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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm April 9, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

2017 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 17-18, 2017

The 131st Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 106th Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, were held March 17-18, 2017, at the Four Points by Sheraton, at 5101 California Avenue in Bakersfield, California, 93309. Representing Carlin Camp 25 were Camp Commander Edward G. Carson, Junior Vice Commander Brian I. Worcester, and Grave Registration Officer Don Huffman. Dean Enderlin, the previous Department Senior Vice Commander and member of the Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 based in Santa Rosa, was elected the new Department Commander. Carlin Camp 25 Historian and Civil War Memorials Officer David A. Davis is continuing as Department Historian and G.A.R. Records Officer. He is also continuing to serve on the Department Special Committee on Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Order Flags and with Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman on the Department Civil War Memorials Committee. Please see <http://www.suypac.org/officers.html> for the full list of Department Officers and committee members.

SVR ARTILLERY PRESENTATION ON MODOC WAR

By Wayne Eder

SVR Artillery and Camp 25 member Wayne Eder was invited to make multiple presentations on the Modoc War to the Summit Leadership Academy High School students in Hesperia, CA in November 2016. The Modoc War was fought from 1872-1873 in Northeast California and Southern Oregon against the Modoc Tribe. American Civil War General Edward Canby was killed during peace negotiations with the tribe. Several battles were fought including the Battle of the Lava Beds near Tule Lake, CA. Civil War era-artillery was utilized to force the Modoc's from several positions including the Model 1841 Mountain Howitzer and Model 1841 Coehorn Mortar, both of which are operated by the SVR Artillery. The Coehorn was actually taken to the presentations and students were shown the proper loading and firing procedures along with implements and other equipment. Approximately 120 students participated in the presentation. Brother Eder also provided a "first person" impression of General Canby in full uniform to allow students to further understand the war. Test questions were provided to the classes to allow students to recall the event, and further reinforce the learning process.

2017 NEVADA STATE FAIR AND RENDEZVOUS

June 8-11, 2017

The Nevada State Fair and Rendezvous will be held June 8-11, 2017, at Mills Park in Carson City. The Rendezvous will feature living history including Civil War encampments and reenactments.

2017 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 15, 2017

The 61st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 152nd 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 15, 2017. The event headquarters will be the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. A luncheon (\$30 per person) will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 PM. The luncheon program has yet to be determined. For event information, please go to the <http://www.suvcw.org/?p=2384> or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

2017 DUVCW DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

The Department of California and Nevada, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will hold its 108th Department Convention on April 28-29, 2017. It will be held at the same hotel our Department held its Encampment - the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California. Their 127th National Convention will be held July 25-30, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For registration and contact information on the National Convention, please see <http://www.duvcw.org/national-convention.html>.

2017 SUVCW NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 10-13, 2017

The 136th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 131st of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 10-13, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel Lansing, located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in downtown Lansing, Michigan. As part of the entertainment, two tours will be conducted. Tour 1 is of Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum (<http://garmuseum.weebly.com>) and Save The Flags Museum (<http://capitol.michigan.gov/SaveTheFlags>). Tour 2 is of Samuel W. Grinnell G.A.R. Post No. 283 and Sunfield Welch Museum (<http://www.sunfieldhistoricalsociety.com>). For registration and contact information, please see <http://suvcwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/contact.php>.

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES – S.U.V.C.W. Camp 25

February 11, 2017 - VFW Hall (Post 9211), 255 VFW Historic Lane, Reno, NV

I). Opening

- 1). The meeting was called to order by Commander Carson at 13:03 hours.
- 2). Invocation was led by Commander Edward Carson.
- 3). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander David Davis.
- 4). Members in attendance were: Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, David Hess, Frank Whitman, Francis Wood, James Ferrigan and Brian Worcester.

II). Secretary/Treasurer's Report--Brother David Hess

- 1). Secretary Hess summarized the minutes of the December meeting, which were previously distributed by email. Hess asked for any changes. Being none, it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Carson) that the Minutes of the September meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2). Treasurer Hess presented the financial statements as of February 11 which were submitted by email prior to the meeting and attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 1. In his report Hess commented on the fee charged by US Bank as a result of our request for information. Brother Whitman suggested we look at Nevada State Bank to see if it were possible to save on fees. Hess agreed that he would look into it. Then Hess asked if there were any more questions. Being none it was MOVED (Whitman) and SECONDED (Worcester) that the financial statements be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III). Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Brian Worcester.

- 1). Brother Worcester reported that since the last meeting there have been no new members or dropped members.
- 2). On the subject of new member recruitment, Brother Worcester suggested posting informational posters around town to see if it would attract any interest, but no action was taken on the suggestion.

IV). Senior Vice Commanders Report--Brother David Davis

1). Brother Davis reported that notices of the meeting were posted in the calendars of local media including the Carson Appeal and the Reno Gazette Journal.

V). History and Memorials Report—Brother David Davis

1). Brother Davis provided a written and oral presentation on the Society of California Volunteers. That presentation is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 2.

VI). Patriotic Instructor’s Report--submitted by Brother David Davis on behalf of Brother Tyrone Davis

1). Brother David Davis read the report which was prepared by Brother Tyrone Davis. The subject of the report was The Battle of Fort Donelson and is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3).

VII). Commander’s Report—Brother Edward Carson

1). Department Encampment. Brother Carson reminded all in attendance about the Department of California and The Pacific's annual encampment to be held on March 17-18 in Bakersfield. He urged all members to attend. He also asked Brother Hess to prepare Membership Cards and Credentials for members who plan to attend. Brother Hess agreed to do so.

2). Brother Carson asked that Brother Hess communicate with all members of Camp 25 for the purpose of ascertaining if they have ever received a SUVCW Membership Certificate, and, if not, would they like to receive one. Brother Hess said he would and report back at the next meeting.

VIII). Old Business and New Business

A). The was no Old Business.

B). New Business.

1). Brother Francis Woods reminded us that he would be resigning his position as Senior Vice Commander of the VFW, and that he would no longer have access to the keys to our meeting location. Commander Carson said he would look at alternative key arrangements or other meeting locations.

2). Brother Frank Whitman brought to our attention the 2018 presentation of Austin Days with the idea that the Camp 25 attend and perhaps set up a booth or display.

3). Brother Whitman also mentioned that Austin would be erecting a Memorial to veterans of WWII and/or Korea, and that the memorial would include a list of the veterans names. The Camp should consider attending the dedication.

4). Commander Carson discussed the desirability of acquiring a cannon. There was a brief discussion on the logistics, sources and costs of acquiring a cannon and the discussion ended with Commander Carson saying he would look further into the possibilities.

5). Brother Ferrigan volunteered to assume the responsibilities of Boy Scout Coordinator. Commander Carson thanked him, and Brother Hess said he would forward all the information he has on what has been done to date to him.

6). Brother Worcester inquired if anything had been learned regarding the willingness of the SUVCW to provide free of charge ROTC medals (see Minutes of the December 2016 meeting). That question has not yet been answered, but Brother Worcester suggested we proceed to find out with an eye to making presentations in 2018.

7). Brother Hess invited all in attendance to come the Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon, sponsored by the Northern Nevada Chapter, Sons of The American Revolution. The event will be held Sunday, February 19 at 11:30a.m. at Tamarack Junction.

IX). The next meeting is scheduled for 9 APRIL 2017, at 1300 hours at the VFW Hall unless notified otherwise

X). Chaplain, Frank Whitmore, offered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 14:38 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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT (Exhibit 2)

February 12, 2017

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

SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS

While this report is on a California veterans' society, it should be noted that California units were active in Nevada prior to and during the existence of the Nevada Volunteers, which were given the okay to form in April 1863. The Society of California Volunteers was organized December 2, 1865, in San Francisco, and originally consisted of the officers who served in the California Volunteers, the Washington Territory Infantry, and 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. The California Volunteers ultimately consisted of 17,000 men in two cavalry regiments, nine infantry regiments, and battalions of "native" Californians and "mountaineers". Washington Territory formed an infantry regiment but lacked enough local manpower to fill out the ranks. Most of the volunteers were recruited in California. 500 men enlisted in California to fight back East. They paid their own transport and attached themselves to the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry.

The Society held quarterly meetings on the 25th of July, October, and January. An annual meeting held on April 25, the anniversary of Brigadier General Edwin V. Sumner taking the command of the Department of the Pacific in 1861. Members had to have been citizens of California at the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, held commissions in the U.S. Army or Navy during the war, and were honorably discharged. The by-laws were amended in 1893 to open membership to enlisted men. The eldest sons of members could also join, and honorary membership was given non-Californians who had been officers.

Admissions was \$2.50, and the Society had its own badge. While based in San Francisco, the Society eventually had members nationwide. Also, while not directly aligned with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Society commonly worked with the G.A.R. and marched in parades. In 1899, the Society considered allowing California volunteers who fought in the Spanish-American to join. However, they apparently did not follow through on this. Research so far, shows the Society was active at least through 1907.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT (Exhibit 3)

February 12, 2017

Compiled and modified by Tyrone W. Davis, Carlin Camp 25 Patriotic Instructor

The Battle of Fort Donelson was waged from February 11th-February 16th, 1862 and was the first major Union victory besides Fort Henry and Shiloh. The Fort was a key defense of the Tennessee for the Confederacy and after General Grant blew through there the Confederates lost their grip on the river and it was much easier for the Union to move supplies and get troops into Confederate territory. The Union suffered 2,691 casualties while the Confederacy sustained 13,000+ taking a huge defeat on top of that.



Battle of Fort Donelson, by Kurz and Allison (1887)

Reference: Modified from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Fort_Donelson

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

No recent Camp Orders have been issued. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvsac.org/camp25/rules/ordersindex.html>

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Only two Department Orders were issued in 2016, and none recently. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/orders16-17.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Eight General Orders have been issued since the start of the year for the 2016-2017 National Series of General Orders. For a complete list of General Orders back to 1994, please see the National website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513. In summary, General Order No. 11 notes that all Department and Camp by-laws need to include restrictions involving members, associates, and juniors under 18 years of age according the Past Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley's General Order No. 22 in 2014. General Order No. 12 deals with discrepancies in Form 50 instructions for the forming of new camps. General Order No. 13 addresses the failure of Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors to submit annual reports. General Order No. 14 puts an end to "virtual camps". General Order No. 15 authorizes a replacement charter for the McPherson Camp No. 1 in Missouri. General Order No. 16 corrects a discrepancy between the Constitution and Regulations and PCinC Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy's General Order No. 11 in 2010 concerning voting members of a Department Encampment. General Order No. 17 notes the passing of Real Daughter Rachel Perine of Parkersburg, W.Va. on September 9, 2016 at the age of 100. General Order No. 18 notes the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson (see below).

GENERAL ORDER NO. 18

SERIES 2016-2017

12 March 2017

Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson. Born on July 4, 1924, he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania all his life. In 1938, he joined the Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, SUVCW in Philadelphia and served as Commander-in-Chief from 1993-1994. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Bud enlisted in the Army, served for four years in an armored unit in the European theatre and remained in the Active Army Reserves for 20 additional years before retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major. In the early 1980's Bud founded the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and eventually rose to the rank of Colonel commanding the SVR 2nd Military District . He retired from this post in 1997 and began service as Inspector General of the SVR. Employed as a professional firefighter by the city of Philadelphia, Bud retired after 24 years to become the Manager of an air conditioning company. He subsequently worked as the Assistant Building Supervisor for a large insurance company. His final retirement was in 1986. He assumed the presidency of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia in 1982, under his guidance; the Board was eventually able to open the museum to the public for tours and lectures. He served for ten years on the Board of Directors of the Frankford Historical Society in Philadelphia; was a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans; Life member of the National Rifle Association; and a member of the American Legion; Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and Pennsylvania Hunter Safety Instructor. I hereby order that the SUVCW National Website and the Charters of all Departments and Camps be draped and that all Brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This shall remain so for a period of 30 days.

Ordered this 12th Day of March, 2017.

Donald L. Martin, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: Jonathan Davis, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War