of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25. During the meeting, Brian Worcester was also honored for his ten years of service as Camp Secretary-Treasurer. Please see Camp Order No. 4 later in the newsletter.

## MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2013

Commander John A. Riggs, Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Junior Vice Commander Frank Wood, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Bugler Ray Ahrenholz participated in the 9 am service at the G.A.R. General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 cemetery at Hillside, which was very well attended. The service is held annually under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion and their affiliated organizations with help from the Boy Scouts. The present-day service has its roots in the Memorial Day parade and service held at this cemetery by the Mitchel Post 69 until the death of its last member George Warren in 1936 and the restart of Memorial Day services at this cemetery by the DUVCW Johanna Shine Tent 82 and SUVCW Isaac Crist Camp 28 in the 1960s.

At 2 pm, Commander John A. Riggs, Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Chaplain Wayne Eder, and Bugler Ray Ahrenholz representing Camp 25 and Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery, S.V.R. held a service at the Silver Terrace Cemetery in Virginia City. Few people showed up due to the weather being very windy and cloudy with intermittent showers. Reporters from Channels 2 and 4 and the Reno Gazette-Journal came for the service and interviewed us after the service. Although Virginia City had the G.A.R. Phil Kearney Posts 8, 10, and 23, the graves of the 70+ Union veterans are scattered throughout the various Comstock cemeteries indicating the Phil Kearney Posts had no G.A.R. specific plots. A wreath was laid at the grave of Capt. Frederick Lord in the Masonic section of Silver Terrace, and "Taps" was played. Capt. Lord was chosen as a proxy for all the Union veterans and for the veterans in general largely because of his nice, centrally located tombstone and impressive obituary.

During the Civil War, Capt. Frederick C. Lord served in Co. D, 1st Connecticut Inf., (for which he later received the Connecticut state medal for honorable service), Cos. D and E, 2nd New York Cav., Co. L, 13th New York Cav., and Co. I, 3rd New York Provisional Cav. He enlisted as a private, moved up through the ranks, and was eventually commissioned as a captain. He was shot in the right hand and had a bout with



“debilitis”. He came to Virginia City in 1866 and served as Colonel of the militia regiment, was commander of Battery A of the Nevada National Guard in Virginia City for five years, and was on the rifle team. He was a member and officer of the G. A.R. Phil Kearney Post No. 23 and the Loyal Legion. During the Spanish-American War, he helped organize and served as captain of a cavalry company in the 1st Nevada and then served as captain of a new infantry company. Afterwards, he served as paymaster of the U.S. Volunteers and then the U.S. Army in 1898 and 1899. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1910.

The event was covered by Ashley Cullins of Channel 4 can be viewed at: <http://www.mynews4.com/news/story/Union-soldiers-honored-at-Memorial-Day-service/dsEkMkADEEWFSG564i-zg.cspx#>. Ua2 PD45m5QE. email.



Service at the cemetery gate. L-R: Ray Ahrenholz, Wayne Eder, John Riggs, Brian Worcester, David A. Davis.



Flags.



Graveside service.



Tombstone of Capt. F. C. Lord



# SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICE HONORING 1ST BATTALION, NEVADA CAVALRY AUTHORIZED MAY 1863

May 25, 2013

During the Memorial Day weekend, General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of the SUVCW; Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery, SVR; Dept. of the Pacific, Federal Battalion; and Nevada Civil War Volunteers had a display in front of the Comstock Firemen's Museum operated by the Liberty Engine Company No. 1 in Virginia City, and held a short service commemorating the formation of the 1st Nevada Battalion in 1863. The venue was chosen because in 1863, the building housed F.J. Hammell's Original Saloon and was used briefly as the recruiting site for Co. D, 1st Nevada "Mounted Infantry" i.e. Cavalry, and through Steve Frady, Liberty Engine Company No. 1 gave us permission to set up there. Steve is a member of both Carlin Camp 25 and Liberty Engine Company No. 1.

The display involved Civil War and GAR books and memorabilia, a cannon, and a limber recently made by Ray Ahrenholz and Wayne Eder. In the afternoon, a short service was held and letters of recognition were presented by Glenna Smith on behalf of Governor Brian Sandoval and Senator Dean Heller. Copies of these documents are at the end of this newsletter. Camp 25 also participated in the Memorial Day parade.



Comstock Firemen's Museum, L-R: Commander John A. Riggs, Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, Chaplain Wayne Eder, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, Senator Heller's Aide Glenna Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester





Ray Ahrenholz with his collection and limber.



Display of Ray Ahrenholz's collection.



Carlin Camp 25 display.



Commander John Riggs with Wayne Eder's cannon.





Commander John Riggs giving speech with Glenna Smith and SVC David A. Davis to the right.



Commander John Riggs receiving letters from Senator Dean Heller's Aide Glenna Smith .



L to R: Ray Ahrenholz, Wayne Eder, Brian Worcester, John Riggs, Glenna Smith, David A. Davis



Ken Auld preparing the reenactors for the musket salute.





L to R: Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, Wayne Eder, John Riggs

Parade vehicle



L to R: Tom Lynch, Steve Frady, Ray Ahrenholz, and Wayne Eder

## THE NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

As noted above, 2013 marks 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. The Nevada Volunteers never saw action in the eastern theater, but they were kept busy chasing and fighting Indians and reining in Copperheads and criminals. They eventually helped man Forts Churchill and Ruby in Nevada, Camp Independence in California, Camp Douglas in Utah, and Fort Bridger in what is now Wyoming as well as a number of small temporary posts in between. When the war ended, some Nevada troops were fighting Indians with California and Michigan troops as far away as Wyoming. For more information, see: Fort Churchill, Nevada Military Outpost of the 1860's, 1981, edited by Stanley W. Paher, researched by Kathryn Totton; Nevada Volunteers in the Civil War, 1959, and The Sagebrush Soldiers, 1962, by Philip Dodd Smith, Jr.; and The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1897, Series I, vol. L, parts 1 and 2.

## **DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

A group of ladies belonging to different tents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in southern Nevada and parts of California are forming a tent in northern Nevada. If you know of any women who would be interested in joining or transferring their membership closer to home, please contact Phyllis Moats of 171 Pete Hendrichs Road, Yerington, Nevada, 89447, by email at [phyllisjomoats@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllisjomoats@yahoo.com) or by phone at 775-781-4065.

### **2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 8-11, 2013**

The 132nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 127th 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 held on August 8-11, 2013, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Please see the Department website, <http://www.suvpac.org> for more information.

### **ANNUAL WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE**

**November 1-4, 2013**

The annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference will be sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Round Table. The Conference will be held on the Carnival cruise ship Inspiration as part of a Mexican Baja Cruise out of Long Beach, and the topic will be, "American Civil War 1863". For details, visit <http://sjvcwrt.com/2012-September-Bugle%20Call.pdf> or see the flyer at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com/events/WCC2013.pdf>.

### **FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**November 23, 2013**

All are invited to the 57th Annual Remembrance Day observance which is sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military Department of the SUVCW. A parade and other activities will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The headquarters for the event is the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.suvcw.org/RembrDay/2013/2013remembranceday.pdf>.

### **JUNE 9, 2013, 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 moment of silent Prayer offered by our Camp Commander.
- 2). All brothers in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. 3). Roll Call: John A. Riggs, David A. Davis, Frank Wood and Brian Worcester. Excused were Wayne Eder, Vincent Vitale and Tyrone Davis.
- 4). Commanders Report: Commander Riggs spoke in detail regarding our Memorial Day activities in Virginia City. We had an extensive display in front of the Firehouse Museum, which in 1863 was the recruiting office for the Army. At that time it was "Hamill's Original Saloon". Certain Camp members also participated in ceremonies at the GAR Cemetery in Reno and Brother Frank Wood participated at the Sierra Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Lemmon Valley. Brothers Wayne, Ray and Ken and others participated in weapons salute and firing demonstrations as well as various battles along the V & T Railroad in Gold Hill. The Commander also spoke about Veteran Medallions available through the VFW that may be attached to gravestones of veterans not previously identified. He is also preparing business type cards to be easily handed out to persons who may be interested in joining the Camp. The Camp was also presented with



Certificates from Sen. Dean Heller's Office, presented by Glenna Smith. The Camp also participated in a Cemetery ceremony in Virginia City that was well reported by the print and TV media.

5). Secretary/ Treasurers Report: Minutes of last meeting approved. Brother Brian reported our current U.S. Bank balance is \$942.04.

6). History and Memorials Report by Brother David (sent via email). Brother David details Memorial Day Activities and the trip, with the Commander, to Alturas, California. They also participated in the living history event at Fort Churchill.

7). The next Camp meeting will be set by the Commander in August. A silent Prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1410 Hours. It should also be noted that the Commander brought refreshments as this was the Camp's Tenth Anniversary. Huzzah!

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

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

June 9, 2013

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

### **MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES**

During the Memorial Day weekend, as part of activities marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nevada Volunteer Cavalry and Infantry, Carlin Camp 25 had tables set up in front of the Firemen's Museum in Virginia City and participated in the parade. Ms Glenna Smith of Senator Dean Heller's Office presented the Camp with certificates from the Senator and Governor Brian Sandoval. On Memorial Day, Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood, PCC, and Secretary Treasurer Brian Worcester participating in the 9 am service at the G.A.R. O.M. Mitchel Post 69 Plot at the Hillside Cemetery on Angel Street in Reno, which is hosted annually by the American Legion, VFW, and allied organizations. Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery, SVR, held a Memorial Day service at 2 pm on Monday May 27, at the Silver Terrace Cemetery Complex in Virginia City. Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Senior Vice Commander Frank Wood, PCC, Secretary Treasurer Brian Worcester, Chaplain Wayne Eder, and Bugler Ray Ahrenholz led the service despite high winds and intermittent showers. Reporters for Channels 2 and 8 and the Reno Gazette-Journal showed up. These events will be written up in more detail in the next "Carlin Camp Dispatch".

### **TRIP TO ALTURAS, CALIFORNIA**

As noted in previous reports, bugler (trumpeter) Bartholomew Keenan, aka Thomas Kane, served in the Civil War, and later won the Medal of Honor for action during the Indian Wars in Arizona. He committed suicide in the Storey County jail in 1874 and was interred in the public section of the Gold Hill cemetery. An unnamed wife is noted in the obituary. His grave is listed as being decorated during Memorial Day at least between 1895 and 1905. No markers presently exist in that cemetery, which is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and overseen by the Comstock Cemetery Foundation. Carlin Camp 25 is researching how to get the man a Medal of Honor tombstone.

Keenan served his full 5-year enlistment, and left the service in 1873 at Fort Bidwell near Alturas, California. Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis PCC visited Alturas on May 28 in a quest to find more information him. We visited the Modoc County Recorder's Office, the Modoc County Historical Museum, and the cemetery. The site of Fort Bidwell is on the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation and reportedly has only one restored Officer's quarters building. It is about 180 miles from Reno to Alturas, and a lack of time prevented going the extra 40 miles to Fort Bidwell.

The results were mixed. Modoc County was split off from Siskiyou County in February 1874, the year after Keenan left the Army. The County Recorder had to marriage or land records listed for him. Any possible county records involving him are probably in Eureka in Siskiyou County. The Museum had information on Fort Bidwell but nothing specific about individual soldiers. The cemetery contains about a dozen Civil War era soldiers. Some of the gravestones of veterans are family markers that have no reference

to military service. Local veteran groups put small stickers on these gravestones indicating the service. John later found a reference to a Justice of the Peace at Fort Bidwell. More research will be needed to see that entity existed at the time of Keenan's service and might have performed Keenan's wedding.

As an aside, we looked at some of the information on the 1911 battle between Shoshoni Mike's gang and several posses. In Sam Davis' 1913 "History of Nevada", one of Shoshoni Mike's pet peeves against white men was that his father and other relatives were among the 246 Indians killed in the January 29, 1863, Bear Creek battle in what is now Idaho between Colonel Patrick Connor's California Cavalry and Infantry and several bands under Bear Hunter, Sagwitch, and Pocatello.

## **FORT CHURCHILL**

Yesterday, Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis PCC visited Fort Churchill to visit with the Nevada Civil War Volunteers reenacting group who was having a living history show this weekend.

## **RECENT CAMP ORDERS**

For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/rules/ordersindex.html>

### **CAMP ORDER NO. 3**

**Series 2013**

**May 21, 2013**

### **MEMORIAL DAY, 2013**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws and the Department Bylaws, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Memorial Day 2013: All Camp members shall demonstrate Honor and Respect for all Veterans that dedicated themselves to the preservation of principles set forth by the United States of America on Memorial Day by flying the Flag of the United States of America and taking a few moments to pray for the Veterans that sacrificed their lives and their loved ones who grieve that loss.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 21st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by John A. Riggs, Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ John A. Riggs  
Camp Commander  
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Brian Worcester  
Camp Secretary Secretary-Treasurer

### **CAMP ORDER NO. 4**

**Series 2013**

**June 9, 2013**

### **PAST CAMP COMMANDER**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws and the Department Bylaws, I hereby order and bestow upon Brother Brian I. Worcester the title of "Past Camp Commander" in gratitude for his service and dedication to General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, and especially for serving as Camp Secretary and Treasurer for ten years.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by John A. Riggs, Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ John A. Riggs  
Camp Commander  
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25



ATTEST:

By: /s/ David A. Davis  
Senior Vice Commander, PCC

## RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

**Department Order No. 6**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**14 May 2013**

### DEPARTMENT HISTORY COMMITTEE

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Effective immediately, I hereby appoint the following Brothers to the Department History Committee:

David A. Davis, PCC (Camp 25) - Chair; Charles L. Beal (Camp 17) - Member; Richard T. Burns (Camp 18) - Member; Thomas P. Chumley, PCC (Camp 2) - Member; Dean A. Enderlin, PCC (Camp 23) - Member; John A. Riggs (Camp 25) - Member; Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC (Camp 17) - Member; Jeffrey L. Vaillant (Camp 24) - Member

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth, in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, State of California by Timothy Paul Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Timothy P. Reese, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Order No. 7**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**9 June 2013**

### MID-YEAR DEPARTMENT MEETING

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: A special mid-year Department meeting will be held on October 12, 2013 during the 7th Annual Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment at the lower quarter of the Presidio of Monterey in Monterey, California. The meeting will take place at 4:30 pm, after the public hours of the event, and should not last more than an hour and a half. Items that will be discussed include: business updates for the year, such as a review of the Department books and a report of the Department Secretary-Treasurer; a report of the Department Council; an update on next year's Department Encampment; and Auxiliary debt. The meeting will be followed by the traditional dinner "raid" at a Fisherman's Wharf restaurant at 7:00 pm.

Section 2: All Department elected officers are requested to attend this special meeting, if practical, and appointed Department officers are also welcome to attend. Auxiliary Department elected officers are encouraged to attend as well. There will be no official motions nor any voting concerning Department business during this special meeting.

Section 3: The Department Signals Officer shall post an announcement of this special meeting on the Department website ([www.suvpac.org](http://www.suvpac.org)).

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth, in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, State of California by Timothy Paul Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Timothy P. Reese, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

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

**General Order No. 20**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**9 May 2013**

Additional changes are being made to the National staff. The following appointments and changes are effective immediately.

The position of Assistant National Webmaster (Web Ring) is hereby abolished. This particular function is no longer used for the Web Sites. My thanks to Brother Frederick W. Cole for his many years of service in this role.

The following Brothers are temporarily appointed to the National Encampment Credentials Committee. Philip L. Caines, Department of California & Pacific and Martin R. Aubuchon, Department of Missouri. These two appointments will remain in effect for the remainder of this administrative year.

Brother Glenn B. Knight, PDC, Chairman Department of Pennsylvania and Brother Bruce S. Gosling Department of Michigan are relieved of duties with the National Committee on Fund Raising with the thanks of the National Organization. The following Brothers are appointed to the National Committee on Fund Raising Chairman Tim Graham, Department of Ohio and Nick Kaup, Department of Illinois.

Ordered this 9th Day of May 2013.  
Perley E. Mellor.  
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 2012-2013**  
**9 May 2013**

### Memorial Day

As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country.

I ask that all Brothers either as part of their Camp, SVR Unit or individually, participate in an event in their communities on Monday, 27 May, the day of National observance to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR.

If at all possible all Brothers should try to observe the 30th day of May as this day was established for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion.

Ordered this 19th Day of May, 2013.  
Perley E. Mellor.  
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. 22**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**17 June 2013**



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. As of this date, the Executive Director has not yet received Form 35 from the following Departments and I am here by placing the following delinquent Departments under suspension: California and Pacific, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York

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.

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 less than months 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 17th Day of June, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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. 23**

**SERIES 2012-2013**

**19 June 2013**

The Department of Missouri has filed a completed Form 35, "Department Annual Report" 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 19th Day of June, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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. 24**

**SERIES 2012-2013**

**3 July 2013**

The Department of Massachusetts and the Department of California and Pacific have filed a completed Form 35, "Department Annual Report" with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charters has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 3rd Day of July, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.

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. 24**

**SERIES 2012-2013**

**3 July 2013**

I have included in this General Order a request to amend the Constitution of the SUVCW to be considered at the National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI on August 8 – 10 2013.

Proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 1(c) of the  
Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
“Honorary Membership”

I). Background. For more than a year, I have worked closely with two British citizens to discover, identify, and improve the grave of Private William Blazey, 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery, who is buried in the Bexleyheath, Kent, England, Cemetery. Their dedication to assisting me in this project has been exemplary and worthy of special recognition. When I consulted the Constitution concerning Honorary Membership, I was surprised to learn that non-citizens are excluded even when they have rendered service to the Order that is worthy of this recognition. While not American citizens, they otherwise meet the criteria and, in my opinion, are worthy of consideration for Honorary Membership.

First, they are not eligible for membership in the Order.

Second, they meet the requirement of eminence, having both received civil honors from Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, for years of dedicated service to Queen and Country. They have been invested as Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE), which was founded by King George V to recognize achievement or service in or to the community which is outstanding in its field and has delivered a sustained and real impact which stands out as an example to others.

Because I believe that Honorary Membership should recognize the contributions of citizens and non-citizens alike, this recommendation offers the following change to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is submitted for consideration to the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Page 9.

II). Reference. Article VII (“Membership”), Section 1(c) (“Honorary Members”), Page 6, to wit: “The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.”

III). Problems. As the criteria are currently defined, Honorary Membership:

1). Rewards good citizenship of notable people without reference to outstanding support of the historic purposes, goals and mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2). Is limited only to citizens of the United States no matter how praiseworthy or conspicuous are the contributions of non-citizens to the mission of the SUVCW. This is also inconsistent with the policy of admitting non-citizens to membership through consanguineous descent.

IV). Discussion. All awards presented on behalf of the Order and its Commander-in-Chief ought to recognize outstanding contributions to the historic mission of the SUVCW to preserve and promote the memory of the “Boys in Blue” no matter what the criteria for the individual award. As stipulated, Honorary Membership is not given with reference to contributions to the order, but to important people who are being commended for outstanding citizenship. Because citizenship is limited to Americans only, Honorary Membership cannot be granted to foreign nationals. While their contributions to the historic mission of the Order may have warranted special recognition, they cannot be even considered for this reward, no matter how deserving. Furthermore, as specified, there appears to be no mission-oriented purpose for even having the award, even if the Order does gain public recognition when awarding Honorary Membership to some noteworthy person.

V). Proposed Amendment. It is recommended that Article VII, Section 1(c), Page 6, should be amended to read as follows:

“The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to individuals who are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order and who meet one of the following criteria:

1). American citizens of unimpeachable loyalty and patriotism who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act.

2). American citizens of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.

3). Foreign citizens of unimpeachable character and eminence who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act, and whose words and deeds demonstrate an appreciation for and support of the historic role played by the United States in promoting peace and liberty throughout the world. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita dues, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.”

VI). Additional Information.



1). This amendment does not conflict with or violate the spirit of the purposes of the Order as stated in Section III, Federal Charter (1954), or Section 200302, Federal Charter (1998).

2). This amendment will not impact Chapter V (“General Regulations”), Article III (“Badges and Decorations”), Section 3F (“Honorary Member Badge”), Page. 59, because it authorizes the issue of the badge to Honorary Members without reference to criteria. Should it be decided, however, to select a different device for foreign citizens (e.g., oak leaf versus star), a change would be required to the National Regulations in Article 3, Section 2, Page 58.

Respectfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, PDC, PCC  
Junior Vice Commander  
Department of Tennessee

Ordered this 3rd Day of July, 2013.

Perley E. Mellor.  
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



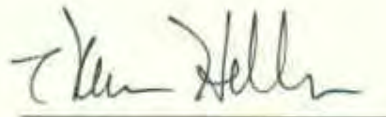
## *Certificate of Senatorial Recognition*

*Presented to*

### **1st Battalion Nevada Volunteer Cavalry**

*In honor and recognition of your dedication to keep  
our Nation and State's history alive for future generations  
The Civil War is an instrumental piece of Nevada's history  
Thank you for your commitment to protect our great Nation*

May 25, 2013  
DATE

  
DEAN HELLER  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



State of Nevada

Office of Governor Brian Sandoval

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

presented to

1st Battalion Nevada Volunteer Cavalry

In recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the 1st Battalion Nevada Volunteer Cavalry, As Governor of the State of Nevada, I commend you for honoring the brave men that fought to preserve the Union in the American Civil War.

Given under my hand and by the Seal of the Great State of Nevada

this 27th day of February, 2013.

*Brian Sandoval*

Brian Sandoval  
Governor of the State of Nevada



DEAN HELLER  
NEVADA  
(202) 224-6244

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 27, 2013

Dear Friends:

We are gathered on this solemn occasion to honor the memories, legacies, and sacrifices of the countless American patriots who gave their lives serving and defending the United States. This sacred time is set aside each year to show our appreciation for all that has been given on our behalf.

Each Memorial Day, we remember our heroes in uniform who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and we recount the stories of their courage in the face of danger. We revisit foreign battlefields like Iwo Jima, the beaches of Normandy, the jungles of Korea and Vietnam, the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, far-away places where American lives were lost, and where American blood was shed. We recall the names of those who gave all they had to give, and fought with unmatched determination and valor, for a country they loved.

Let us not forget that these heroes we honor today, willingly sacrificed their personal hopes and plans for the future when they laid down their lives on the altar of freedom. Let us remember that they, too, had friends, families and loved ones, their own ambitions and dreams, which they set aside so that the American dream could live on. And equally heroic are the sacrifices made by the families of those who gave their lives. Their loved one cannot be replaced, their loss can never be repaid, and we owe them our deepest gratitude as well.

On this occasion, the moving and powerful words of President Lincoln, given during a ceremony much like this one, remind us why Memorial Day is so important. "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

And so today, we honor and remember our fallen heroes who died so that others could live. We express our gratitude for those who fought tyranny, so that we could be free, who conquered oppression to defend liberty and our way of life. On this particular day, and every day, may we be forever grateful for their service and their sacrifice, and may we remain fervently committed to preserving their proud legacies.

May God bless and protect our troops currently in harm's way, may He be with their families, and may He continue to bless this great nation.



Dean Heller  
United States Senator



STATE OF NEVADA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CARSON CITY

June 20, 2013

Dear Commander Kiggz,

Thank you very much for the Certificate of Commendation presented by the 1st Battalion, Nevada Calvary. It is very meaningful to me as I have so much respect for all of you and what you stand for. I truly will treasure the Certificate.

My best to you and your  
all Nevada!

Sincere regards,  
Randall



## WHAT IS IT?



Carlin Camp 25 Chaplain Wayne Eder attended the recent reenactment of the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg. One of his pictures resulted in this rather interesting if not eerie light. It'll be left up to the reader to think what it might be, but Gettysburg is rife with legends, rumors, and sightings of the former participants in that battle down to this day. The three days of fighting resulted in 51,000 casualties, and Camp 25's Senior Vice Commander has a great-great-grandfather who fought there and did not come back. It should also be noted that the Civil War was fought less than 20 years after the start of the Victorian spiritist movement.