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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 April 26, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SESQUICENTENNIAL CIVIL WAR EVENT

April 4, 2015

On April 4, 2015, the Nevada Historical Society, in coordination with Carlin Camp 25, will hold a sesquicentennial Civil War event at their facility on the University of Nevada, Reno, campus at 1650 North Virginia Street. See the a schedule of events below on page 9. Please call 775-688-1190 for more information.

2015 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 6-7, 2015

The Department of California and Pacific held its 129th Department Encampment on March 6-7, 2015, at the Hilton at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, at 321 Bercut Drive in Sacramento, California. The Auxiliary also held its 104th Department Encampment there at the same time. Commander-In-Chief Tad Campbell, PDC, attended. Three Carlin Camp 25 brothers attended: Commander John A. Riggs; Junior Vice Commander Edward G. Carson; and Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman. Department Orders Nos. 1 and 2 reprinted below name the new Department officers and committee members. David A. Davis remains as Department Historian, and John A. Riggs will be serving on both the History and Civil War Memorials Committees.



Annual plaque of camps acquiring the most new members.



Commander John A. Riggs receiving the plaque from Department Commander Tim Reese.



JVC Edward G. Carson receiving the General William "Bull" Nelson Growth Award



Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman receiving the Major General Montgomery C. Meigs Graves Registration Award



Commander John A. Riggs receiving the Meritorious Service Award for Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis from Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell

2015 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 11, 2015

The 59th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 150th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2015. The event headquarters will be the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. A luncheon (\$29 per person) will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on Spring 1865: A New Birth of Freedom. For event information, please go to the <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Lincoln-Tomb-Ceremony-Form-2015.pdf> or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

2015 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 19-23, 2015

The 134th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 129th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 128th National

Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 19-23, 2015, at the Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. For registration and other information as it becomes available, please go to the National website <http://www.suvcw.org>.

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 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 Junior Vice Commander, Edward G. Carson, Col. U.S. Army (R) are posted under Meeting Minutes on the Camp website at <http://www.suvsac.org/camp25/minutes.html>.

- 1). Call to Order was given 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, David Hess, Wayne Eder, Ray Ahrenholz, and Brian Worcester.
- 5). Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Mrs. Suzette Eder and her newly born son, Wayne L. Eder, Jr., and Mrs. Jennie Davis.
- 6). Minutes of previous Camp Meeting dated October 12, 2014 were approved.
- 7). Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
 - A). Commander Riggs addressed his visit made to Silver City Cemetery. As Nevada State Road 341 winds its way northward to the Queen of the Comstock Lode – Virginia City, it passes through two more mining camps. Though Virginia City got all the glory, Silver City and Gold Hill all played an important part in the history of the area.
 - B). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the California and Pacific Departments of the SUVCW and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's 129th and 104th respective annual Department Encampments in Sacramento, California from March 6th through March 7th. Commander Riggs inspired all of us or as many as possible to attend the Encampments. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to confirm your reservations on/before February 15th.
 - C). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Dayton 3rd Annual Lighting of the Christmas tree along with other members of the SVR at Dayton. See picture below:
 - D). Commander John Riggs presented to Brother David Hess the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Membership Certificate.
 - E). Commander Riggs reported on the following action items that Brother Edward Carson and he are working together for resolution in 2015: (1) Riggs and Carson to follow up with Kat Miller regarding the state of Nevada to place a plaque at Fernley Veterans Cemetery for Medal of Honor recipient Private James C. Reid AKA Reed; (2) the burial of the remains of an unknown Union soldier in the GAR cemetery at Reno; and (3) Riggs and Carson to follow up with the Commander of Hawthorne Army Depot regarding the issuance of the "Patriotic Civilian Serve Award" for Camp 25.
 - F). Commander Riggs reported that Camp 25 received the official order from Mr. Ken L. Freshley, CinC as set forth below.
- 8). Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of December 7th was \$604.24. It was also approved that John A. Riggs and Edward G. Carson will be added as authorized signatures to Camp 25's checking account with US Bank in addition to Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester.
- 9). Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother David Davis was not able to provide his History and Memorials Report due to the death of his father and his absence from the area prior to the December 7th Camp 25 Meeting.
- 10). GRO report was made in abstention by Brother Don Huffman.
- 11). Junior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother Frank Wood reported that he would work the availability for the next meeting on February 22, 2015.

12. Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, provided the Patriotic Instructor Report as stated below.
13). Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 and Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, reported on the action that a new "Color Guard" will be selected by Spring 2015. We all congratulated Brother Wayne on becoming a proud father of a baby boy.

14). New Business:

A. Camp 25 Election and Installation of Officers for 2015 were held on December 7th. Prior to the meeting, Camp Commander Riggs requested and received the following authorization:

"So, what I hear you saying, that is you're going to have the Election of Officer's and the Installation of Officer's all on the same day. In that case, I hereby appoint Dept. Officer Historian David A. Davis to oversee the Installment and sign the Form 27 to be sent to the Dept. Sec. Owen Stiles for processing. Good Luck, I hope your officer seats will be filled with eager volunteers, your camp is an outstanding camp, again congrats on winning the Abraham Lincoln , Best Outstanding Camp in the nation, you and your camp members deserved it.

IN F, C, and L.

DC: Timothy P. Reese, PDC, SUVCW, Dept of Calif. And Pacific"

B). Again, Camp 25 Name Badges have been provided to most of the members who have attended the meetings to date. However, new ones can be ordered through Commander Riggs in the future at a price of \$20.00 per individual. See below example. All members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.

C). Camp 25's participation was proposed during the Wreaths Across America event at the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley on December 15th at 0900 hours. The Motion was carried and a picture from the event is provided below with Brothers Carson, Linscott, Worcester and Davis attended the event.

D). Brother Edward Carson proposed that Camp 25 purchase a SUVCW Camp 25 Banner that includes the citation that the Camp is a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award 2014 to be used in parades and future meetings. In addition, Brother Carson proposed that Camp 25 explore alternative ways to raise funds for the Camp to allow it the address future needs such as banners, flags, Color Corps Uniforms and Rifles. It was agreed to have Brother Carson make a report on the motions for the next meeting.

15). Old Business:

A). Again, 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.

16). Adjournment: At 1500 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Wayne Eder. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for February 22, 2015 at the VFW, Post 9211. Twenty two of twenty three members have paid their dues to date. Membership cards will be issued in February 2015.

December 2014 meeting minutes were provided by Council Member No. 2, Edward G. Carson.

In Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,

Edward G. Carson, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired

Junior Vice-Commander - 2015

General William Passmore Carlin, Camp 25

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 7, 2014

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

G.A.R. MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

My father George Ivins Davis, Sr., 1927-2014, passed away peacefully at home on September 29, and I had to go back to New Jersey for a couple of weeks in early October. During that time, my sister

Debbie and I visited the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library on Griscom Street in the Frankford part of Philadelphia. Details of the museum can be found on its website at <http://garmuslib.org/>, but briefly, it's in a mansion built in 1796, that today is in a typical old city neighborhood of very narrow, not always straight, generally one-way streets with repair crews strategically placed to cause the most disruption to traffic. Fortunately, the museum has a decent parking lot behind it. It has a very nice library and a remarkable number of artifacts, all of which was acquired over the years by the G.A.R. Post No. 2 of Philadelphia. Today, the museum is run by the Philadelphia Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The artifacts including (as described on the website): "the blood-stained strip of the pillowcase on which Lincoln lay dying"; "the handcuffs found in John Wilkes Booth's suitcase which were originally intended to be used to kidnap President Lincoln"; "tree trunks from the Battle of Chickamauga imbedded with cannon balls"; "Confederate canvas shoes with wooden soles found on the Gettysburg battlefield"; "a dented quarter from the breast pocket of Gen. Gideon Clarke which absorbed the impact of a bullet fired during battle"; "hand-painted drums; swords; pikes; 6th PA Cavalry lances; Gen. George G. Meade's hat and headquarters chair; flags; and a porthole from the U.S.S. Maine"; "a post from the stockade at Andersonville Prison". Artifacts not mentioned on the website include a small cannon and limber used by the G.A.R. post; the mounted head of an Army mule; the mounted head of General Meade's horse, which is legally required to be on display in Philadelphia; Dr. Mary Walker's medical bag; and an assortment of Masonic artifacts. A project is underway to do a DNA test of President Lincoln's blood stains. Unfortunately, no pictures were allowed.

SILVER CITY CEMETERY

As part of my general interest in the Comstock cemeteries, which also contain at least 75 graves of Civil War veterans, Commander John Riggs and I made a trip to the Lyon County Recorder's and Assessor's Offices in Yerington to research the Silver City cemetery. The Silver City Cemetery contains the graves of at least three Civil War veterans. Silver City was laid out in 1859 shortly after the big Comstock silver strike, and the cemetery likely dates to that time. Unfortunately, when Dayton was the county seat, the courthouse burned down in 1909 destroying most early records. The Silver City Cemetery was originally laid out as a rectangle covering 0.89 acres. Recently, graves were discovered outside the cemetery's legal bounds. Largely because the land on three sides of the cemetery is undeveloped, over the past year, over 4 acres are acquired and added to the cemetery.

A BIT OF G.A.R. HIGHWAY HISTORY

During the Yerington excursion, Commander Riggs noticed an old Nevada map (1950s?) on the wall of the Lyon County Recorder's Office. The Grand Army of the Republic Highway (U.S. Route 6) was labeled as the Theodore Roosevelt Highway. A Roosevelt Highway Association existed into the 1960s and in the 1920s and 1930s pushed that name for U.S. 6.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT: ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

By: Tyrone Davis 12/7/2014

Compiled and modified from the references noted below by
Tyrone W. Davis, Carlin Camp 25's Patriotic Instructor

On December 7, 1941 at 7:38 a.m. Hawaiian time 414 Japanese Zero's attacked the U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, sinking two U.S. battleships and damaging at least a dozen others, the U.S. suffered 3,500 casualties while only 64 Japanese were killed, in his joint speech to Congress President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said that it was "a day that would live in infamy" and shortly thereafter the United States declared war on Japan and its allies entering World War II. It was the second time that the United States had ever been attacked on its own soil by a foreign power.



U.S.S. West Virginia after being bomber by Japanese Zero's.

References:

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/pearl-harbor> 11

Commander Riggs requested the following additional research be added to the Patriotic Report addressing the USS Nevada.

USS Nevada (BB-36), the second United States Navy ship to be named after the 36th state, was the lead ship of the two Nevada-class battleships; her sister ship was Oklahoma. Launched in 1914, the Nevada was a leap forward in dreadnought technology; four of her new features would be included on almost every subsequent US battleship: triple gun turrets, oil in place of coal for fuel, geared steam turbines for greater range, and the "all or nothing" armor principle. These features made Nevada the first US Navy "super-dreadnought".

Nevada served in both World Wars: during the last few months of World War I, Nevada was based in Bantry Bay, Ireland, to protect the supply convoys that were sailing to and from Great Britain.

In World War II, she was one of the battleships trapped when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. She was the only battleship to get underway during the attack, making the ship [the only bright spot in an otherwise dismal and depressing morning] for the United States. Still, she was hit by one torpedo and at least six bombs while steaming away from Battleship Row, forcing her to be beached. She was salvaged and modernized at Puget Sound Navy Yard, and the Nevada served as a convoy escort in the Atlantic and as a fire-support ship in four amphibious assaults: the Normandy Landings and the invasions of Southern France, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

At the end of World War II, the Navy decided that Nevada was too old to be retained, so they assigned her to be a target ship in the atomic experiments that were going to be conducted at Bikini Atoll in July 1946 (Operation Crossroads). After being hit by the blast from the first atomic bomb, Able, she was still afloat but heavily damaged and radioactive. She was decommissioned on August 29, 1946 and sunk during naval gunfire practice on July 31, 1948.



USS Nevada, 9/17/1944

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Nevada_\(BB-36\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Nevada_(BB-36)) 12

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/rules/orders15.html>

CAMP ORDER No. 2

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PRESIDENT LINCOLN

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

February 12, 2015, marks the 206th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. All Camp members shall demonstrate Honor and Respect for Mr. Lincoln, whose actions as President and Commander-in-Chief during the dark days of Secession and Civil War successfully reunited a fractured country.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by John A. Riggs, Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

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

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

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

One Department Order and one Special Orders were issued since September. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 13

SERIES 2014-2015

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Visit to Department Encampment by Major General John C. Fremont

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 will be receiving an order from the War Department regarding a visit by Major General John Charles Fremont during the annual Department Encampment in Sacramento, California on March 7, 2015.

Section 2: In order to afford General Fremont the appropriate courtesy, it is therefore requested that Brothers attending the Saturday evening dinner at the Department Encampment dress in appropriate modern formal attire or period Civil War attire. The Sisters of the Auxiliary are also encouraged to do likewise.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 18th of February 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 ORDER NO. 1

SERIES 2015-2016

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Election, Appointed Officers & Department Headquarters

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: Having been duly elected Department Commander by the Delegates of the 129th Annual Department Encampment in regular session at the Hawthorn Suites in Sacramento, California on March 7, 2015, it is with sincere appreciation for the support and confidence shown to me that I assume command of the Department of California and Pacific. I, along with my officers, will strive to bring honor to the memory of our Union ancestors through the good works of our Order during the coming year. I hereby establish my residence in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, and State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence on any matter is most welcome and may be sent to my home address: 5107 Alan Avenue, San José, CA 95124-5744, or to my e-mail address commander@suvpac.org.

Camp reports (Forms 22 & 27, IRS Form 990-N, etc.) and dues shall be forwarded to the Department Secretary-Treasurer at: 284 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948. Phone (530) 846-3251.

Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell at the 129th Annual Department Encampment on March 7, 2015, are as follows:

Commander – Thomas T. Graham, PCC; Sr. Vice Commander – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC; Jr. Vice Commander – Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC; Secretary – Owen R. Stiles, PCC; Treasurer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC; Council 1 – Daniel R. Earl, PCC; Council 2 – Charles W. Mabie, PDC; Council 3 – Timothy P. Reese, PDC

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Chaplain – Allen R. Davis; Patriotic Instructor – Frank C. Avila, PCC; Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC; Historian – David A. Davis, PCC; Guide – Jamin M. Gjerman; Guard – Paul E. Lavrischeff; Signals Officer – Tad D. Campbell, PDC; Color Bearer – Garrett B. Hasslinger; Graves Registration Officer – Kenneth G. Felton; Civil War Memorials Officer – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC; GAR Highway Officer – Thomas P. Chumley, PCC; Assistant to GAR Highway Officer – Andrew C. Brown; Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Timothy P. Reese, PDC; *California Column* Newsletter Editor – Joseph C. Marti, PCC

Section 4: Joseph C. Marti, PCC, is appointed Color Guard Coordinator The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Thomas T. Graham, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Thomas T. Graham, PCC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific

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

**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2
SERIES 2015-2016
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

Appointment of Department Standing & Special Committees

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:

I hereby appoint members of our Department to these designated committees. The Department Commander serves as an *ex-officio* member of all committees. The Chair of each committee may appoint additional members to his committee as he deems necessary.

Section 1: Department Publicity and Promotions Committee: Dean A. Enderlin PCC (Chair) and Rachelle M. Campbell PDP (ASUVCW Liaison).

Section 2: Department Encampments Site Committee: Dean A. Enderlin PCC (Chair) and Rachelle M. Campbell PDP (ASUVCW Liaison).

Section 3: Department Civil War Memorials Committee: Dean A. Enderlin PCC (Chair), Allen R. Davis, Charles L. Beal PCC, David A. Davis PCC, John A. Riggs, and Donald Huffman.

Section 4: Department Legislation Committee: Daniel R. Earl PCC (Chair) and D. Brad Schall PCinC.

Section 5: Department Bylaws Committee: Daniel R. Earl PCC (Chair), D. Brad Schall PCinC (Vice Chair), Jeffrey L. Vaillant PCC, Thomas P. Chumley PCC, and John L. Dodd.

Section 6: Department History Committee: David A. Davis PCC (Chair), John A. Riggs, Dean A. Enderlin PCC, Jeffrey L. Vaillant PCC, Charles L. Beal PCC, Richard T. Burns PCC, and Thomas P. Chumley PCC.

Section 7: Department Communications & Technology Committee: Tad D. Campbell PDC (Chair) and Daniel R. Earl PCC.

Section 8: Department Special Committee on Civil War & Grand Army of the Republic & Allied Orders Flags: Sebastian A. Nelson (Chair) and David A. Davis PCC.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by Thomas T. Graham, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Thomas T. Graham, PCC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific

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

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Since January General Orders Nos. 14 through 17 Special Orders Nos. 3 and 4 were issued. In summary, the General Orders have to do with debts involving a returning member, the ongoing efforts to change the SUVCW's IRS status from 501(c)4 to 501(c)3, and the suspension and reinstatement of the Departments of Nebraska, Rhode Island, and California and Pacific involving late EIN reports. The Special Orders have to do with the passing of real sons Luke Perkins Martin, Jr., age 97, of New Bern, North Carolina and Hilbert J. Gramelspacher, age 95, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. For a complete list of General Orders back to 1994, please see the National website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513.



NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE CIVIL WAR

Program Schedule

11:00am to 11:15am – Ceremony to Open Camp – Commander John Riggs
General William Passmore Carlin – Camp 25 – Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

11:00am to 4:00pm— 81st Pennsylvania Infantry – Camp on Front Lawn
81st Pennsylvania Infantry (Sons of Veterans Reserve—US 3rd Artillery)
The mission of the 81st Pennsylvania is to authentically portray an American Civil War Union Army unit, while returning dignity and FUN to the reenacting community. The group works to educate and share history and events surrounding the American Civil War to members of the local community. Here's an opportunity to visit with the camp members to learn more about the Civil War and see some authentic Civil War artifacts.

The 81st Pennsylvania is a volunteer infantry unit that is a part of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers. A private, non-profit, educational organization located in the Pacific Coast States that uses Living History as means of helping the public gain a better understanding of the American Civil War and how it helped shape the country we live in today.

11:30am to 12:30pm – Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Author and Lecturer
HIDDEN HISTORY: Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Civil War lecture
In this vividly illustrated talk, Ruthanne Lum McCunn brings to life the amazing stories of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Confederate and Union Navies and Armies, including that of Thomas Sylvanus (Ah Yee Way), the veteran whose life she reclaimed in CHINESE YANKEE. Discussing the subsequent battle of Chinese veterans for citizenship, she also explores an important and virtually unknown chapter in America's rocky yet persistent struggle towards a more perfect Union.

Noon to 3:00pm – Nevada Cadet Band
Nevada Cadet Band Performance
The University's Nevada Cadet Band revives original music from the Nevada Cadet Band's 1890's repertoire. The band will perform at various times on and around the front lawn in addition to the "camp" activities.

12:30pm to 1:30pm – Book Signing – **Chinese Yankee** – Ruthanne Lum McCunn, Author
Chinese Yankee tells the true story of Hong Kong born Thomas Sylvanus (Ah Yee Way), an orphan brought to America for schooling in the mid-1850s, but enslaved in Baltimore. Only sixteen at the outbreak of war, Thomas ran north, joined the Freedom Army, and was blinded in the first major campaign. He failed to fully recover his sight and, deemed incapable of performing the duties of a soldier, was discharged. Yet he reenlisted twice, saved his regiment's colors during the bloodbath of Spotsylvania, was lamed at Cold Harbor, and survived 9 months imprisonment in the dreaded Andersonville stockade. His health broken, but his spirit intact, he battled for survival and justice for his family and himself until his death in 1891.

1:00pm to 2:00pm – Jan Loverin, Curator of Clothing and Textiles, NSM-CC
Victorian Fashion and Dress Reform lecture
This lecture examines the role of women's fashions in the 19th century. Victorian fashions can be described as beautiful, but they were also physically restrictive, limiting a woman's range of activities. A fashionably dressed woman could not raise her arm over her head, nor do much physical work. Nineteenth century fashionably dressed women easily fainted or "got the vapors" largely because of their clothing. This lecture examines the styles of fashionably dressed women and those not so fashionably dressed who wanted change and promoted dress reform.

2:30pm to 3:30pm – John A. Riggs and David A. Davis
History of the Civil War Forts of Nevada lecture
This lecture will give a brief historical overview of conditions in 1860 and reasons for Paiute War. As more settlers moved into the territory, the military built strategic camps and forts such as Forts Churchill and Ruby and Camps Nye and Dun Glen. During the Civil War, Nevada relied upon the Army and Nevada volunteers to protect settlers and miners. Other Civil War forts that played important roles early in Nevada's history include Forts/Camps McGarry and Winfield Scott, Forts Halleck and McDermit.

4:00pm – Closing down of Camp - 81st Pennsylvania Infantry

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The Nevada Historical Society is part of the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs and Division of Museums & History.