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Camp No. 25 Holds Veterans Day Memorial Service

On November 11, 2005, members of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* assembled at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Nevada, to participate in a special Veterans Day Memorial Service to honor the Civil War Veterans interred there.

This was the third year that the SUVCW - General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 has held services at the *Grand Army of the Republic* section of the cemetery on Veterans Day.

Present during this special ceremony were several members of Camp No. 25, Allied Orders and the general public.

The *Opening Ceremony* of the memorial service included a *Welcome and Introduction*, the *Posting of the Colors*, a *Prayer* and *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The *Memorial Service* portion of the ceremony contained a special *GAR Remembrance*, a *Roll Call* (a reading of the names of all the known Union Veterans interred at the Lone Mountain Cemetery), a *Military Salute* and a special *GAR Postlude*.

The highlight of the service was the placing a floral wreath at the base of the GAR Civil War Monument.

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Members of the General William P. Carlin Camp place a wreath at the base of the GAR Civil War Monument to honor "The Boys in Blue" on Veterans Day at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, Nevada (l-r: Dave Davis, Tyrone Davis, Paul Washeleski, Gary Parrott and Brian Worcester).

Camp Members Participate in Local *Old Town Days* Event

On September 30 - October 2, 2005, members of the General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 participated in the Second Annual *Old Town Days* at Heritage Park in Gardnerville, Nevada, sponsored by the Town of Gardnerville and the Douglas County Historical Society.

The major theme of this year's event was the *War Between the States*. The recreation of a typical Civil War "Camp" (both Confederate and Union Army camps) was the centerpiece of the program.

Camp No. 25 set-up a very visually interesting display table which included photographs, maps, booklets and other information about the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*.

The featured items at this recruitment/information booth were several actual Civil War letters and a GAR Highway road sign.

Representing the SUVCW were Camp No. 25 Commander Gary Parrott and Sr. Vice Commander Paul Washeleski, PCC (both in Union Civil War officer's uniforms).

Friday's agenda included a full morning of *Civil War Chautauqua* (lectures and "show & tell") and a *Civil War Battle* by the Comstock Civil War Re-enactors.

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Veterans Day - cont.

Representing the SUVCW – General William P. Carlin Camp were: Gary Parrott (Camp Commander), Paul Washeleski (Sr. Vice Commander and PCC), Brian Worcester (Camp Secretary-Treasurer), Dave Davis (Camp Historian) and his son - Tyrone.

Also present were: Lori Parrott (Auxiliary to the SUVCW-Dr. Mary E. Walker No. 52) and Janice Frost (Thomas Holcomb Chapter of the Society of Colonial



Camp members perform a memorial service on Veterans Day in front of the GAR Monument in Carson City, NV.

Dames of the XVII Century).

It should be noted, the Lone Mountain Cemetery has the largest assemblage of Civil War Union Veterans in Nevada, including over 40 *Unknown Soldiers*.

Camp Commander in Nevada Day Parade

Camp No. 25 Commander Gary Parrott participated in the 141st Annual Nevada Day Parade on October 29, 2005.

Representing the SUVCW-Dept. of California & the Pacific, Brother Gary marched with the Comstock Civil War Re-enactors.

It should be noted, this group has assisted Camp No. 25 in the past during several events at the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

Also, present and providing assistance was Lori Parrott (Auxiliary to the SUVCW-Dr. Mary E. Walker No. 52).



Highlights of October Meeting

On October 16, 2005, the General William P. Carlin Camp held its fifth 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 plans for various upcoming events.

Camp Historian Dave Davis gave a detailed report on the progress of his research on the history of the local GAR Posts in Northern Nevada.

Also discussed was the success of the recent information/recruitment table at the Second Annual *Old Town Days* held in Gardnerville, Nevada (refer to the article on Page 1 for details).

Additionally, plans were made for participation in the Nevada Day Parade (to be held in Carson City on October 29) and for a special SUVCW - Veterans Day Memorial Service to be held at the GAR Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City.

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: David Davis 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 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 that 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

Camp Membership Dues Information

SUVCW membership dues for the upcoming year are now due and payable by December 31, 2005.

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

Please remit payment to Camp Treasurer – Brian Worcester (5200 Cedarwood Drive, Reno, Nevada 89511-9025)



The General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 recruitment/information table at the recent *Old Town Days* event in Gardnerville, Nevada (l-r: Paul Washeleski and Gary Parrott).

Old Town Days - cont.

The Saturday and Sunday agenda included more of the same (set-up of display table, answering questions, recruitment, etc.).

Present during all or part of this three day event were: Gary Parrott (Camp Commander), Paul Washeleski (Sr. Vice Commander and PCC) and Dave Davis (Camp Historian).

Also present and providing valuable assistance was Lori Parrott (Auxiliary to the SUVCW – Dr. May E. Walker No. 52).

It should be noted, Camp Commander Gary Parrott was “conscripted” by the 4th U.S. Artillery - Battery B (part of the Union component of the Comstock Civil War Re-enactors) and assigned to a field artillery unit.



Camp No. 25 member - Gary Parrott, “in action” during the Civil War Reenactment Battle at *Old Town Days* in Gardnerville, Nevada.

“Real” Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans in Nevada

Although all the Union Civil War veterans and their widows are now gone, there are a few “Real” *Sons and Daughters* still with us. A recent records check has revealed that there are less than 20 documented daughters of Union Veterans in the United States.

Nevada is fortunate to be one of the few states to have a child of a Civil War Veteran residing within its borders.

Ruby Holmes Drake (97 years old), resident of Las Vegas, is one such child of a Civil War Veteran.

Her father, Harvey Holmes, enlisted as a private in Company C, 29th Indiana Infantry on August 27, 1861, at the age of 18. After the War he returned home and worked on the family farm. He did not marry until late in life.

On October 5, 1898, Harvey married (to Netta Della – Ruby’s mother) in LaPorte County, Indiana. He was 53 and she was 16. Over the next 16 years they would raise seven children. Ruby was the second youngest.

When her father passed away (on May 17, 1915), Ruby, along with her brothers and sisters, were sent to the Soldiers and Sailors Children’s Home near Knightstown, Indiana. There she remained until she graduated from High School in 1927.

Shortly thereafter, Ruby (at the age of 18) got on a westbound bus. She ultimately settled in the Victorville area and later married, Tom Drake. He passed away in 1965. In 2001, at the urging of her daughters, she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Hopefully, she will be with us for many years to come, a reminder of our Civil War Heritage.

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

Message From the Editor

Dear Brothers,

It has been a very busy past few weeks for Camp No. 25. We had a recruitment/display table at the 2nd Annual Gardnerville Civil War Re-enactment, participated in the 2005 Nevada Day Parade in Carson City and held a Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

It was a lot of work, but it was very worthwhile and a labor of love. And the weather cooperated !!

Outstanding!

Many thanks for all those members who participated in one or more of the events – Paul Washeleski, Brian Worcester, Dave Davis (and his son – Tyrone) and Lori Parrott (member of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW-Dr. Mary E. Walker No. 52). If you weren't there you missed out on a lot of fun !!

Thank You !!

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 over 140 years ago, is not forgotten !!

Good Job !!!

As we enter into the 2005 Holiday Season, I wish to extend to each member and their family - *Happy Holidays* and a very *Prosperous New Year !!*

Once again, all members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp can take pride in what we have accomplished during the course of the past year.

Finally, as we draw near to the end of this year, I ask you to keep in your hearts and prayers – the members of our Country's Military. They are doing their part.... let us do our part to never forget their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their predecessors - which include *The Boys in Blue*.

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott

Publisher and Editor

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. 5

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, it has come to my attention that the 1st of October 2005 is a very special day. Brother Clifton Gaunt of the A. A. Sherman Camp No. 18, Department of Massachusetts will celebrate his 104th birthday.

Brother Gaunt has been ill these last few weeks, but he is home now. Please join me in wishing Brother Gaunt good health, good wealth and a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Ordered this 25th Day of September 2005

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 6

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Leroy Roberts. PCinC Roberts passed away on 12 October 2005.

Brother Roberts was Commander-in-Chief from 1985 to 1986 and hailed from the Department of New York. He claimed his eligibility through his maternal grandfather, Byron Cronk of Company B, 121 st New York Cavalry. PCinC Roberts was very active in the SUVCW at all levels of the Order. He also shared equal commitments to his Church, the Grange and Cub Scouts.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, 17 October 2005, at the Candor Funeral Parlor, 137 Main Street, Candor, New York. Viewing hours are 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday prior to the 7 pm service. Brothers wishing to make donations in memory of PCinC Roberts should send them to the MARCH OF DIMES.

Please remember PCinC Roberts' family in your thoughts and prayers during their hour of need.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 14th Day of October 2005

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp will be on December 11, 2005, at 1:00 PM at Camp No. 25 Headquarters (1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All members, associates, junior members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- The election of camp officers will take place during the next camp meeting in December.

* Note: the change of the time of the meeting is 1:00 pm.

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

**Elections For
2006 Camp Officers**

The General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will hold its annual elections of officers during the December Camp meeting (refer to the *Upcoming Camp Events* section for details).

The elected positions include: Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander and Secretary-Treasurer.

Also, various appointed positions will become vacant at the end of the 2005 term. These include: Camp Guard, Camp Chaplain, Graves Registration Officer, GAR Highway Officer, Camp Signals Officer, Camp Historian, Camp Guide and Color Bearer.

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 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)

Department Orders Series 2005 – 2006**Department Orders No. 5**

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: The recent disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina has resulted in catastrophic property damage and loss of life along the Gulf Coast of the United States, especially in the states of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Some experts are calling this the greatest natural disaster to befall the United States since the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906.

Section 2: The Department of California and Pacific deeply mourns this tragedy and the suffering being endured by our fellow Americans during this difficult time.

Section 3: In the spirit of Charity, the Department shall donate \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) from the Department's reserve funds to the American Red Cross to assist in disaster relief.

Section 4: Camps and individual Brothers are strongly encouraged to assist in disaster relief. Those wishing to make donations to the American Red Cross may do so by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669), by visiting their website at www.redcross.org, or by sending monetary contributions to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

Ordered this 31st 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 1863 (from the private collection of the Editor)

William E. Alpaugh enlisted as a private in the 31st New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment (at the age of 29) on September 3, 1862. This was a "nine month" unit and initially was sent to reinforce the Defenses of Washington DC.

Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment (on June 24, 1863), *William* re-enlisted (in Company A, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery Battalion) where he served for the remainder of the War.

The below is a transcript of a letter he sent back home to a friend and former neighbor (William Beavers):

Headquarters of the 31st NJV
Near Belle Plains, VA Jan. 18th 1863

Friend Will,

I will take this opportunity to let you know that I am well at present. We are at the same place that we was when I wrote to, the other time. The health of the Regt. is in good condition, as fully as good as it has been since we left Flemmington, NJ. We have but two or three that is, that I hear we have, at the Philadelphia Hospital - Samuel Hoppock, August Hilkeman & John Schomp.

I received a letter from you and your father a short time ago. I was glad to hear from you and your father. I am sorry to hear that your health is so bad at present. You told me that you and George had a very good time on Christmas Eve. I would like to have been with you but the circumstances, it is impossible for me to do it and so I will let you have my share of the fun. Along with yours and I will make it up when I get home. But I can tell you that Christmas was a very dull day with us and New Year's day was no better. We worked both days at the landing unloading bales of hay, oats and corn, etc.

We have now been in DC over 4 months and we have not any of our pay yet. We was mustered in paid the last of last month. We have 52 dollars due us from the Government and 8 from the State. We fare pretty well now since we have been brigaded.

We are brigaded in General Paul's Brigade with the 22, 29, 30, 31 NJ, the 137 PA and the 147 New York Vol. We did, when we first come, have pretty hard times for food. We have stopped drilling. I went to working and went to drilling. We have been at this place for the last ten days we have Co. drill in the forenoon and dress parade in the afternoon.

I have not wrote you of any importance but it is getting late and so I will have to stop by sending my best respects to your father. Tell your father to write as soon as he can and as offend as he can. No more at present. Write soon and etc.

William E. Alpaugh

I almost forgot to tell you that we are under marching orders. We expect to go sometime between this time and tomorrow noon. We do not know where we will go but the most of the boys think that we are going to meet the Rebels at Fredericksburg, as there is a battle expected there soon.

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

- the 31st was one of the units attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Division of the 1st Army Corps commanded by Brigadier General Gabriel R. Paul;
- as one of the units attached to the Army of the Potomac, it was stationed at Belle Plains, Virginia (January 10 - 19, 1863);
- it was one of the regiments involved in the infamous "Mud March" (January 20-24, 1863); and,
- the anticipation of a major battle with Confederate forces in or around the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia (which occurred May 3 - 4, 1863).

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



The above is the *Wisconsin State Memorial* located at the Vicksburg National Military Park in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This memorial features several bronze plaques that contain a list of names of Wisconsin soldiers who fought and died during the Siege of Vicksburg (May 22 - July 4, 1863). This list includes the name of - *Corporal Solomon C. Peckham* (Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Curtis Thomas).

Solomon C. Peckham (Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Curtis Thomas) answered the call from President Lincoln to "preserve the Union" and enlisted in a locally forming Volunteer Infantry unit in Madison, Wisconsin. Subsequently, he was mustered-in as a corporal in Company K, 12th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment on November 18, 1861 (at the age of 47 !!).

Upon successful completion of its organization and training, Company K, (also known as the "Kickapoo Rangers") along with the rest of the 12th, left Madison for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There it was attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Division of the 13th US Army Corps commanded by General John A. McClernand. For the next year it performed routine training, scouting, picket and provost duty within the Department of Kansas, the District of Columbus (Kentucky) and the District of Jackson (Tennessee).

In January 1863, the 12th was attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Division of the 17th US Army Corps commanded by General James B. McPherson. A few months later (on May 11, 1863) it was ordered to Vicksburg, Mississippi, in preparation of a major Union offensive. There it participated in the *Siege of Vicksburg*.

During the siege, *Corporal Peckham* became ill (like so many of his fellow soldiers due to the unsanitary conditions in and around the swamps of Vicksburg) and subsequently succumbed to disease on October 12, 1863.

*Major battles or actions: *Coldwater River*, Mississippi (April 18-24, 1863) and the *Siege of Vicksburg*, Mississippi (May 22 - July 4, 1863).

Solomon C. Peckham was born on July 19, 1814, in the City of Lancaster, Erie County, New York. He was the oldest son of Philip and Rebecca (Sabin) Peckham. His father was a prominent citizen, renown hunter and soldier (he had been a captain in the 13th New York Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812).

In the early 1840s, *Solomon* and a brother (Louis) moved to Iowa. There he met and married - Harriet M. Brown, in Linn County, Iowa, on June 26, 1843. A few years later, the family moved to Grant County, Wisconsin, where he became a successful farmer. Over the years they raised five children (Celina, Hamilton, Philip, Martha and Guy).

Solomon got "gold fever" when news of the *49er Gold Rush* reached Wisconsin. He and three neighbors purchased a wagon and headed west, leaving their families behind. Once there, he staked a mining claim along the Feather River. However, over the next several years, he worked a succession of claims (sending money home when he could) but never - "struck it rich" !!

In early 1855 *Solomon* gave up his quest for gold and returned home to his wife, family and farm - "older and wiser". It should be noted, he did make enough money to return via ship "around the horn" (with some cash left over).

Soon after the start of the Civil War, *Solomon* and several of his neighbors enlisted in a local Wisconsin Infantry unit. He would be one of the thousands of "Boys in Blue" who went off to War and never returned home.

It is believed his *final resting place* is at the Vicksburg National Cemetery, where a majority of casualties from the Siege of Vicksburg were interred (in unmarked graves). However, his name is inscribed on the Wisconsin State Memorial plaque that lists the names of the Wisconsin State Soldiers that died during the Siege of Vicksburg.

Finally, it should be noted, his wife received a "widow's pension" (No. 30,101) and his children received a "minor's pension" (No. 140,265) from the US Government because of 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 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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Be There, Nov 29, 2005

