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HAPPY PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AND PRESIDENT WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!!

COMMONLY COMBINED THESE LATER YEARS INTO PRESIDENTS' DAY

THE NEXT MEETING

Sunday, February 11, 2007, 1 PM

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burriss Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park. The meeting will probably last an hour. AT 2 PM, WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. All are invited to attend so ask family and friends to come. The Camp Commander will show off his GAR collection and give a poster and slide show on and a talk on the brief history of the GAR and SUVCW in Nevada. It is the day before Lincoln's Birthday, and we will be wishing Old Abe a happy one. He will be 198 years old.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LIVING FAR AWAY, ALL CAMP BROTHERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE AT THE MEETING AND TO HELP WITH THE OPEN HOUSE. THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS, IF THEY HAVE THEM, TO THE MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE. BROTHERS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO BRING ANY CIVIL WAR, GAR, OR SUVCW MEMORABILIA THEY MAY HAVE TO THE OPEN HOUSE.

A FLYER FOR THE OPEN HOUSE IS ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR COPYING AND CIRCULATING BY CAMP BROTHERS.

Flyers have also been at the Reno Family History Center and Nevada State Historical Society.

REMEMBERING PRESIDENT FORD

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

Former President Gerald Ford is now gone. We all know the history he made and that he had a good long, healthy, full life. He is now in a better place as the cliché goes. I would just like to share a couple of my own memories of him. The 1976 General Election was the first election I was old enough to vote in, and I voted for President Ford. About 1983 or 1984, I was flying back East from Reno. I had to change planes at Dallas-Fort Worth. After everyone was aboard, Former President Ford got on the same plane as me. Unlike me, however, he flew first class.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I will soon be preparing an agenda for the February meeting. The main thing is to come up with ways to increase the active membership and to discuss the “official” camp boundaries. If anyone wants something discussed at the meeting, please let me know soon, so I can put it on the agenda. I have continued to review the By-laws discrepancies, but I will be meeting with the Camp Secretary-Treasurer about the deadlines before I make some proposals for change, probably before the April meeting.

CAMP BOUNDARIES

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

One of the By-law discrepancies I have found is that the website description of our camp boundaries does not match the By-law description. Several of us Camp Commanders are concerned about this and have inquired to Department Commander Tad Campbell. This was his reply:

Brothers:

As you can see, I have received several e-mails concerning Camp boundaries.

A solution to this issue was presented by Camp 4 several years ago at the Department Encampment, and subsequently referred to a committee that was never appointed by the Department Commander. The issue was again brought before a Department Encampment and again referred to a committee, which I appointed and which reported back to the following Encampment with its recommendation. The proposal was rejected and the general consensus was that the Camp boundaries should be worked out amongst the individual Camps affected.

Therefore, the Department’s hands have been tied by the wishes of the Encampment and I would hereby direct the individual Camps to come up with modified Camp boundaries through mutual agreement. Any changes decided upon should be relayed to the Department Commander for distribution to the Signals Officer, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, and any other concerned Department Officers.

Once upon a time there was a map defining the Camp boundaries, but with the addition of several new Camps the map has become obsolete and was discarded.

In F, C, & L,
Tad

Tad D. Campbell, PCC
Commander
Dept. of CA & Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Some camps have overlapping boundaries and some areas lack camp coverage. This can lead to duplication of effort in the graves registration and monument documentation efforts. Apparently, it's up to adjoining camps to work out differences. I have been in contact with our neighboring Camps 12, 22, and 26. The possibilities are to have the GAR Highway mark the boundary between us and Camp 12 in southern Nevada. Tonopah and probably Ely would go to our Camp. The boundary between us and Camp 26 will likely be the Stateline north from the Hallelujah Junction area and then along Route 70. Several ideas for the boundary with Camp 26 are still being considered but it will probably partly follow Route 89 south from Route 70 and cut due south to a point along Route 50. I will have a map showing some of this to begin discussions at the meeting. Once we settle on the boundaries the Department will approve them, and I suggest we fix them in the By-laws and on the website accordingly. The boundaries will then be fixed until the need for readjustment when new camps are created.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

As of November 11, 2006, the new camp officers are:

Commander: David A. Davis
Secretary-Treasurer: Brian Worcester
Senior Vice Commander: Frank Wood
Junior Vice Commander: Brian Worcester
Chaplain: Don Guidici
Graves Registration Officer: Don Huffman
Historian: David A. Davis
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis
Patriotic Instructor: Brian Worcester
Camp Council: Don Guidici, Mike Curtis

The following positions are unfilled and are open for volunteers:

Guide
Guard
Counselor
Color Bearer
Signals Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Camp Council (one more member)

I had been the third Camp Council member, but the by-laws prevent the Commander and Secretary-Treasurer from being on it. If interested in any of the above offices, please contact the Commander at davis3950@sbcglobal.net or the Secretary at: patsworcester@earthlink.net.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 23-24, 2007

The 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2007 at Elks Lodge No. 322 at 222 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo, California. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, please contact Department Senior

Vice Commander Jerry R. Sayre at cod26ia@adelphia.net. Members interested in going need to contact the Commander at davis3950@sbcglobal.net or the Secretary at patsworchester@earthlink.net

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS FROM THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SERIES 2006-2007

General Orders No. 5

Hundreds of brothers of this Order took the time to observe Remembrance Day, by either attending the special ceremonies in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, or the various activities conducted by Departments and Camps of the Order all across this great country. Through my participation in the Gettysburg event and by viewing photographs forwarded of other observances, I noted countless brothers, proudly wearing their member badge of our Order and honoring both the Grand Army of the Republic and our 16 th President in his delivery of a speech, now known as the Gettysburg Address.

- To those brothers who marched in the parades, participated in the observances, and represented our Order in many ways and to those who were able to be with us in spirit only, I convey to each of you, a Job Well Done.
- I have been privileged to honor several, both within and outside of our Order, for acts and programs that help keep green the memory of the Grand Army.
- To Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Al Loomis, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was approved and awarded at the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for his work on several committees, including the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee and his spearheading the work to commemorate the 2009 anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, recommended by the Commander-in-Chief.
- To non-members Alan Chaffee, William Apgar and the Tompkins County, New York Probation Department, a certificate of appreciation for work done in cemeteries, upon the recommendation of National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, PCinC.
- To Arthur Wills, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for his efforts in nomination and induction of Major General John Alexander Logan, into the Raleigh, North Carolina Centennial Hall of Fame, a certificate of appreciation, upon the recommendation of the Thomas Howard Ruger Camp #1 at Large in North Carolina.
- To brother Clark Seum, Department of California/Pacific, the Meritorious Service Award, for his service in World War II, the Korean War, as a Chaplain in both this Order (for longer than anyone can remember) and in a local police Department, and active membership in the Order for over 52 years, upon the recommendation of Department Commander Tad Campbell, Department of California/Pacific.
- To brother William Reynolds, PCC, Department of Pennsylvania, the Meritorious Service Award, for his work in preserving the last resting places of countless veterans and his service on the board of directors of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall Museum and Trust in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, upon the recommendation of Richard Orr, PCinC.
- To brother Vincent Barker, Old Abe Camp #8, Department of Wisconsin, appointment as National Aide, for sponsoring six new members into the Order.
- To the members of the Commander-in-Chief's color guard in the recent Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, including members of the 14th Michigan, SVR and members of Co. B, 102 nd United States Colored Troops, a certificate of appreciation.
- I look forward to presenting several more awards of this type in the coming months.

Ordered this 30th day of November, 2006

General Orders No. 6

- During the 122nd National Encampment, National Color Bearer Jeff Stephen recommended a Special National Committee. The purpose of this committee was to inventory all Civil War battle flags in the possession of the Federal government and also the several States and further, to learn the status of each State's preservation program.
- In his General Order #2, then Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong appointed brother Jeff Stephen to chair the National Committee on Civil War Flag Conservation.
- This Special Committee has not filed any reports, including at the 123 rd, 124 th and 125 th National Encampments and for the Council of Administration meeting recently held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This committee is not functioning.
- Therefore, this committee is discharged.

Ordered this 30th day of November, 2006

General Orders No. 7

I was very sad to learn of the death of Gerald Ford, former President of the United States. Raised in Michigan, I worked many a motorcade detail while he was President and traveling home.

- Therefore, all charters are ordered draped for a period of 30 days from the date of this Order, as a memorial to President Ford, including our web site and brother's badge.

Ordered this 29th day of December, 2006

General Orders No. 8

Upon the recommendation of Michigan Department Commander Richard Greene, being fully satisfied that all efforts to preserve the Camp have been taken, IT IS ORDERED the Charter of the George W. Howe Camp #9, Department of Michigan, is revoked for failure to submit Annual Camp Reports and Per Capita Tax. This order is effective as of December 31, 2006. Ordered this 6th day of January, 2007.

General Orders No. 9

1. Brother Robert Moore, Commander of the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp #1881, Department of Maryland, is hereby appointed a National Aide and charged to complete an inventory of all Union battle flags held by the Federal government and various state entities.

2. An Exploratory Committee is hereby authorized and charged with exploring the possibilities of erecting a suitable monument to commemorate the services of Canadians in the Union army during the Civil War. This committee is to study the feasibility, explore possible locations, review preliminary designs and fund raising opportunities, to report to the 126th National Encampment, with the view of potentially appointing a Special Committee to pursue this venture. Brother Bob Heath, Member at Large and residing in Canada, is appointed chair of this exploratory committee. Any brother of the Order interested in serving on this committee should contact the Commander-in-Chief. Ordered this 20th day of January, 2007.

OPEN HOUSE

THE GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007, AT 1400 HOURS (2 PM)
AT THE VFW POST 9211 HALL AT 255 BURRIS LANE NEAR ITS
INTERSECTION WITH BAKER LANE NEXT TO MOANA PARK.

THE OPEN HOUSE WILL CONSIST OF A DISPLAY OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND RELATED ITEMS, A SLIDE SHOW ABOUT THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND THE SONS OF UNION OF THE CIVIL WAR IN NEVADA, AND COFFEE AND SNACKS.

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, WHOSE BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 12 WAS AT ONE TIME A HOLIDAY, WILL ALSO BE HONORED.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, OR GAR AS IT WAS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN, WAS AN ORGANIZATION OF UNION CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS THAT LASTED FROM 1866 UNTIL 1949. AT ITS HEIGHT IN 1890, IT HAD OVER 409,000 MEMBERS AND 7,000 LOCAL POSTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND WAS A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND VETERANS' BENEFITS AND GETTING MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNIZED. THE GAR WAS ALSO THE FORERUNNER OF OTHER VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION. BETWEEN 1868 AND 1937, NEVADA HAD 18 POSTS INCLUDING ONES IN RENO, CARSON CITY, AND VIRGINIA CITY. THE GAR CEMETERY AND TREE IN RENO, AND THE GAR PLOT AND STATUE IN THE LONE MOUNTAIN CEMETERY IN CARSON CITY ARE PART OF THEIR LEGACY. THE WOMANS RELIEF CORPS, LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVES, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR WERE AUXILIARIES TO THE GAR, AND STILL EXIST TODAY. THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, WHICH HAS TWO CAMPS IN NEVADA, IS THE DESIGNATED HEIR ORGANIZATION TO THE GAR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 972-7420 OR E-MAIL DAVIS3950@SBCGLOBAL.NET. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAR AND SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, PLEASE VISIT WWW.SUVCW.ORG.