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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2017

July 4, 2017

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) conducted a program at the Liberty Bell replica at the State Museum in Carson City. It included members taking turns reading the Declaration of Independence and then a bell ringing. Commander Col. Edward G. Carson, Ret. Army; Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis were present representing the Camp. Camp member Robert Burr was present in uniform representing both the Camp and the Civil War re-enactors. Camp Secretary-Treasurer David Hess, Camp Councilor Roger Linscott, and Camp Junior Vice Commander Brian I. Worcester were in Revolutionary War uniforms with the SAR.



Commander Ed Carson ringing the bell. David Hess is to the left of Ed and Ed's sister Antoinette is to the right of him.



SVC David A. Davis ringing the bell

David entered his truck to represent the Camp at the Fourth of July Parade. The Commander was under the weather, so his sister Antoinette went in his place.

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://suvchwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/contact.php>.

61ST ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PAARDE

November 18, 2017

The 61st Annual Remembrance Day parade will be at 1 p.m. on November 18, 2017, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The parade is sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. For more information about the parade, policies, and the related Civil War Ball, please see: <http://suvchw.org/svr/forms/ParadeFlyer-2017.pdf>; <http://www.suvchw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Remembrance-Day-Policy.pdf>; <http://suvchw.org/svr/forms/RemembranceDayBall-2017.pdf>.

MEETING - APRIL 9, 2017

Minutes of the camp meeting

Sunday, APRIL 9, 2017 at 1300 HOURS

VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV

I. Opening

A. The meeting was called to order by Commander Carson at 13:03 hours.

B. Invocation was led by Brian Worcester.

C. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Hess.

D. Members in attendance were: Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, David Hess, Frank Whitman, Francis Wood, and Brian Worcester. Kurt Dietrich attended as a guest.

II. Approval of Minutes of The Last Meeting--Brother David Hess

A. Secretary Hess summarized the minutes of the February meeting, which were previously distributed by email. Hess asked for any changes. **Being none, it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Whitman) that the Minutes of the February meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. Camp Commanders Report--Commander Edward Carson

A. Annual Department Encampment in Bakersfield, California--Commander Carson reported that he confirmed that the ROTC/JROTC medals are provided by the national office for free. There followed an open discussion on whether it was feasible to do something this year. The consensus was probably not. Brian Worcester said he would order the medals. Meanwhile the Camp will need to identify a member who will coordinate the program and have it up and running by next year.

B. Memorial Day Activities--The Camp will definitely participate in the ceremonies at the GAR cemetery. There was some discussion on who would participate in the Virginia City parade or the Fort Churchill reenctment. Brother David Davis was authorized to make application and to pay the \$20 entry fee for the Virginia City Parade.

IV. Treasurers Report--Brother David Hess

A. Treasurer Hess presented the financial statements as of April 7, which were submitted by email prior to the meeting and attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 1. Hess asked if there were any more questions. **Being none it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Whitman) that the financial statements be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

V. Senior Vice Commanders Report--Brother David Davis

A. 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.

B. Brother Davis presented the History and Memorials Report attached to these Minutes and EXHIBIT 2

VI. Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Brian Worcester.

A. Brother Worcester introduced prospective new member Kurt Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich told us of his background and interest in joining the SUVCW.

VII. Patriotic Instructor's Report--submitted by Brother David Davis on behalf of Brother Tyrone Davis

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

VIII. Chaplains Report--Brother Frank Whitman

A. Brother Whitman invited the membership to come out to Austin for a tour of the historical sites.

B. Brother Whitman described planned Memorial Day activities in Austin. He also mentioned the installation of a statue that was commissioned by the American Legion.

IX. Old Business

A. On the subject of membership renewals it was mentioned that Brothers Daniel Carson and Edwin Wall might be renewing their membership.

X.. New Business.

A. Brother Worcester asked if anyone would be willing to set a date for going out to Lake Winnemucca to find the old paddlewheeler said to be buried in the dry lake bed. Several members expressed interest, but no date was set.

XI. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 June 2017, at 1300 hours at the VFW Hall unless notified otherwise

XII. 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

April 9, 2017

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

SONS OF VETERANS, CUSTER CAMP 1

In 2007, I researched and wrote a history of the Custer Camp 1, which is on our website at <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/docs/Custer%20Camp%20Hist.pdf>. The Camp was organized during the 1913 Department of California and Nevada G.A.R. encampment in Reno. The driving force behind the Camp was local Reno barber Ulysses Grant Persing who said his father Morris was an artilleryman during the Civil War. At the time of the writing of the Camp history, it looked like the Camp folded some time not long after Memorial Day 1915. I recently found that the Camp existed until at least 1923. The Sons of Veterans were noted as being in the 1923 Memorial Day parade, but not in 1924 and later. Persing was ill with heart trouble towards the end and died in February 1925.

CIVIL WAR REENACTORS TACTICAL

On Saturday, March 25, the Nevada Civil War Volunteers and Comstock Civil War Reenactors held their tactical meeting at Fort Churchill. Brian I. Worcester and I paid the encampment a visit, and I took my copy of the 1863 map of Nevada for anyone interested in seeing it. Ray Ahrenholz and Robert Burr were taking part in the activities.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Tyrone W. Davis, 4/9/2017

The Battle of Appomatox Courthouse was one of the last major battles of the American Civil War and involved the surrender of Confederate General Robert Edward Lee, the Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. It took place on April 9th, 1865 at Appomatox, Virginia. General Lee had abandoned Richmond

after the 10 month Siege of Petersburg and retreated westward hoping to align himself with Confederate troops in North Carolina. He was pursued by Union forces under General Ulysses S. Grant and was cut-off from heading westward at the small town of Appomattox.

General Lee with 28,000 men attempted to counterattack Union forces. However, little did he know, that General Philip Sheridan's Cavalry had two corps at the head of 150,000 men backed up by several battalions of Union infantry. General Lee took 500 casualties, and General Grant took 164 casualties. Being greatly outnumbered, General Lee had no choice but to surrender. This is considered the end of the American Civil War, even though a small battle in Texas was fought in June of that year.



General Lee surrendering to General Grant

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MEETING - JUNE 25, 2017

Minutes of the camp meeting

Sunday, JUNE 25, 2017 at 1300 HOURS

VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV

I. Opening

A. The meeting, originally scheduled for June 11, was called to order by Commander Carson at 13:04 hours.

B. Invocation was led by Sr. Vice Commander David Davis.

C. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Edward Carson.

D. Members in attendance were: Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, David Hess, Francis Wood, and Brian Worcester.

II. Camp Commanders Report--Commander Edward Carson

A. Commander Carson inquired as to whom from Camp 25 would be attending the Liberty Bell Ringing in Carson City. He also inquired as to whom from Camp 25 would be at the Virginia City Independence Day Parade. He confirmed that he would be in attendance at both event.

B. Commander Carson expressed his concern about the lack of membership growth. He asked Junior Vice Commander Brian Worcester to look into it and make recommendations.

III. Approval of Minutes of The Last Meeting--Secretary David Hess

A. Secretary Hess referred to the minutes of the April meeting, which were previously distributed by email. Hess asked for any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (D. Davis) that the Minutes of the April meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Treasurers Report--Treasurer David Hess

A. Treasurer Hess presented the financial statements as of June 1, which were submitted by email prior to the meeting and attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 1. Hess asked if there were any more questions. **Being none it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (D. Davis) that the financial statements be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

V. Senior Vice Commanders Report--Brother David Davis

A. 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.

B. SVC Davis reported on Camp 25 attendance at local events. At the Carson City Rendezvous, Camp 25 was represented by Brothers Rob Burr, David Cooper, Brian Worcester, and Roger Linscott. The Lone Mountain Memorial Day observation was attended by brothers Edward Carson, David Davis, Brian Worcester and Roger Linscott

C. Brother Davis presented the History and Memorials Report that covered the topics of the Carson City Rendezvous and General McDowell On The Comstock. They are attached to these Minutes and EXHIBIT 2

VI. Junior Vice Commander's Report--Jr. Vice Commander Brian Worcester.

A. JVC Worcester reported that Kurt Dietrich's application has been approved. Worcester also reported a new prospective member Rob Moore.

B. Commander Carson made the request that future reports include current membership statistics.

VII. Patriotic Instructor's Report-- Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis

A. Brother Tyrone Davis submitted his report which is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3).

VIII. Graves Registration Officer Report--Brother Brother Don Huffman

A Commander Carson asked that David Hess contact Don Huffman and request that Brother Huffman submit a written report of his activities before each meeting..

IX. Old Business

A. Commander Carson asked for an update on the poll of members who want an official membership certificate. Brother Hess reported that members have been unresponsive to his request. Commander Carson asked who present would like a certificate. Brother David Hess said he would.

X.. New Business.

A. There was no new business reported.

XI. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 August 2017, at 1300 hours at the VFW Hall unless notified otherwise

XII. Commander Carson, offered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 14:28 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

June 25, 2017

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

RENDEZVOUS

A couple of weekends ago was the Nevada State Fair and Rendezvous in Carson City, and I paid it a visit. Camp members Robert Burr and David Cooper were participating with the Civil War Reenactors. We used to participate for free in both the Nevada State Fair and Carson City Rendezvous when they were separate events until both were dropped a few years ago. When the Nevada State Fair was resurrected several years ago at Fuji Park, they wanted \$150 participate, which was out of the question for us. Now it is back in Mills Park and is billed having the Rendezvous as part of it. The organizers kept sending me flyers. A couple of days before their deadline, I told them we couldn't afford it. They said they would let us in for \$75 and drop the \$50 deposit. By then, it was too late to get us organized to do it. The re-enactors would like to have seen us there, and I would suggest if we get a similar offer next year we go with it.

GENERAL MCDOWELL ON THE COMSTOCK

In October 1864, General Irwin McDowell, Commander of the Military Department of the Pacific visited Nevada. He arrived in Gold Hill with Governor James Nye around 5 pm on October 11 and left the morning of October 13 on the California Stage returning by way of Donner Lake and Dutch Flat. The National Guard and Emmet Guard escorted the dignitaries to Virginia City, and Gold Hill Artillery fired a salute. It was dark when they reached Virginia City, but a great crowd lined the street and cheered all the same. The Governor and the General were greeted by more crowds on B Street at the entrance to the International Hotel, which is where they stayed. Eventually, they appeared on the balcony and Governor Nye introduced the General, who acknowledged the gratification he felt at the crowd's overwhelming friendly reception and then gave a brief speech. It should be noted at this point in time, President Lincoln was in a tight race for re-election against General George McClellan. Part of the speech was, "If this rebellion is to be put down, the re-election of Mr. Lincoln has become a political necessity; for those who would seek to mislead you believe that this war could be better carried on by some other person than he who now has it in hand." Someone at this point mentioned McClellan. The speech then continued, "No, McClellan is not the man to put this rebellion down. He who, when at Harper's Ferry, and ordered to advance and fight the enemy, declared that he could not move and support his army thirty miles from the terminus of the railroad, a point from which Sherman has marched more than one hundred and thirty miles. The armies of the United States are now all under General Grant; he who, when he landed his army below Vicksburg, packed his food on his back and marched and fed his army nearly three weeks, when he had but two days rations, and fought and conquered the enemy, instead of standing still and asking the Government for things unnecessary for the occasion. You have your choice between the two." The speech was interrupted several times by applause. After the General retired from the balcony, one Larry Murray mounted a dry good box and proposed three cheers for McClellan. As the Gold Hill News in the article reprinted from the Territorial Enterprise, "They were given by the few straggling Copperheads, who were with the crowd." A Dr. Watts told Mayor Arick, "That's the best thing I've seen yet." General McDowell was fatigued from the journey and day's events and retired for the evening. Governor Nye and some of the staff attended the benefit of Miss Bell Divine at Maguire's Opera House. The references for the above are the Gold Hill News and The Virginia Daily Union.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Tyrone W. Davis, 6/25/201

On June 27th, 1863 General Henry Halleck appoints General George Meade as Commander of the Army of the Potomac as replacement for General Joe Hooker who had a breakdown at the Battle of Chancellorsville ending up in a Confederate victory. In early July of 1863 General Meade would repulse a large confederate assault at the Battle of Gettysburg resulting in a Union victory. The Battle of Gettysburg began on July 1st, 1863 on the outskirts of Gettysburg Pennsylvania, Union Cavalry fighting Confederate infantry outside of Seminary Ridge, Little Round top and Big Round top with a fair number of casualties on both sides.

The main attack at Gettysburg was known as Pickett's charge on July 3rd, 1863 where the Union Army with 104,000 troops pushed back an estimated 75,000 confederate troops. Some Confederate Generals were captured and General Pickett was mortally wounded during the battle. The battle resulting as a major Union victory would be a turning point in the American Civil War.



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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

No new Department Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Five General Orders have been issued since the May 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. 20 marks Memorial Day. General Order No. 21 deals in part with the revisionist history and is reprinted in full below. General Order No. 22 is the announcement for nominations for the Meritorious Service Award, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, the Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award, the Joseph S. Rippey Award, the National Aide Award, the Founder's Award. It also notes that the B.F. Stephenson Award for recruitment is now the David R. Medert Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award is now the Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award. General Order No. 23 deals with the dissolution of the General Henry B. Banning Camp No. 207 in the Department of Ohio. General Order No. 24 lifts the suspension of the Department of Vermont.

General Order # 21 SERIES 2016-2017 31 May 2017

It has come to the attention of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) of the events taking place regarding the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum in Georgia. We, the actual descendants of the Union Soldiers that fought to protect the Union of this great country, find the action portrayed in several news reports to be troubling to say the least.

Over the past decades the SUVCW has been called upon to explain our position regarding the flying of the flags of the confederacy as well as the destruction of various monuments and the renaming of battlefields to parks. We have taken the position that history must be preserved in complete truthfulness. If you change or revise history you change the meaning and quite possibly the credibility of the truth of that history. If you do away with the Confederacy and the soldiers that fought on that side, you also lessen the contribution of the soldiers and statesmen that fought to preserve the United States. The revision of history can also change the credibility of the reasons for which battles were fought and if they were in fact even fought.

The SUVCW website contains two policies that have and are currently the standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding not only the flying of flags of the Civil War era, but the Interpretation of Civil War Battlefields for the National Park Service. We further believe that our policy on the NPS interpretation also applies to State and local parks and their position on the Civil War.

Policy on the National Park Service Interpretation Program of the Civil War Battlefields.

A statement made by Dr. John Latschar, when Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, best describes the mission of the National Park Service and their interpretive policy on the Civil War battlefields. According to Dr. Latschar, an Act of Congress in 1990 directed the Gettysburg NMP to "interpret the Battle of Gettysburg in the larger context of the Civil War and American history, including the causes and consequences of the Civil War and including the effects of the war on all the American people." He further states that in 1999, a Congressional report added that Civil War Battle fields such as Gettysburg should "recognize and include the unique role that the institution of slavery played in the Civil War."

The Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) clearly defines the mission or purpose of the SUVCW. Our Primary mission is "To Perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic....to teach.... the true history of our country...to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union ...to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles ofequal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

In conformity to our Constitution and Congressional Charter the SUVCW maintains the most important goal of the National Park Service relative to Civil War battlefields should be (1) The physical preservation of the battlefields, and (2) The NPS interpretative program, which is designed to inform the public about what happened on the battlefield should focus on the story of the battle that took place on the battlefield. At the Gettysburg battlefield the interpretative program, has traditionally included such things according to Dr. Latschar as, "tactical movements, the decisions of generals, the engagements of opposing units, and the heroism and valor of individual soldiers, both Union and Confederate." This seems to have also been the prevalent policy at other Civil War battlefields. Based on the aforementioned Congressional mandates the interpretative program now includes the slavery issue.

The SUVCW has no quarrel with the inclusion of this issue in the NPS interpretative program as long as it does not negatively impact the two goals previously mentioned, and as long as it is presented in a historically accurate manner. Under no circumstances do we support what has come to be referred to as “revisionist” history – “altering” historical facts to fit modern social philosophy. *Approved February 27, 2003 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

There were numerous issues that culminated in the American Civil War. But, regardless of whether we make a short list, or a long list of the causes for the Civil War, they all invariably emanate from the issue of slavery. Thus it seems only reasonable that the National Park Service should mention this issue in their interpretative program. We view the inclusion of the slave issue as an expansion of the existing program. The slave issue should not be used by the NPS as a substitute for their traditional interpretative program.

Ordered this 31st Day of May 2017.

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

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