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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 28 at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE UPDATE

The 6th Military District Chief of Staff and Camp 25 Artillery Commander Wayne Eder has been busy with some upcoming changes in the district. Major Joe Marti, Commander of the 6th Military District plans on stepping down in October, tentatively to be replaced by Captain Steve Betschart of Co. B 71st PA Infantry. Captain Betschart will be reviewing staff positions and making appointments as appropriate. Brothers Michael Gravitt, Jr., Charles B. Smith V, and Donald Hotchkiss are involved with the formation of the new Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp No. 31 in Henderson, Nevada. Camp 31 will have its organizational meeting (see below) on October 6, 2018 in Henderson. Captain Eder will be present to provide information on the SVR.

CAMP 31 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

October 6, 2018

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) has approved the formation of a new camp to be called the Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp No. 31 in Henderson, Nevada. This will be the third camp in Nevada. The organizational meeting will be held on Saturday morning, October 6, 2018, at Guiseppe's Bar and Grill in Henderson. The meeting agenda will include the general organization of the Camp, bylaws, and officers. The new camp will hold regular quarterly meetings, as well as activities in the community throughout the year. The effort is being spearheaded by Michael Gravitt, camp organizer, and Don Hotchkiss and Charles Smith, who will be assisting with the camp formation. If you would like to attend the meeting or get more information, please email Michael Gravitt at mwgravitt@gmail.com.

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 were held August 9-12, 2018, at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, Massachusetts. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw was elected Commander-in-Chief. Through the years he has held many offices in the SUVCW including Commander for the Department of Michigan, Assistant National Counselor, National Counselor, National Chief of Staff, member of the Council of Administration, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief will be located at 3914 Larchmont Street, Flint, Michigan 48532. See <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/NATIONAL-OFFICERS-11-Sep-2018-part-1.pdf> for the new list of National officers.

PAUL WASHELESKI, PCC

As some of you may know, Paul Washeleski, the driving force behind the formation of Carlin Camp 25 and its first Camp Commander, has been fighting a touch and go battle with cancer. The good news is that he has been responding well to treatment and his cancer is now in remission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOWER'S MANSION

October 13, 2018

Bower's Mansion will be closing for the season. An event including the Civil War re-enactors and Carlin Camp 25 will be held at the Mansion on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

NEVADA DAY

October 27, 2018

The Nevada Day parade will be held Saturday, October 27, 2018, in Carson City. The theme is "A State of Economic Diversity". Camp 25 will have an entry in it.

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 for details, see: <http://www.peninsulacivilwarroundtable.org/2018-west-coast-civil-war-roundtable-conference/details>.

VETERANS' DAY

November 11, 2018

The Reno Veterans' Day parade will be held Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 11 am. Veterans' Day, formerly Armistice Day, marked the end of World War I, 100 years ago this year.

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.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 8-11, 2019

The 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 8-11, 2019, in Independence, Ohio. Information will be posted at http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=2791 as it becomes available.

MEETING – AUGUST 26, 2018

Minutes of the camp meeting
Sunday, August 26, 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 13:05 hours.
- B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SVC David Davis.
- C). Invocation was led by JVC Kurt Dietrich.
- D). Members in attendance were: Ray Ahrenholtz, Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Frank Wood, and Brian Worcester.
- E). No guests were in attendance.

II. Camp Commanders Report-- Camp Commander Edward Carson

- A). Commander Carson reported the following nominees for Camp 25 Officers for 2019. They include:

Camp Commander	Kurt Dietrich
Senior Vice Commander	David Davis
Junior Vice Commander	Frank Wood
Secretary/Treasurer	David Hess

B). Commander Carson also discussed Camp 25's participation in upcoming events.

III. Treasurer's Report--Treasurer David Hess

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

IV. Secretary's Report--Secretary David Hess

A). **Approval of Minutes.** Secretary Hess referred to the minutes of the June meeting, which were previously printed in the last issue of the Carlin Dispatch (**Attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 2**). Hess asked for any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Dietrich) that the Minutes of the April meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

B). **Bylaw Amendments.** Secretary Hess reported on why the amendments were necessary. There reasons include: 1) Changes mandated by national in order to make our Bylaws conform to changes necessary to include Camp 25 under the umbrella of their pending application for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. 2) Changes that were cosmetic, that is, for the purpose of making our Bylaw Articles fall in a commonly accepted format order. 3) Changes to articles (geographic boundaries of the Camp) that have been rendered moot by policy changes at the National and Department level. **It was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Ahrenholz) to approve the Bylaw amendments as presented. Except for one typo correction, the motion PASSED unanimously (see final copy of Bylaws as amended attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3).**

C). **Dues Change.** Secretary Hess pointed out that for as long as the national dues was \$23 we have been out of conformance with our Bylaws. Camp Bylaws state that the annual dues for the camp will be \$10 above the combined sum of the national dues and the department dues. At present national dues are \$23 and department dues are \$5. The sum of the two is \$28 which means total annual dues should be \$38, not the \$36 we have been charging. **After much discussion it was MOVED (Dietrich) and SEONDED (Worcester) to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Bylaws to increase the Camp annual dues to \$12 (formerly \$10). 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) Thomas Kane aka Bartholomew Keenan.

2) Unionville remains.

3) **The full report is attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 4**

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

A). **New Member Application of Alexander Holmes Bertea.** Brother Kurt Dietrich presented the completed application of Alexander (Alex) Holmes Bertea of Gardnerville, Nevada. His Civil War ancestor is his Great Great Grandfather, Henry H. Isley, a private in Company F of the 8th Regiment Iowa Volunteer Cavalry from 1863 to 1865. The application has been processed and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of Camp 25 and the National Office and all the required fees have been paid. **It was MOVED (Hess) and SECONDED (Ahrenholz) to approved Mr. Bertea's application. The motion PASSED unanimously.**

B). **New Member Application of Michael Howard Juckett.** Brother Kurt Dietrich presented the completed application of Michael Howard Juckett of Carson City, Nevada. His Civil War ancestor is his Great Uncle, Franklin Howard Juckett who served as a private in Company E, 77th New York Infantry-Saratoga from 1861 to 1862. The application has been processed and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of Camp 25 and the National Office and all the required fees have been paid. **It was MOVED (Ahrenholz) and SECONDED (Hess) to approved Mr. Juckett's application. The motion PASSED unanimously.**

C). **GAR Tree Status.** Brother Dietrich inquired if anyone was aware of the current status of the GAR tree near the UNR campus. Houses around the tree are being removed. Brother Worcester reported that the tree was still standing when he recently drove by to check on it. It was suggested that the Camp write to the State Historic Preservation Office to determine its future.

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

A). Brother Tyrone Davis was absent but provided a written reported this month on the Battle of Mobile Bay. (**Attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 5**).

VIII. Grave Registration Officer Report. None.

IX. Chaplains Report--None.

X). **New Business.** Brother Brian Worcester asked if any Camp members were planning on attending the Civil War encampment and train battle in Virginia City over the Labor Day weekend. Brother Worcester is planning on attending and he wanted to know if anyone else might care to carpool.

XI. Old Business--None.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 15:18 hours. The next meeting will be OCTOBER 28, 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 Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

NOTE: Treasurer's Report (Exhibit 1) not included because of account numbers. To save space and redundancy, see Minutes of previous meeting (Exhibit 2) in last issue of Carlin Camp Dispatch. Also, the amended by-laws (Exhibit 3) are 25 pages long and were sent out in a previous e-mail by the Camp Secretary-Treasurer. See reports referred to as Exhibits 4 and 5 below.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 26, 2018

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

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. At the time of his death, he went by the name Thomas Kane. A Medal of Honor for Bartholomew Keenan was found in his cell shortly after the removal of his body. A letter was sent to the sheriff stating that Keenan and Kane were the same man and the medal was his.

In 2011 Gayle Alvarez of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society was alerted to Mr. Keenan/Kane. A few months 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 a future issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society is a Congressionally chartered organization whose members received the Medal of Honor. It also researches and keeps track of those who received it historically.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) owns the Gold Hill Cemetery, and the Comstock Cemetery Foundation oversees the Comstock cemeteries including the one at Gold Hill. They have a good working relationship with the BLM. I contacted the Foundation. They are very interested in having Mr. Keenan's grave marked and his Medal of Honor noted. They said they need to do some of their own research into him, but if they are satisfied, they can make it work if a marker is produced. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society would be happy to see his grave marked, too. Non-related individuals can now order Government markers for veterans who served prior to 1917. The glitch is the Government will not issue a marker if the exact grave site is not known. Most of the graves in the public section are not marked including Mr. Keenan's. Also, the cemetery records are scanty, and the exact patch of cheat grass Mr. Keenan is under is also not known. A cenotaph can be procured but only by a family member, but Mr. Keenan had no known descendants, and it is uncertain if he had siblings. The Society has a contact that makes markers for about \$600 and might be able to fund it, but no guarantees.

UNIONVILLE REMAINS

On July 31, 2018, Brothers Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis and Camp Bugler Ray Ahrenholz of Carlin Camp 25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War met with Eugene "Gene" Hattori and Bryan Hockett to view the holdings associated with the Unionville skeleton. Gene is a curator with the Nevada State Museum, and Bryan is an archaeologist with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The holdings are held at the Nevada State Museum Indian Hills Site facility at 1026 Topsy Lane, Carson City, Nevada.

The bones and artifacts were in several plastic bags packed in a small box. The skeleton including the skull were in pieces and the teeth were separate. Also in separate bags were buttons, very dry leather shoes, and bones of unidentified animals that were found with the human remains.

Skeleton: The bones appeared well weathered. The cause of death is thought to have been blunt force trauma to the face. The jaw and skull were in pieces and 24 teeth were separated from the jaws. However, present cracks in the remaining skull pieces may be due to weathering. An upper thigh bone had a "green stick" fracture. The teeth had wear such as might come from eating tough food (hardtack?). The bones were apparently of a young man in his late teens or early 20s. The wisdom teeth had erupted (18 to 25 years of age) and the leg bone was not totally fused (by 22 years of

age). the person was likely of European or of European descent, though the incisors were broken so the parts that would be "shovelled" indicating an aboriginal American were not present. The sex and height were not discussed though forensics reports state the artifacts indicate a male about 5' 6" to 5' 7" tall.

Shoes: The remains of two very dry leather Army (ankle length) boots or brogans, both of which were assembled at one time with wooden pegs and iron nails. The soles were clad with hob nails and one rusty "heel plate" (mini horse shoes for boot heels).

Buttons: 4 different types of buttons were present. These included: two bone(?) buttons of about 5/16" diameter which were of a type to fasten a shirt collar or wrist opening; one "pie crust" button of about 3/4" diameter. This is a type of button which because of its cross section is usually associated with the anchor point for suspenders; one brass eagle button 3/4" diameter which was of a type used on a 4 button sack (fatigue) coats, frock coats and main closure for overcoats; one brass eagle button 9/16" diameter of a type used to fasten a chin strap of a forage cap, cuffs to jackets, gorget tape on collars, and main closure of shell jackets. Gene noted several buttons appeared to be missing. The brass buttons were referred as General Services buttons and contained no letters identifying the service branch.

Conclusion: The presence of two different size Military issue buttons and apparent Military style brogans kind of puts a thumb on the scales towards being the artifact of a soldier, but admittedly inconclusive. A civilian may have used loose Military buttons to sew up his clothes and wore brogans similar to those used by the Military. Unionville was less than half a mile from site where the remains were found and was a well established mining camp when the Civil War began.

Miscellaneous Notes: All issue items had to come from around the Horn to either the Los Angeles port or Presidio of San Francisco. One opinion was that items were military surplus. Great idea for 21st Century, non-existent for 19th Century. A letter from the Quartermaster General to a U.S. senator in December of 1851 reveals that all the clothing for the Army was made at the Schuylkill Arsenal (Philadelphia)

Patriotic Instructor Report
By Tyrone Davis
Battle of Mobile Bay

The Battle of Mobile Bay occurred on August 5, 1864 was a major naval battle during the American Civil War where a Union fleet commanded by Rear Admiral David G. Farragut, aided by a contingent of soldiers, attacked a small Confederate fleet commanded by Admiral Franklin Buchanan and three forts that guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay. A paraphrase of his order, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" became famous. Farragut's actual order was "Damn the torpedoes! Four bells. Captain Drayton, go ahead! Jouett, full speed!".

The battle was remembered by Farragut's rash but rather successful advance through a minefield that had taken out one of his ironclad monitors, enabling his fleet to get beyond the range of the shore-based batteries. This was followed by a reduction of the Confederate fleet to a single vessel, ironclad CSS Tennessee.

However the Tennessee did not retreat, it battled the entire Northern fleet. The *Tennessee's* armor enabled her to inflict more injury than she received, but she could not overcome the imbalance in numbers. She was eventually reduced to a motionless hulk and surrendered, ending the battle. With no Navy to support them, the three Confederate forts also surrendered within days. Complete control of lower Mobile Bay was obtained Union forces.

Mobile had been the last important port on the Gulf of Mexico east of the Mississippi River remaining under Confederate control, so its capture was the final step in completing the blockade in that region. This Union victory, along with the capture of Atlanta, was extensively covered by Union newspapers and was a significant boost for Abraham Lincoln's bid for re-election three months after the battle.



Battle of Mobile Bay, August 5th 1864

Patriotic Report References

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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

One Department Order since the May issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch has been issued. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

Department Order No. 5 SERIES 2018-2019

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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: Brother Thomas T. Graham, PDC, is hereby appointed editor of a special National Encampment issue of the Department newsletter, The California Column, to be published in the fall of 2018.

Section 2: The Department understands that this appointment is for the publication of one issue of The California Column only. If any Brothers in our Department would be willing to serve as editor of future issues, please contact the Department Commander.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 16 th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-third, 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 last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted, three new General Orders by the now Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day and four by the new Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw 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. 35 of Commander-in-Chief Mark Day presented the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Bruce D. Frail of the Department of Rhode Island. General Order No. 36 presented the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Robert Rogers, Department of Illinois. General Order No. 37 lists the 15 awards and recipients at the National Encampment.

General Order No. 1 of Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw puts his headquarters at 3914 Larchmont Street, Flint, Michigan, 48532, gives his thanks, and sets some of his priorities. General Order No. 2 lifts the suspension of the Department of Connecticut. General Order No. 3 reports the passing of Marion Eggert Combs of Upland, California on August 31, 2018 at the age of 98 years. Sister Combs was a Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. General Order No. 4 lifts the suspension of the Department of Columbia.