# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at a time to be announced, 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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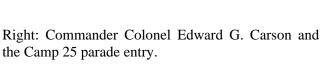
# MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Members of Carlin Camp 25 participated in several Memorial Day weekend activities in Virginia City, Reno, and Carson City.

# **VIRGINIA CITY**

May 27, 2017

Camp Commander Colonel Edward G. Carson and Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis participated in the Celebration of Heroes Parade in Virginia City on May 27, 2017. We used David's truck with the flag holder, flags and door signs. We were entry no. 6 out of 21. The Nevada Department of Corrections provided the honor guard and was followed by VFW Posts 8071 and 8660. The First Nevada Volunteer Cavalry, Co. D brought up the rear. Now under new management, the parade was much better organized, and line-up was done in an orderly fashion on D Street instead of in general chaos on C Street like in the past.





# **RENO**May 29, 2017

On May 29, 2017, at 9:00 am, Carlin Camp 25 participated in the Memorial Day morning service sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries at the Grand Army of the Republic General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Reno. Carlin Camp 25 members present were: Camp Commander Colonel Edward G. Carson; Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC; Junior Vice Commander Brian I. Worcester; Bugler Ray Ahrenholz; Counselor Roger Linscott; Guard Frank Wood, PCC; and member Kurt Dietrich. After the service, several of us visited the grave of Past Camp Commander John A. Riggs in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery. A flask was passed around and some of the contents were left on the grave.



Edward, Ray, Brian, Roger, and Rob Stoeclin at the grave of George Warren, 17th Maine Inf., the last known Nevada G.A.R. member, Mitchel Post 69 plot.



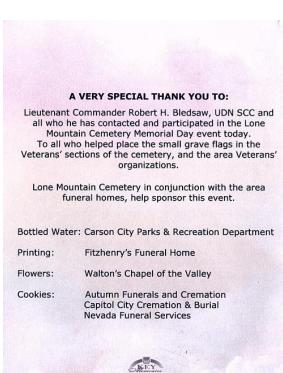
Decorated grave of Past Camp Commander John Arthur Riggs.

# CARSON CITY May 29, 2017

At 1:00 pm, Carlin Camp 25 participated in the Memorial Day services led by the Carson City Division of the U.S. Sea Cadet Corps in the Veterans section at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Camp Commander Colonel Edward G. Carson; Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC; and Junior Vice Commander Brian I. Worcester were present in uniform and stood next to members of the Patriots Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.). The S.A.R. fired salutes with flintlocks in coordination with the American Legion Post 56 Veteran's Honor Guard firing M-1s. Camp 25 Counselor Roger Linscott was with the S.A.R. Kurt Dietrich was with the spectators. Mike Creager of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers brought his horse with the empty boots to represent the riderless horse. After the service, Edward, Brian, and David held an impromptu wreath laying at the statue in the nearby Grand Army of the Republic Custer Post 5 section. About a dozen people came over as well as Mike and his horse and Noah Jennings of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.



Brian I. Worcester, Mike Creager, Col. Edward G. Carson, Noah Jennings, David A. Davis





# Memorial Day

Memorial Day has come to mean the beginning of summer, a time for picnics and barbecues and a holiday to gather around the family. That happiness and freedom, however, is a product of the real cause for the holiday; the sacrifice made by men and women who have fought and died for the freedoms and liberties Americans hold dear.

Memorial Day is a time to remember that the American way of life is not cheap, but rather has been purchased by the lives and blood of so many who have sacrificed for us to live fee and happily now.

## **Memorial Day Service Program**

Lone Mountain Cemetery Monday, May 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Officiating: ......Lieutenant Commander Robert H. Bledsaw, Presentation of the Colors... ... Carson City Division and Training Shipp UDD Carson City, PF50, United States Sea Cadet National Anthem ......Mrs. Denise Berumen Invocation and Benediction ..... Pastor Dean West Berean Christian Ministries, Sacramento, CA Opening Remarks .....Lieutenant Commander Robert H. Bledsaw, USN SCC Presentation and Placing of Memorial Wreaths Introduction of Speakers ......Mrs. Denise Berumen Staff Sargent Elexia Hertel, NV Army National Guard Techincal Sargent Katherine Dew, NV Air National Guard Lieutenant Commander Dave Treinen, USN Military Honors provided by: American Legion Post 56 Veteran's Honor Guard, Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution General William P. Carlin, Camp-25, Sons of Union Veterans' of the Civil War. Taps, Amazing Grace on bagpipes Benediction ..... ......Pastor Dean West Berean

Closing Remarks and Announcements

Christian Ministries, Sacramento, CA

Lone Mountain Memorial Day 2017 Program



Fort Churchill soldiers section



Civil War statue - Custer Post 5 plot



Grave of Lt. Col. McDermit, killed in Nevada by Indians in 1865

# 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 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.

# RECENT CAMP ORDERS

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

# RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Five Department Orders were recently issued. For a complete list, see the Department website: http://http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html.

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 1**

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#### ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Department Commander by the Delegates of the 13st Annual Department Encampment in regular session at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield, California, on 18 March 2017, it is with sincere appreciation of the trust given to me by the Brothers of this Department, that I humbly assume command of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I hereby establish my residence in the Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence is welcome, and should be sent to my home address: 2950 Lake County Highway, Calistoga, CA 94515-9743, or to my e-mail address commander@suvpac.org. Camp reports (Forms 22 and 27, IRS Form 990-N, etc.) and dues shall be forwarded to the Department Secretary-Treasurer at: 284 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948. Phone (530) 846-3251.

Section 2: The following Brothers were duly elected and installed by Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff as Department officers at the 131st Annual Department Encampment on March 18, 2017:

Commander – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC; Sr. Vice Commander – Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC; Jr. Vice Commander – Frank C. Avila, PCC; Secretary – Owen R. Stiles, PCC; Treasurer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC; Council 1 – Daniel R. Earl, PCC; Council 2 – Stephen E. Doyle; Council 3 – William E. Daley, Jr., PCC

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

Patriotic Instructor – Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC; Chaplain – Allen R. Davis, PCC; Historian – David A. Davis, PCC; GAR Records Officer – David A. Davis, PCC; Counselor – Daniel R. Earl, PCC; Guide – Rudy E. Velasco IV; Color Bearer – David C. Schleeter, PCC; Guard – Paul E. Lavrischeff; Signals Officer/Webmaster – Tad D. Campbell, PCinC; Graves Registration Officer – Kenneth G. Felton, PCC; Civil War Memorials Officer – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC; GAR Highway Officer – Thomas P. Chumley, PCC; Assistant to GAR Highway Officer – Andrew C. Brown; Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Timothy P. Reese, PDC; Camp Organizer – Owen R. Stiles, PCC; California Column Newsletter Editor – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC; Musician – Garrett Hasslinger, PCC; Aides to the Department Commander: Robert J. Kadlec, PCC; Jerry R. Sayre, PDC; D. Brad Schall, PCinC

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 22nd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, Department Commander

Dept. of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2**

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#### APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

I hereby appoint members of our Department to these designated committees. The Department Commander serves as an exofficio member of all committees. The Chair of each committee may appoint additional members to his committee as he deems necessary.

Section 1: Department Publicity and Promotion Committee: Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC (Chair, ex officio) and Cindy Eddy, PAP (ASUVCW Liaison).

Section 2: Department Encampments Committee: Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC (Chair, ex officio); PAP (ASUVCW Liaison); and Rachelle M. Campbell (ASUVCW Liaison).

Section 3: Department Civil War Memorials Committee: Dean A. Enderlin, PCC (Chair, ex officio); Allen R. Davis, PCC; Charles L. Beal, PCC; David A. Davis, PCC; and Donald Huffman.

Section 4: Department Legislation Committee: Daniel R. Earl, PCC (Chair) and D. Brad Schall, PCinC.

Section 5: Department Bylaws Committee: Daniel R. Earl, PCC (Chair, ex officio); D. Brad Schall, PCinC (Vice Chair); Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC; and Thomas P. Chumley, PCC.

Section 6: Department History Committee: David A. Davis, PCC (Chair, ex officio); ); Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC; Charles L. Beal, PCC; Richard T. Burns, PCC; Thomas P. Chumley, PCC; Glen L. Roosevelt, PDC; and William E. Daley, Jr., PCC.

Section 7: Department Communications & Technology Committee: Tad D. Campbell, PCinC (Chair, ex officio); Daniel R. Earl, PCC; and Jon Henry, PCC.

Section 8: Department Special Committee on Civil War & Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders Flags: Sebastian A. Nelson (Chair) and David A. Davis, PCC.

Section 9: Department Special Committee to Explore the Possibility of Coordinating Meetings and/or Activities of the SCV Division Convention and SUVCW/ASUVCW Department Encampment in 2020: Linn W. Malaznik (Chair); Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC; Frank C. Avila, PCC; Allen R. Davis, PCC; Tad D. Campbell, PCinC; and Cindy Eddy, PAP (ASUVCW Liaison).

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, Department Commander

Dept. of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3**

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#### GAR SESQUICENTENNIAL ON THE PACIFIC COAST

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was first organized in Decatur, Illinois, on 6 April 1866, and one hundred and fifty-one years later, the anniversary of the founding of the GAR continues to be observed by their successors, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson (1823-1871) goes the credit for founding the organization.

Section 2: The man known as the "father of the GAR on the Pacific Coast," having organized the first Post in California, was Major Thomas Jay Blakeney (1832-1907), a veteran of the 1st California Cavalry, and a resident of Sacramento. In early 1867, while visiting Washington, D.C., Major Blakeney was inducted into the GAR and granted the authority "to establish Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within the Department of California." The authority was granted under Special Order, No. 1, dated 9 March 1867, by L. Edwin Dudley, Commander of the GAR Department of Potomac and Aide de Camp. Comrade Blakeney is buried in San Francisco National Cemetery.

Section 3: The first GAR Post to be organized on the Pacific Coast was Post No. 1, based in San Francisco. It was mustered by Major Blakeney on 22 April 1867 with 32 charter members.

Section 4: On 7 May 1867, the Provisional GAR Dept. of California was organized, with Brigadier General John Franklin Miller (1831-1886) appointed Provisional Commander and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel James Coey appointed Adjutant. The Provisional Department operated until such time as a minimum of ten Posts could be mustered to qualify it for Permanent status. Comrade Miller was originally buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery in San Francisco, and was reinterred in 1913 in Arlington, VA.

Section 5: On 21 February 1868, the Dept. of California became a Permanent Department. Its first Encampment was held in Eureka Hall in San Francisco, and attended by delegates from 12 Posts. Brevet Lieutenant Colonel James Coey (1841-1918) was elected as the first Commander of the Permanent Department. Aside from California, the original Department included the states of Nevada and Oregon, and the territories of Arizona, Idaho, and Washington. Comrade Coey – a Medal of Honor recipient -- is buried in San Francisco National Cemetery.

Section 6: The GAR Dept. of California changed its name to the Dept. of California and Nevada on 1 May 1894, and continued with that designation until it ended in early 1950's.

Section 7: The 2017-18 administrative year offers unique opportunities for our organization to commemorate the founding of the GAR on the Pacific Coast. The following dates, noted in the above sections, are especially worthy of our recognition during this Sesquicentennial year:

Date

22 Apr. 2017

7 May 2017

21 Feb. 2018

Event

150th anniversary of the organizing of the first California GAR Post
150th anniversary of the establishment of the Provisional GAR Dept. of California
150th anniversary of the first GAR Dept. of California Encampment and the
promotion of the Department to Permanent status.

Section 8: Camps in our Department are encouraged to celebrate these important milestone dates honoring the Sesquicentennial of the birth of the GAR Dept. of California and Nevada through public events, interpretive displays, press releases and other related activities.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, Department Commander

Dept. of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4**

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#### DEPARTMENT ANNUAL DUES CLARIFICATION

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Department Bylaws (31 March 2001, amended 12 March 2005) sets the minimum Department annual dues at three dollars (\$3.00) per Brother. Section 2 of Article VI provides for increases or decreases in the annual Department dues assessment, if approved by a majority vote of the Department Encampment.

Section 2: Camps are reminded that Department annual dues have not been increased or decreased by the Department Encampment, and remain at THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) per Brother (pro-rated on a quarterly basis for new Brothers). This amount should be entered on line 47 of the Camp Annual Report (Form 27, July 2016 revision), and used in calculating the amount of Department per capita that is due.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 22th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, Department Commander

Dept. of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5**

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#### **OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY 2017**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: As the observance of Memorial Day is one of the highest obligations of our Order, each member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pledges at the time of his initiation, "to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same."

Section 2: The Grand Army of the Republic defined Memorial Day as May 30th, with certain exceptions. "When such day occurs on a Sunday, the preceding day shall be observed, except where, by legislative enactment, the succeeding day is made a legal holiday, when such day shall be observed" (GAR Blue Book, 1888, Chap. V, Art. XIV).

Section 3: Tuesday, May 30th, 2017, is the day set aside this year for the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day. Camps are encouraged to promote our membership's participation on that day to fulfill this important pledge. As the legal heirs and successors to the Grand Army of the Republic, we can pay them no higher honor than to keep their memory green on this sacred day.

Section 4: At the time of initiation, each member of our Order also pledges "to be faithful in all duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, and to promote actively its objects and interests always and everywhere." The Memorial Day legal public holiday (defined by Public Law 90-363) falls on Monday, May 29th, 2017. It is consistent with our initiation pledge, that we not limit ourselves to just the observance of May 30th, but also promote our membership's participation in services conducted on the legal national holiday, as well as Memorial Sunday (May 28th, 2017), and any other related patriotic events that may be held on Memorial Day weekend.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-first, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, Department Commander

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ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

# RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

One General Order has been issued since the March issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. 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. 19 notes in two instances, brothers expressed controversial opinions using the SUVCW name and emblem and Camp names. Controversial opinions and comments are covered by free speech, but according to the order's National Constitution and Regulations, are not permitted when uttered in conjunction with SUVCW trademarked emblems, Camp or Department, or titles.