

CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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Dept. of Calif & Pacific 118th Encampment Very Successful

On March 19 and 20, 2004, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Department of California and the Pacific met for their 118th Annual Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California.

In attendance were National and Department Officers, officers and delegates from the 12 Camps of the Department and numerous friend and family members.

Additionally, for the first time in many years, in attendance were representatives from all the Allied Orders of the SUVCW (Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the GAR, Women's Relief Corps and the Auxiliary of the SUVCW).

The activities began on Friday afternoon at the Elks Lodge with a "Camp Fire" social gathering followed by a No Host Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Saturday's agenda began at 7:30 AM with registration, table setup, coffee and donuts. The Opening Ceremonies took place at 9:00 AM followed by a full morning of Department and Camp reports.

1:00 PM saw a lunch break, during which the Auxiliary of the SUVCW performed an Installation of Officers and Chartering Ceremony for its newest chapter (Dr. Mary E. Walker, Aux. No. 52). Followed by the Department Raffle. The number and selection

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New Camp Display



The General William Passmore Carlin - Camp No. 25 of Gardnerville, Nevada, unveiled a very visually interesting and educational display table at the 118th Annual Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, California, honoring Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Gen. Carlin Camp's Debut at Dept. Encampment

The newest Camp of the SUVCW Department of California and the Pacific made its debut at the 118th Department Encampment held in San Luis Obispo, California, during the weekend of March 20, 2004.

Representing the Camp were Senior Vice Commander Gary Parrott and Delegate Jerry Griffith (Camp Color Bearer).

Also, making its first appearance was the Camp's recruitment/ informational display table. This included a beautiful tri-fold display complete with Camp history, biography of General William P. Carlin, SUVCW membership information and copies of Nevada State awards received by the Camp.

Also present was the booklet *The GAR Civil War Monument, Lone Mountain Cemetery, Nevada* (a history of the monument and the volunteer project to save it from deterioration). This was a very popular booklet with the attendees at the Encampment as few copies remained at the end of the event.

Also, seen on the Camp No. 25 table was a genuine GAR Highway sign and several display cases containing post Civil War era medals (US Army, GAR and various Allied Orders).

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 was chartered by the SUVCW – Dept. of Calif. and the Pacific on August 23, 2003. To date, it is one of the two camps located in Nevada.

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118th Encampment - cont.

of prizes were superb.

The big winner was the William B. Keith Camp No. 12, Las Vegas, Nevada (they know how to win in Vegas !!!).

It should be noted, Camp No. 25 donated several gifts for the Department Raffle !!

At 2:00 PM the business meeting reconvened. During which was the reading of the remaining reports, by-law proposals and the election of officers.



Uniformed and non-uniformed members of the SUVCW - Dept. of Calif. and the Pacific gather at the GAR Cemetery in San Luis Obispo, for a memorial service.

At 4:00 PM the meeting was adjourned and moved a short distance away to the nearby GAR Cemetery, where members of the SVR - 6th Military District, conducted a very moving Memorial Service. Followed by the closing ceremonies.

At 6:00 PM many Brothers and their wives returned to the Elks Lodge for a social hour followed by a sumptuous dinner with the SUVCW Commander in Chief - Kent L. Armstrong, who had traveled from Wisconsin to attend the Encampment.

Highlights of the February Camp Meeting

On February 21, 2004, the William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 held its second meeting of the new year.

The gathering was held at the home of Camp Commander Paul Washeleski, in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Many items of interest were discussed during the course of the afternoon. In addition to the normal business items (the commander's report, the secretary-treasurer's report, various committee reports, etc.), there was much lively discussion about a Camp Flag (refer to the article on Page 3), the formation of a Camp Guard and the necessity for a Department By-Laws change.

The proposed By-Laws change would establish each Camp's jurisdiction (ie - area of interest and area of responsibility) within the Department. Currently there are 12 Camps and 2 Forming Camps within the Department of California and the Pacific which covers the states of California and Nevada. To date, there are no Camps in the states of Oregon or Washington.

Camp No. 25 delegates (Jerry Griffith and Gary Parrott) to this years Annual Department Encampment were given instructions on what to do in regard to this matter. It was anticipated that a formal written proposal would be required during the business meeting.

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Camp No. 25 Member Receives Dept. Award



At the recent SUVCW Annual Department Encampment, Gary Parrott (Senior Vice Commander of Camp No. 25) received the prestigious Department Officer of the Year Award.

In addition to his regular Camp duties, Gary is also the Department GAR Highway Officer. This requires him to collect and maintain information about the GAR Highway (within the jurisdiction of the Department), serve as a liaison between State and Federal DOT officials, and provide written reports of the status of the GAR Highway.

This past year, Gary traveled the entire route of the GAR Highway within the Department and contacted various DOT officials about its status.

Additionally, Gary assembled and printed a booklet (*SUVCW - GAR Highway, Route Guide Book*) to provide information and a brief history of the GAR Highway to SUVCW members and the general public.

Copies of the booklet are available for use by Camp members during Camp functions (display/recruitment booths, fund raising activities and other events as needed).

The booklets were distributed at the 2003 Fresno Civil War Reenactment and at this years Department Encampment.

A Message From The Editor

Dear Brothers:

With this issue of the camp newsletter comes several obvious changes.

First, I have taken over the "ink" as editor and publisher of our camp newsletter. My predecessor (Camp Commander Paul Washeleski) had done an excellent job as editor and publisher !! I do not know how he found the time to put together the newsletter and be Camp Commander, at the same time !!! This will free him for other duties and responsibilities.

Second, you have seen a change in the style and content of the newsletter (I hope you like it, if not, send in your suggestions). I am attempting to give the newsletter a more "polished" appearance.

Third, I have started a column entitled *The Civil War Minute*. It will contain a transcript of an actual Civil War letter written, to or from, "one of the Boys in Blue" or the history of a patriotic envelope sent, to or from, "one of the Boys in Blue".

And finally, a name for our newsletter - *Carlin Camp Dispatch*, I hope it agrees with you (if not send in your suggestions).

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott
Publisher and Editor

February Meeting - cont.

*Note: during the Annual Department Encampment several By-Laws changes were proposed, it should be noted, all proposals were tabled and sent to a By-Laws Committee for review and action, the recommendations of which would be discussed at the next Annual Department Encampment.

Camp No. 25 Has A Flag



The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25's new flag !!

The Long Awaited Camp Flag Is Here !

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 is now the proud owner of a beautiful Camp Flag !!

The newest Camp in the SUVCW - Dept. of California and the Pacific, took possession of this multi-colored military style standard earlier this month.

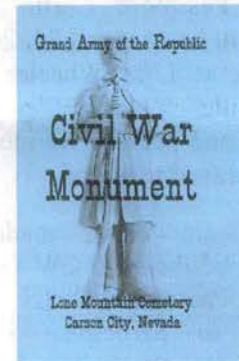
The flag features a stunning embroidered replica of the SUVCW Logo surrounded by the words: *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, Gardnerville, Nevada*, on a blue background with gold trim.

The flag will be displayed during all official functions of Camp No. 25 and other events as directed by the Camp Commander.

Future events where the Camp Flag will be displayed include: Memorial Day, July 4th, Veteran's Day and Lincoln's Birthday.

The Camp is currently looking for several members to act as Camp Guard. Interested members should contact Commander Paul Washeleski for more information. It is anticipated that members of the Camp Guard will have to obtain Civil War era uniforms for use during ceremonies.

GAR Lone Mountain Cemetery Booklet Now Available



During the February meeting of Camp No. 25, a copy of a prototype informational booklet was passed around for review and comments.

After much input from the membership, the suggestions were implemented and a revised version of the *GAR Civil War Monument, Lone Mountain Cemetery* booklet has been assembled and printed.

This revised booklet contains more information than the original proto-type in regard to: the GAR Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada; the restoration project to save the monument; an expanded list of all Union Veterans interred at the cemetery; and, information on how interested persons can contact the Camp and Cemetery personnel to help save the monument.

Copies of the booklet are available for use by Camp members during Camp functions (display/recruitment booths, fund raising events and other events as needed).

The booklets were displayed and distributed at this years Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo.

The booklets were a "hit" with the attendees as only a few remained at the end of the two day event (50 copies were printed and taken to the Encampment) !!

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will be on April 24, 2004 at 2:00 PM, at 1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- Plans are being made for members of the SUVCW General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 to participate in the Memorial Day Services at the GAR Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, on Monday 31, 2004, at 1:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

For additional information contact Commander Paul Washeleski (775) 265-2950 or via e-mail: paulww@charter.net.

*For additional information go to Web Page at: www.suvcw.org

What's New at the National SUVCW Quartermaster's Office

All members, in good standing, are eligible to purchase various SUVCW Logo items from the National Quartermaster's Office.

The Quartermaster's Office has a large selection of items for purchase (which include: membership badges, service bars, neck ties, collar insignia, decals, tie tacks, membership rosette, SUVCW letterhead stationary, etc.). There is even an on-line catalog for member's convenience.

For additional information refer to the most current issue of *The Banner* or for members with Internet on-line access go to: <http://suvcw.org/id.htm>.

The following is the latest information and General Orders from the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2003 – 2004

GENERAL ORDERS No. 19

Kent L. Armstrong,
Commander-in-Chief

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Horace N. Rumsey, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of David G. Caywood Camp No. 146, Department of New York, Brother Rumsey honored the memory of his father, Horace Rumsey, who served with the 148th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Rumsey's family. Ordered this 12th day of March, 2004.

By Order of:
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief
Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCincC
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDERS No. 18

(*the following is an excerpt from G.O. No. 18)

Kent L. Armstrong,
Commander-in-Chief

Monitoring and promoting the proper care and upkeep of Civil War veterans' graves as well as the monuments and memorials that honor them, is a primary purpose of our organization. We are all volunteers in this great Order but there are some who go 'above & beyond' in service to the memory of those who honorably served to Save the Union.

In appreciation of these efforts, it has been my pleasure to issue Meritorious Service Awards to Brothers who have been instrumental in the restoration or conservation of existing G.A.R. Monuments and other Civil War related Memorials that honor Union soldiers, sailors, and marines.

I would also like to issue Certificates of Merit to Brothers who have excelled in the work related to our Graves Registration Program as well as the Civil War Memorials assessment project. Commanders of Camps as well as the Camps-at-Large are encouraged to channel nominations through our National Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials Officers.

Thank you. Ordered this 11th day of March, 2004.

By Order of:
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief
Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCincC
National Secretary

Membership Information

Membership in the SUVCW is open to all male descendants (direct or collateral), 14 years and older who:

- are a relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service;
- who was regularly mustered and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the United States of America or in a state regiment called to active service between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.

* For further membership information go to the SUVCW Web Page at: www.suvcw.org

Photos of General Carlin Now Available On-Line



The above photograph is one of several images of General William Passmore Carlin, now available to anyone with Inter-Net access at the site: www.generalsandbrevets.com.

This site offers an entire gallery of general officers and others military personalities who fought in the Civil War (on the Union and Confederate side).

Don't be the last one on your block to have one !!

At the 118th Annual Department Encampment, new officers were elected and sworn into office. The following are the elected officers of the SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific, for the 2004-2005 term (unless otherwise indicated):

Commander

Linn P. Hoadley (Los Angeles, CA)

Senior Vice-Commander

Tad D. Campbell (Gilroy, CA)

Junior Vice-Commander

Jerry R. Sayre (Fallbrook, CA)

Secretary-Treasurer (Term expires 2007)

Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)

Department Council

- *D. Brad Schall*, PDC (Lincoln, CA),
Chairman (Term expires 2006)

- *Alan E. Peterson*, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)
Member (Term expires 2006)

- *Rudy Velasco* (Cathedral City, CA)
Member (Term expires 2005)

DEPARTMENT ORDERS - SERIES 2004-2005

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 1

Linn P. Hoadley,
Department Commander

It is a great honor to have been elected and installed as the Commander of the Department of California & Pacific by the delegates assembled at the 118th Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo, CA on March 20, 2004.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this office and I look forward to working with you to further our Order's efforts in tribute to those who answered President Lincoln's call to "Save the Union" between 1861 & 1865.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and State of California, as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are most welcome and encouraged at any of the above listed contacts, or at the Department Post Office Box, P.O. Box 664, Gilroy, CA 95021-0664.

Best regards to all, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty as we begin another year in our unending efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and to promote public pride toward all who honorably served the Union between 1861-1865.

By Order of: /s/ Linn P. Hoadley
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Daniel R. Earl
Department Secretary-Treasurer

A Civil War Moment in Time

General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 Northern Nevada

Organized in December 2002 and officially chartered by the SUVCW – Department of California and the Pacific on August 23, 2003.

The SUVCW is a tax exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 © (4), Internal Revenue Code and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by the US Internal Revenue Service (Section 170, Internal Revenue Code).

The current officers and staff of Camp No. 25 are:

- Commander – Paul F. Washeleski
- Sr. Vice Commander – Gary Parrott
- Jr. Vice Cmdr – Francis Wood, Jr.
- Secretary-Treasurer – Jeffrey Vaillant
- Camp Council: Donald Huffman
Donald Guidici
Steven Frady
- Patriotic Instructor – Brian Worcester
- Chaplain – Donald Huffman
- Guide – Curtis A. Thomas
- Guard – Curtis A. Thomas
- Historian – David A. Davis
- Counselor – Gary Parrott
- Graves Reg. Officer – Gary Parrott
- Civil War Mem. Ofc.-David Davis
- Eagle Scout Cert. Co. - B. Worcester
- Color Bearer – Jerry Griffith
- Signals Officer – Donald Huffman

Civil War Letter



The above is a copy of an original Civil War letter written in 1862 from the private collection of the Editor.

The preceding *Civil War Letter* was written by Ellen “Nellie” (Eaton) Fransworth to her brother Henry A. Eaton (“cousins” of the Editor, c.v.- a nephew and niece of one of his great-great-great-grandmothers, once removed).

Henry A. Eaton enlisted in Company A, 16th Vermont Infantry and was elected Captain in 1862. He was a gallant officer and was wounded several times in battle. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was killed during the Battle of Poplar Springs Church, Virginia (30 September 1864).

The following is a transcript of the *Civil War Letter* written by Nellie to her brother Henry A. Eaton.

March 24, 1862

Dear Brother,

In my haste to close my last letter, I forgot to mention about our Lake Co., boys who have met and vanquished the force and shock of the batteries of Fort Donelson and Pea Ridge. At the Battle of Pea Ridge, Capt. Messer of Libertyville, formerly of Vermont, he has a twin brother, I think he is a relative of the Messers of Rochester, was wounded. Capt. Eugene B. Payne of Fremont was wounded and his brother killed, another brother died a few weeks ago. He died of the camp measles, was brought home and buried in our graveyard. A flag waves over the soldier's grave.

George Messer, a Dutchman, who has formerly worked for Father Farnsworth, had a ball shot through his hat and two through his coat, but was unhurt.

William Fisher who has worked for us, we expect was in the Battle of Fort Donelson. Just before the fight, he wrote to Lynde saying that he was wanting to get a clip at the Rebels, he was probably gratified at Donelson.

John B. Houghton, who has worked for us, one year and a half, is under McClellan, Co. F, 8th Inf. U.S.A.

Capt Willard, he has enlisted for five years. Lynde has been writing to him.

I wrote to cousin Mary several months ago, have received no answer.

Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain thy sister,

Nellie

This letter contains numerous Civil War references, some of which were:

- the Battles of Fort Donelson, Tennessee, and Pea Ridge, Arkansas;
- Captain Erwin B. Messer was in Company F, 37th Illinois Infantry;
- Capt. Eugene B. Payne was in Company C, 37th Illinois Infantry, his brother Frederick A. Payne was killed during the Battle of Pea Ridge and his other brother William Payne died of disease at the hospital at Camp Douglas, Illinois, on 25 January 1862; and,
- the passage in regard to Father Farnsworth is a reference to her father-in-law and Lynde was a reference to her husband.