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Camp No. 25 Members Receive Special Recognition

During the August meeting of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, two members received awards in recognition of their dedication and efforts in the ongoing mission of the Camp and to the Order – *Remembering the Boys in Blue*.

The Camp Senior Vice Commander - Paul Washeleski, PCC, received a certificate of commendation for his efforts as camp organizer, provisional camp commander and for his two terms as camp commander. In addition to the certificate, Brother Paul, received the SUVCW-Past Camp Commander Badge.

The Camp Historian - Dave Davis, received a certificate of commendation for his superior efforts in regard to his research into the history of the *Grand Army of the Republic* in Nevada and his efforts in locating, identifying and recording the "final resting place" of Civil War Soldiers in Nevada.

Presenting these awards was the Jr. Vice Commander of the SUVCW Department of California and the Pacific - Gary Parrott. During the presentation of the awards he emphasized that it was an honor and privilege, as a Department officer, to recognize the superior efforts of Camp members in

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Carlin Camp Commander Attends 124th National Encampment

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* met for their 2005 Annual National Encampment at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire, August 4-7, 2005. In attendance during this business meeting and gala event were all National and Department Officers, officers and delegates from numerous Camps and many special guests and dignitaries.

Additionally, present were nine delegates from the SUVCW – Department of California and the Pacific. One of which was Gary Parrott (the Commander of Camp No. 25). This was a great showing by members of the Department that had the farthest to travel to attend this event.

Activities began on Thursday morning at the meeting hall with registration (check-in, the distribution of delegate packets and credentials) followed by

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Camp No. 25 Historian Dave Davis and Sr. Vice Commander Paul Washeleski, PCC, are proud recipients of certificates in appreciation of their outstanding service and dedication to the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* and its ongoing mission of "Remembering the Boys in Blue" who fought to preserve the Union: 1861 - 1865 (l-r: Dave Davis and Paul Washeleski).

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for their dedication and devotion to the ongoing mission of the Order – *Remembering the Boys in Blue.*

This is the first time such awards were presented to members of the *General William Passmore Carlin Camp.*

Camp No. 25 is the only SUVCW group in Northern Nevada and its previous main project was the restoration and preservation of the GAR Civil War Monument in Carson City.



National GAR Highway Officer - Gary Parrott (and Camp No. 25 member) stands next to his display table at the 2005 SUVCW National Encampment.

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various committee meetings.

Friday's agenda began at 7:30 am with registration, vendor tables and display setup. A joint Memorial Service took place at 8:00 am, after which were the opening ceremonies followed by two full days of business meetings.

Also present during this year's Encampment were representatives from all the other Allied Orders of the GAR (*Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*)

It was reported that over 500 delegates and guests attended the 124th Annual Encampment that covered three days of events hosted by the SUVCW - Department of New Hampshire. Good job !!



SUVCW Officers and Delegates "in action" during the 124th Annual National Encampment recently held in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Highlights of August Meeting

On August 28, 2005, the General William P. Carlin Camp held its fourth meeting of the year. The gathering was held at Camp Headquarters in Gardnerville.

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, the Graves Registration Project status report, etc.), a major portion of the meeting was devoted to the presentation of various awards (for details refer to articles on Page 1 and Page 4).

Camp Historian Dave Davis gave a detailed report on the progress of his research on the local GAR Post's history.

Also discussed was the trip by Brother Gary to the National Encampment in New Hampshire and plans for the Camp to have a recruitment table at the Civil War Reenactment event at Heritage Park in Gardnerville on September 30 through October 2, 2005.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of two awards to Brother Dave and Brother Paul for their dedication to the Camp and to the Order. Congratulations!

Presiding over the meeting was Camp Commander Gary Parrott, with assistance from Sr. Vice Commander (and Past Camp Commander) Paul Washeleski.

Other members present at the meeting were: Donald Guidici, David Davis, Frank Wood 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 5).

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

The S. U. V. C. W.

The *Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW) 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 of the SUVCW*, *Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War*, *Woman'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 year will be held during the Camp meeting in December 2005.

The elected positions include: Camp Commander, SVC and Secretary-Treasurer. Also, various appointed positions will become vacant at the end of the 2005 term.

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

The following is the latest information, announcements, Press Releases and General Orders from the National Organization of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*:

GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2005 - 2006

General Orders No. 1

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

It is my honor and privilege to be elected your Commander-in-Chief for the upcoming year, a year that will take us to our 125th Anniversary. My deepest gratitude to the delegates for their faith in me to lead what I consider the best Brotherhood in the world for the next year. We have accomplished much and have still more to accomplish in the coming years. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.

My thanks to the Department of New Hampshire for hosting the Encampment, the Credentials Committee for another outstanding job, and the National Site Committee for all their hard work this year. On behalf of the Order I wish to congratulate all the new Presidents of the Allied Orders. I look forward to working with all the Allied Orders to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

All business correspondence should be directed to the National Executive Director, Lee Walters, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865. All supply requisitions, with payment, are to be sent to the National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, PCINC, 501 Willow Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850. All billing for payment and tax-deductible donations to various funds of our National Order are to be sent to the National Treasurer, Max L. Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Road, Owosso, MI, 48867-9616. All purchase requests for the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent, with payment, to our National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler at the address in item 5. All Civil War Memorials grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration: David Stephen, 3207 Waveland Drive NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405. All purchase requests for the SUVCW ROTC award are to be sent, with payment, to the National Patriotic Instructor, Bruce B. Butgereit, 1691 Summerfield Street, Brentwood, MI 49508-6499. All deaths of Brothers are to be reported to our National Chaplain, Jerry W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL. Please include the deceased's name, date of death, Camp and Department.

A roster of all elected and appointed National Officers and Committee members for the 2005-2006 administrative year can be found on the National Website.

Please see the ad for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There will be a Council of Administration meeting held at the Eisenhower Inn on the Sunday following at 8:00 a.m. Camps and Departments should ensure that Memorial Day activities are carried out in accordance with the wishes of the GAR.

Let us be sure that their actions and sacrifices are "kept ever green in our memory." We have much to do in the year. The Department of Pennsylvania is working hard to make the upcoming Encampment "one to remember!" Start making plans to attend the 125th National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA.

Ordered this 7th day of August 2005

By Order of:
Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief
Donald E. Darby, Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 2

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy that I write this General Order. For those of you who attended the 124th National Encampment, you will know that Brother John

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Message From the Editor

Dear Brothers,

I had the opportunity to attend the 124th Annual National Encampment at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire. This was my second time as a delegate to the National Encampment representing the Department of California and Pacific.

I was very pleased with the whole experience. The accommodations, food, facilities, the organization and the people !! And, this year there were more vendors and a larger selection of "logo" items for sale !!!

My wife and I had a great time and plan to go to the 125th National Encampment next year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

As always, I encourage any and all Brothers, if possible, to attend a Departmental or National Encampment. It is during such an event that you can see what the organization is doing and how it operates – on a larger scale.

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott

Publisher and Editor

Camp No. 25 Receives National Award

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 recently received the coveted *National Graves Registration Award* for its superior efforts in locating, identifying and recording the "final resting place" of Union Civil War Veterans within its territory (Northern Nevada).

The SUVCW-National Graves Registration Committee only awards this honor to Camps that have made exceptional contributions to the National Graves Registration Project.

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Hart was called away for a family emergency. As it is His will in these matters, God choose to call John's wife Meg home.

Brother Hart was doing the work of the Order as he has done in the past with great vigor and love. Those Past Commanders-in-Chief that have worked with John on THE BANNER, know his dedication.

Please join with me, in keeping Brother John and his family in our thoughts and prayers in their hour of need.

Ordered this 8th Day of August 2005

By Order of:
Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 3

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I am sure that all of you have been watching the news concerning the events that have occurred in the aftermath of the Hurricane in our Southland. Our fellow citizens are in dire need of assistance. It is requested that we live up to the Charity portion of F. C. & L, and contribute to the Hurricane Relief Fund of your choice.

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2005

By Order of:
Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 4

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we have done much over the years to record and collect the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, as is our purpose. We have however, not been as successful in recording the history of the Sons. Brother Gary Gibson published a book on the SUVCW a number of years ago, and Brother Bob Wolz has been kind enough to contribute some of the SUVCW history to THE BANNER over the past issues. While these items deal mainly with the National Organization, we need to account for the work of the Camps and Departments. Many of the "Old Guard" are slowly slipping from our ranks. Before they are gone we need to record their images and memories of the "good old days."

Therefore it is ordered that each Camp begin writing the history of the Camp, to include photographs of the Camp Commanders, and other officers. These histories will then be forwarded to the Department, which will do the same for the Department level. Once completed the Camp and Department histories will be forwarded to National for inclusion into the National History.

I realize this will not be an "overnight" project, but the sooner we get started the better. We are quickly approaching the 125th Anniversary and it would be great to report the progress of the project to the National Encampment in August 2006. As I or one of the National Officers attend your Encampment next Spring one of the first questions we will ask is "How is the history project doing?" What will your answer be?

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2005

By Order of:
Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Department of California and the Pacific News

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp will be on October 16, 2005, at 2:00 PM at Camp No. 25 Headquarters (1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All members, associates, junior members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- Plans are being made for a Camp recruitment booth at the Civil War reenactment event at Memorial Park in Gardnerville September 31-October 2, 2005. All members are encouraged to participate.

- Plans are being made for members of Camp No. 25 to participate in the Nevada Day Event (October 31, 2005) in Carson City.

- Plans are being made for members of the Camp to participate in the Veterans Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City in November 2005.

For additional information contact Camp Commander Gary Parrott (760) 934-8013 or PCC/SVC Paul Washeleski (775) 265-2950 or via e-mail: paulww@charter.net

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

Camp Award - cont.

This year, nationwide, less than 20 such awards were presented to qualifying Camps.

Camp Commander Gary Parrott received this award on behalf of all the members of Camp No. 25.



The above is the award recently bestowed to Camp No. 25 for its superior efforts in Civil War graves registration.

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

Department Officers 2005 - 2006

Commander

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

Junior Vice-Commander

- *Gary E. Parrott* (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

Department Council

- *D. Brad Schall*, PDC (Lincoln, CA)

Chairman (term expires 2006)

- *Glen L. Roosevelt* (Anaheim Hills, CA)

Member (term expires 2007)

Patriotic Instructor

- *William Tisch* (Santee, CA)

Historian

- *Robert L. Nelson* (Santa Cruz, CA)

Guide

- *Paul Washeleski* (Gardnerville, NV)

Color Bearer

- *Charlie Mabie* (Newark, CA)

Civil War Memorials Officer

- *Kirby R. Morgan* (Coarsegold, CA)

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

- *Gary E. Parrott* (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor

- *Daniel R. Earl* (Gilroy, CA)

Senior Vice-Commander

- *Jerry R. Sayre* (Fallbrook, CA)

Secretary-Treasurer (term expires 2007)

- *J. Thomas Smith* (Elk Grove, CA)

Alan E. Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

Member (term expires 2005)

Chaplin

- *Ernest L. Powell* (Fallbrook, CA)

Counselor

- *Daniel R. Earl* (Gilroy, CA)

Guard

- *John P. Patchin* (Los Molinos, CA)

Graves Registration Officer

- *Bob Lowe*, PDC (El Cajon, CA)

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

- *Al Peterson*, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

Signals Officer

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

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Department Orders No. 4

Tad D. Campbell
Department Commander

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: On August 20, 2005, Brother Al Hodges of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 passed away in San Diego, California after a brief illness. He was 61 years old. Brother Hodges joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on November 27, 2001 and was among the most active members of Camp 21. He also served as a Corporal in Company G, 5th California Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Brother Hodges was a truly dedicate member of our Order and did all that he could to promote its objects. His passing will leave a void in our Department that will be difficult to fill.

Section 2: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 3: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Hodges and to the Brothers of his Camp.

Ordered this 21st day of August 2005.

By Order of:
Tad D. Campbell
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

Attest:
J. Thomas Smith
Department Secretary-Treasurer
Department of California and Pacific

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.

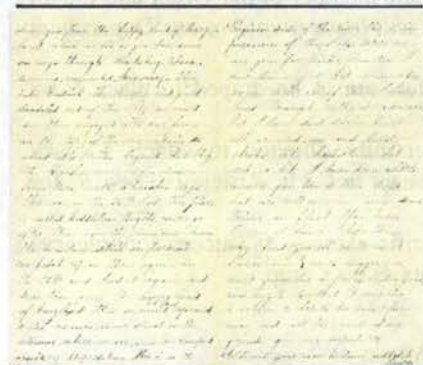
The SUVCW is a tax exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501c (4), Internal Revenue Code and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by the US Internal Revenue Service (Section 170, Internal Revenue Code).

The current officers & staff of Camp No. 25:

Commander - Gary Parrott
Sr. Vice Comdr - Paul Washeleski
Jr. Vice Comdr - Frank Wood, Jr.
Secretary - Brian Worcester
Treasurer - Brian Worcester
Camp Council: Michael Curtis
David Davis
Donald Guidici

Patriotic Instructor - Brian Worcester
Chaplain - Donald Guidici
Guide - Curtis A. Thomas
Guard - Curtis A. Thomas
Historian - David A. Davis
Counselor - Gary Parrott
Graves Registration Officer - Gary Parrott
Civil War Memorials Officer - David Davis
Color Bearer - Jerry Griffith
Signals Officer - Donald Huffman

Civil War Letters



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

Stanley Sterns Bemis enlisted as a private in the 14th Infantry Regiment - USA, (at the age of 22) and was sent to Fort Trumbull, Connecticut, for basic training. He was a Vermont native and this was the furthest he had been away from home in his life !!

The below is a transcript of a letter he sent back home to his brother and sister-in-law (Daniel and Malvina Bemis):

Sharpsburg, MD, Sunday Sept. 28th, 1862

Dear Brother & Sister,

Yours of the 11th I read with the greatest of pleasure. Was glad to hear you and all the rest of the folks are enjoying the pleasures that the Northern States do afford for there is but little comfort for men down here, but we make the best of everything in these times. You will see by my last, that I hardly knew where we were a goin, but I believe we were in Camp in or near Darnestown. Well, we soon found out, as you have heard, we took up our line of march soon after I closed your letter and we went to Rockville. I have a la poo pen, that what the matter, however, on we go singing "We will drive you from happy land of Maryland", which we did as you have seen. On we go through Clarksburg, Urbana, Monrovia, New Market, Monocacy. Then into Fredrick. The Rebels had just skedaddled out of the City. We could see them engaged with our forces on the top of the mountains about six miles beyond but they, the Rebels, were soon driven from there with a terrible loss. This was on the 14th Sept.

This place is called Middletown Heights. On we go after them over the mountain, down the mountain still in pursuit. We fetch up on them again on the 17th and had it again and drove them from the happy land of Maryland. Then onward and upward until we once more struck on the Potomac, where we are now, in camped opposite of Shepherdstown. This is on the Virginia side of the river. This is in possession of the Rebs. Where we are goin for winter quarters, I don't know yet, but somewhere, soon. Well all of this, I have lived through without a scratch. But I have had shells burst all around me and bullets strike like hailstones, but not a hit.

I have been a little unwell for two or three days but are well as ever, only some thinner in flesh, than when I was at home. I hope these may find you all well as it leaves me. As to Maggie, you must give her my very best regards and say to her that I may live to return to behold her sweet face once and for all. The rest of my friends give my respects to A.S. Bemis, your Uncle William and Caleb Knapp. I am to see Vermont turn out so many men and they are men too. Do not let Chester enlist for I know what it is. It will do for some. Has Freedom got married yet? If not, I don't see how she stands it. Has Aunt Poll got in a weaving way yet or anyone else? Enough of this. Remember me to your Mother and Father's folk.

Direct as before,

Address

Yours in Camp

Pvt S.S. Bemis

Stanley S. Bemis

Co: D 1st Batt

14th Reg of Infantry USA, Washington DC

The above letter contains several Civil War references, which include:

- the 14th Infantry Regiment was camped at Sharpsburg, Maryland, from the end of September 1862 to October 29, 1862;

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Our Civil War Ancestors

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 living in California).

From 1950 to the present, the Department 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

Civil War Moment - cont.

- details of the *Maryland Campaign* (September 6 - 22, 1862) which involved the pursuit of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's forces all around Maryland;

- a reference to the *Battle of South Mountains* (which occurred on September 14, 1862; and,

- the Confederate forces withdrew from the Town of Fredrick, MD, during the night of September 18-19, 1862.

Pvt. Samuel Winters -USA

Winters, Samuel	C - 18 C	4 - 1058
Enrolled 3-15-64	At Scranton, Pa.	
M. I. 3-15-64	AS Pvt	At " "
M. O. 10-31-65		
Discharged,		
Age at enrollment, 20	Complexion; Fair	
Height, 5'-9"	Eyes Hazel	
Hair Black	Occupation, Miner	
Residence, Hazeboro	Born Luzerne, Co., Pa.	
Remarks, Trans to Co. C 3rd Pbn. Cav. 7-14-65		

The above is an copy of the Soldier's Enlistment Card for *Private Samuel Winters* (a Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Don Guidice).

Samuel Winters (a Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Donald Guidice) heeded the call from President Lincoln for an additional 500,000 men to enlist in the Union Army by March 1864. So, on March 15, 1864, *Samuel* traveled to Scranton, Pennsylvania, and presented himself for enlistment. He was subsequently mustered into Company C, 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, at the age of 20.

The 18th was also known as the "163rd Pennsylvania Volunteers" and for the majority of the War, was attached to the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac commanded by General George G. Meade.

Samuel joined the 18th at its winter quarters located outside of Richmond, Virginia. After a very brief basic training, his "trial by fire" occurred in just a few weeks (during the *Rapidan Campaign* in the early Spring of 1864 !!). Over the course of the War, his unit would participate in some of the fiercest fighting, the bloodiest battles and longest campaigns of this American conflict.

One noteworthy conflict in which the 18th participated in was the *Battle of Yellow Tavern*. This was the battle where Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart was killed in action.

On June 24, 1865, (due to its reduced numbers) the 18th was consolidated with the 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment to form the 3rd Provisional Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment. For the next several months this unit performed provost duty in and around Clarksburg, West Virginia.

On October 31, 1865, *Samuel*, mustered out with the soldiers of the 3rd Provisional Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, after a successful and distinguished tour of duty.

*Major battles or actions: *The Battle of the Wilderness*, Virginia (May 5-7, 1864), *Yellow Tavern*, Virginia (May 11, 1864), *Topotomoy River*, Virginia (May 9-24, 1864), *Cold Harbor*, Virginia (May 31 - June 1, 1864), the *Siege of Petersburg*, Virginia (June 18-21, 1864), *Jerusalem Plank Road*, Virginia (June 22-23, 1864), the *Battle of Opequon Creek*, Virginia (September 19, 1864), *Tom's Brook* Virginia (October 8-9, 1864) and the *Battle of Cedar Creek*, Virginia (October 19, 1864).

Samuel Winters was born circa 1845 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the son of John Adam and Elisa (Horn) Winters. He was one of 12 children. His father was a longtime coal miner and supervisor for one of the local mining companies. He grew up in and around Luzerne County, and like his father (and several of his brothers), also, became a coal miner.

At the start of the Civil War, one of his older brothers (Wayne) enlisted in a locally forming unit (Company I, 6th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment). However, *Samuel* was too young to enlist (he was only 16 at the time). It would be three more years before he and another brother (Henry) would become soldiers in the Union Army.

After the War, *Samuel* returned to Pennsylvania, got married and moved to Kidder Township in Carbon County, where he worked as a coal miner for the next several years.

Sometime prior to 1880, *Samuel*, his wife (Barbara) and children moved back to Luzerne County, where he returned to work as a coal miner at one of the local coal mining companies. There he remained for the next 14 years.

In 1894, *Samuel Winters* passed away in Luzerne County, at the age of 49. He was survived by his wife and seven children. It should be noted, his wife applied for and received a "widow's pension" (Pension No. 443,685) from the US Government for his military service during the Civil War.

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 that:

- are a relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service;
- the above relative 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:

www.suvcw.org



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