

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Saturday, October 31, 2009, when we meet in Carson City for the Nevada Day parade. The exact time and place will be e-mailed when the parade time details are received.

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## HAPPY 145<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, BATTLEBORN NEVADA!

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## NEVADA DAY AND VETERANS' DAY

October 31, 2009; November 11, 2009

Carlin Camp 25 has officially been accepted into the Nevada Day Parade, which will actually be held on the real Nevada Day this year. I will e-mail the time and set-up particulars as soon as I know them. I will also shortly send in the form for the Reno Veterans' Day parade.

## PERIOD CORRECT TENT STUFF

By David A. Davis, PCC

Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester has acquired a tent fly for Carlin Camp 25 to use in events requiring Civil War era decor. I attended the Civil War reenactments over the Labor Day weekend and noted the poles, ropes, tent stakes, and rope tighteners. The poles were 2x2s with a peg in the ends, and the rope tighteners were short pieces of 1x2s or 1x3s with a couple of holes. Most of the tent stakes were pieces of rebar with the ends hooked (REALLY period-correct, you know). All can definitely be home made, though the rebar might be hard to bend. I also noted how the canvas "walls" were put attached to the sutlers' tents. One of the sutlers said they used painter's canvas and applied a water proofing spray. However, I also read to try to make sure the spray is also FIRE RESISTENT, because of the potential for stray embers from the campfires.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

By David A. Davis, PCC

The December meeting will include the election of officers.

I acquired a copy of The Personal Memoirs of Brigadier General William Passmore Carlin, USA; "Fighting Bill": Sherman's Warrior in the West, 1999, edited by Robert I. Girardi and Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr., published by University of Nebraska Press.

Tyrone W. Davis was a Union soldier for one day with the Comstock Civil War Reenactors in Virginia City over the Labor Day weekend. He did two shows on the train. They had the steam

train this year. He even shot the Confederate colonel before getting shot himself. I paid the \$17 to ride the train for the first show. I drove down to Gold Hill and sat on the rocks in the sage brush with a couple dozen other spectators for the second show, which was at dusk.

Senior Vice Commander John Riggs has taken the lead with help from David A. Davis, Brian Worcester, GRO Don Huffman, and Don Hotchkiss, Commander of Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas, in recognizing Private James C. Reid (Reed) of the 8th US Cavalry, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in an Indian skirmish in Deep Canyon near Paradise Valley, Nevada (mistakenly placed in Arizona on his certificate). Though the skirmish occurred in 1867, Private Reid was a Civil War veteran. John also found the site of Camp Winfield Scott near the hamlet of Paradise Valley, though he was not able to gain access on his recent visit. The buildings are still use on the Scott (Kern) Ranch, though the present ranch occupant is letting them deteriorate.

I acquired a copy of the book, The Deadliest Indian War in the West; the Snake Conflict, 1864-1868, 2007, by Gregory Michno, published by Caxton Press of Caldwell, ID. It contains an account of the skirmish involving Private Reid.

I found a grave plot marked “McCabe” on its curbing at Lone Mountain. The grave is marked only with an iron rod suggestive of one used with a GAR star in other places. So far, I have determined it belongs to former Ormsby County recorder and member of the IOOF Arthur M. McCabe. He was born about 1839, though I have not found his death date (died sometime between 1902 and “years ago” before 1923) and obituary yet. He was of the right age to have been in the Civil War, though he does not show up in the Soldier and Sailors database. If it turns out he is a Civil War veteran, then we need to make the effort to get him a marker.

## **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 13-15, 2009**

The 2009 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and allied orders was held August 13-15 at the newly renovated Crowne Plaza (formerly the Executive West) Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Leo F. Kennedy of Greenville, RI, was elected Commander-in-Chief. For the list of new National Officers, please see the National website at <http://www.suvcw.org>. It should be noted that the Department of California and Pacific is well represented with Brad Schall, Tad Campbell, Kirby Morgan, and Dan Earl holding a number of posts. Also, Carlin Camp 25 Past Camp Commander Gary Parrott is the National GAR Highway Officer.

## **2009 REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT AND PARADE**

**November 21, 2009**

The 2009 Remembrance Day Parade will be held November 21, 2009, in Gettysburg, PA, and will mark the 53rd anniversary of this continuous and venerable occasion sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Please see the National website <http://www.suvcw.org> for on-line registration and other information.

## **AUGUST 18, 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: 1300 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: No formal report.
6. Secretary/Treasurers Report: Brother Brian, U.S. Bank balance stands at \$583.74. Minutes of last meeting accepted.
7. History and Memorials Report submitted by Brother David and was submitted via e-mail.
8. Old Business: It was determined by vote to tentatively purchase a "fly" type tent to be used at Camp activities. Certain Camp activities such as the Carson City Rendezvous, Memorial Day, Nevada Day and Veterans Day are standard events attended by the Camp. Brother David will make the necessary arrangements for our entry in the Nevada Day Parade, which this year falls on the actual date October 31, a Saturday. Brother Don has again volunteered the use of his truck.
9. New Business: Brother John has done extensive research into the only soldier to win the Congressional Medal of Honor for an action in Nevada. However, this is still a work in progress. It is the Camp's intention to further honor this veteran if the location of his burial can be determined. It seems incredulous that his final resting place is undetermined at this time. It is also the Camp Brothers intention to identify and honor those specific veterans who served our State with great distinction. The Camp has also been invited to attend the Navy Parade, September 16. Any Brother wishing to attend may contact Brother David for further information.
10. The Camp meeting concluded at 1430 Hrs after a closing Prayer offered by Brother Don. The next Camp meeting will coincide with the Nevada Day parade. Brother David will e mail Brothers of the place and time of the Meeting prior to the parade.

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

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

August 16, 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:

### **NOTES FROM SCOUTING THE AREA NORTH OF WINNEMUCCA FOR DEER HUNTING**

Tyrone got his hunting license last December, and pulled a tag for deer hunting with a rifle in Area 051 – Humboldt County between US 95 and the Elko County line and north of I 80. We went scouting the area between August 8-11, 2009. Though time was tight, we did hit a couple of cemeteries.

We went to McDermitt but did not have time to see the old fort (post-Civil War). We were told the site was on the Paiute Reservation and little remained of it. We made a hit-and-run pass through the little town cemetery and saw no Civil War veteran grave stones. We did see some family stones with mostly Basque names of people who were of the right age to be in the Civil War though. McDermitt will need some future research to look into those names more and find out something about the GAR post reported for McDermitt in the SUVCW list.

We revisited the Old Pioneer Cemetery. We found graves stones as marked:

J. C. Ambrose; U. S. Soldier. His grave stone looks to be for a Civil War veteran.

P. W. Cunningham; April 14, 1831 – June 27, 1887

Nicholas Cole; died October 22, 1886

Martin Hayes; native of Wisconsin, died October 17, 1877, age 30 yrs., 2 mos.

James K. (H.?) Randall; born Warren, RI, May 1, 1829, died Winnemucca July 11, 1877

Edmund Rinkle; 1832-1909

We found several cinder block monuments with bronze plaques as marked:

Nevada Adjutant General James May

NNG Co. D. Geo. M. Rose

Mexican War General P. H. Harris

Some time back, I made the following list and passed it on to our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman:

**MEMORIAL DAY, 1887 GRAVES –WINNEMUCCA, USA/CSA**

From: The Silver Star, May 31, 1887, vol. XXX, no. 50, p. 3, col. 1

JOHN BELL

NICOLAS COLE

Other Ref: Winnemucca Monument Report--grave noted in Old Pioneer Cemetery

MAJOR JOHN A. DRIESDELBIE

GENERAL PATRICK HENRY HARRIS

Born: Kentucky

Died: Nov. 11, 1877, Winnemucca, kidney disease

Service: Kentucky Regiment in **Mexican War**

Other Ref: Obituary – The Silver Star, Nov. 12, 1877, vol. XI, No. 3

HUGH JOHNSON

JAMES RANDALL

MAJOR JAMES E. SABINE

Died: May 7, 1881, Winnemucca, consumption

Service: "Major in the Territorial Militia"

Other Ref: Obituary – The Silver Star, May 9, 1881, vol. XVIII, No. 29

MARTIN TIFFANY

W. A. TROUSDALE

J. H. WINDLE

Some of the names match, and I have not had time to contact Don for further research, but I hope this is helpful.

We visited Rebel Creek, which flows out of the west side of the Santa Rosa Range. According to Helen Carlson's Nevada Place Names, a Union soldier and a Confederate soldier (I assume veterans) fought over who got to name the creek. It is obvious who won. The canyon walls are steep, and the road went only about a half a mile in, but it is a very pretty place with willows

and cottonwoods. The creek is about 2 yards wide and a foot or so deep. The Rebel Creek mining district in that area was named after the creek.

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 15**

**SERIES 2008– 2009**

**8 August 2009**

1. A resolution was introduced and adopted by the Department of Pennsylvania in 2008, to mend the Constitution of our Order.
2. This Resolution was provided to the Commander-in-Chief at least forty (40) days preceding the 127th National Encampment.
3. On August 16, 2008, this Resolution to Amend the Constitution was presented at the 127th National Encampment of our Order in Peabody, Massachusetts and this resolution was approved and adopted by well over 2/3's of the voting delegates present
4. All 28 Departments of the Order have held their 2008 Encampments.
5. 19 of these Departments have ratified this resolution.
6. WHEREFORE, pursuant to National Constitution, Article IX, I hereby declare our Constitution has been amended, by changing Article V – Organization – to read as follows:

#### **ARTICLE V**

**Organization**

**Section 2.**

g. The supreme power and authority.....

h. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last proceeding 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 two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order 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. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

Ordered this 8th Day of August, 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. 16**

**SERIES 2008– 2009**

**11 August 2009**

1. This General Order is to inform the Order that effective 13 August 2009, the Headquarters for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will transfer from:

72 Limestone Blvd.  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

to:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel  
830 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209  
(502) 367-2251

and will remain through 16 August 2009.

2. If anyone needs to contact me, please call my cell at: (740) 703-7660; or via email at: [cinc@suvew.org](mailto:cinc@suvew.org) or [battery@horizonview.net](mailto:battery@horizonview.net).

Ordered this 11th Day of August, 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. 17**  
**SERIES 2008– 2009**  
**14 August 2009**

1. While in session at the 128th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Louisville, Kentucky, it is hereby ordered that the Department of Missouri has expanded to include the state of Arkansas. The Department name shall remain the “Department of Missouri”.

Ordered this 14th Day of August, 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. 18**  
**SERIES 2008– 2009**  
**15 August 2009**

1. This General Order acknowledges the awards presented during the administration year 2008 – 2009.
  - a. Founders Award: Morrill Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, ME
  - b. Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award: Satuit Camp NO. 3188, Department of Massachusetts.
  - c. Marshall Hope Award for Camp Newsletter: Sheridan’s Dispatch, Newsletter of the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Department of California/Pacific, Edited by Brother Tad Campbell.
  - d. Marshall Hope Award for Department Newsletter: The Missouri Unionist, Newsletter for the Department of Missouri, edited by Brother Gary Sheel.
  - e. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award: Department of Massachusetts: Department Commander: Kevin Tucker
  - f. U.S. Grant Cup – Department of Georgia/South Carolina: Department Commander: Eric Peterson
  - g. Abraham Lincoln Commander-In-Chief Award: William B. Keith Camp No. 12, Department of California/Pacific
  - h. Cornelius Whitehouse Award: Past Commander-In-Chief, Alan Loomis, Department of Indiana
  - i. Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:
    - i. Lee F. Walters, Department of Pennsylvania
    - ii. Gary Sallade, Department of Ohio
    - iii. Raymond LeMay III, Department of New York
    - iv. Dick Hutchins, Department of Michigan
    - v. Thomas Grund, Department of Maryland
    - vi. Douglas Armstrong, Department of Michigan

vii.Kent Armstrong, Department of Michigan  
viii.Steven Michaels, Department of Wisconsin

Ordered this 15th Day of August, 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. 1**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**  
**18 August 2009**

1. To all of the Brothers that attended the 128th National Encampment in Louisville, KY I extend my sincerest thanks for your support and faith in me. I am honored and will work diligently to serve the Order.
2. I wish to thank all of the hard working Brothers from the Department of Kentucky for an outstanding encampment. Your hard work showed in a very well run program. You should be proud.
3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive year and look forward to working with them in perpetuating the memory of our noble ancestors.
4. A challenge that is before us is to work diligently to try and get closer to the ending to two of our very important projects. The graves registration project and the memorials project both have finite endings and we need to strive, carefully, to the completions. These projects honor our ancestors and fulfill our mission. All Brothers should try to assist the Camp and Department GRO to gather the data on our ancestors and provide that data into our databases. Together, we can move these important projects along.
5. A more directed focus will be made to the position of Patriotic Instructor. Over the years this important position has seemed to have been either misunderstood or not enacted as it should be. We, together, will be focusing to have the Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructors work to provide short lessons, speeches and guidance for all of us to follow. Our Patriotic Instructor will be Don Martin, PCC, 6025 St. Route 722, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601; (740) 779-6833; [d76lm@yahoo.com](mailto:d76lm@yahoo.com)
6. As directed at the National Encampment, a new position of Assistant National Counselor – Digest has been created. This position will review the Digest and place the opinions of Past Commander in Chiefs into references in the C&R. I am honored to appoint James Pahl, PCinC into this position.
7. The efforts of Alan Peterson, PDC, to return Memorial Day to its original date, should be supported by all Camps and Departments. As the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War approaches we need to make our elected officials aware of the history of Memorial Day.
8. All National Special Committees in place from 2009 will remain in place to serve the Order with the exception of the Digest Committee, which is discharged with thanks for their service.
9. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief is transferred from Louisville KY to 43 Beverly Circle, Greenville, RI, 02828 and all correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Electronic communications are available at [CinC@suvvw.org](mailto:CinC@suvvw.org) and phone (401) 949-1780.
10. The National Headquarters is located at Post Office Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 232-7000.
11. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order can be directed to Richard Orr, PCinC, National Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; [treasurer@suvvw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvvw.org)
12. All other correspondences to the Order may be directed to the National Secretary, Donald Palmer, Jr., PDC, 147 Lucerne Place Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011-3218; (636) 230-3656; [secretary@suvvw.org](mailto:secretary@suvvw.org)
13. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567; [CofA5@suvvw.org](mailto:CofA5@suvvw.org)
14. All Departments please contact the National Chief of Staff, William C Vieira, PDC, 142 Foster St, Harrisville, RI 02830-1337; [ChiefofStaff@suvvw.org](mailto:ChiefofStaff@suvvw.org) ; (401) 523-8281 (cell) (401) 710-7753 (home), with Department Encampment dates and locations so planning can be made for attendance to as many as possible.

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2009.

Leo F. Kennedy  
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. 2**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**  
**18 August 2009**

1. It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Brother Bill Upham Jr. of the Department of Wisconsin, son of William Upham, Sr. Brother Upham passed away on August 15 at the age of 93. Brother Upham was a Veteran of World War II. His father had been wounded and captured at First Bull Run and later became the governor of Wisconsin in 1894.
2. Condolences and cards may be sent to the Upham family at 2429 E. Bradford Street, Milwaukee, WI 53211-4802.
3. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2009.  
Leo F. Kennedy  
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. 3**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**  
**24 August 2009**

1. The National Council of Administration met in session on August 13th and voted that in order to have a more complete record for the Order it is necessary to have copies of all Department Bylaws on file at the National Headquarters.
2. Thus, it is ordered that all Department Commanders send a copy of their Department Bylaws to the Executive Director by September 30, 2009. The copy shall be signed by the Department Commander, either the sitting DC when the Bylaws were written or the current DC. Your cooperation is appreciated.
  - a. This will be a one time deal. From this date forward as Bylaws are sent in for approval of changes, the CinC will forward an approved copy to the Department and to the National Headquarters.
3. Also approved by the CoA, Department Secretaries are expected to mail the Form 35 to the National Headquarters on or before May 31st each year. They should have in their possession the Form 27 from the Camps before April 30 each year. As of May 2010 Department Secretaries will include copies of the Form 27s from each Camp when filing Form 35 to National. This allows the Executive Director to better prepare reports.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2009.  
Leo F. Kennedy  
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