

CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25, ORGANIZED 2003
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Volume 6, No. 1

January 2008

Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/carlin25.html>
Mailing address: General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
5200 Cedarwood Drive, Reno, NV 89511-9025
E-mail: patsworchester@earthlink.net

OPEN HOUSE

**WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT 2 PM, FEB. 10
PLEASE SEE THE FLYER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEORGE AND ABE

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, February 10, 2008, 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 and will be followed by an Open House. *THE SWEARING IN OF THE OFFICERS WILL BE HELD.*

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I will be preparing an agenda for the February meeting, which is several weeks away. Past Department Commander and a present member of the Department Council Brad Schall will be present to swear in the officers. We will be having an Open House immediately after the meeting with the details given in the flyer at the end of the newsletter. I urge all members within a reasonable driving distance to attend this meeting and open house to help make it a success.

It is now a new year, and we need to renew our efforts at increasing active membership. We started 2007 with 14 members of which 4 regularly attend meetings plus 1 active member who just lives too far away to make the meetings, and we ended 2007 with....14 members of which 4 regularly attend meetings plus 1 active member who just lives too far away to make the meetings. Fortunately, it takes just 3 to make a quorum. Unfortunately, if one of us 4 were to throw in the towel, Camp 25 would likely fold. Now, I am well aware that some of you live too far away or

have job conflicts. I understand and am sympathetic to that. However, if we want our Camp to thrive, or to even just continue, we need to: 1) have more active participation from the present membership, and/or 2) bring in more active members. Now, I would like comments about how to go about this. The meeting dates are not set in concrete. Would it help to move the meeting dates? I would like to see us have a booth at various events such as the Rendezvous in Carson City, Civil War reenactments, and gun shows like the one just coming up. Making an appearance at some of the SCV Hunley-Dixon Camp events might be an idea, too. However, the four of us can not do these things alone. Even if you cannot make the meetings regularly, you can still help man booths or help with some projects. If you live far away, you may still be active in the Camp, thanks to the Internet and e-mail. Some positions such as newsletter editor and Eagle Scout Coordinator could be done from afar. Graves Registration is being done very successfully from afar. Camp 25 will be 5 years old in June. Would anyone like to have a Camp birthday party in June? Would having a speakers' program after the meetings be of interest to anyone? Do any of you have pet projects you would like to see us do? Anyone have other suggestions or comments????

I 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. The Memorial Day articles in the Territorial Enterprise for 1870-1905 listed the graves decorated and what cemetery they were in. I went through the Nona Parkin collection, on-line cemetery lists, and obituaries as indexed at the Nevada Historical Society for as much other information as I could find about these graves. I recently passed the list to our GRO Don Huffman to verify and get into the Database.

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 working on getting a plaque made with the soldiers' names on it. I have been in contact with him a few times. I put the list we had 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 the list was compiled by World War II veteran Phil Hutchinson probably 20 years ago. My recent research found that his list was not complete, and a number of those on the list did not die at Fort Churchill. Barring the surfacing of a list of the 44 reburials of 1885, a plaque containing the names from our present list should be worded to reflect the difference to be accurate.

I looked into the Eagle Scout Program more, and I have been in contact with Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Al Peterson and the local Boy Scouts Headquarters. The Boy Scouts Headquarters said they average about 150 Eagle Scouts a year or between 9 and 16 a month. They will send us a monthly list if we decide to revive our Eagle Scout Program. I sent and got copies of blank certificates for review. Al Peterson also takes care of the Eagle Scouts for the Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas where they average 450 a year. He said the cost runs 35c per certificate (he saves that by using blank paper of the right weight and color and then printing the certificate from his computer) and 80c for postage. He said it takes him about a day to go through the monthly list.

Since it is free on the Internet, I have advertised our meeting and Open House 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.

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

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/~suvcw/deptca/encamp.html>. They sent me a package of documents, and I will likely be going. They had a raffle last year where we donated a \$50 gift certificate for Barnes and Noble. I would suggest if they have a raffle again this year, depending upon how much we have in the treasury, we consider doing a similar thing again this year.

DECEMBER 2, 2007, MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Time: 1315 Hrs.
2. Call to order and an opening moment of silence.
3. All brothers in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: David A. Davis. Frank Wood and Brian Worcester.
5. Old Business: The Eagle Scout Program was discussed (attachment) as the Commander will visit the Boy Scout Headquarters to help determine a course of future action.
6. New Business: Lincoln's Birthday and Open House (attachment) was discussed. It was determined that the next meeting will be held during the open house at the VFW Hall at 255 Burris Lane at 1300 Hrs on Sunday 10 Feb. 2008. Elected Officers of the Camp will also be sworn in at the meeting.
7. Possible plaque listing Fort Churchill burials (attachment) at Lone Mountain Cemetery was also discussed along with the possibility of a Historical Marker at the site.
8. Camp Commanders Report: Commander Davis reported on the following topics listed as attachments; Camp Boundaries, Department Encampment, Eagle Scouts, Nevada Day Activities, Veterans Day Activities.
9. Graves Registration Report: Submitted as an attachment by the Commander on behalf of Brother Don Huffman.
10. Camp Sec/Tres. Report: Brother Brian moved that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read. Motion passed. Brother Brian stated that the Camp U.S. Bank Balance as of October 31, 2007 was \$ 837.92. It also should be noted that Commander Davis donated the check from the Sagebrush Chapter of the DAR to the Camp fund that was received for his presentation to that Chapter.
11. Good of the Order: Camp Elections were held. All incumbent brothers were re-elected to their respective offices.
12. A moment of silence was observed and the meeting concluded at 1410 Hrs.

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

COMMANDER'S REPORT

December 2, 2007

David A. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Commander.

The following is a summary of recent activities:

CAMP BOUNDARIES

Our new Camp boundaries are now noted on our website.

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>.

EAGLE SCOUTS

I finally heard from Al Peterson, the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, concerning the latest involving the Eagle Scout program. As of October 4, he more or less left it up to us to contact the local Eagle Scouts people. I heard a few months ago that Russ Cafferata is the contact at the Boy Scout Headquarters on Wells Avenue.

NEVADA DAY ACTIVITIES

Don Guidici, Frank Wood, Brian Worcester and I participated in the Nevada Day parade on October 27, 2007. Pictures have already been circulated by e-mail. Don Guidici, Don Huffman, Brian Worcester and I donated money towards the signs and entry fee. I had the signs made up at Fast Signs near Costco. 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

Frank Wood, Brian Worcester, and I rode with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the Nevada Day parade which was 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.

Brian Worcester and I 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.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT – December 2, 2007

Don Huffman

Interestingly, our Camp's namesake, General William Passmore Carlin, was NOT in the Graves Registration database. That oversight has now been taken care of.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 2, 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:

GAR/SUVCW PRESENTATION

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 in bringing the presentation to the DAR. I am a member of the Nevada State Genealogical Society, and they have been asking to give it since I first did it last February. It seemed to be well received at both venues.

POTENTIAL FORT CHURCHILL GRAVES PLAQUE FOR LONE MOUNTAIN

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 and 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 are 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.

VIRGINIA CITY CIVIL WAR GRAVES LIST

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.

RECENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 10
Series 2007-2008

PASSING OF BROTHER JOHN CUNNINGHAM

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 January 16, 2008, Brother Col. John Cunningham of the Col. Roderick Matheson Camp 16 passed away. Brother Cunningham served his Camp as Council and Chaplain.

Section 2: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 3: 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 4: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Cunningham and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third, 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: /s/ 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. 9
Series 2007 – 2008
23 November, 2007

Brothers,

- 1). The laws have changed and all Camps and Departments will now be required to file an e-post card with the IRS.
- 2). Pursuant to the direction of the Internal Revenue Service the following is hereby placed for your examination;

IRS Reporting Update

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file Form 990, may now be required to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service. If they do not file an annual electronic notice (e-Postcard) they may risk losing their tax-exempt status. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006 and MUST be completed by May 15, 2008 for 2007 calendar year entities. Failure to comply will result in loss of tax-exempt status.

Our Independent Auditor for the National Treasurer's Financial Records & Reports has confirmed with the IRS Exempt Organizations Unit that this provision will apply to our Camps, Departments, and SVR Units, with gross receipts of \$25,000.00 or less. Those with receipts greater than \$25,000.00 should already be filing Form 990-EZ or 990.

The format of this new filing is not completed yet, but it will be in the form of an "e-Postcard" that will be accessed through the IRS web site at www.irs.gov. The required information will be your legal Camp name & number and Department name, mailing address, web site address, name and address of a principal officer (usually the Treasurer) and evidence of the continuing basis of your exemption from Form 990 filing requirements (i.e. gross revenues are \$25,000.00 or less).

However, I shall still be including your Unit and all Contact Information on the Subordinate Listing of the Order, which I am required by the IRS to submit to them annually between January 15th and March 31st (concerning each Camp, Department & SVR Unit, who have an EIN Number). From what I understand, the IRS is trying to confirm the existence of all the Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, which I am reporting as being under our Group Exemption Number (GEN # 0429).

In addition, it is very important that all Camps, Departments, & SVR Units, make sure that they each have their own Employee Identification Number (EIN #) and that they submit this number (along with their correct Contact Information, annually, as your unit's Contact Information may change from year to year) to the National Treasurer for inclusion in his annual filing with the IRS. This is necessary for the individual units to be included in the overall group exemption of the Order. Failure to be included in this report would require the individual units to secure its own separate exemption from tax and to file a Form 990-EZ or Form 990 with the IRS. [NOTE: NO unit will be allowed to use the Parent Organization's, (i.e. National Organization, SUVCW's) EIN #.]

In summary, if any individual unit is on the annual report of Subordinates of the Group Exemption Number 0429 List of the Order and their gross receipts are \$25,000.00 or less, they may only have to file an annual electronic notice, IRS Form 990-N, with the Internal Revenue Service.

3). All Departments, Camps and SVR Units are hereby ordered to comply with the above directive from the Internal Revenue Service.

So ordered this 23rd 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

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 10, 2008, 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 ONCE A LOCAL HOLIDAY IN A NUMBER OF STATES, 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 (775) 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.**