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HAPPY NEVADA DAY

Nevada Day commemorates October 31, 1864, the day during the Civil War that Nevada became a state. Hence the nickname: the Battle Born State.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, October 19, 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 about an hour and will be followed by State Archives Manager Mr. Jeff Kintop giving a talk on Civil War related records at the Nevada State Library and Archives.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

The election of officers will be held in December. The by-laws prevent me from running for a third consecutive term, though I can run again in the future. This reminder is intended to start you all thinking about who might want to come after me. One of the increasingly urgent things facing Camp 25 is how to increase membership. I hope my successor can be more successful at it than I have been. After all, none of us are getting any younger.

Jeff Kintop has agreed to speak after our meeting on October 19. He is the State Archives Manager at the Nevada State Library and Archives in Carson City. He will inform us about Civil War related materials in his department.

I have sent in the form for the Nevada Day parade, which will be November 1 this year. Veterans Day is also coming up in November, and we can tentatively plan our annual wreath-laying ceremony and service at Lone Mountain. Last year we had a couple of dozen people come. I hope, too, we can make a point to be in the Veterans Day parade either in Reno or Virginia City. Remembrance Day is November 22, and I will look into a possible way of observing it. Maybe a short ceremony with a reading of the Gettysburg Address in the Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside might be in order, as we will have done Veterans Day at Lone Mountain. I still would like us to attend and possibly participate in the SAR event on December 13.

I will be preparing an agenda for the October meeting, which is several weeks away. If anyone has something they want put on the agenda, please let me know. As usual, I will be putting a notice in the events section of the newspapers.

IT'S OFFICIAL

Member Retired Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert Haley has finally received his first issue of "The Banner". As most of us know, receiving "The Banner" is the only notice one gets that they are now an official member of the SUVCW. Robert's great-grandfather, James Winfield Staples, was the Regimental Sergeant-Major in the 78th Infantry Regiment New York Volunteers. He received a battlefield commission during the Battle of Antietam and became a Captain.

LABOR DAY AND DAYTON VALLEY DAYS

The Comstock Civil War Reenactors invited us to have a booth at their camp in Virginia City over the Labor Day weekend. They held several reenactments involving the steam train, and my son Tyrone participated as a Union flag bearer. Four of us spent a day there, and we set up shop in a shed on the edge of the Union camp.

On the weekend of September 20 and 21, the Dayton Valley Days festival was held along Pike Street in Dayton, which across from the old Union Hotel. Frank and I manned our Camp tent next to the old firehouse. We were nestled in between the regular vendors, and we had quite a few people stop by, ask questions, and view our displays. We probably gave away at least a couple of dozen flyers and took some donations for the Lone Mountain historical marker.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 7-10, 2008

The National Encampment was held August 7-10, 2008, at the Boston Marriott Peabody situated on Boston's North Shore. The new National officers are listed on the National website. David V. Medert is the new Commander-in-Chief. He is a Past Department of Ohio Commander. Please see his first General Order below.

53RD ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

April 18, 2009

The 53rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), will be observed on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM CDT and will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon. The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Ball will be held from 7:00 until 11:30 PM that evening at the Springfield Hilton. A ceremony commemorating the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, sponsored by the Department of Illinois, SUVCW, will be held near Petersburg, Illinois at 3:00 pm. For more information please visit <http://www.suvcw.org> or contact Alan Loomis at arlsuvcw@aol.com, or 219-464-1332

POTENTIAL CIVIL WAR FLAGS OFFICER

A National committee is being set up to look at the possibility of creating a Civil War Flags Officer position along the lines of the Civil War Memorials Officer. Several past General Orders have been issued dealing with flags with varying results or lack thereof. If this idea is successful, then the thought is that Civil War Flags Officer positions would be created at the National,

Department, and Camp levels. As with Civil War memorials, Civil War, GAR, and SUVCW flags would be located and documented using an official form. The condition would be noted, and money would be made available through a grant for preservation efforts. A database of these flags would be set up, hopefully including pictures of the flags. Ed Norris, Commander of the Willie Grout Camp 25 in Worcester, Massachusetts, will head the committee, which will include six members. I was invited to serve on it, and I agreed to do so.

AUGUST 24, 2008, 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: 1300 Hrs.
2. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Camp Chaplain Don.
3. All Brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Donald Guidici, John Riggs, Craig Beck, Don Huffman, Brian Worcester and guest speaker from the Nevada Historical Society Eric Moody.
5. Secretary/Treas. Report: Submitted by Brother Brian, Minutes of the June 22, 2008 meeting accepted. U.S. Bank account now stands at \$647.53.
6. Commanders Report submitted by Commander Davis contained the following topics: By Law Change, Lone Mountain Cemetery, National Encampment, Remembrance Day and Guest Speaker.
7. Graves Registration Report submitted by Don Huffman.
8. History and Memorials Report by Commander Davis contains the following topics: History Page, Nevada State Hospital with attached map.
9. Meeting Agenda (attachment) contains Old Business, Dayton Valley Days; New Business Civil War Reenactment Invitation, Clampers, Nevada Day, Veterans Day, SAR Event, Remembrance Day and Good of the Order.
10. The next meeting will be held at the VFW Hall, 255 Burris Ln. at 1300 Hrs. on October 26, 2008. The Camp Chaplain offered a closing Prayer and the meeting concluded at 1412 Hrs.
11. Following the Camp meeting Mr. Moody spoke on the Civil War and the records and related holdings contained at the Nevada Historical Society.
Submitted in F, C & L, Brian I. Worcester

COMMANDER'S REPORT

August 24, 2008

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

BYLAW CHANGE

I mailed our recent bylaw change to Department Commander Jerry Sayre. I contacted him, and he said it was approved, and we should be getting a copy of the signed letter back soon. I will have the on-line by-laws updated when the letter comes.

LONE MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Lone Mountain Cemetery sexton Dave Stultz retired last month, and Tim Glancy is presently the acting sexton, the only employee dedicated to the cemetery, and the chief cook and bottle washer. He will probably get the job permanently. He said if we can get markers for Civil

War veterans' graves, he will set them for free. I have not had the time to get the paperwork for the replacement markers ready, though I hope to have it at least sent in before the next meeting. I sent for the record of Harvey Fowler who does not have a military marker. Of course, I would not object to any of the other brothers taking on that chore.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The National Encampment was held August 7-10, 2008, at the Boston Marriott Peabody situated on Boston's North Shore. At this point, I have neither seen nor heard anything about the proceedings. The new National officers are listed on the National website. David V. Medert is the new Commander-in-Chief. He is a Past Department of Ohio Commander.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sons of Veterans Reserve will hold their 52nd observance of Remembrance Day at Gettysburg this year on November 22. They will have a brief service at the GAR Memorial there, a parade, and other activities. Please see the SUVCW National website for more details.

SPEAKER

Mr. Eric Moody of the Nevada Historical Society will tell us about the Civil War and GAR related holdings at the NHS after the meeting. We might be able to line up Jeff Kintop of the Nevada State Archives to speak at a future meeting.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT – August 24, 2008

By Don Huffman

Just to let you know, I have not done anything concerning the GRO position since the last meeting. My 87 year old mother in Bonanza, OR, has been ill and can't drive anymore so I have made a couple of trips up there to assist her. I did however manage to send a \$50 dollar donation to the state chapter in the name of Bob Lowe. I also have been reading the material from Jeff Vaillant that Commander Davis brought over to me in the box that very hot day and have began to copy all of Jeff's floppy discs to DVD as that is the new medium these days. I found out just how old my computer is when I had to go buy a new one this year. They don't even put floppy discs in them anymore

Addition from Camp Commander David A. Davis:

I contacted Keith Camp 12 GRO Len Becker. He has been traveling a lot and has only gotten through about 25 or 30 names on the Nevada State Hospital burial list. Other than Robert Hope and two others, he has not found anymore definite veterans. He has also visited the Goldfield and Tonopah cemeteries and found some Civil War veterans there including two in unmarked graves. I e-mailed him to let us know what he found at Tonopah. Tonopah is technically within Camp 25's area, and we do not need to duplicate efforts.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 24, 2008

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

HISTORY PAGE

I contacted the Department Signals Officer and Past Department Commander Tad Campbell and sent him two of my historical reports and an image of the 1913 GAR Department of California and Nevada Reno encampment ribbon. He created a "History Page" on the Carlin Camp 25 website and placed on it. In the near future I will get several more existing reports ready, and I hope to add more as time goes by. These reports have been "collecting dust" since I first wrote them, and the object of this exercise is to make them widely available. I also plan to eventually put my list of GAR/SOV/SUVCW/Allied Orders and maybe the list of potential Fort Churchill burials on the "History Page." They are "works in progress", and this might be a way of getting some feedback.

NEVADA STATE HOSPITAL CEMETERY

All has generally been quiet until this past week from the Friends of Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services Cemetery (FNNAMHSC). Carolyn Mirich has been in contact with the Hospital Director Harold Cook about getting blanket permission to visit and work in the cemetery. Liability, especially during construction of the State agriculture building adjacent to the cemetery, and apparently rules governing what can and cannot be done on State property have been the hang-ups. Then on Thursday, I received the following e-mail about the latest kink:

Carolyn,

Here is an update on where we are on the cemetery restoration issue. The Attorney General's office has advised me of several statutes pertaining to historic preservation which affect the cemetery. In particular, preservation of Native American burial sites complicates everything (numerous Native Americans are buried there). This will require me to bring into the process Department of Cultural Affairs, Department of Indian Affairs, Historic Preservation Office and possibly individual tribes whose members are buried there. I will begin meeting with the relevant Department Heads as soon as possible. I will update you as I learn more about the processes involved in managing the cemetery restoration.

Harold Cook

Since then there has been a flurry of e-mails commenting about what all this means.

I did a little research into the extent of the historical hospital grounds, and apparently, the line between sections 7 and 8 of the public land survey has always been the east boundary of the hospital grounds and the cemetery. 21st Street now follows that boundary. Because of this, it is unlikely any burials occurred east of 21st Street where houses now exist. I have attached a sketch map of the approximate location of the cemetery as remembered by FNNAMHSC member Dennis Cassinelli, who grew up in that area in the 1940s.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 34

Series 2007 – 2008

27 July 2008

Brothers,

The 127th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held August 7th through the 10th at the Boston Marriott Peabody located at 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, Massachusetts.

The Office of the Commander in Chief shall be headquartered at the Boston Marriott Peabody commencing 5 August, 2008.

Delegates, Alternates, Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders to the 127th National Encampment must have a Credentials Card signed by their Department Secretary or they shall not be seated as a voting member of the Encampment. Seated Elected National Officers and Past Commanders in Chief shall have a Credentials Card signed by either the National Secretary or the Secretary from the Department from which he hails from. Credentials Cards will not be issued by the Credentials Committee.

Vacancies in the Delegates from any particular Department may be filled by the Department Commander or Chairman of that particular Delegation, if the Department Commander is not present, from the credentialed Alternates of that delegation only.

It is the intent of the Commander in Chief to expedite the elections of Officers at the 127th National Encampment by having the nominations for the various seats as the last piece of business on Friday 8 August, 2008 , and Elections for said seats on Saturday morning, first thing, 9 August, 2008.

When arriving at the meeting room on Saturday morning 9 August, Brothers will pass by the credentials table and give their name and Department and check in. When all have entered, the doors will be locked and the elections will take place. During this time no one will be allowed to leave the room.

Plan on arriving at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of business on Saturday the 9th of August so that we can get all of the Brethren in and seated and get started with elections as soon as possible.

So ordered this 27th day of July, 2008;

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. 35

Series 2007 – 2008

9 August 2008

Brothers,

The following awards are hereby presented to the following Brothers, Camps and Departments; Meritorious Service Awards have been presented to the following Brothers of the Order;

Larry Green, Dept. of NY
Will Tisch, Dept. of Cal/Pac
Eric Peterson, Dept. of GA/SC
Carl Fallen, Dept. of OK

Phil Soring, Dept. of NY
Kevin Motter, Dept. of NC
Gene Turner, Dept. of OK
John "Tucker" McHugh, Dept. of OK

Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Star have been presented to the following;

Ken Freshley, Dept. of OH
James Davenport, Dept. of Col/Wy

The Abraham Lincoln Award goes to The Col. E. D. Baker Camp No. 6 in Oregon for raising over \$20,000 for the construction of a replacement bronze statue that was stolen from a cemetery and the replacement of over 35 gravestones in the GAR plot where the monument stood.

The Marshal Hope Award goes to the C. K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1 – “ Camp Orders ” - for the best newsletter in the Nation.

The Joseph S. Rippey Award goes to the John A. Logan Camp No. 4, Department of North Carolina for the best new Camp during the preceding Calendar year.

Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award goes to the Department of New York with 54 new Members.

The U. S. Grant Cup goes to the Department of Nebraska for the greatest percentage gain in Membership. They had a gain of 14%.

The Founders Award this year goes to a man who I do not even need to tell you what he has done to aid in the remembrance of all veterans. With his landmark documentary series “The Civil War” and his new documentary “The War”, the award goes to Mr. Ken Burns.

The following Brothers are hereby appointed as a National Aid for recruiting 5 new Members;

Jeffrey French, Dept. of MD
Bruce Glaser, Dept. of NY
George Weinmann, Dept. of NY

Raymond LeMay, Dept. of NY
Joe Hervan, Dept. of NY

The B. F. Stephenson Award goes to Brother Jeff French of the Department of Maryland for recruiting 10 new Members.

The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother of the Year Award goes to a man who has worked for the past two years researching a burial list of some 75 souls exhumed during construction of a roadway and preparing, planning and organizing a proper military burial of one of them that was a Civil War veteran. He still continues to research many more that are still buried under the roadway where Private Michael McElroy was unearthed. The possibility that 52 more civil war veterans remain, Brother Bruce Frail of the Department of RI.

The following Brother and Sister were selected to receive our two annual educational scholarships;

James Michael Rasch, James A. Garfield Camp No. 142, Dept. of Ohio
Rachael Diane Johnson, Lincoln Cushing Aux. No. 3, Dept. of Maryland

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008;

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. 36

Series 2007 – 2008

30 July 2008

Brothers,

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Real Son, Norman Collins on March 21, 2008 . Brother Collins was proud to be a Member of this Order.

Brother Collins has answered the final roll call and has gone to the great Camp beyond and there will share the fellowship of our forefathers. We shall meet again.

All Department and Camp Charters shall be draped, the National website shall be draped and all Membership Badges shall be draped for a period of 30 days from the date of this Order.

So ordered this 30th day of July, 2008;

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. 37

Series 2007 – 2008

9 August 2008

Brothers,

A disciplinary Hearing Committee being convened within the Department of Missouri and having found Brother Charles Funk, Guilty on all counts of a complaint filed by Brother Robert Petrovic and having appealed this finding to the Commander in Chief and an Appeals Committee being formed and finding the same and Brother Charles Funk having requested to leave the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Charles Funk having fully exhausted his legal recourse granted him in the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the following action is hereby taken.

Consistent with the decision of the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not to hear the appeal of Brother Charles Funk and discipline reverting to the Appeals Committee decision, the following action is hereby taken:

Brother Charles Funk of the Department of Missouri is hereby removed from that Department permanently.

Brother Charles Funk may not apply to or be accepted into any Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War under the jurisdiction of the Department of Missouri for the remainder of his natural life.

The Rank of Past Department Commander of the Department of Missouri is hereby revoked permanently from Brother Charles Funk.

The Department of Missouri is hereby ordered to immediately provide to Brother Charles Funk a valid Transfer Card that he may deposit with a Camp within the jurisdiction of another Department operating under the authority of a valid Charter granted by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008;

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. 1

Series 2007 – 2008

17 August, 2008

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the Brothers who attended the 127th National Encampment in Peabody, MA. and elected me Commander-In-Chief. It is with reverence that I accept this honor and I pledge to discharge the duties of this office to the best of my abilities.

I wish to thank the Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts for hosting the encampment. PDC Kevin Tucker and his committee did an excellent job to ensure that everyone's needs were met from transportation to accommodations. I think all who attended would agree a good time was had by all.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 (DUVCW), The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). I wish you a productive year and am looking forward to working with you as we all venture to perpetuate the memory of our ancestors who fought so nobly to preserve these United States.

This will be a challenging and exciting year. Challenging in that we must all endeavor to increase and "retain" our members. Since the inception of our Order, we have been charged to recruit new members. This has been done; however we have failed to retain many of those who we have worked so hard to recruit. Where did we fail? What do we need to do?

One of the first things we need to do is to make our Camp meetings and our Order interesting. We need to realize that we live in a world where everything is fast paced and people are busy. Kids have sporting events, school events, and church activities. We are constantly on the go, shuttling between activities for ourselves as well as our families. Both parents are working longer hours or commuting further to work which leaves evenings and weekends filled.

The challenge before us is to make our Camp meetings interesting enough for someone to want to sacrifice an hour or two of that precious evening time. We can no longer afford to hold meetings where all we accomplish is the reading of minutes and discussing who is going to be elected to office. We should become more involved in activities related to the Order such as grave registration, monument preservation, and the Last Soldier Project. We should contact our local schools for permission to speak to students regarding the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic. Students will go home and talk about these presentations to their parents which in turn may excite some interest in them to explore membership opportunities. Perhaps hold a fundraiser to present a scholarship. Get involved in community activities such as Junior Achievement. Present a "Citizen Of The Year" award to a worthy person. These are only a few ideas. The list is endless, limited only by our imagination.

This year will be exciting with the formation of the new committees. One of the committees is charged to develop a leadership correspondence course. The objective of this course would be to help develop effective leadership in our brothers by giving them an in-depth knowledge of our Constitution and Regulations, Ritual, Policies, etc. It will also aid those Brothers seeking advancement through the Camp, Department, and National lines. More will follow concerning this course throughout the year. We have also formed a Digest Committee to review the rulings of our Past Commanders-In-Chief and to incorporate into regulations or policies those rulings that are applicable to governing our Order.

This is also an exciting year, as we will celebrate the birth of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. We should all make a concentrated effort to recognize one of the most gifted and honored presidents in our history. Plan a Lincoln Dinner and invite the public. Ask a Brother to present a topic during a Camp meeting on his accomplishments. Again, invite the public to attend.

The National Headquarters is established at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to; 72 Limestone Blvd; Chillicothe, OH 45601. Phone 740-773-7646 or email batteryi@horizonview.net. For a more rapid response, I urge brothers to use electronic mail.

All bills of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must be filed with the National Treasurer, Max L. Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Road, Owosso, MI 48867-9616; (989) 743-3525; treasurer@suvcw.org.

All other correspondence concerning the Order shall be directed to the National Secretary; Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC, 147 Lucerne Place Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011-3218; (636) 230-3656; secretary@suvcw.org.

All applications for Civil War Memorials Grant funds should be sent to: D. Brad Schall, PDC, 2754 Woodacre Court, Lincoln, CA 95648; Phone: (916) 408-4482 Fax: (916) 408-4482; CofA6@suvcw.org.

I encourage everyone to attend Remembrance Day this year in Gettysburg, PA. on 22 November 2008. Past Commander-In-Chief Charles Kuhn has selected Mr. Ken Burns to receive the Founders Award which will be presented to him on 19 November 2008, in Gettysburg. Please try to join us as we present this prestigious award to an individual who has devoted much effort into perpetuating the Civil War.

I am looking forward to this year and to meet as many of you as I can. The Sons along with our sisters in the Allied Orders will continue to work together in honoring the Boys In Blue!

Ordered this 17th Day of August, 2008.

David V. Medert

Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer

Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War