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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Saturday, June 12, 2010, at Mill Park in Carson City during the Carson City Rendezvous. See below.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

May 31, 2010

As of this printing, we are waiting to hear if we will be participating in the Memorial Day service the VFW and American Legion hold around 9 am at the G. A. R. O. M. Mitchel Post No. 69 plot at the Hillside Cemetery in Reno. Several of us will be attending all the same. Brian Worcester and David A. Davis, PCC, will be participating in the annual service at Veterans' Section at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City at 1 pm, which will be followed by our camp laying a wreath at the G. A. R. Custer Post No. 5 statue.

PARADISE VALLEY EXPEDITION

June 6, 2010

Several of us will be going up to Paradise Valley and the Santa Rosa Mountains north of Winnemucca in an attempt to locate where the U. S. Cavalry detachment that included Private James C. Reid skirmished with Chief Howluck and his warriors in 1868. This skirmish resulted in Private Reid receiving the Medal of Honor and has been described in previous issues of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. Brian Worcester and others will be leaving at 5 am sharp on June 6 from the parking lot of the VFW Post 9211 Hall. David A. Davis and Tyrone Davis are tentatively planning to go up the day before to visit some Civil War era sites on the way up and scout the roads north of Paradise Valley. Anyone not already committed to going but also interested, please contact David or Brian. Changes in plans will be announced by e-mail.

CARSON CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 11-13, 2010

We will have a tent at the Carson City Rendezvous, which will be held June 11-13 at Mill Park in Carson City. Like last year, the Comstock Civil War Reenactors have allowed us to set up a

tent adjacent to their camps next to the sutlers. Brian Worcester acquired a large tent fly some time ago and David A. Davis is presently fashioning a wooden frame for it to house the Camp displays. Set up time will be the afternoon of June 11.

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>.

OPEN HOUSE

The Open House held after the Camp meeting on April 25 attracted about a half dozen or so people. Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia were on display, and PCC David A. Davis gave a Power Point presentation about the G. A. R. in the Reno area. One of the attendees was Mr. Ron Lienau who was Camp Commander of the old Isaac Crist Camp No. 28 in Reno in the mid-1970s.

APRIL 25, 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; 1310 Hrs. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Brother Don.
2. All brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
3. Roll Call: Frank Wood, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Donald Guidici, Tyrone Davis and Brian Worcester.
4. Commander's report: None.
5. Sec/Treasurer report: Minutes of last meeting accepted. US Bank balance as of March 31, 2010 is \$842.79.
6. History and Memorial Report, submitted by brother David (sent to all brothers) contained the following topics, Nevada GAR/SUVCW Presentation, James C. Reid, Custer Post 5 Trivia and the Department of California and Pacific Encampment.
7. Old Business: None.
8. New Business: On June 6, 2010 at 0500 Hrs. brothers will meet at the VFW Post for the archeological expedition to find the location and related artifacts of Nevada's only Medal of Honor recipient and misidentified battle site. A discussion of the necessary equipment was held and also two vehicles will be used in this effort. The following weekend June 11, 12 and 13 the Camp will also participate in the Carson City Rendezvous. Note: After the Camp meeting an annual "Open House" was conducted by Camp brothers who brought extensive material for viewing for the public and a special presentation was provided by Brother David.
9. The next Camp meeting will be held on June 12, 2010 at 1300 Hrs. at the Carson City Rendezvous.

10. Chaplain offered a closing Prayer and the meeting concluded at 1400 Hrs.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 25, 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:

NEVADA GAR/SUVCW PRESENTATION

I recently acquired a laptop and projector to attach to it. I scanned and updated the slides to my GAR/SUVCW presentation and figured out how to work Power Point. This will make it much easier to adjust the presentation to the audience.

JAMES C. REID

Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan subscribes to Footnote and was kind enough to find several dozen pages of records about James C. Reid. Most of it looks like the records we already have, but a few things look different. Unfortunately, its still has no death date or place of burial.

CUSTER POST 5 TRIVIA

I was looking through the 1884 Department of California GAR Encampment proceedings and came across the following on page 18 under "Visitations" in the Commander's Report:

On my visit to Custer Post, No. 5, Carson Nevada, a special meeting was held, and the work exemplified. The comrades of Custer post have formed a library, where may be found military and historical works, miscellaneous books and magazines; the number collected so far, is over 400 volumes, and constant additions are being made.

The ladies of Carson are active in the management of this library association, and by their zeal add largely to its success.

One of the features of the organization, I understand, is that when Custer Post dies out, the library is to go the Veterans' Home, being a splendid thought and wise provision.

It would be interesting to know what happened to this collection. The "Veterans' Home" at the time was probably the facility at Sawtelle, California, which is now a VA Hospital. It would also be interesting to know where this library was housed. I haven't found where Custer Post 5 met during the 1880s yet.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

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 Celebration 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. I presented the Camp report, which was reprinted in the March issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. 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. 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.

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. He mentioned passing through Reno.

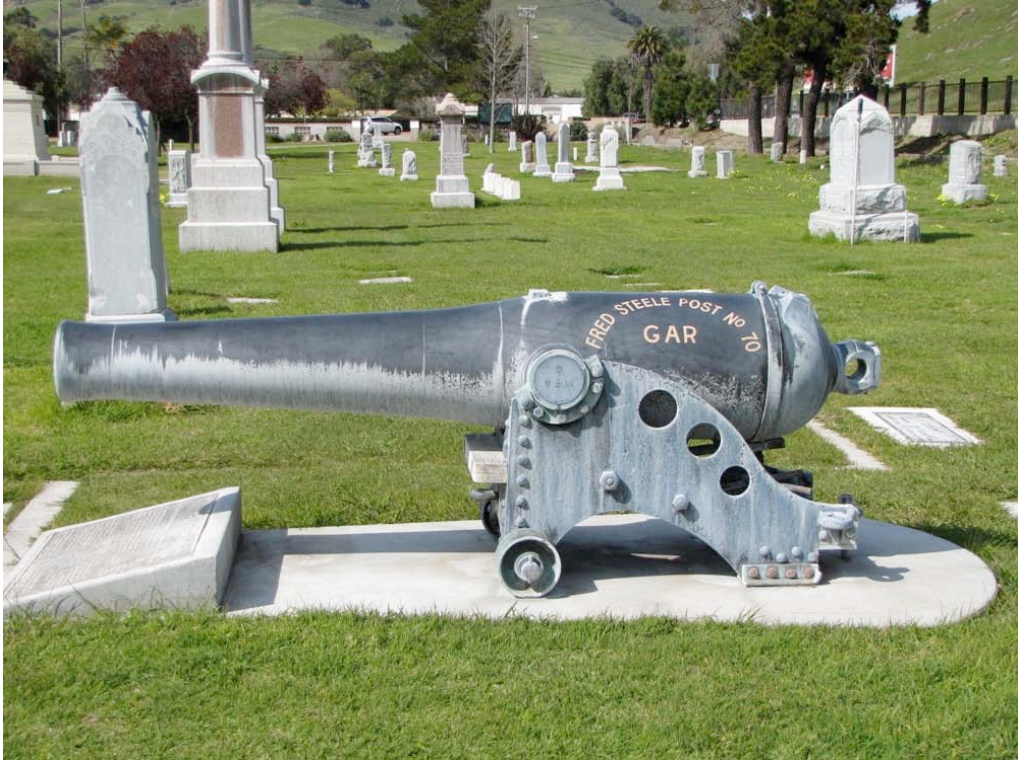
I went down a day early and visited the GAR Grant Post 9 cemetery plot in the Pioneer Cemetery in Modesto. It has two massive canon and large Clamper plaque. On the way back, I went to the Big Trees near Santa Cruz and took pictures of the GAR Tree with my digital camera. The film pictures I took last 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, and we know at least three were in Nevada.

THREE GOLDEN STATE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CEMETERIES

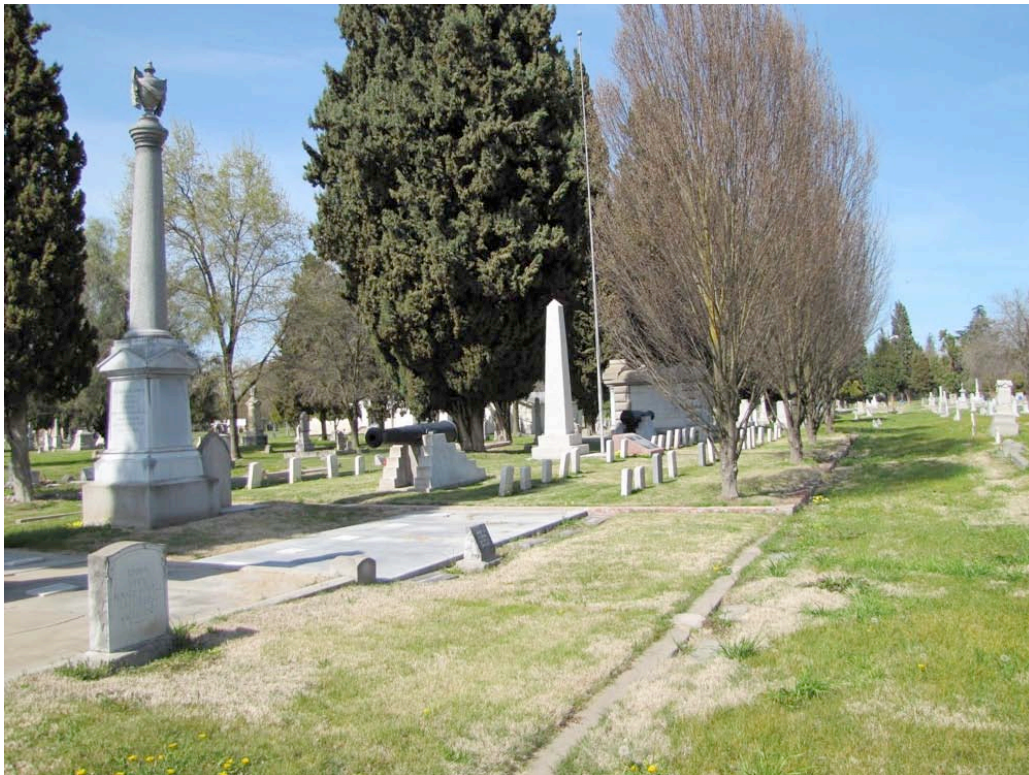
The following are pictures of three different G. A. R. cemeteries taken by David A. Davis, PCC, during his trip to and from the Department Encampment in March. They are also a first major attempt at using a digital camera and resizing the pictures to avoid huge files that cannot be easily e-mailed.



GAR Fred Steele Post No. 70 Cemetery Plot, San Luis Obispo, California (photo by David A. Davis, PCC, SUVCW Carlin Camp 25, Reno Nevada, 3/11/2010).



Cannon at GAR Fred Steele Post No. 70 Cemetery Plot, San Luis Obispo, California (photo by David A. Davis, PCC, SUVCW Carlin Camp 25, Reno Nevada, 3/11/2010).



One of two GAR Grant Post No. 9 Cemetery Plots in Pioneer Cemetery, Modesto, California (photo by David A. Davis, PCC, SUVCW Carlin Camp 25, Reno Nevada, 3/10/2010).



Cannon in GAR Grant Post No. 9 Cemetery Plot, Modesto, California (photo by David A. Davis, PCC, SUVCW Carlin Camp 25, Reno Nevada, 3/10/2010).



GAR Wallace-Reynolds Post No. 32 Cemetery Plot, Santa Cruz, California (photo by David A. Davis, PCC, SUVCW Carlin Camp 25, Reno Nevada, 3/14/2010).

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 2 SERIES 2010-2011

PASSING OF BROTHER RICHARD ALLEN IGNATIUS

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 Richard Allen Ignatius of Norco, California, a member of The Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp No. 17, passed away April 18, 2010.

Section 2: Brother Ignatius was born in Long Beach, California on April 7, 1950; he lived with his wife and two children in Norco, California. Rich joined the SUVCW with the Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 on September 16, 2004. He based his eligibility in the Sons on the service of his great-great-granduncle, Private Jefferson Smith Dowd of Company D, 14th Missouri Infantry (also known as the 66th Illinois Infantry and Birge's Western Sharpshooters). He was a long-time Civil War reenactor, and past president of the Company D, 116th Pennsylvania reenactors of southern California. Rich and his family were active supporters of the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington, California; they were active members of the Corona Genealogical Society, and Rich was an active member of the Orange County Civil War Round Table. Brother Ignatius was instrumental in providing SUVCW support and participation in dedications of Union Civil War veteran grave markers in both Riverside and Corona cemeteries. Rich's son Peter is also a member of Camp 17 and the 116th Pennsylvania reenactors; Rich's wife Diana and daughter Stephanie are members of the Elizabeth Hill-Mills DUVCW Tent 88 of Orange, California.

Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: 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 Ignatius and to the Brothers of his Camps and Department.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 29th day of April 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 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, 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>

General Order No. 10
SERIES 2009-2010
28 April 2010

1. I offer my congratulations to the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 of the Department of New York on their 110th anniversary on the 25th of December, 2009.
2. Effective March, 2010, Brother Raymond W LeMay III is appointed a Chair of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee.
3. As Mothers Day approaches, I ask that we re-new a practice followed by the GAR in the early 1900s. In General Orders written by Samuel R. VanSant, Commander-in-Chief of the GAR in 1910, he said, "*Who knows better than the members of our order the suffering and sacrifices made by the mothers of '61 to '65, and who of us can forget their devotion to the country and the cause for which we fought.*" Please join me in honoring our mothers. Let us all adopt the task of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day, following the GAR who adopted this to support the enactment of Mothers Day and to honor their mothers.

My thanks to Brother Mark Hale, Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3, Dept of GA and SC for bring this practice to light 100 years later.

Ordered this 28th Day of April, 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

General Order No. 11
SERIES 2009-2010
3 May 2010

A question arose on the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter II, Article II, Section 1, paragraph 1, regarding who can vote at department encampments. The paragraph includes" *Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the Department Secretary.*" This was reviewed by the National Counselor and he has issued an opinion, which I am adopting as a decision. Listed below is part of the Opinion.

Opinion No. 10
SERIES 2009-2010
National Counselor Robert E. Grim
April 13, 2010

Since the Regulations do not specifically list either the department elected or appointed officers among those constituting a department encampment while the Regulations do specifically identify the elected national officers among those constituting a national encampment it is my opinion that the provision in the Regulations stating “Appropriate credentials for all ... and department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the department secretary” is merely a directive in the Regulations regarding the issuance of credentials by the department secretary intended to make sure someone in the department is responsible for the issuance of department credentials. It does not extend department encampment membership to the elected and appointed department officers.

This Decision becomes effective on this date.

Ordered this 3rd Day of May, 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