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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, April 25, 2010, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burris Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Open House is being considered for the April meeting. An announcement will be sent out shortly when plans are firmed up.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

Report by David A. Davis, PCC

I attended the 124th Annual Department Encampment which was held on March 12-13, 2010, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo near San Luis Obispo, California. This was also the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the formation of the Auxiliary's Department of California and Pacific. The encampment went well, and all the same officers were re-elected/reappointed. Hence, I am still the Department Historian. The Auxiliary to the SUVCW and the Daughters of Union veterans of the Civil War also held their conventions at the same time in the same building. SUVCW 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 attended. The Commander-in-Chief took the train across the country, and this was his first trip to California. In a departure from recent tradition, after the meetings, we had a rededication of several recently replaced Civil War grave markers in the Catholic Cemetery. Usually we have a short service at the San Luis Obispo GAR Fred Steele Post 70 cemetery plot.

The only other "Nevadan" there was Al Peterson of Keith Camp 12. Brad Schall announced he will run for Commander-in-Chief in 2011. He is the National Junior Vice Commander now. I have reprinted the Carlin Camp 25 report below.

I went down a day early and visited the GAR Grant Post 9 cemetery plot in Modesto. It has two massive canon and large Clamper plaque. On the way back, I went to the Big Trees near Santa Cruz and took pictures of the GAR Tree with my digital camera. The film pictures I took last year did not turn out. I also visited the Santa Cruz GAR Wallace-Reynolds Post 32

cemetery plot. It's a tiny one with a flagpole and picket fence. The 1910 GAR Department of California and Nevada Encampment proceedings reported 45 GAR Posts had burial plots.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

March 19, 2010

Dear Dept. Bros:

This is an exciting time, as the Department of CA and Pacific continues to be recognized as “movers and shakers” within the National order. We do more on the West Coast than many Departments that have remained active for decades. As the continuing Dept. Commander, I would like to take some time to reiterate my personal expectations about the order and goals for the upcoming year.

Although I live in Northern California, I am always just a phone call or email away, and would like to maintain contact with all of the members in our Department.

As I said at the Encampment, my biggest expectation is that all Camp and Department business will be conducted with Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. This is the measure that is applied to all that we do.

I think that part of our success is in shared activities. I have asked Tad Campbell to establish an on-line calendar on the Department website, and I would like all camps to send their activities, meetings, etc, to Tad to be posted. This will facilitate all of us joining together and supporting the camps of our Department.

Also, utilize the officers in the Department. They are a resource for all of us. Have questions about grave registration, memorials, how to put together a Colorguard, membership retention, etc? There are experienced, skilled, and willing people out there, ready to assist you and your camp.

Additionally, please look at the list of special committees on the Department website. If any of you are interested in serving, please let me know.

Most important is for your Camp to define *what you do!* A Camp that meets without a purpose will have trouble recruiting and/or retaining members. Do you have uniformed members that like parades, color guards, or reenacting? Do you have a contingent of genealogists? Is grave registration a passion of some members? Do others like making presentations to students? Or do you just having meetings with presentations, like Civil War Roundtables? You need to determine what your membership wants to do, and than do it with passion and conviction. And sometimes, less is more. A few well planned and attended events is often better than a busy schedule that stretches your Camp’s resources and personnel.

In closing, if, as a Camp, you can define your purpose and activities based upon the needs and abilities of your membership, your contributions will strengthen both your future, as well as the Department and the National Order.

Keeping forever green the memory of the Boys in Blue and the Grand Army of the Republic,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Charles W. Mabie, Commander
Dept. CA and Pacific

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 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>.

FEBRUARY 7, 2010, 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 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. Commander's report: None.
6. History and Memorials report submitted and electronically distributed by Brother Davis.
7. Sec/Treasurer report by Brother Worcester: US Bank balance currently at \$658.79. Previous Camp meeting minutes accepted.
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business: A discussion was held concerning the feasibility of the Camp participating in the Eagle Scout Awards Program. The consensus was our normal bank balance would prohibit our participation. The remainder of the Camp meeting was consumed reviewing various State maps to determine the location of Deep Canyon, the site we wish to explore as a archeological find for historical purposes. It also was decided that we will undertake this expedition on June 11 and 12, 2010. It should be noted that these dates are tentative as they may conflict with the Carson City Rendezvous.
- 10 The next Camp meeting will held on 25 April 2010 at 1300 Hrs. at the VFW Hall, 255 Burriss.
11. A closing silent Prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1420 Hrs.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 7, 2010

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

FORT CHURCHILL BURIALS

I spent some time at the Historical Society going over the monthly Fort Churchill reports. I found a couple things I missed from before for the burial list and cleared up a few duplicates. I also confirmed at least one more soldier to be buried there for certain (3 down and 41 more to go!). From my readings of the Cavalry traveling around the desert, unless the trip was short (or it was an officer who died), they were likely to bury their dead along the way. It also became obvious that soldiers on my list who died at Fort Ruby or Camp Douglas were buried at those posts. Taking all that into consideration whittles the list down to about 40, which is close to the 44 originally buried at Fort Churchill. Unfortunately, about 20 entries have no names, and 20 have no actual place of death. If anyone has a friend going to Washington, DC, in the near future, maybe you can ask them to inquire about Fort Churchill records at NARA. I e-mailed NARA a couple of times and got no response.

RECENT TRIP TO STATE ARCHIVES

On a recent trip to State Archives, I went through some of the letters from Territorial Governor Nye, Secretary of State and Acting Governor Orion Clemens, and first State Governor Blasdel. My time was limited, and because of the already passed budget cuts, they are only open from 10 am to 2 pm. At some point, I intend to return and have a number of the letters dealing with Civil War military and quasi-military activities copied. Many of the letters have to do with appropriations for the soldiers and letters recommending this person or that one for a military position. The really fun ones are those from people demanding a government position as favor for their political support, and how blatantly bold they were about it.

I have been considering putting together a First Nevada Cavalry or Infantry uniform for presentations, and I didn't want to just assume the First Nevada Volunteer Re-enactors have it right. I asked Jeff Kintop at State Archives if they had specifications concerning the uniform or if it was some standard uniform common to Union soldiers. He said he didn't know, but would have to look into it. I went to the State Museum to see if they had any uniforms in their collection, but the person who takes care of it was out and is only in for a short time on Mondays and Wednesdays.

I went to the Legislature's Clerk's Office, and inquired about getting a copy of the Lincoln picture for our use. They haven't forgotten us, but the secretary was a bit embarrassed that still they don't yet have an answer from the powers-that-be.

OTHER RESEARCH

I have been doing on-again, off-again research on the Indians to know more of why they acted as they did beyond the simple fact that the white man treated them badly. This includes a spreadsheet I just started of Indian "chiefs" and other tribal members active during the Civil War-era and some bio about them. Why should the Confederates get all the credit for giving the Union Army fits, when the only Confederate soldiers to make it across the Rio Grande was General Sibley and a few thousand Texans?

I have also been doing a little research into the Knights of the Golden Circle for some time. They were mentioned as being active in the West including Nevada. One (probably exaggerated)

estimate had about 30,000 KGC members in California alone. The Confederates considered trying to invade California through Arizona and New Mexico or Mexico proper and hook up with the members of the KGC there and take over the state. Nothing concrete is known about the Nevada KGC other than they apparently existed in Virginia City, they possibly met at Huffaker's, and a manuscript mentions them in Unionville. I have started collecting names of southern sympathizers as I run across them in other research, because they probably were also KGC members.

CARLIN CAMP 25 (DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT) REPORT

Camp Activities for March 2009 to March 2010

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 11 members, and meeting attendance has ranged between 4 and 7. Over the past year, we had one member move and transfer his membership to another camp. Our one junior member reached 14 and is now a full member.

EAGLE SCOUTS

Because of a lack of manpower and especially funds, we do not have an active Eagle Scout program. However, we will send out certificates if contacted.

VETERANS DOCUMENTED

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman has been working on several lists of Civil War veterans as his busy schedule permits. In 2008, we sent in the forms and documentation to the Veterans Administration to get replacements for the seven weathered and damaged grave markers at the GAR Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Five were okayed and replaced.

PUBLICITY

MEDIA

Since it is free through the internet, we have been advertising our meetings through several area newspapers. We have also been advertising our functions through the area newspapers and television websites.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 12, 13, and 14, Carson City held its annual Rendezvous at Mills Park. This included living history, 1840s mountain men, Civil War reenactors, gunfighters, sutlers, stage coach rides, and assorted vendors. The Comstock Civil War Reenactors agreed to our participation and lent us a tent to partly fit in. Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Past Camp Commander and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, manned the tent together and in shifts.

NEVADA DAY

Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and member Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on October 31. We used Frank's

pick-up truck and borrowed chairs from the VFW Post 9211 Hall. We flew a 36-star U. S. and Camp flags from the back of the bed of the truck and put the magnetic Camp signs on the sides. Frank drove, John rode shotgun, and the rest of us sat in the back. We were well received by the crowd.

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAYS ACTIVITIES

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, Commander Frank Wood, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and junior member Tyrone Davis attended the 9:00 am service hosted by the VFW and American Legion at the O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside. David read a brief history of that cemetery, and Tyrone wore his Boy Scout uniform and helped the two Boy Scout Troops officially there place flowers on the graves and with the color guard.

At 1:00 pm, Carson City held its service at the veterans' section of Lone Mountain Cemetery. It lasted a little less than an hour. Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester spoke about General Order 11 establishing Memorial Day, and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, read the Gettysburg Address. Senior Vice Commander John Riggs took pictures. After the main service, we laid a wreath at the statue at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot.

VETERANS DAY

At 11 am, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and member Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Veterans Day parade in Reno. We put the magnetic Camp signs on the sides of Brian's Jeep Cherokee and displayed the 36-star U. S., Nevada, and Camp flags from the back. Six members of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors provided us with a color guard.

In the afternoon, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and member Tyrone Davis attended the rededication of the Veterans Memorial at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, which was held by American Legion Post 56 of Carson City and others. After the ceremony, we laid a wreath at the Custer Post 5 plot and Civil War monument.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

36-STAR FLAG

We acquired a 36-star U. S. flag for our activities. Nevada became the 36th state on October 31, 1864, and the state is referred as "The Battleborn State". Though it did not become the official flag of the United States until July 4, 1865, after the Civil War "officially" ended, the last Nevada Volunteers were actually not mustered out until July 1866.

NEVADA MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

We are researching Private James C. Reid (Reed) of the 8th U. S. Cavalry, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in an Indian skirmish in Deep Canyon near Paradise Valley, Nevada, which was mistakenly placed in Arizona on his certificate. Lieutenant Pendleton Hunter, Sergeant John Kelly, Privates Reid and Thomas Ward, and civilian John Rogers were investigating an Indian raid on April 29, 1868, when they were ambushed by Chief Howluck and 16 other Paiutes. Their horses were shot out from under them, and Hunter, Kelly, and Ward were wounded. Reid and

Rogers got them to the safety of a cave, and Rogers ran the 6 miles over the mountain to Fort Winfield Scot for help, while Reid held the Indians off. Private Reid received the only Medal of Honor for action in Nevada. While the event did occur immediately after the Civil War, Private Reid was a career soldier and Civil War veteran. We hope to find his final resting place and correct his record to say Nevada instead of Arizona.

Submitted March 13, 2010, for Camp Commander Frank Wood by:

David A. Davis
Past Camp Commander
Historian and Civil War Memorials Officer
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 1 SERIES 2010-2011

ELECTION, APPOINTED OFFICERS, & DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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: Having been duly re-elected Department Commander by the 124th Annual Department Encampment in regular session at San Luis Obispo, California, it is with sincere appreciation for the support and confidence shown to me that I resume command of the Department of California and Pacific for the term, 2010-2011. I, along with my officers, will strive to bring honor to the memory of our Union ancestors through the good works of our Order during the coming year.

I hereby establish my residence in the City of Newark, County of Alameda, and State of California as the Department Headquarters. Correspondence on any matter is most welcomed and may be sent to my home address, 7788 Peachtree Ave., Newark, CA, 94560, or to my e-mail address, commander@suvpac.org. Camp reports and dues shall be sent to the Department Secretary-Treasurer at 704 Virginia Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Section 2: Department Brothers who were duly elected and installed by Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy at the 124th Annual Department Encampment on March 13, 2010, are as follows:

- * Commander - Bro. Charles W. Mabie, PCC
- * Sr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Glen Roosevelt, PCC
- * Jr. Vice-Commander - Bro. Timothy P. Reese, PCC
- * Secretary - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
- * Treasurer - Phillip L. Caines, PCC
- * Council - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- * Council - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
- * Council - Bro. Owen R. Stiles

Section 3: Department Brothers are appointed as follows:

- * Chaplain - Bro. Thomas E. Helmantoler, PCC
- * Patriotic Instructor - Bro. Dean A. Enderlin
- * Counselor - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- * Historian - Bro. David A. Davis, PCC
- * Guide - Bro. Charles J. Gardali
- * Guard - Bro. Floyd L. Farrar
- * Signals Officer - Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC
- * Color Bearer - Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC
- * Graves Registration Officer - Bro. Joseph C. Marti
- * Civil War Memorials Officer - Bro. Kirby R. Morgan
- * GAR Highway Officer - Bro. Thomas P. Chumley, PCC
- * Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Bro. Alan E. Peterson, PDC
- * The California Column Newsletter Editor - Bro. Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Section 4: The following new appointed positions are hereby created:

- * Color Guard Coordinator, who shall be responsible for assisting Camps and the Department in the formation and conduct of Color Guards.
- * ROTC Coordinator, who shall be responsible for the coordination of the ROTC / JROTC Recognition Program within the Department.

Section 5: The following Brothers are appointed as follows:

- * Color Guard Coordinator - Bro. Paul E. Lavrischeff
- * ROTC Coordinators - Bro. Thomas E. Helmantoler, PCC (Southern California & Southern Nevada); Bro. Owen R. Stiles (Northern California & Northern Nevada); and Bro. Jeffrey Malone (Southern & Central California).

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth, in the Town 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, PCC
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>

No new General Orders since General Order No. 9 listed in the January issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch.