

# 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 at 1 pm October 12, 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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## RENO'S SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CAMP RECEIVES "MOST OUTSTANDING CAMP" AWARD

By Steve Frady, Camp Commander John A. Riggs, and Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell

The Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) based in Reno has received the national Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award as the most outstanding camp from SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley. The 20-member Camp received the national recognition for its activities over the past two years in supporting the memory of Union soldiers in the Civil War — the "Boys in Blue." Those activities included: an event in Virginia City celebrating the 150th anniversary of the organization of the 1st Nevada Cavalry and Infantry; marking the grave and recognizing an unheralded recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Elko Cemetery, and a similar current project for another Medal of Honor recipient in the Fernley Cemetery; annual educational displays of Civil War artifacts from both Union and Confederate sources, as well as artifacts from the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a veterans organization founded in 1866 by Union veterans. Members of the Camp have also participated in various events and parades in Civil War attire, and are continuing to document the graves of Union veterans throughout Nevada and the Eastern California region, among other activities.

The Reno area SUVCW camp is named after Major General William Passmore Carlin (November 23, 1829-October 4, 1903), for whom the town of Carlin, Nevada is named. Membership is open to male descendants of Union veterans, with associate memberships available for those who either do not have, or have not yet identified a Union ancestor. Membership applications and more information about the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are available on their website at [www.suvmac.org](http://www.suvmac.org). The website for the local William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 is [www.suvmac.org/camp25.html](http://www.suvmac.org/camp25.html).

The National Organization, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War oversees 28 departments, each consisting of one or more states, along with a Department-at-Large, Members-at-Large and more than 200 community-based camps. The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War is the successor organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865. By 1890, the GAR membership numbered nearly 410,000 with about 8,000 posts throughout the country including 18 in Nevada. The final meeting of the GAR was held in Indiana in 1949, and the last member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at the age of 109. The last known Nevada GAR member was George Warren who died at age 93 in 1936 and is buried in Reno's Hillside Cemetery at W. 10th Street and Angel Street. The last known Civil War veteran in Nevada was Union veteran William O. Phillips who died at age 95 in Reno in 1941.



Award

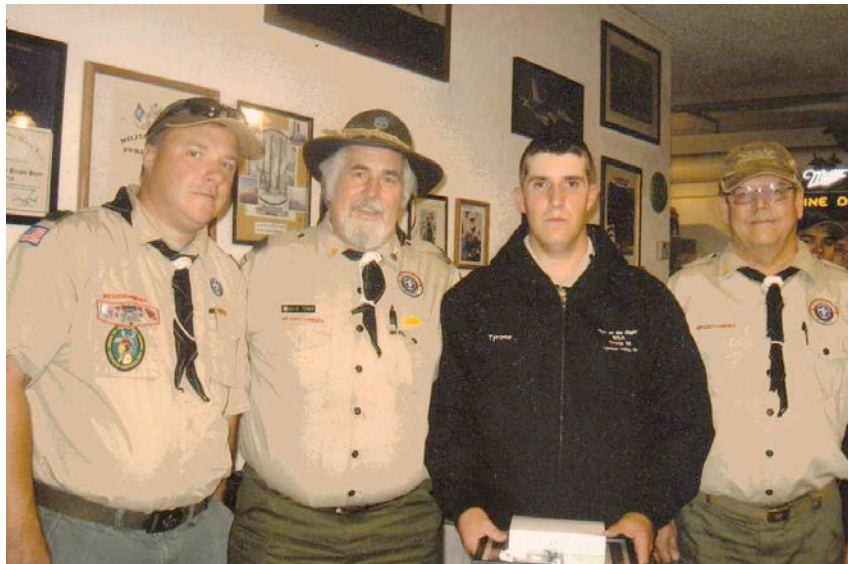


Plaque on the award.

## **TYRONE'S COURT OF HONOR**

**August 10, 2014**

Camp Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis completed his Eagle Scout project and requirements well over a year ago. However, a series of unfortunate events and bad timing always seemed to get in the way of the obligatory Court of Honor where the Eagle Scout receives his badges, papers, awards, scarf, hat, and coat. He also puts special pins on his parents. Camp Councilor Ed Carson offhandedly remarked about why not have it at the upcoming Camp meeting. Courts of Honor are solemn usually require planning and decisions on what to say and how to do the presentation. Tyrone contacted his Troop 88 leaders with a week's notice, and on the day of the meeting, all of the Troop showed up at the VFW Post 9211 Hall. The event took 20 minutes and was solemn and dignified even if a bit impromptu. It was probably one of the few times, if not the first time, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held in front of the bar at a VFW Hall. All went well, and we thanked the Troop for doing it.



Left to right: Adult leaders Joe Lasonde and David Tener, Eagle Scout Tyrone Davis, and Scoutmaster Richard Albright.

# AURORA

August 9, 2014

On August 9, 2014, Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery SVR participated in the dedication of a monument to the veterans of the War of 1812 and the Mexican and Civil Wars buried in the cemetery at Aurora in Mineral County. As part of the Nevada Sesquicentennial Mineral County the granite monument. The program was put on by the Mineral County Museum. Battery A Commander/Camp Chaplain Wayne Eder fired off the Coburn mortar for a salute, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz blew Taps, and Camp Commander John Riggs said a few words. A representative of the U.S. Forest Service was present as the cemetery is on Forest Service managed land, and the monument and program would not have occurred without their blessing. We thank local historian and cemeterian Sue Silver of the Mineral County Museum for getting us involved and making this happen. Aurora was a mining camp with its main production period between 1860 and 1870. The population peaked at 10,000. Co. F of the 1st Nevada Cavalry was formed in Aurora. Several attempts were made at reviving mining through the turn of the century with little success. A modern open pit mining operation, presently idle, sits adjacent to the cemetery and owns the site of the town. The operation was recently acquired by Waterton Global Resource Management based in Toronto, Canada.



Group picture at the memorial. Left to right: Battery A Commander/Camp Chaplain Wayne Eder, Roger Linscott, David Hess, Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman, Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, Robert Burr, Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester, and Camp Commander John A. Riggs.

## SVR ARILLERY NOTES

By Wayne Eder, Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery

The Battery had a busy summer and is winding down with several parades expected before the end of the year. The largest event since the last newsletter was the Gardnerville Civil War Reenactment on 9/12-14/14. Battery members fired the Mountain howitzer in support of the Federal troops and conducted demonstrations for school children on the Friday school day. Brothers Wayne Eder, Ray Ahrenholz, Ken Auld, and Brian Worcester all took the field during the event while Commander John Riggs and Brothers David Davis and David Hess were also in attendance.



SVR Brother Ray Ahrenholz fires Mountain Howitzer at Gardnerville.



SVR Artillery Commander Wayne Eder checks howitzer before firing.



Camp 25 Members with Abraham Lincoln Award and Campaign Ribbons

## **Aurora, NV Civil War Grave Dedication**

On August 9, 2014, members of Camp 25 and the SVR Artillery attended the grave dedication event at Aurora, NV where 10 veterans of the War of 1812; Mexican War; and Civil War are buried. SVR Artillery Commander Wayne Eder coordinated the event with the Hawthorne Historical Society.



Camp 25 Members at Aurora, NV Monument Dedication

## **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 was held on August 14-17, 2014, at the Hilton Atlanta Marietta Hotel and Convention Center in Marietta, Georgia. Past Department of California and Pacific Commander and present Signals Officer/Webmaster Tad Campbell was elected Commander-in-Chief. For the list of new officers, please go to <http://www.suvcw.org/officers.pdf>

## **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>.

## **GENERAL SHERMAN**

The following poem is from the Virginia Evening Chronicle, Wednesday, February 18, 1891, vol. XXXVIII, No. 123, p. 3, col. 2. It commemorates General William Tecumseh Sherman who died February 14, 1891, at the age of 71.

## GENERAL SHERMAN

By W.G.H.

### I.

The vital spark called life has fled  
And Sherman's numbered with the dead  
He who so many battles won  
Lies now in sweet repose.  
The cannon's roar, the beaten drum,  
The noisy din, the rifle's hum,  
The soldier's cry: On, on! on, on!  
With sword and lance and trusty gun,  
Cannot awake this noble son--  
His life is to its close.

### II.

The Nations mourns a hero dead,  
Whose deeds will be by children read  
When we, now mourning by his grave,  
Have reached the world beyond.  
His country called, his sword he gave  
Like thousands of the true and brave  
Determined he, like them, to save  
Their country from destruction's grave  
And fight the foes who would enslave  
Millions, of freedom fond.

### III.

Let solemn minute guns be heard  
While the old chieftain is interred.  
For he had won a nation's praise  
Upon the tented field.  
Let everywhere "Old Glory" raise  
That weeping eyes might on it gaze,  
For it can tell of other days,  
When high above the cannon's blaze,  
Sherman did in defiance raise  
His voice condemning treason's craze,  
And heaping on his soldiers praise,  
Who knew not how to yield.

### IV.

Veterans, burdened now with years,  
Moisten the warrior's bier with tears;  
Your old commander brave and true.  
A soldier stern, but just.  
Oh! cast aside your duties, do,  
That you might once, again renew  
Fidelity to that hero, who  
Led you so many dangers through,  
And nought of fear nor danger knew,  
Who now's returned to dust

## MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2014

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. This is an abridged version of the minutes, and a full version complete with pictures and write-ups following through on announced event participation by Councilman No. 2, Edward G. Carson are posted under Meeting Minutes on the Camp website at <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/minutes.html>.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Camp Commander John Riggs.
2. All Brothers and guests in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Councilman Edward Carson.
3. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Wayne L. Eder.
4. Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, Roger Linscott, Ray Ahrenholz, Wayne L. Eder, Roger Brotherton, and Brian Worcester.
5. Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Suzette Eder and Chaun O. Mortier.
6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting were approved.
7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
  - A. Commander awarded Carlin Camp 25 "Certificates of Commendation" to the above roll call attendees.
  - B. The Commander awarded membership certificates into the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, who are "Aides-de-Camp" to the Governor of Kentucky, for the above roll call attendees.
  - C. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will be participating in the Northern Nevada Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, July 4th Ceremonies, which included Revolutionary War music performed by the Fifes and Drums of Nevada and the ringing of the Liberty Bell promptly at 1100 hours, to be held at

the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The following members attended this event: John Riggs, Edward Carson, Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott, David Davis, Ray Ahrenholz, and David Hess.

D. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will be participating in the Nevada & Truckee Donner Historical Society's "History Day," held in Truckee, CA on July 19th.

E. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will be participating in the Bowers Mansion 19th Century Living History Day on July 26th.

8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance of June 22nd was \$604.24.

9. Sr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother David Davis provided his history and Memorials Report as stated below.

10. Jr. Vice Commander's Report: Brother Frank Wood reported: no changes. Also, Frank confirmed that he would work the availability for the August 10th meeting.

11. Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, provided the Patriotic Instructor Report as stated below. All members congratulated Tyrone's graduation from Bishop Manogue High School.

12. Captain Wayne Eder, Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, reported on: October 2014 Fort Churchill planning, and the honoring of our Civil War Dead buried at Aurora, Nevada, August 9th at 1300 hours. This event at Aurora is for the unveiling of the new GAR monument, and it is a Nevada 150 Legacy Event. Brother Wayne stated that those who can attend this event can meet him in Gardnerville and then car pool up to Aurora. A summary taken from the website <http://www.carsonnow.org/story/07/30/2014/sesquicentennial-fair-carson-city-highlight-nevada-150-events-throughout-august> states: "...The Aurora Military Veterans Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony will take place at the Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, NV (Mineral) at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 9. In commemoration of Nevada's sesquicentennial, the Mineral County Board of Commissioners and the Mineral County Museum will commission the erection of a memorial monument. The memorial honors the graves of veterans who never received proper burial for their service to the nation. The service will be assisted by the Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...."

13. New Business: See Commander's Report and related awards above.

14. Old Business: It was noted that Camp 25's Website includes a schedule of events (including directions and maps) officers' comments, newsletter, and related updates, which is part of the Department of California & Pacific and the SUVCW National website. In addition, please be advised that we also have a Facebook Camp 25 page with numerous pictures and commentary.

15. Adjournment: At 1430 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Wayne Eder. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for August 10th at the VFW, Post 9211.

Recorded and submitted by Council Member No. 2, Edward G. Carson

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 10, 2014**

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- 1). Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Camp Commander John Riggs.
- 2). All Brothers and guests in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Councilman Edward Carson.
- 3). Opening Prayer was given by David Hess.
- 4). Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, David Hess, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, Ray Ahrenholz, Robert Burr, and Brian Worcester.
- 5). Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Logan Hulse, Maria Arevalo, Jasmine Arevalo, and Jamara Arevalo, and members of the Boys Scouts to honor Tyrone Davis'

presentation as an Eagle Scout. Following the presentation, Troop 88 and 500 members departed and the Camp 25 meeting resumed. Tyrone Davis was awarded his Eagle Scout by Richard Albright, Scout Master Troop 88 along with Commander John Riggs. Troop 88 represented by: Richard Albright, Dave Tener, Matthew Tener, Joey Lassonde, Amy Lassonde, Alex Lassonde, Samuel Lassonde, Imelda Jones, Don Schulke, Debbie Schulke, Roya Mason, Mike Mason, Dave Fritz, Ben Fritz, Davis Schulke, Derik Schulke, Nate Jones, Ethan Mason, Robert Albright, Andrew Hermanson, Jeremy Pinson. Troop 500 represented by: Josuhe Arevalo and Rafael Arevalo,

6). Minutes of previous Camp Meeting were approved.

7). Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:

A). Commander addressed the planning and support to the Aurora Veterans Memorial Monument, Aurora, Mineral County, Nevada on August 9, 2014.

B). The Commander presented to the members the new Camp 25 Gavel. It was banded with our Camp name and Charter date, and Brother Davis is still working on the platform and base. Commander Riggs and Brother Davis went to Fort Churchill, and at the Fremont Camp grounds, they obtained a broken branch of a Fremont Cottonwood and two native boulders. Brother Davis cut the branch and fashioned the mallet head. He then used the staff from a broken GAR cane for the handle of the mallet = Gavel now. Brother Davis is cutting the boulders to a NV slab for part of a base and stand. It is all coming together for our Camp 25 historic gavel.

C). Commander Riggs reported that the following members within Camp Carlin 25 have been awarded the Cold War Certificate: John Riggs, Edward Carson, Roger Linscott, and Wayne Eder. Commander Riggs encouraged all who qualify to apply and to receive the honor that they earned.

D). Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 was in the competition for the Abraham Lincoln Award, and Commander in Chief Ken Freshley, National SUVCW, announced shortly thereafter that our camp was selected as the best in the Nation on August 16, 2014. Commander Riggs requested that the Camp 25 Awards History be provided to all members as follows: National Commanders "Abraham Lincoln Award": National Camp of the Year 2014; Department of California & the Pacific Commanders 2014 "Field Operations Recognition Award," to General William P. Carlin – Camp 25; Department of California & the Pacific "President Abraham Lincoln Award 2014" to Brother Brian I. Worcester; Department of California & the Pacific "Major General Montgomery C. Meigs Graves Registration Award 2012" to Brother Don Huffman; Department of California & the Pacific Commander's Certificate of Appreciation – Historian for Outstanding Service 2011-2012" to Brother David A. Davis. In addition to the above, the Nevada Appeal, and Lahontan Valley New, released the article on the web.

E). Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will participate in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City on November 1st. Captain Wayne Eder, Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, will drive his Dodge Pickup Truck in the Nevada Day Parade securing the Civil War Howitzer to the bed of his truck. Commander John Riggs will accompany Captain Eder in his truck.

8). Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of July 31st was \$604.24.

9). Sr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother David Davis provided his history and Memorials Report as stated below.

10). Jr. Vice Commander's Report: Brother Frank Wood reported that Robert Burr has become a new member. Brother Frank also reported that Brother Robert has donated a tent to our Camp 25. Finally, Frank confirmed that he would work the availability for the next meeting on October 12th.

11). Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, provided the Patriotic Instructor Report as stated below.

12). Captain Wayne Eder, was absent for this meeting.

13). New Business:

A). The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) / Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) is scheduled to participate in the Reno Veterans Day Parade. Brother Edward is a member of the Board for the Reno Veterans Day Parade, and he has advised the Camp that Commander John Riggs was selected by the city of Reno to be the Grand Marshall of the Parade. The application submitted is below for your records. Our combined group will be followed by Nevada Sagebrush Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) participants and the Johana Shine Tent 96 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) participants.



B). There is a proposal under further review to examine combining the SAR's Washington Birthday with the SUVCW's Lincoln Birthday into one event.

C). Camp 25 Name Badges were provided to most of the members, and new ones will be ordered through Commander Riggs in the future at a price of \$20.00 per individual.

14). Old Business:

A). It was noted that Camp 25's Website includes a schedule of events (including directions and maps) officers' comments, newsletter, and related updates, which is part of the Department of California & Pacific and the SUVCW National website. In addition, please be advised that we also have a Facebook Camp 25 page with numerous pictures and commentary.

B). Application for Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Service will be further reviewed by the Hawthorne Army Depot in the future.

C). Command Riggs and Brother Carson met with Kat Miller, Nevada Director of the State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) on August 11th regarding: the state to place a plaque at Fernley Veterans Cemetery for Medal of Honor recipient Private James C. Reid AKA Reed; the burial of the remains of an unknown soldier in the GAR cemetery at Reno. Kat Miller took the action items, and advised us that they can be worked in the future.

D). 6th Military District Commander Joe Marti and his wife lost their unborn child yesterday reported on August 19th following the meeting. She was 33 weeks along and experienced difficulty and the baby was unable to be saved. Our prayers go to Brother Joe Marti and family.

15). Adjournment: At 1430 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by David Hess. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for October 12th at the VFW, Post 9211. Please take the necessary action to submit your next year membership dues during the October through December time period to Brian Worcester. Your support is very much appreciated regarding this matter.

Council Member No. 2, Edward G. Carson, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

August 10, 2014

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

### **FORT CHURCHILL BRICK**

June 30, 2014

On June 30, Commander John A. Riggs and I visited Fort Churchill to collect a couple of rocks and local branches to make a gavel and sound board out of. We noticed pallets containing numerous adobe bricks outside weathering away. A ranger told us they had been made by inmates at the women's prison in the 1980s as part of a potential restoration project for the Fort. It never occurred, and the bricks were stored in sheds. Since they would never be used, it was decided to put them out in the weather and let Nature dissolve them back into clay. The ranger gave us a brick imprinted with "Fort Churchill, 1860". They impressed the words into a number of the bricks to give out as souvenirs during events in the past. Now there were only a few left.



Fort Churchill adobe brick

## FORT MIFFLIN, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

July 19, 2014

On a recent trip to New Jersey, my sister and I visited Fort Mifflin just off the east end of a runway to the Philadelphia Airport. The fort was built in 1771 to help guard the Delaware River route to Philadelphia. The fort's (then known as Mud Island Fort) main claim to fame is that it held the British off from supplying their troops in Philadelphia for six weeks late in 1777, which allowed George Washington time enough to get his men safely into winter quarters at Valley Forge. The Fort also sported a Continental Navy flag of 13 strips with no field of blue or stars. The strips alternated red, white, and blue, and the existence of the flag comes from a painting of the fort from that time. It was supposedly the only flag they could obtain at the time. During the Civil War, the fort was used as a prison of war camp housing up to 360 Confederates, 40 court-martialed Union troops, and a couple of dozen Quakers, who were arrested because they refused to fight on religious grounds. The fort's website is: <http://fortmifflin.us/about-the-fort/>. Civil War reenactors were doing a living history demonstration. The fort also had a replica Civil War cannon that was about 50 years old. It had been poorly forged, and they were afraid to fire it. On the other hand, they had a 230-year-old cannon they did fire from time to time. They check it periodically with x-rays and other means for cracks, but so far none have been found.



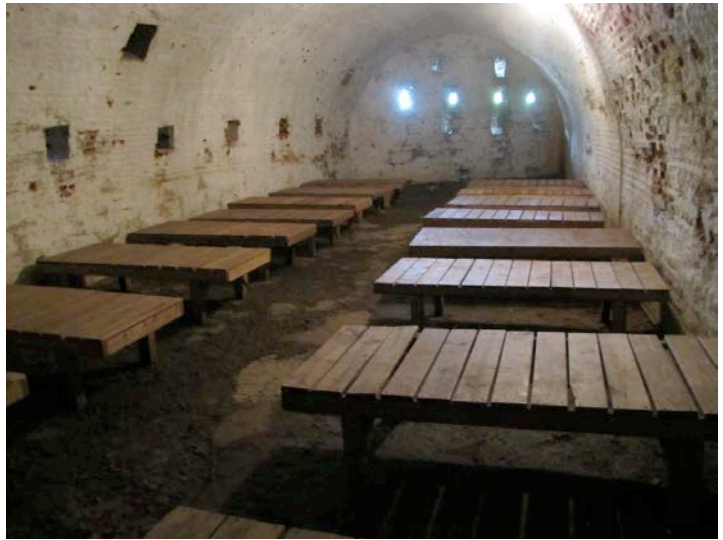
Fort Mifflin



Fort Mifflin Flag



Entrance to POW quarters



POW quarters



Civil War Reenactors



230-year-old operating cannon

## MANHEIM, PENNSYLVANIA

July 20, 2014

Also during the trip to New Jersey, I took my mother and father to visit my brother and his wife in Manheim, Pennsylvania. While there, we visited the Manheim Historical Society Railroad Station. One of the things on display was the locally made cannon and limber originally belonging to the G.A.R. General Hintzleman Post 300 of Manheim. The cannon was made by a local blacksmith named Clement T. Gibble in 1890. He had served in the 29th Pennsylvania Cavalry. The limber was by the Peter Arnold Coach Works. They were used in parades, and the cannon was fired at events. As Post 300 passed into history, the cannon and limber were given to the local American Legion post, which continued displaying them in parades and firing the cannon off occasionally. A docent at the museum who was in her 50s said she remembered it being fired when she was little. The cannon and limber were forgotten about as the American Legion post went into decline. They were eventually rediscovered in the basement of the post's headquarters. The post gave them to the museum in the early 2000s, where they were refurbished and put on display.



Pennsylvania G.A.R. Post 300 cannon and limber

### **36-STAR FLAG AT BOWER'S 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, and a 36-star flag was noted as part of the decor. Park Ranger Tammy Busick looked at their records and found it was donated by Nevada Senator George W. Malone in 1958. I sent a request a couple of days ago to State Archivist Jeff Kintop about it.



36-star flag at Bowers Mansion

### **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT - ALBERT WOOLSON**

August 10, 2014

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

Albert Woolson was the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and was born in Antwerp, New York to Willard P. Woolson (1811–1862) and Caroline Baldwin (ca. 1822 – unknown). He claimed to be born on February 11, 1847, but his entry in the 1850 United States Census lists him as born in 1850. Entries in the later census records and in the 1905 Minnesota State Census support the conclusion that he was born in 1850.

His father, Willard Woolson, enlisted in the Union Army. Willard was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh and was transported to an Army hospital in Windom, Minnesota, where he eventually died of his wounds. Albert and his mother moved to Windom to accompany Willard. Albert enlisted as a drummer boy

in Company C, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery Regiment on October 10, 1864, becoming the company's drummer. The company never saw action, and Albert Woolson was discharged on September 7, 1865. Woolson returned to Minnesota, where he lived the rest of his life. He was a carpenter and later a member of the GAR a powerful political organization made up of Civil War veterans where he became senior vice commander in chief in 1953. In his final days, he lived at 215 East Fifth Street in Duluth, Minnesota. Woolson died at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth on August 2, 1956, at what was thought to be the age of 109, of a "recurring lung congestion condition". Woolson was buried with full military honors by the National Guard at Park Hill Cemetery.

Following his death, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said: "The American people have lost the last personal link with the Union Army ... His passing brings sorrow to the hearts of all of us who cherished the memory of the brave men on both sides of the War Between the States."

In 1954 he signed a deed of conveyance to turn over all GAR property to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).



Albert Woolson's Monument at Gettysburg.

#### References

Modified from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert\\_Woolson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Woolson).

## RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Three Special Orders and no new Department Orders have been issued since May. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvcw.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

### DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3 SERIES 2014-2015

#### Passing of Brother John E. "Jack" Sholl

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: It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Brother John E. "Jack" Sholl of Palm Desert, California on May 18, 2014. Brother Sholl was a respected member of Gen. George Stoneman Jr. Camp No. 18.

Section 2: A memorial service is planned for October 5, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Jack donated thousands of hours as a docent at Independence Hall. A second service is being planned for sometime in November 2014 and will be held in the Palm Desert, California area.

Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 5: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to Jack's family and friends. Cards may be sent to the Sholl family c/o Joan Sholl, 126 Christa Ct., Palm Desert, CA 92260.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 7th of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, 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, PDC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific  
ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

**DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER NO. 4**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**

**Passing of Brother Art Aseltine**

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: It is with regret that I report the passing in June 2014 of Brother Art Aseltine of Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22.

Section 2: A memorial service will be conducted by Camp No. 22 on Memorial Day 2015, with details to be announced.

Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 5: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to Brother Aseltine's family and friends. Cards may be sent to his son Michael Aseltine at 18215 Challenge Cut-Off Road, Forbestown, CA 95941.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 10th of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, 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, PDC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific  
ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

**DEPARTMENT SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5**  
**SERIES 2014-2015**

**Passing of Lillian Marti, Daughter of Brother Joseph Marti**

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: It is with deep regret that I report the passing on August 18, 2014 of Lillian Rebecca Agnes Marti, the newborn daughter of Brother Joseph C. Marti, PCC of Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 and his wife Katie.

Section 2: A memorial service and Holy Mass will be conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1162 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Friday, August 29, 2014, with the rite of committal and a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

Section 3: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to Brother Marti, his family and friends. Cards may be sent to 165 Live Oak Street, Auburn, California 95603-4613.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 26th of August in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, 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, PDC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific  
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**RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

Six new General Orders (G.O.) and a Special General Order (S.P.O.) were issued since July and are summarized as follows. The first two G.O.'s are the last of of out-going Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Ken Freshly. G.O. No. 24 involves the on-going dispute within the ASUVCW and reiterates the SUCVW has no jurisdiction over it. G.O. No. 25 reports on the formation of a new camp in Georgia and the presenting of awards including the Abraham Lincoln Award to Carlin Camp 25. The remaining are from incoming Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell. G.O. No. 1 involves the change in command, and G.O. No. 2 is the acceptance new C-in-C's speech including his mission state. G.O. No. 3 is about issuing a replacement charter to Stevens Camp No. 1 in Washington state, and G.O. No. 4 is about the addition of North Dakota to the Department of Nebraska. S.P. O. No. 1 is about the passing of Real Son Carson W. Yeager, aged 97, of Elmhurst, Illinois.