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THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting has not been decided yet, but will likely occur during the Wild West Fair (see below). Once decided upon, the time will be e-mailed.

WILD WEST FAIR

August 25-29, 2010

Carlin Camp 25 is planning to have a booth as an exhibitor at the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, a. k. a. State Fair in the past, at the Reno Livestock Center, 1350 North Wells Avenue, Reno. The Fair is Wednesday, August 25 through Sunday, August 29. Set-up is anytime Tuesday August 24 or Wednesday morning. Take down is Sunday evening or first thing Monday morning August 30. The exhibit hours are: Wednesday and Thursday, 5-10 pm; Friday and Saturday, noon-10 pm; and Sunday, noon-9 pm. While it is desirable to man the booth at all times, it is NOT necessary. We will be inside and have electricity. We will have 6 exhibitor's passes to get in and out for free. Details and plans for setup and takedown will be e-mailed as we settle on them. Details concerning the Fair can be found at <http://www.wildwestfair.com>. The more who can participate in helping with the both, the better.

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>.

JUNE 12, 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. Call to Order and opening silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis and Brian Worcester.
3. Commanders Report: None.
4. Sec/ Treasurer Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted and US Bank balance is \$590.79. Note: This meeting was held at the Carson City Rendezvous with the Camp participating.
5. History and Memorials Report will be submitted in the near future by Brother Davis.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business: On June 6, 2010, Brothers David Davis, John Riggs, Tyrone Davis, Brian Worcester and guest Craig Cristoe attempted to locate the Battle site of Medal of Honor recipient James Reid. However, due to poor weather/road conditions we were unable to reach the area. We did accomplish some findings and research facts from local citizens in the area of Paradise Valley. This included being allowed into Camp Winfield Scott, which is now private property. Extensive photography was done of the area by Camp Brothers, primarily by Brother Riggs who is also the Camp's liaison to another Society researching Medal of Honor recipients. In addition, we were shown several artifacts which were photographed by Brother Riggs. The property owner graciously donated several artifacts from Camp Scott to our Camp for historical purposes.
8. The next meeting date in August will be determined by the Camp Commander who is temporarily indisposed.
9. A silent prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1330 Hrs.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 14, 2010

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

This report was delayed because of making preparations for the Carson City Rendezvous and the Paradise Valley trip of the preceding week. The following is a summary of recent activities:

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was observed on May 31, 2010. Brian Worcester and David A. Davis, PCC, attended the annual 9 am service conducted by the American Legion and VFW at the O. M. Mitchel Post 69 cemetery plot at Hillside in Reno. David gave the usual brief history of the cemetery, and Brian spoke briefly about General Order No. 11. We again met at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City at 1 pm for the annual service at the veteran's section. Brian spoke about the origin of Memorial Day and David read the Gettysburg Address. The service lasted an hour, and afterwards, we laid a wreath at the statue in the Custer Post 5 plot. About a dozen people attended our brief service.

PARADISE VALLEY TRIP

The business concerning the Medal of Honor and Private James C. Reid/Reed has been discussed several times in past reports. On June 5, David A. Davis, PCC, and Tyrone W. Davis went up to Winnemucca to scout out the general location of where the detachment including Private Reid engaged Chief Howluck and his warriors.

On the way up, they stopped at Unionville, the residents of which changed its name from Dixie at the outset of the Civil War. One part of the town, however, remained loyal to the South

and had its own, probably informal, “castle” of the Knights of the Golden Circle. The KGC is alleged to have met in the local schoolhouse. The schoolhouse still stands, but little else remains of the original structures. The “town” now largely consists of relatively modern private residences with no access to any of the remaining original structures.

The probable canyon where the skirmish involving Private Reid has been tentatively identified, and is accessible by generally fair gravel and dirt roads – after the spring run-off that is! David and Tyrone made it to within several miles of the likely site and were stopped at the ford through Dutch John Creek. The creek was running wide, fast, and deep, though it is likely a trickle by mid summer.

Brian Worcester and his friend Craig and John Riggs met David and Tyrone in Winnemucca on the morning of June 6. After brief stops to see the Civil War veterans buried in the Winnemucca Cemetery and the monuments in the remaining part of the Old Pioneer cemetery, they went to Paradise Valley. They visited the cemetery there and then met with the local historian Lynn Melody. Lynn is descended from Private Thomas F. Melody of Co. D, 146th Illinois Infantry buried in the Paradise Valley cemetery. Private Melody is also already entered in the National Graves Registration database.

Lynn told us of the location of the ranch that had been old Fort Winfield Scott, the fort where Private Reid was stationed. We went there and met with the owner and his wife, David and Katie Kern. They raise cattle and have some sheep, peacocks, horses, several dogs, and a goat. They were amiable willing to talk to us and let us take pictures. They use one of the old officer’s quarters for their house. The buildings were made of adobe bricks and are in various states of decay. They gave us some cartridges that wash up from the soil and let us have an adobe brick. They showed us a horse bit with brass U. S. plates on the side. A knowledgeable Civil War reenactor later saw the picture and said it was used by horses pulling artillery pieces. We were also shown a picture of a round “bomb” found on the ranch by use of a metal detector. It may be either some type of explosive cannon ball or a grenade.

FORT CHURCHILL

Brian Worcester recently visited Fort Churchill with his friends from Chicago. They happened to meet and talk to the head ranger. The ranger showed them a stash of artifacts found by archaeologists at the fort but were never put on public display. The stash included a rusted but still recognizable rifle which still had some of its original wood.

1899 DEPARTMENT CHARTER

Recently, the Department got wind of a man in California who had the 1899 Department charter in his possession. He was going to offer it up on E-bay, but Senior Vice Commander Glen Roosevelt was authorized to dicker with him. It is now safely back in possession of the Department. The Department was originally organized in 1886, and it is as yet unclear as to why the charter was reissued in 1899, though it might have something to do with adding the then newly acquired Hawaii.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 3 SERIES 2010-2011

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY 2010

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:

142 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.

I encourage our brothers to support the efforts to return Memorial Day to May 30, the traditional date as originally established. If you have not done so, please sign the online petition available on our National Website. I also encourage you to hold a Memorial Day observance on May 30.

However, I also think that it is foolhardy for us not to participate in existing Memorial Day activities. The current law of this Nation (36 U.S.C. § 116) provides that "The last Monday in May is Memorial Day." Our message of remembering the "Boys in Blue" and to return Memorial Day to May 30 should not fall on deaf ears, and our solemn rituals and ceremonies should not be performed for our benefit only. Instead, we should consider existing Memorial Day observances, as currently held on the last Monday in May, as an opportunity for us to spread our message to the maximum amount of citizens in our respective communities. It is opportunities such as these that will allow us to grow and thrive as an organization.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 25th day of May 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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 4 SERIES 2010-2011

HONORING BRO. JOE MARTI, SVC, PHIL SHERIDAN CAMP NO. 4

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: Samuel Brown, Veteran of the 137th U.S. Colored Infantry, died in 1923 and was buried at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo, California. The 90-year-old was mistakenly buried under a Confederate headstone at the cemetery for reasons that remain unexplained. In fact, Brown was born into slavery in Georgia in 1833. After being emancipated, he joined the Union Army at age 32, where he served for about one year.

Section 2: Bro. Joe Marti, SVC, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, spearheaded an effort to help right a wrong enacted 87 years ago. On July 24, 2010, over 100 participants attended a ceremony to rededicate a new headstone for Samuel Brown, including numerous descendants of Brown, as well as members from at least five Camps within the Department of CA and Pacific.

Section 3: Unanticipated by all those who toiled behind the scenes and/or who attended this hallowed ceremony, multiple media outlets covered this event in a positive light. News articles, photos, and video feeds were then picked up by Internet websites and major news distribution companies, including the Associated Press and United Press International. To date, less than one week later, this story has appeared on news-related websites all across the United States, and even on websites based in Taiwan, Brazil, Canada, Ireland, England, and South Africa.

Section 4: Therefore, special recognition is given to Brother Marti, and we should all be inspired by his dedication and hard work. We are honored to have him as a brother in our Department. Although it could be said that Bro. Marti's involvement in this endeavor is "what we are supposed to do," his active role in righting this long standing wrong to one of the "Boys in Blue" has resulted in positive publicity for our Order to a degree that we could not have paid for through a publicist or advertising in multiple media outlets. It is through the leadership such as this that will allow us to grow and thrive as an organization.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 29th day of July 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
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. 12 SERIES 2009-2010 27 MAY 2010

Memorial Day is a day set aside for remembering not only our ancestors, but of their deeds that helped protect our nation. In 1776, Thomas Paine said that "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their

country; but he that stands it *now*, deserves the love and thanks of men and women." Paine was referring to early America and the patriots standing to make it one new nation.

As the Civil War tested that principle, and defined the Nation, President Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg in fall of 1863 saying "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

These both talk of the importance of Patriotism and of remembering those that sacrificed all for our County and for allowing us to enjoy our freedoms. On this Memorial Day take a minute to remember the men and women that have fallen while in service to our County from 1776 to today. Thank them for their service to America.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, take the time to remember our ancestors, visit a small cemetery where the Patriots of yesterday and today share rest and remember that we stand united honoring our Veterans that have passed on.

A song honoring the men of the GAR was written many years ago. "The Flag They Loved so Well" says a great deal about our honored dead on this important day:

"Again the grass is growing green
Where sleep the noble brave
Again we come with fragrant flowers
To deck each hero's grave
In war they were their countries shield
And bore midst shot and shell
On many a crimsoned battlefield
The flag they loved so well"

Ordered this 27th 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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13
SERIES 2009-2010
24 JUNE 2010

Congratulations are offered to Brother Cole Knight for entering into the Order in the General Thomas Camp 19 of the Department of Pennsylvania. Our new Brother represents the fifth consecutive generation of the Knight family belonging to this Camp. I offer a heartfelt welcome to our new Brother.

Ordered this 24th Day of June, 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. 14
SERIES 2009-2010
10 JULY 2010

This year, the Boy Scouts of America are celebrating their 100th anniversary. As presented at our 128th National Encampment, we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, offer our congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America for their 100 years of teaching patriotism and leadership to young Americans.

**A Resolution Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the
Founding of the Boy Scouts of America**

Whereas Lieutenant General Robert S. S. Lord Baden-Powell established the World Scouting Movement at Brownsea Island in the United Kingdom on 1 August 1907,
And, Whereas William D. Boyce, Ernest Thompson Seaton, and Daniel Carter Beard, recognizing the potential value of Scouting ideals, values, methods, and practices to American young men, established the Boy Scouts of America on 8 February 1910,
And, Whereas the BSA has taught the values of Americanism and patriotism to over 110 million boys, who have contributed hundreds of millions of hours of selfless service to their communities, states, and nation on their way to adulthood,
And, Whereas BSA programs have taught generations of young men that “on my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country”; to be “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent”; and to “be prepared” and “do a good turn daily,”
And, Whereas the BSA courageously resists social forces that attempt to undermine its century-old mission to create young men who are “physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight,”
And, Whereas the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recognizes that the continued success of the BSA is vital to the creation of future citizens of great character who will be needed to defend the American Union and Republic,
And, Whereas the SUVCW, recognizing in the values of Scouting the core American values of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty it promotes, as well as patriotism and community service,
And, Whereas the SUVCW promotes Scouting directly through its Eagle Scout Certificate Program and indirectly through its many members who volunteer, or have volunteered, as adult leaders of the BSA and support it through time, finances, and other ways,
Now, therefore, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment Assembled, does hereby salute the Boy Scouts of America on its Centennial Birthday; extend its thanks for 100 years of faithful service to the youth of the United States; encourage its continued promotion of physical, mental, and moral fitness; and reaffirm its commitment to support the goals of the BSA

through its Eagle Scout Certificate Program and the volunteer participation of its Brothers as adult leaders and supporters of the BSA.

Ordered this 10th Day of July, 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. 15
SERIES 2009-2010
23 JULY 2010

Today is the 125th anniversary of the death of a great leader. Ulysses S Grant, President of the United States and Commanding General of the Union Army, died at his home in Mt McGregor, NY, 125 years ago today. General Grant was a leader not only in his time, but in ours, with his leadership teachings still being looked at today. As the sesquicentennial of the Civil War approaches, we need to take the time to remember leaders that were instrumental in strengthening our Country into the America that is now truly the United States. Brothers are encouraged to include stories of our Civil War era leaders in talks throughout the celebration of the sesquicentennial.

Ordered this 23rd Day of July, 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