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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 9 at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

CAMP 25 OFFICERS FOR 2020

Election of officers was held at the December 15, 2019, meeting. The list of new officers is given below though there may be adjustments in the list of appointed officers.

ELECTED OFFICERS

1. Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich
2. Senior Vice Commander David A. Davis, PCC
3. Jr. Vice Commander Francis H. Wood, PCC
4. Secretary/Treasurer David F. Hess
5. 1st Councilman Col. Brian I. Worcester
6. 2nd Councilman Roger E. Linscott
7. 3rd Councilman Frank Whitman

APPOINTED OFFICERS

1. Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis
2. Chaplain Frank Whitman
3. Historian David A. Davis, PCC

4. Counselor vacant
5. Guide Francis H. Wood, PCC
6. Color Guard vacant
7. Guard Brian I. Worcester
8. Graves Registration Officer Donald J. Huffman
9. Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC
10. Eagle Scout Coordinator Tyrone W. Davis
11. GAR Highway Officer David A. Davis, PCC
12. ROTC Award Coordinator vacant
13. Newsletter Editor David A. Davis, PCC
14. Signals Officer David A. Davis, PCC

NEWS FROM SVR BATTERY A, 3RD U.S. ARTILLERY

The SVR Battery is planning its Southern Nevada activities for Memorial Day 2020. Along with the Brothers from Camp 31, Camp 25 member Dr. Wayne Eder, Commander of the SVR Battery will be visiting Goodsprings, Nevada (11 miles southeast of McCarran Airport, Las Vegas), to honor James Henry Ladd. He was born in Galena, Illinois, June 5, 1841 and died at Ladd's Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada, January 13, 1934. The graves registration shows that he was in the 49th Indiana Infantry. See Ladd's Resort in <https://www.lyonfinancial.net/spotlight-on-las-vegas-pools/>.

Tentative date and time is on the observed Memorial Day, May 25, 2020 at 11 AM Pacific Time. The SVR is currently working with local law enforcement to obtain permission to fire a gun salute to honor Following the graveside ceremony, SUVCW Brothers and guests will be heading to the nearby Pioneer Saloon.

For further information, please contact Brother Wayne Eder at jerseyartillery@gmail.com.

Dr. Wayne L. Eder

SUVCW Camp 25 Member; SUVCW Camp 31 Senior Vice Commander

6th Military District SVR - Captain/Chief of Staff; Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR - Commander



James Ladd

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—James Ladd, last surviving veteran of the Civil war in Clark county and a pioneer of the west, died at his home in Las Vegas Saturday morning, following a long illness. He was 92 years old and had resided in this town 30 years.

He was born in Galena, Ill., and was quite young when he entered the army. Following the close of the Civil war he came to the west to become a professional gambler and became widely known at the more famous mining camps of the west and also in Nome, Alaska.

Mr. Ladd came to Las Vegas in 1904 and had since acquired considerable property here and had been interested in his real estate for most of the time.

Funeral services will be under the direction of the American Legion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

February 12 and March 11, 2020

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The next two meetings will be on February 12 and March 11, 2020. 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. See the website at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com> for more information.

ELK GROVE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

February 19 and March 18, 2020

The Elk Grove Civil War Round Table holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant at 8707 Elk Grove Road in Elk Grove south of Sacramento. 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 next meeting will be held February 19, 2020, and the featured talk will be "Andrew Jackson and the Civil War" by David Beales. The following meeting will be held March 18, 2020, with a featured talk not listed as of this writing. See the website at <http://www.elkgrovecwrt.org> for more information.

LAS VEGAS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

February 25 and March 24, 2020

The Las Vegas Civil War Round Table holds its meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Charlie's Lakeside at the corner of Durano and Sahara in Las Vegas at 7 pm. The meeting is open to the public. A presentation or other type of activity on some aspect of the Civil War is conducted, and a raffle for history-related books are held with the money going to the Civil War Trust to help preserve sites associated with the Civil War. The next two meetings will be held on February 25 and March 24, 2020. For more information, call Kay Moore 702-645-5209 or email at lavenderlady@hotmail.com.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 20-22, 2020

The 135th Department of California and Pacific Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 109th Department Encampment of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will be held March 20-22, 2020, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3625 Marriott Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308. For details and registration information, please go to <http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>.

NORTHERN NEVADA CELTIC CELEBRATION

May 16, 2020

The 29th annual Northern Nevada (formerly Reno) Celtic Celebration will be held May 18-19, 2019, at Bartley Park. See the website at <https://www.renoceltic.org> for event information.

NEVADA STATE FAIR

June 4-7, 2020

The Nevada State Fair featuring the Rendezvous will be held June 4-7, 2020, at Mills Park in Carson City. See the website at <http://www.nevadastatefair.org> for event information.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 13-16, 2020

The 139th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 13-16, 2020, at the Atlanta Marriot Buckhead Hotel and Convention Center, 3405 Lenox Road North East, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326. Information will be posted at http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=2791 as it becomes available.

MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2019

Minutes of the camp meeting

Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 1810 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 1307 hours.

B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother David Davis.

C). Invocation was led by Brother Tyrone Davis.

D). **Members** in attendance were: David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Frank Whitman, Frank Wood, Brian Worcester.

E). **Guests:** Richard Dalton (submitting his application for membership)

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

A). The purchase of a new Nevada state flag from the flag store was done and paid for.

B). Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich and Brother Brian Worcester participated in the Nevada Day Parade.

III). Secretary's Report—Secretary David Hess.

The Minutes of the October meeting was printed and circulated to the members prior to the meeting. Brother Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Worcester) to approve the Minutes of the October meeting as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 1]**

IV). Treasurer's Report—Treasurer David Hess.

Brother Hess reported that he had circulated the Financial Statement for Camp 25 for the period ended November 30, and asked if there were any questions/additions/corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Worcester) to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending Nov. 30 as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 2]**

V). Senior Vice Commander and Historian Report--Brother David Davis.

A). Brother Davis said there was nothing to report.

VI). Historians Report. Historian David Davis reported on his meeting with Brother Peter Coulton and Wreaths Across America [See EXHIBIT 3]. Brother David also brought to the meeting an original Sharps carbine dated 1863-65.

VII). Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Francis Wood.

A). Brother Wood had nothing to report.

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

A). Brother Tyrone Davis submitted his report on the Battle of Stones River [See EXHIBIT 4].

IX). Grave Registration Officer Report—Brother Donald Huffman.

Nothing to report.

X). Other Officers Reports—Nothing to report.

XI). New Business--All.

A). **Request to include members names in a Google Group**—Camp Commander Dietrich asked if there was any objection to including members names in a Google Group email account he was creating. There were no objections and no one opted out.

B). **SVR Membership.** Brother Linscott asked what benefit we were getting from our membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). We currently pay \$3 per capita. Brother Linscott pointed out that no member (except Brother Wayne Eder) was an active participant so what benefit do we receive? Commander Dietrich expressed his concern that a quick decision might have unintended consequences. Brother Hess suggested we do nothing (i.e., not pay the dues and say nothing) and see what happens. That seemed to sit well with those present.

C). **Possible Associate Members.** Commander Dietrich opened the discussion on what we thought about the potential for members of CW re-enactor groups joining Camp 25 as Associate Members. This item deserves more discussion at future meetings.

D). **Membership Application for Richard Dalton.** Commander Dietrich appointed a committee consisting of Brothers Hess, D. Davis and himself to review Richard Dalton's application for membership. Consideration by the full membership was scheduled for the February Camp meeting. Richard Dalton, who was present as a guest, shared his knowledge of his CW ancestor.

XII). Old Business--All.

A). **Charters Of Freedom**—This item was tabled at the last meeting. Brother Linscott proposed the following motion: **MOVED (Linscott)—Camp 25 should authorize the purchase of a brick at the Carson City Charters Of Freedom monument in the name of the Camp for \$100. SECONDED (Hess). PASSED unanimously.**

XIII). Election and Installation of Officers for 2020.

A). The following Camp 25 Members were elected to serve for 2020:

- 1). Camp Commander, Kurt Dietrich
- 2). Senior Camp Commander, David Davis
- 3). Junior Camp Commander, Frank Wood
- 4). Secretary, David Hess
- 5). Treasurer, David Hess
- 6). 1st Counselor, Brian Worcester
- 7). 2nd Counselor, Roger Linscott
- 8). 3rd Counselor, Frank Whitman

B). All the officer present were sworn in by Brother David Davis acting for the Department of California and Pacific.

XIV). The closing prayer was offered by Brother Tyrone Davis

XV). The meeting was adjourned at 1509 hours. The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, February 9th 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 Union Veterans of the Civil War

Note: Exhibit 1 was the November 2019 issue of the Carlin Dispatch and because of redundancy was not reprinted here. The Treasurer's report (Exhibit 2) was not included here because of account numbers.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 15, 2019

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

PETER COULTON

November 16, 2019

At the Reno gun show on November 16, I spoke with a Peter Coulton, who is a member of a Camp in Washington. He used to live in Carson City and was interested in getting the gate to the Civil War statue in the Custer Post 5 plot of the Lone Mountain Cemetery replaced. It was stolen in the 1990s, but I have some old pictures showing it.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 14, 2019

I attended the Wreath Across America event at the Northern Nevada Veterans' Memorial Cemetery yesterday and laid three wreaths. Afterwards, Antoinette Carson of the Daughters of the American Revolution and I visited the veterans' grave at the nearby neglected Wadsworth Fraternal Cemetery, which contains a few Civil veterans. We then visited the grave of past Camp Commander John A. Riggs in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery in Reno.

Patriotic Instructor's Report Battle of Stones River

By Tyrone W. Davis 12/15/19

The day after Christmas, 1862, Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans's Army of the Cumberland left Nashville and marched toward Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's Tennessean Army in Murfreesboro, 30 miles to the south of him. Rosecrans had about 80,000 men at his command, yet he left 40,000 men in reserve around Nashville to guard his communication and supply routes that evening to hold off Bragg's raids. Confederate cavalry troopers under Colonel John Hunt Morgan were riding around the Nashville area, keeping Union cavalry busy but not effecting Rosecrans's move southward. The Union army generally followed the route of the Nashville Turnpike as it crossed the mid-Tennessee countryside toward Chattanooga. Confederate cavalry under Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler attacked the union column as it moved south, capturing four wagon trains and 1,000 Union soldiers on December 29.

The two armies gathered on the banks of Stones River on the night of December 30. Rosecrans's 41,000 troops were deployed on the northwest bank of the river and was organized into three infantry corps (or wings) with three divisions each. On the right, Maj. Gen. Alexander McCook's corps filled the farm fields south of the turnpike and west of Murfreesboro. Continuing to the north, in the center, Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas's troops were posted near the turnpike where it crossed the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. On the Union left flank was Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Crittenden's men covering the Stones River fords to the north.

Facing the Union troops was Bragg's army of 35,000 men arranged into two corps of infantry. On the Confederate left, two divisions of Maj. Gen. William J. Hardee's corps faced the Union right flank with their backs to Stones River. Hardee's third division under Maj. Gen. John C. Breckenridge was posted north of the turnpike, behind the river and awkwardly splitting Hardee's command. Between Breckenridge and the remainder of Hardee's corps was the corps of Lieut. Gen. Leonidas Polk, facing the Union center.

The end of the battle resulted in a Union victory, the total amount of casualties in the battle were 24,645: 12,906 on the Union side and 11,739 for the Confederates, or 31.4% of all troops combined. Considering that only about 78,400 men were engaged, this was the highest percentage of casualties (3.8% killed, 19.8% wounded, and 7.9% missing/captured) of any major battle in the Civil War, higher in absolute numbers than the infamous bloodbaths at Shiloh and Antietam earlier that year. Four brigadier generals were killed or mortally wounded: Confederate James E. Rains and Roger W. Hanson; Union Edward N. Kirk and Joshua W. Sill.

The battle was tactically inconclusive. Bragg received almost universal scorn from his Confederate military colleagues; only the support of Joseph E. Johnston and President Jefferson Davis's inability to find a suitable replacement saved his command. The battle was very important to Union morale, as evidenced by Abraham Lincoln's letter to General

Rosecrans: "You gave us a hard-earned victory, which had there been a defeat instead, the nation could scarcely have lived over." The Confederate threat to Kentucky and Middle Tennessee had been nullified, and Nashville was secure as a major Union supply base for the rest of the war.

Rosecrans spent five and a half months reinforcing Murfreesboro. The massive earthenworks "Fort Rosecrans" was built there and served as a supply depot for the remainder of the war. The next major operation, the Tullahoma Campaign, did not come until June, when Rosecrans finally moved his army against Bragg.

References:

- ~<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/stones-river>
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- ~<https://civilwarhome.com/stones.html>
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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

Three Special Department Orders were recently issued. Special Department Order No. 3 reports on the passing of Brother Oscar Randal Braman, PhD, of Gen. W.S. Rosecrans, Camp No. 2 on July 31, 2019. He was born on 7 December 1925 in Norman, Oklahoma, and was a Professor of Psychology at the University of Guam. He was a resident of Barrigada Heights, Guam, and a Life Member of our Order. He derived his membership through the service of his grandfather, Private Edwin Parker Braman in Co. B, 46th Illinois Infantry and Co. I, 74th Illinois Infantry. Brother Braman was laid to rest at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens in Barrigada, Guam.

Special Department Order No. 4 reports on the passing of Brother Billy G. Ogan, MAJ USAF (Ret) of Sgt. William Pittenger, Camp No. 21, on 20 November 2019. He was born April 26, 1927 in Topeka, Kansas, Brother Ogan served in the U.S. Army 1945 -1946 and also in the U.S. Air Force, June 1950 – May 1970 (Korean War Service) retiring as a Major. He was a high school history teacher and Civil Air Patrol Commander in Honolulu, Hawaii, 1970 – 1991. He was a resident of Honolulu and derived his membership through the service of his grandfather, Grandfather Samuel Ogan, Cos. I and F, 8th Kansas Infantry. He also had three other direct ancestors in the Union Army. Brother Ogan was laid to rest at the Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery on Oahu.

Special Department Order No. 5 reports on the passing of Brother David E. Allyn, of Lakeside, California, and longtime Camp Chaplain of Sgt. William Pittenger, Camp 21, on Saturday, December 14th, 2019. He was born on May 2, 1945, and transferred to Camp 21 from a Camp in Ohio in 1998. He derived his membership through the service of ancestor Private Charles Allyn, Co. C. 24th Michigan Infantry, Co. G, who was wounded 1 July 1863 at Gettysburg.

All Department brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty days from the date of the Orders. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Two new General Orders by Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris have been announced since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. Both Orders have to do with the passing of Past Commanders-in-Chief and all brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty days from the date of the Orders. For a complete list of General Orders back to 1994, please see the National website: http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513.

General Order No. 9 reported the passing of Rev. Richard O. Partington Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief (1987-1988) on December 8, 2019 at age 97. In 1938, he joined Philadelphia Camp No. 200 and attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg. He attended his first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1939 and the last encampment of the

GAR in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1949. He was elected Pennsylvania Department Commander in 1962. He was also a former Pastor of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church in Lafayette, Pennsylvania.

General Order No. 10 reported the passing on January 7, 2020, of Lowell V. Hammer, Past Commander-in-Chief (1991-1992) and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (1989-1991). He also served in a number of National offices of our Order and was a Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve He was Past Department Commander of the Department of Maryland (now Chesapeake) Department, and Past Camp Commander of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2.