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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, December 20, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

DEC. 20: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NEVADA DAY

October 31, 2015

Carlin Camp 25 participated in the Nevada Day parade. The theme of the parade was "Nevada: One State, Many Cultures." The combined groups who made up Entry No. 36 lined up and marched in order as follows: Nevada Civil War Volunteers reenactors of Dayton; Carlin Camp 25; and Co. D, First Nevada Cavalry reenactors. Nevada Civil War Volunteers periodically fired their muskets off during the parade. The Carlin Camp 25 entry was the SUV of Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester with the flags and signs. Commander John A. Riggs and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, rode with Brian. Brian, John, and David attended the annual chili feed hosted by U.S. Senator Dean Heller at the Carson Nugget after the parade.



Nevada Civil War Volunteers of Dayton marching off to the parade and firing their muskets.



Co. D, First Nevada Cavalry.



Left: Camp 25 Bugler, Ray Ahrenholz; Center: Camp 25 entry with Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester; Right: Camp Commander John Riggs with U.S. Senator Dean Heller



Spectators.

VETERANS' DAY

November 11, 2015

Carlin Camp 25 participated in the Reno Veterans' Day parade. The theme of the parade was "Honoring those who served and sacrificed to preserve freedom - WWII 70th Anniversary." The Grand Marshall was Mr. Ivan Bell Woodford, Nevada's oldest veteran at 105 years old. The combined groups who made up Entry No. 5 lined up and marched in order as follows: Northern Nevada Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and their Fifes and Drums of Nevada corps; Sagebrush Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Carlin Camp 25; Nevada Civil War Volunteers reenactors of Dayton; and First Nevada Cavalry reenactors. The Carlin Camp 25 entry was the pick-up truck of Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, with the flags and signs. Commander John A. Riggs rode shotgun.



Carlin Camp 25 entry with door signs, SVC David A. Davis (L) and Commander John A. Riggs (R)



Carlin Camp 25 entry with flags, Commander John A. Riggs



Nevada Civil War Volunteers



Co. D, First Nevada Cavalry

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 12, 2015

The annual Wreaths Across America event will be held 9 am, December 12, 2015, at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Fernley. For more information regarding this event, please go to the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition website at <http://www.supportnvc.org/wreaths.html>.

SESQUICENTENNIAL QUILT

January, 2016

A quilt to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Nevada statehood and the Civil War will be presented to Nevada Historical Society at a time to be announced in January 2016. The quilt top and a draft explanation to go with it are as follows.



Sesquicentennial Commemoration of Nevada Statehood and The American Civil War

Presented to Nevada Historical Society December 2015
from Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
made by Comstock Lode Quilters, Dayton, NV

This quilt combines elements that represent our current day General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Johana Shine Tent 96, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and how quilts were used for the Underground Railroad. There is a story about a slave owner chasing a runaway who swore the man vanished as if he had stepped on some kind of "underground railroad". The idea of an Underground Railroad taking people north to freedom was used to describe the network of abolitionists and safe houses that helped slaves escape to Ohio and Canada. Safe houses along the way were known as "stations", those who guided the escapees were called "conductors" and the runaways themselves were called "passengers". Quilts were used to give a message to these fugitives and their conductors.

1. Jacob's Ladder was used to show a direction to go.
2. Sesquicentennial Logo for the American Civil War 1861-1865.
3. Carpenter's Wheel was a secondary code. To a slave, the master carpenter in their lives was Jesus. As they worked in the fields, they sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot". Plantation owners thought they were singing about joining Jesus in heaven, but the song's hidden message was that future runaways were to use this as a directive to plan their escape by following the Carpenter's Wheel to the west-northwest.
4. Logo of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Gardnerville/Reno, NV, Department of California and Pacific.

5. Sail Boat is a symbol of safe passage to freedom. It also represent the importance of free black sailors to the Underground Railroad.
6. General William Passmore Carlin.
7. Monkey Wrench was displayed as a signal for any slaves who planned to escape. The monkey wrench is a tool used by the blacksmith and symbolized the time to collect tools they would need for their journey.
8. Sesquicentennial Logo for the State of Nevada celebrating 150 years of Statehood.
9. Log Cabin was a safe house to rest and get food and water.
10. Grave of Johana Shine, field nurse with General Sherman in his March to the Sea. Buried in Austin. NV.
11. Basket is the symbol of the provisions needed for the long journey north and where provisions could be found.
12. Logo of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Johana Shine, Tent 96, Northern NV.
13. Bear's Paw was to help prepare the slaves for their journey. Runaways were directed to follow the actual trail of a bear's footprint for safe trails and food and water.
14. Memorial Ceremony for Scott Carnal a Black Union Soldier buried in Dayton, NV Cemetery.
15. North Star was the guiding light leading slaves to Canada and freedom. The Big Dipper always points to the North Star. This was important to navigation, especially to boat owners who took the slaves from Cleveland or Detroit to Canada.

2016 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 4-5, 2016

The 130th Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 105th Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, 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.suvsac.org/encampment.html>.

2016 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 16, 2016

The 60th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United State, commemorating the 151st Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The Headquarters will be the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For registration and other information, please go to: <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Lincoln-Tomb-Form-2016.pdf>.

2016 GIBSON RANCH CIVIL WAR DAYS

April 30-May 1, 2016

The National Civil War Association (NCWA) will hold the annual Gibson Ranch Civil War Days event April 30-May 1, 2016, Gibson Ranch Park, Elverta, California. The event will feature two battles each day Saturday and Sunday with infantry, cavalry, and artillery; military camp and civilian town tours; sutlers; parades; and hands on experiences. For more information on this and other NCWA events, please go to <http://ncwa1863.org/event-calendar/>.

BOWERS MANSION

May 21, 2016

Bowers Mansion Regional Park in Washoe Valley will reopen Saturday, May 21, 2016, by hosting a living history event, which will include tours of the mansion and a Civil War encampment manned up the Nevada Civil War Volunteers (NCWV) reenactors. Members of Carlin Camp 25 will also be present. For more information regarding Bowers Mansion, please go to https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/specialty_facilities/bowers_mansion.php. The NCWV also holds other events through the year, information on them can be found by going to <http://www.nevadacivilwar.org/>.

2016 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 11-14, 2016

The 135th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 130th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 129th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 11-14, 2016, in Springfield, Illinois. More information will follow after the first of the year. For registration and other information as it becomes available, please go to: <http://www.suvcw.org>.

AUGUST 23, 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, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, David Hess, Ray Ahrenholz, and Brian Worcester.
- 5). Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW): none during this meeting.
- 6). Minutes of previous Camp Meetings dated April 19, 2015 and June 7, 2015 were approved.
- 7). Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
 - A). Commander Riggs addressed the August 17th lunch meeting that was held with representatives from Congressman Mark Amodei's office and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Carlin Camp 25, SUVCW. Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester attended the meeting, which was held at the California Building in Idlewyld Park. See David Davis' History report below for more details of the meeting.
 - B). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Virginia City Labor Day Parade, which was held September 7th in Virginia City.
 - C). Commander disclosed plans to attend the Nevada Civil War Volunteers' meeting scheduled September 4, 2015 in Carson City. The purpose of the meeting attendance was to discuss and share collaborative activities in the future together and to provide new members David Cooper and Robert Burr their SUVCW Camp 25 Membership Certificates.
 - D). Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Dayton Valley Day, Civil War activities scheduled September 19th – 20th, 2015.
 - E). Commander Riggs stated that JVC Carson was assisting Associate Member Frank Whitman to become a Full Member.
 - F). 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.
- 8). Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of July 2015 was \$692.94.
- 9). Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother David Davis provided his History and Memorials 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 estimated to be around \$650.00 which would include the citation that the Camp is a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award 2014. 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. He provided some suggestions for the members to review such as Car Washes, Golf Tournaments, Reno Air Races Volunteer Services, annual

- dinners involving bids auctions on related historical devices/or books. It was agreed to have all the members review their recommendations to report on potential motions for the next meeting.
- 12). Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, was absent. No Patriotic Report was provided.
 - 13). Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 was absent.
 - 14). New Business:
 - A). Nevada Day Parade 2015 in Carson City.
 - B). Reno Veterans Day Parade in Reno
 - C). Eagle Scout Awards by Camp 25 presented by David Hess.
 - 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. All members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.
 - 16). Adjournment: At 1500 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by JVC Edward Carson. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for October 18, 2015. There will be an end of the year meeting on December 20, 2015 for election of officers for 2016.

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 20

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 23, 2015

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

POTENTIAL MONEY FOR THE MITCHEL POST 69 G.A.R. PLOT

August 17, 2015

On August 17, a lunch meeting was held with representatives from Congressman Mark Amodei's office and members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Carlin Camp 25, SUVCW. Commander John Riggs, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian I. Worcester attended the meeting, which was held at the California Building in Idlewild Park. The representatives were Tracy Soliday, Constituent Service Representative, and Laureu Currie, Legislative Correspondent. I sent them a copy of the short cemetery history I did in 2009. The Congressman may be able to acquire some money to make improvements at the Grand Army of the Republic O.M. Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery. The purpose of the meeting was to come up with a wish list of improvements from the easily doable to the pie-in-the-sky. Improvements suggested included:

- Either buy or have donated the lot between the cemetery and Angel Street
- Plastic/aluminum fencing to replace the chain-link fence that would resemble 19th Century fencing
- Ground penetrating radar survey to locate unknown graves
- 24-hour flag which would require lighting
- Lighting to ward off vandals
- Better walk way to the cemetery

SUVCW CAMP 25 RECEIVES U.S. ARMY AWARD

June 10, 2015

On June 10, 2015, Hawthorne Army Depot's Commander Lt. Col. Gregory K. Gibbons presented the Patriotic Civilian Service Award to Carlin Camp 25. The Hawthorne Army Depot stores conventional munitions, demilitarizes and disposes of unserviceable, obsolete and surplus munitions; and maintains serviceability through inspection and renovation to ensure munitions readiness per their mission statement.

This award was issued in accordance with the criteria set forth in U.S. Army Regulation 672-20. Camp 25 was honored for their exceptional patriotic civilian service in support to the Mineral County Museum's dedication ceremony last August 9, 2014 at the Aurora Cemetery helping to commemorate the Aurora Veterans Monument and Nevada's Sesquicentennial dedicated in preserving the history and legacy of Union heroes who lie buried at Aurora and who fought and worked to save the Union. In addition, Camp 25 supported the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day 2014 held at Henry Lefty Mayer Field by providing the history and Union sacrifices by means of demonstrating both the display of Civil War weaponry as well as performing three mock battles held for students, general public and military personnel.

Camp 25 members attending the award ceremony were John Riggs, Commander Camp 25, David Davis, Senior Vice-Commander, and Retired Army Colonel Edward Carson, Junior Vice-Commander. John Riggs remarked how proud he was of Camp 25's service to Mineral County and also complimented his support by the Sons of Veterans Reserve personnel under the command of Captain Wayne Eder.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY HONORING PVT. SCOTT CARNAL

June 7, 2015

A memorial ceremony was held honoring Private Scott Carnal at his grave in the Dayton Cemetery at 2 pm, Sunday, June 7, 2015. Private Carnal was a former slave who served in Company K, 79th U.S. Colored Infantry during the Civil War. He was disabled from a severe leg wound received during the Battle of Honey Spring, Indian Territory (later Oklahoma) in July 1863. His leg was amputated some years later. He died June 7, 1917. Participants included representatives of: Carlin Camp 25, the Historical Society of Dayton Valley, the Ghost Soldiers Motorcycle Club, Chapters 1 and 2, the Nevada Civil War Volunteers, and the War Veterans Memorial Association of Northern Nevada. The event was sponsored by the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. The event included historical background, benediction, salutes with muskets and modern rifles, and a riderless horse with empty boots.

The story was picked up by both the local and national news. Through the Associated Press, the event went across the country, and around the globe. Besides the local media, other places reporting included, but were not limited to: Beaumont Enterprise, Texas; Contra Costa Times, California; Daily Mail, England; DemocraticUnderground.com; Gettysburg Times, Pennsylvania; The Huffington Post; Kansas Public Radio, University of Kansas; KATV, Channel 7, Arkansas; KTUL, Channel 8, Oklahoma; Michigan Chronicle, Michigan; National Post, Canada; News One for Black America; ; New York Times, New York; One News Page, England; The Orange County Register, California; Saigon Broadcasting Television Network, California; Samoa News, American Samoa; San Jose Mercury News, California; Singapore News, Singapore; Sioux City Journal, South Dakota; The Spokesman-Review, Washington; Veterans Affairs Media Summary and News Clips; TheVeteranSite.com; The Washington Times, Washington, DC.

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

Camp Order No. 4 was issued earlier this month. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvcw.org/camp25/rules/orders15.html>.

CAMP ORDER NO. 4

Series 2015

November 6, 2015

VETERANS DAY, 2015

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 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:

Veterans Day, November 11, 2015: All Camp members shall demonstrate Honor and Respect for all Veterans who dedicated themselves to the preservation of principles set forth by the United States of America on Veterans Day by flying the Flag of the United States of America and taking a few moments to pray for those service men and women who sacrificed their lives to that cause and their loved ones who grieve that loss. It should also be noted that while this sacred day was formerly known as Armistice Day marking the end of World War I, it was changed to Veterans Day on June 1, 1954, to be inclusive of the World War II and Korean War veterans (a dwindling number of old Spanish-American War and a couple of Civil War veterans were also still around).

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 6th day of November 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
Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Brian I. Worcester, Camp Secretary

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Since July General Orders Nos. 3 through 5 were issued. In summary, General Order No. 3 recommends contacting, documenting, and honoring the remaining six known Real Sons and eight known Real Daughters. General Order No. 4 concerns reinstatement of the Department of Connecticut. General Order No. 5 reports the death of brother James A. Getty, age 80, member of Gettysburg Camp No. 112 in Pennsylvania and long time portrayer of President Lincoln. For a complete list, see the National website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513.