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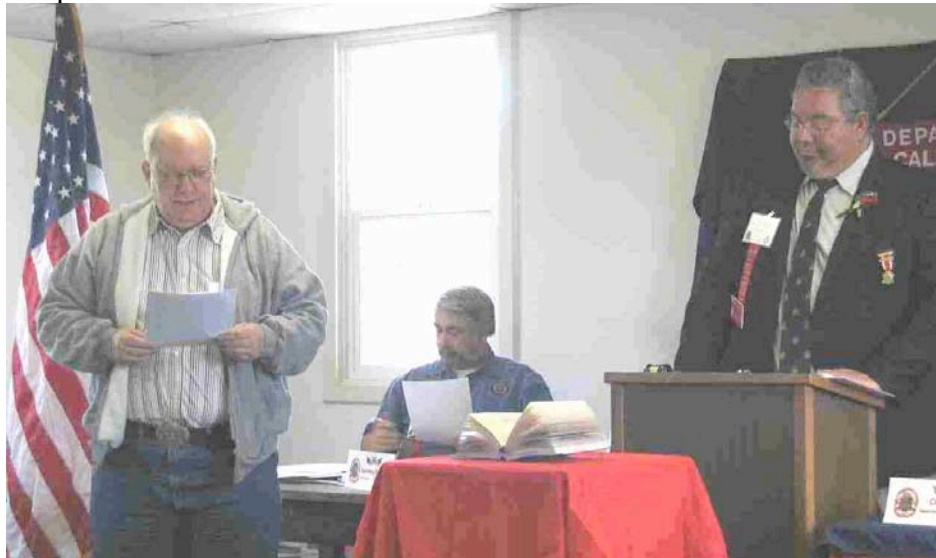
THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, April 10, 2011, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive (formerly Burriss Lane) near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC ENCAMPMENT

March 11-12, 2011

The 125th Annual Department Encampment was held March 11-12, 2011, at the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, California. Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis PCC attended the proceedings. The Camp report given by Commander Riggs is reprinted at the end of the newsletter. The new main Department Officers are: Commander Glen Roosevelt, PCC, of Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17; Senior Vice Commander Timothy Reese, PCC, of Lincoln Camp 10; Junior Vice Commander Thomas Graham, Commander, Sheridan Camp 4. Secretary-Treasurer Philip Caines, PCC, of Rosecrans Camp 2 was reelected to that position. David A. Davis, PCC, of Carlin Camp 25 was reappointed Historian. Please see the Department website for the list of new officers.



Carlin Camp 25 Commander John Riggs (L) giving the annual camp report next to Dept. Secretary-Treasurer Phil Caines (C) and now Past Dept. Commander Charles Mabie (R).

The National Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, attended the Encampment. Commander Schall is a Past Commander of the Department of California and Pacific and has held many other Camp, Department, and National positions as well.

The newly organized General George Stoneman, Jr., Camp 18 received its charter during the encampment. Camp 18 will serve the "Inland Empire of California", which largely consists of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties of southern California. The Department of California and Pacific now has 16 camps, two of which are in Nevada.

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.suvvw.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.suvpac.org> for more information

FEBRUARY 13, 2011, 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 1215 Hrs. Call to Order and opening Prayer by Chaplain Brother Tyrone. All Brothers then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
2. Roll Call: John Riggs, David A. Davis, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Steve Frady and Brian Worcester.
3. Commanders Report: Commander Riggs provided an extensive oral report on his recent activities and extensive research regarding Medal of Honor recipient James Reid.
4. Treasurers/ Secretary Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted. US Bank Balance: \$ 608.79.
5. History and Memorials Report submitted by Brother Davis distributed via email.
6. Old Business: None.
6. New Business: The Camp was holding our yearly "open house" with many displays and refreshments for the public, immediately following the Camp meeting.
7. A closing silent Prayer was offered and the meeting concluded at 1310 Hrs.

8. The next meeting will be held on 10 April 2011 at 1300 Hrs. at the VFW Hall at 255 VFW Historic Way.

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

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

February 13, 2011

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

NORTHERN NEVADA MENTAL SERVICES CEMETERY MONUMENT DEDICATION

On Friday, January 21, 2011, the Northern Nevada Mental Health Services held the dedication of a monument to the 700+ 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 four men buried there were veterans of the Civil War and Spanish-American War.

The speakers included: Dr. Harold Cook, Administrator, Mental Health and Development Services; Reverend Norman King, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Parish, Sparks; Rabbi Teri Appleby, Temple, Reno; Brian Worcester, Secretary-Treasurer, Carlin Camp 25, SUVCW; Rosie Cevasco, Historic Reno Preservation Society; Sue Silver, Historian and Cemeterian; and Carolyn Mirich, Northern Nevada Mental Health Services Cemetery.

At the end of the dedication, members of the Comstock Civil War Reenactors and the First Nevada Volunteers gave a salute and Ray Arenholtz of the FNV played "Taps" on his bugle. Following the dedication, refreshments were served in a meeting room containing cemetery displays at the new Nevada Dept. of Agriculture Building adjacent to the cemetery.

Brian's speech was as follows:

At the conclusion of our Nation's great Civil War Union Veterans formed the first veteran's organization called the Grand Army of the Republic. The GAR fought for veteran's benefits. However, as their numbers became smaller over the years they wished to transfer their responsibilities to their heir organization the Sons of Union of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this was accomplished by Act of Congress.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of which I am a member, keeps alive the accomplishments as well as the goals of those Union veterans. We the members of this organization are actual descendants of these veterans.

I commemorate the Civil War, Spanish American War and Indian War soldiers who lay in this historic cemetery and encourage their final resting place be marked with the headstones provided by the Veterans Administration. Their names are Timothy Burk, Robert Hope, John Cooper and John Balback.

In 1862 Civil War Major General Daniel Butterfield was commanding a brigade in the Army of the Potomac. After a particularly hard day of fighting the troops settled down for the night along the James River. On this night General Butterfield felt that the evening bugle call was not as it should be. He felt the day's final call should bring comfort and peace to tired troubled men. With the help of his bugler Oliver Norton, Butterfield composed the music to what we all know today as TAPS.

Later in that campaign a funeral was being held during a lull in the fighting. The bugler played TAPS for the first time in lieu of the usual three volleys of musket fire. This was done because it was feared gunfire would renew the fighting.

The playing of TAPS was eventually written into Army regulations as part of the honors to be paid at military funerals.

I would like to conclude with the original words written for that Bugle Call.

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lakes, From the hills, From the sky,
All is well, Safely rest, God is near.

Fading light, Dims the sight, And a star, Gems the sky, Gleaming bright,
From afar, Drawing near, Falls the night.

Thanks and praise, For our days, Neath the sun, Neath the stars, Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is near.

This write-up is also published in the January 2011 Carlin Camp Dispatch with the inclusion of pictures.

FORT RUBY, NEVADA, FLAG



Last month, I visited the Nevada State Archives and took some digital pictures of the 36-star flag said to have flown over Fort Ruby, Nevada. I saw it once on a previous visit. The flag about 2 feet by 3 feet, and is hand painted on canvas. It has been recently gone through a restoration process. The person overseeing the collections was going to look for documentation, but I have not heard back yet. The flag was a donation. The following is slightly modified from the National Park Service website http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/soldier-brave/siteb18.htm

“Eastern Nevada's Fort Ruby (1862-69) played a major role in the history of transportation and communication, but also participated in the Indian wars. In 1859 William Rogers, an assistant Indian agent and the first white settler in Ruby Valley, built a cabin near the southern end of the valley. It became a station for stagecoaches on the Central Overland Mail route, the Pony Express, and a relay station on the transcontinental telegraph line. During the Civil War, in the fall of 1862, to protect these facilities and to control the Gosiute and Paiute Indians, who were focusing their attacks on Overland Mail stages, Col. Patrick E. Connor's California Volunteers founded Fort Douglas, Utah, near Salt Lake City, and Fort Ruby in Nevada's Ruby Valley about 3 miles west of the stage station. Troops from the fort engaged in several skirmishes during the Gosiute War (1863). The next year Nevada Volunteers replaced the California troops. In 1869, the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad, the first transcontinental line, brought an end to stage service and thus the need for Fort Ruby.”

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 9 SERIES 2010-2011

SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

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: During the Civil War, 50,000-plus Canadian Nationals fought for the Union cause. From their ranks we count twenty-nine Medal of Honor Recipients, four Generals, and nearly 5,000 dead.

Section 2: During the 2009 National Encampment, a National Committee was empowered to honor the memories of these Canadian citizens who joined the noble cause. This project is to seek the erection of a monument to be placed in Canada in gratitude to her Canadian Sons who volunteered in service to our Union during our great Civil War.

Section 3: I encourage our brothers to support the efforts to build this monument by writing your state and federal representatives.

Donations can be made to:

"Canadian Union Veterans Monument"
National Treasurer-SUVCW
Richard D. Orr, PCinC
153 Connie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251

Send your Resolutions and letters of support to:

"Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee"
Attn: Committee Aide, Raymond W. LeMay III, PCC
4 Ball Place
Watervliet, N.Y. 12189

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, 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. 11
SERIES 2010-2011
28 FEBRUARY 2011

It is with great sadness that I must report the last WWI doughboy Corporal Frank Buckles passed away Sunday, 27 February 2011 in his home in Charles Town, West Virginia. Corporal Buckles was 110 years old at the time of his death. He was the last known American Veteran of that war.

Frank Buckles cattle farm in West Virginia was not far from several Civil War battlefields.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its sixty six hundred members honor the almost five million Americans who answered their country's call during World War I.

We express our condolences to Corporal Buckles' daughter Susannah Buckles Flanagan and her husband.

The family asks that donation be made to the National World War One Legacy Project to honor Buckles and the 4, 734,991 Americans that served during World War I.

Ordered this 28th Day of February, 2011.

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. 12
SERIES 2010-2011
10 MARCH 2011

The Civil War Sesquicentennial Medal is an official authorized medal of the order which may be worn from January 1, 2011 through May 30, 2015 following the requirements of badges in Group D of Chapter V, Article I Section 5 of the Regulations.

Ordered this 10th Day of March, 2011.

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

CARLIN CAMP 25 REPORT

Camp Activities for March 2010 to March 2011

By John Riggs Camp Commander

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

We presently have 11 members, and meeting attendance has ranged between 4 and 7. Over the past year, we had one member drop out.

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. Also, Al Peterson of Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas has been sending certificates to Eagle Scouts in all parts of Nevada.

VETERANS DOCUMENTED

In 2010, we sent in the forms to the Veterans Administration to get replacements for the two damaged grave markers. One is at the GAR Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, and the other is in main part of Lone Mountain.

Our Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman spent approximately 150 hrs doing research for verification and entry of information. He updated 5 grave sites on the Graves Registration Database, which included the removal of three individuals who had been entered erroneously or more than once and the addition of information to two other listings. Don completed and listed three individuals that were previously unknown. He tries to go over the list of veterans within the Camp 25 boundaries at least once per year. He has a list of 50+ veterans who cannot be verified for service for one reason or another, but he continues researching them. Don has also notified three other Camps of veterans in their jurisdiction. One of the more interesting additions, though the veteran was not in the Camp 25 boundaries, was Dr. John Stith Pemberton. He was a Confederate Lieutenant, who became a pharmacist. He was wounded during the Civil War and developed an addiction to morphine. He experimented with various concoctions to fight the addiction resulting in the development of the formula for Coca-Cola.

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 11, 12, and 13, 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. Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, assembled a tent similar in design to those during the Civil War from a tent fly, 2x2's, painter's canvas for the Camp displays. Commander Frank Wood, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Past Camp Commander and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and member Tyrone Davis manned the tent together and in shifts.

WILD WEST

August 25 through 29, 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.

NEVADA DAY

Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on October 30. We used Brian's SUV and flew a 36-star U. S., Nevada State, and Camp flags from a the Camp Hitch-Haul-cum-flag holder from 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 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.

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. After the main service, we laid a wreath at the statue at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot.

VETERANS DAY

At 11 am, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, 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 SUV 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. Also, another of their members provided us with period bunting for the SUV and walked along in period costume. Commander Frank Wood assembled with us, but then rode with the VFW as past commander of their Post 9211.

In the afternoon, Vice Commander John Riggs, Historian/Memorials Officer David A. Davis, PCC, and member Tyrone Davis laid a wreath at the Custer Post 5 plot and Civil War monument.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

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MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT IN ELKO CEMETERY

The Medal of Honor Society contacted Senior Vice Commander 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 said he was in the Civil War and Indian Wars, but he turned 18 a few months after the Civil War was over. The Nona Parkin collection (a collection of Nevada cemetery censuses and vital statistics) at the Reno Family History Center had him on Elko Cemetery list and we found his obituary. We sent copies of this research to the Medal of Honor Society, which is working towards getting Reynolds a Medal of Honor marker.

The Medal of Honor Society also indexed the records we sent them on Reynolds and on James C. Reid (mentioned in last year's report for receiving the Medal of Honor for action in Nevada) and burned them to a CD for us.

PARADISE VALLEY TRIP

As noted in last year's report, Private James C. Reid/Reed received the Medal of Honor when his scout group consisting of a 2nd Lieutenant, a sergeant, 4 privates, and a civilian was ambushed by Chief Howluck and 17 warriors in Deep Canyon of the Santa Rosa Range about 50 miles north of Winnemucca. Three in the scout group were killed, and Private Reid held off the Indians after the ambush during a running battle while getting the wounded to a cave. We tentatively identified the canyon where the skirmish occurred. On June 6, Senior Vice Commander John Riggs, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester and a friend, Historian/ Memorials Officer David A. Davis, and member Tyrone Davis attempted to find the site, but the road was blocked by a stream that was running high and fast from the Spring run-off.

Our group visited the cemetery there and met with the local historian Lynn Melody, who is descended from Private Thomas F. Melody of Co. D, 146th Illinois Infantry buried there. 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 talked to us about the ranch and fort 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. 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.

Submitted March 12, 2011:

John Riggs

Camp Commander

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War