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### NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp 25 meeting will be held at 1300 Hours on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Raley's One Market Place on 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511 (up Mt. Rose Hwy about a mile from South Virigina on the right.) The room is on the far right of the store, past the deli, where you can buy lunch. We will start the meeting at 1330, allowing you time to eat lunch. We'll try to email a zoom link before the meeting.

For 2024 the following meeting dates have been preselected and the room reserved for 1300 hrs. Dates may change, so keep an eye open for changes during the year.

April 28th

June 23rd

August 18th

October 20th

December 8th

### ORDERS

### **CAMP ORDERS**

No new Camp Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For a complete list of orders, see Camp the website:

https://suvpac.org/camp25orders/

#### DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No new Department Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For a complete list of orders, see the Department website:

https://suvpac.org/orders/

### NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

CiC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr. has published one new orders or messages since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For the full text and a complete list of General Orders see the National list of orders.

### https://www.suvcw.org/general-orders-of-thecommander-in-chief

 General Order No.10 - <u>Resignation of</u> Patriotic Instructor

# SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

### **CAMP EVENTS**

### Nevada Historical Society's 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10AM until 3PM

Camp 25 has been invited to participate at the Nevada Historical Society's 120<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10AM until 3PM. We will have a tent and tables to display our Civil War memorabilia and you are encouraged to come in our period correct uniforms or other period correct attire. We have been told that black powder weapons are allow (if this changes we will let you know), so bring your muskets, musket rifles, civil war period revolvers, swords, and the like (no powder or caps unless we are told that we can fire a salute). Period balls and bullets should be OK to display.

## **Bowers Mansion Opening May 18<sup>th</sup> – Start time TBD**

Bowers Mansion will open back up for the summer season and Cmdr. Davis is sure to be in the library with his maps and memorabilia. Let us try to join in, even if just for a couple of hours, and bring our Civil War items to display. You do not need to be in full uniform, just bring your jacket or other outer wear and head gear. Tours are every hour between 11 AM and 4 PM and if you are in uniform you shouldn't have to pay admission.

### Memorial Day Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD

Memorial Day, first known as Decoration Day as established by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the GAR, and is the only mandatory event of the SUVCW. As such we will meet as a unit at the GAR cemetery on May 27<sup>th</sup> for the noon flag raising ceremony (meeting time TBD). Flag protocol for Memorial Day is at sunrise the flag is swiftly raised to full-staff and then lowered slowly to half-staff. (Other flags in the vicinity should have already been lowered as no flag in the US should be

flown above Old Glory). At noon the flag is raised to full staff for the remainder of the day.

### **Decoration Day** (1882) **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest On this Field of the Grounded Arms, Where foes no more molest, Nor sentry's shot alarms!

Ye have slept on the ground before, And started to your feet At the cannon's sudden roar, Or the drum's redoubling beat.

But in this camp of Death
No sound your slumber breaks;
Here is no fevered breath,
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace, Untrampled lies the sod; The shouts of battle cease, It is the Truce of God!

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!
The thoughts of men shall be
As sentinels to keep
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green We deck with fragrant flowers; Yours has the suffering been, The memory shall be ours

### DEPARATMENT EVENTS

138th Annual Department Encampment April 5-6, 2024

The Department is pleased to announce that the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold their <u>138th annual Department Encampment</u> on Friday and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Tropicana Laughlin Resort, 2121 S Casino Dr, Laughlin, NV 89029.

### NATIONAL EVENTS

No events have been announced for the near term.

### **ALLIED EVENTS**

#### **DUVCW - Johana Shine Tent 96**

No events have been announced for the near term.

Johana Shine Tent 96 is the Northern Nevada Tent (Organization) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they hold quarterly meetings and publish a very nice newsletter several times a year.

Email - johanashineduvcw@gmail.com,

website - https://johanashineduvcw.wordpress.com/



### CAMP 25 NEWS

### Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza

We have been told that our brick was placed at the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza in Sparks, but they did not notify us in advance. We will pick a date once it warms up and the weather turns nice to view it as a unit.

### **Riggs Ridge Meeting**

2 April 2024, 1200 hrs. 1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89557

The Nevada Board of Geographic Names is having their long-postponed meeting April 2 at noon at the Conference Room at the **Basque Center** at the UNR Mathewson Knowledge Center (main library). Riggs Ridge is on the agenda for anyone who wishes to attend.

### CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

160 Years Ago, This Month in Civil War History, 1864

Mar. 1 - Federal cavalry raid by <u>Judson Kilpatrick</u> and Ulric Dahlgren on Richmond, VA.	Mar. 5 - Confederate government orders all vessels to give half freight capacity to government shipments
Mar. 9 - U.S. Grant promoted to Lieutenant General	Mar. 12 Red River Expedition begins in Louisiana
Mar. 20 - Confederate raider CSS Alabama arrives at Cape	Mar. 21 - Nevada Territory and Colorado Territory admitted

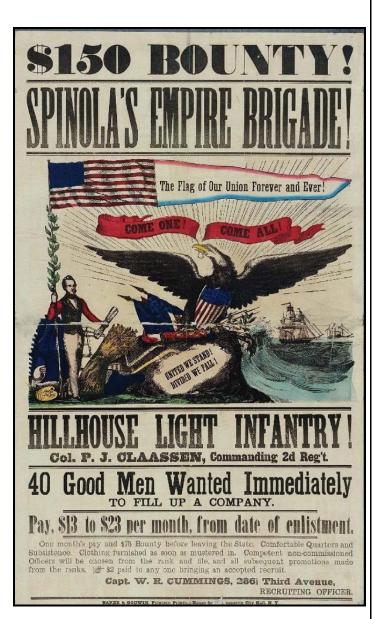
Town, South Africa	into the Union
Mar 22 - Fighting at Bald Spring Canon on Eel River, CA.	Mar. 25 - Attack on Paducah, Kentucky by Confederate General Nathan Bedford
Courtesy of www.battlefields.org	

### **Quote from the Day**

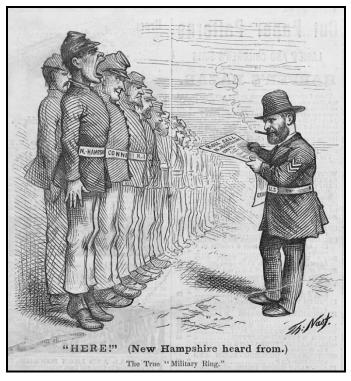
"I have never advocated war except as means of peace, so seek peace, but prepare for war. Because war... War never changes. War is like winter and winter is coming."

Ulysses S. Grant

### **Civil War Recruitment Poster**



### **Political Speech from the Day**



"The True Military Ring"

### **OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS**

### Henry Augustus Wood 1844-1920

Henry Augustus Wood was born on March 22, 1844, in Warren County, New York, one of ten children of Leonard and Betsy (Signor) Wood. He grew up in rural Warren County and learned the occupation of farmer from his father.

Soon after his 18th birthday, Henry Wood (Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member- Frank Wood) heeded the call from President Lincoln to "preserve the Union" and enlisted in a



state militia unit in Plattsburg, New York. Subsequently, he was mustered-in as a private in Company D, 118th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment on August 7, 1862. On September 3, 1862, upon successful completion of its organization and training, the 118th left

New York to reinforce the Defenses of Washington. There it was attached to General John J. Abercrombie's Division, 22<sup>nd</sup> Corps of the US Army and performed provost duties for the next several months.

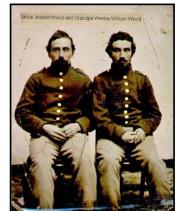
In April 1863, Private Wood and the rest of the regiment were ordered to Suffolk, Virginia, where he participated in the siege against the Confederate forces garrisoned there. This would be the first of many major engagements he would participate in over the next 2 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

Henry was a dedicated soldier and soon distinguished himself. Subsequently, he was promoted to corporal on December 25, 1863, while the regiment was stationed near Portsmouth, Virginia. During the War, Corporal Wood and his regiment would participate is some of the bloodiest battles, fiercest fighting, and longest campaigns of this American conflict. He would witness the historic fall of Richmond, Virginia, and the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in April 1865.

Corporal Woods saw action in the following major battles: Siege of Suffolk, VA (April 20 to May 4, 1863), North Anna Bridge, VA (July 4, 1863), Swift Creek, VA (May 9-10, 1 864), Drury 's Bluff, VA (May 14-16, 1864), Bermuda Hundred, VA (May 18-26, 1864), Fair Oaks, VA (October 27-29, 1864), and the Siege of Richmond, VA (March-April 1865).

After a long and distinguished tour of duty, on June 13, 1865, Henry Wood, and the rest of Company D, 118th NYVI Regiment were mustered-out of service in Richmond, Virginia,

Soon after the start of the Civil War, Henry's three brothers; Joseph, Wesley and Benjamin also joined various locally forming York Volunteer New Infantry companies. The only one not to return home was Joseph, who was killed in action as a member of the 93rd NY Volunteer Infantry Regiment.



Joseph & Wesly Wood

Henry returned home soon after his release from active duty and resumed the life of a farmer in Warren County, New York. Shortly thereafter he married Mary E. Ramsey, and over the years they raised four children; Joseph, Edith, Delia, and Walter.

After 1880, Henry moved the family to Essex County, New York, where he took up the trade of a wheelwright.

There he and his wife would remain for the next four decades. In 1886 Henry applied for, and received, an invalid pension from the US Government (Pension No. 357380) for his ailments associated with service in the US Army (rheumatism and heart disease. (The 1890 pension act made it much easier for any veteran to claim a pension based on their inability to labor and some widows, too).

On February 12, 1920, Henry Wood passed away at the age of 85. His final resting place is at the Valley View Cemetery, South Ticonderoga, New York. It should be noted, his wife was granted a modest "widow's pension" (No. 593409) that she received until her death in 1940, when she was laid to rest next to her husband of 54 years.

By Great Grandson - Francis (Frank) Henry Wood

### **CAMP 25 - TWENTY YEARS PAST**

### Camp No. 25 Has a Flag

(From Carlin Camp Dispatch March 2004)

"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."

### **New Camp Display**

(From Carlin Camp Dispatch March 2004)

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



### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### Virtual Lecture Series – History Talks

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years. Virtual lectures are also held monthly on the 15th (normally) at 7 PM EST for \$6 a session. The Virtual Zoom Series focuses on leaders and leadership in the Civil War. For info, schedule, and to RSVP see

https://www.civilwarseminars.org/lectures

# The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive - Zoom Programs

"The Fight Against Jim Crow and The Grand Army of The Republic" Presented by Historian Stephen Goldman on May 5, 2024 10 AM PST. for a Zoom virtual seat email

garmuslib1866@gmail.com

"The Lion of Little Round Top: The Life and Military Service of General Strong Vincent" Presented by Historian Hans Myers on June 6, 2024 10 AM PST. for a Zoom virtual seat email

garmuslib1866@gmail.com https://garmuslib.org/future-events

### Battle Born Patriots Chapter of, Sons of American Revolution

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter of Sons of American Revolution now meets the second Tuesday of odd months (January, March, May, etc.) at Skipolini's Restaurant at 1800 Hrs. For more information see their website at

www.sar-nevada.com/Northern/north.html

Next Meeting Tuesday, 14 May, 1800 Hrs. 13971 S. Reno Blvd, Summit Shopping Center, Reno

### MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Department of California & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
February MEETING

Sunday, February 18, 2024 Raley's Super Market Community Room 18144 Wedge Pkwy, Reno, Nevada

### I. Opening.

- 1. Meeting call to order by Commander Davis at 1320 hours
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Davis
- 3. Invocation was given by Chaplain D. Dalton
- 4. Roll Call: D. Dalton, R. Dalton, D. Davis, C. Ehlers, B Hamm, R. Linscott, R. Lorenz, D. Perdue, and R. Stoecklin, .

Note: Zoom could not be established, as even though the Raley's internet connection was established, Zoom blocked it. Brothers Bernad, Dickey, and Hess were not able to join the meeting.

5. Guest: J. Davis, and F. Tryon.

### II. Commander's Report.

1. Commander Davis introduced guests.

- 2. Commander Davis asked if any members were planning to attend the Department Encampment on April 5-6, and nobody responded that they were. He stated that he was considering it and that if other members were the registration forms were due by 20 Mar 2024. Also, that a silent auction was being held and that they were looking for items to auction.
- 3. Discission was conducted on again buying an ad in the Departments encampment brochure for Camp 25. A **MOTION** was made by Brother Linscott to buy the ad, and **SECONDED** by Brother Lorenz. The motion was **APPROVED** unanimously.
- 4. Commander Davis reported that he had been in contact the Nevada Board of Geographical Names on the Riggs' Ridge naming, but the Board had not had a meeting since they original table the plan for more research, and a new date on the decision was TBD. Members still have time to contact the Board with your recommendation.

### III. Secretary's Report.

1. Secretary Hess was absent but Commander Davis referred the members to the minutes published in the last edition of the Camp 25 Dispatch and asked for any changes. Being none, there was a MOTION TO APPROVE (M/S - Brother Perdue/Brother Linscott). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### IV. Treasurer's Report.

- 1. Treasurer Stoecklin reported that the current balance of Camp 25 treasury was \$2531.54. A **MOTION** was made by Brother Lorenz to approve the report and was **SECONDED** by Brother Linscott. The motion was **APPROVED** unanimously.
- 2. Treasurer Stoecklin stated that the 2024 dues of \$50 were due by March 31<sup>st</sup> and he encouraged all members to get their payments submitted.
- 3. Treasurer Stoecklin stated that he had filed the 2023 Form 990-e postcard with the IRS.
- V. **Senior Vice Commander's Report.** (Brother Perdue had nothing to report)
- VI. Historian, Memorials, and GAR Highway Officer's Report.—(SEE EXHIBIT 2)
- VII. **Junior Vice Commander's Report.** (Brother D. Dalton had nothing to report)
- VIII. **Graves Registration Officer's Report**. (Officer was not in attendance and no report was submitted)
- IX. **ROTC Report.** (Officer was not in attendance and no report was submitted)
  - 1. A follow-up was conducted about the difficulty of obtain ROTC awards in a timely manner. Nothing was decided, but Brother Perdue later obtain the newest information; the National POC is Brian Mexin, Asst. Quartermaster, 957 Balto Drive, Shelbyville, IN 46176, and the link is on the new National web site https://suvcw.org/ROTC-NDCC
- X. Other Officers' Reports. None provided.
  - 1. Eagle Scout Recognition was discussed and it was learned the Brother Hamm was involved with the scouting

program in Washoe County. After further discussion Brother Hamm indicated that he would be willing to be the Egale Scout Coordinator and Commander Davis approved Brother Hamm as the Camp 25 Egale Scout Coordinator, with unanimous approval of the members present. Brother Perdue will send him information.

2. Brother Hamm indicated that the Washoe Council was having a 100th Anniversary Celebration and the public was invited to attend the events:

March 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition and Eagle Banquet

August 20th 100th Anniversary Banquet featuring Admiral Manazir Dinner

October 25th 100th Anniversary Council Family Spaghetti Dinner at Elks Club

October 26th 100th Anniversary Contingent walking in the Nevada Day Parade

November 9th 100th Anniversary Contingent walking in the Veterans Parade December 26<sup>th</sup>

100th Anniversary Contingent walking in the Sparks Hometown Christmas Parade

#### XI. Old Business.

- 1. Bower's Mansion seasonal opening will be May 18<sup>th</sup> and Commander Davis will be there with his maps as usual. The discussion led to the fact that Brother Ehlers display last year received a lot of attention and the Brothers thought that it should be expanded. Brother Perdue said that he would come in uniform and bring an original musket and an original rifle, both with bayonets. Commander Davis said that we had a tent and that event though was not original, looks the part. He will take the lead on organizing members displays at the opening.
- 2. Memorial Day 2024 is May 27<sup>th</sup> and we will again participate at 0900 at the GAR Cemetery. Brother D. Dalton will check with the American Legion to determine if they again plan to organize the ceremonies.
- 3. Unionville Remains re-recap: Brother D. Dalton contacted Amodei's office and they were not helpful with finding funding to perform DNA analysis on the remains. They told him that no federal agencies had such funding. He will continue to press them. The discussion led to maybe a go fund me page and Brother Perdue recalled that there had been past discussion of UNR possibly helping out. Brother Perdue said he would see if he could get any help from UNR.
- 4. Guest F. Tryon of the Woman's Relief Organization and the Hillside Cemetery Preservation Foundation, briefed Camp 25 on her efforts to survey and properly identify the graves at the GAR Cemetery. Brother D. Dalton is assisting in the effort. In the past markers had been placed in incorrect locations and she is currently going through old record at UNR to determine the locations of graves at the GAR Cemetery. They have also discovered an old border buried along the edge of the cemetery that they would like to unearth, and to move the three sacks of rocks in the parade ground. Possibly earlier

flag poles had been there. When they get ready for some labor, they will call upon us to help. Their goal is to bring the cemetery back to its earlier appearance and to make it more military in appearance.

#### XI. New Business.

- 1. Commander David received a letter from the Nevada Civil War Reenactors inviting the Camp to participate in a Genoa Event on April 26-28. They are looking for soldiers to reenact, but as we do not usually do that, Commander Davis would like to determine if we would like to be present in a form other than reenacting, possibly setting up a display or something else.
- 2. The Nevada Civil War Reenactors inviting the Camp to participate in their Memorial Day events at Fort Churchill. This is possibly the same day as our Memorial Day event at the GAR Cemetery, so we will have to get a copy of their itinerary to determine if there are events other than when we are committed.
- 3. Several meeting in the past there had been a discussion of old graves, possibly from an 1860/70's Nevada Military unit, on Smoke Creek Ranch. Several Brothers though it might be a good Camp excursion to discover what is there and the condition of the graves. If they were from the early military, then maybe do something to immortalize them. Brother D. Dalton volunteered to check into the feasibility of a trip, as it is a rough road and the graves are believed to be on private property.
- 4. There had also been previous discussion of determining what was left of a believed to be GAR Cemetery in Winnemucca. Brother Perdue said he would find out if there was a Historical society in Winnemucca or if not, he would contact the Museum there for information on it.

#### XII. Good of the Order.

1. Next meeting. April 28th, 1300 hours at Raley's Market One Place, 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511. There is a great deli if you desire to eat and the formal meeting will start at 1330 hours.

### XIII. Closing

- 1. Prayer was given by Chaplain D. Dalton
- 2. Adjourned at 14:47 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

David Perdue, Junior Vice Commander



### Exhibit 2

### HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 18, 2023

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

camp25historian@suvpac.org

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SUVCW IN NEVADA

Under the Dept. of California and Pacific, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) has had five Camps in Nevada, three of which still exist – William B. Keith Camp 12, Las Vegas; General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Reno; and Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp 31, Henderson. The defunct Camps are Custer Camp 1 and Isaac Crist Camp 28, both of Reno.

For background history, under the Dept. of California and Nevada, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) had 18 posts in Nevada. The GAR started when posts were established in Carson City and Virginia City in 1868, and ended with the death of its last member, George Warren, of the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 of Reno in 1936. The still existing accomplishments of these posts include cemetery plots established in Carson City (Lone Mountain), Reno (Hillside), and Winnemucca (Old Pioneer); a statue raised in the Carson City plot; and a memorial tree planted at the entrance to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Four of the GAR Posts had associated Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) chapters, and one WRC chapter existed on its own. While these chapters are now defunct, several ladies in the Reno area are presently members-at-large.

The Department held its 1913 encampment in Reno, June 8 through 13. Custer Camp 1, likely named after General George Custer, was organized at the Reno City Hall on May 7, 1913, with 35 charter members. Reno barber, Ulysses Grant Pershing, whose father Morris had served in the 15th IN Inf. and 56th PA Inf., was the driving force behind the Camp's organization and served as its first captain. The Camp was formed in part to entertain the GAR veterans at the imminent Encampment. During the Encampment, between 8,000 and 12,000 Civil War veterans attended - average age 74. At the time, Reno had 13,000 people and Sparks had 2,500. The hotels were full, tents were set up, and people opened their homes. People with cars chauffeured the veterans around. A parade was held, which was photographed and reportedly filmed. A free train trip took the veterans to the Comstock and Carson City. A grand campfire was held at Reno High School and numerous other forms of entertainment and side tours were conducted. The aforementioned tree was planted in soils brought from the major Civil War battlefields. Division Commander Dr. David Brandley Plymire (member of Fair Oaks Camp 15, San Francisco) presided over the then Sons of Veterans sessions. Custer Camp 1 lasted until at least Memorial Day 1923. Persing died in 1925 after a prolonged illness.

Isaac Crist Camp 28 was chartered in Reno the weekend of September 30, 1967, with 30 charter members, which

included U.S. Senator Alan Bible. The event took place at the American Legion Hall at 9th and Ralston Streets with retired UNR professor Dr. John Edward Martie elected the first Camp Commander. The Camp was named for Private Isaac Crist who served in Co. I, 43rd IN Inf. and was the father of Eva Mae (Crist) McCarthy. Mrs. McCarthy's husband, John N. McCarthy, was the driving force in organizing the Camp. Mrs. McCarthy was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) Johanna Shine Tent 82. The Tent was organized in 1960 and took on the project to renovate the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 plot at Hillside. The Mitchel plot had fallen into dismal disrepair with vandals running vehicles through it. Tent 82 and Camp 28 eventually got the plot fenced, acquired 39 new markers from the Veteran's Administration, and began Memorial Day services, which continue to this day. A committee of veteran's groups was set up with American Legion Post 1 taking over as the plot caretaker. Camp 28 disbanded sometime after 1979, and Mr. McCarthy died in 1980. Tent 82 disbanded in 1990. In 1969, Dr. Martie served as the only (to date) Department Commander from Nevada. William B. Keith Camp 12 was established on March 31, 2001, in Las Vegas. Keith served as a private in Co. K, 12th IA Inf. After the war, he met Confederate veteran Joseph Graham and they became close friends. They are buried side by side with a common tombstone at Woodlawn Cemetery in Las Vegas. The Camp was organized by Alan "Al" Peterson, who came from Rhode Island and had served as the Dept. Commander in that state as well as in a number of other National, Department and Camp level offices. In the past, Camp 12 and the Elizabeth Benton Fremont Tent 79 of the DUVCW have participated together in local events. March 24-25, 2006, The Dept. of California and Pacific held its annual encampment at the Main Street Station Casino Brewery Hotel in Las Vegas with Department Commander Tad Campbell (member of Phil Sheridan Camp 4) presiding. General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 was formed June 2, 2003, in Gardnerville with eight charter members. The late Paul Washeleski was the driving force behind organization of the Camp and its first Commander. General Carlin was a career army officer who served before, during, and after the Civil War. Carlin, Nevada, was named after him, and he was with the 6th US Inf. in 1858, which marched past the future site of Carlin on its way to Benicia after the Utah War. In a project pushed by Commander Washeleski, Camp 25 convinced Carson City to restore the statue in the Lone Mountain GAR plot. Dedicated Memorial Day, 1891, the 17-foot-tall white bronze statue inscribed with, "Nevada's Tribute to Union Soldiers and Sailors", has a 6-foot-high soldier at parade rest. Carson City paid \$84,000 for the restoration, and the

statue was rededicated on Veterans' Day 2004. Camp 25 later moved its meetings venue to Reno and has been involved in numerous parades and other events and has conducted a number of small projects over the years. Camp 25 continues the tradition of the Memorial Day services held at the Mitchel Post 69 plot. In 2014, Camp 25 and Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery, SVR lent assistance to the installation of DUVCW Johana Shine Tent No. 96 at Buckland Station near Fort Churchill.

Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp 31 was established October 19, 2019, in Henderson. As a U.S. Senator, Baker had represented the State of Oregon. As a

colonel, Baker was killed at the Battle of Balls Bluff in 1861. With assistance from Don Hotchkiss and Charles Smith, Michael Gravitt organized the Camp. The organizational meeting was held on October 6, 2018, at Guiseppe's Bar and Grill in Henderson. Don Hotchkiss served as the first Camp Commander.

NOTE: A condensed version of this brief history was submitted for inclusion in the 2024 Dept. Encampment brochure.