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Funding Found for GAR Monument Restoration Project

In a surprise turn of events, on April 26, 2004, the Carson City Board of Supervisors announced the approval of funds to be used for the restoration of the historic Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Monument located at the Lone Mountain Cemetery District property.

The G.A.R. Monument was originally constructed and dedicated in 1891 as Nevada's tribute to the soldiers, sailors and marines who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

It is the only one of its kind in Nevada. Additionally, it is also believed to be the only one of its kind west of the Mississippi.

The cost to disassemble, transport, repair and re-assemble the monument is estimated to be over \$82,000.

Thanks to the efforts of several historical, hereditary and civic groups (specifically included in that group was the SUVCW !!), this project would not have gone forward.

The project was, all along, supported by the Carson City Department of Parks and Recreation, the Lone Mountain Cemetery District, Mayor Ray Masayko and other leading government officials, however the cost of the restoration project was

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The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, has been authorized to receive funds for its repair. The restoration project is slated to begin this summer.

Gen. Carlin Camp Participates In Memorial Day Events

On May 31, 2004, several members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, participated in the Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada. This was the first appearance of the newly formed Camp Guard.

The day included a wide range of activities and participants. Several military, civic and lineage societies were represented and over 300 spectators were estimated to be in attendance.

The master of ceremonies was David Stultz (Sexton, Lone Mountain Cemetery District). He and his staff had meticulously prepared the grounds of the cemetery for this auspicious occasion. Flags and beautiful floral bouquets could be seen adorning the graves and headstones of veterans throughout the historic cemetery. And Mother Nature, also, cooperated for this memorial service.

Participants included members of the Nevada Air National Color Guard, Sierra Highlander Pipe Band, the Naval Cadet Color Guard and the SUVCW - General W. P. Carlin Camp Guard.

Guest speakers included Gwen Hadd (Women's Army Corps -

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the prohibiting factor.

The monument is scheduled to be disassembled the last week of June or the first week of July, 2004. It will then be transported to the restoration company's main plant in the Mid-West where it will be repaired and refurbished to "like new" condition.

Additionally, the restoration process will include a new stainless steel interior to support the weight of the statue.

All work is hoped to be completed for its return and re-assembly in the late Fall.

A grand re-dedication ceremony is planned for the 2004 Veterans Day Celebration at the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

It should be noted, that while this much needed restoration is being performed, it will be the first time in 113 years that the sentinel atop the GAR Monument will not be standing guard over Nevada's largest assemblage of Civil War Veterans !!



Lone Mountain Cemetery Veterans section.

Memorial Day - cont.

Chapter No. 108), Janice Frost (Colonial Dames of the XVII Century), Paul Washeleski (SUVCW), David Treinan (Commander, US Navy) and Dr. Calvert Frost recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

SUVCW - Camp Commander Paul Washeleski gave a very patriotic speech on the history and purpose of Decorations Day (now known as Memorial Day) and the mission and goals of the SUVCW (the successor of the GAR).



Camp Commander Paul Washeleski gives a patriotic speech during the Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City.

Music during the Memorial Day Services included a moving rendition of *Amazing Grace* performed by The Sierra Highlander Pipe Band and *Taps* played by Rick James.

The invocation and the benediction were conducted by Pastor Alan Dorway.

Representing the General William Passmore Carlin Camp Guard (the newest Camp Guard unit within the SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific) were Commander Paul Washeleski, Sr. Vice Commander Gary Parrott, Jr. Vice Commander Frank Wood, Brian Worcester, Curtis Allen and David Davis.

Following the end of the official Memorial Day Services, the General Carlin Camp Guard marched to the G.A.R. Veterans section of the cemetery. There, with full military honors, a floral wreath was laid near the headstone



The members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp Guard participated, for the first time, during the Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery

of Lieutenant Colonel Charles McDermit (the commander of the forces at Fort Churchill who was killed in August 1865) to honor the +40 unknown soldiers interred at the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

Highlights of the April Camp Meeting

On April 24, 2004, the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 held its third meeting of the 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 the formation of a "sub-section" within Camp No. 25 to be located in Reno to meet during the off months. Subsequently, it was determined that this was unnecessary and contrary to Department policy.

Also discussed was the Camp's participation in the upcoming Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery. And

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A Message From The Editor

Dear Brothers:

As you can see with the number of articles in this issue of the newsletter, the Camp has been very busy the last couple of months.

Additionally, we can all be proud that nearly 50% of the Camp's membership participated in this year's Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Outstanding !!!

This was the first opportunity for the Camp Guard to participate in a public event. All went very well. This could well be the Camp's *SIGNATURE* annual event !

As one of the members who did participate, I felt a certain pride at the end of the day for a job well done. I had done my best to honor the memory of my Civil War ancestors (their conviction, dedication and sacrifice !!).

Remembering the Boys in Blue, is the underlying reason the SUVCW exists and why we are here !!!

Yes, I understand that we all have lives outside of this organization. Each of us must first take care of family, ourselves and work.

I, also, acknowledge that some of the best members (of any organization) are the "quiet" ones who offer support and encouragement to those who are "active" (those who hold a Camp office or are involved in events).

So, I ask each of you, if you cannot be "active" in the Camp or Camp events, please, be "active" in your support to those who are "active". All of us can work together for the good of the order and toward a common goal.

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Gary E. Parrott
Publisher and Editor

April Meeting - cont.

the approval of the funds for the GAR Civil War Monument Restoration Project.

Members present were: David Davis, Donald Guidici, Jeffrey Vaillant, Paul Washeleski and Brian Worcester. All others were excused for valid reasons.

With all business completed the meeting was adjourned after the setting of the date and time for the next Camp meeting (refer to *Upcoming Events* on Page 4).

Local Eagle Scout Presented Coveted SUVCW Certificate



Commander Paul Washeleski presents the coveted SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to Cameron Howard during recent Memorial Day Services.

On May 31, 2004, during the Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, *Cameron Tyler Howard*, of Portola, California, was presented the prestigious Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Eagle Scout Certificate.

Presiding over the honors were Commander Paul Washeleski and SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Brian Worcester. Both are members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, of Gardnerville, Nevada

(which is, to date, the only SUVCW Camp in Northern Nevada).

Cameron recently qualified for this award when he attained the status of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop No. 57, Nevada Area Council No. 329 of the Boy Scouts of America.

It should be noted that only 2% of all Boy Scouts ever attain the status of Eagle Scout and only after years of dedicated scouting.

Additionally, Cameron is not the only one in his family to be an Eagle Scout. His great grandfather was an Eagle Scout !!

Congratulations Cameron !!
Keep up the good work !

Final Muster For Wife of Camp 25 Charter Member

Doris Mae Guidici, wife of Camp No. 25 member Donald Guidici, passed away on May 8, 2004, in Reno, Nevada. She was 70 years old.

Doris was born in Missouri, the daughter of John and Dorothy Jones. She married, Donald Guidici, in 1952 and had 4 children (David, Doug, Donna and Diane).

Doris was a longtime member of the Plumas Sierra Cattlewomen Association, Sierra Valley Grange and other local organizations.

Her husband, Donald, is one of the original members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25. and was instrumental in the formation of the Camp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cattlewomen's Scholarship Fund. A private family memorial service was performed and interment was at the Vinton Cemetery, Vinton, California.

The Latest *SUVCW National News*

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will be on June 13, 2004 at 1:00 PM, at 1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All Camp members, associates 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 Veteran's Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, on November 11, 2004. Further details will be announced. All members and associates 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

New Member of Camp No. 25

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 is pleased to announce its newest member – *Thomas Lynch* of Carson City, Nevada.

Thomas demonstrated a genuine interest in the Civil War and preserving the memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines who fought during the Civil War.

Additionally, he has subscribed to the purpose and goals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and subsequently, is now an associate member of the General William P. Carlin Camp.

Welcome, Brother Thomas !!

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. 20

Kent L. Armstrong,
Commander-in-Chief

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother James Madison Gowin, Jr., a real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Fort Donelson Camp 62, Department of Tennessee, Brother Gowin honored the memory of his father, James Madison Gowin, Sr., who served in Company B of the 33rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

We are proud to acknowledge Brother Gowin's own military service, during World War II, and his recognition as an "Atomic Veteran."

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 Gowin's family. Ordered this 26th day of April, 2004.

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

New Camps Organized

The SUVCW – National Organization is pleased to announce the formation of the following 2 new Camps:

- North Carolina (Camp at Large), Daniel Ellis Camp No. 3, Asheville, North Carolina (date of charter January 3, 2004); and,
- Department of Kansas, Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas (date of charter December 13, 2003).

2004 Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

To be held by the Department of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug.13-15, 2004

- 123rd Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- 118th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW
- 118th Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR

* for additional information refer to the latest issue of *The Banner* or on-line at www.suvcw.org *

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

Last Civil War Widow Dead at 97

Alberta Martin, the last known widow of a Civil War Veteran, died May 31, 2004, at a nursing home in Alabama, at the age of 97.

She was born December 4, 1906, in Coffee County, Alabama. On December 10, 1927, she married William Jasper Martin (a private in Company K, 4th Alabama Infantry- CSA). She was 21 years old and he was 82 !! The marriage lasted 4 ½ years and when her husband died she received a pension of \$50.00 a month.

The last widow of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, Gertrude Janeway, died January 2003, in Tennessee, at the age of 93. She had married John Janeway (a private in Company B, 14th Illinois Cavalry) when she was 18. When her husband died, she received a pension of \$70.00 a month !!

Although all the Civil War Veterans and their widows are now gone, there are a few *real* sons and daughters left. Let us not forget them !!

The following is the latest information from the SUVCW – Department of California and the Pacific:

Department Officers 2004 - 2005**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)

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- 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)

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- Charlie Mabie

Chaplin

- Ernie Powell

Historian

- Robert L. Nelson

Counselor

- Dave Allyn

Guide

- Gregory R. Tracey

Color Bearer

- Glen L. Roosevelt

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- Bob Lowe, PDC

Civil War Memorials Officer

- Kirby Morgan

Signals Officer

- Tad D. Campbell, PCC

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

- Gary E. Parrott

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

- Al Peterson, PDC

Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor

- Daniel R. Earl

New Camps Organized

The SUVCW – Department of California and the Pacific is pleased to announce the formation of the following 2 new Camps:

- Grant Camp No. 9 (Central California)

- Patchin Camp No. 26 (Northern California)

The above Camps are in the final stages of the organizational process and are expected to receive their charters within the next year. We will keep advised of their status in future issues of this newsletter.

Another Civil War Moment

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 – Frank Wood, Jr.
Secretary- Brian Worcester
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

The below envelopes contained letters written to Tilton C. Reynolds from his parents between September 1861 and March 1862. These “Patriotic Covers” are sought by collectors because of their appearance.

Until recently, little was known of Tilton C. Reynolds. Various record checks utilizing several on-line databases (NARA database, Ancestry.com Civil War collection, etc.) revealed little about his Civil War military service record. The only record found was for a “Tilman Reynolds”, Company H, 105th Pennsylvania Infantry. Nothing else.

It was not until this year, that it was discovered that the US Library of Congress had an entire collection of his letters on-line for viewing, including his photograph and biography !!

The following is a brief synopsis of what can be found in regard to - Tilton C. Reynolds. He was born on 26 October 1843 and was the oldest son of Thomas and Juliana Reynolds of Winslow Township (later Reynoldsville), Pennsylvania.

Soon after the start of the Civil War, Tilton joined the 105th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers (known as the “Wild Cat Regiment” because recruits came largely from an area of individual oil explorations known as “wildcat” operations).

In September 1861, seventeen-year-old Tilton enlisted and was assigned as a private in Company H. After initial training Reynolds was detailed as a clerk at the headquarters of the III Corps, First Division - USA. He kept this post until the Battle of Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862, where he fought and was one of three members of his company taken prisoner. He was exchanged in September 1862, after serving time in prisons in Libby and Belle Isle, Virginia, and Salisbury, North Carolina.

Upon being exchanged, Tilton was granted a leave of absence before rejoining his company in December 1862. He remained in its service until the end of the war.

Tilton was promoted to sergeant-major on September 23, 1864, and soon thereafter, commanded Company H after receiving a captain's commission on November 25, 1864.

Captain Reynolds was mustered out with the soldiers of the 105th Regiment on July 11, 1865. He died in 1913 and was buried in Beuhela Cemetery in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

During the Civil War, Tilton Reynolds corresponded extensively, to and from, his family. Between September 1861 and March 17, 1862, Tilton was stationed at Camp Jamieson, Fairfax County, Virginia. There he received many letters from home.

For additional information about Tilton C. Reynolds go on-line to the US Library of Congress web-site (<http://memory.loc.gov>).

Civil War Letters



The above is a copy of an original Civil War envelope dated February 11, 1862 from the private collection of the Editor.

The above envelopes are considered “Patriotic Covers” because of their colorful depictions and messages. These were addressed to *Tilton Reynolds* while he was stationed at Camp Jamieson, Virginia, between September 1861 and March 1862.