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GAR Civil War Monument Returns to Lone Mountain Cemetery

During the morning of November 10, 2004, members of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* - General William Passmore Carlin Camp eagerly awaited the arrival of the truck transporting the 113 year old Grand Army of the Republic Civil War monument, back to Carson City, Nevada.

After a four month long refurbishing and restoration procedure the monument was ready to return to "sentry duty" at the Civil War Veteran's section of the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

A score of spectators were present (cemetery personnel, media, etc) which included members of the SUVCW - Camp No. 25 (Paul Washeleski, Gary Parrott, Brian Worcester and Jeffery Vaillant).

Shortly after 11:00 AM, the first of the crew and equipment, to reassemble the monument, began to arrive at the cemetery. At approximately 12:30 PM the truck carrying the sections of the 17 foot tall monument made its entrance - the end of a cross-country trek from the Karkadoulis Bronze Arts Foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mercene Karkadoulis (owner of the Foundry) and her daughter, Kathy Axiotes, also made the trip to personally oversee the re-assembly of the monument and to be present during the re-dedication ceremony on Veteran's Day.

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General Carlin Camp Participates in Carson City Veterans Day Event

On November 11, 2004, members of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* assembled at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, to participate in a very special and historic Veterans Day memorial service. The main event was the unveiling of the newly refurbished and repaired Grand Army of the Republic - Civil War monument.

Present during this auspicious occasion, and despite the prediction of a major storm front passing through the region during the day (bringing the possibility of snow or rain !!), were over 200 spectators, participants, dignitaries and various media personnel.

The Memorial Services included speeches, music, military color guards, Civil War re-enactors and the rededication of the GAR Civil War Monument.

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The GAR Civil War Sentinel is "back on-duty" at the Lone Mountain Cemetery after much needed "R & R".

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Monument Returns - cont.

Two "time capsules" were placed inside the monument (which is now hollow with the removal of its concrete "filler"). One from the SUVCW - Camp No. 25 and one from Carson City.

The "time capsule" from the SUVCW contains a current membership roster of the Camp, newspaper articles about the restoration process, photographs, various 2004 coins and other items of interest.

The reassembly process went without a hitch (unlike the dismantling process in July !!) and all was completed by 3:30 PM.

The monument was then covered with a large blue tarp (to be removed during the re-



The GAR Civil War Monument returns in three sections - repaired, refurbished and ready for re-assembly !!

dedication ceremonies scheduled for Veterans Day).

The refurbishing project cost \$82,000 which included repair of all cracks, chips, holes and other types of deterioration. Also, a new stainless steel interior was added to support the weight of the statue and a coating of a special blue-gray sealant to preserve the monument's non-metallic zinc alloy exterior from weathering.

It should be noted, this restoration project would not have gone forward without the tireless efforts of several historical, hereditary and civic groups (specifically included in that group for special recognition was the SUVCW - General Carlin Camp No. 25 !!) and the support of the City Council of Carson City, Nevada, and Mayor Ray Masayko.



Crews await the top section to be moved into position for re-attachment to the main portion of the monument.

Veterans Day Event - cont.

The afternoon events included a wide range of activities and participants. Several military, civic and lineage societies were represented during this event.

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.

Participants included members of the Naval Sea Cadet Color Guard, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and members from the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.

Guest speakers included Carson City Mayor Ray Masayko, Cindy Southerland (local historian), Brad Schall (SUVCW - Dept. of Calif. & Pacific), David Stultz (Lone Mountain Cemetery District), Mercene Karkadoulis (owner of the foundry which restored the monument) and Paul Washeleski (SUVCW - Camp No. 25).

Representing the SUVCW as members of the Color Guard were - Paul Washeleski, Gary Parrott, Brian Worcester, David Davis, Frank Wood and Don Guidici (from Camp No. 25). Also present were - Brad Schall and Kirby Morgan (from the Dept. of California and the Pacific).

Music during the Veterans Day Memorial Service included a moving rendition of *Amazing Grace* performed by Robert Bledsaw on the bagpipes.

Also present and providing valuable assistance during this event were - Jeffrey Vaillant, Camp No. 25 Treasurer (manning the Camp's display/recruitment table) and Lori Parrott, Auxiliary to the SUVCW - Dr. Mary E. Walker No. 52 (taking video and photographs of the event).

A Message From The Editor

Dear Brothers:

The last few weeks have been very busy for "little" Camp No. 25. It saw the return and reassembly of the Lone Mountain GAR Civil War Monument, a spectacular rededication ceremony during the 2004 Veterans Day Services, and a very special awards presentation during the Annual Northern Nevada Lineage Society Luncheon.

A lot of work for one of the newest and smallest Camps in the SUVCW. There are many older Camps that have not done anything of this magnitude !!

Outstanding !!!

I had the good fortune to witness this historic event from start to finish. I wish to thank each and every member of Camp No. 25 for their encouragement and support during the whole process.

It would have been nice to have more spectators and participants during the rededication ceremony however due to the circumstances and events beyond our control (the inclement weather, little or no advance notice, other events going on the same day and the fact that we did not know for certain that the monument would be back in time !!) – the service was a great success !!

This is what the SUVCW is all about – *Remembering the Boys in Blue* and doing our part to ensure - that what was started by our Civil War ancestors continues for future generations.

Good Job !!!

As we enter the Holiday Season, I wish to extend to each member and their families - *Happy Holidays* and a *Prosperous New Year !!*

Once again, all members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 can take pride in what our little Camp has accomplished over the course of the past year.

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott
Publisher and Editor



The members of the SUVCW Color Guard pose in front of the newly repaired Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Monument after the rededication ceremony during the 2004 Veterans Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, in Carson City, Nevada.

Highlights of the October Camp Meeting

On October 16, 2004, the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 held its sixth meeting of the year.

The gathering was held the Camp's HQ (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.) the main items of discussion was the upcoming Veterans Day Services and re-dedication of the GAR Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City and the upcoming election of officers.

Members present at the October meeting were: David Davis, Jeffrey Vaillant, Paul Washeleski, Frank Wood, Gary Parrott 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 6).

Camp Represented at Lineage Luncheon

On November 13, 2004, members of the SUVCW General Carlin Camp No. 25 attended the Second Annual Northern Nevada Lineage Societies Luncheon.

The event was hosted by the Thomas Holcomb Chapter of the Society Colonial Dames of the VII Century at the Thunder Canyon Country Club, Washoe Valley, Nevada.

Present at the luncheon were approximately 50 members of various lineage societies, dignitaries, members of the media, and VIPs - including Carson City Mayor Ray Masayko.

The special guest of the event was 106 year old - Reuben Law, a veteran of both World War I and World War II.

Representing the SUVCW was Paul Washeleski, Brian Worcester and Gary Parrott.

During the meeting Commander Paul Washeleski presented a special SUVCW Award to Reuben Law (one of his grandfathers was an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War).



Camp Commander Paul Washeleski presents Reuben Law with a special award from the SUVCW.

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

The S. U. V. C. W.

The *Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War* was formed in 1881 as the potential successor to the *Grand Army of the Republic* (GAR). Its purpose was to ensure the continuance of the mission and goals started by the GAR. It was originally called: *The Sons of Union Veterans*. The name was changed in 1925 to further identify its heritage.

Prior to the disbanding of the GAR (when the last surviving members died), the SUVCW was officially designated the legal heir to the GAR on August 20, 1954.

Currently, the SUVCW is composed of 26 Departments (each contain Camps located within one of more states in a geographical region), 5 Camp-at-Large organizations (for the states of AZ, GA, NC, OR and WA) and a National Membership-at-Large organization (for those states which do not have Camp or Department status). Total membership is approximately 6,000 Brothers in good standing.

In addition, the SUVCW is associated with several Allied Orders. These include: *Sons of Veterans Reserve*, the *Auxiliary to the SUVCW*, *Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War*, *Women's Relief Corps* and the *Ladies of the GAR*.

For additional information go to:

www.suvcw.org

Upcoming Elections for Camp Officers

The elections for Camp officers for the upcoming new year will be held during the Camp meeting on December 5, 2004.

The elected positions include: Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Camp Counselor.

Additionally, there are several appointed positions (Patriotic Instructor, Chaplin, Guide, Guard, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, etc.) which will become vacant at the end of the 2004 term.

All interested members of the Camp should advise Camp Commander Paul Washeleski for consideration and inclusion on the ballot.

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 2004 – 2005

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

The following is the Commander-in Chief Kent Armstrong's suspension of Douglass R. Knight, from any and all duties, as an officer of the William Tabor Camp No. 162, Department of Massachusetts. A hearing council was appointed, pursuant to the C & R, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 17B.

The Council was composed of six brothers, one each from the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont. A seventh, from New Hampshire, recused himself.

On August 4, 2004, the hearing council completed its deliberations. The council found that Brother Knight was guilty of the charges, described in the Commander-in-Chief's General Order No. 16.

It was the sentence of the council that Brother Douglass R. Knight be removed from all current elective and/or appointed offices of the Order. They further ordered a lifetime ban on holding any elected and/or appointed office of the Order.

A copy of the council's decision was sent to Brother Douglas R. Knight by certified mail on August 9th, 2004. Receipt by Brother Knight was refused.

On September 12th, the requisite 30-day appeal period expired. The members of the hearing council were subsequently discharged with the thanks of the Order.

Ordered this 15th day of September, 2004.

By Order of:
Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

2005 Annual National Encampment

The 124th Annual National Encampment of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* will be hosted by the Department of New Hampshire, at Nashua, New Hampshire, August 3 - 7, 2005.

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

Department of Calif. & Pacific

The *Department of California and the Pacific - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW) was organized in February 1886. Its territory includes the states of California, Nevada and Hawaii.

To date, the Department is composed of 14 Camps. The oldest of which is the General Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 (San Jose, California). It was formed on December 4, 1897.

The Department held its Annual Encampments concurrently with the *GAR - Department of California and Nevada* between 1886 and 1949 (while there were still Union Veterans alive and residing in those States).

From 1950 to the present, the Department of California and the Pacific has held its Annual Encampment with one or more of the Allied Orders of the SUVCW.

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

**Camp Membership
Dues Information**

Membership dues for the upcoming year are now due and payable by December 31, 2004.

The dues are \$31, which include a subscription to the national magazine *The Banner* (4 issues) and the *Carlisle Camp Dispatch* (6 issues).

As per national policy, all SUVCW membership dues must be received at the National Headquarters by March 30 of each year to be considered "current" and in "good standing". It should be noted, each Camp must pay an assessment based on its number of members (whether or not all members paid their dues !?).

Please remit to Camp Treasurer Jeffrey Vaillant (529 7th St., Sparks, NV 89431) or during the December Camp meeting.

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)

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)

Patriotic Instructor

- Charlie Mabie (Newark, CA)

Chaplin

- Ernie Powell (Fallbrook, CA)

Historian

- Robert L. Nelson (Santa Cruz, CA)

Counselor

- Dave E. Allyn (Lakeside, CA)

Guard

- Charles Gardali (Modesto, CA)

Guide

- Gregory R. Tracey (Sacramento, CA)

Color Bearer

- Glen L. Roosevelt (Anaheim Hills, CA)

Graves Registration Officer

- Bob Lowe, PDC (El Cajon, CA)

Civil War Memorials Officer

- Kirby Morgan (Coarsegold, CA)

Signals Officer

- Tad D. Campbell, PCC (Gilroy, CA)

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

- Gary E. Parrott (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

- Al Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor

- Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)

2005 Department Encampment

The SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific will hold its 119th Annual Department Encampment on March 11-12, 2005, at the Elks Lodge No. 322, in San Luis Obispo, California. Further details will be announced in future issues of the newsletter. All members and associates are encouraged to attend this event (business meeting, social event and memorial service).

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will be on December 5, 2004 at 2:00 PM, at the Camp Headquarters, 1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnersville, Nevada. All Camp members, associates and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- Camp elections will be held during the December meeting.

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

Civil War Letter



The above is a copy of an original Civil War letter written in 1864 (from the private collection of the Editor)

Another Civil War Moment

Andrew Smith Chilcote enlisted as a private on 18 September 1862, at the age of 24, in Company G, 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment (attached to the 1st Corps, 3rd Div, 2nd Brigade). As a member of that unit, he would participate in several major battles (Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania).

Andrew served honorably during the Civil War and was mustered out with the rest of his Company on 12 June 1865 at Hart's Island, New York. After the War he returned home to Pennsylvania, got married, raised a family and lived for many years, thereafter. He passed away in 1908 (his final resting place is at the Broad Top IOOF Cemetery, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania).

The below is a transcript of a letter Andrew S. Chilcote sent to a brother-in-law:

Monday April 4, 1864
Camp Near Culpepper, Virginia

Mr. S. B. Morland,

My dear brother, it is with much pleasure that I again take up my pen in reply to your kind, kind letter that I received a few days ago. I was glad to hear from you and can assure you that your letter was thankfully received and was read with much pleasure and interest.

If I mistake not, in my last, I promised that I would write something that would be interesting in my next, but as nothing has transpired here since I wrote you last, I am again at a loss, to know what to write that would interest you.

I still enjoy my health good. Jake is not very well at present. He has the mumps. I think he will get over them in a few days if he gets good attendants. They were brought into the regiment by some new recruits who came in a short time ago. Several boys have had them.

I had the pleasure of seeing General Grant a few days since. He reviewed the Fifth Army Corps, infantry and also, General Merritt's cavalry on week before last near Culpepper. He is a noble looking man. And from his appearance I think he possesses those qualities which are necessary to enable him to complete the great work that is now before him. I hope and trust that luck and success will crown his efforts and earnestly pray that he may be directed by a divine inspiration so that he may victoriously lead our noble and gallant armies against the host of armed traitors and Rebels of the South.

All is quiet along our lines, there is no signs of active operations at present. But though things seem to be quiet just now, yet, it is very certain that all necessary preparations are being made for a vigorous prosecution of the war in the coming campaign. And if our armies are only victorious, which it is hoped they will be, the coming struggle will end the war. May God preserve us and fight our battles and deliver our enemies into our hands.

You wanted to know in your letter what I had done with my money. Well, I sent it by express to Uncle Samuel Miller and requested him to send it home. I expect to be paid again in a few days and will send it home immediately by express if I have the opportunity. If you need money, let me know and I think I can accommodate you.

I think I must soon close for the present. I want you to ask L. B. Morland if he got my letter and if he did why he don't answer. Give my love to Polly and Elly. I want you all to continue to pray for us. May God bless you all with all needful blessings - is the prayer of your affectionate brother.

Write soon,

A. S. C.

The above letter contained several Civil War references, some of which were:

- in Spring 1864, 143rd PA Inf Regt was stationed near Culpepper Court House, VA;
- Gen. Grant established his HQ at the Culpepper Court House (on 26 March 1864);
- Gen. Wesley Merritt was the commander of the 1st Div Cavalry Corps - AoP; and,
- the anticipated start of the major Union offensive that would begin with the *Battle of the Wilderness* (May 1864) and culminate at *Appomattox Court House* (April 1865).

Our Civil War Ancestors

General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25

Organized in December 2002, the first official Camp meeting was held on March 1, 2003, in Gardnerville, Nevada, and, subsequently, was officially chartered by the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Department of California and the Pacific* on August 23, 2003.

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* is a tax exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 c (4), Internal Revenue Code (IRS) 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 the *General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25* of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) - Department of California and the Pacific* 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

Camp Chaplain - Donald Huffman

Camp Guide - Curtis A. Thomas

Camp Counselor - Gary Parrott

Camp Guard - Curtis A. Thomas

Camp Historian - David A. Davis

Graves Reg. Officer - Gary Parrott

Civil War Mem. Ofc. - David Davis

Eagle Scout Cert. Co. - Brian Worcester

Color Bearer - Jerry Griffith

Signals Officer - Donald Huffman



Maplewood Cemetery, NJ

The above is a photograph of the historic Maplewood Cemetery in the City of Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, within which is located the final resting place of Edwin F. Applegate (a Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member and Commander Paul Washeleski). He was the Colonel of the 29th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment from 1862 to 1863.

Edwin Forest Applegate (a Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Paul Washeleski) "heeded the call" from President Lincoln on 4 August 1862 for an additional 300,000 soldiers "To Preserve The Union".

Subsequently, Edwin offered his services and was commissioned as the Colonel of the 29th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment on 12 September 1862 (* note: he had experience as an officer in the Rhode Island State Militia prior to the start of the Civil War).

Upon successful organization of the regiment at Camp Vredenburg (with 39 officers and 866 men) the 29th New Jersey Infantry Regiment left for Washington DC on 20 September 1862. Upon arrival, it was attached to General John J. Abercrombie's Brigade (of General Silas Casey's Division) AKA - the Defenses of Washington.

On 30 November 1862, the 29th New Jersey Infantry Regiment was re-assigned and attached to General M. R. Patrick's Provost Guards - Army of the Potomac. It was then ordered to proceed to Aquia Creek, Virginia, where it performed provost duty and security for the railroad in that region. During that time, the regiment was involved in several skirmishes with Rebel forces in that area.

Later, in December 1862, the 29th New Jersey Infantry Regiment would participate in the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and would earn distinction as the last Union Army unit to withdraw from that city under enemy cannon fire.

* major battles or actions: the *Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia* (December 13-15, 1862).

On 16 January 1863, Edwin resigned his commission (due to poor health) and returned home. However, his association with the Grand Army of the Republic did not end there.

Edwin was instrumental in the formation of the GAR- Captain James W. Conover Post No. 63 (established: 16 January 1882 in Monmouth County, New Jersey) and was the Post Commander from 1883 until 1885. Additionally, he was instrumental in the formations of the Women's Relief Corps No. 1 of New Jersey (associated with the GAR - Frank Lloyd Post No. 79). Furthermore, he assisted in the formation of the Monmouth Battle Monument Association (an organization dedicated to the erection of monuments, plaques and other tributes to commemorate the memory of military personnel who served their country from Monmouth County).

Edwin F. Applegate was born in New York City, New York, on 3 June 1831. He was one of five children born to William and Ann (Martin) Applegate. William Applegate had been a prominent businessman and well know printer in New York City during the mid-1800s.

On 21 April 1849, Edwin married (Mary Lucinda French) in New York and over the years they had 8 children. Sometime prior to 1857 they moved to Rhode Island where he engaged in the newspaper business.

Shortly after the start of the Civil War, Edwin and his family moved to Monmouth County, New Jersey. There he was offered a commission in a newly forming militia unit (29th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment).

After his tour of duty, Edwin returned home and resumed the life of a family man, newspaper publisher and editor. Over the years he became a very successful businessman and important member of the community.

On 23 January 1885, Edwin Applegate passed away at the age of 53. His final resting place is at the Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, New Jersey.

Membership Information

Membership in the national society of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* 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 honorably served 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:

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