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## THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 10 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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## HURRAH FOR GRANT

By F.S. Moffett

Stand by the ship, though fierce the storm rages,  
Stand by our captain who served us so well;  
Stand by our banner unfurled to the breezes,  
That floated so proudly when dark treason fell.

Do not desert in the dark hour of peril –  
Treason, armed treason, once threatened the land;  
True to the stars and the stripes that waved o'er us,  
We marched with Ulysses a brave loyal band.

Let not our feelings of safety constrain us  
To carelessly watch o'er our great nation's life;  
Much did depend on our conduct in battle,  
As much may depend on political strife!

He who now leads the farce "Liberal movement,"  
Preached up secession, nor blushed at its shame;  
But he who now ably presides o'er the nation,  
Went forth to battle and won lasting fame.

Remember the cries and groans of the wounded  
Who fell in the conflict when treason defied;

Remember the tears of the fatherless children,  
Their husbandless mothers tears are scarce dried.

Cast you a thought to the martyrs of Freedom;  
Linger awhile on the mem'ry of those  
Three hundred thousand who fell to preserve it,  
Who now 'neath the sod of secession repose.

Rally once more, every friend of the Union!  
Some of our ranks may have wavered and fled,  
Lovers of peace and good government, rally!  
The star spangled banner still floats over head.

Justice to all of whatever nation;  
Their lives and their freedom protect them by law!  
For Grant, who so much for the country's salvation  
Performed when 'twas bleeding and wounded Hurrah!

Hurrah, for the land of our sires and our children!  
Hurrah, for the spot of our liberty's birth!  
Till the names of Ulysses S. Grant and Wilson,  
Be sounded with praise throughout the whole earth!

Poem from: Nevada State Journal, Saturday, July 27, 1872, vol. 2, no, 36, p. 1, column 5. Note: Henry Wilson was President Grant's second Vice President.

## 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 was hosted by the Department of Missouri and was held August 4-9, 2021, at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel, 1335 South Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri, 63131. Michael A. Paquette of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was elected the new Commander-in-Chief. He is a Charter Member of the Irish Brigade Camp No. 4, Department of the Chesapeake. Please see the National website for all of the officers.

## **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.

### **FORT CHURCHILL**

**October 1-3, 2021**

The Nevada Civil War Volunteers will have an encampment and conduct reenactments at Fort Churchill October 1-3, 2021. For more information, visit <https://www.nevadacivilwar.org>.

### **BOWER'S MANSION**

**October 23, 2021**

Bower's Mansion will be closing for the season on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Members of Carlin Camp 25 "guard" the library and set up several period map displays.

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

**October 26, 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 October 26, 2021. For more information, call Kay Moore 702-645-5209 or email at [lavenderlady@hotmail.com](mailto:lavenderlady@hotmail.com). Meetings times are also posted at <https://www.meetup.com/LVCWRT>.

### **NEVADA DAY**

**October 30, 2021**

The Nevada Day parade will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021, in Carson City. The theme is "Historic Moment in Nevada". Camp 25 will have an entry in it. For more information, visit <https://nevadaday.com>.

### **VETERANS' DAY**

**November 11, 2021**

The Reno Veterans' Day parade, which is normally held on November 11 at 11 am, has been cancelled.

### **2021 JOHANA SHINE TENT 96 MEETINGS**

**November 21, 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 1:30 pm Sunday, November 21. For more information contact [johanashineducw@gmail.com](mailto:johanashineducw@gmail.com).

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND CEREMONIES**

**November 20, 2021**

The Sons of Veterans Reserve will sponsor the annual Remembrance Day Parade starting at 1 pm on November 20, 2021, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The parade will line up on Middle Street and then proceed to Baltimore Street and then turn onto Steinwehr Avenue. For more information, please contact Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander SVR by calling 740-369-3722 or e-mail [hshaw@columbus.rr.com](mailto:hshaw@columbus.rr.com).

### **ANNUAL NORTHERN NEVADA CELTIC CELEBRATION**

**May 21, 2022**

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 29th Annual Northern Nevada Celtic Celebration will be held May 21, 2022. It will be held at Bartley Ranch Regional Park in Reno, and in past years has included Civil War reenactors. This would be fitting considering the large numbers of Irishmen who fought on both sides in the Rebellion. For more information, visit <https://www.renoceltic.org> and <https://10times.com/celtic-celebration>.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 11-14, 2022

The 2022 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (141st), the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Daughters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be hosted by the Department of Michigan on August 11-14, 2022, at the DoubleTree, by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport. Located at 4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. For more information, visit: <https://www.suvcwmi.org/2022NatEncampment/2022Encampment.php>

### 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 – AUGUST 15, 2021

Minutes of the camp meeting  
Saturday, August 15, 2021, 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 1306 hours.
- B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SVC David Davis.
- C). Invocation was led by SVC David Davis.
- D). **Members present in person:** Donn Dalton, David Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, David Perdue, Randall C. Lorenz, Robert Stoecklin, Frank Wood.

**Members present remotely:** Frank Whitman.

**Guests:** **Matthew Arnold**, a prospective member.

### II. Camp Commander's Report-- Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich

- A). Commander Dietrich reported on Camp 25's participation in the American Roots Celebration on July 3 in Genoa.

B). Commander Dietrich called the membership's attention to General Orders 19, 20 and 21 which are available to review online.

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

The Minutes of the June meeting were previously reported to all members of Camp 25 via the Camp newsletter. Secretary Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Lorenz) to approve the Minutes of the June meeting as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously.**

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

1). Brother Hess presented the Financial Statement for Camp 25 for the period ended July 31. Hess asked if there were any questions/additions/corrections. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Davis) to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending July 31, 2021, as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 1]**

**V). Senior Vice Commander's Report—Brother David Davis**

Nothing to report.

**VI). Historian's and Memorials Report—Brother David Davis.**

The Historian's Report was handed out to members and is attached to these Minutes. [See EXHIBIT 2].

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report

**X). Other Officers Reports—**

Nothing to report.

**XI). New Business--All.**

A). Commander Dietrich asked for members to form a committee of three(3) to review the application of Matt Arnold when it is received. The committee will include Dietrich, Linscott and Hess.

B). A swearing in ceremony was held for our newest brother David Perdue.

**XII). Old Business.**

A). Members were reminded that we are still seeking ideas about how to honor those soldiers who are buried in the GAR cemetery but who have no grave markers. There are estimated to be as many as 20 such unmarked graves.

B). Brother Davis was asking for volunteers to help him with the season closing ceremonies at Bowers Mansion in October. Contact Brother Davis if you would like to help.

C). Brother Rob Stoecklin mentioned that the Wreaths Across America event is coming up on December. We have credits for wreaths that are left over from last year.

**XIII). Closing Prayer.**

The closing prayer was offered by David Davis.

**XIV).The meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours. The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, October 10 at 1000 hours at the VFW Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Fredric Hess, Secretary/Treasurer  
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25  
Dept. 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. The History and Memorials Report (Exhibit 2) is printed next.

## HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 15, 2021

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

### ONE OF THE FIRST LINCOLN ASSASSINATION REPORTS IN NEVADA

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 4, no. 468, p. 2, cols. 1-2, April 15, 1865

#### THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ASSASSINATED! TOLL THE BELLS!!

Let the bells toll!! Let hearts of men bow down, and the hearts of the daughters of our country bleed – for the good patriots have fallen!!

This morning, at the hour of 9 o'clock, we received the following telegraphic dispatch from our faithful and always truthful reporter in Sacramento:

SACRAMENTO, April 15 – 8:56 A.M. *To Mr. Lynch, Editor Gold Hill News.* – President Lincoln and Secretary Seward were both assassinated last night. The President was in Ford's Theatre, and was shot. Secretary Seward was assassinated at his private residence. Will send particulars soon. Yours in sorrow, Allen.

The melancholy tirings soon spread among our citizens, whose breasts heaved in deep and irrepressible emotion; one would look at the other in deep and heart-felt anguish, with tearful eyes, and inquiring look – unable to realize the truth – unable to believe that the awful crime could be committed – a crime which steeps the very heart of the nation in blood, in sorrow, and in anguish.

The flags of our town, which so lately waved and fluttered in the breeze, in JOYFUL HONOR OF PEACE TO OUR COUNTRY, were raised in sorrow at half-mast; our church-bells tolled the solemn knell of the hour; our local gun, on Fort Homestead. Fired its hourly shot in remembrances of the National calamity – and as we write, the hearts of our loyal little community are swelling with emotions, and our people feel the agonizing pangs of a sorrow so deep, that our eyes are blinded with tears as we are endeavoring to express what we have seen and felt this morning.

Our Nation is in mourning! May the God of the Universe send to the hearts of all our true and loyal people, a balm in this their hour of greatest afflictions.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, our good President, is dead! – but his memory lives and is enshrined around the hearts of all good men.

We have not the heart to write more! Our soul is in sorrow – and our telegraphic dispatches, which follow, must further inform the people:

#### PARTICULARS

Washington, April 14, President Lincoln and his wife, with other friends, this evening, visited Ford's Theatre for the purpose of witnessing the performance of the play of the "American Cousin." It was announced in the papers that Gen. Grant would also be present, but that gentleman took the late train cars for New Jersey. The theatre was densely crowded, and everybody seemed delighted with the scene there being enacted before them. During the third act, and while there was a temporary pause for one of the actors to enter, a sharp report of a pistol was heard, which merely attracted attention, but suggested nothing serious, until a man rushed to the front of the President's box, waving a long dagger in his right hand and exclaiming "*Sic semper tyranis!*" He immediately leaped from the box, which was in the second tier of the stage beneath, and ran across to the opposite side of the stage, making his escape, amidst the bewilderment of the audience, from the rear of the theatre, and mounting a horse, FLED!

The screams of Mrs. Lincoln first disclosed the fact to the audience that the President had been shot! When all present rose to their feet, rushing towards the stage, exclaiming "HANG HIM!"

The excitement was of the wildest descriptions, and of course there was an abrupt interruption of the performance.

There was a rush towards the President' box, when the cries were heard, "Stand back! Give him air! Has any one stimulants!"

On a hasty examination, it was found that the President had been shot through the head, above the back of the temporal bone, and that some of brain was oozing out. He was removed to a private house opposite the Theatre. The Surgeon-General of the Army, and other surgeons were sent for to attend him.

On examination of the private box, blood was discovered on the back of a cushioned rocking chair, on which the President had been sitting, and also on the partition and on the floor.

A common single-barreled pocket pistol was found on the carpet.

A military guard was placed in front of the private residence to which the President had been conveyed – an immense crowd being in front of it, all deeply anxious to learn the condition of the President.

It had previously been announced that wound was mortal, but all hoped otherwise. The shock to the community was terrible, at midnight.

The Cabinet, and Senators Sumner, Befo, Farnsworth, Judge Bates, Governor Oglesby, General Meigs, Colonel Hay and a few personal friends, with Surgeon General Barnes and his immediate assistants, were around the bedside of the President, who was in a state of syncope, totally insensible and breathing slowly, blood oozed from the wound at the back of his head. The Surgeon General exhausted every possible effort of medical skill, but all hope was gone. The parting of his family with the dying President was too sad for description. The President and Mrs. Lincoln did not start for the theatre until fifteen minutes before 8 o'clock. Speaker Colfax was at the White House and the President stated to him that he was going to the theatre (although Mrs. Lincoln had not been well), because the papers announced that Gen. Grant was to be present, and as Grant had gone north, he did not wish the audience to be disappointed. He went with apparent reluctance, and urged Colfax to go with him, but that gentleman had other arrangements, and with George Ashman, of Massachusetts, bade him good-bye.

#### **Secretary Seward also Assassinated!**

When the excitement at the Theatre was at its wildest height, reports were circulating that Secretary Seward has also been assassinated. On reaching this gentleman's residence, a crowd and military guard was found at the doors. On entering, it was ascertained that the reports were based on truth. Everybody there were so excited that scarcely an intelligible word could be gathered.

The facts are substantially as follows: About 10 o'clock a man rang the bell, and the call having been answered by a colored servant, he said he had come from Dr. Viere, Secretary Seward's family physician, with a prescription; at the same time holding in his hand a small package of folded papers, and saying, in answer to a refusal, that he must see the Secretary, as he was entrusted with particular directions concerning the medicines.

He insisted in going up, although repeatedly informed that no one could enter the chamber. He then pushed the servant to side, walked heavily toward the Secretary's room, and was met at the door of the room by Fred. Seward, of whom he demanded to see the Secretary, making the same representation which he did to the servant.

What further passed in the way of colloquy is not known, but the man struck him in the head with a billy, severely injuring the skull and felling him almost senseless. The assassin then rushed into the chamber and attacked Major Seward, a paymaster in the United States Army, and Hunsell, a messenger of the State Department, and two male nurses, disabling them. He then rushed upon the Secretary, who was in the same room, and inflicted three stab wounds in the neck, but severing, it is thought and hoped no artery, though he bled profusely. The assassin rushed down stairs, mounted his horse and fled, before an alarm could be sounded, in the manner as the assassin of the President.

It is believed that the injuries of the Secretary are not fatal, nor those of the others, although both the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are very seriously injured.

Secretaries Stanton and Welles, and other prominent officers of the Government, called at Seward's house to inquire into his condition, and heard of the assassination of the President. They then proceeded to the house where he was lying. An immense crowd was gathered in front of the President's house, and a strong guard was also stationed there. Many persons evidently supposing he would be brought to his home.

#### **Great Excitement in Washington!**

The city to-night presents a scene of the wildest excitement, accompanied by violent expressions of indignation, and profoundest sorrow, many shedding tears.

The Military authorities have dispatched patrols in every direction, in order if possible to arrest the assassins, the police are likewise vigilant for the same purpose. The attacks both at the Theatre and Seward's house, took place at about 10 o'clock, thus showing preconcerted plans to assassinate the gentlemen. Some evidence as to the guilty party who attacked the President, is in possession of the Board of Police. Vice President Johnson is in the city, and his headquarters are guarded by troops.

## **HOW A COPPERHEAD WAS DEALT WITH**

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 4, no. 468, p. 2, col. 3, April 15, 1865

POSTSCRIPT!

### **VIGILANCE COMMITTEE**

In Gold Hill!

Two men, evidently in sympathy with the traitors of our country, reported Southerners, are now in the calaboose here, and a Vigilance Committee is examining into charges of disloyal and seditious language which they made use of since the news was received of the assassination of President Lincoln. We sincerely hope that moderation and discretion will prevail.

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 4, no. 469, p. 2, col. 1, April 17, 1865

### **LASHED**

In a postscript in the News on Saturday evening we stated that a Vigilance Committee was in session in Gold Hill, and inquiring into the case of a man who had given expression of joy at the assassination of the President. The prisoner had been a resident of the vicinity for a number of years, and went by the name of "Posey Coxsey" (Coxsey is his real name). He is a Tennessean, but came to this coast from Illinois. We have heard it stated by a gentleman who is very apt to know, that he is one of the five who once raised a secession flag in Virginia city. The Vigilance Committee on Saturday took his case in hand, and upon due inquiry, found him guilty of using such expressions (after the news had been received of the assassination of the President.) as "that he was d—n glad of it; that it was a pity he had not been killed years ago." The jury made a report to the citizens to that effect, and another committee was appointed to inflict such punishment as he merited. The committee ordered him to receive thirty lashes on the bare back, and then to be handed over to the Provost Marshal. The prisoner had been locked up, in the stationhouse, and when the committee went to inflict punishment, Marshal Johnson refused to unlock the doors. But the committee soon found a way to unlock the door without a key – the job being done with an axe and a sledge-hammer. Coxey was accordingly brought forth in the presence of a crowd of about five hundred persons, stripped of his shirt, and eight or ten lashes administered, severely laid on. A motion was then made and carried that the sentence should be suspended, and that the prisoner should carry the American flag up to Virginia, and have a placard on his back bearing this inscription: "A traitor to his country." All of which was duly performed, and as the crowd reached the Divide, between their town and Virginia, they met the Provost Guard, who then took Coxsey in charge. We suppose he will be sent to Fort Churchill to pack sand. So much for "shooting his mouth off." That he was not hung before sundown is the only thing that surprises us. Our people are not in a humor to show much mercy to insidious traitors in our midst, nor to those who given expression of joy for the murder of the President of the United States.

## **RECENT CAMP ORDERS**

No new Camp Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvpac.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.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

One new General Order by out-going Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson and one new General Order by the news Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette 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. 24 by Commander-in-Chief Pierson issued 15 awards covering 29 individuals, four camps, and three departments at the National Encampment.

General Order No. 1 by Commander-in-Chief Paquette sets up how he wants his administration to function.