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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1300 hours, Sunday, 14 February, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN ARTHUR RIGGS 1946 - 2016 Camp Commander 2010 - 2016

John Arthur Riggs was born November 29, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. His parents were Robert C. Riggs and Marguerite Elizabeth Riggs (nee Kondziela). He had two older sisters Vivian and Patricia.

John Riggs graduated from Reno High School in 1964. John joined the U.S. Army in 1966. His initial assignments in Germany included: the 4th Armored Division, 2nd Bn 14th Artillery, the 1st Bn 37th Armor with the Heavy Weapons Platoon (4.2" Mortars), Fire Direction Computer and Vehicle Commander, and HHC Operations and Training NCOIC. John was promoted to Specialist E-5. John volunteered for Viet Nam service in 1968 while stationed in Germany. His Viet Nam service included assignments with the 25th Infantry Division's 4th Battalion 23rd (MECHANIZED) as a forward observer. He was then assigned as Flame Platoon Leader. John received the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Combat, 2 Purple Hearts, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantry's Badge, Combat Drivers Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal with 4 Campaign Stars, Vietnamese Service Medal plus two Unit awards of the Valorous Unit Award, Unit Award of Vietnamese Gallantry Cross w/ palm and Vietnamese Unit Award with palm for Civic Action Honor Medal. John was Honorably Discharged from the Regular Army in January 1969.

Upon returning to his home in Reno, John graduated from the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1972. While as a student at UNR, John was appointed to the University's Military Affairs Review Board Oversight Committee of College R.O.T.C. John's service to country continued following his graduation from UNR by receiving a commission as 1st LT in the Nevada National Guard Reserve and through the next several years obtained the rank of Major. His duties included Executive Officer of the 2nd Military Police Battalion in Reno and Assistant Provost Marshall for the Nevada Brigade of the NNGR.

John's civilian career was also one of service to Nevada. He taught as an Academic Teacher at the Nevada State Prison. While there, he completed his Masters of Educational Administration and Higher Educational Studies in 1975. He was appointed Supervisor of Education at the Maximum Security Prison, and then he served in the Northern Nevada Women's Correctional Center. John established full time schools at both prisons. He also established the MAX Prison Law Library and received the degree of Juris Doctor from the Nevada Law School in 1985.. John became a Certified Teacher and School Administrator by the Nevada Department of Education. John's service to Nevada continued as he performed duties as State Parole and Probation Officer for the Nevada Department of Public Safety for 15 yrs. John Retired in 2002 after 25 years of continuing service to Nevada as a Training Officer, Safety Officer, and State Trainer.

John was involved and served in several organizations such as: Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce (State president 1979-80), International Real Estate Institute, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Theta Phi, Knights of Columbus, and Order Saint Michael the Archangel (Chavelier).

John was a long time member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and joined Carlin Camp 25 on June 22, 2008. He was elected Camp Senior Vice Commander on December 7, 2008. He was elected Camp Commander on December 12, 2010, and held this office until his passing. Through John's leadership as Camp Commander, Reno Camp 25 achieved the 2014 Abraham Lincoln Award, designated as the best SUVCW Camp in the United States of America.

CAMP OFFICERS ELECTION

During our regular Camp meeting on 20 December 2015, we elected the following officers for 2016:

Commander: John A. Riggs *(Editor's Note: SVC Edward G. Carson is the Acting Commander)*

Senior Vice Commander: Edward G. Carson, Colonel US Army, Retired

Junior Vice Commander: Roger E. Linscott

Secretary - Treasurer: David F. Hess

Councilman: Francis H. Wood, PCC

Councilman: Brian I. Worcester

Councilman: Ray Ahrenholz

The following officers were appointed during the meeting:

Patriotic Instructor: Tyrone W. Davis

Chaplain: Wayne L. Eder

Historian: David A. Davis, PCC

Graves Registration Officer: Donald J. Huffman

Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis, PCC

Newsletter Editor and Signals Officer: J. M. "Brew" Brewster

The following appointed officer positions are currently vacant: Counselor, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Eagle Scout Certification Coordinator, and GAR Highway Officer.

Finally, our two standing committees:

History Committee: David A. Davis PCC, Donald J. Huffman, Wayne L. Eder

Civil War 150th Events Committee: Wayne L. Eder, Brian I. Worcester

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.suvpac.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>.

Meeting Notes of October 18, 2015

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 Robert Burr.
3. Opening Prayer was given by David Hess.
4. Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, David Hess, Ray Ahrenholz, Robert Burr, and Brian Worcester.
5. Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW): none during this meeting.
6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting dated August 23, 2015 were approved.
7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
 - A. Commander Riggs addressed the importance of Camp Elections to be held on December 20, 2015, and he emphasized the need to make the effort to attend the December meeting.
 - B. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Reno Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. See photo by JVC Edward Carson, who continued to participate on the Reno Veterans Day Parade Board. JVC Carson also coordinated with Fallon Naval Air Station for a fly over for the parade. Tactical helicopters executed the mission prior to the start of the parade.
 - C. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City scheduled October 31, 2015. Camp 25 members attending were: Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, David Hess, Robert Burr, David Cooper, Brian Worcester, and Ray Ahrenholz.
 - D. Commander Riggs stated that JVC Carson was assisting Associate Member Frank Whitman to become a Full Member. The action was completed for Frank Whitman and also for a new member, J M (Brew) Brewster. All necessary documentation was completed and was submitted to Owen Stiles, SUVCW Department of California and Pacific.
 - E. Commander Riggs stated that the trip to Austin, Nevada would be scheduled for October 19th. The purpose of the trip would be: participate in a Flag Burial Ceremony performed by the American Legion, Johana Shine burial site, and to present to Frank Whitman his membership certificate with SUVCW, Camp 25. See Photos below provided by Commander Riggs. Participants were Commander Riggs, Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, and David Hess.
 - F. Commander Riggs again reported on the following action items that Brother Edward Carson and he are working together for resolution in 2015 and into 2016 as necessary: (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 \$617.24.
9. Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother David Davis provided his History and Memorials Report.
10. GRO report was made in abstention by Brother Don Huffman.

11. Junior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother Edward Carson again 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. During the discussions it was raised that we should further review collaborate with other Civil War entities to conduct and share in the revenues raised by such actions stated above. It was agreed to further discuss the subject for the next meeting in December and to ultimately develop a plan of action to raise funds for Camp 25.

12. Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, was absent. But he did provide the Patriotic Report as attached hereto.

13. Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 was absent.

14. New Business:

A. A future visit to the Camp Winfield Scott Battle site.

B. Camp Elections.

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. All members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.

16. Adjournment: At 1600 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by David Hess. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for December 20, 2015.

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

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

Camp Order Number 1 was issued on 15 January 2016. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/rules/orders15.html>.

CAMP ORDER Number 1 - Series 2016

PASSING OF CAMP COMMANDER JOHN A. RIGGS

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:

Section 1: It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother and Camp Commander John Arthur Riggs at his home.

Section 2: Funeral arrangements are pending.

(Editor's Note: Memorial Services were held in Reno, Nevada on 26 January 2016)

Section 3: Brother Riggs was a long time member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and joined Carlin Camp 25 on June 22, 2008. He was elected Camp Senior Vice Commander on December 7, 2008. He was elected Camp Commander on December 12, 2010, and held this office until his passing.

Section 4: John was also a decorated Vietnam veteran, including receiving the Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Hearts. After his honorable discharge from the Army, John graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a Bachelor of Science in Education and later completed his Masters of Educational Administration and Higher Educational Studies. He worked at a number of positions including Supervisor of Education at the Maximum Security Prison, a Certified Teacher and School Administrator by the Nevada Department of Education, and a State Parole and Probation Officer for the Nevada Department of Public Safety. He retired in 2002. He was honored two years ago as the Reno Grand Marshall at the Veterans Day Parade.

Section 5: Our condolences go out to Brother Riggs' family and Camp 25 members.

Section 6: All Camp Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by Edward G. Carson, Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Col. Edward G. Carson, Retired
Camp Commander

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

Attest: David H. Hess

Camp Secretary-Treasurer

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

The Department of California and Pacific has issued the following Department Orders:

Department Order 4: Recognition of Outgoing Camp Commanders

Department Order 5: Camp Statistics Submission for Department Awards

Department Order 6: Nominations for President Abraham Lincoln Exemplary Dedication Award

Special Department Order 2: Passing of Brother John Arthur Riggs

Department Orders 4, 5 and 6 were issued on 30 December 2015. Special Department Order 2 was issued on 13 January 2016. For a complete list, see the Department website:

<http://www.suvmac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

The Commander in Chief has issued the following General Orders:

General Order 6: Resignation from the Council of Administration, 9 October 2015

General Order 7: Establishment of the Department of the Southwest, 3 December 2015

General Order 8: Passing of Real Son Charlie Brock, 17 December 2015

General Order 9: Dual Membership Rulings, 28 December 2015

General Order 10: Charter Revocation for Ellsworth Camp 32 (New Jersey), 30 December 2015

General Order 11: Dual Membership Review Special Committee, 6 January 2016

For a complete list, see the National website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513.