

General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25
Department of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)

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Meeting Notes of April 6, 2014

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Camp Commander John Riggs.
2. All Brothers and guests in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Councilman Edward Carson.
3. Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Wayne L. Eder.
4. Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, Roger Linscott, Wayne L. Eder, and Brian Worcester.
5. Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Logan Hulse, Pats Worcester, Carolyn Chapman, Suzette Eder, Chaun O. Mortier and her spouse.
6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting were approved.
7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
 - a. Carlin Camp 25 members led by Commander Riggs attended the funeral services for Donald W. Guidici, a Founder of Camp 25, and provided the services that the American Legion would have performed.
 - b. The Commander discussed Camp 25's participation in the SUVCW Department of California & Pacific's 128th Annual Encampment held March 7 – 8, 2014 in Sacramento, CA.: (1) Carlin Camp 25 was honored by the Department of California & Pacific for their active leadership and activities participated/visited, which award was accepted by Commander Riggs as depicted in the picture below. The award brought great credit to everyone in Camp 25's membership, (2) Brian Worcester received the Abraham Lincoln Award as depicted in the picture below, (3) David Davis for his outstanding historical support as depicted in the picture below.
 - c. In addition, the Commander expressed his great pleasure of the leadership demonstrated on a continuous basis by Wayne L. Eder, who is also the Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, continues to be active in Civil War events throughout Nevada and California. Also, such leadership led to the Commanding Officer's Unit Citation accepted by Brother Eder and Meritorious Service Medal, Silver Star presented to Brother Eder.
 - d. Commander Riggs reported that five members of Camp Carlin 25

participated in the Northern Nevada Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, George Washington's Birthday Luncheon, held on February 22, 2014 at the Tamarack Junction Casino and Restaurant: John Riggs, Edward Carson, Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott, and David Hess.

8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance of April 6th was \$609.54.
9. Sr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother David provided his history and Memorials Report as stated below.
10. Jr. Vice Commander's Report: Brother Frank Wood reported: no changes.
11. Captain Wayne Eder, Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, reported on: Hawthorne Historical Society Re-enactment activity, Alcatraz Event April 5, 2014, and October 2014 Fort Churchill planning.
12. New Business:
 - a. The Commander presented the Battle Born, Nevada Proud, 150th Pin to Brothers Frank, Wayne, and Roger as depicted in the picture below.
 - b. Memorial Day Activities at G.A.R. Cemetery by UNR and at Lone Mountain, Carson City.
 - c. July 4th 2014 Ringing of the Liberty Bell at the Nevada State Museum.
 - d. D. Wayne Eder motioned that our Carlin Camp 25 donate to the DUVCW, Tent 96, the flags stand holder, which was being stored by David Davis at his home. It was located and will be donated as proposed. Brother Brian now has it and will schedule a donation event with Tent 96 for transfer of the flags stand holder (see photo below).
 - e. Truckee Historian and Guest Chaun O. Mortier addressed the Camp by donating a multitude of Civil War History Books to our Carlin Camp 25, and we are very appreciative of her donation and thanked her accordingly.
13. Tyrone Davis provided a Patriotic Report as set forth below for the record.
14. Adjournment: At 1130 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Wayne Eder. The next Camp Meeting was TBD June at the VFW, Post 9211.

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Council Member No. 2, Edward G. Carson

Following the Adjournment, the membership proceeded to support the open house activities with historical displays as represented below.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

April 6, 2014

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

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

February 16, 2014

On February 16, the Johana Shine Tent No. 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was installed at Buckland Station near Fort Churchill. Fifteen of the 23 charter members were present, and members of Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A, Third U.S. Artillery, Sons of Veterans Reserve lent assistance with an Honor Guard and Commander John Riggs speaking. Johana Shine was an Irish-born battlefield nurse with General Sherman's army in Georgia. After the war, she migrated to Virginia City, Nevada, but eventually marrying and settling on a ranch near Belmont, where she died in 1900. She is buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Austin with a large angel for a tombstone. An earlier Johana Shine Tent No. 82 existed in Reno from 1960 until 1990 and renovated the G.A.R. plot in Reno at that time.

2014 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 7-8, 2014

The Department of California and Pacific held its 128th Department Encampment on March 7-8, 2014, at the Hilton at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham in Sacramento. Commander-In-Chief Ken Freshley attended. The turnout was very good, and seven Carlin Camp 25 brothers attended: Commander John A. Riggs; SVC David A. Davis, PCC; Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester; Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman; Chaplain Wayne Eder; Council Member Edward Carson; and Color Guard Ken Auld. SVC/Historian David A. Davis PCC remains as Department Historian and will also be serving on the Dept. Civil War Memorials Committees. Commander John A. Riggs will be serving on both the History and Civil War Memorials Committees.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CEMETERIES

March 27, 2014

Commander John Riggs, SVC/Historian David A. Davis PCC with wife Jenny, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman, Chaplain Wayne Eder, and Bugler Ray Ahrenholz attended the grave side services for Charter Camp Brother Don Guidici at the Vinton Cemetery in Sierra Valley, California on March 27. Don, age 86, passed away quietly at home on the family ranch on March 20. Don was in the Navy at the end of World War II. With help from another veteran, Brian, Wayne, and Ray, who were in full uniform, conducted the flag ceremony, and Ray blew "Taps". Over 100 people attended the service, and a nice reception with a dinner was held afterwards at the Vinton Grange Hall. Don's daughter Donna said she will be sorting through her father's possessions and will donate decades of Civil War magazines to the Camp.

HISTORIC GRAVESTONES FOUND DISCARDED IN FRISCO, NORTH CAROLINA, DUMPSTER

March 29, 2014

Commander John A. Riggs passed around the article, Historic gravestones found discarded in Frisco dumpster, by Becca Mitchell for News Channel 3 serving parts of coastal Virginia and North Carolina. The link is: <http://wtkr.com/2014/03/26/historic-gravestones-found-discarded-in-frisco-dumpster/>. The gravestones, which dated from the late 1800s and early 1900s, were broken into many pieces, but the inscriptions were still legible on some. One headstone was a family stone for Robert B. Basnett (1834-1896) who as Robert B. Basnight who served as a private in Co. I, 1st North Carolina Infantry (Union). Commander Riggs, Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman, and Dept. Junior Vice Commander Dean Enderlin have been keeping tabs on the story. Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshly has advised it is of concern to the SUVCW because it involved the desecration of a Union veteran's grave, but not to interfere with the ongoing criminal investigation involving it.

The reason for including this in the Camp History Report is to bring some attention to the problems involving the vandalism and desecration of abandoned cemeteries. Nevada, for instance, has a number of remote abandoned cemeteries, most of which were part of boom-bust mining camps. Commander Riggs found a, 1890s newspaper article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* suggesting people who need paving stones or other garden decorations can take tombstones from abandoned Nevada cemeteries for those purposes. Also, as noted recently, an abandoned Pioneer Cemetery may be paved over for a shopping mall expansion in Placerville.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT - LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

By Tyrone W. Davis, April 6, 2014

Lincoln's Birthday is a legal holiday in some U.S. states, including Arizona, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, and New York. It is observed on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809.

In other states, a celebration of Lincoln's birthday is combined with a celebration of Washington's Birthday or as part of Presidents' Day, which is the Federal Holiday celebrated the third Monday of February, and not on Washington's or Lincoln's actual birthday. Lincoln's Birthday itself was never a U.S. Federal Government holiday. However, regardless of the official name and purpose, celebrations and commemorations on or about the third Monday in February often include honoring Lincoln.

The earliest known observance of Lincoln's birthday occurred in Buffalo, New York, in 1874. Julius Francis (died 1881), a Buffalo druggist, made it his life's mission to honor the slain president. He repeatedly petitioned Congress to establish Lincoln's birthday as a legal holiday.

The day is marked by traditional wreath-laying ceremonies at Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville, Kentucky, and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The latter has been the site of a ceremony ever since the Memorial was dedicated. Since that event in 1922, observances continue to be organized by the Lincoln Birthday National Commemorative Committee and by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). A wreath is laid on behalf of the President of the United States, a custom also carried out at the grave sites of all deceased U.S. presidents on their birthdays. Lincoln's tomb is in Springfield, Illinois.

On February 12, 2009, the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial commemorated Lincoln's 200th birthday in grand fashion. An extended ceremony, organized by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) and with help from MOLLUS, featured musical performances from four-time Grammy-nominated singer Michael Feinstein and the U.S. Marine Corps. Band. The morning celebration also featured remarks by Sen. Dick Durbin; Lincoln scholar and ALBC Co-Chair Harold Holzer; recently retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice – and ALBC Commissioner – Frank J. Williams; and author Nikki Giovanni reciting her newest work, which was written especially for the Bicentennial.

As part of Lincoln's birthday bicentennial, the U.S. Mint released four new pennies. The commemorative coins have new designs on the reverse showing stages of his life. The first went into circulation on September 12, 2009. The standard portrait of Lincoln's head remains on the front. The new designs include a log cabin representing his birthplace, Lincoln as a young man reading while sitting on a log that he was taking a break from splitting, Lincoln as a state legislator in front of the Illinois Capitol, and the partially built dome of the U.S. Capitol.

*Modified from Wikipedia: Lincoln's Birthday,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln%27s_Birthday*