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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, August 26, 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 August meeting, which is still about four weeks away. If anyone wants something discussed at the meeting, please let me know soon, so I can put it on the agenda.

I placed flyers about our Camp and the SUVCW at the Nevada Historical Society and the Reno Family History Center. As time permits, I will see about putting them elsewhere. We need to follow up on last meeting's discussion about being in the Nevada Day parade and getting together with other groups such as the SAR, DAR, SCV, and present-day veterans' organizations possibly for a Veterans' Day function.

Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Al Peterson said he will soon send me information and a concerning the Eagle Scout program and a related form letter. He has been tied up with personal matters and computer problems the last few months.

I acquired two ribbons for the 1913 GAR Department of California and Nevada encampment in Reno. They were in a cache containing five other miscellaneous ribbons. I bid for them on E-bay but was outbid and did not win. Ironically, Tad Campbell outbid the other bidder and won. He e-mailed to find out if I was the low bidder, and I got the ribbons from him.

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. My slide show is also 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.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS--NEWSLETTER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

The By-laws state that they can be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds vote provided that a copy of the amendment was submitted in writing to the brothers at the previous Camp meeting and to the Department Commander. I provided the three other members who attended the last meeting with the following proposed changes in writing. A letter has been sent to the Department Commander. We will be holding a final vote on the changes at the next meeting, and they will become

final with approval of the Department Commander. I have reprinted the changes below, so if anyone has an objection, please bring it to the next meeting.

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.

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.

JUNE 24, 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: 1310 Hours.

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. Camp Commander's Report: Commander David led a discussion on the following topics (which can be found as attachments) Camp Boundaries, Comstock Cemetery Foundation, Drawing Attention to Ourselves, Eagle Scouts, Memorial Day Activities, National Encampment and the Union Veterans Union, Inc.
6. Camp Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian moved that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Motion passed. Brother Brian stated the U.S. Bank Balance as of May 31, 2007 is \$527.92.
7. History and Memorials Report: Brother David reports (attachment) includes the following topics Winnemucca Monument, Graves Registration Information, GAR Department Proceedings, Susanville Cemetery, Winnemucca Civil War Monument and a Miscellaneous subject.
8. Graves Registration Report (attachment) Brother David presented the extensive work compiled to date By Brother Don Huffman. Although this GRO Report is a work in progress it represents the extensive research on the part of Brother Don who deserves special recognition by our Camp.
9. New Business: Commander David Proposed a BYLAW AMENDMENT and Newsletter; 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. Note: This is for discussion only as no vote can be taken before the proposed changes are first sent to all Brothers and the Department Commander in writing. The complete Article XXII is also an attachment which also includes the following topics; BYLAWS on the Website, Eagle Scouts and Comstock Cemetery Foundation.
10. Old Business: Commander David proposed ways to draw attention to our Camp which includes giving his slide show to any group who might want to hear about the GAR. He is scheduled to give a presentation to the Nevada State Genealogical Society. He also advertised in the newspaper. In another effort to increase Camp membership he has also produced a draft of a flyer about the SUVCW with the idea of leaving it in certain places e.g.; the Reno Family History Center, Nevada Historical Society, local libraries, etc. He also feels we should be more active with other organizations such as the SAR, DAR, VFW, American Legion, etc. We also should be more visible on major National/State Holidays. Camp Boundaries: The Camp Commanders of Camp-12 and Camp-22 have signed an agreement with our Camp on Camp Boundaries. Proposal: Camp Commander Davis would also like to amend the BYLAWS in the future to reflect these changes when approved by the Department.
11. Good of the Order: The 126th National Encampment will be held August 9 through 12, 2007 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac in St. Louis, Missouri. Note: Any Brother attending must obtain the proper credentials from the Camp Secretary.
12. The next meeting was set for Sunday, August 26, 2007, at the VFW Hall, 255 Burriss Lane at 1300 Hours.
13. A moment of silent reflection was offered by Chaplain Donald and the meeting concluded at 1430 Hours.

Submitted in F, C and L, Brother Brian Worcester

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 24, 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:

WINNEMUCCA GAR MONUMENT

I have finished the paperwork for the GAR memorial at the Old Pioneer cemetery in Winnemucca and sent it and the supporting documents to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan. The final historical report is attached to the end of this report.

GRAVES REGISTRATION INFORMATION

While Jeff Vaillant was still in the area, he was working on documenting Civil War veterans' graves. He was in town last month, and gave me several bankers' boxes of files of his work. I met our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman at the recent Civil War reenactment at Gibson Ranch near Sacramento, and turned those files over to him.

GAR DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

The Nevada historical Society has copies of the GAR Department of California and Nevada encampment proceedings for the years 1905, 1906, 1908 1910, 1912 through 1919, 1921 through 1927, 1929 through 1932, 1934, and 1938. I have acquired the proceedings for 1884 through E-bay.

SUSANVILLE CEMETERY

As noted in last month's GRO report, Don Huffman and I agreed to look into acquiring replacement markers for six GAR graves in the Susanville Cemetery. The graves were identified by Commander John Patchin of Patchin Camp 26 in Los Molinos, CA, and he asked if we would do this for his camp. On June 17, I and my family visited the Susanville Cemetery and found the six graves according to Don's list. I also found three other GAR markers in as bad a shape as the ones Commander Patchin had identified. Six of the graves are aligned in a row hinting at a possible GAR plot. All of the markers are marble, measure about 10 inches wide by an inch or so thick by 12 to 15 inches tall. They contain the inscription "GAR" and the veteran's name. I suspect the veteran's possibly lacked family, and the GAR took responsibility for their burials and markers. The conditions of the markers range from slightly cracked to broken off and lying down. Don has been in contact with the Department of Public Works, which oversees the cemeteries in Lassen County. New markers can be gotten for free from the Veterans' Administration, though setting them might be another matter.

MISCELLANEOUS

I and my family attended the Civil War reenactment at Gibson Ranch near Sacramento on May 19, and I met with Commander Don Wilt and other members of the Wright Camp 22 there. Through E-bay, I acquired copies of the 1874 Rules and Regulations of the GAR, proceedings of the eighth annual meeting of the GAR National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA, in 1874, the by-laws of the GAR Major How Post 47 of Haverhill, MA, two medals of the Union Veterans Union, several GAR post cards by Ellen Clapsaddle, an 1899 Memorial Day program for Altoona, PA, and a Sons of Veterans hat wreath.

WINNEMUCCA CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

By David A. Davis, Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer
SUVCW General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25
12 June 2007

Winnemucca has two cemeteries: the original Old Pioneer Cemetery near Pioneer Park north of town and the later Winnemucca Cemetery on the southwest end of town. The Humboldt Lodge No. 16 of the IOOF (Oddfellows) acquired land from the Central Pacific Railroad on 15 April 1879 that would ultimately contain the Old Pioneer Cemetery¹. The McDermit Post No. 87 of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Winnemucca on 12 November 1885². The McDermit Corps No. 58 of the Women's Relief Corps was organized on 11 December 1897³.

On 11 August 1888, for one dollar, Post Commander James Sacket, and "first and second vice commanders" S. W. Reese and Andrew Morrison of the McDermit Post No. 87 acquired a 50-foot by 50-foot parallelogram of land from the Oddfellows and Masons to use as a burial ground⁴. No survey plat for the Pioneer Cemetery has ever been found, and the exact location of the GAR plot is not known. The McDermit Post No. 87 is last noted in the newspapers in 1911 when it had four members left⁵, and the McDermit Corps No. 58 may have been active as late as 1919⁶. About 1909, the Winnemucca Cemetery came into existence, and a number of bodies were moved there over time from the Pioneer Cemetery. In 1937, US Highway 95 was cut through the main part of the Pioneer Cemetery and at least part of the GAR plot. The remains of nine CW soldiers were put in small metal boxes and reburied in the Winnemucca Cemetery⁷.

The veterans section of the Winnemucca Cemetery contains the following nine Civil War veterans' graves in a line: H. H. Smith, U. S. Soldier; Geo. Davidson Co. C (G?) 3rd CA Inf.; J. C. Dur(?)gan, U. S. Soldier; O. Sprague, U. S. Navy; Spenger Grouse, Co. D, 1st NV Inf.; Henry Hough, Co. E, 1st MD Inf.; Jno. Ryan, Co. C (G?), 3rd U. S. Cav.; Peter Swan, Co. D, 69th IL Inf.; and Jacob Zeigler, Co. E, 36th IN Inf. The newspaper articles used to make this report and research by the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman show other Civil War veterans are still buried in the Old Pioneer Cemetery and in the Winnemucca Cemetery.

Early in 1967, Mayor Felix A. Scott, Building Inspector Walter Case, Police Chief Jack Marden, and State Assemblyman Melvin B. Howard supported a project to set up a monument to the Civil War veterans and McDermit Post in the Old Pioneer Cemetery. In early 1968, County Recorder Joe Germain supplied information from the records and Councilman Hughie Schoff started a Civil War veterans' roll call. It was planned to put the monument at the north side of the "Old" Pioneer Cemetery facing Frisco Street near the marble headstone of Civil War veteran and Central Pacific Railroad conductor Nick Cole⁸.

Journalist-historian Doris Cavanagh also became a driving force in this. On March 1, 1968, Mayor Scott, Councilman Schoff, County Librarian Mrs. Joyce Frashier, and Mrs Cavanagh decided to put the monument at the south side of the Old Pioneer Cemetery facing Pacific Street, and then the plaque was ordered. Mayor Scott donated "native stone" (local field stones) salvaged from the old Johnson and Becker saloon, which was the site of the first courthouse in 1873, for use in building the monument. Building Inspector Case, his uncle Lee Case, and Tiffany Poulin agreed to erect the monument⁹.

On March 24, 1968, a historic hedge of mostly rose bushes was planted along the cemetery fence with ten metal fence posts to each represent a part of Humboldt County. Post 9 was designated for Civil War veterans¹⁰. This hedge is not now apparent, and may not now exist.

The 14-inch by 24-inch bronze plaque, inscribed "IN MEMORY OF ALL CIVIL WAR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF McDERMIT POST 87 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, MAY 1968." was shipped from Portland, Oregon on April 15. The monument was to be erected Saturday May 4 with stonemason Hugh Bain of Golconda shaping the stone. Retired plumber and American Legion service officer Ralph Vivier was to fashion metal flag holsters and a Grand Army of the Republic arch. Mrs. Dewey (Myrtle York) Huckaba brought out a book she owned that contained the regulations and charter members of the McDermit Post No. 87 and diagrams of the 29 lots in the old Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery which was shown to be immediately south of the former fenced area of the Mason-Oddfellows' Cemetery. County Commissioner Chairman Louis Bidart said the county would underwrite the cost of the construction materials. The broken marble headstone of Civil War veteran James Randall was to be placed near the monument¹¹.

At 12:30 pm, Sunday May 26, 1968, the dedication was held despite the fact that though the base had been laid, the stonework had not been completed, and delivery of the plaque was delayed. Mrs. Cavanagh arranged the program. Mayor Scott and Councilman Schoff were the masters of ceremony, bugler Gene Landess sounded reveille, and the Sonoma Heights School Chorus sang.^{12, 13}

Nothing more is directly said in later issues of the newspaper, but an article August 28, 1968, about a dedication to a nearby railroad plaque mentions the GAR monument as though it was complete by then¹⁴. Also, despite the newspaper reports of the use of native stone and a metal arch, the monument is actually built from cinder blocks, measures 4 feet long and 3 feet high, and sits on a concrete slab measuring about 5 feet by 7 feet. Flanged metal pipes stick up a few inches out of the ground off each end of the monument, but no arch exists today.

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Camp #25 GRO Report June 2007

Since the last meeting I have continued to work on eliminating the duplicate names from our SUVCW Data Base for the Camp #25 area. There were 23 more duplicate names. The names that were duplicated were then updated after extensive research to obtain more information. I have also updated the veteran files I received from Jeff with documentation of my own, and by entering the information into our data base. I have compared all of the lists that I have and have compiled one complete list of all known burials in our boundaries.

The Camp commander and I continue to check on progress for Camp 26 to obtain replacement headstones for about five CW Vets buried in the Susanville Cemetery.

The several names that are already entered in our system have need of updating information. I will continue to work on that this summer when there is time in my schedule to do it. Organizing the lists and correlating them with our data base was very intense and time consuming. Please continue to send me information as you locate it and I will verify and enter it as soon as possible.

Attached is my current worksheet. Bear in mind it is a work in progress and is tabbed for my convenience. When I have sufficiently finished the list I plan to tab it by counties in our boundaries and then the cemeteries will be in alphabetical order.

Don Huffman
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space constraints, the worksheet was not been reprinted in the newsletter but has been sent to each member by the Secretary-Treasurer with the minutes and is also available upon request.

RECENT NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

General Orders No. 10 SERIES 2006-2007

1. I have been asked to make a ruling on several matters by the Department of Ohio.
2. The honor of Past Department Commander is bestowed upon a brother upon the successful completion of a term as Department Commander .
3. A Past Department Commander is entitled to credentials to a National Encampment, to be granted by the Department so bestowing the honor, so long as that brother is in good standing.
4. The honor of Past Department Commander may not be transferred to another Department, even if the brother so honored is a dual member of a Camp in another Department. The section in the National Regulations for "Restoration of Rank" only applies if a brother loses the honor of Past Department Commander for some reason; such as resignation, discharge, transfer to a Camp in a different Department, being dropped from membership for failure to pay dues, etc.
5. A Past Department Commander is not eligible for the office of delegate or alternate delegate to the National Encampment, even if said brother is a dual member of Camps in more than one Department.
6. All delegates and alternate delegates to a National Encampment must be elected to such office at their respective Department Encampment. If a brother is not so duly elected, the Department Secretary shall not issue a delegate card nor an alternate delegate card to such brother.

Ordered this 24th day of June, 2007
By Order of: James B. Pahl, Commander -in-Chief
Attested: Michael Bennett, National Secretary

General Orders No. 11 SERIES 2006-2007

I am pleased to announce the winners of the two scholarships annually awarded by the Order. Acting upon the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, the winners are:

Stephen Rushfeldt, a student at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana and a member of the Ben Harrison Camp #356, Department of Indiana.

Vincent W. Slaugh, a student at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park Campus and a member of the General George H. Thomas Camp #19, Department of Pennsylvania.

Ordered this 25th day of June, 2007
By Order of: James B. Pahl, Commander-in-Chief
Attested: Michael Bennett, National Secretary

General Orders No. 12 SERIES 2006-2007

A resolution was introduced and adopted by the Department of Wisconsin in 2006, to amend the Constitution of our Order. This Resolution was provided to the Commander -in-Chief at least forty (40) days preceding the 125th National Encampment.

On June 12, 2006 , then Commander -in-Chief Don Darby published the text of this proposed Amendment in his General Order #13.

On August 12, 2006, this Resolution to Amend the Constitution was presented at the 125 th National Encampment of our Order in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and this resolution was approved and adopted by well over 2/3's of the voting delegates present.

All 26 Departments of the Order have held their 2007 Encampments.

24 of these Departments have ratified this resolution.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to National Constitution, Article IX, I hereby declare our Constitution has been amended, by adding Article X – Dissolution of Corporation – as follows:

"This organization is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or other purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

"Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

Ordered this 11th day of July, 2007
By Order of: James B. Pahl, Commander-in-Chief
Attested: Michael Bennett, National Secretary

General Orders No. 13 SERIES 2006-2007

On June 24, 2007 , I filed with the National Council of Administration a proposed Complaint against Brother Keith Ashley, asking of the National Council of Administration, permission to exercise Summary Discipline, pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 17(A).

This matter was posted to the electronic boardroom of the Council of Administration for vote on the same day.

I have today inspected the boardroom and find the Council of Administration has voted in favor of this action.

Therefore, the Complaint stands as formally filed and I call upon Senior Vice Commander -in-Chief Charles Kuhn to proceed pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 17(B).

IT IS ORDERED that the membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Keith Ashley of the Department of Ohio is hereby SUSPENDED. Keith Ashley shall not be present at nor participate in any function of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

Ordered this 14th day of July, 2007
By Order of: James B. Pahl, Commander -in-Chief
Attested: Michael Bennett, National Secretary