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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 27 at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

CARSON CITY LIBRARY DISPLAY

May 3-28, 2021

The Carson City Library at 900 Roop Street has a large cabinet in the foyer and allows for monthly displays with varying themes. Monica Moriarty, President of the Johana Shine Tent 96 of the DUVCW, passed the information on to Camp 25. On May 3rd, Monica, Camp 25 Commander Kurt Dietrich, Secretary-Treasurer David Hess, and SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, met and set up a Civil War related display for the month of May. Among the articles displayed were an 1860s dress, Union uniform, Camp 25 flag, 36-star flag, a painting by Ray Ahrenholz, picture of President Lincoln, photos of the G.A.R. Custer Post 5 statue and cemetery plot, a stereopticon, a twig from Appomattox at the time of surrender, and much more. The display comes down on May 28.



SUVCW Camp 25 and DUVCW Tent 96 Carson City Library display.



Left to right: Tent 96 President Monica Moriarty, Camp 25 Secretary-Treasurer David Hess, and Camp 25 Commander Kurt Dietrich. Photographs by Camp 25 SCV/Historian David A. Davis, PCC

SEASONAL OPENING OF BOWER'S MANSION

May 15, 2021

On Saturday, May 15, Washoe County opened Bowers Mansion at the Bowers Mansion Regional Park for the season. The 2020 opening had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and this year's opening was low key with tours being limited to one per hour between 11 am and 3 pm. The Civil War Reenactors did not set up camp as in years past, and the weather was cold and damp. However, Camp 25 SVC/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Counselor Jonathan Dickey manned displays in the Library through the day. The displays included the 1863 Groot map of Nevada Territory, the map showing expeditions of the First Nevada Cavalry around Nevada during the Civil War, the map of trails followed by the immigrants and army across the western United States during the 1860s, and the 1913 G.A.R. Department of California and Nevada Reno Encampment parade picture. Despite the weather and near lack of activities, at least a couple of dozen members of the public showed up.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 31, 2021

On Monday May 31, 2021, at 9:00 am, the Memorial Day morning service sponsored by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and their auxiliaries will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Reno. Carlin Camp 25 members will participate. This will be preceded by coffee and donuts at the American Legion (Darrell Dunkle) Post 1 Hall at 877 Ralston Street and followed by the Memorial Day program at Mountain View Cemetery located at 435 Stoker Avenue in Reno.

LAS VEGAS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

June 22, 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 June 22, 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>.

2021 JOHANA SHINE TENT 96 MEETINGS

The Johana Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War holds quarterly meetings via Zoom. The 2021 meetings are scheduled for 1:30 pm Sundays, August 15, and November 21. For more information contact johanashineducvw@gmail.com.

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. The Sacramento Civil War Round Table also publishes a newsletter called the Battle Cry. See the website at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com> for more information and the newsletter.

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 has started 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. 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, is a member.

MEETING – April 17, 2021

Minutes of the camp meeting
Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 1000 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. The monthly meeting of SUVCW Camp 25 was held on April 17, 2021 at the VFW Hall in Reno. Members present at the meeting were Commander Kurt Dietrich, Sr. Vice Commander David Davis, Jr. Vice Commander Frank Wood, Counselor Jonathan Dickey, and Brothers Richard Dalton, Randall Lorenz, and Donn Dalton. Present by telephone was guest Monica Moriarty, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given by Brother Davis.

II. Camp Commander's Report. Commander Dietrich reported on events that took place at the Virtual Encampment that he and Brother Davis attended. At the Encampment, new officers were elected. Brother Dietrich then summarized the substance of new General Orders 13 and 14, and Special Message No. 3. Most notable was the new order stating that if a Camp owns property, it must secure adequate liability insurance in the name of the Camp (and paid for by the Camp). Brother Dietrich speculated that this new order was prompted by Camp 25's possible acquisition of the GAR Cemetery in Reno.

III. Secretary's Report. The Secretary's Report had previously been circulated by Brother Hess, who was absent from the meeting. Brother Dickey made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report as submitted. The motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report had previously been circulated by Brother Hess. Brother Dickey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

V. Senior Vice Commander's Report & Historian's and Memorials Reports. Brother Davis gave his Sr. Vice Commander's Report and History Report, and summarized the written report he submitted prior to the meeting [See Camp Carlin Dispatch, attached as Exhibit 1]. A discussion ensued about the email Brother Davis received from Grave Registration Officer Don Huffman concerning possible "fixes" to the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 Grave Markers. Following discussion, Brother Dickey moved that he and David Davis make further inquiries concerning the matter and report back at the next Camp meeting. The motion was amended to add Donn Dalton and Don Huffman to the group who will make inquiries. The motion carried.

VI. Jr. Vice Commander's Report. Brother Frank Wood said there was nothing to report.

VII. Grave Registration Report and Other Officers' Reports. There was nothing to report.

VIII. New Business. Discussion was had concerning plans for the Memorial Day event at the American Legion Hall in Reno. Seven members of the Camp are planning to attend, meeting at 7:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. The event will commence at 10 a.m. at the GAR Cemetery. The suggestion was made that the Camp also attend a memorial dedication at St. Epithius following the ceremonies at GAR Cemetery.

IX. Old Business. The Brothers discussed at length the topic of what items to include in the display case at the Carson City Library in May. Monica Moriarty participated in the discussion, as the DUVCW will share space in the display case, and she will help organize it. Brother Dickey brought items to be displayed and discussed each one. He will leave the box of items with Brother Dietrich to take with him to the Library when the display case is put together on May 3. Brother Dietrich and Ms. Moriarty discussed the items they are contributing. It was also agreed that a photo or photos of the GAR Cemetery Monument should be included, and pictures of Union soldier uniforms.

Brother Dietrich also reviewed the plans for ROTC awards at UNR, Carson, and Galena.

X. Closing Prayer. The closing prayer was given by Brother Davis.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be held on **Sunday June 27, at 1300 hours** at the VFW Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Dickey, Counselor
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Dept. of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 17, 2021

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

G.A.R. General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 of Reno

By David A. Davis, PCC

I was asked why the Reno G.A.R. Post 69 was named after General Ormsby MacKnight (or McKnight) Mitchel. Few details are noted in the newspapers of the time. The "Weekly Nevada State Journal" of September 6, 1884, announced an upcoming meeting to form a G.A.R. post and listed 15 veterans and their former units. No post name was given. The "Reno Evening Gazette" later states the post was organized under the name of Mitchell (sic) Post No. 69 on September 16, 1884. The "Weekly Nevada State Journal" then states the post was officially instituted on September 27, 1884, and lists the new officers with at least two more veterans not on the previous list.

General Mitchel, part of whose biography was presented at the last meeting, was a native of Ohio, West Point graduate, and well known astronomer in Cincinnati. He volunteered and entered the army as a brigadier general and organized the Kentucky defenses at Cincinnati. He commanded the Dept. of the Ohio from September to November 1861, led the Third Division of the Army of the Ohio from December 1861 to July 1862, and commanded the X Corps and Dept. of the South until his death from yellow fever on October 31, 1862.

Only two of the charter members of the Mitchel Post 69 served in Ohio regiments Alphonso A. "Pete" Evans and David D. Butterfield. Mr. Evans was born in 1838 in Defiance in northwestern Ohio where he was still living on his family's farm in 1860. He served in Co. E, 38th Ohio Infantry from August 10, 1861, until July 25, 1865. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant. In Reno, he was the Superintendent of the Water Works. He passed away January 24, 1903, and his obituary noted he was "one of the most enthusiastic members" of Post 69 until his death. Mr. Butterfield was born in 1836 and the 1850 census shows he was living in Townsend Township near Lake Erie in northeastern Ohio. He was living as a carpenter in Troy about 60 miles north of Cincinnati. The 1890 Census notes that he served as a private in Co. H, 11th Ohio Infantry from April 21, 1861, until July 21, 1861, a corporal in Co. I, 61st Ohio Infantry from December 10, 1861, until November 22, 1862, and again as a private in Co. A, 12th Kentucky Infantry from September 29, 1864, until June 15, 1865. In Reno, he was a carpenter, and he passed away March 23, 1891. Both men are buried in the G.A.R. Post 69 Cemetery. The 38th Ohio was recruited around Defiance, Ohio, but the 11th Ohio was recruited in the Cincinnati area where General Mitchel spent most of his adult life and gave public lectures on astronomy.

While just speculation, possibly one of these two men suggested the name for the post.

"Fixing" General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 Markers

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman sent me the following e-mail on March 10:

Hi David,

I just found that a person has placed a new Memorial for GA Hussey Because a marker with that name is still at the GAR Cemetery. That marker was one of Herb Rickards many screw ups as well as the women that intalled it in the first place about 1960. The only GA Hussey I could find that matched Herb Rickards service detail was Buried in Antietam. I had find A Grave move the information from our GAR Cemetery and combine it with the information in Antietam. It was then that you all moved Julius Hussey's Military Marker over to the Masonic Gardens. I thought that the cemetery had removed the GA Hussey Marker as it had the wrong name and Date of death for anyone local. Antietam doesn't want it and does not want to pay shipping for a wrong marker. Can we get it removed?

Secondly we have a marker for George W. Robinson 221203897 with the death date for George Washington Robison written on it. George Washington Robison has only a private marker in the GAR Cemetery. Maybe it could be moved over to where his Private marker is even if the name is misspelled. OR maybe it should be moved to the Hillside Cemetery Lot 236 plot 42 section 33

grave 1 from the south end, where there is currently buried George B Robinson 20724885, who has no marker. Problem there would be the wrong middle initial and the wrong date of Death.

Thirdly, Currently in the GAR Cemetery we have a marker for J. B. McCullough 9911839, Herb Rickards gave him the name of John B McCullough with different dates and different military information. Currently the correct JB McCullough, really James B McCullough 63590116 is buried with his private marker over in Masonic Memorial Garden. Do you believe that it is possible to put McCullough's Military marker over in the Masonic Cemetery? Then I might be able to get Find A Grave to merge the two which would be the correct one in the Masonic Cemetery.

Let me know what You think
Don Huffman

Past now deceased Commander John Riggs and I did an inventory of the markers in that cemetery and I recently researched as best I could all who were buried there including finding 20 unmarked graves. Maybe a new project would be see how we might get these graves marked and move the markers we can verify as being in the wrong places.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Battle of Appomatox Courthouse

By Tyrone W Davis

April, 17th 2021

The Battle of Appomatox Courthouse is one of the last major battles of the American Civil War and was the surrender of Confederate General Robert Edward Lee, the Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, it took place on April 9th, 1865 at Appomatox, Virginia. General Lee had abandoned Richmond after the 10 month Siege of Petersburg, retreating west hoping to align himself with Confederate troops in North Carolina. He was pursued by Union forces under General Ulysses Sympson Grant and butt up to the small town of Appomatox after being cut off from heading westward.

General Lee attempted a counterattack on Union forces with 28,000, little did he know that General Philip Sheridan's Cavalry had two corps at the head of 150,000 men backed up by several battalions of Union infantry. General Lee took 500 casualties, Grant 164 casualties, Lee was greatly outnumbered and had no choice but to surrender. That was end of the American Civil War, even though there was a battle in Texas fought in June of that year.



General Lee surrendering to General Grant

Patriotic Instructor Report References

Battle at Appomatox Courthouse

- ~Battle of Appomattox Court House - Wikipedia
- ~Appomattox Court House | American Battlefield Trust (battlefields.org)
- ~Appomattox Courthouse (historynet.com)
- ~The Road to Appomattox [ushistory.org]

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

No recent Camp Orders have been issued since the last issue of the [Carlin Camp Dispatch](#) was posted. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suypac.org/camp25/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Two 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.

General Order No. 13 requires liability insurance for Camp and Department owned real estate. Since there has been some discussion involved about ownership of the General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery, the General Order is printed in full below.

General Order No. 14 lays out the rules and restrictions governing lobbying now that the SUVCW has 501(c)(3) status.

General Order No. 13
Series 2020-2021
18 March 2021

Liability Insurance

1. All Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to have liability insurance for the property. The liability insurance shall be in accordance with state regulatory requirements. The liability insurance shall include the respective Department and the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as protected organizations.

2. All such Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property shall provide a copy of their policy summary to the Executive Director annually upon the renewal of the policy.

Ordered this 18th day of March, 2021

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

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