

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## HAPPY 201<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY, ABE

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### THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, February 7, 2010, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burris Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

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## NOTE: DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2010

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### OFFICERS FOR 2010

The following Brothers are the 2010 officers:

Commander: Francis (Frank) Wood  
Senior Vice Commander: John Riggs  
Junior Vice Commander: Donald Guidici  
Council Member One: Donald Guidici  
Council Member Two: Craig Beck  
Council Member Three: Steve Frady  
Secretary and Treasurer: Brian Worcester  
Patriotic Instructor: Brian Worcester  
Chaplain: Donald Guidici  
Graves Registration Officer: Donald Huffman  
Historian: David A. Davis  
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis  
Signals Officer: David A. Davis

### EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES

David A. Davis, PCC

It was brought up at the last meeting to look into reviving the program of handing out Eagle Scout certificates. I had looked into this when I was Camp Commander. At that time, the Boy Scout Headquarters for the Nevada Area Council said they would send us a monthly list of those

making Eagle Scout. They said then between about 10 and 20 make it monthly. I contacted Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Al Peterson for more information. He also coordinates the program for the Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas, and said their Camp hands out about 450 or so annually. He has the form scanned and prints it out on the proper weight paper and either mails it, or if invited makes a point to go to the Court of Honor and personally hand it to the new Eagle Scout. Because of the time involved, it was decided by the Camp to have a “passive” program where anyone interested could just contact us. I handed out one certificate over a year ago to the son of parents I know. We have had no inquiries.

A couple of weeks ago, I went the Boy Scout Headquarters and inquired again. They said that when we are ready, they will send the monthly list to our responsible party. If we are going to do this, we will need a “responsible party”, a very good scan of the certificate, and a very good printer. Work, family, and my present level of SUVCW duties preclude me from taking on this responsibility. Also, my scan was so-so, and my printer did a ~~erappy~~, er, less than professional job of printing it out. After trial and error with plain paper and backlighting, I was able to print directly on a form from National and make it look like something near professional.

## **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT**

**March 12-13, 2010**

The 124th Annual Department Encampment will be held on March 12-13, 2010, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. This will also be the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the formation of the Auxiliary's Department of California and Pacific. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy from Rhode Island and National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War President Nancy Hilton from Virginia are planning to attend. For registration and other information, please see the Department website, <http://www.suvcw.org>. San Luis Obispo is a military base, and a pass, also on-line, will be required to enter.

## **54TH ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

**April 17, 2010**

The 54th 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 17, 2010 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. A ceremony commemorating the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the site of Dr. Benjamin Stephenson's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery located near Petersburg, Illinois at 3:00 pm. For more information please visit <http://www.suvcw.org> or contact Robert Petrovic at [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or 636-274-4567

## **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 12-15, 2010**

The 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 124th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 124th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 12-15, 2010, at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. The Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Kansas and is the first ever held in Kansas. A special “Bleeding Kansas” Commemorative Medal has been prepared to commemorate the 2010

Encampment. For registration, the Encampment schedule of events, and other information, please see the National website, <http://www.suvcw.org>.

## **DECEMBER 20, 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 Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025.

1. Time: 1320 Hrs.
2. Call to Order and opening silent Prayer.
3. All Brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: Frank Wood, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis and Brian Worcester.
5. No Commanders report.
6. Secretary/ Treasurers Report: US Bank balance stands at \$442.79. Minutes of last meeting accepted.
7. History and Memorials Report submitted by Brother Davis and will be submitted electronically in the near future.
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business: Brother Davis swore in incumbent Brothers for the Offices held in 2009 to be held by the same Brothers in 2010. Brother Riggs related his experiences researching events in Paradise Valley, NV. It was announced that a late Spring 2010 Field Trip to Paradise Valley be undertaken by Camp Brothers, with the cooperation of the Nevada Archeologist, to locate the battle site and properly mark any artifacts for the State on the Battle of Deep Canyon. This battle, in 1868, was the only battle site where a US Army soldier was awarded the Medal of Honor for an action within our State. Camp Brothers have done extensive research concerning this action and plan to mark via GPS any artifacts as well as extensive photography. Brother Riggs also has submitted extensive material including Execution of Union Soldiers for Heinous Crimes during the Civil War and a Civil War Diary and photos of related Tombstones to the Indiana Genealogical Society Journal.
10. Next Camp meeting February 7, 2010 at the VFW Hall 255 Burris Lane at 1300 Hrs.
11. A closing silent Prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1430 Hrs.

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

## **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

December 20, 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:

### **RECENT CIVIL WAR VETERAN FINDS**

I recently attended the monthly meeting of the Nevada State Genealogical Society at the Reno Family History Center. While waiting, I perused the Nona Parkin collection. Nona Parkin spent many years compiling lists from cemeteries, vital records, mortuary records, and obituaries across Nevada and parts of California. The lists are available at the Historical Society on microfilm and in about 100 or so binders at the RFHC. I made a few notes on several promising veterans and sent them to our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman. My notes are in not italicized below, and Don's research notes are italicized.

**From list of graves in Paradise Valley Cemetery, Humboldt Co., NV:**

John J. Stewart Corp. Co. D Mich. Cav. 1845-1925 (no regiment number)

Catherine Stewart 1865-1945

Fred B. Stewart 1881-1959

Edith C. Stewart 1886-1965

*4th Regiment (He is listed in our database)*

Thomas Melody Co. D 45 Illinois Inf.

*According to records he was a Pvt. with the 146th Illinois Inf.*

*(He was not listed in our database, but will be shortly)*

**Eddy Mortuary Records:**

5 February 1929 - John James Stewart - IOOF Cemetery, Paradise Valley (yes 1929)

19 March 1935 - Thomas F. Melody - IOOF Cemetery, Paradise Valley

**Reese River Reveille, May 31, 1885:**

W. S. WILLIAMS, a former resident of Washoe City, Nev. A GAR veteran. Shot at Lovelock. Very peacable man and never had a quarrel with anyone. Leaves wife and 4 children, the youngest being 6 years old.

**From list of graves in Big Meadows Cemetery, Lovelock, NV:**

W. S. Williams 1835-1885

Eliza J. Williams 1848-1919 (IOOF)

*William S Williams, enlisted as a Sergeant on 5 Nov 1864 at Sacramento, CA. Co. G, 2nd Ca Cavalry. Mustered out at Camp Union, CA 1 Feb 1866. He is buried at the Big meadows Cemetery Lovelock, NV, No military stone or marker. He shares a private marker with his wife. He will be our Camps first CW burial that I have record of in Pershing County. Although he probably died ,at the time, in Humboldt County.*

*(He was not listed in our database, but will be shortly)*

**Reese River Reveille, June 18, 1885:**

ERNEST REDBURGH aged 91 yrs; veteran of Mexican War and Civil War and said to be the oldest Commander (or comrade) of the GAR, died today at Vancouver, Washington Territory.

*Last name is probably in reality Rettberg, was born in Hannover, Prussia in 1794. He and his wife Catherine lived in WI when he joined Co. C 3rd US artillery as a musician (most likely a bugler). He was living with his son Henry A Rettberg, in Vancouver City, Clark County, WA at the time of his death in 1885. Find a Grave has no marker picture but does list him with out birth or death dates, but as a band member in the Civil War. He is buried in the Old Vancouver City Cemetery Clark County, WA. I sent an email to the contributor to please up date this Civil War Veteran's information at Find A Grave.*

**BOOKS**

For any brother interested, I just acquired the following books for my personal library from [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com).

Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography, 1988, by Dan L. Thrapp, published by University of Nebraska Press, 3 volumes.

Indians and Bureaucrats – Administering the Reservation Policy During the Civil War, 1974, by Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr., published by University of Illinois Press, 252 p.

Lincoln and the Indians - Civil War Policy and Politics, 1978, by David A. Nichols, published by University of Missouri Press, 231 p.

The first and third are also available on line as Google Books.

The Southern Dream of a Caribbean Empire, 1854-1862, 1973, by Robert E. May, Louisiana State University Press, 296 p.

### **RECENT TRIP TO STATE ARCHIVES**

On a recent trip to State Archives, I had a number of miscellaneous files copied concerning Nevada and the Civil War. These include information on the Nevada Volunteers, militias, and correspondence. While there, they brought out the 36-star flag that flew over Fort Ruby in eastern Nevada. Fort Ruby was active from 1862 to 1869 mainly to keep tabs on the Indians. The flag was less than 2 feet by 3 feet, and consisted of the colors painted on canvas. The archivist was going too look for the documentation. SVC John Riggs said they have other flags stashed away.

### **BURIAL LISTS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

Former Carlin Camp 25 member Jeff Vaillant recently visited the National Archives at San Bruno. He made copies of the burial lists of Forts Halleck, McDermit, and Ruby and sent them to us. Unfortunately, they did not have the burial list for Fort Churchill.

### **RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org>

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 9 SERIES 2009-2010**

##### **PASSING OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHARLES W. CORFMAN**

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 September 30, 2009, Brother Charles W. Corfman of the Given Camp No. 51, Department of Ohio, passed away.

Section 2: He was a Charter Member of Camp No. 51, having joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1974.

Section 3: Brother Corfman was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 108th National Encampment at Stamford, Connecticut in 1989.

Section 4: In addition, Brother Corfman served as Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 5: Brother Corfman was a regular attendee at National Encampments and his presence will be greatly missed.

Section 6: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 7: 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 8: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of PC-in-C Corfman and to the Brothers of his Camp and Department.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth, 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: /s/ Charles W. Mabie  
Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

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

**DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 10**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**

PASSING OF BROTHER ROBERT "BOB" FIGENSHU

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: Brother Bob Figenshu passed away peacefully at home due to heart failure on November 24, 2009.

Section 2: He was a long standing member of Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24, and his presence will be greatly missed.

Section 3: Bro. Figenshu claimed membership through his great-grandfather, Lawrence Fiegenshuh of Co. L, 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Bob was especially proud of how he was able to re-acquisition his great-grandfather's government issued Colt revolver from a collector in England.

Section 4: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: (sic) 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 Figenshu and to the Brothers of his Camp and Department.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 28th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth,

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: /s/ Charles W. Mabie  
Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

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

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

For a complete list, see National website: <http://www.suvcw.org>

### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 7**

**SERIES 2009-2010**

**27 November 2009**

1. I am honored to report the hard work of Brother Jerome Kowalski has been approved in the form of a Chaplin's Handbook to be placed online for the use of the Brothers of the Order. This guide is available for our use in the many religious aspects of the Order. Brother Kowalski's hard work on this project was inspirational.
2. I am also proud to report Patriotic Instructor handbooks are now available online for your use. Approved by the National Patriotic Instructor Don Martin, these are the hard work of Brother Bruce Butgereit. Please review these booklets for the inspirational messages they offer. My thanks go out to both Brothers for their great work.
3. Membership Application Forms – Brothers, we need to make sure we are using the updated version of these forms. Changes have occurred over the past years for many reasons, but all have strengthened the application form. At the end of the 2010 National Encampment in Kansas, any older version of an application being received will need to be returned and the applicant will be asked to complete the most recent version. These are available on the SUVCW.ORG website.
4. When reporting new Brothers to National, please remember to send a copy of the application along with the Form 30 and check for inclusion into the database. The same holds true for Duel membership – an application and check need to be included. Any Brother changing from Associate to Member needs to include a copy of his ancestral documentation.
5. Life Membership reimbursement will be using a new form. The form will be sent to the Department and the Department MUST get the form out as soon as possible to the Camps that are eligible for reimbursement. No reimbursements will be posted after the deadline. The current form may still be used this year; however the new form will be the only form that can be used after June 30, 2010.

Ordered this 27th Day of November, 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. 8**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**  
**7 December 2009**

1. It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Real Son Robert Warner of the Corp Patrick Coyne Camp 1 of Wichita, KS. Brother Warner passed away today at the age of 92. He was the son of Private William C Warner of the 9 th Indiana Cavalry. William Warner's service included being a prisoner near Selma, Alabama and upon his release he was traveling north on the Sultana when it exploded on April 27, 1865. Private Warner survived the explosion and went many years before talking about it to family.

2. Funeral arrangements are pending and the Department of Kansas will post them when available. Brother Warner is survived by his daughter, Gail Keen and the Camp is in contact with her. Condolences and cards may be sent to the Camp thru Thomas E Schmidt at 404 North Walnut St, Peabody, KS 66866.

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 7th Day of December, 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. 9**  
**SERIES 2009-2010**  
**16 January 2010**

Brother Alan L Russ is appointed as Acting Chair of the Program and Policy Committee effective this date.

This action is taken in response to the total lack of communication between the Program and Policy Committee, the Officers of the Order and Sr Vice CinC James Hanby since his election in August 2009.

This action is necessary to move the Committee along on issues presented to it from the National Encampment and subsequent Council of Administration meetings. These issues are important to the Order and cannot sit unattended any longer.

Ordered this 16th Day of January, 2010.

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



G. A. R. Custer Post 5 seal (slightly larger than actual size)