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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 28 at a venue to be announced.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Please see the Camp, Department, and General Orders concerning Memorial Day at the end this issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Federal, state, and local recommendations and restrictions on gatherings, official area services for Memorial Day were cancelled. However, as private citizens, we paid our respects to deceased veterans.

Commander Kurt Dietrich and his family and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, visited the often overlooked Fraternal Cemetery in Wadsworth. Flowers were placed on the on the graves of the seven Civil War and one Spanish American War veteran plus the graves of other veterans. While this cemetery has seen better days, in the 1910s and 1920s, locals and people brought in by train from Sparks by the hundreds held Memorial Day services there. The following photographs were taken by David.



Charlotte Dietrich



Brian I. Worcester, Roger Linscott, Frank Whitman, Rob Stoecklin, Jonathan Dickey, and Secretary-Treasurer David Hess visited the G.A.R. General O.M Mitchel Post 69 cemetery at Hillside. Fran Tryon of the Hillside Cemetery Foundation and Monica Moriarty, President of the Johanna Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were also present. Afterwards, the grave of John Riggs, PCC, in Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery was visited and a salute fired. Brian afterwards visited the G.A.R. Custer Post 5 cemetery at Lone Mountain in Carson City. Roger Linscott, Rob Stoecklin, David Hess, Commander Kurt Dietrich, and David A. Davis and wife Jenny met at Clary's Bar and Grill across from the Peppermill. David and Jenny visited Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery that afternoon.

James M. Mossburg (d. 1939) the last known Civil War veteran (and a veteran of the Boer Wars) buried in Nevada (This and the next photographs are by Jonathan Dickey)



Fife and drum corps, (l-r) David Hess, Roger Linscott, and Brian I. Worcester



Salute, (l-r) Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Brian I. Worcester



Clary's, (l-r) David A. Davis, PCC, Jenny Davis, Kurt Dietrich, Rob Stoecklin, Roger Linscott, and David Hess



Jenny Davis at the grave of John Riggs

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE SVR

Dr. Wayne Eder, Captain/Interim Commander of the 6th Military District

Battery A, 3rd US Artillery of the 6th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve is comprised of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California & the Pacific, Camps 25 (Reno, NV) and 31 (Henderson, NV). With the limitations posed by 2020's COVID-19 virus, Battery Members decided to do their best to honor the "Boy's in Blue" in Nevada. The following small recognitions were provided by members throughout the state. Wayne also covered Camp 25 activities.

CAMP 31 (Southern NV)

Goodsprings, NV

The old mining town of Goodsprings has an interesting history, located in Clark County, South of Las Vegas near the Towns of Jean and Primm, Nevada, just off Interstate 15 near the California/Nevada border. The Senator Edward Dickinson Baker, Camp 31 had previously decided to hold a Memorial Day ceremony to honor Private James Henry Ladd of the 49th and 18th Indiana Infantry(s). Private Ladd was reportedly the last American Civil War veteran to be buried in Clark County. Senior Vice Commander/Chaplain Dr. Wayne L. Eder and Secretary/Treasurer Albert Conant visited Goodsprings at 11 AM on Monday May 25, 2020.



Suzette Eder photo of Goodsprings, NV event.

Family of Camp 31 members, along with local representatives of the Goodsprings Historical Society and local citizens visited Private Ladd's Grave. A brief ceremony was held recognizing Private Ladd's service and participation in the Western Theater, most notably the Battle of Champions Hill during the Vicksburg Campaign under Major General U.S. Grant. SVR members were asked to raise a new flag over the cemetery by members of the community.

Valley of Fire, NV

Camp Commander Don Hotchkiss visited the grave of Captain John G. Clark, Company B, 13th New York Cavalry and placed a flag and offered a prayer in honor of Captain Clark.

Logandale, NV

Camp Commander Don Hotchkiss visited the grave of Major Horace Holt and placed a flag and offered a prayer in honor of Major Holt. Following the April 14th, 1865 President Lincoln assassination, millions of people witnessed Lincoln's funeral procession. An order of procession was established with the 1st Division to immediately follow the casket. The journey to Springfield, Illinois began April 19, 1865 for a 1,700-mile tour of the country before interment. Major Holt of the 1st Division, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery led the procession.



Don Hotchkiss photo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Federal, state, and local recommendations and restrictions on gatherings, events are being rescheduled or cancelled outright. Please check the latest schedule of a particular event.

SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table has cancelled all meetings until further notice. The Sacramento Civil War Round Table normally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings are 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

June 17 and July 15, 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 June 17, 2020, and the featured talk will be "Simon and August Hansmeyer" by member John Tyler. The following meeting will be held July 15, 2020, and the featured talk will be "The General Who No One Has Heard Of" by Kathleen Robinson. See the website at <http://www.elkgrovecwrt.org> for more information.

LAS VEGAS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

June 23 and July 28, 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 June 23 and July 28, 2020. For more information, call Kay Moore 702-645-5209 or email at lavenderlady@hotmail.com. Meetings times are also posted at <https://www.meetup.com/LVCWRT>.

SEASONAL OPENING OF BOWERS MANSION

??, 2020

The seasonal opening of Bowers Mansion at Bowers Mansion Regional Park which was scheduled for Saturday May 9, 2020, was suspended until further notice due to the Government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. For more event information, see the website at https://www.washoecounty.us/parks/specialty_facilities/bowers_mansion.php.

NORTHERN NEVADA CELTIC CELEBRATION

??, 2020

The 29th annual Northern Nevada (formerly Reno) Celtic Celebration was scheduled for May 18-19, 2019, at Bartley Park but was suspended due to the Government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. The board overseeing the event will be reviewing a later date or cancelling the event until 2021. See the website at <https://www.renoceltic.org> for event information.

NEVADA STATE FAIR

??, 2020

The Nevada State Fair featuring the Rendezvous was to be held June 4-7, 2020, at Mills Park in Carson City but was suspended due to the Government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. Depending upon Governor's Phase 3 for reopening businesses in the State, the board overseeing the event is hoping to reschedule to a later 2020 date. See the website at <http://www.nevadastatefair.org> for event information.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

??, 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, has been cancelled due to the Government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions. Please see Department Order No. 5 below.

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.suvvw.org/?page_id=2791 as it becomes available.

MEETING – April 19, 2020

Minutes of the camp meeting
Sunday, February 9, 2020, at 1300 Hours,
Via teleconference from homes
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 Brother Wayne Eder.
- C). Invocation was led by Chaplain Frank Whitman.
- D). **Members** in attendance were: Richard Dalton, Jay Dickey, Kurt Dietrich, Wayne Eder, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Rick Stanfield, Robert Stoecklin, Frank Whitman, and Brian Worcester.

Guests: Rudy Valasco, Commander Dept. of California & Pacific

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

- A). Camp Commander Dietrich summarized the contents of General Order No. 22, concerning electronic based meetings.
- B). Commander Dietrich reported that, according to Department Order No. 5, the 134th Encampment has been postponed.

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

The Minutes of the February meeting were previously emailed to all members of Camp 25. Brother Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Linscott) to approve the Minutes of the February meeting as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously.**

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

Brother Hess previously emailed the Financial Statement for Camp 25 for the period ended March 31. Hess noted that after the March 31 cutoff, a check in the amount of \$479 was issued to the Dept. of California and Pacific for Camp 25 annual dues. Hess asked if there were any questions/additions/corrections. Brother Stoecklin asked about the \$500 cash donation for the Charters of Freedom monument. Brother Hess will amend the financial statement to show the cash on hand. **With that correction, it was MOVED (Dalton) and SECONDED (Worcester) to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending March 31, 2020 as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 1]**

V). Senior Vice Commander Report

In the absence of Brother Davis, there was no SVC report.

VI). Historians Report. The Historians Report was emailed to members and is attached to these Minutes. [See EXHIBIT 2].

VII). Junior Vice Commander's Report.

In the absence of Brother Wood, there was no JVC report.

VIII). Patriotic Instructor's Report

In the absence of Brother Tyrone Davis, there was no Patriotic Instructor's report.

IX). Grave Registration Officer Report—Brother Donald Huffman

NOTHING TO REPORT.

X). Other Officers Reports—Nothing to report.

XI). New Business--All.

There was no New Business to Report.

XII). Old Business--All.

A). Teleconferencing. Thanks to Brother Stanfield and questions about General Order No. 22, Brother Rudy Valasco confirmed that we may continue to have electronic meetings eventhough we are physically meeting. He also mentioned that the National Encampment may be held electronically.

B). Sons Of Veterans Reserve. Brother Wayne Eder made the presentation.

Brother Eder provided a full briefing on the purposes, activities and current condition of the 6th Military District of the SVR of which we are members. Brother Eder also stated that on behalf of Camp 25 he paid the SVR membership dues for all Camp 25 members. There followed a detailed discussion on the history of how membership dues was handled in the past which I will try to summarize here.

The annual SVR dues is \$3 per person. In the past, Camp 25 handled the dues in a somewhat unusual fashion. In lieu of the annual Camp 25 membership dues from Brother Eder and Brother Vitale, Brother Eder paid the SVR dues on behalf of all the members of Camp 25. This was because done for two reasons: 1. This is how it was done in the past, and 2. The total amount of SVR dues for Camp 25 exactly equaled the annual SUVCW dues for Brothers Eder and Vitale. The result was that the SVR membership dues was not reflected in any SUVCW membership dues collected, nor was it shown as a line item expense.

On August 26, 2018, the Camp 25 Bylaws Section VII, concerning dues was amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Annual Dues. Each Brother of the Camp shall be assessed annual dues. The amount of said dues shall be a minimum of \$12.00 more than the total amount paid to the National and Department for members, Associates and Juniors per annum. Annual dues are required and payable by March 1 of each year. Brothers who have not paid their dues by this date are in arrears.

For clarification, the annual Camp 25 dues is currently \$38. This includes \$23 to National, \$3 to the Department and \$12 for Camp 25. There is not currently, nor was there ever, a provision in the SUVCW dues structure for SVR dues.

The effect of the Bylaw amendment meant that the SVR dues and the SUVCW dues no longer offset. The creation of Camp 31 also made it impossible to continue to handle the SVR dues as we have in the past.

In the course of the discussion, three (3) options were discussed: 1. Make SVR dues a line item expense from the Camp 25 budget. 2. Add \$3 to the SUVCW Camp 25 dues and earmark it for the SVR. 3. Make the SVR dues optional for each member by including in the annual dues notice an option to add \$3 for that purpose.

It was MOVED (Worcester) and SECONDED (Stoecklin) to go with option 3 (by adding a check box to the annual SUVCW dues notice and paying an additional \$3 on top of the regular \$38 dues).

XIII). The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Frank Whitman.

XIV). The meeting was adjourned at 1406 hours. The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, JUNE 28th at 1300 HOURS AT A LOCATION IN A MANNER TO BE DETERMINED.

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: The Treasurer's report (Exhibit 1) was not included here because of account numbers.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 19, 2020

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

BOOK REVIEW

I just finished reading the 2017 book by Scott S. Greenberger, "The Unexpected President, the Life and Times of President Chester A. Arthur", published by the Da Capo Press, Hachette Book Group. Chester Alan Arthur, 1829-1886, was Vice President under James Garfield and became the 21st President when the former passed away from complications six months after being shot by an assassin. He is one of those nearly forgotten Presidents but had an interesting life all the same. Few realize that every president from Lincoln through McKinley, except for Grover Cleveland served directly in some capacity with the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln, of course was President and Commander-in-Chief. Andrew Johnson was Vice President

and became President and Commander-in-Chief after President Lincoln was assassinated and the last pockets of resistance fizzled out after Generals Lee and Johnston surrendered. The others, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester Arthur, and Benjamin Harrison became generals. William McKinley, the only one to enlist, became a major.

Chester Arthur's military appointment was political, as many were, and he was not directly involved in the fighting. At the start of the war, New York Governor Edwin Morgan ordered the creation of 38 New York regiments to be mustered in at New York City, Albany, and Elmira. Chester Arthur was a young, successful lawyer who some years before argued a case for a black school teacher that eventually desegregated the New York City public transit system. The Governor appointed him brigadier general and assigned him to be the New York quartermaster general's representative. He did the job of feeding, housing, clothing, and equipping thousands of enlisted men from both New York and New England quite well. Though not having a military background, he also became an expert in military law and contracts. He did the job so well (and surprisingly honestly for the time), he was promoted to inspector general and then to quartermaster general of the state of New York. His duties then included inspecting state forts and defenses and coming up with a plan to block New York harbor in case of an attack by the British Navy after the Trent affair.

After the war, Chester Arthur became involved with Stalwart Republicans in New York machine politics. Like many others, he unfortunately became part of the problem with the patronage system. He fought against Civil Service Reform and greased the wheels of the political machine, and enriched himself along the way. President Rutherford Hayes even fired him as head the New York Customs House because of corruption and still had trouble with him when he refused to leave. During the 1880 Republican Convention, reformer James Garfield won the nomination. Even to his surprise, Chester Arthur was nomination for Vice President, though it was to get the New York vote. Chester Arthur considered the Vice Presidency to be a lark and used it to his personal advantage. He really had no desire to be President and never thought that bother would happen.

The assassination brought two shocks: 1. President Garfield died; 2. Vice President Arthur was now President. Surprisingly, Chester Arthur did rise to the occasion and can be remembered for several things benefitting the nation. He did an about face and embraced civil service reform, which ended the patronage system. The Stalwarts hated him for it, but the reformers, who should have been overjoyed, questioned his motives. His later actions proved him to be sincere. He reorganized the Navy. The Navy had gone to seed with 30 wooden ships left that shipbuilders got lucrative contracts to keep in repair. He was concerned with foreign powers building modern navies with steel ships and the U.S. merchant marine was growing and needed better protection. He pushed through Congress to have several steel war ships built and to have any wooden ship retired and replaced by a steel ship when the repair costs exceed 20% of the replacement cost of the ship. He also made a push to stop mining and logging in Yellowstone National. He vetoed the Rivers and Harbors Bill (their version of a transportation bill) because of too much pork. His veto was overridden, but the reformers were pleased that he tried.

Chester Arthur started his Presidency with few friends other than some political cronies. He ended being very popular with the general population and no longer with his political cronies. It then seemed strange that while he made himself available to run for President in 1884, he did not make a push for the nomination. What he kept to himself was he had Bright's Disease – a death sentence at that time. Bright's Disease was the old term for a kidney ailment we call chronic nephritis today, and can now be controlled by diet and medicine and in advanced cases with dialysis. He passed away in 1886 and would never have completed the Presidential term had he been elected. He never boasted of his accomplishments as President, but he did come to regret his earlier deeds as part of the New York political machine.

The book has also much to say about his personal life and makes good reading for those interested in the lives of Presidents. One drawback is nothing is said about the Grand Army of the Republic, which at the time was on the rise and pushing for increased veterans' benefits and pensions. In part, this may be because Chester Arthur never joined. Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, and McKinley did. However, a few G.A.R. posts were named after him.

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

One Camp Order has been issued for Memorial Day and is included with rest of Memorial Day orders at the end of this newsletter. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Two Department Orders and one Department Special Order have been announced since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. Note that Department Order No. 8 is about Memorial Day and is included with rest of Memorial Day orders at the end of this newsletter. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

Department Special Order No. 6
Series 2019 – 2020 Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Passing of Brother Ernest L. Powell Jr.

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my sad duty to report that Brother Ernest L. Powell Jr. of Escondido, California and longtime Brother of Sgt. William Pittenger, Camp No. 21, passed away on 27 April 2020.

Section 2: Brother Powell joined Pittenger Camp in July 1998. He was also a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Section

3: Brother Powell was a very religious man who took his faith seriously; he was neither quiet nor shy. All that knew him knew that he loved to sing with his wonderful booming voice.

Section 4: Services are pending.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to Brother Powell's wife Kathryn and the entire Powell family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Brother Powell's wife, Kathryn: 121 E. Washington Ave. 140, Escondido, CA. 92027.

Section 6: 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 7: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC
Commander Department 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. 7
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Encampment Gathering Canceled

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

In compliance with State and local gathering restrictions and indefinite stay at home orders, the in person meeting for this year's annual encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been cancelled.

Refunds will be issued shortly for encampment registration and meal payments as well as encampment program ad purchases.

As outlined in General Order #22, Series 2019-2020, from Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris, the Department is in the planning stages of conducting an electronic based - video meeting to conduct business for the 134th annual Department Encampment, tentatively scheduled for the first week of June 2020. More information related to the video business meeting will be communicated as it becomes available.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC
Commander Department 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

Seven new General Orders by Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris have been announced since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. The General Orders are summarized below. 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. 19 extended the SUVCW Scholarship Application deadline for Form 12 to April 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM EDT due to the COVID-19 disruption of high-school and college schedules..

General Order No. 20 revokes the charter to the Abe Lincoln Camp No. 2 of the Department of Missouri. The Camp brothers had voluntarily closed Camp No. 2 and surrendered the charter to the Department.

General Order No. 21 exempts two Washington state Camps from Section 2 of General Order 17, 2019-2020 Series, which disallows brothers participating in a Department Encampment or Camp meeting remotely via electronic means. These Camps' by-laws allowed such participation with the approval of the then Commander-in-Chief.

General Order No. 22 states until that until August 15, 2020, Departments and Camps must comply with current gathering constraints imposed by State and Federal Government, which includes Camp meetings, Department Encampments, officer meetings, work details, and other events in which Brothers or invited public gather. It allows for conducting electronic based meetings or providing electronic participation.

General Order No. 23 states that once a Department is awarded the right to host a National Encampment by the Encampment Site Committee, a National Encampment Host Committee Chair shall be appointed by that Department Commander. It goes on to note the duties and obligations of the Chair and its supporting committee and subcommittee.

General Order No. 24 is about Memorial Day and is posted below in its entirety.

General Order No. 25 reports the death of Past National President Ora R. Moitoso, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on May 14, 2020 in East Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 89.

MEMORIAL DAY ORDERS

General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 Department of California & Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp Order No. 1
Series 2020
19 May 2020

Memorial Day Order 2020

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Orders No. 11 on 5 May 1868, which became the basis of Memorial Day. Within the order, he stated, *“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating, the grave of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, hamlet, and churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”* Further stated, *“Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime.”*

Section 2: When we were initiated into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we pledged ourselves to support and defend the Government of the United States, to be faithful in all duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, and to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865.

Section 3: Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris issued General Order No. 22 on 28 March 2020, effective through 15 August 2020. Within the order, he stated, *“Camps must comply with current gathering constraints imposed by State and Federal Government. This includes Camp meetings, Department Encampments, officer meetings, work details, and other events in which Brothers or invited public gather.”*

Section 4: On 9 May 2020, the State of Nevada enacted Phase One COVID-19 reopening, which states, *“Nevadans must continue to LIMIT PUBLIC & PRIVATE GATHERINGS TO 10 or fewer people, unless individuals live in the same household.”*

Section 5: California and Pacific Department Commander Rudy E. Velasco, PCC, issued Department Order No. 8 on 17 May 2020. Within the order, he stated, *“As difficult as it is to hear that our Memorial gatherings have been canceled and as groups, are separated from our duty to adorn the Union Soldiers’ graves with choicest flowers of springtime, we can, -as individuals- take a flag and a flower to place upon a grave of a Union Civil War Veteran that may have otherwise been forgotten this year.”*

Section 6: On either Memorial Day Observed, or on 30 May, please consider purchasing a flower and placing it on the grave of a Civil War veteran whose resting place is undecorated. We certainly cannot decorate all of their graves within our Camp’s service area; however, I hope we can use our gathering constraints as an opportunity to decorate graves of those who may have otherwise been forgotten this year. Please encourage family and friends to do the same. I hope our Brothers make this small remembrance of a Civil War veteran.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by Kurt M. Dietrich, P.E., Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Kurt M. Dietrich, P.E.
Camp Commander
General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25

Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Attest: /s/ David H. Hess
Camp Secretary-Treasurer

**Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Department Order No. 8
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Memorial Day Order 2020

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: When we were initiated into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we pledged ourselves to support and defend the Government of the United States, to preserve the flag from being lowered in defeat and to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861 to 1865.

Section 2: As you know, all California residents are under a Stay At Home Order which restricts all nonessential activities outside of the home as a response to the covid-19 outbreak.

Section 3: Although it is our solemn promise and duty to honor the services of our Union Civil War Ancestors who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe, it is also our duty to follow the laws and orders by which we are governed.

Section 4: As difficult as it is to hear that our Memorial gatherings have been canceled and as groups, are separated from our duty to adorn the Union Soldiers' graves with choicest flowers of springtime, we can, -as individuals- take a flag and a flower to place upon a grave of a Union Civil War Veteran that may have otherwise been forgotten this year.

Section 5: On Memorial Day Monday or May 30th consider getting some exercise by taking a walk through the local cemetery with your flower and a flag and leave them with an undecorated Union Veterans' grave and recall his services to our country.

Section 6: Please follow local and State mandates for the protection of your health and others. Stay safe. Let the spirit of General Logan's General Order No. 11 remain in us and strengthen those fraternal feelings which have bound us together as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to honor the services of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861 to 1865 and we will return to our grand Memorial Day ceremonies next year.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 17th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty third, in Cathedral City, County of Riverside, State of California by Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Rudy E. Velasco, PCC
Commander Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC
Department Secretary-Treasurer

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 24

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1). On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued his General Orders No. 11 which became the basis of Memorial Day. In it, he wrote: “Brothers, that is our great commission, we are the voice of those long gone, we are the ones who must teach the names and fan the flames of remembrance now and into the future” and “Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime.”

2). The following year, in General Logan’s General Orders No. 21 he wrote: “If our organization had no other object, that alone of keeping the resting-places of our nation’s defenders, by this annual commemoration, would be motive enough to hold us together in fraternal band.”

3). On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, which this year will be May 25th. This Act did not change our sacred obligation to remember and honor the memory of our nation’s defenders.

4). These words spoken by a Commander G. C. Sears of the George Wright Post No.1 of Portland, Oregon on May 30, 1882 still hold true today: “Let us recall their toils, their sufferings, their heroism, their supreme fidelity in camp, in prison pen, on the battlefield, and in the hospital, that the flag under which they fought, and from the shadow of whose folds they were promoted, may never be dishonored. That the country for whose union and supremacy they surrendered life, may have the fervent and enthusiastic devotion of every citizen. That as we stand by every grave as before an altar, we may pledge our manhood that the memory of our dead shall encourage and strengthen in us all a more loyal patriotism.”

5). I’ve read and heard that some Memorial Day ceremonies are being canceled due to the pandemic. My sincere wish is that most ceremonies will take place. If you can attend, please take the necessary health protection precautions. If not, find a grave of a Civil War veteran and remember his service.

6). On either the last Monday in May or on May 30th, consider purchasing a flower and placing it on the grave of a Civil War veteran whose resting place is undecorated. We certainly cannot decorate all of their graves but thousands would not be forgotten this year. Encourage family and friends to do the same. I hope our Brothers make this small remembrance of a Civil War veteran a yearly commemoration.

Ordered this 5th Day of May, 2020.

Edward J. Norris Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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