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 February 22, 2015

1. Call to Order was given 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 JVC Edward Carson.

3. Opening Prayer was given by JVC Edward Carson.

4. Roll Call: John Riggs, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Frank Wood, Edward Carson, Roger Linscott, Ray Ahrenholz, Robert Burr, and Brian Worcester.

5. Guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) were Chaun O. Mortier, Dennis Cook, and Greg Zirbel.

- 6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting dated December 7, 2014 were approved.
- 7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
  - A. Commander Riggs addressed the upcoming scheduled 129<sup>th</sup> Department of California and Pacific's Encampment scheduled March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Sacramento, California. See pictures of the event below.

Attendance by Camp 25 members included Commander John Riggs, JVC Edward Carson, and GRO Don Huffman. Brothers Davidson, Carson, and Huffman received the following awards below. Also, our Camp 25 Received the Department's Award for recruiting the most New Members for 2015.







Camp 25 Attendees to the 129<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment



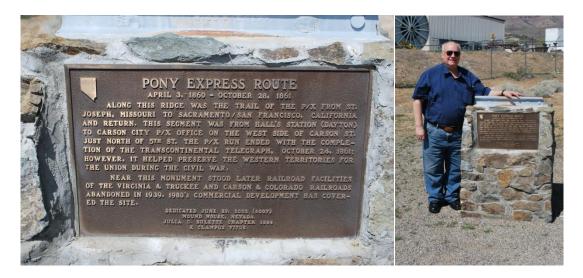




B. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the weapons certification to be held at Dayton on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Camp 25 brothers Riggs, Carson, Worcester, and Burr attended. See pictures below. Michael Allgeier, President, Northern Nevada & Northern California Confederate Brigade Commander, was the Officer-In-Charge of the event.



On the way to Dayton via Highway 50 outside of Carson City, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Command Riggs and JVC Carson discovered a marker in honor of the Civil War as shown below:



- C. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Dayton Civil War Soldier Memorial Ceremony honoring PVT Scott Carnal, Company K, 79<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry, U.S. Civil War on June 7, 2015 at the Dayton Cemetery starting at 2 P.M.
- D. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in the Nevada Historical Society's Sesquicentennial of the Civil War scheduled for April 4, 2015 from 1100 – 1600 hours. Our Camp 25 was the main organizer participating in the event that included our SVR – US 3<sup>rd</sup> Artillery, 81<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, Ruth Lum McCunn the author of CHINESE YANKEE, Nevada Cadet Band, Jan Loverin, of the NHS provided a lecture on Victorian Fashion and Dress Reform, and Commander John Riggs along with SVC Davis provided a history of the Civil war Forts of Nevada. See pictures below.







E. Commander Riggs stated that he was going to locate the Civil War Marker located behind the California State Capital Building. On March 8, 2015, Commander Riggs and JVC Carson came upon the Civil War Marker that stated the service of California and Nevada during the Civil War. See pictures below.



F. Commander Riggs again reported on the following action items that Brother Edward Carson and he are working together for resolution in 2015: (1) Riggs and Carson to follow up with Kat Miller regarding the state of Nevada to place a plague at Fernley Veterans Cemetery for Medal of Honor recipient Private James C. Reid AKA Reed; (2) the burial of the remains of an unknown Union soldier in the GAR cemetery at Reno; and (3) Riggs and Carson to follow up with the Commander of Hawthorne Army Depot regarding the issuance of the "Patriotic Civilian Service Award" for Camp 25.

As for (3) above, JVC Carson has made contact with Army Personnel at Hawthorne Army Depot in April 2015, and the depot commander, LTC Gibbons, plans to award the "Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service" to Camp 25 during the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day this May 2015. JVC Carson was asked by LTC Gibbons' staff to provide the wording of the Certificate, and JVC Carson submitted the following:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PATRIOTIC CIVILIAN SERVICE IN SUPPORT TO THE MINERAL COUNTY MUSEUM'S DEDICATION CEMEMONY ON AUGUST 9, 2014 AT THE AURORA CEMETERY HELPING TO COMMEMORATE THE AURORA VETERANS MONUMENT AND NEVADA'S SESQUICENTENIAL. SERVICE INCLUDED THE DIFFICULT TRIP INTO AURORA AND FULLY DRESSED UNIFORMS OF THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD INCLUDING THE FIRING OF A CIVIL WAR PERIOD MORTER. CAMP 25 DEMONSTRATED COMPASSION AND DEDICATION IN PRESERVING THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF UNION HEROES WHO LIE BURIED AT AURORA AND WHO FOUGHT AND WORKED TO SAVE THE UNION. ALSO, CAMP 25'S PATRIOTIC CIVILIAN SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF THE HAWTHORNE ARMED FORCES DAY 2014 HELD AT HENRY LEFTY MAYER FIELD WHERE HISTORY AND UNION SACRIFICES WERE DEMONSTRATED BY THE DISPLAY OF CIVIL WAR WEAPONTRY AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THREE MOCK BATTLES BEING HELD FOR STUDENTS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. G. Commander Riggs reported that Camp 25's BYLAWS were submitted to the Department prior to the Encampment as displayed below.

| BYLAWS  |
|---|
| General William Passmore Carlin- Camp-23  |
| [Camp Name]   |
| Department of California and Pacific<br>Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War   |
| Preamble  |
| We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army or Navy of the Unneed<br>States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal<br>Order, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to<br>commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of<br>unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag. |
| Articles  |
| 1. The name of this Camp shall be: General William Passmore Carlin  |
| <ol> <li>The Purposes, Objects, and Membership Requirements shall be consistent with<br/>Constitution and Regulations of the National Organization and the Bylaws of the<br/>Department of California and Pacific.</li> </ol>   |
| <ol> <li>The Election and Installation of Officers shall be consistent with Constitution and<br/>Regulations of the National Organization and the Bylaws of the Department of<br/>California and Pacific.</li> </ol>  |
| <ol> <li>Membership Dues shall be \$36.00 per annum, with a one-time Application<br/>Fee of \$5.00 .</li> </ol>   |
| <ol><li>Camp Orders shall be issued by the Camp Commander and distributed as<br/>appropriate.</li></ol>   |
| <ol> <li>All other issues not contained in these Bylaws shall be consistent with<br/>Constitution and Regulations of the National Organization and the Bylaws of the<br/>Department of California and Pacific.</li> </ol>   |
| Camp Commander: John A. Riggs John A. Riggs   |
| Camp Secretary:   |
| Date: 16, FEB, 2015   |

8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of February 22<sup>nd</sup> was \$1,188.24. Commander John A. Riggs and JVC Edward G. Carson has been added as authorized signatures to Camp 25's checking account with US Bank in addition to Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester.

9. Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother David Davis provided his History and Memorials Report and later provided the Department's History Report (see below).

10. GRO report was made in abstention by Brother Don Huffman.

11. Junior Vice-Commander's Report: Brother Edward Carson went into further details regarding paragraph 7.F. above. He also brought up that our camp should purchase in the future a SUVCW Camp 25 Banner that includes the citation that the Camp is a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award 2014, which Banner to be used in future meetings and parades. In addition, Brother Carson proposed that Camp 25 continue to explore alternative ways to raise funds for the Camp to allow it the address future financial needs such as banners, flags, Color Corps Uniforms and Rifles. It was agreed to have Brother Carson continue to report on the motions for the next meeting.

- 12. Brother Tyrone Winthrop Davis, Eagle Scout, had no report at this time.
- 13. Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 was absent.
- 14. New Business:
  - A. Commander Riggs was awarded by the Northern Nevada Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) its Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Brother Roger Linscott presented the award to Commander Riggs. Brother Linscott was representing the Nevada Society Sons of the American Revolution, Past State President. Brother Roger Linscott, Retired Reno Police Officer, was also awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal during the SAR's Washington Birthday Luncheon held in February 2015.



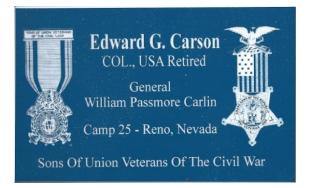
B. Commander Riggs gave the SUVCW Oath of Membership to Camp 25's new member Robert Burr. His ancestor was 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather Steuben Louis Cantwell, born 1833 - died 1911, who served in Company H, Indiana Infantry as a Substitute.





#### 15. Old Business:

- A. Again, it was noted that Camp 25's Website includes a schedule of events (including directions and maps) officers' comments, newsletter, and related up-dates, 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.
- B. Camp 25 Name Badges have been provided to most of the members who have attended the meetings to date. However, new ones can be ordered through Commander Riggs in the future at a price of \$20.00 per individual. See below example. All members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.



16. Adjournment: At 1500 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by JVC Edward Carson. The next Camp Meeting was scheduled for April 26, 2015 at the VFW, Post 9211; but it has been subsequently **rescheduled for April 19, 2015** due to a schedule conflict. Twenty of twenty one members have paid their dues to date. Membership cards were issued in February 2015. Our current Camp 25 Roster is provided below for your records as well as Camp Officers.

February 22, 2015 meeting minutes have been provided by JVC Edward G. Carson.

In Fraternity, Charity and loyalty,

Edward G. Carson, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired Junior Vice-Commander - 2015 General William Passmore Carlin, Camp 25 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORY

February 22, 2015 David A. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

#### **NEVADA FORTS PRESENTATION**

As part of the upcoming April 4th Civil War event at the Nevada Historical Society (NHS), Commander John A. Riggs and Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, will give a Power Point presentation on Nevada forts mostly of the Civil War era. The NHS staff, especially curator Sherilyn Haynes-Zorn, has been helping with the presentation and reproducing photographs and other materials. David recently acquired the following books which cover old forts including those in Nevada:

Old Forts of the Far West, Herbert M. Hart, 1965, Bonanza Books, NY, 192 p.

- <u>Old Forts of the Northwest</u>, Herbert M. Hart, 1963, Superior Publishing Co. Seattle, WA, 192 p.
- <u>Old Forts of the Northwest</u>, Herbert M. Hart, 1963, Superior Publishing Co. Seattle, WA, 192 p.
- Pioneer Forts of the West, Herbert M. Hart, 1967, Superior Publishing Co. Seattle, WA, 192 p.
- Tour Guide to Old Forts of New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Colorado, Herbert M. Hart, 1981, Pruett Publishing Co., Boulder, CO and The Old Army Press, Fort Collins, CO, 50 p.
- <u>Tour Guide to Old Western Forts</u>, Herbert M. Hart, 1980, Pruett Publishing Co., Boulder, CO and The Old Army Press, Fort Collins, CO, 212 p.

Herbert M. Hart is a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He attained the rank of colonel in Marine Corps and circumnavigated the earth at least five times with the U.S. fleet during his career. He served in Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. He is an expert photographer and former assistant editor of the Marines' magazine The Leatherneck. From the 1950s onward, he travelled in excess of 60,000 miles with his wife and children in tow visiting about 600 sites across the West as well as spending countless hours researching the forts at the National Archives. He helped found the Council on America's Militarv Past (http://www.campjamp.org) and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his research and books.

Other books recently acquired in part for this project include:

Historic Monuments of Nevada, Dave Bassdo (editor), 1979, Falcon Hill Press, Sparks, NV, 81 p.

Tour Guide to the Old West, Alice Cromie, 1977, Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., New York, NY, 464 p.

#### CALIFORNIA AND THE CIVIL WAR

January 27 - June 1, 2015

The Placer County Museum in the Old Courthouse in Auburn is displaying graphic panels from their exhibit entitled <u>California and the Civil War</u>. Part One of the exhibit runs to March 31 and describes California from European contact to the outbreak of the Civil War in April, 1861. Part Two portrays California's experience during the Civil War. For more details, see: http://www.visitplacer.com/placer-county-calendar-of-events.aspx?eventID=6729.

## DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Activities for March 2014 to March 2015 By David A. Davis, Historian

#### COMMITTEE

This past year the History Committee included brothers Charles Beal, Richard Burns, Thomas Chumley, Dean Enderlin, John Riggs, Glen Roosevelt, and Jeff Vaillant.

My time was too limited this past year to accomplish much. However committee member John A. Riggs and I made weekend day trips to Civil War and G.A.R. related historic sites, cemeteries, and monuments in Nevada and eastern California. John has also continued his research on the G.A.R. George W. Delong Post 45 of Honolulu, the Civil War veterans' graves on Oahu, Hawaiians who served in the Civil War, and Civil War related monuments. Hawaii was obviously an independent kingdom which claimed neutrality at the time, but still, Hawaiian subjects for various reasons served in the conflict including being coerced to serve on the Confederate ship, *CSS Shenandoah*. Also, committee member and Past Dept. Commander Glen Roosevelt has been involved with Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles and will be reporting on that.

#### G.A.R. AND S.U.V.C.W. LISTS

I have continued updating lists of S.O.V. and S.U.V.C.W. Camps and G.A.R. Posts in the Department and keeping folders for each individual post and camp for the paper information I am collecting. The lists are in Excel spreadsheets, and I will e-mail them to anyone interested. My main information sources have been:

Material sent to me from other brothers or compiled on various camp websites

Articles from microfilms of Nevada newspapers at the Nevada Historical Society and University of Nevada, Reno

Articles from the free on-line California Digital Newspaper Collection

Miscellaneous other websites, books, and other sources

#### **OTHER LISTS**

I have continued to update smaller lists on the allied and other miscellaneous contemporaneous organizations in the Department. These include the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Union Veterans Legion, and Confederate and other miscellaneous Civil War and Mexican War veterans groups and their auxiliaries. These lists are still quite incomplete, but I will e-mail the spreadsheets to anyone interested. I include Mexican War groups as many Civil War veterans had also been in the Mexican War, and Mexican War veterans' groups commonly worked with the G.A.R. and related groups during Memorial Day and other observances and with cemetery plots.

I have continued with a spreadsheet that covers locations of Civil War, G.A.R., S.U.V.C.W., and related sites. Such sites are to include but are not limited to museums, headquarters, cemetery plots (but not individual graves), monuments, archives, and battle sites. I am entering locations as topographic maps, addresses, and legal descriptions. I also include the latitudes and longitudes, so far taken from Google Earth, for those adept with GIS to include in their programs.

### **CAMP NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITE INFORMATION**

I have continued collecting camp newsletters and putting them into folders with other information printed from the websites of Camps in the Department. These sources provide a record of each Camp's activities, which should be preserved. While most Camps have their newsletters put on line for posterity, I also keep paper printouts as an archive. I also keep files of the Department and S.V.R. newsletters.

## **EBAY RECORDS**

In February 2014, Commander Jon Henry of Wright Camp 22 reported three 1886 record books of the California Division of the Sons of Veterans advertised for sale on E-bay. The books apparently were on consignment through Yard Sale Thrift Shop and Collectibles in Whittier. However, the books were pulled from E-bay. The seller found them among his late grandfather's possessions. Committee member Glen Roosevelt traced the seller to Yard Sale Thrift Shop in Whittier, CA, which is owned by an eBay broker. Glen asked the store owner to contact the actual seller to see if we could acquire the books. Unfortunately, the seller declined to contact us through the store owner, and the store owner reported that the seller was going to try to process the books for sale through a rare book seller somewhere. The Yard Sale Thrift Shop website is no longer in service, and the trail has gone cold.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

Several years ago, I compiled spreadsheets of the 1100+ Nevada volunteers and 17,000+ California volunteers and have been slowly compiling vital statistics on each person including their burial site. I also have continued to read about the Civil War in the West to be able to talk more intelligently to people on that subject. Since most of the fighting involved the Indians, I have also continued keeping a running list of Indians, mostly leaders, as their names come up in my reading.

Submitted March 7, 2015, by:

David A. Davis, PCC General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Historian Department of California and Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# Camp 25, 2015 Officers (Elected/Appointed) and Committees



| Officers                           | Туре      | 2015                      |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Commander                          | Elected   | John A. Riggs, CC         |
| Senior Vice Commander              | Elected   | David A. Davis, PCC       |
| Junior Vice Commander              | Elected   | Edward G. Carson,         |
|                                    |           | COL(R)                    |
| Secretary-Treasurer                | Elected   | Brian I. Worcester        |
| Councilman #1                      | Elected   | Francis H. Wood, PCC      |
| Councilman #2                      | Elected   | Roger E. Linscott         |
| Councilman #3                      | Elected   | Ray Ahrenholz             |
| Patriotic Instructor               | Appointed | Tyrone W. Davis           |
| Chaplain                           | Appointed | Wayne L. Eder             |
| Historian                          | Appointed | David A. Davis, PCC       |
| Counselor                          | Appointed | Roger E. Linscott         |
| Guide                              | Appointed | Paul F. Washeleski, PCC   |
| Color Bearer                       | Appointed | Kenneth B. Auld           |
| Guard                              | Appointed | Francis H. Wood, PCC      |
| Graves Registration Officer        | Appointed | Donald J. Huffman         |
| Civil War Memorials                | Appointed | David A. Davis, PCC       |
| Eagle Scout Certificate            | Appointed | David F. Hess             |
| Coordinator                        |           |                           |
| Newsletter Editor                  | Appointed | David A. Davis, PCC       |
| GAR Highway Officer                | Appointed | John A. Riggs, CC         |
| Signals Officer                    | Appointed | David A. Davis, PCC       |
| History Committee                  |           | John A. Riggs, David A.   |
|                                    |           | Davis, Donald J. Huffman, |
|                                    |           | Wayne L. Eder             |
| Civil War 150 <sup>th</sup> Events |           | John A. Riggs, Brian I.   |
| Committee                          |           | Worcester, Wayne L. Eder  |

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



## Camp 25 Roster - 2015

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