

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm August 10, 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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## CAMP 25 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

May 24-26, 2014

Members of Carlin Camp 25 participated in four Memorial Day weekend events. At noon on May 24, 2014, Virginia City held a parade, and Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC, and Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis participated. David's Blazer was entered with the Camp signs and flags. The parade was fun even if a bit disorganized.

On May 26, 2014, Camp 25 participated in three events. The first was the 9 am Memorial Day service at the G.A.R. O.M. Mitchel Post 69 plot, in the Hillside Cemetery on Angel Street in Reno. The service is held annually by the V.F.W. and American Legion, and their auxiliaries. Senator Dean Heller was present.

At 1 pm, the Sea Cadets sponsored the annual service at Veterans Section in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC, recited General Order No. 11, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester also participated.

At 3 pm: Carlin Camp 25 laid a wreath at the Statue at the G.A.R. Post 5 plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery. President Abraham Lincoln (Wally Earhart) was present and said a few words.



Virginia City parade, Camp 25 entry with Commander John A. Riggs, and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis PCC. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)



G.A.R. O.M. Mitchel Post 69 plot, in the Hillside Cemetery, left to right, Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis, member Roger Linscott, Secretary-Treasurer Brian I Worcester, Counselor Edward G. Carson, Senator Dean Heller, Commander John A. Riggs, and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis PCC. The grave marker on the right is for George Warren (Co. F, 17th Maine Inf., d. 1936), the last Nevada G.A.R. member. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)



G.A.R. Post 5 plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery left to right, Secretary-Treasurer Brian I Worcester, Commander John A. Riggs, Camp 25 Chaplain/SVR Commander Wayne Eder, President Lincoln, and Councilor Edward G. Carson. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)

## NEWLY MINTED KENTUCKY COLONELS

June 22, 2014

During the June 22 Camp meeting, Commander John A. Riggs, himself a Kentucky Colonel, handed out certificate to seven Camp members making them also members of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. The newly minted Colonels are in the picture below. Information about the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels can be found at <http://kycolonels.org>. Since Ed is a retired Army colonel, this should make him either a Colonel<sup>2</sup> or a Colonel X 2. Thanks, John, from all of us.



Left to right, JVC Frank Wood, SVC/Historian David A. Davis PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Chaplain/Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery SVR Commander Wayne Eder, Commander John A. Riggs, member Roger Linscott, Counselor Edward G. Carson, and BuglerRay Ahrenholz. (picture courtesy of Suzette Eder)

## RINGING OF THE LIBERTY BELL

July 4, 2014

On July 4th, the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) rang of the replica Liberty Bell at the Nevada State Museum at 11 am, to mark the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Replica Liberty Bells were rang at the same hour in the other 49 states. The Nevada Society of the Sons of the Revolution Fife and Drums played music and members of the SAR took turns reading parts of the Declaration of Independence. Carlin Camp 25 members present were Commander John A. Riggs, and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian I Worcester, Counselor Edward G. Carson, Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, and members David Hess and Roger Linscott, some of whom also belong to the SAR.





The Nevada Society of the Sons of the Revolution Fife and Drums, left to right, Brian I Worcester, Marsha Baldwin, Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Edward G. Carson. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)

## TRUCKEE PICNIC

July 19, 2014

On July 19th, the Truckee Donner Historical Society held its 34th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and History Expo at the Truckee River Regional Park in Truckee, CA, and Carlin Camp 25 was invited to attend.



Truckee picnic, left to right, Camp 25 member Roger Linscott, Commander John A. Riggs, Camp 25 member David Hess, Mr. Teeter (descendant of Jacob Teeter killed in Truckee jail in 1891), Chaun Mortier (sitting), Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Chaplain/Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery SVR Commander Wayne Eder. (picture courtesy of The Sierra Sun Newspaper, Truckee, CA)

## BOWERS MANSION

July 26, 2014

On July 26, Bowers Mansion celebrated Nevada's 150th anniversary, which included an open house, music, and living history. Carlin Camp 25 members Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester, Councilor Edward G. Carson, and Bugler Ray Ahrenholz attended. The former four guarded the Mansion's library, which included a 36-star flag donated by Nevada Senator George W. Malone in 1958, and attempted to answer questions. Ray with other Civil War reenactors manned a Civil War set-up with tents and displays. At the end of the day, Richard Burr of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers presented Commander Riggs with a Civil War tent for the Camp. Richard personally bought the tent and presented on behalf of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers. Thanks you, Richard and the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.



Bowers Mansion, left to right, Commander John A. Riggs, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis PCC, Byron Johnson (seated) of the Department of the Pacific Federal Battalion Reenactors, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian I Worcester. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)



Bowers Mansion, tent donated by Richard Burr (left) on behalf of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers. (picture courtesy of John A. Riggs)

## **AURORA MONUMENT DEDICATION**

**August 9, 2014**

August 9th at 1 pm: Honoring our Civil War Dead at Aurora, Nevada, Ghost Town's first or lower cemetery of the three there. This is a SUVCW Camp 25 event supporting the Hawthorne, Nevada, Historical Society who will be placing and dedicating a monument to those soldiers buried in Aurora. Aurora is located approximately 34 miles southwest of Hawthorne with partial access on a dirt road (maintained by the mining companies). The SVR and DPFB will provide a military presence at this event in the form of a Color Guard and with both a rifle and artillery salute. All fire and safety rules will followed per our own fire chief. We will be honoring eight Civil War; one Mexican War; and one War of 1812 veteran. The plan is to meet at the Dairy Queen parking lot in Minden at 9:30 am and carpool. Four-wheel drive or at least high clearance is recommended.

## **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>.

## **2015 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

**March 6-8, 2015**

The 129th Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 104th Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held on March 6-8, 2015, at the Hilton at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, at 321 Bercut Drive in Sacramento, California. For registration and other information as it becomes available, please go to <http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>.

## **JUNE 22, 2014, 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.

The minutes for the June 22 meeting were delayed and will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

**June 22, 2014**

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

## **RAWHIDE AND SAND SPRINGS**

**April 28, 2014**

Commander John Riggs and I visited the cemetery at Rawhide, Nevada. Rawhide was an early 20th century mining camp with its main boom between 1906 and 1910, and a peak population of 7,000. What was once the town is now mostly under the dumps of the adjacent Denton-Rawhide open pit mine. We had some difficulties locating the cemetery, but we found it to be a barbed wire fenced, washed out acre containing less than a half dozen marked graves. None were marked as Civil War veterans.

After leaving Rawhide, we worked our way up to Route 50 and visited the walls remaining of the Sand Springs Pony Express Station. It was built in 1860, and served as a station for the Pony Express, overland travelers, the telegraph, and Wells Fargo. It was in periodic use through the 1890s. Since it was used as a Pont Express station, news of the firing on Fort Sumter would have been carried through it.

According to the Bureau of Land Management's website description, British scholar and explorer, Sir Richard Burton visited the station on October 17, 1860, and described it in his diary this way: "The water near this vile hole was thick and stale with sulphury salts; it blistered even the hands. The station house was

no unfit object in such a scene, roofless and chairless, filthy and squalid, with a smoky fire in one corner, and a table in the center of an impure floor, the walls open to every wind and the interior full of dust." Also, although every Pony Express employee had to swear "...that I will drink no intoxicating liquors...", the most common items found during archaeological excavations of the station were fragments of liquor bottles.

## **MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES**

May 26, 2014

Memorial Day weekend was May 24 through 26, and I participated with other Carlin Camp 25 members in four activities. Commander John Riggs, Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis, and I were in the Memorial Day parade in Virginia City on May 24th. The parade was fun even if a bit disorganized. On May 26, the observed Memorial Day, several of us participated in the morning service at the Mitchel Post 69 GAR plot at Hillside Cemetery in Reno, the early afternoon service in the veterans section at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, and our wreath laying at the Custer Post 5 plot at Lone Mountain. I recited General Order 11 in the veterans section service. The Memorial Day activities will be written up in more detail in the July newsletter.

## **UNIONVILLE CEM**

June 8, 2014

Shannon S. Mahoney, an associate archaeologist working for ASM Affiliates of Reno, recently sent me the following e-mail concerning Civil War veterans buried in the Unionville, Nevada, cemetery.

"Earlier this year, a colleague of mine met you when he went to go pick up some aerial photographs of the Unionville area for a cemetery project we were working on. It's my understanding that you were interested in knowing whether or not there are any Civil War veterans buried at Unionville. He asked me to email you when I had some information. In short, none of the standing headstones at Unionville are for Civil War veterans. This is all that I could confirm through research of census records and newspaper clippings.

The 1890 Special Schedule of the U.S. Census indicated that two veterans could be contacted through the Unionville Post Office. James C. Staunton's name is listed and crossed out with the abbreviation "conf" written next to his name, possibly identifying him as a Confederate veteran since the Schedule was only intended for Union veterans. No further information could be found on James Staunton. The other veteran is listed as John Campbell, who had served in the Union Army as a private for the 69<sup>th</sup> Illinois U.S. Infantry. The notice of his death in the *Humboldt Register* (1903) announced that he was buried in the Unionville Cemetery."

Commander John Riggs passed the e-mail on to our graves registration officer Don Huffman, and he recently replied:

"I spent several hours today looking for the two individuals that were listed on the 1890 Veterans Role for Unionville, Humboldt County Nevada. James C Staunton is a non starter. There is very little information on someone with that name. He was probably from Virginia but that is as far as I got. The second person John Campbell as near as I can tell came to Nevada between 1870 and 1877 when He married Laura H born August of 1860 in California. They had 5 children, the last being born in February 1900. There was only one son born to them, Elmer John Campbell b 25 Feb 1893. Elmer was working for the railroad by 1910 as a station agent. He moved to Bermester, Toolele, Utah and was a Conductor there, before returning to Union, Nevada where he was a Freight gent, living at 904 Bridge Street. His mother Laura died 30 June 1941, and is buried in Winnemucca Cemetery, Humboldt, Nevada. as are Elmer John who died in 29 October 1970, his wife Marguerite Arbon who died in 21 June 1965, and a daughter Marjean who died 30 November 1946. Given the fact that John P Campbell born in Dundee, Illinois, September 1846 was listed as being a Civil War Veteran in Unionville 1890, His unit and company have been Identified as being correct, and his wife and son and sons family remained all their life in the immediate area, as well as the newspaper stating he died in 1903 and that he was buried in the cemetery at Unionville, He is most likely there. I found no application for Headstone or that any headstone was ever sent from the Government to mark his grave. The only thing I found Odd about this was that there were two John Campbells in Company B, 69th Illinois



Infantry and they were both Privates. The one listed here was from Dundee, Illinois and the other was from I believe Quincy, Illinois. The other John Campbell died in 2 May 1932 in Centralia, Washington and had a different Application for his Pension. The John Campbell listed here may be the same as John Campbell filing for pension 8 July 1891 Application Number 1017.440, Certification Number 721.498. Company B, 69th Illinois Infantry was organized at Camp Douglass, Chicago, Ill., and mustered in June 14, 1862, for three months. Assigned to guard duty at Camp Douglass till September. Mustered out September 27, 1862."

## **TRUCKEE**

June 14, 2014

Commander John Riggs and I reconnoitered Truckee to find the park where Carlin Camp 25 has been invited to participate in activities on July 19. This began with a visit with Chaun Mortier at the Jail Museum, and after some rambling about and revisiting with Chaun, we found the park, which was having a beer fest that day. During our ramblings, we also visited the main cemetery and the old Catholic cemetery. We had not been to the latter, but it did not contain any marked Civil War veterans' graves.

## **DOUGLAS/LINCOLN ALLEYS**

June 15, 2014

Commander John Riggs and I investigated Lincoln and Douglas Alleys in Reno. These were named for the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and once crossed several blocks between Sierra and Lake streets (Douglas, east-west) and First and Third Streets (Lincoln, north-south). The alleys once met, but that block is now occupied by Harrah's. Portions of these alleys as well as the adjacent Fulton's Alley are now marked with arches, though they are little more than back alleys behind casinos and other businesses. Lincoln Alley is open through the Cal-Nevada building. Interesting, the adjacent Lover's Lane alley that was once the Red Light district of Reno's Chinatown is not marked. These will be written up with more detail in a future newsletter.



## **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT - UNITED STATES FLAG DAY**

June 22, 2014

Tyrone W. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Patriotic Instructor.

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official



statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is at Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.

Quincy, Massachusetts has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it "is the longest-running parade of its kind in the nation." The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators.



#### References

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\\_Day\\_\(United\\_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_(United_States))

[http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb\\_modern\\_birth\\_1.html](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb_modern_birth_1.html)

## RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No new Department Orders have been issued since May. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

## RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Six new General Orders and a Special General Order were issued since May and are summarized as follows. General Order No. 18 reports on the appointment of James Crane as National Site Committee Chair. General Order No. 19 reports on the recent internal legal proceedings involving several members of the ASUVCW and the reassertion that the SUVCW has no jurisdiction in their affairs. General Order No. 20 honors Memorial Day. General Order No. 21 reports on the issuance of a replacement charter to replace the lost one of the General Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12, Department of Rhode Island. General Order No. 22 rescinded General Order No. 3 and resumes acceptance of new Junior members and Junior associate members with new rules dealing with child abuse and the request that members dealing members under 18 to take the Boy Scouts child abuse on-line training course. General Order No. 23 reports on the revocation of the charter of the defunct Captain David L. Payne Camp No. 2 of Stillwater, Oklahoma. For a complete list, see the National website: [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=513](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513).