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LET'S HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S DEATH: APRIL 15

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, April 15, 2007, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burris Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park. The meeting will probably last an hour.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I will soon be preparing an agenda for the April meeting. As of this printing, the main things will be: some more ideas for increasing the active membership; what we are going to do for Memorial Day; the camp boundaries; and possibly some proposed by-law changes.

For increasing active membership, we will be planning to have a booth at the Carson City Rendezvous. As of this printing, Brian and I will be manning it, and we would appreciate some help from the other brothers. Please contact either one of us if you can make time. I will also be surfing the Internet periodically for other "booth opportunities" and am open for suggestions.

As of this printing, Dave Stultz at Lone Mountain says Lt. Robert Bledsaw, retired U.S. Navy and commanding officer of the Carson City Division of the Cadet Corps, is in charge of the Memorial Day program there. I will contact him before the meeting to see what he has planned. In the past, we just met at the Lone Mountain monument, laid a reef, and had a short service. We could try something in conjunction with or separately from the Carson City service. Last year, Gary Parrot and I attended the short ceremony put on by the American Legion and VFW. Possibly we could do that again.

Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas and Wright Camp 22 in Sacramento have voted to accept the boundaries as we have proposed between our Camps. We will be voting on them at the April meeting. In summary, the boundary between Camp 12 and us will be, from east to west, the south White Pine County line to the GAR Highway and then the GAR Highway to the California line. Tonopah and its two(?) cemeteries will be in our camp. Around Tonopah, the boundary will follow the public survey a short ways and include sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in Township 2 North, Range 42 East, and sections 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36 in Township 3 North, Range 42 East in our camp. In California, our Camp will include Alpine and Mono Counties as it always did. North of them, the boundary would be straight from Kirkwood on 88 to Kyburz on 50, follow 50 to Pacific House, go north to Emigrant Gap on I-80, go north to Sierra City on 49, and then go north to Spring Garden on 70. Everything north of 70 is in Camp 26. The remaining boundaries are the eastern and northern Nevada state lines and the

state line with California north of Hallelujah Junction. Except for the dip around Tonopah, the boundaries are all easy to draw on roadmaps. Once we vote on them, we should consider getting them noted on our website, and I would like to see them in our by-laws with the caveat that they could be changed at the discretion of the Department as new camps are formed.

Since it is free on the Internet, I have advertised our meeting on the newspaper websites to see if we pick up any members that way. I will also make my slide show available to any groups who might want to hear about the GAR. National Senior Vice Commander Kuhn sent Brian Worcester a public service announcement about the SUV CW for local airing. I have not seen nor heard it, but Brian said it was good. He forwarded it to KKOH. If anyone sees or hears it, please let me know about it.

If anyone wants something discussed at the meeting, please let me know soon, so I can put it on the agenda. I expect to see all the brothers without previous engagements and living within a reasonable driving distance to be there.

THE OPEN HOUSE OF FEBRUARY 11, 2007

A dozen people came to the Open House on February 11, and four stayed for the slide show. Two people were ladies who had questions about GAR memorabilia found in one of the ladies' grandfather's estate. A third lady came with questions about how to get an ancestor into the Graves Registration Database. A reporter from Channel 8 interviewed us, and videoed our display and Civil War and GAR memorabilia. A short segment was shown that evening on the 11 pm news. While the turnout was rather dismal we did get a little air time, and now we have a slide show presentation set up for future.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 23-24, 2007

The 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific was held on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2007 at Elks Lodge No. 322 at 222 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo, California. As Camp Commander, I drove the 437 miles down from Lemmon Valley to attend and represent Carlin Camp 25 there. It was my first time at one of these extravaganzas, and it was generally a pleasant experience. I was appointed Department Historian, though the main duty to that is to keep an eye on the Department's two cubic feet of records. However, it was sprung on me to give a Camp report, which I had to write out long hand the night before, and my presentation was a bit disjointed and ad hoc. The first day was set up at the Elk's Lodge followed by a campfire. The Elk's provided a nice dinner. The next day was the meeting and election of officers, which lasted until about 3 in the afternoon with an in-house lunch. The National Commander-in-Chief James Pahl was there. Following the meeting, we walked across the street to a cemetery that had a GAR plot and Dahlgren cannon, where we had a short memorial service. That evening we had dinner at the Apple Farm Restaurant.

The new officers are: Jerry R. Sayre, Commander; Charles W. Mabie, Senior Vice Commander; Glen L. Roosevelt, Junior Vice Commander; J. Thomas Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; D. Brad Schall, Alan E. Peterson, and Tad Campbell, Department Council; Paul E. Lavrischeff, Patriotic Instructor; Thomas E. Helmantoler, Chaplain; David A. Davis, Historian; Bob Lowe, Counselor; Phillip L. Caines, Guide; David C. Schleeter, Color Bearer; Deane I. Poole, Guard; Dold E. Hotchkiss, Jr. Graves Registration Officer; Kirby R. Morgan, Civil War Memorials Officer; Tad D. Campbell, Signals Officer; Thomas P. Chumley, GAR Highway Officer; Alan E. Peterson, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator; and Daniel R. Earl, California Column Newsletter Editor. The officers and their contact information are already posted at the Department website.

For two years now, the Department Encampment has coincided with the annual meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution. Many brothers belong to both organizations. The next Department Encampment will likely be at San Luis Obispo again with the date ultimately being set by the Department Senior Vice Commander, who is now Charles Mabie. I would suggest contacting him soon and occasionally again thereafter in an effort to avoid another conflict in dates.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN RENO

April 21, 2007

The Lt. Dixon–CSS Hunley Camp 2016 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Sparks will be holding its annual Confederate Memorial Day service at 11 am, Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Masonic Chapel at Mountain View Cemetery in Reno. I attended last year, and they had a nice program, collected roses, and then decorated the graves of the then three known Confederate veterans in Reno with them. We will be getting an official invitation to attend, and I would ask as many brothers as possible attend and wear uniforms if you have them.

51ST ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 14, 2007

All are invited to participate in the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 142nd anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It'll be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Please see <http://www.suvcw.org> for more information.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 9-12, 2007

The 126th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 121st Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary of SUVCW, and the 120th Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR will be held between August 9 and 12, 2007 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac in St. Louis, Missouri and will be hosted by the Department of Missouri. See <http://www.suvcw.org> for more information.

FEBRUARY 11, 2007, MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25 chartered at Gardnerville, Nevada. Camp mailing address: 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, Nevada. 89511-9025. Time: 1355 Hrs. Meeting held at the VFW Hall, 255 Burris Lane, Reno, Nv.

1. Call to Order and Opening of the Bible.
2. Opening prayer by the Camp Chaplain Brother Don.
3. All Brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Donald Guidici and Brian Worcester.
5. Commanders Report: Commander Davis provided many exhibits for the open house and presented a slide show following the Camp meeting. A discussion was held on methods to increase Camp membership. The Commander also presented proposed Camp boundaries to be voted on at a later date. Frank Wood and Curtis Thomas were appointed as additional Camp Council's. In addition, By-Laws were discussed along with the Department Encampment on March 23-24, 2007 and Carson City Days in June.

6. Sec/ Treasurers Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted. U.S. Bank Balance as of Jan. 31, 2007, \$839.92.
7. Other reports are attached to the Minutes of this Meeting.
8. Lincoln's Birthday and open House was celebrated following the Meeting, Channel Eight Television interviewed Commander Davis and also taped the exhibits for future broadcast.
9. The next meeting was set for Sunday, April 15, 2007 at the VFW Hall, 255 Burris Lane, at 1300 Hrs.
10. A moment of silent reflection was offered by Chaplain Don and the meeting concluded at 1430 Hrs.

Submitted in F, C and L, Brother Brian Worcester.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 11, 2007

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

CARLIN CAMP 25 HISTORY

Gary Parrott wrote the Carlin Camp 25 History, though I do not think it was quite complete. Though I have a paper copy, I have to date been unable to get the electronic version, so I may have to scan and edit the paper copy in time. I have not had time to continue with the Custer Camp 1 and Isaac Crist Camp 28 histories, but I hope to get back to them in the coming months. I just found the 2005 National General Order concerning the Camp histories.

WINNEMUCCA GAR MONUMENT

I have most of the documentation and photographs compiled for the GAR memorial at the Old Pioneer cemetery in Winnemucca. I also have a draft of the Monument Assessment Form written up. I found that a Mrs. Dewey Huckaba, who attended the dedication in 1968, had a book on the McDermitt Post 58 of the GAR, which had detailed information on that post and its cemetery plot. Mrs. Huckaba passed on years ago, but her husband Dewey Huckaba is still alive, though ailing, and living in Winnemucca. I contacted him by letter. He wrote back and said he was not sure he still had the book, but he would look in his storage shed when the weather got warmer. The plot had been at the Old Pioneer Cemetery but is now apparently under US 95, which was built through the cemetery in 1937. No other details are known about the GAR plot except that 9 Union veterans were removed from it to the present Winnemucca Cemetery. I found those graves and sent the information to our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman. I also found the names of two more Union veterans in the remaining fraction of the Old Pioneer Cemetery and also sent that information to Don.

BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL

Apparently, many of the GAR Department and Post records ended up at the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. I have no details, but apparently, the Los Angeles GAR Post met there, and there is a room filled with their and others memorabilia and records in boxes, drawers, and display cases. The City of Los Angeles claimed all of the records and memorabilia for themselves and would not let the SUVCW go near it for a long time. That problem has been resolved though I not yet heard how. JVC Glenn Roosevelt of the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 of Santa Ana e-mailed to say his camp has been cataloging all of the materials there. He also said he thought he saw the Custer Post 5 and other Nevada GAR Post records there. He will be making copies and bringing to the Encampment.

END OF THE NEVADA GAR

The GAR in Nevada ended on Lincoln's Birthday, 1937, when the Thomas H. Barry Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans surrendered the charter of the O. M. Mitchell Post 69 charter. The last Mitchell Post member, George Warren died at age 93 in 1936. The first known Nevada GAR Post was Carson City Post 17, which was organized by May 8, 1868. Thus tomorrow, the GAR, which lasted a little less than 69 years in Nevada, will be gone 70 years in our state.

MISCELLANEOUS

I recently acquired from E-bay a 1948 photograph of a group of men consisting of then Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Rosecrans 2 Camp Commander Lou S. Smith, and Charles L. Chappell, the last GAR Dept. of California and Nevada Commander. At the age 100, Mr. Chappell was the entire Department. He passed on in 1950.