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**WE REMEMBER OUR SOLDIERS KILLED IN WAR
ON MEMORIAL DAY.
LET'S NOT FORGET THEM THE OTHER 364.**

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, June 24, 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 be preparing an agenda for the June meeting, which is still more than three weeks away. As of this printing, the main things will be: some more ideas for increasing the active membership and some proposed by-law changes. One proposed change is outlined below. If anyone wants something discussed at the meeting, please let me know soon, so I can put it on the agenda.

The Carson City Rendezvous will be held June 8, 9, and 10 at Mill Park. I had hoped our Camp would man a booth there. At the time the paperwork was due, Brian would have been there on the 8th, but could not guarantee being there the 9th, and he would definitely be out the 10th. I could not man a booth alone for the whole time for two days, and I had hoped a couple of other members would have made the effort to help. That did not happen so I have to pass up the opportunity. I am well aware that some of you live too far away, and I know several have job conflicts. Also, I do not doubt that some of you have plans to be traveling that weekend. Now I am going to assume that those who were not traveling or working or live too far away must also have a pending conflict that would prevent them from spending a couple of hours sometime that weekend helping with a booth. We DO need to work together and increase our membership, and one way to do that is to display the Camp and its activities to the public. Otherwise, the Camp will not survive beyond the time the 4 of us who regularly come to the meetings can remain active. I will continue to look for booth opportunities, but I will now expect more support.

At the Department Encampment, it was reported that our Camp gave out three Eagle Scout certificates. I checked with Brian, and we have not given any out since Paul Washeleski did his first year as Camp Commander. I inquired about this of Al Peterson, the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator. He said he gave out the certificates, and since the Eagle Scouts were in our Camp's boundaries, they were credited to us. He was also under the impression we were "reorganizing". He said he hoped we were not offended by being left out of the loop. I just said I was just a little

bewildered and amused and did not want to take credit for a possible error. I gave Al the contact information for the Eagle Scouts in Reno, and to let us know whenever the need for handing out an Eagle Scout certificate comes up again. He has not answered back, and I am considering inquiring deeper into this matter. It would be good publicity for the Camp to get involved with the Eagle Scouts provided it does not eat up too much time. This may be an item on the agenda at the next meeting.

I attended a meeting of the Comstock Cemetery Foundation (CCF) recently. One of our brothers, Steve Frady, is on the board for the Fireman's Cemetery in Virginia City. Our GRO Don Huffman provided him with a spreadsheet of known Civil War vets buried in some of the two dozen or so cemeteries in the Virginia City-Gold Hill area. The CCF will use the spreadsheet in their surveys. It is rumored there may be a GAR plot in one of the cemeteries, but as yet we have no hard evidence for one. The meeting was to explore the possibility of the cooperation between our Camp and the CCF in identifying and documenting Civil War veterans' graves and possibly helping to acquire grave markers when necessary.

I passed around a controversial e-mail involving the newly formed Union Veterans Union, Inc. (UVU, Inc.) which has disagreements with the SUVCW, a bone to pick with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and has made disparaging comments about the George Wright Camp 22. UVU, Inc. takes its name from the old Union Veterans Union, which was a veterans' organization for Union Civil War and Mexican War soldiers in competition with the GAR. They passed from the scene about 1917. I also passed around e-mails with SUVCW members' unflattering comments about the UVU. I have heard no more about them, though you can find their website through Google.

Since it is free on the Internet, I have advertised our meeting on the newspaper websites to see if we pick up any new members that way. I will also make my slide show available to any groups who might want to hear about the GAR.

I expect to see all the brothers without previous engagements and living within a reasonable driving distance to be to the meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY, 2007

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I attended the Memorial Day parade in Virginia City on Saturday. It was a typical 10-minute Virginia City parade with a dozen or so entries which included the VFW, Korean War veterans, a Humvee, Civil War and Western reenactors, and a man wearing the 1915 uniform of soldiers who chased Mexican bandits. I also attended the Memorial Day service held by the VFW and American Legion at 9 am on Memorial Day at the O. M. Mitchel GAR Post 69 cemetery at Hillside.

Brian Worcestor and I attended the Carson City Memorial Day service at 1 pm at Lone Mountain. We wore our uniforms and stood behind a Sea Cadet as he gave a presentation on the origins of Memorial Day. After the main event, at 2:30 pm, Brian and I laid a wreath at the GAR statue. We had a short ceremony, which was attended by nine other people. I read a short history of the GAR in Carson City, and Brian read the words to "Taps." I announced our program in the, "Nevada Appeal", and several people came because they saw it in there. Several people stayed, and we gave them a short tour around that part of the cemetery.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS--NEWSLETTER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

The newsletter is a record of our activities and existence. In several instances, the By-laws refer the newsletter, but provision has been made for one. I am proposing the following addition and article to remedy that. This is for discussion as no vote can be taken before the proposed changes are first sent to all Brothers and the Department Commander **in writing**.

ARTICLE XI, SEC 8 Signals Officer

Proposed addition: The Signals Officer shall be responsible for compiling, editing, and distribution of the Camp Newsletter. The Camp Commander may charge the duty for compiling, editing, and distribution of the Camp Newsletter to another camp member.

Proposed new ARTICLE:

ARTICLE XXII NEWSLETTER

Section 1. The Camp shall have an official newsletter, the name of which will be “The Carlin Camp Dispatch.”

Section 2. Responsible Officer. The Signals Officer shall be responsible for compiling, editing, and distribution of the Camp Newsletter. The Camp Commander may charge the duty of compiling, editing, and distribution of the Camp Newsletter to another camp member.

Section 3. Publication and Distribution. The newsletter shall be published on odd months and at other times when the Camp Commander deems necessary for the good of the order. The circulation year shall be the calendar year. The volume number shall increase by one for each new calendar year with volume one being for the year 2003. Each issue shall be consecutively numbered starting with the number one as the year changes. The newsletter shall be distributed to each camp member and upon request by the Department and National level. Distribution shall be by electronic mail and only by hard copy upon request. Distribution outside of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is at the discretion of individual Camp Brothers.

Section 4. Content. Newsletters published during the regular months shall contain the newsletter name, volume, date, and number; a summary of the previous month’s Camp minutes; changes in policies and regulations; contact information for the Camp; such matters specified elsewhere in the bylaws; and important matters involving the Department and National levels. Relevant articles and information of general interest to the Camp may also be included in the newsletter. No matter of an irrelevant, obscene, indecent, subversive, or derogatory nature or on topics otherwise circumscribed elsewhere in the bylaws shall be published in the newsletter.

Section 5. Archive. Hard copies of the newsletter shall be archived with the camp records and with the Nevada State Historical Society.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Reno, April 21, 2007

The Lt. Dixon–CSS Hunley Camp 2016 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Sparks held its annual Confederate Memorial Day service at 11 am, Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Masonic Chapel at Mountain View Cemetery in Reno, and your Camp Commander attended. They had a nice program, collected roses, and then decorated the graves of two of the three known Confederate veterans in Reno with them—former Governor John Sparks in the Masonic cemetery and Dennis L. Hunt in the IOOF cemetery at Mountain View. The grave of the third Confederate veteran former Washoe County Recorder Charles Stoddard in the Knights of Pythias cemetery was inaccessible. I was given the remaining roses, so I lifted Tyrone over the fence to the GAR Cemetery at Hillside, and he placed the roses on the GAR graves as far as they went. Several days after the service, GRO Don Huffman and I

identified another Confederate veteran, Reuben Wash, interred in the IOOF Cemetery. Don has also documented and gotten all of these Confederate veterans into the National Graves Registration Database.

Fallon, April 28, 2007

The United Daughters of the Confederacy held a Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Churchill County Cemetery in Fallon at 11 am, Saturday, April 28, 2007, and your Camp Commander also attended that. That cemetery contains two Confederate veterans. The service consisted of prayers, music, and tributes and included placing flowers on a wreath and refreshments afterwards. .

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.

APRIL 15, 2007, MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25 chartered at Gardnerville, Nevada. Camp mailing address: 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025. Time: 1305 Hrs.

1. Call to order and opening of the Bible.
2. Opening Prayer by the Camp Chaplain Brother Donald.
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 conducted a moment of silence to honor the passing of President Lincoln. The Camp boundaries were discussed and were approved by all Brothers present. Although the Commanders report is an attachment to the Minutes the main topics included the Confederate Memorial Service to be held in Reno, the Department Encampment, attended by the Camp Commander. A discussion concerning methodology to draw attention to the Camp, Memorial Day Activities, National Encampment and SUVCW Hat Wreaths.
6. Sec/Treasurers Report: Brother Brian, minutes of last meeting accepted. U.S. Bank Balance as of March 31, 2007 stands at \$607.92 with all Department and National dues paid.
7. Graves Registration Report submitted by Brother Don Huffman as an attachment. Brother Don was commended by the Commander in particular and Brothers present for his work on this project.
8. History and Memorials Report: Commander David, the Report is also an attachment to the Minutes. However, the topics included Department Historian, Camp-25 History, Winnemucca GAR Monument, Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, 1884, 17th Annual Encampment, Department of California and Miscellaneous items.
9. The Camp Commander led a discussion regarding By-Law changes as they refer to identified Camp boundaries to be posted in the near future on our web-site. The Commander also proposed a Camp Newsletter to be sent, if possible, to Camp Brothers via computer.
10. The next meeting was set for Sunday, 24, June 2007 at 1300 Hrs. at the VFW Hall located at 255 Burriss Lane.
11. A moment of silent reflection was offered by Chaplain Donald and he meeting concluded at 1430 Hrs.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 15, 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:

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

I attended the Department Encampment on March 23 to 24 and was appointed Department Historian. I acquired the Department records from the outgoing Historian Sebastian Nelson. It is interesting that 120 years of records would easily fit in two banker's boxes. Sebastian was just hired as an archivist for the State of California but will continue to research the GAR and SUVCW. He recently found that the California State Library had a GAR Room for many years that housed many of their books and records. A state law in 1993 provided to have it moved to another agency. That agency never received the materials, and no one has owned up to knowing what happened to them.

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. Camp histories were the subject of a General Order several years ago, but the effort seems to have sputtered out.

WINNEMUCCA GAR MONUMENT

I have not had the time to finish the paperwork for the GAR memorial at the Old Pioneer cemetery in Winnemucca. However, I do have most of the documentation and photographs compiled and a draft of the Monument Assessment Form written up. As noted in my last report, I had 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, and 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. He just contacted me back to say he was unable to find the book, though he will keep looking.

BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL

Many of the GAR Department and Post records are at the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, which was the Department of California and Nevada headquarters for years. The Hall is undergoing renovation, and brothers from the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 of Santa Ana have been instrumental in gathering together and cataloging those materials. The new Department JVC Glenn Roosevelt, who is a member of the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, said he will send me a list of Nevada GAR Post records there. He will then make copies of anything we would want. I gave him a copy of the O. M. Mitchell Post records I had acquired from the Nevada Historical Society.

1884 17th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

I recently acquired through E-bay, a copy of the Proceedings of the 17th Annual Encampment of the Department of California, GAR, January 23, 25, 26, 1884, San Francisco. I have yet to go over it in detail, but some Nevada highlights are: the Custer Post 5 of Carson City had 42 members, the Phil Kearney Post 10 of Virginia City had 31 members, it was suggested the Nye Post 43 of Candelaria surrender its charter, the Baker Post 13 of Cherry Creek needed "more time given", a second Post – Col. Whipple 49 – was being organized in Eureka which already had the Upton Post 29. The Mitchel Post 69 of Reno was not in existence yet. Also, one Sons of Veterans Camp, unfortunately not named, was noted as already being in existence on the West Coast.

MISCELLANEOUS

I recently acquired an early 1900s snapshot of the old soldiers' home at Sawtelle, which showed another statue of a Union soldier at parade rest on a base containing drinking fountains. I passed a scanned version around. Some of the brothers near there are going see where it might have been moved to, though a cemetery down there has one that might be it.

I acquired a reprint of the book, "The Astronomy of the Bible," by O. M. Mitchel. Mitchel was the general the Reno GAR post was named after. He was an accomplished professional astronomer, the author of several books on astronomy, and the Director of the Dudley and Cincinnati Observatories prior to the Civil War. He was instrumental in getting the Cincinnati Observatory built in 1845. Unfortunately, he died of yellow fever in South Carolina during the Civil War in 1862.

Brother Mike Curtis donated a copy of a "Resolutions of Respect" in memory of Captain Robert Haire of Custer Post 5 dated 29 November 1915. Both Capt. Haire and Mike's great-grandfather were in the 5th Michigan Regiment Cavalry Volunteers.

Carlin Camp #25 Graves Registration Officer's Report April 15, 2007 Don Huffman

Since the last meeting I have worked on eliminating the duplicate names from our SUVCW Data Base for the Carson City area. There were 43 Duplicate names. The names that were duplicated were then updated after extensive research to obtain more information. I have also updated 10 veterans that were listed in the Winnemucca, NV Cemetery.

I recently received a worksheet from Jeff Valliant that he had compiled on Veterans in our Camp boundaries. I will be comparing that to the lists that I already have and try to compile one completed list of all known burials in our boundaries. I have also received updated and some new names from Commander Davis when he goes on his family drives. This is great. I do it too when I travel. It's a good plan. When I arrive home I contact the camp nearest to my find and then give them the information.

With the Camp commander acting as a go between, He and I have been hopefully helping Camp 26 obtain replacement headstones for about five CW Vets buried in the Susanville Cemetery. This is an ongoing assist and results will be reported at a later time. It was my good fortune to have surveyed that cemetery when I lived in Susanville and I still have that information at hand.

After a phone conversation with Ruth Fenstermaker Danner of Winnemucca, NV, who is writing a book about Cemeteries of Nevada, I was told that the private marker on Bellevue Peak that simply states that he "Fought with Grant at Shiloh" belongs to Henry Clay Fenstermaker. He was born in Harrisburg, PA 1835. He died 1 Oct 1891. He was a rancher in the Eureka, NV area after the Civil War. He is buried in a private Cemetery in Fish Creek, Eureka County, NV.

Winnemucca Updates

Case, Walter G

Birth Year: 1843

Enlisted: 27 Aug 1861

Mustered Out: 24 Aug 1864

Misc. Info.: Born 1843 Ohio died after 1920. He was a train conductor in Post War Nevada.

Info. CC# 25

Crouse, Spencer

Birth Year: 1832

Misc. Info.: Born 1832 PA. He was a Prospector in Post War Nevada.

Info. CC# 25

Davidson, George

Birth Year: 1831

Rank: Private

Enlisted: 30 May 1862
Mustered Out: 19 May 1865
Misc. Info.: Born 1831 Scotland. He was an Engineer in Post War Nevada.
Info. CC# 25

Duncan, James C

Birth Year: 1837
Unit: 11
State: Iowa
Branch: Infantry
Company: C
Rank: Private
Enlisted: 23 September 1861
Mustered Out: 18 October 1864
Misc. Info.: Born 1831 New York. He was a Prospector in Post War Nevada.
Info. CC# 25

Hough, Henry

Birth Year: 1824
Death Year: 1891
Company: B
Rank: Full Captain
Enlisted: 14 April 1862
Mustered Out: 02 July 1865
Misc. Info.: Born in Maryland. Enlisted as a Private, Promoted to Full Sgt Major
And full Lt, Then to full Captain 24 October 1864. Pension App#817679.
Info. CC# 25

Robinson, James A

Death Year: 1909
Rank: Private
Misc. Info.: Pension App# 1110858 Cert# 938750.
Info. CC# 25

Swan, Peter

Birth Year: 1838
Rank: Private
Enlisted: 04 June 1862
Mustered Out: 06 October 1862
Misc. Info.: Born in Sweden. He was a Miner in Post War Nevada.
Info. CC# 25

Tiffany, Martin

Rank: Corporal
Enlisted: 24 July 1862
Mustered Out: 17 August 1865
Misc. Info.: He was a wounded veteran. Pension App# 98094 Cert# 63059
Info. CC# 25

Trousdale, William A

Birth Year: 1832
Company: B
Rank: Private

Enlisted: 13 August 1863

Mustered Out: 30 June 1864

Misc. Info.: Born in Illinois. Enlisted as a Private, and given a disability discharge
He was a Farmer in Post War Nevada.

Info. CC# 25

Zeigler, Jacob

Company: E

Rank: Private

Enlisted: 23 October 1861

Mustered Out: 21 September 1864

Misc. Info.:

Info. CC# 25

Note: The original report also contained several pages of a table identifying duplicate names in the Graves Registration Database of burials in Carson City that have been or will be rectified.