

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held at 1 pm, Sunday, August 14, 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.**

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## REAL SON

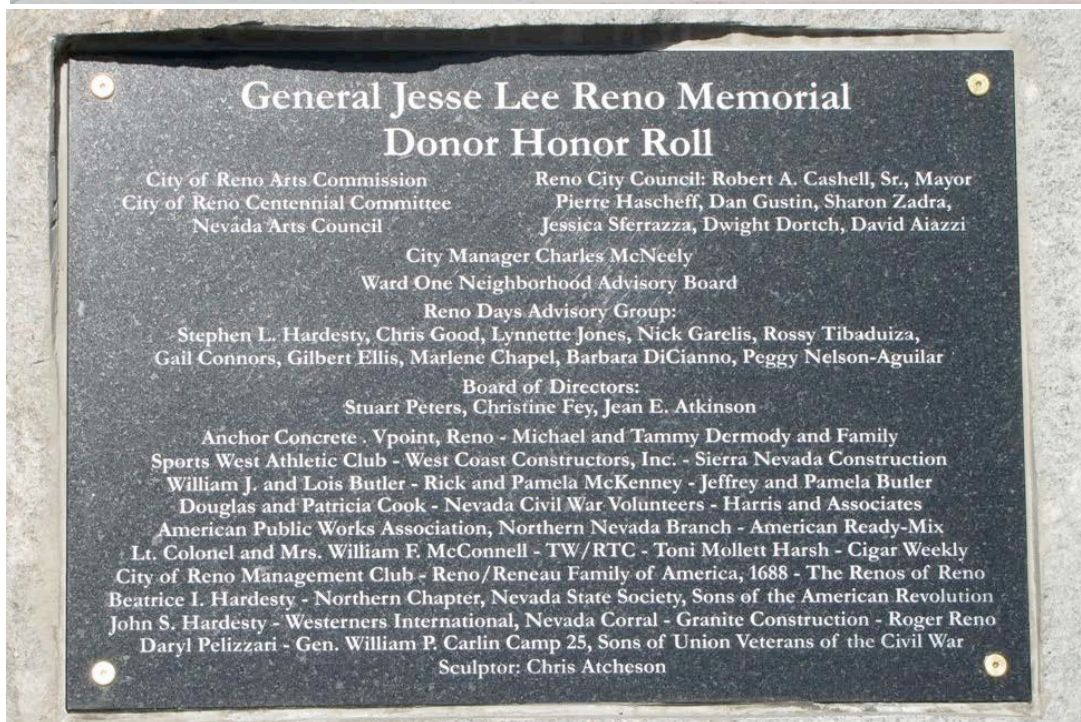
Walter Roode of Portola, California, joined Carlin Camp 25 earlier this month. Walter is 98 years young, and is a Real Son. His father, Stephen W. Roode, served with Co. K, 9th Vermont Infantry. He was captured and paroled. He reenlisted and was with Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 17th U. S. Infantry. He was in the Battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, and Petersburg, among others. National Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, Department Commander Glen Roosevelt, Carlin Camp Commander John Riggs, Carlin Camp Senior Vice Commander/Historian and Department Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Carlin Camp Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman met with Walter at Mimi's Café in Reno after a doctor's appointment on July 11. Walter's daughter-in-law Janie McBride brought Walter.



Walter Roode

## MONUMENT PLAQUES

The long, long awaited plaque of donors has finally been installed near the monument of General Jesse Reno at the Powning Veterans Memorial Park. A life sized statue of the City of Reno's namesake was erected near the other military monuments and plaques at the park 5 or 6 years ago. People and organizations who donated \$250 would be included on a plaque, and our camp donated the said amount. With no fanfare that we know of, the plaque appeared within the last month on a rock adjacent to the rock the statue stands on. See the following pictures.



**IN 1868**

LAKE'S CROSSING, A GROWING COMMUNITY  
ALONG THE TRUCKEE RIVER IN NORTHERN  
NEVADA, WAS PARCELED INTO  
A PROPER TOWN SITE BY  
THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD.  
THE RAILROAD NAMED THE TOWN RENO,  
TO HONOR

**MAJOR GENERAL JESSE LEE RENO**

BORN APRIL 20, 1823 IN  
WHEELING, VIRGINIA,  
RENO GRADUATED 8<sup>TH</sup> IN HIS CLASS  
OF 59 AT WEST POINT.

HE SERVED IN THE BATTLES OF VERA CRUZ,  
EL TELEGRAFO, CERRO GORDO,  
CONTRERAS, CHURUBUSCO, MEXICO CITY  
AND CHAPULTEPEC IN THE MEXICAN WAR,  
DURING WHICH HE WAS TWICE PROMOTED  
FOR HIS BRAVERY AND LEADERSHIP.

IN 1853 HE MARRIED MARY BRADLEY  
BEANES CROSS. THE COUPLE HAD FOUR  
SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER.

DURING THE U.S. CIVIL WAR, GENERAL  
RENO AND HIS TROOPS DEFENDED OUR  
NATION'S CAPITAL, POSSIBLY SAVING IT  
FROM INVASION BY CONFEDERATE FORCES.

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1862 RENO  
COMMANDED THE IX CORPS AT THE  
BATTLE OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN. ASTRIDE  
HIS HORSE, LEADING HIS TROOPS IN  
BATTLE, RENO WAS FATALLY SHOT BY  
CONFEDERATE SHARPSHOOTERS.  
AT THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM THREE DAYS  
LATER, HIS TROOPS' BATTLE CRY WAS

**"REMEMBER RENO!"**

"FOR HIS HIGH CHARACTER AND THE  
KINDLY QUALITIES OF HIS HEART IN  
PRIVATE LIFE, AS WELL AS FOR HIS  
MILITARY GENIUS AND PERSONAL DARING  
WHICH MARKED HIM AS A SOLDIER, HIS  
LOSS WILL BE DEPLORED BY ALL WHO  
KNEW HIM."

—GENERAL AMBROSE BURNSIDE

THIS BRONZE MONUMENT, DEDICATED IN 2006,  
IS SUPPORTED BY A GRANITE SHOULDER THAT  
WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE RAIL TRENCH, THE  
CITY OF RENO'S LARGEST CIVIC PROJECT. THE  
RAIL TRENCH WAS DEDICATED IN 2005.

## **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.suvpac.org> for more information

## **JUNE 11, 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: 1300 Hrs. Call to Order and opening silent Prayer offered by the Camp Commander. All Brothers recited 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: Commander Riggs was informed by Brother Frank Wood of a new Associate member in the process of being added to our Camp. His name is: Wayne L. Eder, Director of the UNR, Fire Science Academy, Carlin, NV. Mr. Eder currently resides in Elko, NV. however, he may move back to the Carson City/Reno area. Mr. Eder was also participating with the Re-enactors at the Civil War engagements staged at the Carson City Rendezvous (where our Camp meeting was held). The Camp Commander informed Mr. Eder of a possible burial site near Elko of a Medal of Honor recipient whose grave is not properly marked. If the site can be found, proper arrangements will be made in the future and all Camp Brothers will be notified. Camp Brothers had a very fruitful conversation with Mr. Eder before he had to return to Elko.
4. Secretary/ Treasures Report: U.S. Bank balance \$536.79.
5. History and Memorials Report submitted via email by Brother Davis contained the following topics: Samuel Fulton, Hillside Cemetery Complex, Lone Mountain Statue and Markers. It also should be noted of the Camps participation in Memorial Day Observances at the GAR Cemetery with the Camp Commander and at Lone Mountain Cemetery where both Brother Davis and Brother Worcester were speakers.
6. The next Camp meeting will be announced by the Camp Commander in the near future and the meeting concluded with a silent Prayer at 1350 Hrs.

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

# HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 12, 2011

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

## SAMUEL FULTON

As you all know, the attempt at getting Samuel Fulton a new marker in the Custer Post 5 plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City has been stymied by not being able find out what unit he served in during the Mexican War. During the Civil War, he apparently received his commission as a "Colonel" as an aide to then Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin. Possibly his Mexican War service might be listed with his commission in Governor Curtin's records in the state archives in Harrisburg. Unfortunately, the staff there won't go look and said we would have to go there. Two months ago, I found the website of the General John F. Hartranft Camp 15 of the SUVCW in Harrisburg and e-mailed address their Chaplain to see if someone would go look.

Last week, I got an answer to the effect, that they knew about us contacting them two years ago, and that they found no record of Fulton being an aid to Curtin then. I e-mailed back to say, two years ago, a biographical book was looked in that had no mention of him. They suggested he may have even been a fraud. However, Curtin's records in the state archives apparently were not consulted. I told them books are secondary sources that do not mention everything a man did, and that archived records are primary sources that should contain detailed minutiae such as any commission Fulton received. Let's see if they take the hint.

## HILLSIDE CEMETERY COMPLEX

Commander John Riggs and I compiled an inventory of all the names on tombstones in the O. M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery at Hillside and tied it to an aerial image of the cemetery. I also found several old lists from the Nona Parkin collection of cemetery lists, on-line Genweb lists, the Mitchel Post 69 burial register, and several other lists at the Historical Society. I also have a 1955 list on order from the main library of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Supposedly, the Johanna Shine Tent of the DUVCW and our predecessor the Isaac Crist Camp researched the cemetery thoroughly and in detail and had 39 vandalized or missing markers replaced.

The results are that the lists do not totally agree with one another or our inventory. Several of the veterans buried in the cemetery have more than one marker several of which are not near one another. Possibly as many as 15 burials have no markers. One marker is for a veteran buried in Mountain View. Three markers are for veterans originally buried in the old Saint Thomas Catholic Cemetery, which was moved in 1965. It's not known yet if they were reburied in the Mitchel Post 69 cemetery, moved to Our Mother of Sorrows or another cemetery, or ignored and left. Recent construction at the old Saint Thomas site unearthed several coffins.

The Hillside complex of cemeteries also contains the Hebrew Cemetery, the Knights of Pythias Cemetery, and the old now heavily vandalized Hillside cemetery originally founded by Reno undertaker Wilshire Sanders. It's now owned by Sierra Memorial Gardens which also owns the veterans' cemetery in Golden Valley. I compiled all the potential Civil War veterans from various lists into one spreadsheet. The Hebrew Cemetery has at least Union veteran. The Knights of Pythias Cemetery has a known Confederate and two known Union veterans. It may have at least one more Union veteran. The old Hillside cemetery has at least 16 Union veterans and a Mexican War veteran. Commander Riggs and I found a large hole in the cemetery fence and walked around the cemetery. Using the County Assessor's parcel map and a list with Assessor's parcel numbers, we found two graves still marked and a family plot for one that just had the plot curbing and family name left. The rest had no indication of where the graves were except for finding the site by the parcel map. Eventually we should inquire about the graves at Sierra Memorial Gardens.

My spreadsheet also contains Civil War veterans buried in other Reno area cemeteries. It is likely not complete, as I found one veteran not on it. He was listed as a captain on a family marker, and our GRO Don Huffman confirmed him as a Civil War veteran.

### **LONE MOUNTAIN STATUE**

As you all know, Carlin Camp 25 and its first commander Paul Washeleski were instrumental in getting the Civil War veterans' statue in the Custer Post 5 plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City renovated in 2004 to the tune of \$82,000. The hollow statue was dedicated in 1891 and is made of zinc from the now defunct Monumental Bronze Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Cement was removed from the interior and replaced with a stainless steel internal support structure. Shotgun pellets and 20+ bullets were removed, numerous cracks filled, and the statue was painted light blue (now fading to gray!).

After 7 years, the statue is re-cracking and looks about like it did before the restoration. Cemetery sexton Tim Glancy is checking on the warrantee. I took many pictures of every crack I could find for documentation, though I have not had the time to go back through our files on the statue. In the manufacturing process, Monumental Bronze filled in seams and cracks with molten zinc. A check of the internet notes the restoration process uses either molten zinc or an epoxy. I had a small piece of filler from the statue checked at UNR with a hand held x-ray fluorescence scanner. It had little zinc in it, but was almost 90% some unknown material. Since XRF detects elements, the unknown was probably an epoxy filler, though it did look metallic. The warrantee and original specs need to be consulted, as right now, the statue is starting to look rather ragged.

### **LONE MOUNTAIN MARKERS**

The broken markers for L. W. Robinson and the unknown Fort Churchill U. S. Soldier have finally been replaced at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. Sexton Tim Glancy is always thankful to have the help and is punctual in getting them set.



### **RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

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

No new Department Orders have been issued.

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

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

### **GENERAL NO. 20**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**5 JUNE 2011**

#### **Sesquicentennial Events**

The Council of Administration has voted to change the Signature Event procedures.

- 1) All applications for approval of a Sesquicentennial Signature Event must be received by the Chairman of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee at least 30 days before the event, and
- 2) The Chairman of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee must forward the reviewed application to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at least 15 days before the event.

Ordered this 5th Day of June, 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 NO. 21**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**14 JUNE 2011**

#### **Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Committee**

Brother David Lamb, Department of Iowa, is appointed Chairman of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Committee.

#### **Committee members:**

Brother Robert Heath

Brother Adam Gaines

Brother Raymond W. LeMay II

Brother Terry Middleton

#### **Aide to the Committee**

Brother Fred Bohmfalk

Ordered this 14th Day of June, 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 NO. 22**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**15 JUNE 2011**

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

- 1) During the annual Department encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming they have accepted at the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief the honor and responsibility to add the state of Idaho to their Department boundaries.
- 2) The Department name shall remain the Department of Colorado and Wyoming
- 3) The Department may change its name by a majority vote after one year.

The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation of the vote of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Ordered this 15th Day of June, 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 NO. 23**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**24 JUNE 2011**

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy that I report another one of our nation's treasured children of a Federal Civil War Soldier has passed. Mary (Hayes) Carroll, 99 years young passed away 24 June, 2011 in Lee Summit, Missouri. She was the daughter of Private Samuel Hayes who served with the Forty Ninth Missouri. On March 22, 2009 the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honored Samuel for his service and honored Mary as a Real Daughter of a Civil War Soldier with a ceremony at her residence attended by friends and family. She was a talented seamstress and along with a group of ladies from Duncan Estates made dozens of quilts and donated them to the Missouri Highway Patrol. Those quilts are used to wrap children injured in car accidents. The group also donated dozens of quilts to Children's Mercy Hospital for patients. Those wishing to make contributions, in lieu of flowers, may do so to Vitas Hospice of Independence, 4041 S. Lynn Court Drive, Suite 300, Independence, MO 64055. All charters, the National Web site, and membership badges will be draped in black from 24 June, 2011 until 24 July, 2011.

Ordered this 24th Day of June, 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 NO. 24**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**6 JULY 2011**

- 1) Upon the recommendation of Ohio Department Commander Charles Reeves, and the vote of McPherson Camp No. 66 to cease to exist. The Commander-in-Chief being fully satisfied that all efforts to preserve the McPherson Camp No. 66 have been taken. It is ordered the Charter of the McPherson Camp No. 66, Department of Ohio, is revoked.



2) The Charter and all Camp materials, financial and material, shall be surrendered to the Department.

Ordered this 6th Day of July, 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 NO. 25**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**9 JULY 2011**

**Department of Missouri**

Colonel David Moore Camp No. 70

1) Upon the recommendation of Missouri Department Commander D. Christopher Warren, the vote of Colonel David Moore Camp No. 70 to cease to exist and in agreement with Department of Missouri Department Order No. 4. The Commander-in-Chief being fully satisfied that all efforts to preserve the Colonel David Moore Camp No. 70 have been taken. It is ordered the Charter of the Colonel David Moore Camp No. 70, Department of Missouri, is revoked.

2) The Charter and all Camp materials, financial and material, shall be surrendered to the Department Secretary/Treasurer Walter Busch, PDC.

Ordered this 9th Day of July, 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