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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS!

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, December 2, 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. *ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD.*

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I will be preparing an agenda for the December meeting, which is less than two weeks away. It is the last meeting of the year and the **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** will be held. After consulting with the Department, the new officers will likely be sworn in at the February meeting. Aside from the Elections, I would like to discuss another open house for the February meeting and have it as close to Lincoln's Birthday as possible.

I started a membership spreadsheet for the Phil Kearney GAR Post 10 and the Phil Kearney WRC Corps 85 in Virginia City. While working on it, I went off on a tangent and compiled a list of Civil War veterans buried in the Comstock area cemeteries. Very few of these veterans have made it into the National Graves Registration Database. Interestingly, the Memorial Day articles in the Territorial Enterprise for 1870-1905 listed the graves decorated and what cemetery they were in. Starting with that I have been going through the Nona Parkin collection, on-line cemetery lists, and obituaries as indexed at the Nevada Historical Society. I've hit the point of diminishing returns and will soon be passing the list to Don Huffman to verify and get into the Database.

I gave my GAR/SUVCW presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution in Reno and the Nevada State Genealogical Society. Brian Worcester was involved bringing the presentation to the DAR. It seemed to be well received at both venues.

Tom Rutherford, who works for the Nevada Department of Transportation and is a member of the Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle club, attended our Veterans Day service and asked Brian to send him a list of the soldiers who died at Fort Churchill. His group is interested in possibly having a plaque made with the soldiers' names on it. I put the list in an Excel spreadsheet, updated it with some added information, and sent that, too. I let Mr. Rutherford know that no list of the 44 soldiers exhumed at Fort Churchill and reburied at Lone Mountain in 1885 has ever been found. The list we have is of soldiers who died in Nevada during the Fort Churchill era (1860-1869) and contains 50 names plus entries for 20 more deaths without the names recorded. Most of it is from a list compiled by World War II veteran Phil Hutchinson probably 20 years ago. The records the entries were taken from may be at the Nevada Historical Society, so I will check with them as soon as I can. I should have more to report on at the meeting.

Over a year ago, I sent to Ron James of the State Historic Preservation Office the paperwork for a Nevada State Historic Marker at the Custer Post 5 Plot at Lone Mountain. Of course it is limbo because of lack of funds. It would likely run around \$1,800 for a bronze plaque on a rock. I set out a plastic jar at our Veterans Day event and the Nevada State Genealogical Society presentation. We raised \$15.

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, especially for the **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**.

BY-LAWS

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I have e-mailed copies of the by-laws with the amendments added. I want you all to look them over for typos and discrepancies. In a couple weeks, I will have them posted on our website. If no one responds by then, I will assume nothing needed correcting.

NEVADA DAY ACTIVITIES

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

Commander David A. Davis, Chaplain Don Guidici, Senior Camp Commander Frank Wood, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester participated in the Nevada Day parade on October 27, 2007. Pictures have already been circulated by e-mail. Brothers David A. Davis, Don Guidici, Don Huffman, and Brian Worcester donated money towards the signs and entry fee. Don Guidici also donated the use of his pick-up truck. The Camp signs were placed on the sides of the truck, and the United States and Camp flags were placed in the back holes on top of the sides of the bed. Don drove, and the rest of us rode, seated on chairs from the VFW in the truck bed. A large number of the spectators shouted and applauded they read the signs or heard the announcement at the various reviewing stands. We only had one Confederate heckler. After the parade, we attended the free chili feed at the Nugget and then proceeded to the cemetery where we held an informal meeting.

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

Commander David A. Davis, Senior Camp Commander Frank Wood, and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester rode with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Nevada Day parade held at 11 am on November 11, 2007, down Virginia Street. Frank Wood is also the Commander of VFW Post 9211, and we thank him for allowing this to occur.

Commander David A. Davis and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester also held a short Veterans Day wreath-laying service at the Civil War monument in the GAR Custer Post 5 Plot in Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City at 3 pm the same day. At least 30 people including some members of the DAR, the Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle club, and reported from the Nevada Appeal attended. Commander Davis gave a short speech and Secretary-Treasurer Worcester sang the 4th stanza to The Star Spangled Banner and talked about the cemetery. Then we laid the wreath and said a prayer. Afterwards, we gave a short tour of the cemetery to those remained behind.

Speech

I am not much of a speechmeister, but I would like to make a few if somewhat disjointed comments about today. Veterans Day is the day we honor all veterans, both the living and the dead. Veterans Day is a 1954 renaming of Armistice Day, which marked the anniversary of the end of World War I and a Federal holiday since 1938. World War I was known as the Great War and the War to End all Wars. I had a grandfather in World War I.

I will digress briefly with a history of this site.

After the Civil War, the Union veterans started a fraternal organization called the Grand Army of the Republic or GAR. This lasted from its founding in 1866 until its last member died in 1956. We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are the heir organization to the GAR.

Carson City had the Custer Post 5 of the GAR which lasted from 1878 until the death of its last member in 1935. In 1889 and 1890, the Custer Post 5 acquired the lots that make up this 140' by 140' square that contains veterans of the Mexican War, Civil War, and Spanish-American War. In 1891, they acquired and dedicated this fine statue to honor Nevada's Union soldiers and sailors.

In 1868, through the efforts of the GAR, Memorial Day was established to honor those who died in battle. During the decades of its existence, the Custer Post 5 hosted Memorial Day parades up Roop Street to this site where they held a service consisting of dirges, speeches, and the decoration of the graves with flowers and flags.

Later, many of the men who marched off to World War I were the grandsons and great-grandsons of these Civil War veterans, and a large but dwindling fraction of these Civil War veterans lived long enough to see them go. These veterans were likely reminded of their war experiences when they heard some of the World War I jargon. Civil War infantry men were also commonly called "doughboys" and trench warfare was in use near the end of the Civil War during the Battles of Petersburg and Richmond. Some were also already familiar with aerial reconnaissance, since balloons had been used for that purpose during the Civil War.

Though they are now honored by Veterans Day in death, these Civil War veterans missed out on that honor in life. Memorial Day was specifically meant to honor those who died in battle, and those who died afterwards were also usually remembered that day. However, except for Lieutenant Colonel McDermit over there, who died from an Indian attack, and a few others, most of these men died long after the Civil War was over. So while Veterans Day honors them now in death, it would have also meant as much to them in life as it does to today's veterans.

Veterans Day prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the selfless service of those who gave their lives to protect our nation, preserve our freedoms, and restore peace in the face of brutal aggressors. Grant relief to those who continue to experience emotional or physical agony from their days of combat. Give us a sense of responsibility for their welfare. Comfort those who mourn for loved ones who died while performing their duty to our country. Enlist all who are in our military forces into your church militant, that they may pledge eternal loyalty to Christ, our King, and know his peace. Amen

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The 122nd annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of California and Pacific Encampment will be held March 14-15, 2008, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. The registration form, fees, and a form gain entry to the base are on the Department website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~suvchw/deptca/encamp.html>.

OCTOBER 27, 2007, MEETING MINUTES

Our regular Camp meeting was held on a very informal basis at the Monument at Lone Mountain Cemetery. Commander David A. Davis presided with Brothers Donald Guidici, Frank Wood and Brian Worcester. Brothers are encouraged to be at the VFW Hall, 255 Burris Lane at 0800 on 11, November 2007 to participate in the Reno Veterans Day Parade. The next Camp meeting will be held in early December and will be announced via e-mail by Commander Davis. It should also be noted that at the December meeting an election of new Camp officers will be held. The meeting concluded with a moment of silent reflection. Earlier at 0930 Hrs. we assembled for our Nevada Day Parade position. The Camp signs were placed on the sides of Brother Donald's truck and the rest of us rode, seated in the truck bed with the flags displayed from the truck. I'm proud to relate when the people read the signs or heard the announcements at the various reviewing stands we more than well received. In F, C & L, Brian Worcester. NOTE: Due to the circumstances of the meeting, the requirement for Camp reports was waived.

RECENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 8
Series 2007-2008

PASSING OF BROTHER EDSON T. STROBRIDGE, JR.

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: On October 19, 2007, Brother Edson Turner "Ed" Strobridge, Jr. of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, passed away in San Luis Obispo, California, after a courageous and valiant battle with cancer. He was 80 years old.

Section 2: Brother Strobridge was a historian and a dedicated, long-time member of our Order. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the National Organization in recognition of his service and work in locating the graves of Civil War veterans, obtaining and installing grave markers, and preserving a cannon in the G.A.R. plot of the cemetery in San Luis Obispo, California. He is survived by his wife, June, five children, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 5: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Strobridge and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second, in the Town of Fallbrook, County of San Diego, State of California by Jerry R. Sayre, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: Jerry R. Sayre
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ J. Thomas Smith
Department Secretary-Treasurer

RECENT NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER No. 6
SERIES 2007 – 2008
6 October 2007

Pursuant to Article IX of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, resolutions proposing amending the Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Department on 6 October, 2007. The resolutions propose the following changes;

First Resolution;

ARTICLE VII.
Membership

Section 1. Membership classes. There shall be three (3)~~four~~ (4) classes of membership.

(a) Members. Males at least fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 **Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998**. Members enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership.

(d) Junior Members. Males less than fourteen (14) years of age who meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998. The minimum age for Junior Members shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

Section 4. A Member **Brother** in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge **of the appropriate type** and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

Section 5. Restrictions on Junior Members and Junior Associates.

(a) Neither Junior Members nor Junior Associates may be elected to any National, Department or Camp office.

(b)The National Organization may further provide for the regulations of Junior Members and/or Junior Associates in the Regulations provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Second Resolution;

Section 2. Associates. There shall be ~~one~~**two** classes of Associates.

(a) Associates are males at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section **5200303** of the Articles of Incorporation as **amended in 1998** but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

(b) Junior Associates are males less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation as amended in 1998 but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization. The minimum age for Junior Associates shall be specified in the Regulations of the Order.

(c) The combined number of Associates and **Junior Associates** in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

(d) Associates may not be elected, appointed, or otherwise assume the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer or be appointed Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(e) Associates **and Junior Associates** shall not be counted toward the required number of members to establish a new Camp. The names of Associates **and Junior Associates** may not appear on the Camp Charter nor may Associates **or Junior Associates** be designated as Charter Members of the Camp. Associates otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of membership.

Section 3. Establishment of Associates **and Junior Associates** by Departments and Camps. Departments, at their own discretion, may establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates provided that no Department may establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates.** Departments may impose further restrictions on Associates **and Junior Associates**, provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department specifically establishes Associates **and/or Junior Associates by amending its By-Laws**, Camps within said Department may amend the Camp By-Laws and establish Associates and/or Junior Associates provided that no Camp shall establish Junior Associates without previously or concurrently establishing Associates. Camps may impose further restrictions in accordance with the provisions of the Department By-Laws and provided that the rights established in Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations may not be altered, reduced, or vacated. If a Department does not establish Associates **and/or Junior Associates**, Camps within the Department's jurisdiction may not establish Associates **or Junior Associates.**

Third Resolution;

POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION OF A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

ARTICLE V

Organization

Section 2 The supreme power and authority

If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.

Action shall be taken at the next meeting of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon each of these individual resolutions, and tentative language changes in the Regulations shall be adopted pertaining to Junior Members and or Junior Associates. Activation of said changes in the Regulation shall be subject to the ratification of pertinent changes to the Constitution by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Department Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No. 7
SERIES 2007 – 2008
6 October 2007

In order to correct the discrepancies in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order created from action taken at the 126 th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War concerning Juniors and Junior Associates, I hereby order a Special Meeting of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by the powers granted me pursuant to Chapter III, Article III, Section 2 of the Regulations of the Order and with the express consent of the National Council of Administration for the purpose of adopting language to amend the Regulations of the Order and take action upon resolutions for proposed changes in the Constitution of the Order submitted by the Pennsylvania Department as published in General Order No. 6.

The meeting shall convene at the Eisenhower Inn located at 2634 Emmitsburg Rd., Gettysburg , PA at 3:30 PM local time on 17 November, 2007 in the main ball room.

Other than the death of A. P. Davis this will be the first Special Meeting of the National Organization in its 126 year history. The meeting will be recorded as the 1st Special National Encampment.

Brothers will be required to have credentials to attend this meeting. If you plan to attend you should contact your Department Secretary for proper Credentials. Make sure you have 1st Special National Encampment appearing on your credentials.

So ordered this 6th day of October, 2007;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Order No. 8
Series 2007 – 2008
17 November, 2007

Through the course of events that manage and rule our lives and this Order we at times have the opportunity to meet those who stand out above others. This is the case with Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve.

General Medert assumed Command of the Sons of Veterans Reserve on 29 July, 1997 with a strength of roughly 500 men. Over the past 10 years, he has built the Sons of Veterans Reserve to be a unit of over 1100 troops. He has also built an infrastructure to accommodate this growth and streamlined the operation of the same.

General Medert has requested to be relieved of his Command and moved into the Inactive Reserve Corps of the Sons of Veterans Reserve so that he may pursue the Office of Commander in Chief at the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Peabody Massachusetts.

I hereby officially accept the transfer of Brigadier General David V. Medert as Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Colonel Robert E. Grim, Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be appointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

I find that this recommendation is well taken and approve the appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Brigadier General, commencing immediately and ending on 16 November 2010 or until properly relieved.

So ordered this 17th day of November, 2007;
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Donald Palmer
Secretary
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War