

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 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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## CAMP 25 OFFICERS FOR 2020

Election of officers was held at the December 20, 2020, 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 Robert Stoecklin
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 Jonathan Dickey
5. Guide Francis H. Wood, PCC
6. Color Guard vacant
7. Guard vacant
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

## MONUMENT SET-UP AND DEDICATION

On Thursday, December 17, 2020, members of Camp 25 erected the monument paying tribute the Grand Army of the Republic at the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery. Those present included Commander Kurt Dietrich and daughter Charlotte, Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, Counselor Jonathan Dickey, Secretary/Treasurer David Hess, Councilman Roger Linscott, and Donn Dalton of the Hillside Cemetery Preservation Foundation. A concrete base with a hole for a time capsule had been poured a few days before. Two gentlemen from Memories Etched in Stone delivered the monument via pick-up truck through the Hillside Cemetery to the back gate of the Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery. The job involved moving two very heavy granite blocks and placing them over the time capsule during a very damp, cloudy, 40-degree day before sundown.



Delivery



Moving the blocks



Time capsule



Time capsule sealed and placed



Placing the base over the time capsule



Placing the die



The workers, l to r: Donn Dalton, Jonathan Dickey, David Hess, and Roger Linscott



Disinterested by-stander



On Saturday, December 19, 2020, members of Camp 25 dedicated the monument with several dozen members of the public, mostly from the American Legion, present. Jonathan Dickey and David Hess were the masters of ceremonies. Besides the unveiling, the event also included David A. Davis, PCC, presenting the history of the cemetery, Camp 25 members announcing their Civil War ancestors at the monument, and a salute.



Monument to be unveiled



The audience with Counselor Jonathan Dickey in foreground



The unveiling



The wreath laying



Salute



L-R: David A. Davis, PCC; Monica Moriarty, President of DUVCW Shine Tent 96; David Hess, Jonathan Dickey; Robert Stoecklin; and Roger Linscott



The event was followed the laying of wreaths in the Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America event, which was also held that day. Below are photographs of the wreaths laid after the Dedication.



The salute and the adjacent group photographs are courtesy of Sharal Linscott. The remaining photographs are courtesy of Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC. Please refrain from publishing on social media, individual people's images without obtaining their permission.

## **SHORT HISTORY OF THE O. M. MITCHEL POST 69 CEMETERY AT HILLSIDE, RENO, NEVADA**

By David A. Davis, PCC

Senior Vice Commander/Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer

SUVCW General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

19 December 2020

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) organized the Department of California in February 1868, which included Nevada. The first Nevada post appeared in Carson City in May 1868, followed a few months later by one in Virginia City. Eventually Nevada would have 18 posts. The General O. M. Mitchel Post 69, named after General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel, was organized in Reno in September 1884, and its auxiliary, GAR Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) Mitchel Corps 27, organized in July 1886. General Mitchel was a noted Ohio astronomer prior the war and has a crater on Mars named after him.

The Mitchel Post 69 acquired this rectangular 0.32-acre piece of land for \$180 for their cemetery at Hillside on June 17, 1890, from Reno undertaker Wilshire Sanders, the owner of the Hillside Cemetery. The cemetery was divided into sections separated by short alleys named after Civil War battlefields. This is one of three known G.A.R. cemeteries in Nevada – the other two being the Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City and the McDermit Post 87 plot at the old Pioneer Cemetery in Winnemucca. Julius Hussey was the first veteran buried here in August 1890. He has since been moved to Masonic Memorial Gardens.

With the help of the WRC, for four decades, Memorial Day parades would start at the Virginia Street bridge, where flowers were thrown into the Truckee River in memory of sailors, and end with a service at this cemetery. The service included prayers, dirges, recitation of the "Gettysburg Address", a Roll of Honor announcing the names of those buried there, and the decoration of the graves with flowers.

As the GAR members aged and died off, other veterans' organizations such as the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars started helping the WRC with the parade and service. In 1931, with four members left, the Mitchel Post 69 turned the deed over to the Mitchel Corps 27. The last GAR member, George Warren, died in 1936, at age 93 and is buried in this cemetery. The Thomas H. Barry Camp 7 of the United Spanish War Veterans acquired the Mitchel Post materials and officially surrendered the Post charter on Lincoln's Birthday in 1937 at the State Capitol. The Post gavel, flag, sword, and Bible were later turned over to the State. From that point on, the parade would end at the civic center for the ceremonies. The last known Civil War veteran to be buried in this cemetery is James Mossburgh, a Union veteran and also a veteran of the Boer War, who died in 1939. The last known Nevada Civil War veteran, W. O. Phillips, a Union veteran, died in Reno in 1941.

The WRC continued to have a service at the GAR cemetery at least into the 1940s. The newspaper accounts became surprisingly brief about Memorial Day activities after WWII and through the 1950s. Over the years, the official services shifted to the Mountain View cemetery, and the GAR cemetery fell into neglect.

The Mitchel Corps 27 lasted at least until 1955 and maybe as late as 1963. In 1955, they turned the deed to the cemetery over to the Thomas Barry Camp 7, whose members by then would be in their 70s. So far, no record has surfaced that they passed the deed on to anyone else. The Barry Camp 7 was organized in 1915, and the Nevada Department of the United Spanish War Veterans was organized in 1935. Their rules state that as a camp was disbanded, the property would go to the Department or National. Camp 7 likely was officially disbanded with the Department in 1971, and the last member Frank Robinson died in Reno at age 100 in 1978. The United Spanish War Veterans died with its last member Nathan Cook in 1992 with no arrangements to pass on its property.

Between 1939 and 1963, the State provided an annual stipend to the Mitchel Corps 27 and Custer Corps 15 for upkeep of the GAR cemeteries in Reno and Carson City, but it is not known when either Corps went defunct. The stipend was \$150 for each cemetery.

In 1960, the Johanna Shine Tent 82 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) was organized and named after an Irish-born nurse who had been with Sherman's army. They held a service at the GAR Cemetery on Memorial Day 1964. The cemetery had been badly vandalized, and they took it upon themselves to clean it up and restore it with help from the few remaining ancient veterans of the Barry Camp 7. This involved replacing markers, removing a burned out tree, and researching cemetery records. In 1965, the Shine Tent also held a short service at the Custer Post 5 plot and statue at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, and looked into the possibility of starting a Carson City Tent. An invitation to the WRC indicates the Custer Corps 15 was probably still in existence there then.

In 1967, the Isaac Crist Camp 28 of the SUVCW was organized and named after the Civil War ancestor of one of the Shine Tent members. They joined into the work and services involved with the cemetery. In that year, 39 new headstones were acquired from the US Quartermaster General for the cemetery, and these were set by prison labor. The work at times was an uphill battle because vandals and other low-lives continued to do damage such as driving vehicles through the cemetery at night knocking down the headstones. Eventually about 200 donors contributed \$3000, and an embankment, fence, and ornate gate were erected. A Nevada Historical Marker and a simple concrete and metal monument "Dedicated to the members of the one time members of Gen. O. M. Mitchell Post 69 'Grand Army of the Republic' 1861-1865 Who Sleep Here" were also erected.

During these years, the Memorial Day services at the GAR cemetery were attended by members of the VFW, American Legion, and other veterans groups and their auxiliaries. The newspapers generally referred to the two Memorial Day services in Reno - Mountain View and the GAR Cemetery - which were coordinated not to conflict. All good things must come to an end. In 1977, the Crist Camp had about 20 members and the Shine Tent about 26. The Crist Camp seems to pass from the scene about 1979. The Shine Tent folded in 1990.

Before the Crist Camp and Shine Tent passed from the scene, they set up a committee with the American Legion and VFW to oversee the cemetery. The American Legion Post 1 continues to maintain the cemetery and is officially listed as its caretaker. They have the Boys Scouts and Eagle Scouts clean it up periodically. The American Legion and VFW also continue to hold a short Memorial Day service there annually.

Several years ago, a new 6-foot high fence was erected by the VFW. Last year through the auspices of Congressman Mark Amodei and area contractors, the gate was renovated. A wrought iron fence around the cemetery is planned for in the near future.

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of the SUVCW was organized in Gardnerville in 2003 and is presently meeting at the VFW Post 9211 hall in Reno. In 2014, the Johanna Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was also organized. The Camp 25 Historian found burial lists, a cemetery plat, and other records of the Mitchel Post 69 at the Nevada Historical Society and cemetery deeds at the Washoe County Records Office. Their Graves Registration Officer is presently documenting the soldiers buried at the cemetery for the SUVCW National Graves Registration Database. There are

presently at least 70 veterans buried here – one from the Mexican War, one from the post Spanish-American War era, and the rest from the Civil War. At least 20 have no markers. Counting family members, at least 106 people are buried here.

## **NEW SVR UNIT**

In the winter, 2021, issue of “The Western Dispatch”, the newsletter of the 6th Military District of the SVR, the District Commander, Major Wayne L. Eder, PhD, announced the formation a new unit, Company H, 3rd U.S. Artillery, SVR. This will be an artillery battery based in the San Francisco area at Alcatraz and Fort Point. Both locations are former Civil War era forts with actual Civil War era artillery. The brothers of the new unit currently do living history with these heavy guns. The new unit has eight members and Brother Robert Mayer will serve as company commander with the rank of 1st Sergeant.

## **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.

### **JOHANA SHINE TENT 96 MEETINGS**

**February 3, 2021**

The Johana Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War holds quarterly meetings via Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 3, 2021. For more information contact johanashineducw@gmail.com.

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

**February 23, 2021**

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 meeting will be held on February 23, 2021. 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>.

### **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 4-9, 2021**

The 2021 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (140th), the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Daughters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is being hosted by the Department of Missouri and will be held August 4-9, 2021, at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel, 1335 South Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri, 63131. Information is posted at <https://www.suvcwmo.org/2021-national-encampment.html>.

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

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table has cancelled all meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.. 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**

All meetings of the Elk Grove Civil War Round Table have been cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Elk Grove Civil War Round Table normally 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. See the website at <http://www.elkgrovecwrt.org> for when meetings may restart.

# NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, LOGAN'S BRIGADE, AND GRANT'S GUARDS

The National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) served as the official ladies auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and still exists as one of the five allied orders. The WRC is starting an adult Men's Associate to the National Woman's Relief Corps called the Logan's Brigade and a Cadet Corps to the Logan's Brigade called the Grant's Guard for young men between 8 and 16 years old. One can apply as a charter member between April 1, 2020, and February 28, 2021. The application fee is \$15, and the annual dues are \$35. For background information and the on-line application, see <https://logansbrigade.org>. Senior Vice Commander/Camp Historian David A. Davis, PCC, has joined.

## MEETING – December 20, 2020

Minutes of the camp meeting  
Sunday, December 20, 2020, at 1300 Hours,  
VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV  
And 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 1300 hours.
  - B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SVC David Davis.
  - C). Invocation was led by Chaplain Frank Whitman.
  - D). **Members present in person:** David Davis, Jay Dickey, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Randall C. Lorenz, Robert Stoecklin, Frank Wood.
- Members present remotely:** Frank Whitman; Rudy E. Velasco III, Commander, Dept. of California and Pacific.

**Guests:** Donn Dalton, (randallclorenz@yahoo.com) applying for membership by right of descent from Civil War Veteran William Wirt Wickham.

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

- A). Camp Commander Dietrich read General Order No. 6 relating to the new 501(c)(3) status of all Camps, Departments, SVR units and SVR military districts.
- B). Commander Dietrich read General Order No. 7 related to the national policy on monument protection and preservation. Commander Dietrich noted that the Order was silent on how we should treat the Confederate battle flag
- C). Commander Dietrich read Camp Order No. 3, appointing Jonathan C. Dickey as Camp Counselor.
- D). Commander Dietrich introduced our guest Donn Dalton who is known to many present. Mr. Dalton has indicated that he will be applying for membership by right of his descent from Civil War Veteran William Wirt Wickham.

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

The Minutes of the October meeting were previously reported to all members of Camp 25 via the Camp newsletter. Brother Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Davis) and SECONDED (Linscott) to approve the Minutes of the October meeting as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 1]**

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

- 1). Brother Hess presented the Financial Statement for Camp 25 for the period ended November 30. Hess asked if there were any questions/additions/corrections. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Dickey) to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2020 as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 2]**
- 2). Brother Hess said that dues notices would be going out soon. The Annual Dues is still \$38.00, and there will be another line for the optional \$3.00 dues for the SVR.

### V). Senior Vice Commander Report—Brother David Davis

Nothing to report.

**VI). Historians & Memorials Report—Brother David Davis.**

The Historians Report was handed out to members and is attached to these Minutes. [See EXHIBIT 3].

**VII). Junior Vice Commander's Report—Brother Frank Wood**

Nothing to report.

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

Although absent, Brother Tyrone Davis prepared a report on the Battle of Nashville [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). The review committee reported on their review of the application of Randall C. Lorenz. They found the application to be complete and in order and recommended to the membership that he be accepted as a Regular Member of Camp 25.

**Motion: It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Stoecklin) to approve the application for membership of Randall C. Lorenz. PASSED unanimously.**

B). Other New Business. Brother Linscott reported that he had a sore.

**XII. Old Business--All.**

1). There was a long discussion continuing from a similar discussion at October's Camp meeting about the ownership status of the cemetery. Brother Dickey reported that possibly the last legal owner of the property was the National Spanish American War Veterans Assn. Title to the property was presumed to pass to them as the legal heirs to the assets of the failed local Spanish American War Veterans Assn. The question was asked whether we should hire counsel to look into the matter, and if yes, how much should we budget. No decision was made at this time. It was, however, agreed that we should contact Congressman Mark Amodei's office. The meeting would be exploratory in nature for the purpose of determining the Congressman's commitment to the GAR Cemetery and how he feels about how to best preserve the property as a GAR Cemetery. An important consideration is how he sees the Custodianship role of the American Legion Post 1 squaring with our interest in acquiring title to the property. Our guest, Donn Dalton, said he would be happy to initiate the contact as he has frequent contact with the Congressman's office.

**Motion: It was MOVED (Dickey) and SECONDED (Linscott) to authorize Donn Dalton to initiate contact with Congressmen Amodei's office.**

2). A discussion was initiated by Commander Dietrich for feedback about the dedication of the GAR memorial that took place on Saturday, December 19. All agreed that the dedication ceremony went well and we were pleased with the turnout; especially the turnout of members of American Legion Post 1. Everyone was also pleased with the appearance of the granite monument itself, and how smoothly the installation went. A time capsule was inserted into the foundation of the monument. It contains a current roster of Camp 25 members, a description of Camp 25 and the SUVCW, newspaper articles relating to the history of the cemetery, 3 Indian head pennies dated from the Civil War period, Civil War commemorative postage stamps (the pennies and stamps were donated by Brother Dickey), and SUVCW medals that belonged to recently deceased Camp 25 founder Brian Worcester.

3). Brother Stoecklin reported on the Wreaths Across America participation by members of Camp 25. Covid-19 restrictions put a significant burden on observing WAA, but the good news was that wreaths were placed on veterans graves at four (4) sites including: GAR Cemetery in Reno, Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Veterans Cemetery in Fernley and the Veterans Cemetery in Wadsworth.

4). Commander Dietrich reported that the Carson City Library project (see Minutes of August Camp meeting) has been indefinitely postponed because of Covid-19 restrictions.

**XIII). Election of Officers.**

This being the meeting set for the annual nomination and election of officers, Commander Dietrich opened the floor for nominations. Brother Hess proposed that all currently serving and living officers be nominated to fill the same offices for the 2021 calendar year. If passed, the slate of 2021 Camp Officers would be:

Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich, Senior Vice Commander David Davis, Junior Vice Commander Frank Wood, Secretary/Treasurer David Hess, 1st Counselor vacant, 2nd Counselor Roger Linscott, 3rd Counselor Frank Whitman, Chaplain Frank Whitman, Camp Counselor Jonathan Dickey



**Motion: It was MOVED (Hess) and SECONDED (Dickey) that all current living officers be elected to serve in their same respective offices for the 2021 calendar year. PASSED unanimously.**

**Motion: It was MOVED (Hess) and SECONDED (Dickey) to elect Robert Stoecklin to the office of 1st Counselor as the position previously occupied by our deceased Brother Brian Worcester, is vacant. PASSED unanimously.**

The officers were sworn in remotely by Department Commander Rudy Velasco, III.

**XIV). Closing Prayer.**

The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Frank Whitman.

**XIV). The meeting was adjourned at 1520 hours. The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, FEBRUARY 28th at 1300 at the VFW Hall.**

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: Being a repeat of the previous meeting's minutes and the previous issue of the newsletter, Exhibit 1 was not reprinted. The Treasurer's report (Exhibit 2) was not included here because of account numbers. The History and Memorials Report (Exhibit 3) and the Patriotic Instructor's Report (Exhibit 4) are printed next. All other Exhibits are at the end of the newsletter.



Commander Kurt Dietrich, (left) and new member Randall C. Lorenz



Left to right: Counselor Jonathan Dickey; Councilman Roger E. Linscott; Junior Vice Commander Francis H. Wood, PCC; Commander Kurt Dietrich; Councilman Robert Stoecklin; Secretary/Treasurer David Hess; and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC (photograph courtesy of David A. Davis, PCC)

# HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 20, 2020

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

## USWV Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 7 Research

After the Spanish American War in 1898, veterans formed several organizations. On April 18, 1904, the Spanish War Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans, and Service Men of the Spanish War Veterans combined to form the United Spanish War Veterans. Over time, several other related organizations joined. The Ladies Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans was formed from several earlier organizations and chartered in 1904. The United Spanish War Veterans was federally incorporated in 1940. Annual National Encampments were held through 1989.

The Spanish War Veterans was mentioned as organizing in Reno in 1902 and the Lloyd B. Wheaton Command No. 203 was organized June 10, 1903, with Charles H. Stoddard as Captain. In January 1904, a joint installation of officers was held with the GAR and WRC indicating cooperation. The Lloyd B. Wheaton Command No. 203 came under United Spanish War Veterans in 1904. A Department of Nevada was organized August 10, 1909, with C.W.R Von Radesky of Carson City as Commander. However, the Department of Nevada was not instituted by the United Spanish War Veterans until August 17, 1935, with Frank Campbell of Reno as the Commander. I have not yet found where their headquarters were. The Department had at least five and maybe up to ten Camps eventually.

The Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 7 was organized June 11, 1915, and mustered in February 25, 1916, at the Reno City hall. It appears the Barry Camp superceded the Wheaton Command. Through the years, they held events commonly with the G.A.R. General O.M Mitchel Post 69 and W.R.C. Mitchel Corps 15. A chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans, which I have not researched yet, was also formed. In 1931, the deed to the Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside was passed on from the G.A.R. to the W.R.C. The last Post 69 member passed away in 1936, and the Post papers and property was looked after by the Barry Camp. The Barry Camp surrendered the Post 69 charter to the G.A.R. Department of California and Nevada on Lincoln's Birthday 1937 in Carson City and turned the Post flag, gavel, sword, and Bible over to the State later.

In 1955, the W.R.C. passed the deed to the cemetery over to the Barry Camp. The Barry Camp members by then would have been in their 70s at least, and the all three trustees on the 1955 deed passed away by 1959. In 1960, the Johanna Shine Tent 82 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was organized. By then the cemetery had fallen into neglect and badly vandalized. The Shine Tent took it upon themselves to clean it up and restore it with help from the few remaining ancient veterans of the Barry Camp. The Barry Camp was last mentioned in the newspapers in 1963 and the last three members as members of the United Spanish War Veterans in 1966.

The Department of Nevada was still noted with three camps in 1970. However the Department of Nevada and likely the Barry Camp were disbanded by Special Order 24 of the National Commander on January 19, 1971. The reason given during the 1971 Encampment was that no living members could be found. The last United Spanish War Veteran in Nevada was actually Frank Robinson who passed away in the Reno VA hospital April 9, 1978, at age 100. The last encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans was held in 1989, and the last member and National Commander, Nathan Cook, passed away in 1992. The last encampment was largely conducted by the auxiliaries, which also included the Daughters of '98 and the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans (formerly Sons of '98).

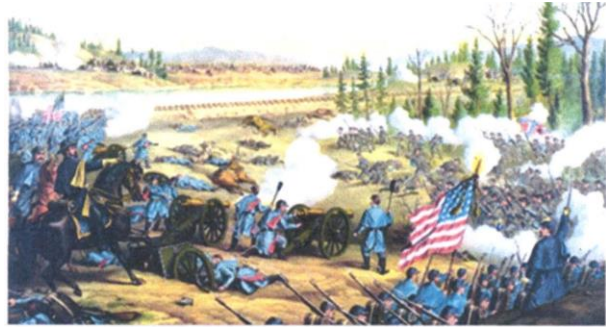
To date, no record has been found of the passing of the deed to the Post 69 cemetery on to another organization or individual. Unfortunately, unlike the G.A.R. and S.U.V.C.W., the United Spanish War Veterans did not officially deed its property over to another organization. No Barry Camp records were found at the Nevada Historical Society, and the State Archives are closed until March due to COVID restrictions. The National regulations say that as Camps and Departments were disbanded, the property ultimately went to National, which had headquarters in Washington, DC. The research continues.

**Patriotic Instructor Report**  
**By Tyrone W. Davis**  
**The Battle of Nashville**  
**12/20/20**

The Battle of Nashville was the finale in a disastrous year for General John Bell Hood's Confederate Army. The Southerners lost a long summer campaign for Atlanta, Georgia, in September 1864 when Hood had withdrawn and abandoned the city to the army of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman. Hood then took what was left of his force northward to Tennessee. He hoped to draw Sherman out of the Deep South, but Sherman had enough troops to split his force and send part of it to chase Hood into Tennessee. In November, Sherman took the remainder of his army on his march across Georgia.

On November 30, Hood attacked Federal troops commanded by General John Schofield at Franklin, Tennessee. The Confederates suffered heavy casualties and much of the army's leadership structure was ravaged. When Schofield moved north to Nashville to join General George Thomas, Hood followed him and dug his army in outside of Nashville's formidable defenses.

Thomas saw his chance to deal a decisive defeat to Hood. At Nashville, a large force of Union troops faced a Confederate force estimated at around half their size, and historians have questioned why Hood even approached the strongly fortified city with the odds so stacked against him. Early in the morning of December 15, Thomas sent a force under General James Steedman against the South's right flank. The Union troops overran the Confederate trenches and drove the Confederates back more than a mile. The short December day halted the fighting, but Thomas struck again on December 16. This time, the entire Confederate line gave way and sent Hood's men from the field in a total rout. Only a rear-guard under the command of General Stephen Lee prevented complete decimation of the Confederate army. Hood and his damaged army retreated to Mississippi and as a result the Confederate Army of Tennessee was no longer a viable offensive fighting force. In January 1865, Hood resigned his command.



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American Battlefield Trust  
Battle of Nashville – History  
The Battle of Nashville Trust (bonps.org)  
Home – Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

## NEW SVR UNIT

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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 Special Department Order has been issued since the last issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#) was posted. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

Department Special Order No. 6  
Series 2020-2021  
Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



### **Passing of Brother Michael D. Peebles**

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 very sad duty to report that after a long battle with cancer, Camp 30 Brother Michael D. Peebles passed away on 25 November 2020. He was 80 years old.

Section 2: Brother Peebles became a member of the SUVCW and Henry C. Veatch Camp 30 in July 2019, honoring the Civil War service of his ancestor Captain Lewis P. Peebles, Company D of the 122nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Section 3: Born in 1940, Brother Michael served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1960 – 1965. He was a Master Mason and served in several roles as a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church where he also sang in the choir.

Section 4: A virtual service will be held on Saturday 23 January 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with St. John's Episcopal Church. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to the COVID19 virus.

Section 5: The Department extends sincere condolences to entire Peebles family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Brother Peebles' wife Donna Peebles at 381 Evergreen Way, Yuba City, CA. 95991.

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 13th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty fourth, 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**

Four new General Orders by Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson 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](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513).

General Order No. 6 announces the determination by the Internal Revenue Service that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is now a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)3. This recognition also extends to the subordinate organizations on a list provided by National in 2017, which listed Departments, Camps, SVR Military Districts and SVR Units.

General Order No. 7 announces a new policy on monument protection and preservation. It is reprinted below in its entirety.

General Order No. 8 notes the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore. He was a life member no. 240, organized the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 of Kokomo in 1982 and served as Camp Commander and Department Commander of the Department of Indiana. He served as Commander-in-Chief in 1993-1994.

General Order No. 9 notes the passing of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on 16 December 2020, at the age of 101 years. She married Private James Bolin, Company F, 14th Missouri Cavalry, on 4 September 1936, when he was 93 years old, and she was 17. He died in 1939, and she never remarried.

**General Order No. 7  
Series 2020-2021  
9 December 2020**

**National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation.**

1). Whereas the 2020 National Encampment voted to abolish the existing Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy (August 2017) in order to be able to develop a policy regarding the protection of war memorials and monuments that is appropriate for the current conditions in the United States; and,

2). Whereas the Special Committee for Monument Protection Policy diligently and thoughtfully developed a draft policy and presented it to the Council of Administration for review and approval; and, 3). Whereas the Council of Administration carefully reviewed the draft policy and subsequently voted to approve it;

4). Therefore the National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation attached to this General Order has been adopted as the official policy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding war monument protection. It will be published on the SUCVW National Policy web page.

5). This policy builds upon the solid foundation of earlier General Orders, policies and resolutions on this critical topic. It clearly articulates the Order's position, provides a basis for engaging the public with a unified message, and allows the ability for a flexible response for different conditions and situations.

6). The new monument protection policy intentionally does not take a position on the status of the Confederate battle flag; therefore, the SUCVW is officially silent on this issue.

7). All Brothers, Camps and Departments, Camps shall follow and refer to this policy, especially when communicating with members of the public, government, or press.

Ordered this 9th Day of December, 2020

Brian C. Pierson Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Jonathan C. Davis Jonathan C. Davis National Secretary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attachment: National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR NATIONAL POLICY  
ON MONUMENT PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION**

The Sons of Union Veterans condemns the criminal vandalism or unlawful destruction of monuments dedicated to the memory of American Soldiers from all wars as a breach of faith and duty to our ancestors, and to the principles of freedom they fought to preserve and pass on to their descendants.

- I). The primary purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who fought and sacrificed for the Union from 1861 to 1865 and in many cases were wounded or died to save the United States of America.
  - a). It is our solemn duty to honor the soldiers belonging to the Union, "Boys in Blue" who fought that terrible war and to oversee the process of preserving the memories of those soldiers and sailors, and their courage, tenacity and strength, by raising monuments commemorating their service and deeds. The erection of such monuments has continued down through the years, extending even unto the present day. These monuments can be found in cities, towns, and villages across the entire country, and indeed, beyond our shores.
  - b). Furthermore, we seek to honor the men and women, both public and private, who provided the inspiration and leadership, which lead to the salvation of the Union and the liberation of a people from bondage.
  - c). One of the ways we perpetuate the memory of the "Boys in Blue" is to care for and work to repair those monuments dedicated to their sacrifice when the need arises. To this end, we have established ways by which we may assist in the erection and repair of monuments and memorials. This work is ongoing.
  - d). Recent, criminal acts of vandalism and outright destruction of monuments dedicated to our Union heroes by groups or individuals demanding their elimination or removal have increased. With regard to the vandalism or destruction of such monuments it is the policy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that there should be criminal prosecution of perpetrators of such crimes by legal authority.
  - e). In cases of organized attempts to remove monuments, those efforts to remove them are to be actively opposed in all ways that are both practical and legal. The methods by which this active opposition would

happen will differ from case to case, given the unique situation involved in each event. However, in all cases, the Commander-in-Chief, or his designee, acting with his instructions and under his authority, should set the course of action to be followed in addressing the problem.

II). Monuments serve the necessary purpose of inspiring and educating future generations of Americans on the sacrifices made by their forefathers. Further, monuments are visible signs of the patriotism and selflessness shown by American soldiers and sailors, who placed the country before their own lives and fortunes, to ensure the preservation of the Nation. By this policy, we state our intent and reaffirm our commitment to our honored dead and dedicate ourselves to do all in our power as an organization, to ensure that the memorials to them will be preserved for the inspiration and education of future generations.

Approved by the Council of Administration, 6 November 2020