

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, December 8, 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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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

***The December 8th meeting will include the ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Please be there!***

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## RECENT RAMBLINGS

Since the last meeting, Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander, Historian David A. Davis, PCC, have made several history-related several trips. With Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, on November 16, 2013, we visited the open house at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Museum and Visitors Center in Nixon, Nevada. The displays were very nice and covered a wide range of both natural and cultural history of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation and the immediate area. A few displays were still under construction including ones featuring grinding stones and another featuring a 25,000-year-old fossil horse skull in tufa.

Commander Riggs and Senior Vice Commander Davis, PCC, revisited the area the next day to reconnoiter the site of the Paiute Indian War of May 1860. Several dirt roads were found leading down to the west side of the Truckee River from the main road, but access to the east side of the river where the main skirmish occurred will be the object of another visit. A dirt road on the other side leading up from Wadsworth could be seen in the distance. We almost lost Commander while he was standing on the bank of the Truckee River. A Paiute water baby pulled him down and nearly into the river.

The Paiute war was sparked by the abduction of a couple of Paiute women by the Williams brothers who operated Williams Station and the ensuing destruction of that station and killing of the white occupants. It resulted in the ambush a few miles upriver from what is now Nixon and the death of 76 out of 105 militia men including Major William Ormsby who took it upon themselves to chastise the Indians. It ended with the arrival of and skirmish with 500 militiamen making up the "Washoe Regiment" and detachments of the 3rd U.S. Artillery and 6th U.S. Infantry, which forced retreat of the Indians in June 1860. The end result was the building of Fort Churchill.

On November 8, Commander Riggs and Senior Vice Commander Davis, PCC, attended a chautauqua sponsored by the Friends of Snowshoe Thompson at the Genoa Town Hall. It featured portrayals of Snowshoe Thompson, Mormon Brigade member Sgt. William Corey, and stagecoach driver Charley Parkhurst. One of the bits of history that got our attention was the story by Parkhurst that a detachment of Civil War soldiers were sent to quell a pro-south disruption at one of the mines. When they returned to Fort Churchill, one of the soldiers got left behind and was found frozen to death. Unfortunately, that was all the details there were.

On November 9, Commander Riggs and Senior Vice Commander Davis, PCC, visited the old St. Clare Cemetery south of Fallon. It's a small, overgrown cemetery mostly on a sand dune, but contains the graves of a Civil War veteran and a Mormon Battalion member. Afterwards, we visited the Churchill County Museum and then made a second trip to Lahontan Reservoir. The first trip is noted in the History Report for the last meeting. We got to within a half mile of Williams Station from Beach 9, but it was too late in the day to try to walk to it. The site is on the Carson River and normally submerged in Lahontan Reservoir. For several months during the fall the water level was at an historic low, and we were told by a park ranger that it was exposed at the time.

## **NEVADA, VETERANS, AND REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**October 26, 2013; November 11, 2013; November 19, 2013**

Carlin Camp 25 and SVR Battery A, Third U. S. Artillery fielded an entry into the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on October 26, 2013. Chaplain Wayne Eder was present and the entry was his pick-up pulling a cannon on a trailer. Also present were Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis. Member Ken Auld marched Co. K, 81st PA Infantry of the Department of the Pacific, Federal Battalion behind the trailer and periodically fired off their muskets. The parade seemed to be better attended by onlookers this year than last year. The theme was "Nevada Day Parade Celebrates 75 Years, 1938-2013".

Carlin Camp 25 and SVR Battery A, Third U. S. Artillery fielded an entry into the Veterans Day Parade in Virginia City on November 11, 2013. Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander, Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis rode in Brian's SUV with the U.S., Nevada, and Camp flags attached to the back. In the afternoon, we met at the statue at the Custer Post 5 G.A.R. plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City and laid a wreath. A small group and a reporter from the Nevada Appeal attended.



Camp Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester (L) and Commander John A. Riggs (R) with the Veterans Day parade entry in Virginia City.





Camp Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis (L) and Commander John A. Riggs (R) placing wreath at G.A.R. Custer Post 5 statue in Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City



Camp Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester at attention at G.A.R. Custer Post 5 statue in Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City

On Tuesday November 19, 2013, General George Wright Camp 22 held a Remembrance Day observance of the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address at the main G.A.R. plot in the Old City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway in Sacramento. President Abraham Lincoln was present as a special guest. Carlin Camp 25 and SVR Battery A, Third U. S. Artillery members present were Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Chaplain Wayne Eder, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, and member Ken Auld with support from Co. K, 81st PA Infantry of the Department of the Pacific, Federal Battalion. After the event, Commander Riggs and Senior Vice Commander Davis reconnoitered the St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Cemeteries for Civil War veterans and visited Sutter's Fort State Historic Park.



Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs (L) and Wright Camp 22 Commander Jon Henry (R) at the Remembrance Day Service in Sacramento.

## **POTENTIAL SALE OF G.A.R. CANNONS**

From time to time, it is reported that items donated in the past for historical monuments or the properties of once active but now defunct organizations are considered for liquidation, especially when they have potential high cash value and/or high liability and no vocal successor groups to take over the maintenance and that liability. General Order 5 and Special General Order 1 involve the incidence of two G.A.R.-donated cannons in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington, Ohio, and the involvement of the SUCVW Department of Ohio. The background to this is published in the Clinton County, Ohio, newspaper New Journal, dated December 6, 2012, as Can cemetery sell Civil War cannons?, by staff writer Andrea L. Chaffin and can be viewed at <http://wnnewsj.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=203186&SectionID=49&SubSectionID=156&S=1>. Another article covering this is published in the Insurance Journal, dated December 17, 2012, as Insurance Costs Forcing Sale of Civil War Cannons at Ohio Cemetery, and can be viewed at <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/midwest/2012/12/17/274225.htm>.



**Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery/SVR 6<sup>th</sup> Military District**  
**September/October/November 2013 Report**  
**By Wayne L. Eder, Captain-Battery Commander**  
**Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery Honored by SVR National Staff**

On November 23, 2013 during the annual SUVCW/SVR Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA, the Battery was doubly honored by the SVR National Staff with the following citations:

**Commanding Officer's Unit Citation:** Accepted by Captain Wayne L. Eder for the activities of the ENTIRE Battery during 2012/2013; *"For consistently cultivating the principles and objectives of the SVR and promoting patriotism through their efforts in commemorating our Civil War ancestors and their respective units."*

**Meritorious Service Medal, Silver Star:** Presented to Captain Wayne L. Eder (1<sup>st</sup> LT); *"For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Commander of Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery, 6<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR."*



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1) Major Gen. Robert E. Grim - Commanding Officer SVR presents Capt. Wayne Eder the Unit Citation for the Battery (L).

2) (L to R) Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr. - Deputy Commander; Major Gen. Robert E. Grim - Commanding Officer SVR;; and Wayne Eder – Commander Battery A and Adjutant for the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR. (R)

According to the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District SVR, these are the first awards in history to be presented to a unit and member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR.

6<sup>th</sup> Military District Chief of Staff, Captain Joe Marti was also awarded a Meritorious Service Medal and will be promoted to Major and Commanding Officer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District on 1/1/14. At that time, Captain Eder will move to the Chief of Staff position. These honors show the appreciation of both the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District Staff and the National Staff for the efforts of Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, Sacramento, CA (November 19, 2013)**

The George Wright Camp 22 of Sacramento, CA hosted an event to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this solemn occasion. Camp 25 and Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery were well represented at this event, and additional support was received from Co. K, 81<sup>st</sup> PA Infantry of the Department of the Pacific, Federal Battalion.



*Camp 25 and DPFB members at Sacramento Event.*

Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery continues to be active in Civil War events throughout Nevada and California. The following are the events which members have participated in recently:

### **Gardnerville, NV-Civil War Encampment & Reenactment (September 13-15, 2013)**

Battery A, along with its sister Battery, Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Light Artillery participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gardnerville event. SVR Battery members Wayne Eder, Ray Ahrenholz, Brian Worcester, and Ken Auld were present at the school day for Douglas County on 9/13, discussing Civil War subjects with over 350 school children. In addition, the artillery participated in five battle reenactments, firing a total of 85 rounds during the three day event from both the 12 pound Mountain Howitzer and 24 pound Coehorn Mortar.



*Mountain Howitzer in action at Gardnerville*





*Night fire of Mountain Howitzer*



*Federal Command Staff at Gardnerville  
Ken Auld & Wayne Eder (Standing) SUVCW/SVR  
Tim Rosatelli & Doug Erickson (Seated) ACWA*

**Hawes Ranch Event, Anderson, CA. (September 26-29, 2013)**

Brother Ray Ahrenholz represented the Battery and Camp 25 at this event, falling in with the California Historical Artillery Society (CHAS) gun crew.

**Fort Mervine Civil War Encampment, Monterey, CA. (October 12, 2013)**

Brother Wayne Eder represented the Battery, Camp 25, and the Staff of the SVR 6<sup>th</sup> Military District at this event.



*Wayne L. Eder (Rt) with SUVCW Dept. of CA & the Pacific Commander Tim Reese (Center)*



*Wayne Eder with Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell*



### **Upcoming Events:**

Brother Wayne Eder will be representing the SVR 6<sup>th</sup> Military District Staff at the annual Remembrance Day Parade/Ceremony/Ball on November 23, 2013 in Gettysburg, PA. Battery A, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Artillery has been nominated for a Unit Citation by SVR Staff for their efforts during 2012/2013. The Battery is working with members throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> Military District to increase enlistments for 2014 and is supporting the formation of a new unit in California. Brother Wayne Eder has been accepted as a member of Lincoln's Generals and will be involved in "first-person" impressions of Union Officer's in the coming years.  
<http://www.lincolngenerals.org/>



*Wayne Eder with 3" Ordnance Rifle owned/operated by CHAS at Fort Mervine*



*GAR Wreath at Fort Mervine*

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

**February 16, 2014 (tentative)**

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 phyllismoats63@yahoo.com or by phone at 775-781-4065. Installation of the new tent is tentatively set for February 16, 2014 at Buckland's Station near Fort Churchill.

## **2014 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

**March 7-8, 2014**

The 128th Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 103rd Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held on April 7-8, 2014, at the Hilton at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, at 321 Bercut Drive in Sacramento, California. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>.

## **2014 ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

**April 12, 2014**

The 2014 Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony marking the 149th anniversary of the death President Abraham Lincoln will be held at 10 am, April 12, 2014, at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony is sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS. For registration and other information, please go <http://www.suvcw.org/id.htm#NATEvents>.

## **2014 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 14-17, 2014**

The 133rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 128th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 127th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 14-17, 2014, at the Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Convention Center in Marietta, Georgia. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.2014nationalencampment.com/hotel-info--travel-to-atlanta.html>.

## **THE NEVADA VOLUNTEERS**

This year 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.

## **OCTOBER 13, 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 Prayer by Chaplain Wayne. 2. All Brothers and guests in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. 3. Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Frank Wood,



Wayne Eder, Tyrone Davis, Edward Carson, Roger Brotherton, Ray Ahrenholz, Brian Worcester and guest Chaun O. Mortier. 4. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting approved. 5. Commanders Report: Commander John reported on the following topics: A. Lone Mountain Monument and its continuing worsening state. In addition, the Renovation contract was discussed with possible legal action forthcoming in the future. B. The Commander discussed his second, forthcoming trip to Hawaii and his ongoing related research regarding Civil War artifacts including the Statue of Brother Dutton on Molokai. C. The Commander also discussed, and provided photos, of his recent trips with Brother David to Austin, NV. and attendance at the Dayton Valley Days Celebration. The Commander then introduced our frequent honored guest Chaun Mortier. 6. Secretary/Treasurers Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance of 30 Sep. 2013 is \$640.54. 7. Sr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother David provided a synopsis of the History and Memorials Report, which was sent as an attachment, containing the following topics: Austin, Nevada; Mottsville, Nevada and Woodsfords, Fredericksburg and Markleeville, California. Williams Station, Nevada and the Blue Books, Red Books, Outposts, Independent Corps and Tonopah. 8. Jr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother Frank reported that the famous Lincoln Highway will, as of, 31 October 2013, be 100 years old. At this point in the meeting the Commander asked our two recently approved Brothers Ed Carson and Roger Brotherton to relate their personal history and background as well as their Civil War ancestor. Both Brothers provided detailed personal information as well as the laudable information on their ancestors. 9. Graves Registration Report: Brother Don was not present however, the Commander again expressed how grateful he is and all Camp Brothers are for the continuing work of Brother Don Huffman. 10. Chaplains Report: Chaplain Wayne reported on his visit for the 150th Anniversary at Gettysburg, PA. with Brother Ray and the 3rd PA. Cav. It should be noted that this was Brother Ray's second attendance at this event the first being at the 100th Anniversary and Chaplain Wayne's, second 144th event attendance. Chaplain Wayne announced he will return to Gettysburg on 23 Nov. and reminded Brothers of the 19 Nov. 2013 Sacramento, CA. event to include the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (for further information contact our Chaplain). The Camp offers its congratulations as Brother Wayne Eder will, as of, 1 Jan. 2014 be promoted within the SVR, 6th Military District as Chief of Staff. 11. New Business: The Commander directed conversation regarding Lone Mountain Cemetery and the Monument, VA Headstones, the Carson City Fair 150th State Celebration to be held at Fuji Park. The Camp also voted to provide a donation to Post 9211 at the next meeting to help defray heating costs for the building. 12 Old Business: The Camp will participate in the Nevada Day Parade as well as the Veterans Day Parade. Details will be forthcoming via email by Brother David. A Gettysburg 150th Anniversary Pin Ceremony was held and photographed, with Chaun Mortier as the Honoree. 12. Good of the Order: Chaun Mortier gave a detailed report regarding Tahoe History, her contacts within the DAR, Tonopah Cemetery and several outlying remote cemeteries. Chaun is also working on a report entitled "Truckee in the Civil War". Chaun also related that over the years she has collected a great deal of Civil War related memorabilia and plans that they be bequested to the Camp at the proper time. HUZDAH Chaun! Brother Ray provided a detailed review of the soldier's remains in custody of the Carson City State Museum and his ongoing efforts at identification ,and possible burial at the Veterans Cemetery at Fernley, NV. 13 Adjournment: At 1530 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Wayne. The next Camp Meeting will include Election and Certification of Officers on 8 Dec. 2013 at the VFW, Post 9211 at 1300 Hours.

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

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

October 13, 2013

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

### **AUSTIN, NEVADA**

August 25, 2013

Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, made an ad hoc historical research trip to Austin, Nevada. The sites visited included the cemetery complex where Civil War nurse Johanna Shine and several other Civil War veterans are buried, Ruel Gridley's store, and the International Bar and Cafe. The International was in part built from lumber removed from the first

International Hotel in Virginia City and transported to Austin in 1862. The second floor was built as a ballroom where after the war, the Grand Army of the Republic Lander Post No. 27 held dances and other functions. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to go up there. We looked at an 1898 article from the "Reese River Reveille" noting J.A. Miller of Austin was appointed Aid-de-Camp with the rank of Colonel to G.A.R. Commander J.B.S. Gobin. His commission was hung in the Bank of Austin, which of course no longer exists. Unfortunately, the local museum was closed that day, so we could not inquire if they may have his commission. The article also sparked some research into the G.A.R. rules that state no military ranks were recognized amongst the members. However, the various elected and appointed positions contained an inherent rank noted by the emblems and colors of the badge bars.

### **MOTTSVILLE, NEVADA, AND WOODFORDS, FREDERICKSBURG, AND MARKLEEVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

September 28, 2013

Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, visited the Mottsville Cemetery (no obvious Civil War veterans) and the Fredericksburg Cemetery (one obvious Civil War veterans). Mottsville is a small community in Carson Valley a few miles south of Genoa, and Fredericksburg is an old town site in Carson Valley below Mottsville just over the state line in California.

We stopped in Woodfords and were told there were two private and two Indian cemeteries with restricted access there, so we went on to Markleeville. We visited the Alpine County Museum and later the Alpine County Library. The assistant museum curator said Markleeville is in the process of renovating their rundown cemetery, but time was too limited to walk up the hill to it. We exchanged contact information in case some burials prove to be of Civil War veterans, and Government issued markers can be obtained. We also left a request for cemetery information from the local historian at the library. Findagrave notes 53 burials. The assistant museum curator said cadaver dogs were used in the Markleeville Cemetery, and at least 81 sites were detected by the dogs.

### **WILLIAMS STATION, NEVADA**

October 5, 2013

Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis visited the Department of the Pacific, Federal Battalion reenactors' living history set-up at Fort Churchill. Afterwards an attempt was made to find the location of William's Station. William's Station was where a couple of kidnapped young Paiute ladies were held. The station owners were killed by the Paiutes which sparked the 1860 Paiute Indian War and led to the decision to build Fort Churchill. The site was is along the Carson River and is normally under water at Lahontan Reservoir, but the water is very low at this time. The site was not marked by an historic marker, and we had to go to the Churchill County Museum to where we found a small map locating the site in a book. We returned to the reservoir, but it became apparent a more detailed site map and time to hike a mile across the reservoir bed will be required.

### **BLUE BOOKS, RED BOOKS, OUTPOSTS, INDEPENDANT CORPS AND TONOPAH**

As noted in previous reports and newsletters, the Grand Army of the Republic has been a bit of an enigma in Tonopah and Goldfield, Nevada. Civil War veterans are commonly mentioned as members of the G.A.R. in the Tonopah newspapers between 1902 and at least 1910 but no official named post is ever mentioned. Also, the G.A.R. Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.) organized the Gettysburg Corps 122 on August 17, 1912 and existed at least until 1934. G.A.R. members are also noted as living in Goldfield where a G.A.R. cemetery plot is noted in Sam Davis's 1913 "History of Nevada".

The G.A.R. published an annual compendium of rules and decisions called the Blue Book, and the W.R.C.'s counterpart was the Red Book. The Camp Historian has acquired copies of the 1884 and 1912 issues of Blue Book and a 1923 issue of the Red Book. The Blue Book notes that G.A.R. Posts covered a given geographical territory and allowed for resident and non-resident members living on the peripheries of that territory to form an Outpost to the Post if it was not convenient for those members to make the meetings. "Roaming Posts", that is Posts not tied to a specific town or geographic area, were forbidden. Also, the Red Book stated that while it was preferred to have the W.R.C. create local Corps as auxiliaries tied to local



G.A.R. Posts, independent Corps could also be created where Posts were absent at the pleasure of the Department President.

These rules might account for the what was going on in Tonopah and Goldfield assuming that the "Posts" were not just an unofficial gathering of aging Civil War veterans that were members of diverse other Posts who did not want to bother going through the hoops of starting a bona fide Post. Probably the closest still functioning Nevada GAR post to Tonopah around 1910 was the Custer Post 5 in Carson City about 200 miles away. Austin and Eureka were closer, but the Lander Post in Austin may have been defunct by 1900, and the Upton Post in Eureka seems to have lasted only to about 1906. This suggests the possibility "Posts" in Tonopah and Goldfield may been Outposts. Also, if no official Post really existed, the W.R.C. created the Gettysburg Corps 122 as an independent Corps.

Hopefully, some records presently in storage until the renovation of the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles is complete will shed light on this.

## **REPRINTING GENERAL ORDERS**

The Camp by-laws state the newsletter is to reprint the Camp, Department, and National (General) Orders, and this has been dutifully done by the Editor. It has at times also been cumbersome and time consuming cutting and pasting from the Department and National websites especially when we have had rather wordy Commanders. Also, at times, these orders have made up more than 50% of the content of the newsletter even when printed in a small font. After several discussions with Commander Riggs, and if no one objects at the next meeting, commencing with the next newsletter (January 2014), only the website location of the General Orders will be printed with an occasional comment on which General Orders may be immediately relevant to the Camp. This will fulfill the spirit of the by-laws on this matter.

## **RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

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

### **Department Order No. 10 SERIES 2013-2014 24 September 2013**

#### **SUSPENSION OF RECRUITMENT OF MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD**

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: Pursuant to General Order #3 (Series 2013-2014), the following is hereby ordered by Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley:

Effective immediately, and with the approval of the Council of Administration, the recruitment program for members, under the age of 18, Juniors and Junior Associates is hereby suspended until the next immediate National Encampment in August 2014. This action is taken to permit the Order to assess Federal and State mandates/laws and promulgate policies for the protection of the youth within our Order, as well as the Order itself. This suspension will permit the Order to establish a committee to ascertain what actions we are required to have in place to comply with the aforementioned Federal and State laws, it will also provide the upcoming National Encampment with wording to better protect our youth. Regarding this issue, Departments and Camps will, at a minimum, comply with all State laws dealing with child protection until such time as the Order can complete this task. Consideration should be given to having parents or legal guardians attend meetings and events.

Section 2: The subject matter addressed in General Order #3 is referred to the Department Committee on Bylaws and the Department Committee on Legislation for further review and recommendations not inconsistent with this Order and specifically as follows:

A) The Bylaws Committee is charged with monitoring related Council of Administration activities; and,

B) The Legislation Committee is charged with researching relative laws and policies in California, Nevada, and Hawaii as they pertain to this issue

Section 3: Each Camp Commander shall ensure that their Camp Secretary submits an updated membership list (including, but not limited to, each Camp Brother's name, address, and phone number) of their Camp to the Department Secretary within thirty days of this Order. The list shall specifically indicate which members are Juniors and which are Junior Associates, as well as their corresponding age.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 24th day of September 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 P. Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

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. 11**

**SERIES 2013-2014**

**20 October 2013**

DEPARTMENT SEAL PROPOSAL

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: This Order shall serve as notification to the Department membership that artwork and design specifications for an official Department Seal, and appropriate regulations for governing the same, will be presented to the 2014 Department Encampment for a vote.

Section 2: The Department Commander has referred this issue to the Department Bylaws Committee for review and to draft appropriate language for the Department Bylaws and/or Department Policies.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 10th day of October 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 P. Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

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. 12**

**SERIES 2013-2014**

**20 October 2013**

FILING CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY

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: Every Camp in the Department of California and Pacific are to visit the IRS site and download and file a Form 8822-.

Section 2: Camps are further directed to file a Form 8822-B if, in the last year, the officers in the Camp have changed.

Section 3: Additionally, Camps are directed to file this form with the Department Secretary-Treasurer and the National Treasurer.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 27th day of October 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.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

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. 13**

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**28 October 2013**

128TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

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: The Department of California and Pacific hereby announces the 128th Annual Department Encampment to be held on March 7-8, 2013;



Section 2: The Encampment will be hosted by the General George Wright Camp No. 22 in Sacramento, California at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95814;

Section 3: Those wishing to attend are directed to the Department website (<http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>) for the appropriate registration forms and information.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 28th day of October 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.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

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. 4 SERIES 2013-2014 01 October 2013**

The Department of Connecticut has filed Form 35 (Department Annual Report) and has sent the proper per capita with the National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their Charter has hereby been lifted and they are reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 1st Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **General Order No. 5 SERIES 2013-2014 06 October 2013**

1.) With the approval from the Council of Administration, I hereby authorize the Ohio Department Commander on behalf of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the present proposed sale of the two GAR Ordnance Rifles situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, specifically, injunction proceedings to prevent the sale of the two cannons and declaratory judgment proceedings to address and cause title to the two cannons to be formally vested in the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and for such other legal relief as may be just and proper under the circumstances and for the National Organization, SUVCW, to pay the filing fee in the sum of \$200.00 as required by the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, and up to \$50 for any incidental cost that may arise, from the Heritage Defense Fund,

2.) Also, that this type of issue in general be referred to the National Committee on Program and Policy for development of an official policy for such situations.

Ordered this 6th Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **General Order No. 6 SERIES 2013-2014 29 October 2013**

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I announce the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief David R. Medert of the Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73 of Chillicothe, Ohio. PCinC Medert passed away this morning. He was very instrumental not only at the National Level as a Commander-in-Chief during the year of 1995-1996, He was a 2 year Ohio Department Commander during the years of 1991-1993 and active in his own Camp. Services for David R. Medert will be held on Friday (November 1st, 2013), at Grandview Cemetery beginning at 1 PM. The hearse will be escorted to the cemetery by the State Highway Patrol. At 1 PM there will be a Masonic service followed by a clergy service and last will be a military service which will provide a rifle salute. In lieu of flowers the family requests

donations be made to the Ross County Historical Society at 45 W. 5th St. Chillicothe, OH 45601, (740) 772-1936. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 29th Day of October, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order No. 7**

**SERIES 2013-2014**

**11 November 2013**

1.) Background: A prospective member enquired into his eligibility of becoming a member as he had been convicted of issuing checks of which there were non-sufficient funds (NSF) to cover the amounts for which the checks were written. He has since received a gubernatorial pardon for said crimes. According to the regulations of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War a person convicted of "infamous Crimes" cannot be considered for membership. The question asked is twofold: 1) does a gubernatorial pardon "erase" the conviction and 2) is a conviction of NSF an "infamous crime" as stated in the SUVCW Regulations?

2.) Opinion: Pardon, gubernatorial or for the matter presidential, Do NOT erase the conviction or the criminal record. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (an circuit which covers Alaska, Arizona, most of California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington State, Guam and the North Mariana Islands) has ruled in support the pardon does not expunge the criminal offense. As late as 22 October 2013, the Ohio Supreme Court, in a 6-1 decision, upheld the ruling of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. Judge Judith Lanzinger decision states "Although a pardon grants the recipient relief from any ongoing punishment for the offense and prevents any future legal disability based on that offense, it does not erase past conduct," Justice Lanzinger wrote. "What is done is done." Based on this ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the ruling of the Ohio Supreme Court and after consulting with various State Pardon and Parole Boards, all state that a pardon does NOT expunge or erase a criminal conviction. The second portion of the question addresses the term "Infamous Crimes" and whether a conviction of NSF is considered as such. In reading "Barron's Law Dictionary" it states "A crime which works infamy in the person who commits it. (189 S.E. 441) At common law, any infamous crime was one that rendered the person convicted thereof incompetent as a witness. (4 N.Y. Cr. R. 545, 546). This was based on the theory of untrustworthiness whereby a testimonial disqualification was imposed to prevent the introduction of evidence thought not entitled to credence. In this sense, infamous crimes comprehend treason, felonies, and any crime involving the element of deceit (crimen falsi). 23 F. 136, 137) and examined the nature of the crime, rather than the nature of the punishment inflicted. The modern view of infamous crimes, which under Art. V of the Constitution (this is the U.S. Constitution not SUVCW) must be prosecuted by indictment, and is a crime that is punishable by death or imprisonment in a State penal institution, with or without hard labor for more than one year. See 604 F, 2d, 569, 572. Under this view, it is determined by the nature of the punishment, which a court is authorized to impose, and not by the character of the crime. The common law procedure of excluding witnesses because of prior infamous convictions is no longer followed, although such convictions may affect the credibility of the witness. (See 182. A. 2d 15, 16).

3.) Based on all the above it is my official opinion that the prospective member is NOT eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in as much he was convicted of an infamous crime (NSF), and that the Pardon did not expunge that conviction. Note: When addressing "disabilities" these would include the loss by the felon to 1) own or possess firearms, 2) right to enter the Armed Forces 3) right to vote, as a few, these also vary from State to State.

4.) So with the above Official Opinion #4, I am also in agreement, so therefore this General Order No. 7 affirms that a prospective member is NOT eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in which he was convicted of infamous crime (NSF), and that the pardon did not expunge that conviction and is still part of one's record.

Ordered this 11th Day of November, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**Special General Order No. 1**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**19 November 2013**

Brothers,

As contained in General Order No. 5 in regards to the authorization for the Department of Ohio to pursue appropriate legal relief in the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, Ohio, to address the proposed sale of the GAR Ordnance Rifles presently situated in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in the City of Wilmington, Ohio. The attorney representing the Department of Ohio in this action will be filing in the Clinton County Common Pleas Court asking for a Declaratory Judgment giving ownership of the two Civil War cannons to the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and seeking a permanent injunction prohibiting Sugar Grove Cemetery from selling or removing the cannons or the war memorial. All members of the SUVCW will refrain from issuing any statements regarding this action and all media inquiries received shall be referred to attorney:

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Phone 937-382-2345, email: Mike@clintoncountylawyer.com

Ordered this 19th Day of November, 2013.

Ken L. Freshley Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War