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REMEMBER FLAG DAY – JUNE 14

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, June 14, 2009. It is yet to be determined whether the meeting will be at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burris Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park or at the Carson Rendezvous at Mill Park in Carson City.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer/Patriotic Instructor Brian Worcester, Past Commander/Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, and members Tyrone W. Davis and John Burnett attended the 9:00 am service put on by the VFW, American Legion, and their auxiliaries at the GAR Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside. David A. Davis read a history of the cemetery. Tyrone W. Davis wore his Boy Scout Troop 88 uniform and helped the two troops officially there with placing flags on the graves and the color guard. Channel 8 sent a news crew, and I was told later, the event was show on the news.

Brian Worcester, David A. Davis, Tyrone W. Davis, and John Riggs took part in the Marine Corps service at noon at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. The main service at Lone Mountain was held at 1 pm. Brian Worcester spoke on General Order 11 establishing Memorial Day, and David A. Davis read the Gettysburg Address. The main service lasted about an hour. We laid a wreath at the Civil War statue immediately after the main service, although only a couple of people showed up.

Five of the seven markers for veterans buried in the Custer Post 5 GAR cemetery plot at Lone Mountain came, and sexton Tim Glancy had them set before Memorial Day. Only the replacement for the broken U. S. Soldier one in the Fort Churchill has yet to be sent or officially rejected. The request for the replacement for the broken marker for Samuel H. Fulton's grave was rejected some time ago. They what a copy of his official record, but we have not been able to identify his unit in the Mexican War yet.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

The Carson City Rendezvous will be held June 12 through 14 at Mill Park in Carson City. We can have our booth there as a sutler with the Comstock Civil War Reenactors (CCWR), but our

Wal-Mart brown and blue tent is unacceptable in that they want us to have a period correct tent. Their contact Sunny Spencer is checking to see if they have an extra one that is big enough to hold our displays. Our tent is the standard 10 feet by 10 feet square by 8 feet high. I have been trying research tents to see if we can get by with draping canvas over and around our tent, but so far, I have not found any Civil War era tents that resemble something that would look like that. Replica Civil War era tents of about the size we need are around \$400 and have to be ordered. If we can pass muster with the CCWR, we get in by making a donation of \$30 to them. If not, it will cost \$250 to get in as a vendor, that is, we DON'T GO. If we do go, then the June 14 meeting will tentatively be held there. If we do not go, then the meeting will held at as usual at the VFW Post 9211 Hall.

NORTHERN NEVADA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CEMETERY

I the past, I have periodically reported on the old cemeteries at the Northern Nevada Mental Health Services facility, and the deplorable state of neglect it is in. At least one Civil War veteran, Robert Hope, is known to be buried there. Carolyn Mirich of Oregon, a descendant of Civil War veteran George Wilcox, tried to find the grave of George Wilcox's niece Cora who was buried in that cemetery. She was appalled by the condition of the cemetery, which between 1881 and 1949 had been the main burial ground for the inmates of what was then know as the Nevada Insane Asylum and later as the Nevada State Hospital. She started the group Friends of Northern Nevada Mental Health Services Cemetery to cajole the State into preserving the cemetery. During her and others' research, a list of about 600 burials was found, and our Graves Registration Officer is going over it see how many might be Civil War veterans.

The efforts resulted in Senate Bill No. 256, "An act relating to the grounds of Northern Nevada Mental Health Services; designating an area on the grounds of Northern Nevada Mental Health Services as a historic cemetery and providing the boundaries of the cemetery; requiring the reinterment of certain human remains found outside the boundaries of the cemetery; requiring the Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Cultural Affairs to maintain the cemetery; requiring the State of Nevada to terminate a lease of a portion of the cemetery to the City of Sparks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto." The whole bill can be read on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/Bills/SB/SB256.pdf>. The bill was passed, and Governor Gibbons signed it into law. I'll report more in the future about how this progresses, but the cemetery has now been officially preserved from being developed over.

APRIL 19, 2009, 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 Drive, Reno, NV. 89511-9025.

1. Time: 1315 Hrs.
2. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Chaplain Don.
3. All brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. 4. Roll Call: Frank Wood, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Donald Guidici and Brian Worcester.
5. Commanders Report: None.
6. Secretary/Treasurer Report submitted by Brother Brian: Minutes of last meeting accepted and Camp Bank Balance stands at \$721.53.

7. History and Memorials Report (attachment) submitted by Brother David contains the following topics: Books, Bibliography and Custer Camp No.1, Confederate Memorial Day and Lone Mountain Markers. 8. Old Business: None.

9. New Business: Participation in Memorial Day services, Sunday, May 24, 2009 at Hillside Cemetery, tentative time 1000 Hrs. and Lone Mountain Cemetery, time to be announced. Participation at the Carson City Rendezvous, details to be announced. Note: After this Camp meeting the "Open House" was held with Camp Brothers displaying numerous Civil War and Nevada related memorabilia for the public including a related slide show created by Brother David.

10. The next Camp meeting will be held at the VFW Hall, 255 Burris Lane at 1300 Hrs, on June 14, 2009. The Camp meeting closed at 1340 Hrs. with a Prayer from Chaplain Don.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 19, 2009

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

BOOKS

For any brother interested, I just acquired the following books for my personal library from www.abebooks.com.

David S. Terry of California: Dueling Judge; by A. Russell Buchanan, 1956, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California, 247 p.

The Contest for California in 1861; by Elijah R. Kennedy, 1912, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston and New York, 374 p.

Terry was a colorful California State Supreme Court judge and ardent secessionist who killed California Senator David C. Broderick in a duel and then served as a colonel in the Confederate army in Texas. He returned to California and was later killed in another duel. The second book is largely about Colonel E. D. Baker and the political conditions on the "Pacific Slope", mainly California, mostly during the period leading up to and at the beginning of the Civil War. There was a strong sentiment, especially in southern California and parts of Oregon, to either join the Confederacy, stay neutral, or become their own country independent of the North or South.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND CUSTER CAMP NO. 1

My Bibliography of books on the Civil War in the western United States and article on the Custer Camp No. 1 are now on our Camp History Page. Since it was posted, I added another 10 references to the Bibliography.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

On April 18, I attended the annual Confederate Memorial Day service at the Masonic Chapel at Mountain View. It is put on by the Lt. Dixon-CSS Hunley Camp 2016 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Sparks.

LONE MOUNTAIN MARKERS

As noted in the several last meetings' reports, I sent in the forms and documentation to the Veterans Administration to get replacements for the weathered and damaged grave markers at Lone Mountain. To date, the only claim the VA rejected was for Sam Fulton. I have not heard about the others. I sent to NARA for Fulton's military record, but they found nothing certain. Fulton was in the Mexican War, and may have been involved at least as an advisor to Pennsylvania Governor Curtin during the Civil War where he apparently received the honorary title of Colonel. Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, former Carlin Camp 25 member Jeff Vaillant, and I have found quite a bit of information about Fulton's life, but nothing yet to confirm his military service or even to be certain if he served in the regular army or a state militia and what state for certain that may be.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 4

Series 2009-2010

Observance of Memorial Day 2009

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: To all Camp Commanders and Department Officers:

141 years ago, Commander in Chief, John Alexander Logan, gave to the Grand Army, his General Order #11 creating Memorial Day. On May 5, 1868, he wrote the following:

"Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

As it is our First Fraternal Obligation to keep and observe Memorial Day, and every Camp should have at least one Memorial Day event scheduled, Let us do all we can to have every brother participate in a Service of Memorial. As few fraternal organizations have ever created a National Holiday, it is truly our duty to carry this on, so that future generations know it well.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third, in the City of Newark, County of Alameda, State of California by Charles W. Mabie, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: Charles W. Mabie
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: Phillip L. Caines, PCC
Department Secretary-Treasurer

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

SERIES 2008-2009

30 March 2009

1. Effective this date, PDC Stuart Stefany has assumed the position of Chairman of the Fort Donnelson Exploration Committee. Membership on the committee remains the same.

2. Brother Stefany may be contacted at: stefanyart@cs.com.

Ordered this 30th Day of March, 2009.
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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10
SERIES 2008– 2009
27 April 2009

1. In compliance with the Council of Administration vote of 18 April 2009, in Springfield, IL, Givens Camp No. 51, Department of Ohio, is no longer authorized to manufacture, sell or distribute Camp or Department Flags of the Order.
2. Any Camp or Department wishing to manufacture, sell, or distribute Camp or Department Flags of the Order, should make their request known to the National Secretary.

Ordered this 27th Day of April, 2009.
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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11
SERIES 2008– 2009
11 May 2009

1. We have been informed by the IRS, who is currently conducting an audit of the National Order, that we have been incorrectly reporting National Officer expense accounts to the IRS. We have been operating under a “*non-accountable system*”, where those receiving allotments were not required to provide any accounting. This is based on the presumption that the officer receiving expenses would actually be spending more than the allotment.
2. As it turns out, per the IRS, this type of scheme is a taxable event to those receiving an allotment requiring a W-2 be issued to the officer and report the allotment as income.
3. Under an “*accountable system*”, the allotment is not considered taxable income to the brother and therefore will not require a W-2 be issued. However, each brother receiving an allotment must account for the funds he received and to return any unused funds.
4. Based upon this discovery and upon the recommendation of a committee charged to investigate this issue, the Council Of Administration has approved a policy for National Officers using the “*accountable system*”
5. Therefore, in view of the above, I strongly encourage all Departments and Camps providing an allotment or expense accounts, to adopt a policy, or amend by-laws, similar to the one the Council of Administration approved. By doing this, unnecessary confusion, paperwork, investigation by IRS, etc., can be prevented.

Ordered this 11th Day of May, 2009.
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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12
SERIES 2008– 2009
17 May 2009

1. As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country. 1
2. On battlefields, at Yorktown, The Alamo, Gettysburg, and San Juan Hill, those who came before us gave their all to ensure our freedom.
3. In our time, the same sacrifice was made by those of “the Greatest Generation” at places like Normandy and Iwo Jima, and by those who followed at Pork Chop Hill, Vietnam, and those currently fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.
4. As much as we wish it weren’t true, threats to our freedom will never go away. Our freedom and way of life will always be challenged. Each generation of Americans, since its birth, has had to face the battle of defending this country’s freedom. Our freedom was earned through a terrible price; a price that Americans have always been willing to pay. We all can be proud that each generation answered the call to defend our freedom.
5. *“Thanksgiving is a day we pause to give thanks for the things we have; Memorial Day is the day we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.”*

Ordered this 17th Day of May, 2009.
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