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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1300 hours, Sunday, 9 October, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

CAMP ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

REPORT OF THE EXPEDITION TO BATTLE SITE

By David Hess, Carlin Camp 25 Secretary/Treasurer

This is the report of the members of the SUVCW expedition to explore the presumed site of the battle fought between a group that included elements of the U.S. Cavalry and a band of Piute Indians. The battle took place on April 29, 1868, and is historically significant because one of the participants, Pvt. James C. Reid (or Reed) was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (MOH) for his actions in the battle. The SUVCW's interest in this event is two-fold. First, it marks the only occasion where a MOH was awarded for action in the State of Nevada. Second, and more importantly, the U.S. Army's official record incorrectly states that the battle took place in Arizona.



Our intrepid band of explorers: David Hess, Brian Worcester and Roger Linscott bivouacked at the Martin Hotel in Winnemucca, Nevada.



Brian Worcester with metal detector at Hinkey Summit.

Battle Site Report, continued

On Saturday and Sunday, August 6-7, 2016, SUVCW members, Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott and David Hess drove to Paradise Valley to locate the site described and photographed in newspaper articles previously referred to. The author of the article, Cameron Marcus, stated that they explored the site but found no evidence of the battle. The article did not go into the extent of their investigation, but there was a trained archeologist in their party.



Brian Worcester and David Hess at Hinkey Summit, Paradise Valley, Nevada



David Hess pointing into Deep Creek towards the Cave.

The purpose of our expedition, in addition to satisfying our own curiosity, was to find evidence that would support the claim that this was the battle site. To that end we were equipped with a metal detector and some shovels and sufficient knowledge to show due respect for a historical site whose ground has been hallowed by the shedding of American blood in combat.



Brian Worcester and David Hess above Reed's Cave



Brian wore out a pair of shoes on the expedition!

Battle Site Report, continued

After a couple false leads, we found the site documented in the articles. From our vantage point we could see the rock formation at the upper end of a creek hemmed in by a steep gulch. It was located down a steep slope heavy with brush about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away.

From our own observations and from satellite photos we could see that access would be difficult. There were no discernible roads or trails into the gulch, nor was there any easy approach. It was clear that the area was not frequently visited. Shortly after noon we began our descent into the gulch. We were forced to turn back after getting perhaps a third of the way to our goal. The steepness of terrain coupled with the thick brush and the lateness of the day all conspired to lead us to the conclusion that going forward would be a big mistake. The fact that we could see our goal made the decision all the harder.

We made it back to the Jeep and descended the rugged trail back to the road that lead us to the Paradise Valley Saloon where we commiserated with a restorative. Our host, at first reluctant to talk, opened up when we told him of our quest. He was a fount of information on the battle site and described it in great detail. The only problem is his version was at odds with everything we knew. According to the barkeep, the cave that was central to the battle site in question, was located within sight of the road and was known to locals as "Cooley's Asshole." The name used in polite society is "Hole In The Wall" which is a more apt description because it is more an arch or tunnel than a cave. He was unable to share with us the origin of the local name but the barkeep certainly enjoyed it as he repeated it often.

The newspaper articles referred to ongoing efforts to have the official records corrected. I have attempted to contact Mr. Marcus, but he has yet to return my contacts. I will continue my attempts to contact him. I will update this report when contact is made.

For further information on the story go to the links, below.

<http://www.rgj.com/story/life/2016/02/25/nevada-mystery-medal-honor-reveals-year-old-error/80927016>

<https://www.armytimes.com/story/military/2016/04/22/medal-of-honor-army-reid/83388822/>

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/military/the-army-sent-nevada-civil-war-era-medal-honor-the-wrong-place>

Editor's Note:

All of the photos in this report were graciously provided by Roger Linscott.

NEW CAMP MEMBER

Please welcome our newest member, Philip Maynard. His ancestor is Preston Asher Rice, who served as a Private in the 9th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry (Union). Although Tennessee joined the Confederacy, the eastern portion of the state was strongly pro-Union, including Lincoln's Vice-President Andrew Johnson!

VIRGINIA CITY CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT - LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2016



The Nevada Civil War Volunteers were well represented at the Virginia City Civil War Encampment over the Labor Day Weekend.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELECTED



Donald L Martin was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the 135th National Encampment, Springfield, Illinois, 10-14 August 2016. Martin has been a member since 1998, and has served as a camp Commander, Ohio Department Commander, and several national assignments, most recently as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

In his first General Order, CinC Martin stressed the importance of the SUVCW mission: to educate and preserve the history and legacy of the Union soldiers. He will focus on promoting the SUVCW, and completing long-standing projects, especially: the Last Solider Project, digitizing the historical records, and restarting the Memorial University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEVADA DAY PARADE

29 October 2016

Nevada Day Parade, Carson City. Parade starts at 1000 hours, line-up by 0900 hours.

VETERANS DAY

11 November 2016

Reno Veteran's day Parade. Details to follow.

CAMP ELECTIONS

December Meeting

Annual election and appointments of Camp Officers will be held at the December meeting.

Meeting Notes of 12 June 2016

I. Opening

- A. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Carson at 1306 hours.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Linscott.
- C. Invocation by Brother SVC D. Davis.
- D. Members in attendance were: Ray Ahrenholz, J M Brewster, Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Frank Whitman, Francis Wood and Brian Worcester.

II. Council Report

- A. No report.

III. Commander's Report – Brother Edward Carson

- A. Events.

1. Memorial Day

- a. GAR Cemetery ceremonies organized by the VFW and Boy Scouts took place at 9a.m.. SUVCW members in uniform and in attendance included: Ray Ahrenholz, Edward Carson, David Davis, David Hess, Roger Linscott, and Brian Worcester.
- b. Several members of Camp 25 appeared in the Virginia City Memorial Day parade. Participating members included: Commander Edward Carson, Ray Ahrenholz, David Davis and Brian Worcester.

2. Flag Day, June 14

- a. Idlewild Park, ceremonies sponsored by VFW, had several Camp 25 members in attendance.
 - b. Carson City ceremonies included the display of the original 36 star U.S. flag that flew on the day Nevada was admitted to the Union as a state. Several SUVCW members were in attendance including: J M Brewster, David Davis, David Hess and Roger Linscott.
- B. Commander Carson requested that Secretary David Hess canvass the membership for purposes of ascertaining interest in having membership certificates ordered. Specific information to gather includes: 1. Date admitted to membership, and 2. CW ancestors name.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Brother David Hess

- A. Secretary Hess, having previously emailed the draft Minutes of the meeting of April 10 and the financial report ask for any questions, additions or corrections. Being none he asked for a vote.
- B. MOTION: Brother Linscott made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of 14 February (previously submitted by Brother Hess), and the Treasurer's Report. SECOND: The motion was seconded by Brother Carson. Passed unanimously.

V. Senior Vice Commander's Report – Brother David A. Davis

- A. SVC David reported that he had submitted notice of our participation in the previously reported events to the Reno Gazette Journal for publication in their community calendar.

VI. History and Memorials Report – Brother David A. Davis

- A. Brother Davis provided a written and oral report.

VII. Patriotic Instructor's Report

A. In the absence of Brother Tyrone Davis' the Patriotic Instructor's Report was read by Brother David Davis.

VIII. Old Business and New Business

A. There was no Old Business.

B. Announcement was made of "The Trooper" monument dedication ceremony to be held on June 18 in Fernley at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley. Members were encouraged to attend.

C. New Member.

1. Secretary Hess reported that the membership application of Philip Maynard has been reviewed and found to be in compliance with SUVCW membership requirements. Hess asked for a motion to approve the membership application for Mr. Maynard.

2. MOTION: It was moved by Brother Brewster to accept the application of Philip Maynard for membership in Camp 25. SECOND: Brother Worcester seconded the motion. PASSED: The motion passed unanimously.

D. A tentative date of Saturday, August 6, was set for sending a Camp 25 contingent to explore the 1868 site of the battle in which Pvt. John Reed's (Reid?) actions cause him to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Those expressing interest in attending included: J M Brewster, Edward Carson, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Frank Whitman and Brian Worcester.

IX. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 August at 1300 hours, VFW Hall

X. The meeting adjourned at 1430 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fredric Hess, Secretary/Treasurer
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Department of California and The Pacific
Sons of The Union Veterans of The Civil War

Battery A, 1st United States Artillery, SVR 2016 Update

Camp 25's SVR Unit, Battery A, 1st United States Artillery is alive and well. No one person makes up this unit, nor does the location of the field pieces affect the organization. Camp 25 members are ALL members of this unit, based on the organization being established at the Camp in 2012. The following is a summary of activities, however additional events can be updated by members as they participate.

21-23 October 2016 Las Vegas, NV Spring Mountain Ranch Reenactment

Battery A, 1st US Artillery and Battery B, 1st New Jersey Artillery have been invited to bring guns to this event. Chaplain Eder will hold Church Call on Sunday.

Any Camp 25 or SVR member interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Captain Eder.

1970 Activities of the Crist Camp 28 of Reno

By David A. Davis, Camp Historian

The following article is from the "Reno Evening Gazette", 95th year, no. 10, p. 27, cols. 1-2, Thursday April 9, 1970. The SUVCW Isaac Crist Camp No. 28 was a predecessor to Carlin Camp 25 and lasted from 1967 to at least 1979 in Reno. J.E. "Doc" Martie was a University of Nevada, Reno, professor, and is today interred in the Masonic Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Mountain View. Note that Camp 28 was involved with the ongoing restoration of the G.A.R. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside. This work was started by the Johanna Shine Tent No. 86 of the DUVCW in 1960. Camp 28 was also involved with the signage for the G.A.R. Highway and the G.A.R. tree near the University.

Martie to head encampment of Sons of Union Veterans

The eighty-fourth annual encampment of the Department of California and Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil and its Auxiliary will be held in Pasadena, California, Friday through Sunday, April 10-12 with J.E. (Doc) Martie of Reno, Department Commander, presiding.

In addition to Martie, Nevada will be represented by Commander William Thomas and Secretary H. B. Matherly of the local Isaac Crist Camp No, 28 who will report on the activities of the camp for the year. These activities include restoration of the local G.A.R. Cemetery: cooperation with the State Highway Department in placing markers on highway No. 6 which is designated as the Grand Army of the Republic highway; and aiding the State Park Commission in placing a monument at a tree near the university, a tree that was planted during the G.A.R. National Encampment held in Reno in 1913 in soil shipped here from each of the principal battlefields of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic organization formed in 1881. Some objectives are to assist in preservation of documents and records pertaining to the Civil War; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war: to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose movements that would weaken loyalty to or make for destruction of our constitutional union; and to inculcate and sustain the American principles of representative government.

A highlight of the encampment banquet will be the presentation of a \$300 scholarship to a Whittier Junior High School student for a winning paper on some phase of the Civil War.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

HILLSIDE CEMETERIES

As noted in my last report, on June 6, articles of incorporation were filed for the Hillside Cemetery Preservation Foundation. The purpose of this foundation will be to raise money for the preservation and eventual acquisition of the Hillside Cemetery. With the okay from Drew Lawton and some of the families who own the plots, Frances (Fran) Tryon has been cleaning up the graves for the last several years with some help of volunteers. She and others have also been researching those buried there as well as the history of the cemetery. She has been a driving force behind getting the foundation set up. Fran has identified at least 22 veterans buried in the Hillside Cemetery some of which are Civil War veterans.

Drew Lawton owns and operates Sierra Memorial Gardens, which owns the Hillside Cemetery and the Sierra Memorial Gardens veteran's cemetery in Lemmon Valley. A Sacramento developer has an option agreement with Mr. Lawton through 2018 to acquire Hillside, move the bodies, and build upscale housing there. Also, according to Fran, a state law was passed some years ago to allow this to happen at Hillside, and this law may circumvent the laws dealing with the removal of bodies that died from communicable diseases. At least one person there died from anthrax. Fran said she would attend one of our meetings to brief us on what is all going on there.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Davis

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer

14 August 2016

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

In August 1864 Sherman started his attack against the Confederates in Atlanta Georgia, and the South counter attacked at Jonesboro but had a small force and eventually seceded. Sherman bombarded the Confederates in Atlanta with heavy artillery and surrounded the city intending to starve out the Confederates which eventually was what the battle resulted in. Then Sherman attacked the confederate railroads and bombed their supplies eventually leading to a successful Union victory. The Civil War would end within a year afterward.



Respectfully Submitted,

Tyrone Davis
Patriotic Instructor
14 August 2016

Report References:
www.Americanvilwarhistory.net
www.historychannel.com

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

No recent orders have been issued.

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

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No recent orders have been issued.

For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvsac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

The Commander in Chief has issued the following General Orders:

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- General Order 22: New IRS Requirements, 15 July 2016
- General Order 23: New International Camp (London), 20 July 2016
- General Order 24: Return of CinC, 25 July 2016
- General Order 25: Department Reinstatement - Iowa, 26 July 2016
- General Order 26: Replacement Charter for General Dodge Camp (Iowa), 2 August 2016
- General Order 27: Recognition of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, 4 August 2016
- General Order 28: 2016 National Encampment Ceremonial Color Guard, 4 August 2016
- General Order 29: Passing of Real Son Harold Becker (Michigan), 7 August 2016
- General Order 30: Passing of Real Son Garland Pool (Missouri), 9 August 2016

CinC Martin

- General Order 1: Change of Command, new CinC Martin, 17 August 2016
- General Order 2: National Officer Visits and Award Nominations, 18 August 2016
- General Order 3: Proper Attire for Encampments, 24 August 2016
- General Order 4: Memorial Day Vote Delay, 5 September 2016

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