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NEVADA DAY – HAPPY 146TH BIRTHDAY, NEVADA REMEMBER OUR VETS ON VETERANS' DAY

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, October 3, 2010, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive (formerly Burris Lane) near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

WILD WEST FAIR

August 25-29, 2010

Carlin Camp 25 had 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. The Fair ran Wednesday, August 25 through Sunday, August 29. Our booth was inside the Livestock Events Center next to the one for the Nevada Volunteer Cavalry, which is a living history group. We had a considerably larger number of people come by than at the Carson City Rendezvous, and we handed out probably over 100 flyers and at least a half dozen membership forms. However, we have yet to hear from anyone following through with the information passed out. Several people were from California, so we may have actually helped their membership there.

Camp Historian David A. Davis, PCC, helped the Comstock Civil War Reenactors during the Wild West Fair by doing Union artillery duty. They have a nice replica of a breech-loading Whitworth 3-pounder fashioned from a World War I ship's gun. Member Tyrone W. Davis also helped by filling out the Union infantry ranks. Both are members of the CCWR.

At the Wild West Fair Jeadene Solberg approached us for information on our Camp. She is also with the Historical Society and a member of the Northern Nevada Ghosthunters. She asked about our meetings and we invited her to sit in on the October 3rd meeting as a guest with her friend Leanette. She said she was very excited to attend. Camp Historian David A. Davis, PCC, has known Jeadene for several years. She has been doing some research on the alleged GAR cemetery in Goldfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Nevada Day parade will be held Saturday, October 30, 2010, in Carson City, and the Reno will be having its annual Veterans' Day parade. For the past few years, we have had entries.

The deadline was September 13, for the Nevada Day parade, and an e-mail is in to see if we can enter late. The deadline for the Veterans' Day parade is October 18. Also, election of officers will be held during the December meeting.

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 was held on August 12-15, 2010, at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. The Encampment was hosted by the Department of Kansas and is the first ever held in Kansas. The new Commander-in-Chief is our very own Brad Schall. The new Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is Donald Palmer, Jr., PDC, of Ballwin, MO, and the new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is Perley Mellor of Nashua, NH. The complete roster can be viewed on the National website, <http://www.suvcw.org>. It was voted at National to raise the per capita dues \$5.

SOLDIER'S(?) REMAINS FOUND AT UNIONVILLE

During the Wild West Fair, a member of the Nevada Volunteer Cavalry told us a little about some potential Civil War-era remains found near Unionville. Recently, Camp Historian David A. Davis, PCC, talked to Ray Ahrenholz, of that group about it. The info he gave is that the remains were found in the 1980s. A lady was walking her dog, and the dog brought back a human bone. The remains were found in a rock crevice. The police determined they were an archaeological find and not a police matter. The man had been shot in the head, and the remains included brogan shoes, bits of cloth, leather including possibly saddle leather, and small buttons. The materials appeared to be military issue suggesting this man was a soldier, likely Civil War or Indian war era. It's also possible that an Indian was running around out there with pilfered military clothing and horse gear. The remains are the property of the BLM, but Ray was told that they are housed at the Nevada State Museum. No DNA testing has been done. The remains are considered to be a cultural artifact.

Soldiers were stationed at nearby Dun Glen because of Indian troubles (and probably also to keep an eye on southern sympathizers in the Dixie part of Unionville). Gregory Michno's "Deadliest Indian War in the West, The Snake Indian War, 1864-1868" mentions some soldier's deserting or killed in the general area though the Fort Churchill records need to be researched to see if they are recorded.

Ray is an expert in Civil War era uniforms, weaponry, saddles, and leather work and could help identify some of the stuff found. Also, Ray's group has been making inquiries with minimal responses so far, and as I understand it some of the veterans' organizations are also interested in getting this man's remains released and buried as a veteran. Since the remains are considered Federal property, one avenue would be to have them transferred to the Army. Unfortunately, they have not been granted access to even just look at the remains or reports. Senator Reid's office has been contacted, but his veterans' contact says the Senator is too busy electioneering at this time.

I looked into the U. S. Code of Federal Regulations. They specifically cover what can be classified as cultural artifacts, and this includes human remains. Remains that are specifically American Indian are repatriated to the appropriate tribe. The Code allows non-Federal agencies with the proper curation techniques and facilities, such as state museums, to house such collections. The Code limits research to archaeologists, historians, scholars, government officials, and a few others. The Code does specify not allowing members of the general public access to these

collections and related reports including site locations. The concern is that too many members of the general public will rush out to these sites with metal detectors and shovels.

This would probably preclude us from also making a stab at getting these remains at least looked at to see if they might be those of a soldier. On the other hand, we are a Federally chartered organization that is the designated heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of our Camp members is the official Historian to the Department of California and Pacific.

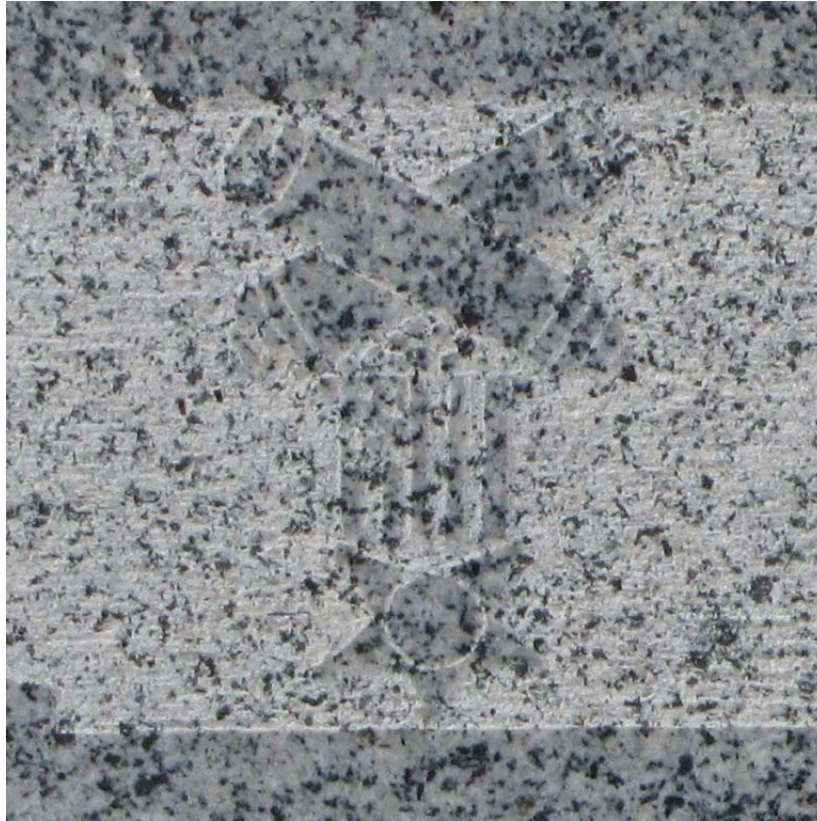
TOMBSTONE TRIVIA



This is the plot of William Erskine in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Virginia City. As can be seen, his die is off its base, and the iron post suggests that he had a GAR star at one time. Mr. Erskine died from consumption about midnight on September 23, 1899, aged 54, at a Mrs. Siena's house on B Street, probably a boarding house. According to his tombstone, he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Odd Fellows, and Masons.

He originated from Ireland, and worked in the Comstock Mines for many years. This suggests his ailment was miner's consumption or silicosis and not tuberculosis, which was also referred to as consumption. He went to the Soldier's Home in California several years before he died. The Soldier's Home was located at Sawtelle just outside of Los Angeles and is now a huge VA hospital complex. He returned to Virginia City three months before his death to live out his final days. His obituary stated, "Deceased was of a happy disposition and had many friends in this city." The Phil Kearney Post No. 10 of the Grand Army of the Republic, Virginia Lodge No. 8 of the Odd Fellows, and Pioneer Encampment No. 1 of the Odd Fellows put out newspaper notices requesting their members to attend the funeral. They also noted he was a Patriarch in the Odd

Fellows. The procession left from the Odd Fellows Building and included a drum and bugle corps and a firing squad from Co. A of the Nevada National Guard.



Mr. Erskine had also been in the Civil War in Battery A, the First West Virginia Light Artillery. Notice that the Grand Army of the Republic emblem has oversized crossed cannons indicating an artilleryman.

AUGUST 29, 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 offered by the Camp Commander. All brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: Frank Wood, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis and Brian Worcester.
3. Commanders Report: None.
4. Secretary/Treasurers Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted. Bank balance \$360.79.
5. History and Memorials Report will be submitted in the near future by Brother Davis.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business: This meeting of the Camp was conducted at the Nevada Wild West Fair where we were given a large booth for display and educational purposes. Brothers present set up the various displays that included maps, storyboards, descriptions of Nevada Memorials and historic events as well as the recent photos from our Paradise Valley, NV. expedition. We were well received by Fair

participants handing out dozens of Camp applications. David A. Davis and Tyrone Davis also participated with the Comstock Re-enactors where David honed his artillery skills.

8. The next Camp meeting date in October will be determined by the Camp Commander. Information will be forthcoming.

9. A silent Prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1330 Hrs.

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

PROPOSED ADDITION AND CORRECTION TO MINUTES

Due to the amount of time gone into making preparations for the Wild West Fair booth and the fact that there was little extra to report on since the previous meeting, the August History and Memorial Report will be combined with the October one. Also, it should be added that during the Wild West Fair, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs donated a brick from the old Fort Winfield Scott to the Dayton Historical Society, who also had a booth there.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

There have been no new Department Orders since the last newsletter.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16

SERIES 2009-2010

21 JULY 2010

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's SUVCW Scholarships:

Brother Shaylor Pierson of Charles Devens Camp 19, Department of Georgia and South Carolina and Brother Brendan Pavelek of the Col Edward D Baker Camp 6, Camp at Large, Oregon, have won this year's scholarship awards.

My congratulations go out to both Brothers and I wish them continued academic success.

My thanks also go out to Brother John Ertell and the Scholarship Committee for all of their hard work on reviewing the applications.

Ordered this 24th 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. 17

SERIES 2009-2010

14 AUGUST 2010

I am pleased to announce the award recipients for this year:

Founders Award – Carnegie Free Public Library and 9th Pennsylvania Reserves (Capt. Espy GAR Post meeting room restoration)

Cornelius F Whitehouse Award – Bro Frank Scaturro, Dept of NY

Abraham Lincoln Award – Lincoln Cushing Camp 2, Dept of MD

Augustus P Davis/ Conrad Linder Award – Dept of Michigan (72 new Brothers)

US Grant Cup – Dept of GA/SC and Dept of NC (both with 35% increase in membership)

Marshall Hope Award –

Department Newsletter - Dept of CA/Pacific;

Camp Newsletter – The Union Volunteer – Col Edward D Baker Camp 6, Camp at Large, Oregon

My congratulations to all of you Brothers!

Ordered this 14th Day of August, 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. 17a

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Meritorious Service Awards:

Gary Naugle, Dept of Michigan

Sam Gant, Dept of Tennessee

Tim Callahan, Dept of Massachusetts

David Lamb, Dept of Iowa

David Thompson, Dept of Iowa

Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Star:

Tom Gaard, Dept of Iowa

Bradley Quinlan, Dept of Georgia and South Carolina

National Aides for recruitment of 5 or more new Brothers:

Raymond LeMay III, Dept of New York

Ben Frail, Dept of Rhode Island

Theodore Golab, Dept of Georgia and South Carolina

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New Camps of the Order:

Bay State Camp #61, Dept of Massachusetts
James McPherson Camp #1, Dept of Missouri
Simon Chaffer Camp #134, Dept of Illinois
US Grant Camp #67, Dept of Michigan
Phineas Catlin Camp #341, Dept of New York
George Cribbs Camp #276, Dept of Tennessee
Maj. William McTeer Camp #39, Dept of Pennsylvania

My congratulations to all of you Brothers for your great work!

Ordered this 14th Day of August, 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. 1
SERIES 2010-2011
16 AUGUST 2010

I am humbled, honored and appreciative to all Brothers that attended the 129th National Encampment in my native and beloved state of Kansas and who placed their confidence in me to lead them as Commander-in-Chief during 2010-2011. I accept this responsibility and pledge to all to diligently discharge the duties of the office and to the best of my ability, serve the Order with honor and dignity.

I wish to thank the Department of Kansas for hosting the 129th National Encampment. Commander Knopke, his committee and the Brothers in Kansas did an outstanding job. I thank all Brothers that attended and hope you had a great time.

To my fellow California Brothers who have supported me for many years and thought that it was time for a Californian to again be Commander-in-Chief, I say Huzzah. It has been 44 years since Brother Frank Woerner was Commander-in-Chief. I would be remiss if I didn't mention my mentor, confident and dear departed friend Brother Bob Lowe. Without his many hours of discussions I would not have been prepared for the job of Commander-in-Chief.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders. I pledge the support of the Brothers of the SUVCW to the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW), and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). Together we can continue to perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue.

The National Administrative Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is established at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2
SERIES 2010-2011
24 AUGUST 2010

1) In accordance to Article IX, Sections 1,2 and 3, I appoint James Pahl PCinC as Assistant National Secretary for the purposes of being the Secretary /Treasurer of the National Department-at-Large.

2) National Department-at-Large officers will be:
Department Commander – Brad Schall, CinC
Senior Vice Commander – Garry Brewer, PDC
Junior Vice Commander – Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer – James B. Pahl, PCinC

3) This is an effort to improve communications between the National Order and the Brothers in the Membership-at-Large Camps.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2010.
Brad Schall
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Eugene Mortorff
Secretary,
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3
SERIES 2010-2011
1 SEPTEMBER 2010

1) It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Brother Arthur Clark of Chaplin Camp #3 in Bangor, Maine. He and his brother George were presented Real Sons certificates and SUVCW badges at the gravesite of their father on 23 August, 2003. Brother George passed away in 2005 and Brother Arthur passed away on 31 August, 2010. Their father Edwin Clark served in the Union Navy aboard the Maria A. Wood. Brother Clark was born in February 1916 to the late Edwin T. S. and Lillian S. (Sweet) Clark; Art was a WWII Veteran and served with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corp.

2) Condolences and cards may be sent to son Richard A. Clark and daughter-in-law Wendy Moore at the Fundy Funeral Home at 230 Westmorland Rd, Saint John, New Brunswick E2J2G3.

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 1st Day of September, 2010.
Brad Schall
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Eugene Mortorff
Secretary,
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War