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## THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 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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## JEFF DAVIS PEAK, NEVADA

The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names met on September 19, 2017. Carlin Camp 25 Senior Vice Commanders and Historian David A. Davis is the alternate member of the Board representing The Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. For background, according to its website <http://www.nbmng.unr.edu/geonames/geonames.htm>, "Established in 1890, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names is responsible by law for establishing and maintaining uniform name usage throughout the Federal Government. Working in cooperation with State names authorities, the U.S. Board develops policies, principles, and procedures governing the spelling and application of geographic names on Federal maps and other publications. It also rules on name controversies, new names, and name changes." "In March of 1985, (Nevada) Senate Bill 265, amended Chapter 327 of Nevada Revised Statutes and created a Board to 'coordinate and approve geographic names within the State for official recommendation to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.'" "The (Nevada) Board serves at the pleasure of the Legislature." "No compensation or expenses are allowed except as voluntarily contributed by the member's agency." "The charge of the (Nevada) Board is to evaluate all proposals for changes or additions to names of geographic features and places in the State; then to make official recommendations to the U.S. Board."

We are all aware of the recent push to remove monuments commemorating mostly veterans of the Confederate States of America. In Great Basin National Park in White Pine County, is a peak on the same range as and adjacent to Wheeler Peak named Jeff Davis Peak. Recently, some people have taken umbrage to the name and sent proposals to the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names to have the name changed. One proposal is to have it changed to the name of an escaped slave to served in the Union Army and later served as a South Carolina legislator. The Board normally does not approve of names of individuals that had nothing to do with Nevada. The proposals were sent in for the September 19th meeting. However, attorneys for the State (two of whom showed up at the meeting) noted that under the State open meeting law, the public agenda did not make clear that proposal was to remove the name of Jeff Davis. Therefore, the discussion has been postponed until the next meeting on January 9, 2018.

A brief history of Wheeler Peak can be found on the Park website at <https://www.nps.gov/grba/learn/historyculture/why-wheeler.htm>, which notes that Jeff Davis Peak was the previous name of Wheeler Peak. Some of us have been researching this to make sure we get the history right as opposed to assuming the website is correct. So far, Lt. Col. Edward Steptoe of the U.S. Army Corps of Topographical Engineers in 1855 saw a tall peak and named it in 1855 after his boss Secretary of War Jefferson Davis. Then Capt. James Simpson, passed within ten miles of the mountain in 1859 and named it Union Peak. His map is on the website "Nevada in Maps". Although Jefferson Davis was no longer Secretary of War at that time, the map also says it was done under the supervision of Bvt. Brig. Gen. A. S. Johnston, USA. Gen. Johnston was a

close friend of Jefferson Davis. They were both born in Kentucky, met at the University of Transylvania, and attended West Point at the same time. Gen. Johnston went South during the War of the Rebellion and might have eclipsed Stewart, Jackson, and Lee if he had not been killed at Shiloh. The name Jeff Davis Peak again appears on the 1864 “Colton’s Map of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico,” which is also available on “Nevada in Maps”. Jeff Davis Peak was then the name of the whole mountain. In the 1869 survey, Lt. George Wheeler named the peak after himself and published in his report. However, either name (with the preponderance going to Jeff Davis Peak) was in use into the 1880s. Newspaper articles in the 1870s note miners calling it Jeff Davis Peak, and surveys in the 1880s note it being the same height as what is now called Wheeler Peak, indicating they were one and the same. At some point, the name Jeff Davis Peak was relegated to a lower prominence on the same mountain about a mile from Wheeler Peak.

As indicated by the history on the Park website, and corroborated so far by additional research, what is now Wheeler Peak was previously named Jeff Davis Peak after Jefferson Davis when he was Secretary of War and before he was the President of the Confederate States of America. The proposal to change the name will be up for discussion at the next meeting of the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names on January 9, 2018, the Great Basin Science Sample and Records Library at 2175 Raggio Parkway next to the Desert Research Institute. Anyone really concerned about the removal of Civil War monuments and related name changes should make a point to attend.

## **NEW GENERAL ORDER REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS TOWARDS THE REMOVAL OF VETERANS’ MONUMENTS**

General Order No. 2  
SERIES 2017-2018  
August 21, 2017

1). I hereby direct, with the concurrence of the members of the Council of Administration, that all departments, camps, and individual brothers refrain from acting as a Media spokesmen or agent for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to become involved in the pursuit of any civil actions (legal proceedings), on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regarding the removal of veteran’s monuments, without first contacting the Commander-in-Chief and receiving authorization from him.

a). Acting as a spokesman is defined as making statements written or oral using the organizations name, symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols.

b). This Order in no way is intended to preclude the exercise of your rights as an individual outside of the SUVCW.

2). The Commander-in-Chief will serve as the primary point of contact on all media inquiries involving the removal of veteran’s monuments. Media outlets should be directed to forward their inquiries to the SUVCW National Headquarters at: 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411 Telephone: (717) 232-7000 Fax: (717) 412-7492.

Ordered this 21st Day of August 2017. Mark R. Day, 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

## **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 were held August 10-13, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel Lansing, located at 111 N. Grand Avenue in downtown Lansing, Michigan. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, a charter member of the Taylor-Wilson Camp No. 10 of Lynchburg, Virginia, was elected Commander-in-Chief. Please see his biography at [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=2588](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=2588). The new officers can be found under several links at [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=262](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=262). Our Department Commander Dean Enderlin is also the National GAR Records Officer.

# 61ST ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

November 18, 2017

The 61st Annual Remembrance Day parade will be held 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/formsParadeFlyer-2017.pdf>; <http://www.suvchw.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Remembrance-Day-Policy.pdf>; <http://suvchw.org/svr/forms/RemembranceDayBall-2017.pdf>.

## MEETING – AUGUST 6, 2017

Minutes of the camp meeting

Sunday, AUGUST 6, 2017 at 1300 HOURS

VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV

General William Passmore Carlin--Camp 25

Department of California and The Pacific

### **I. Opening**

A. The meeting, originally scheduled for June 11, was called to order by Commander Carson at 13:02 hours.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sr. Vice Commander David Davis.

C. Invocation was led by Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis.

D. Members in attendance were: Ray Ahrenholz, Robert Burr, Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Kurt Dietrich, James Ferrigan, David Hess, Francis Wood, and Brian Worcester.

### **II. Camp Commanders Report--Commander Edward Carson**

A. Upcoming events that Camp 25 will participate in include Nevada Day Parade in Carson City and Veterans Day Parade in Reno. Commander Carson advised members that our position in the parade may be similar to the position we held in last year's parade. Formerly we had held a position closer the parade beginning, but current planners want to favor organizations whose veteran members are still living.

B. Commander Carson reminded members that the annual election of officers will take place at the December meeting.

C. Orders for official SUVCW membership certificates came from: David Hess, Roger Linscott, James Ferrigan and Frank Wood. Kurt Dietrich has received his certificate and it was signed at the meeting by the Commander and Secretary.

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

A. Secretary Hess referred to the minutes of the June 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 June meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Treasurers Report--Treasurer David Hess**

A. Treasurer Hess presented the financial statements as of August 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 (Ahrenholz) that the financial statements be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Jr. Vice Commander Brian Worcester made a motion from the floor to approve reimbursement to David Davis for his expenses related to registering the Camp entry into the Nevada Day Parade. Those expenses are yet to be determined. It was determined that a vote was not necessary, but it was requested that the Minutes reflect the authorization. Accordingly, the authorization is approved.

### **V. Senior Vice Commander and Historian 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. The Reno Gazette Journal's calendar site has changed and has proven to be difficult to use. Using it will be challenging if it is usable at all.

B. Brother Davis presented the History and Memorials Report that covered the topics of President Rutherford Hayes' visit to Nevada. The full report is attached to these Minutes

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

A. Jr. Vice Commander Brian Worcester reported that the membership application for Kurt Dietrich has been processed, approved and given to the Secretary as part of the Camp's permanent file.

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

A. Brother Tyrone Davis submitted his report on the Battle of Mobile Bay

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

A. Brother Huffman submitted his report by email to Secretary Hess. The Secretary read the report at the meeting. The following is an edited transcript that include the business related parts of the full report.

*I have been gone out of state for about 2.5 months and report that I found 6 unregistered graves; 3 in South Dakota, 2 in Kansas, and 1 in Hollywood, CA. I will be entering them into our database. The total entries for the year since our annual department meeting is 57. I was asked about 4 months ago to assist in entering and researching Civil War Veterans that are on Find A Grave and administered by the SUVCW. So I have been appointed by Dave Tschantz, Project Administrator, Find A Grave Memorial Project, and given Camp #51, Department of Ohio to research the section with the letters T-Z.*

**IX. Old Business**

A. See Paragraph II.C above for information regarding the preparation of official membership certificates.

**X. New Business.**

A. Brother James Ferrigan, Eagle Scout Coordinator, reported that to date no Eagle Scout has qualified for recognition. Brother Ferrigan continues to monitor the monthly lists of Eagle Scouts and will report on the program's status especially if there are any qualified Scouts

B. Brother Davis reported that we have been invited to attend the Labor Day events in Virginia City. Specifically, we were asked if we would be interested in setting up a booth. As of this meeting a decision was not made, but the possibility of participating is under consideration.

C. Brother Kurt Dietrich volunteered to look into establishing a JROTC recognition program. It was recommended that he consult with Brother Roger Linscott who runs a similar program for the SAR chapter.

**XI.** The next meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2017, at 1300 hours at the VFW Hall unless notified otherwise

**XII.** Commander Carson, offered the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 14:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fredric Hess, Secretary/Treasurer

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

Department of California and the Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

August 8, 2017

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

### **PRESIDENT HAYES' VISIT TO NEVADA**

In September 1880, President Rutherford B. Hayes started a 71-day trip across the United States. The trip was organized by General William T. Sherman, who also went on the trip. This was the first time a sitting President had travelled west of the Rocky Mountains. They travelled by train and stage coach, and were at times out of telegraphic contact with Washington, DC, and not far from Indian fighting.

The following is the newspaper account of the party's arrival in Nevada. A few of the things President Hayes would have seen in 1880 are as follows. Reno had been incorporated as a town a year earlier. It was a cattle town and railhead of 1,362 people. Wadsworth with a population of 500 contained the rail yards and a roundhouse with 20 stalls. Sparks was over 20 years into the future. Carson City was more substantial with a population of 5,412, and the Capitol and mint buildings were already nearly a decade old. Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City had already peaked with populations of 25,000, 5,000, and 2,000 respectively, and were going into decline due the last of the bonanza deposits being mined out in 1878. The Lake Tahoe area had been heavily logged with large areas nearly treeless. The Grand Army of the Republic had the Phil Kearney Post No. 10 in Virginia City, the Custer Post No. 5 in Carson City, and the McPherson Post No. 12 of Reno. The President was a Civil War veteran and had been wounded five times.

## PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

A hearty Welcome to Presidential Party by Reno - A Brief Summary of the Speeches Made - Etc.

At about 11:30 yesterday morning the Depot platform began to be filled with people, all intent on seeing President Hayes and the distinguished gentlemen and ladies accompanying him on his western trip. At 12 o'clock the balcony of the hotel and the platform was filled to the utmost, and as the train steamed up loud hurrahs of welcome were given with a will. The car containing the President was boarded by the Reception Committee, who extended His Excellency the heartiest welcome to our little town and invited him to address the assemblage. Under the guidance of the committee the distinguished persons went into the hotel and presently appeared upon the balcony. Hon. C.C. Varian introduced

### THE PRESIDENT,

Who said in substance, that he was glad to see the evidences of good feeling displayed not to him and his party so much as to the Union and Nation which for the time being he represented. He was glad prosperity was visible on every hand and assured us that the people of the Great East felt very kindly indeed toward the Pacific Coast, and that he hoped that peace and good will would characterize the Nation. He ended by thanking the audience, which had frequently cheered him, and retired after introducing

### GEN. W.T. SHERMAN.

The hero of the "march from Atlanta to the sea" began by reminding the people that he was a pioneer, for he had been to the coast in 1846. He doubted if many of his hearers could date their residence that far back. He contrasted the cities and farms now with the unbroken wilderness that abounded then and aptly remarked that a "pancake could not be brought from the Mississippi to the Sacramento for its weight in gold." His remarks were very happy and he retired amid cheers, after introducing

### SECRETARY OF WAR RAMSEY.

This gentleman's remarks were shortened by the fact that the train for Virginia City was almost ready to start, but he found time to express his gratitude at the kind reception given them and told how the President had decided to see a little of the vast domain we call the United States, and has stolen away from Washington while there was a lull in public affairs. He retired after assuring the audience that he would long remember the enthusiastic greeting they were receiving all along the route.

While the speech-making was going on

### MRS. HAYES

Was receiving in the hotel parlors and won much praise for her comfortable motherly manner.

After a brief delay, during which the President kept busy joking and shaking hands, the train, drawn by a profusely be-flagged engine, pulled out amid great cheering and band playing.

The other ladies did not make a public appearance, but stayed in the cars. Mrs. Sherman got into the engine cab and rode to Virginia.

The reception was gotten up quickly, but none the less successful or happy because of it.

We are sorry to add that some one so far forgot common decency as to insult the President when he appeared, by yelling, "fraud." We hope he has shame enough to be ashamed of his conduct, as all others, irrespective of party or creed, were.

The band added materially to the reception, and deserve thanks for its public spirit.

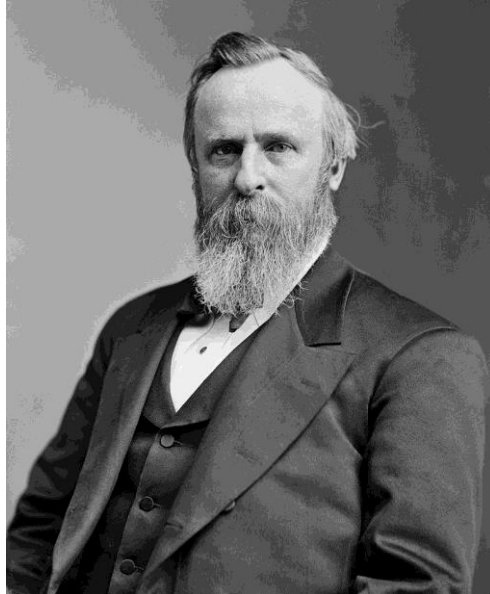
Of course it had to blow yesterday, because something was going on. If we had the running of the deputy clerk who runs the Nevada climate we'd wring his neck.

Many flags were flying to the breeze yesterday in honor of the President.

Gen. Sherman warmly greeted several of his old veterans. who live here. The boys remember their commander with many kind thoughts, and he seemed pleased to renew their acquaintance.

## On the Comstock.

After the train left Reno it did not stop very long at Carson, where brief speeches were made, and then hurried through to Virginia City, where a big reception had been prepared. Mayor Stephens took the party in charge and estorted (sic) them to their place in the procession, which was formed in the following order: Mounted Police, Guard Marshall, C. Derby; Governor J.H. Kinkead, Staff, major General L.T. Fox, Staff, Brigadier General C.C. Batterman and Staff; music; Militia; the Presidential Party; Phil. Kearney Post G.A.R.; Artillery; Reception Committee. The procession moved through the principal streets and halted in front of the International Hotel, where the speeches were made. Lats evening the party visited the mines. To-day they visit Carson, then to Lake Tahoe, then to Truckee, where the California Reception Committee take them in charge.



President Rutherford B. Hayes, 1822-1893

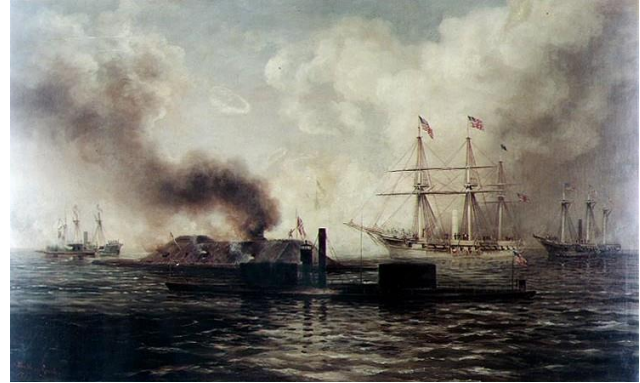
## **PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT**

August 6th, 2017

Tyrone W. Davis, Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Patriotic Instructor.

The Battle of Mobile Bay was one of the largest Naval engagements that took place between the Union and Confederate Navies during the American Civil War which resulted in a Union victory. The Federal fleet was commanded by Rear Admiral David G. Farragut which was accompanied by a contingency of Union troops assaulted a smaller Confederate fleet led by Admiral Franklin Buchanan and three confederate forts that guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay. Farragut with swift aggression sent his vessels through a mine field losing an ironclad monitor, but was successful in breaking through which enabled his ships to be out of reach from heavy confederate artillery and was followed by a complete reduction of the confederate fleet to one vessel which was the ironclad CSS Tennessee.

The CSS Tennessee charged the Union Navy and took some blows but eventually surrendered due to the fact that she was outnumbered by the Federal Navy. After the surrender of the Tennessee and the loss of one of their gunboats the three Confederate forts surrendered which was the final part of the Union blockade in that region and was a major victory since it was the last major Confederate port on the Gulf of Mexico east of the Mississippi river. The Union suffered 300 casualties along with the loss of one Ironclad and the Confederacy had 35 casualties along with one gun boat being destroyed, another captured, over 1,500 confederates surrendering along with the three forts.



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## 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

One Department Order and One special Department Order were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvsac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

### Special Department Order No. 1 SERIES 2016-2017

#### PASSING OF BROTHER THOMAS P. CHUMLEY, PCC

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: It is with heavy heart that we report that Brother Thomas P. Chumley, PCC, of Long Beach, California, a member of General W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, and long time Department GAR Highway Officer, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Brother Chumley was a highly esteemed member of our Order, a capable officer at both the Camp and Department levels, and an articulate writer and speaker. A dutiful officer to the last, Brother Chumley issued his final report as Department GAR Highway Officer on July 13, 2017, knowing then that his time was short.

Section 2: Brother Chumley derived his membership in the SUVCW from his great-grandfather, PVT Jackson Sidney Chumley, Company D, 3rd Tennessee Infantry, USA. Jackson had two younger brothers who also served in the Union Army. A great-great grandfather of Brother Chumley, LT Robert Wilson, also served in the 29th Alabama Infantry, CSA, qualifying him – as he put it – as a "true SOB" (Son of Both).

Section 3: Services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 6500 Stearns Street in Long Beach, California, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Section 4: The Department extends our sincere condolences to the family. Cards may be sent to the family at the following address: 3038 Stevely Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808.

Section 5: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

Section 6: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C and R, Chap. V, Article V, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California & 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. 6**  
**SERIES 2016-2017**

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER**

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: Due to the passing of Department GAR Highway Officer Brother Thomas P. Chumley, PCC, on September 9, 2017, Brother Andrew C. Brown (Assistant to the Department GAR Highway Officer, and Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2) is hereby appointed Department GAR Highway Officer with date - of rank September 10, 2017.

Section 2: The position of Assistant to the Department GAR Highway Officer is hereby eliminated, unless later requested for reinstatement by the Department GAR Highway Officer.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second, in Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California, by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Department of California & 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

**RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

Since the July issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted, nine General Orders by the previous Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin and four by the new Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day have been issued. For a complete list of General Orders back to 1994, please see the National website: [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=513](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513).

In summary, the nine by Commander-in-Chief Martin are as follows. General Order No. 25 revokes the charter of the Thomas E. Bowman Camp No. 12 of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming. General Order Nos. 26 to 31 are the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Nos. 1 through 6 at the National Encampment. General Order No. 32 lists various members who received awards at the National Encampment. General Order No. 33 returns Idaho to the Department of Colorado/Wyoming.

In summary, the four by Commander-in-Chief Martin are as follows. General Order No. 1 gives instructions involving the change in command. General Order No. 2 is about members and official conduct involving the removal of monuments. This General Order was reprinted above. General Order No. 3 involves new camps forming using hyphenated names. General Order No. 4 involves some committees assignments and their tasks.