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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, August 26 at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2018

July 4, 2018

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) conducted a program at the Liberty Bell replica at the State Museum in Carson City. It included a bell ringing with people stating the colony their ancestor was from. Commander Col. Edward G. Carson, Ret. Army; Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis; and Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis were present representing the Camp. 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.

Col. Edward G. Carson, Ret. Army; Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis; and the Commander's sister Susan participated in the Virginia City 4th of July parade. The Commander's van was used with the new magnetic Camp 25 signs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 9-12, 2018

The 137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 132nd of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 9-12, 2018, at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, Massachusetts. The entertainment will include a narrated cruise of Boston Harbor and a guided tour of Fort Warren. A flyer of the Encampment is now available at <http://www.asuvcw.org/images/pdf/encwht.pdf>.

WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

November 9-11, 2018

The annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference will be held November 9-11, 2018, at the Wyndon Garden Hotel in Fresno California. The cost is \$200, and see for <http://www.peninsulacivilwarroundtable.org/2018-west-coast-civil-war-roundtable-conference/details>.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 22-23, 2019

The 134th Department of California and Pacific Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will tentatively be held March 22-23, 2019 in Bakersfield, California - details to be announced.

NORTHERN NEVADA CELTIC CELEBRATION

May 18-19, 2019

The 28th annual Northern Nevada (formerly Reno) Celtic Celebration will be held May 18-19, 2019. It was last held at Bartley Park in 2017 and included the Battleborn Civil War Reenactors. See the website at <https://www.renoceltic.org> for event information.

MEETING – JUNE 24, 2018

Minutes of the camp meeting
Sunday, June 24, 2018, at 1300 Hours,
VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV
General William Passmore Carlin--Camp 25
Department of California and Pacific

I. Opening

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commander Carson at 13:09 hours.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Worcester.
- C. Invocation was led by JVC Kurt Dietrich.
- D. Members in attendance were: Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Frank Wood, and Brian Worcester.
- E. Our guest was potential new member Hugh Pickering who was introduced by JVC Kurt Dietrich.

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

A. Secretary Hess referred to the minutes of the April meeting, which were previously printed in the last issue of the Carlin Dispatch (**Attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 1**). Hess asked for any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Dietrich) and SECONDED (Worcester) that the Minutes of the April meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

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III. Camp Commanders Report--Commander Edward Carson

A. A review of upcoming events focused on the upcoming Independence Day observation. Commander Carson noted the annual Liberty Bell Ringing ceremony to be held at the Nevada State Museum starting at 9:30 a.m. and encouraged members to attend.

B. Commander Carson also discussed Camp 25's participation in the Virginia City Parade. SVC David Davis was authorized to register Camp 25 as an automobile entry and approval to pay the registration fee for which he will be reimbursed.

IV. Treasurer's Report--Treasurer David Hess

A. Brother Hess presented the financial statements as of June 1, (**attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 2**). Hess asked if there were any questions. **Being none it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Dietrich) that the financial statements be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

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.

B. Brother Davis presented the History and Memorials Report. Topics for this report included:

- 1) Markers at Mitchell Post 69 Cemetery for Civil War Veterans buried elsewhere.
- 2) Seasonal Opening of Bower's Mansion.
- 3) a status report on bugler Bartholomew Keenan (aka Thomas Kane). **The full report is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3**

VI. Grave Registration Officer Report. Nothing to report.

VII. Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Kurt Dietrich.

A. Brother Kurt Dietrich gave a final report on the inaugural round of providing ROTC/JROTC Awards. He reported that while there was some delays in getting the medals and certificates delivered from National they were resolved. Having one round now under our belts will help us be better prepared for next year. B. Roger Linscott noted that the North Valleys High School awarded a SUVCW medal to a JROTC cadet, but it was not known by what means they acquired the medal as they did not go through Camp 25. Roger was present as a representative of the SAR and, overhearing the conversation, volunteered to make the presentation on behalf of the SUVCW.

C. JVC Dietrich introduced Hugh Pickering who gave a brief report of his Civil War veteran ancestor. We all encouraged Hugh to pursue an application.

VIII. Patriotic Instructor's Report-- Brother Tyrone Davis

A. Brother Tyrone Davis reported this month on the Battle of Hoover's Gap. (**Attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 4**).

IX. Chaplains Report--None.

X. New Business. Brother Brian Worcester reported on the health of founding Camp 25 Commander Paul Washeleski. He reported the Paul has cancer and that it is terminal. For those wishing to convey their sympathies to Brother Paul, or in the event of his death to his survivors, you should contact Secretary David Hess for his address.

XI. Old Business--None.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 14:18 hours. The next meeting will be AUGUST 26, AT 13:00 HOURS AT THE USUAL PLACE.

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

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NOTE: To save space and redundancy, see Minutes of previous meeting (Exhibit 1) in last issue of Carlin Camp Dispatch. Treasurer's Report (Exhibit 2) not included because of account numbers. See reports referred to as Exhibits 3 and 4 below.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 24, 2018

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

MARKERS AT MITCHEL POST 69 CEMETERY FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED ELSEWHERE

As noted in previous History reports and Carlin Camp Dispatch articles, four Civil War veterans have Government issued markers in the G.A.R. O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside but are buried elsewhere. Three Civil War veterans – Patrick Keating, d. 9/3/1901; Martin Kennedy, d. 5/29/1912; and Patrick Reynolds, d. 12/15/1892 - were originally buried in the old Saint Thomas Catholic Cemetery, which was along Virginia Street across from Lincoln Hall at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). They never were buried in the G.A.R. Cemetery. The fourth - Julius Hussey, d. 1890 - was originally interred in the G.A.R. Cemetery. Without rehashing the details, the remains of Messrs. Keating, Kennedy, and Reynolds were moved mostly to the Old Saint Thomas section of Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery. In 1959, the remains of Hussey were removed to Masonic Memorial Gardens near Mountain View. During renovations in the 1960s by the Johanna Shine Tent No. 82 of the DUVCW and Isaac Crist Camp No. 28 of the SUVCW new government markers were acquired, which included those markers of the above named veterans. The Darrell Dunkle Post 1 of the American Legion now oversees the G.A.R. O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery and give Camp 25 their blessing to move the markers to the proper gravesites.

At the G.A.R. Cemetery on Monday, May 14, SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC; Councilman Brian I. Worcester; Secretary/Treasurer David Hess; and Counselor Roger Linscott met two workers from Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery. The workers took away the tombstones for Messrs. Keating, Kennedy, and Reynolds to their cemetery and loaded the one for Mr. Hussey onto David A. Davis's pick-up. David and Roger later delivered it to David Tener at Masonic Memorial Gardens. Fortunately, the tombstones were not cemented in and the ground around them was loose sand. The holes were filled in afterwards.

Somewhat ironically, after moving the tombstones, an obituary surfaced for a Civil War veteran whose cremains were interred in the G.A.R. Cemetery but with no tombstone to mark his grave. William Cooper, age 78, passed away on December 18, 1923, in Oakdale, California. He had served in Co. F, 99th Illinois Infantry. He specified he wanted to be buried in the Reno G.A.R. Cemetery, and a few months later his cremains were. So far, several great-grandchildren (1940) have been identified in an effort to find a descendant who may sign off on a military tombstone.

Recently, the grave of last known Union soldier to be buried Nevada was identified in the G.A.R. Cemetery. James Mossburgh died in 1939 at the age of 90. He joined the Union Army at the age of 14 and later fought with the Boers against the British in the Boer War in South Africa. Brian had acquired the bronze SUVCW Last Civil War Veteran in a County star and securely attached it to a steel bar. Roger mixed cement and the memorial was cemented into the ground adjacent to the tombstone. As it set-up, Roger imprinted a "25" into the cement before covering it over with dirt. A write-up of this event and pictures were published in the May 2018 issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch.

As of yesterday, the tombstones taken to Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery have not been placed. When they are, they will be laid down flat. However, at Masonic memorial Gardens, the tombstone for Mr. Hussey has been placed upright next to his existing tombstone, which was laid down flat decades ago.



SEASONAL OPENING OF BOWER'S MANSION

On May 19, Bowers Mansion at the Bowers Mansion Regional Park was opened for the season. The Nevada Civil War Volunteers reenactors set up camp and conducted several skirmishes. In the mansion library, Camp 25 displayed the 1863 Groot map of Nevada Territory and the map showing expeditions of the First Nevada Cavalry around Nevada during the Civil War. Also displayed were the 1913 G.A.R. Department of California and Nevada Reno Encampment parade picture, the Camp 25 flags, and a portrait of President Lincoln. Commander Col. Edward G. Carson (Retired Army); SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC; Councilman Brian I. Worcester; and Counselor Roger Linscott were present at various times. Camp 25 member Robert Burr participated with the reenactors. A few years ago, a former Civil War reenactor donated two tubs of his uniforms and related accoutrements and paraphernalia to Camp 25. During this event, these were donated to Nevada Civil War Volunteers. A write-up of this event and pictures were published in the May 2018 issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#).

THOMAS KANE/BARTHOLOMEW KEENAN

Since at least 2011, SVC/Historian David A. Davis and now deceased Commander John Riggs have periodically researched bugler (trumpeter) Bartholomew Keenan, aka Thomas Kane. He served in the Civil War, and later received the Medal of Honor for action during the Indian Wars in Arizona. He committed suicide in the Storey County jail in 1874 and was interred in the public section of the Gold Hill cemetery. An unnamed wife is noted in the obituary. His grave is listed as being decorated during Memorial Day at least between 1895 and 1905. No markers presently exist in that cemetery, which is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and overseen by the Comstock Cemetery Foundation. Carlin Camp 25 is researching how to get the man a Medal of Honor tombstone.

In 2011 Gayle Alvarez of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society was alerted to Mr. Keenan/Kane. About a month ago, Ms Alvarez contacted me about revived interest on their part to document Mr. Keenan/Kane. The Society has found some record of his apparent Civil War service and signed off on his death date and cemetery of burial. A much fuller report on this saga will be included in the next issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#).

Tyrone W Davis

PI Report Battle of Hoover's Gap

June 24th, 2018

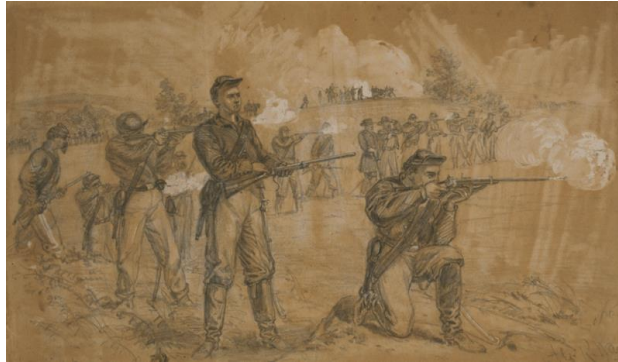
The Battle of Hoover's Gap took place on June 24th, 1863, it was the largest battle in the Tullahoma Campaign during the American Civil War, in which Union General William S. Rosecrans pushed General Braxton Bragg's Confederate troops out from Central Tennessee. Rosecrans feigned move on the western end of the Confederate line had left the eastern mountain passes lightly defended, and Colonel John T. Wilder's mounted infantry achieved total surprise when they attacked Hoover's Gap. Success was attributed both to Rosecrans brilliant deception tactics and the high morale of Wilder's 'Lightning Brigade', equipped with the new Spencer repeating rifle, which totally disoriented the enemy.

On June 23, 1863, Rosecrans deployed troops to feign an attack on Shelbyville while massing forces against Bragg's right. His troops struck out toward the gaps. On June 24, Maj. Gen. [George H. Thomas's](#) men, spearheaded by Colonel [John T. Wilder's](#) "Lightning Brigade", attacked Hoover's Gap. Wilder's mounted infantry pushed ahead and reached the gap nearly 9 miles ahead of Thomas's main body. Wilder's men were given new [Spencer repeating rifles](#) and took Confederate 1st and 3rd Kentucky Cavalry Regiments under the command Colonel J. Russell Butler by surprise and easily forced them to retreat from the battlefield. As Butler's unit fell back the entire 7 mile length of Hoover's Gap, it ran into Brig. Gen. [William B. Bate's](#) brigade of Maj. Gen. [Alexander P. Stewart's](#) division.

Wilder entrenched on the hills south of the gap and determined to hold this extremely advanced position. Bate's brigade counterattacked throughout the day but could not dislodge the Federals. Wilder received orders from

Thomas to fall back through the gap. Wilder refused claiming he could still hold his ground. Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Bushrod Johnson's brigade arrived and now Bate and Johnson planned a final attack on Wilder. This attack was also held off and by 7:00 p.m. units from Lovell Rousseau and John M. Brannan's divisions of Thomas's corps arrived at the gap.

Prior to noon on June 26, Stewart sent a message to Johnson and Bate stating that he was pulling back and they should also. Although slowed by rain, Rosecrans moved on, forcing Bragg to retreat from his defensive line and withdraw to Tullahoma. After reaching Tullahoma, Rosecrans sent Wilder's Lightning Brigade ahead to hit the railroad in Bragg's rear. Arriving too late to destroy the Elk River railroad bridge, Union troops destroyed the railroad track around Decherd.



Union Cavalry dismounted shooting at Confederate Infantry at the Battle of Hoover's Gap June 24th, 1863.

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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

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.suvsac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted, three new General Orders 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. In summary, General Order No. 32 suspends the Dept. of Columbia and Dept. of Connecticut for not filing Form 35. General Order No. 33 proposes an amendment to the National by-laws as follows:

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last proceeding~~ **any** National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and /or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected.

General Order No. 34 reports on the passing of Real Daughter Patricia Albertson of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who died On May 30th, 2018, at the age of 95. She was daughter of John Webster Hadlock, 10th Vermont Vols.