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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, December 12, 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE

By David A. Davis, PCC

While surfing the Internet, I happened upon the website of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine located at 125 West Vine Street in Redlands, CA. The website is <http://www.lincolnshrine.org> for anyone interested. The museum has an interesting octagonal building erected in 1932 with wings added on later. Robert Watchorn, an English-born coal miner in Pennsylvania, rose up through the ranks of the United Mine Workers, later worked for the Union Oil Company, and eventually made a fortune with the Watchorn Oil and Gas Company. Redlands was his winter home. He took a liking to Redlands and donated to a number of local community and church causes. With his wealth, he acquired books, artifacts, and manuscripts on the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, and the Lincoln Memorial Shrine houses his collection. The website mentioned an archive as well as a museum, and I e-mailed them for more information. Their curator Don McCue answered and said they "have 5,000 books and an equal number of pamphlets, 500+ newspapers along with 4,000 manuscripts. They are available onsite with an appointment."

NEVADA DAY AND VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

October 30 and November 11, 2010

Carlin Camp 25 fielded entries in both the Nevada Day and Veterans Day parades. David A. Davis, PCC and Historian; John Riggs, SVC; and Brian Worcester, Secretary-Treasurer, rode in Brian's SUV during the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on October 30, 2010. The following are pictures of the Carlin Camp 25 entry.



John Riggs (l) and David A. Davis (r).



John Riggs (l) and Brian Worcester (r).

David A. Davis, John Riggs, and Tyrone W. Davis rode in Brian's SUV during the Veterans Day parade in Reno on November 11, 2010. Brian Worcester walked along side of the SUV. The following is a picture of the Camp entry with Brian standing on the far side and John sitting inside. Harry Ehrman, Craig Roeloffs, and other members of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors provided us with a color guard marching in front of the SUV. The bunting was loaned by one of the CCWR members.



In the afternoon of Veterans Day, David A. Davis, John Riggs, and Tyrone Davis held a short wreath lying service at the Civil War statue in the Custer Post 5 Grand Army of the Republic plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City.

NORTHERN NEVADA MENTAL SERVICES CEMETERY MONUMENT DEDICATION

January 21, 2011

On Friday, January 21, 2011, the Northern Nevada Mental Health Services will hold a dedication of a monument to the 600+ people buried in the main cemetery on the institution's grounds along 21st Street in Sparks. The cemetery had been in use from 1882 to 1947, and a smaller cemetery on another part of the grounds was used from 1947 to 1949. While the cemetery was maintained through the early years, it fell into neglect and vandalized after the turn of the 20th century. By the 21st century, it had been all but forgotten, and was in danger of being built over. Through the efforts of the Friends of the Northern Nevada Mental Health Services Cemetery, the cemetery has been fenced, remains removed from the small cemetery to the large one, a city park removed from the northern third of the large cemetery, and a monument containing the names of those interred will be dedicated. At least two men buried there were Civil war veterans. Carlin

Camp 25 secretary-treasurer Brian Worcester will be one of the speakers. For more information, please visit <http://www.friendsofnorthernnevadaadultmentalhealthservicescemetery.com>

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

March 11-12, 2011

The 125th Annual Department Encampment will take place on March 11-12, 2011, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. As registration and other information become available, it will be posted on the Department website: <http://www.suypac.org>. Please note that Camp San Luis Obispo is a military base, and a pass, which will eventually be provided on-line, will be required to enter for the Encampment.

2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 11-14, 2011

The 130th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 125th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 125th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 11-14, 2011, at the Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia. The Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Maryland. Activities will include a tour of the Manassas Battle ground with Ed Bearss of the PBS Civil War series as the tour guide; a special day-long tour of Washington, DC; wreath presentations at Manassas, the GAR monument, and Arlington Cemetery; a Civil magic act; and more. Please see the National website <http://www.suvcw.org> for more information.

2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 9-11, 2012

SPECIAL NOTE: The 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 126th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 126th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held on August 9-11, 2012, at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in Los Angeles, California. **The Encampment will be hosted by our very own Department of California and Pacific.** This will also be a celebration of the centennial of the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in California. Please see the Department website, <http://www.suypac.org> for more information

RECORDS OF CALIFORNIA MEN IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

Records of California Men in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1867, by Brigadier-General Richard H. Orton, 1890, has recently been reprinted. It's a copy compiled from scans of a number of originals but is NOT OCR'ed nonsense with funny symbols. It looks to be about 95% legible as some pages look like there may have been blotchy ink smudges on the original. Still very useful and better than \$200+ for an original. It just came out in June and looks to be available on Amazon.com for \$43.62 and a bit cheaper on-line at Barnes and Noble. The same info can be found at several genealogical and historical sites on-line, but sometimes the printed version comes in very handy. The California volunteers went far and wide, including Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and other points East.

OCTOBER 3, 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 silent Prayer. All brothers present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: Frank Wood, John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis, Steve Frady and Brian Worcester.
3. Commander's Report: None.
4. Secretary/ Treasurers Report: U.S. Bank balance \$360.79. Sec/Treas. asked for a vote to retain Camp dues at \$36.00. Motion passed. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. A check from Camp funds was given to Brother Davis to reimburse him for the Camp entry in the Nevada Day Parade. Note: Camp brothers will meet on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the VFW Post at 0800 Hrs. for this event.
5. History and Memorials Report (attachment) had the following topics: Broken Tombstone, Medal of Honor Recipient James C. Reid, Medal of Honor Recipient in Elko Cemetery, Harry Reynolds Dies in Elko and Soldier's Remains Found at Unionville. Brother Davis has done extensive research on the above subjects.
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business: Brother Riggs has purchased for the Camp a new wreath, storyboards and infantry sword to be utilized at appropriate occasions, as well as a generous donation to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation. The donation acceptance letter was placed into Camp files. Brother Riggs has also been involved with extensive correspondence with the Medal of Honor Society with regards to Sgt/Private James C. Reid. We hope a resolution to this matter will eventually be forthcoming. However, some trepidation is involved due to the recent scandal at Arlington National Cemetery. It should also be noted that Brother Riggs has purchased a Veterans marker for Col. Fulton's Grave at Lone Mountain Cemetery. This Marker is intended to be installed this spring on Memorial Day. There was also a discussion on the Camp's long awaited plaque on The General Reno statue in Veterans Powning Park. Brother Frady volunteered to explore the status of this plaque. Two additional items were brought up in New Business: The Camp will also participate in the Reno Veterans Parade, time and meeting place to be announced and the December 12, 2010 Camp meeting at the VFW Post will include election of Camp Officers. Any brother wishing to aspire to a elected Camp position should contact the Camp Secretary at least two weeks prior to the election process.
8. The meeting concluded with a silent Prayer at 1440 Hrs.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

October 3, 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:

BROKEN TOMBSTONE

While in Lone Mountain cemetery a couple of months ago, I came across a broken Civil War veteran's tombstone. It had been repaired with rock glue but is still in poor shape. It is

marked: L. W. Robinson, Co. F, 11 Ind. Inf., and has an iron Civil War marker. It is located near the curve where the road along the Beverly Road side of the cemetery makes the abrupt turn towards the statue. I contacted the sexton Tim Glancy, and he okayed having it replaced. I'll send in the paperwork in the near future and also contact the Veterans Administration about the broken one marked U. S. Soldier in the Fort Churchill section. I had sent in the documentation before, but was never given any answer as to why it was rejected. Also, Department Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan recently told me the Veterans Administration is tightening up the rules on getting markers replaced. The attempt to replace the broken tombstone of Colonel Samuel Fulton is presently stalled until we can find his war record.



MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

The search for Medal of Honor recipient James C. Reid/Reed is presently stalled because of the lack of a record of this date of death and place of burial. The Medal of Honor Society and SVC John Riggs have been sharing information, and the Society apparently has their own army of researchers. Also, at the Wild West Fair, John donated a brick from the old Fort Winfield Scott cum Kern Ranch in Paradise Valley to the Dayton Historical Society.

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT IN ELKO CEMETERY

The Medal of Honor Society contacted SVC John Riggs about a man named Harry Reynolds reportedly buried in the Elko City Cemetery who received the Medal of Honor but died in 1930 without knowing it. The scant information they sent us said he was in the Civil War and Indian Wars, but he turned 18 a few months after the Civil War was over. John and I tried to find some record of him on-line, but he was not listed in Findagrave or on the Genweb sites.

I went to the Reno Family History Center and found him on Elko Cemetery lists and a poorly typed obituary in the Nona Parkin collection. I then acquired his obituary from the Reno Evening Gazette and Elko Free Press. I have made copies of everything for the Medal of Honor Society.

The following is his obituary in the Elko Free Press, volume XLIV, No. 2, p. 1, col. 3, p. 4, col. 4, Monday, January 6, 1930.

HARRY REYNOLDS DIES IN ELKO AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

He was 82 years of age, Lived in Elko County Past 40 Years

To Lie in State at Elks' Home; Funeral Services 2 p. m. Tomorrow

A colorful career was closed yesterday with the death of Harry Reynolds, veteran resident of this section of Nevada.

Death came quickly and peacefully as he had been sick but a short time, becoming ill shortly after Christmas. He worked up until a week ago, when he was finally forced to his bed. His great strength was always a source of wonder to his many acquaintances, as he was 82 years old when he passed away.

He was born in Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1847, and his history is replete with unusual circumstances and adventures. When he was but a baby his parents died and he was adopted by a man named Whistler. Later he went to Baltimore and earned his living by selling papers, experiencing many hardships early in life.

Enlisted in Civil War

Later he enlisted in the Civil War and became a drummer boy for the Southern army. He was present when General Lee surrendered to General Grant and often recounted interesting stories regarding that great struggle.

As he grew older he took part in the Indian wars and was wounded three different times. Recently he had been put on a pension due to his service in this regard. Here, too, he experienced many hardships and at one time was forced to live on wild plums and horse meat for eight days.

Later he went to work in New Mexico and drove a 20-mule borax team from Mojave to needles. Reynolds was considered one of the finest horsemen of his day, having great ability in handling large teams. His next move took him to Park City, Utah, where he drove a team hauling ore from the mines for Jim Ivers. It is here that he married Miss Kathryn A. Browne on Oct. 16, 1892.

40 Years in Nevada

Forty years ago he came to Nevada and worked for Hirman Stoker and McPeters, who owned the Tuscarora stage line. The fact that he drove a team to Gold Creek and return from Elko daily indicates his ability as a horseman. In this trip five changes of horses was made. This schedule was not continued long as it proved too hard on the horses. After this experience he began ranching for John Hylton and continued for 20 years in the neighborhood of Jiggs. He came to Elko in 1920 and has worked here since. At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Western Pacific company.

Harry Reynolds was always a worker and he stayed in the harness until the last call.

He Knew Cody

During his experience in the Indian wars he became acquainted with Wild Bill Cody and was but 30 miles from the battlefield on which Custer made his last stand. He was on way to scene with relief.

His body will lie in state at the Elks' home tomorrow from 10 until 1 o'clock. While he was not a member of the order, he was elected to membership at the last meeting of the lodge in this city and had he lived he would have been initiated at the next initiatory service. Funeral services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. The pallbearers will be Guy Blair, Hayden Henderson, William Stinson, A. W. Hesson, Joe

Frantzen and Taylor Johnson. Musical selections will be rendered by Harold P. Hale and Mrs. Rand Streeter. The body is now at the Arnold parlors.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Mann and Dale of Elko.

The following is about his funeral in the Elko Free Press, volume XLIV, No. 3, p. 1, col. 4, Wednesday, January 8, 1930.

HARRY REYNOLDS LAID TO REST

Elko paid its last respects to Harry Reynolds yesterday when services were held at the Presbyterian church. His bier was piled with floral offerings showing the esteem in which he was held.

Mrs. Rand Streeter sang "Face to Face" and Harold P. Hale played a violin solo, "Ave Maria". Rev. J. M. Swander paid a splendid tribute to the character of Reynolds, outlining his life from early childhood. Many friends were present.

The obituary in the Reno Evening Gazette is a much reduced version of the Elko Free Press article and adds nothing new. I happen to talk to Bill Brown of Channel 2 when I got the Reno Evening Gazette obituary. He told me to send him the info, and he might do a story on him.

I haven't found Reynolds or his alias, Robert Smith, in the on-line Soldiers and Sailors Database. Does this database include drummer boys? Also, it makes one wonder how likely it was that Reynolds was really present at Lee's surrender as he "often recounted interesting stories" about the Civil War. It will take some research to find his Confederate record and to see if his unit was at Appomattox.

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 me 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 I am the official Historian to the Department of California and Pacific.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 5 SERIES 2010-2011

HOST COMMITTEE FOR THE 2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

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: In accordance with Department Order No. 2, Series 2007-2008, issued by Commander Jerry R. Sayre on March 27, 2007, a Host Committee for the 2012 National Encampment, to be held in Los Angeles, California on August 9-11, 2012, is hereby established.

Section 2: Activities of the Committee should include, but not be limited to, fundraising and coordination with local Camps, the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and other Allied Orders in regard to planning and executing the 2012 National Encampment of the Allied Orders. The Committee shall file a written report with the Department Secretary, on no less than an annual basis, to be presented at each annual Department Encampment. The report shall include, but not be limited to, actions, findings, and recommendations of the Committee for the twelve months prior to the Encampment at which the report is being presented.

Section 3: The Committee shall exist until the 127th Annual Department Encampment, to be held in the spring of 2013. At said Department Encampment the Committee shall deliver a final written and oral report to the Department Encampment and be duly discharged.

Section 4: The following Brothers are hereby appointed to the Host Committee for the 2012 National Encampment:

Bro. Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC – Chairman
Bro. Loran T. Bures – Co-Chairman
Bro. Frank C. Avila, PCC – Member
Bro. Philip L. Caines, PCC – Member
Bro. Tad D. Campbell, PDC – Member
Bro. D. Brad Schall, PDC – Member
Bro. Jerry R. Sayre, PDC – Member

Section 5: The Department Commander shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Committee.

Section 6: The Committee chairman may add additional members to the Committee as he deems necessary.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth, 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:
Charles W. Mabie, PCC
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

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

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

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

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 SERIES 2010-2011 15 OCTOBER 2010

Appointment of Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

1) The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended that Brigadier General Robert E. Grim, Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, be reappointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a term of three years.

2) I concur with their recommendation and hereby appoint Robert E. Grim as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Brigadier General commencing 16 November, 2010 and ending on 15 November 2013 or until properly relieved.

Ordered this 15th Day of October, 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. 5 SERIES 2010-2011 29 OCTOBER 2010

November 11th is Veterans Day. This day is set aside to remember the men and women that serve in our Armed Forces. Their vigil protects us from our enemies. They stand guard so we can remain free. To the many Brothers and Sisters in our Order that have served in the military, we as a grateful nation say thank you. To the Boys in Blue, we honor you. Please take a moment to remember our militaries' recent losses in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their sacrifice enables us to be free. I ask each Brother in the Order to participate in his own way on this special holiday. I call on all Brothers to display the flag on November 11, 2010.

Ordered this 29th Day of October, 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. 6
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its 6600 members salute the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary. "Celebrating the Adventure and Continuing the Journey" is a compatible theme for both our organizations. Lady Baden Powell challenged the Scouts to "Go deeper, go deeper into the well of the spirit of scouting and bring the living spirit of scouting more and more into your lives; into your community; into the life of your great and lovely land; and spread it wider and deeper into the hearts of men." Scouting met that challenge and is an integral part of the American experience. For many of us Green Bar Bill, Boy's Life, camping, patriotism, the Boy Scout Law and Boy Scout Oath are the foundation of our adulthood. We are proud to participate in the Boy Scout SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate program and enjoy the comradeship of our two organizations. Our mission is to Honor the Union soldier and sailor that preserved the Union and on this occasion let us Honor the Cub Scout Den leader, the Venture crew leaders, the Boy Scout Troop leader, the volunteer and professional staff of Boy Scouts of America and most importantly your organizations mission and goals. We tip our Kepi's to the Boy Scouts of America.

Ordered this 11th Day of November, 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