

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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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, April 28 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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## DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

**March 22-23, 2019**

The 134th Department of California and Pacific Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 108th Department Encampment of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were held March 22-23, 2019, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5101 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309. From Camp 25, Commander Kurt Dietrich, Past Camp Commander Col. Edward G. Carson, and Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman attended. Rudy E. Velasco III, PCC, of the General George Stoneman, Jr, Camp 18 was elected Department Commander. See the Department website for the new officers.

## CAMP 31 PROGRESS

As some of you may know, our Camp 25 brother in southern Nevada, Dr. Wayne L. Eder, has been involved with the organization of Camp 31 in southern Nevada. He just sent the following e-mail as an update on his progress.

Greetings Brothers!

I wanted to take a few moments to update you on the status of the Camp. Hopefully you are aware that Michael Gravitt has stepped down as organizer and I will attempt to fill his position. Thank you Michael for providing all of the required information to ensure a smooth transition! I have submitted the required Form 51 to SUVCW for 2019 and it looks like we are ready to move forward. I promised that I would have my schedule cleared in April, and it looks like I am on track to make that promise in the next few weeks. On a related note, my wife and I are moving into a second home Henderson in May so that we can at least be around part of the time. I anticipate attempting to schedule a meeting in early June. I am requesting input from you as members on a potential date. Any thoughts on Saturday 6/1 OR 6/8? I also would like you to once again start thinking about offices you may wish to hold in our Camp. If you see that I missed someone on this email, please share it with them as I get us up to speed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Dr. Wayne L. Eder

SUVCW Camp 31 - Organizer

6th Military District SVR - Captain/Chief of Staff

Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR - Commander

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

**April 10th, 2019**

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month, will hold its next meeting at April 10th, 2019. The meeting is open to the public. Dinner and informal discussions start at 6:00 pm, a short business meeting is held starting at 7 pm and a featured talk begins about 7:20 pm and lasts between 45 minutes and an hour. The featured talk this time will be Nick K. Adams speaking on "The Two Sides of One Story As Minnesota Governor Alexander Ramsey". See the website at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com> for more information.

### **63rd ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

**April 13, 2019**

The 63rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony commemorating the 154th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois at 10 am on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The event is sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Headquarters will be the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 701 East Adams St., Springfield, Illinois 62701. A luncheon will be held with Mary Todd Lincoln speaking on "My Side of the Story". For registration and other event information, see the website at <http://www.suvcw.org/?p=3045> or contact Robert Petrovic at: [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567.

### **ELK GROVE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

**April 17th, 2019**

The Elk Grove Civil War Round Table, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant at 8707 Elk Grove Road in Elk Grove south of Sacramento, will hold its next meeting at April 17th, 2019. The meeting is open to the public. A no host dinner starts at 5:30 pm, and Grand Review-Guest Speakers-Program starts at 6:45 pm. The featured talk this time will be Kathleen Robinson speaking on "Civil War Hospitals". See the website at <http://www.elkgrovecwrt.org> for more information.

### **LAS VEGAS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

**April 23rd, 2019**

The Las Vegas Civil War Round Table, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the second floor lounge of Charlie's Lakeside and Lounge on the corner of Durango and Sahara in Las Vegas, Nevada, will hold its next meeting on April 23rd, 2019. A light dinner or coffee starts at 7 pm, and the program will be about the 4th Texas and its involvement at the Battle of Gettysburg. See the website at <https://www.meetup.com/LVCWRT> for more information.

### **SEASONAL OPENING OF BOWERS MANSION**

**May 18, 2019**

The seasonal opening of Bowers Mansion at Bowers Mansion Regional Park will be held 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday May 18, 2019. It will include Civil War Reenactments, and the brothers of Carlin Camp 25 have in the past garrisoned the library. See the website at [https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/specialty\\_facilities/bowers\\_mansion.php](https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/specialty_facilities/bowers_mansion.php) for event information.

### **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.

### **BATTLE OF FORT CHURCHILL**

**May 24-26, 2019**

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers will hold living history and Civil War reenactments at Fort Churchill, Nevada on May 24-26, 2019. See the website at <https://www.nevadacivilwar.org/> for event information.

## MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2019

On Monday May 27, 2019, at 9:00 am, the Memorial Day morning service sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Reno. Carlin Camp 25 members will participate. This will be followed by the Memorial Day program at Mountain View Cemetery located at 435 Stoker Avenue in Reno.

## NEVADA STATE FAIR

June 6-9, 2019

The Nevada State Fair featuring the Rendezvous will be held June 6-9, 2019, at Mills Park in Carson City. See the website at <http://www.nevadastatefair.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](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=2791) as it becomes available.

## 2019 WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2019

The 2019 West Coast Civil War Conference, sponsored by the Sacramento Civil War Round Table will be held November 8th through 10th, 2019, at Crown Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, California. The theme will be "Civil War Leadership, 1861-1865". See flyer at <http://www.peninsulacivilwarroundtable.org/penwp/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/West-Coast-Conference-Flyer-2019.pdf> for more information.

## MEETING – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Minutes of the camp meeting  
Sunday, February 24, 2019, 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 Dietrich at 1305 hours.
- B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SVC David Davis.
- C). Invocation was led by JVC Francis Wood.
- D). Members in attendance were: Ray Ahrenholz, Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, and Brian Worcester.
- E). No guests were in attendance.

### II). Camp Commanders Report-- Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich

- A). Commander Dietrich discussed the upcoming Department Encampment which will take place on March 22-24 in Bakersfield, California. He urged as many brothers as can to attend noting that rooms were available starting at \$113/night.
- B). The Camp has been contacted about participation in this year's Reno Rodeo parade. This item is more fully discussed under New Business.

### III). Secretary's Report--Secretary David Hess

- A). **Approval of Minutes.** Secretary Hess referred to the minutes of the December 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 (Carson) and SECONDED (Linscott) that the Minutes of the October meeting be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**IV). Treasurer's Report--Treasurer David Hess**

A). Brother Hess presented the financial statements as of February 1, (**attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 2**). Hess asked if there were any questions. **Being none it was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Worcester) 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 notice of this meeting was posted in the usual manner.

B). Brother Davis asked for approval to place an advertisement (**attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 3**) in the Department Encampment program in the amount for \$25. Davis pointed out that this is something we have done annually in the past. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Worcester) to approve the placement of the advertisement. PASSED**

**VI). Historians Report--Brother David Davis.**

A). Brother Davis presented the History and Memorials Report on the Dedication of Markers. Brother Davis added some notes on Civil War veteran James Mitchell whose remains are buried at Our Mother Of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery but was omitted in the original ceremony (**attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 4**).

**VII). Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Francis Wood—Nothing to report.**

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

A). Brother Tyrone Davis submitted his report on the Battle Of Hatcher's Run which took place in Virginia on February 5-7, 1865. (**Attached to these Minutes as EXHIBIT 5**).

**IX). Grave Registration Officer Report—Brother Donald Huffman—Nothing to report.**

**X). Other Officers Reports--None.**

**XI). New Business.**

A). Commander Dietrich asked the members to consider an invitation by the Reno Rodeo to participate in the parade. The parade will take place on June 22, 2019. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rodeo which will make it an important celebration. The parade will take place on Virginia St. (just like the Veterans Day parade), and there is a registration fee of \$15. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Worcester) to table the discussion until the next meeting. PASSED.**

**XII). Old Business.**

A). Commander Dietrich has ordered a new flag and two flag poles (w/tops) that were previously authorized. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Carson) to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to The Flag Store in the amount of \$163.80. PASSED.**

**XIII).** The closing prayer was offered by Junior Vice Commander Francis Wood.

**XIV).The meeting was adjourned at 1447 hours. The date of the next meeting was tentatively set for Sunday, April 28 at 1300 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 the Union Veterans of the Civil War

NOTE: Treasurer's Report (Exhibit 2) not included because of account numbers. To save space and redundancy, see Minutes of previous meeting (Exhibit 1) in last issue of Carlin Camp Dispatch. See Exhibits 4 and 5 below.

# HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 24, 2019

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

## DEDICATION OF MARKERS

January 19, 2019

At 11 am, January 19, 2019, at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery on North Virginia Street north of McCarran Blvd., the dedication of four markers over the graves of Civil War veterans was conducted. See the January issue of the Carlin Dispatch for the write-up. A brief write-up was also sent to the Banner. Unfortunately, one Civil War with a family marker in Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery was overlooked – Private James Mitchell who served in Cos. C and M, 8th Ohio Cavalry. In keeping with the spirit of the dedication, the following is his biography. Ironically, he has the longest one.

### James Mitchell

James Mitchell was born July 16, 1843, to Patrick and Mary Mitchell in Sligo, Ireland, and died March 5, 1917 at his residence in Verdi, Nevada. He immigrated to the United States aboard the ship “Cultivator” and arrived in New York City on August 16, 1860. His destination was Canada, but during the Rebellion, he served as a private in the 8th Ohio Cavalry, and may have served in Co. F, 44th Ohio Infantry, the predecessor of the 8th Ohio Cavalry. He entered the latter on February 22, 1864, and served in Co. C before being transferred to Co. M on April 5, 1864. He mustered out July 30, 1865, but during his service, he received saber wounds.



After the war, he settled in Stukely Township, Quebec. He was a farmer and lived with his parents and siblings. He married Phillipine (a.k.a. Philippine) Margaret Lett of Wilberforce, Ontario, on November 30, 1871. He was Catholic and she was Anglican. They married in the Anglican Church in Stukely-Sud, Quebec, and they had a son Patrick H. born in 1872. They moved to New Jersey and had a daughter Mary Elizabeth Theresa born in 1873.

They moved to California and settled in Big Meadows, Plumas County. He acquired two parcels of land covering 120 acres near Big Springs, which became known as Mitchell’s Ranch. Big Meadows, including most of the land he once owned, is now under Lake Almanor. During their time in California, they had Margaret Estella in 1876, Sarah Florence in 1877, Martin William in 1878, Samuel J. in 1879, and Leo William C. in 1880. He worked as a rancher, prospector, and logger. Times were not always good. The County Court issued an order of sale for March 21 and 22, 1879, of the selling off three horses, two wagons, ten cows, four calves, and harnesses for three horses to settle debts. However, he kept the land.

In December 1880, he and his family moved to Greenville. In early 1881, he set up a livery business feeding, stabling, and renting horses, and sold his ranch that February to C. Lemm. However, on March 19, he was brought before Justice Emmons and plead guilty to assaulting a Chinese man. Whether or not the cause of moving, by July 1882, he was in Reno, where he opened a laundry on the banks of the river just below town. His advertisement noted he only employed white labor, and he catered to people “anxious to rid the town of Chinese laundries”.

By 1883, Mr. Mitchell and family were living in Verdi as noted by three of the children being in school there, and he and was on the tax rolls there by 1887. The family continued to grow with Arthur O. in 1883, Delbert L. in 1885, John Alie in 1886 (died in 1888), Phillipine M. in 1887, John in 1888 (died in 1891), Grace G. in 1889, John in 1893, and Charles in 1896 (died in infancy). Four of the children made the school honor roll in 1890. In 1883, Mr. Mitchell filed for a pension as an invalid, though his occupations continued to be ranching and mining. His ventures were still not always profitable as his property was listed for delinquent taxes for 1888 and 1910. In 1886, he joined the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69, though his membership lapsed in 1905.

In 1888, Mrs. Mitchell's brother William R. Lett move from New York City to Reno and became the head clerk at C.W. Booton's Opera House Dry Goods Store. He apparently did well, and by 1890, he moved to San Francisco and went into the import business with Edmund Taylor. In May 1891, he acquired almost 40 acres from the Pacific Improvement Company for \$700 and subdivided it into town lots, which became Lett's Addition to Verdi. The selling of the lots was briefly held up by a title dispute between Mr. Mitchell his brother-in-law and John Jones. In June and October, Mr. Lett sold seven blocks and an extra nine lots to his sister for \$500. Mr. Mitchell eventually acquired much of this property in his name as well as a 40 acre parcel on Peavine Peak about 2 miles north of Verdi. By 1897, Mr. Lett was anxious to unload the rest of the land as he was too busy and far away to attend to them.

The Mitchell's son Samuel attended the University of Nevada and was in the Cadet Corps. Unfortunately, he became ill and passed away at home after two months in 1896 from typhoid fever. A requiem Mass was held at St. Mary's and he was escorted by the Cadet Corps and buried in the Catholic Cemetery with military honors. That November, Mrs. Mitchell gave birth to a son Charles who died before year's end.

A decade later, Mrs. Mitchell became "unbalanced". The court declared her insane, and she was committed to the State Asylum on July 9, 1906. In December 1907, Mr. Mitchell filed a petition in the District Court to be appointed guardian of his wife and her estate (six lots in Verdi). However, their sons Patrick and Delbert thought differently. On December 21, Mr. Mitchell, his wife, and son Delbert were in Judge Orr's Court, Mr. Mitchell said he had disowned Delbert and got belligerent. Delbert said his father might have a gun, and he and his mother got behind the Judge. The Deputy restrained Mr. Mitchell and found no gun, but removed him from the Courtroom. Delbert and his siblings said their father was "addicted to drink" and did not want him to be their mother's guardian. Eventually Mr. Mitchell withdrew his petition and consented to son Arthur being appointed guardian.

As time went on, most of the children moved away, though Patrick and Delbert remained in Verdi. Mr. Mitchell ran as a Democrat for Road Supervisor in 1908 but lost. However, he lived alone with his dog in a tar paper shack in Verdi towards the end. On the night of March 5, 1917, the shack caught fire from an overheated stove. The fire department came but lacked water to douse the flames. They finally were about enter ruins around midnight and found the charred remains of Mr. Mitchell and his dog. A requiem high Mass was said by Father Tubman at St. Thomas Cathedral on March 7, and Mr. Mitchell was laid to rest in the St. Thomas Cemetery. The funeral was well attended by friend and family.

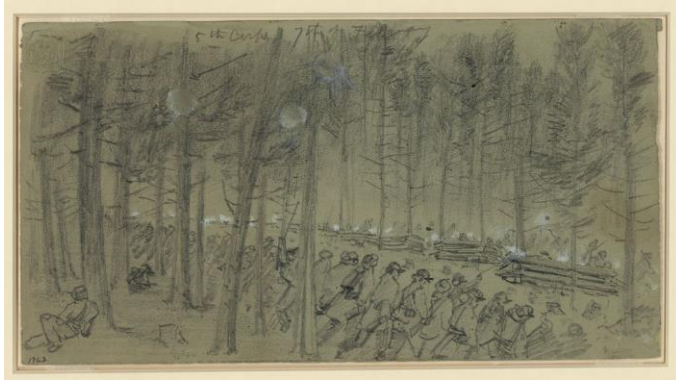
The cemetery was sold to UNR, and the removal of the remains commenced around 1962. On August 27, 1962, Mr. Mitchell's remains were removed to Grave 446 in Plot 12 of the Old St. Thomas section of Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery. A flat bronze marker lies at the grave and includes his name and the names of his wife (died 1923) and five of his many children.

**Tyrone W. Davis**  
**Patriotic Instructor Report**  
**Battle of Hatcher's Run**  
2/24/2019

By February 1865, the stalemate around Petersburg had entered its eighth month. Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant began to stretch Union forces westward in an attempt to get Gen. Robert E. Lee's undermanned army to do the same. On February 5th, Union Brig. Gen. David Gregg's cavalry division rode out to the Boydton Plank Road aka Reams Station and Dinwiddie Court House in an attempt to cut off Confederate supply trains. Maj. Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren with the Confederate Fifth Corps crossed Hatcher's Run and took up a blocking position on the Vaughan Road to buffer interference with Gregg's operations. Two divisions of the Second Corps under Maj. Gen. Andrew A. Humphreys shifted west to near Armstrong's Mill to support Warren's right flank. Late in the day, Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon attempted to turn Humphreys' right flank near the mill but was repulsed. During the night, Union troops were reinforced by two divisions. On February 6th, Gregg returned to Gravelly Run on the Vaughan Road from his unsuccessful raid and was attacked by elements of Brig. Gen. John Pegram's Confederate division. Warren pushed forward a reconnaissance in the vicinity of Dabney's Mill and was attacked by Pegram's and Maj. Gen. William Mahone's divisions. Pegram was killed during the battle. Although the Union advance was halted, they



extended their siege works to the Vaughan Road crossing of Hatcher's Run. Battle of Hatcher's run, Virginia Feb 5-7th 1865.



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## RECENT CAMP ORDERS

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

## RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No new Department Orders have been issued since the January issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#) was posted. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvcw.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

## RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Since the last issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#) was posted, one new General Order by Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw have been 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, General Order No. 9 reports the passing on February 26, 2019 of Janice Mae Corfman, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (1985-1986 term). She was preceded in death by her husband, SUVCW Past Commander in Chief Charles W. Corfman. All Department and Camp Charters of all SUVCW Departments and Camps were ordered to be draped for 30 days from starting February 27.