

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of California and the Pacific
General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25**

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Meeting Notes of June 22, 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, Ray Ahrenholz, Wayne L. Eder, Roger Brotherton, and Brian Worcester.



5. Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Suzette Eder and Chaun O. Mortier.
6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting were approved.
7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
 - A. Commander awarded Carlin Camp 25 "Certificates of Commendation" to the above roll call attendees (see pictures below).



B. The Commander awarded membership certificates into the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, who are “Aides-de-Camp” to the Governor of Kentucky, for the above roll call attendees (see pictures below):



C. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will participating in the Northern Nevada Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, July 4th Ceremonies, which included Revolutionary War music performed by the Fifes and Drums of Nevada and the ringing of the Liberty Bell promptly at 1100 hours, to be held at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The following members attended this event: John Riggs, Edward Carson, Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott, David Davis, Ray Ahrenholz, and David Hess (see picture below).



D. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will be participating in the Nevada & Truckee Donner Historical Society's "History Day," held in Truckee, CA on July 19th. Below are the members who attended: John Riggs, Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott, Wayne Eder, and David Hess. Chaun O. Mortier is seated.



E. Commander Riggs reported that Camp Carlin 25 will be participating in the Bowers Mansion 19th Century Living History Day on July 26th. Members who attended this event were: John Riggs, Brian Worcester, David Davis, and Ray Ahrenholz who led members from our 3rd US Artillery SVR with a display that included several field tents for visitors to review artifacts from the Civil War. Camp 25 is interacting with Heidi Englund to obtain a Certificate for Camp 25's participation for this event. A historic picture of Bowers Mansion in the 1860's is provided below for your perusal as well as some of the Camp 25 participants during the July 26th event:



8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance of June 22nd was \$604.24.

9. Sr. Vice Commanders Report: Brother David Davis provided his history and Memorials Report as stated below.

10. Jr. Vice Commander's Report: Brother Frank Wood reported: no changes. Also, Frank confirmed that he would work the availability for the August 10th meeting.

11. Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, provided the Patriotic Instructor Report as stated below. All members congratulated Tyrone's graduation from Bishop Manogue High School.

12. Captain Wayne Eder, Captain-Battery Commander, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery SVR, 6th Military District, reported on: October 2014 Fort Churchill planning, and the honoring of our Civil War Dead buried at Aurora, Nevada, August 9th at 1300 hours. This event at Aurora is for the unveiling of the new GAR monument, and it is a Nevada 150 Legacy Event. Brother Wayne stated that those who can attend this event can meet him in Gardnerville and then car pool up to Aurora. A summary taken from the website <http://www.carsonnow.org/story/07/30/2014/sesquicentennial-fair-carson-city-highlight-nevada-150-events-throughout-august> states: "...The Aurora Military Veterans Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony will take place at the Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, NV (Mineral) at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 9. In commemoration of Nevada's sesquicentennial, the Mineral County Board of Commissioners and the Mineral County Museum will commission the erection of a memorial monument. The memorial honors the graves of veterans who never received proper burial for their service to the nation. The service will be assisted by the Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...." A previous picture of our Camp 25's participation at these type of events is provided below:



13. New Business: See Commander's Report and related awards above.

14. Old Business: It was noted that Camp 25's Website includes a schedule of events (including directions and maps) officers' comments, newsletter, and related updates, which is part of the Department of California & Pacific and the SUVCW National website. In addition, please be advised that we also have a Facebook Camp 25 page with numerous pictures and commentary.

15. Adjournment: At 1430 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Wayne Eder. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for August 10th at the VFW, Post 9211.

Council Member No. 2, Edward G. Carson

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 22, 2014

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

RAWHIDE AND SAND SPRINGS

April 28, 2014

Commander John Riggs and I visited the cemetery at Rawhide, Nevada. Rawhide was an early 20th century mining camp with its main boom between 1906 and 1910, and a peak population of 7,000. What was once the town is now mostly under the dumps of the adjacent Denton-Rawhide open pit mine. We had some difficulties locating the cemetery, but we found it to be a barbed wire fenced, washed out acre containing less than a half dozen marked graves. None were marked as Civil War veterans.

After leaving Rawhide, we worked our way up to Route 50 and visited the walls remaining of the Sand Springs Pony Express Station. It was built in 1860, and served as a station for the Pony Express, overland travelers, the telegraph, and Wells Fargo. It was in periodic use through the 1890s. Since it was used as a Pont Express station, news of the firing on Fort Sumter would have been carried through it.

According to the Bureau of Land Management's website description, British scholar and explorer, Sir Richard Burton visited the station on October 17, 1860, and described it in his diary this way: "The water near this vile hole was thick and stale with sulphury salts; it blistered even the hands. The station house was no unfit object in such a scene, roofless and chairless, filthy and squalid, with a smoky fire in one corner, and a table in the center of an

impure floor, the walls open to every wind and the interior full of dust." Also, although every Pony Express employee had to swear "...that I will drink no intoxicating liquors...", the most common items found during archaeological excavations of the station were fragments of liquor bottles.

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

May 26, 2014

Memorial Day weekend was May 24 through 26, and I participated with other Carlin Camp 25 members in four activities. Commander John Riggs, Patriotic Instructor Tyrone Davis, and I were in the Memorial Day parade in Virginia City on May 24th. The parade was fun even if a bit disorganized. On May 26, the observed Memorial Day, several of us participated in the morning service at the Mitchel Post 69 GAR plot at Hillside Cemetery in Reno, the early afternoon service in the veterans section at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, and our wreath laying at the Custer Post 5 plot at Lone Mountain. I recited General Order 11 in the veterans section service. The Memorial Day activities will be written up in more detail in the July newsletter.

UNIONVILLE CEM

June 8, 2014

Shannon S. Mahoney, an associate archaeologist working for ASM Affiliates of Reno, recently sent me the following e-mail concerning Civil War veterans buried in the Unionville, Nevada, cemetery.

"Earlier this year, a colleague of mine met you when he went to go pick up some aerial photographs of the Unionville area for a cemetery project we were working on. It's my understanding that you were interested in knowing whether or not there are any Civil War veterans buried at Unionville. He asked me to email you when I had some information. In short, none of the standing headstones at Unionville are for Civil War veterans. This is all that I could confirm through research of census records and newspaper clippings.

The 1890 Special Schedule of the U.S. Census indicated that two veterans could be contacted through the Unionville Post Office. James C. Staunton's name is listed and crossed out with the abbreviation "conf" written next to his name, possibly identifying him as a Confederate veteran since the Schedule was only intended for Union veterans. No further information could be found on James Staunton. The other veteran is listed as John Campbell, who had served in the Union Army as a private for the 69th Illinois U.S. Infantry. The notice of his death in the *Humboldt Register* (1903) announced that he was buried in the Unionville Cemetery."

Commander John Riggs passed the e-mail on to our graves registration officer Don Huffman, and he recently replied:

"I spent several hours today looking for the two individuals that were listed on the 1890 Veterans Role for Unionville, Humboldt County Nevada. James C Staunton is a non starter. There is very little information on someone

with that name. He was probably from Virginia but that is as far as I got. The second person John Campbell as near as I can tell came to Nevada between 1870 and 1877 when He married Laura H born August of 1860 in California. They had 5 children, the last being born in February 1900. There was only one son born to them, Elmer John Campbell b 25 Feb 1893. Elmer was working for the railroad by 1910 as a station agent. He moved to Bermester, Toolele, Utah and was a Conductor there, before returning to Union, Nevada where he was a Freight gent, living at 904 Bridge Street. His mother Laura died 30 June 1941, and is buried in Winnemucca Cemetery, Humboldt, Nevada. as are Elmer John who died in 29 October 1970, his wife Marguerite Arbon who died in 21 June 1965, and a daughter Marjean who died 30 November 1946. Given the fact that John P Campbell born in Dundee, Illinois, September 1846 was listed as being a Civil War Veteran in Unionville 1890, His unit and company have been Identified as being correct, and his wife and son and sons family remained all their life in the immediate area, as well as the newspaper stating he died in 1903 and that he was buried in the cemetery at Unionville, He is most likely there. I found no application for Headstone or that any headstone was ever sent from the Government to mark his grave. The only thing I found Odd about this was that there were two John Campbells in Company B, 69th Illinois Infantry and they were both Privates. The one listed here was from Dundee, Illinois and the other was from I believe Quincy, Illinois. The other John Campbell died in 2 May 1932 in Centralia, Washington and had a different Application for his Pension. The John Campbell listed here may be the same as John Campbell filing for pension 8 July 1891 Application Number 1017.440, Certification Number 721.498. Company B, 69th Illinois Infantry was organized at Camp Douglass, Chicago, Ill., and mustered in June 14, 1862, for three months. Assigned to guard duty at Camp Douglass till September. Mustered out September 27, 1862."

TRUCKEE

June 14, 2014

Commander John Riggs and I reconnoitered Truckee to find the park where Carlin Camp 25 has been invited to participate in activities on July 19. This began with a visit with Chaun Mortier at the Jail Museum, and after some rambling about and revisiting with Chaun, we found the park, which was having a beer fest that day. During our ramblings, we also visited the main cemetery and the old Catholic cemetery. We had not been to the latter, but it did not contain any marked Civil War veterans' graves.

DOUGLAS/LINCOLN ALLEYS

June 15, 2014

Commander John Riggs and I investigated Lincoln and Douglas Alleys in Reno. These were named for the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and once crossed several blocks between Sierra and Lake streets (Douglas, east-west) and First and Third Streets (Lincoln, north-south). The alleys once met, but that block is now occupied by Harrah's. Portions of these alleys as well as the adjacent

Fulton's Alley are now marked with arches, though they are little more than back alleys behind casinos and other businesses. Lincoln Alley is open through the Cal-Nevada building. Interesting, the adjacent Lover's Lane alley that was once the Red Light district of Reno's Chinatown is not marked. These will be written up with more detail in a future newsletter.



United States Flag Day



By: Tyrone Davis
6/21/14

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date;

Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is at Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.

Quincy, Massachusetts has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it "is the longest-running parade of its kind in the nation." The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators.



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