

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, October 18, 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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## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

September 4, 2015, MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, Carlin Camp 25 Commander John visited the Civil War reenactors and handed out membership certificates to Robert Burr and David Cooper.



L-R, Robert Burr, David Cooper, and Commander John Riggs.

September 7, 2015, LABOR DAY IN VIRGINIA CITY, Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC, Junior Vice Commander Col. Edward G. Carson, Army Retired, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester entered Ed's van as the Camp entry in the Labor Day parade in Virginia City. Ed and Brian marched ahead of the van.

## 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 were held on August 19-23, 2015, at the Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Eugene Mortorff of the Department of Pennsylvania was elected as the new National Commander-in-Chief. For his biography, staff appointments, and general orders and for information concerning other changes, please go to the National website <http://www.suvcw.org>.

## **APRIL 19, 2015, 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 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 JVC Edward Carson.
- 3). Opening Prayer was given by JVC Edward Carson.
- 4). Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Brian Worcester.
- 5). There were no guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) meeting of April 19, 2015.
- 6). Minutes of previous Camp Meeting dated February 22, 2015 were approved.
- 7). Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
  - A). Commander Riggs addressed the upcoming Bowers Mansion event scheduled for May 16, 2015.
  - B). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in several Memorial Day events such as:
    - 1). GAR Cemetery Ceremonies on Memorial Day 2015, Reno, NV.
    - 2). Virginia City Memorial Day Parade.
    - 3). Fort Churchill Memorial Day Weekend Activities scheduled May 24, 2015.
    - 4). During Memorial Day 2015 activities in Carson City.
  - C). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Dayton Civil War Soldier Memorial Ceremony honoring PVT Scott Carnal, Company K, 79th U.S. Colored Infantry, U.S. Civil War on June 7, 2015 at the Dayton Cemetery starting at 2 P.M.
  - D). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 has been selected by the Department of Army to be awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service.
  - E). Commander Riggs again 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 Service Award" for Camp 25. Action (3) above was accomplished with the issuance of the award on June 10, 2015 as presented in paragraph D. above.
  - F). Commander Riggs reported that Camp 25 will issue a Camp Order in memory of 130th Anniversary of the passing of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. Camp Order No. 4 is set forth below as issued July 25, 2015.
- 8). Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of April 19, 2015 was \$874.24. Secretary/Treasurer Brian Worcester has subsequently reported that our U.S. Bank Balance as of July 31, 2015 was \$692.24.
- 9). Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother David Davis provided his History and Memorials Report and later provided the Department's History Report (see below).
- 10). GRO report was made in abstention by Brother Don Huffman.
- 11). Junior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother Edward Carson brought up that our camp should purchase in the future a SUVCW Camp 25 Banner that includes the citation that the Camp is a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award 2014, which Banner to be used in future meetings and parades. In addition, Brother Carson proposed that Camp 25 continue to explore alternative ways to raise funds for the Camp to allow it the address future financial needs such as banners, flags, Color Corps Uniforms and Rifles. It was agreed to have Brother Carson continue to report on the motions for the next meeting.
- 12). Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, report is provided below.
- 13). Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 was absent. Brother Eder, Captain, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery, Chief of Staff, 6th Military District SVR, did provide Commander Riggs with electronic information regarding his activities during the period of May through June as follows:

5/30/15 SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremony, Las Vegas, NV. Captain Wayne Eder and Sergeant Vince Vitale participated representing Camp 25.

6/13/15 Spring Mountain Ranch Summer Timeline. Captain Wayne Eder and Sergeant Vince Vitale participated at Civil War Encampment representing Camp

14). New Business:

A). Planning for the Carson City Nevada Day Parade and Reno Veterans Day Parade in the future.

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 up-dates, 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). 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. Again, all members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.

16). Good Of The Order:

A). Nothing Reported at this time

17). Adjournment: At 1500 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by JVC Edward Carson. The next Camp Meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2015 at the VFW.

In Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,

Edward G. Carson, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired  
Junior Vice-Commander - 2015

General William Passmore Carlin, Camp 25  
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## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

April 19, 2015

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

### **DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN**

Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, was reappointed Department Historian at the Encampment on March 7. He also chairs the Department History Committee on which Camp Commander John A. Riggs also serves. Both brothers serve on the Department Civil War Memorials Committee, too.

### **NEVADA FORTS PRESENTATION**

As part of the April 4th Civil War event at the Nevada Historical Society (NHS), Commander John A. Riggs and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, gave a Power Point presentation on Nevada forts mostly of the Civil War era. The NHS staff, especially curator Sherilyn Haynes-Zorn, helped with the presentation by reproducing photographs and other materials. The presentation was well attended and lasted an hour and a half. It covered Forts Churchill, Homestead, McDermit, Halleck, and Ruby, and Camps Dun Glenn, McGarry, Nye, and Winfield Scott. Forts Baker, Benton, Devils Gate, Genoa, Haven, Riley, Schellbourne, and Storey were briefly mentioned. Two Indian "forts" were also noted.

## **JUNE 7, 2015, 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. Due to time constraints after the Scott Carnal service and the lack of a place to meet, a quick impromptu meeting was held in the Dayton Cemetery.

Camp 25 held their June 2015 Meeting on said date of June 7, 2015. Participants as well as those present for the Camp 25 June meeting included: Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson, Sec-

Treasurer Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Tyrone Davis. Also attending were members Robert Burr and David Cooper, who participated with the 81st Pennsylvania Infantry.

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### **AN UNPAID BOARD BILL**

The Nevada Historical Society Papers of 1921-1922 carries a A History of Dayton, which is mostly the memoirs of Mrs. F. G. Hazlett. She related the story how the Union Hotel got stiffed for boarding soldiers. A Mrs. Mary McDowell, later Mrs. Stiles, came to Dayton in 1861 and built the first Union Hotel (not at the site of the present one), which she ran until 1866. The Union Hotel was a recruiting station and boarded soldiers for the U.S. Government between 1862-1864. Nevada raised its first volunteer troops in 1863. The final bill came to \$35. The voucher was reportedly with Lt. Colonel Charles McDermitt and was lost when he was killed by the Indians in 1865. The bill was still outstanding when Mrs. Stiles died in 1891. As a side note, Mrs. Stiles was with Commodore John D. Sloat, and took part in raising the U.S. flag over Monterey during the Mexican War in 1846.

### **STORY NEEDING MORE RESEARCH**

The book entitled The Victorian Past and Haunted Present of the Dake House by Sandie La Nae relates the following story. A mining camp manned by Confederate sympathizers was located near Markleeville, and soldiers were sent down from Fort Churchill to keep the peace. When they returned to Fort Churchill, one soldier was left behind. He started walking back to Fort Churchill but froze to death. The tale will need more research. However, about 6 miles southwest of Markleeville, Alpine County, California is Jeff Davis Peak. It is thought to have been named by copperheads living in the nearby, but now defunct mining camp of Summit City, which was active during the War of the Rebellion. According to California Division of Mines and Geology County Report 8, Mines and Mineral Resources of Alpine County, California, 1977, by William B. Clark, Summit City was 3 miles south of Carson Pass near the head of Summit City Creek and had a population of about 600 in 1864. Silver and gold were the predominant commodities but the mines gave out in the 1870s.

### **MISCELLANEOUS WANDERINGS**

Commander John Riggs and I have continued our Civil War era research. We visited the Dayton Valley Historical Society Museum several times, the Genoa Courthouse Museum last weekend, and the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center yesterday. We found the starting years for some of the cemeteries: Dayton, 1861; Gardnerville, 1899; Empire City, about 1860; Fredericksburg, 1891; Genoa, 1865; and Mottsville, 1854.

## **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT**

### **THE NORMANY INVASION**

By Tyrone W. Davis June 6, 2015

On June 6th, 1944, approx. 156,000, U.S., Free French, British, and Canadian troops stormed the Normandy beaches to occupy France in their liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany. German troops had pillboxes, land mines, and tank traps to buffer the advance of the allied invasion. The most well known assault during D-day was on the Omaha beach which was spearheaded by the United States and was where they lost the greatest amount of casualties at during the battle, even though there were four other beachheads, Utah, Sword, Gold, and Juno including Point du Hoc and several paratroop operations going on in and

around the area at the time. But in reality the battle began in the early hours of the morning when over 150 British and Canadian paratroopers in gliders captured Pegasus and Horsa bridges with minimal casualties. In the end Allied Forces suffered approx. 10,000 casualties (with 4,414 were killed in combat), but were successful in the invasion and were able to knock out Adolf Hitler's regime almost a year later. The Germans lost between 4,000-5,000 troops, along with losing major defense weapons and the battle. The significance to this is that the United States spearheaded the invasion, and they pushed Hitler's forces back to Germany even though the Soviet Union captured Berlin in the end.



U.S. troops in a landing craft getting ready to land at Omaha beach at Normandy, June 6th, 1944.

## **RECENT CAMP ORDERS**

No new Camp Orders were issued in the last two months. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvsac.org/camp25/rules/orders15.html>.

## **RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

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

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

Since July General Orders Nos. 29 and 1 and 2 were issued. In summary, General Order No. 29 was the last issued by now Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell. It was a lengthy one have to do with issuing charters, scholarships, and awards. The parts dealing with the Department of California and Pacific included chartering the new Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30 on April 21, 2015 and Meritorious Service Awards to Camp 25 Senior Vice Commander/Historian and Dept. Historian David A. Davis, PCC; Camp 23 Senior Vice Commander and Dept. Senior Vice Commander/Memorials Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC, and Camp 4 Robert Kadlec, PCC. General Order Nos. 1 and 2 are the first from the new Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff having to do moving the National Headquarters to his home in East Berlin, PA, and setting up his staff (No. 1) and congratulating the new heads of the Allied Orders (No. 2).