

**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 Drive, Reno, NV. 89511-9025.**

**Meeting Notes of April 19, 2015  
And June 7, 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, David Hess, and Brian Worcester.
5. There were no guests to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) meeting of April 19, 2015.
6. Minutes of previous Camp Meeting dated February 22, 2015 were approved.
7. Commander's Report: Commander John reported on the following topics:
  - A. Commander Riggs addressed the upcoming Bowers Mansion event scheduled for May 16, 2015.

Attendance by Camp 25 members included Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson, Sec-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, Robert Burr, and David Cooper. Brothers Robert Burr and David Cooper participated with the 81<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. **Photos below taken by JVC Edward Carson.**







- B. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 will participate in several Memorial Day events such as:
1. GAR Cemetery Ceremonies on Memorial Day 2015, Reno, NV.  
Participants from Camp 25 included Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson, Sec-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, Past Commander Frank Woods, David Hess, and Tyrone Davis.  
**Photos below taken by JVC Edward Carson.**







Camp 25 Members with Congressman Mark Amodei



B. Carlin Camp 25 Memorial Day events (Continue):

2. Virginia City Memorial Day Parade. Participants from Camp 25 included Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson, Sec-Treasurer Brian Worcester, and Tyrone Davis.





3. Fort Churchill Memorial Day Weekend Activities scheduled May 24, 2015. Participants from Camp 25 included Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson and Ray Ahrenholz. Also attending were members Robert Burr and David Cooper, who participated with the 81<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. **Photos below taken by JVC Edward Carson.**







4. During Memorial Day 2015 activities in Carson City, Brother Ray Ahrenholz was the Bugler who played Taps. Brother Ray played Taps at Fernley Veteran Cemetery 31+ times since April 2015.

- 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. The event occurred as planned, and along with the ceremonies, Camp 25 held their June 2015 Meeting on said date of June 7, 2015. Participants as well as those present for the Camp 25 June meeting included: Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, JVC Edward Carson, Sec-Treasurer Brian Worcester, Ray Ahrenholz, Roger Linscott, David Hess, and Tyrone Davis. Also attending were members Robert Burr and David Cooper, who participated with the 81<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. **Photos below taken by JVC Edward Carson.**















June 8, 2015

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/16712671-113/dayton-honors-black-union-soldier-nearly-100-years>

A runaway slave who joined the Union Army during the Civil War and lost a leg after being wounded in battle finally received recognition Sunday, nearly 100 years after he died in Nevada.

Nevada historians say they decided to hold a military funeral for Pvt. Scott Carnal of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry because it's unlikely he received any recognition after his death in 1917 in Dayton.

Carnal was long forgotten until modern researchers discovered that he belonged to the United States Colored Troops and was severely wounded in the Battle of Honey Springs in what is now Oklahoma on July 17, 1863. He was roughly 73 when he died, and no obituary on him has surfaced.

Over 200 people, many of them wearing Civil War-era attire, paid tribute to Carnal and other unsung veterans at the Dayton Cemetery during the ceremony staged by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Historical Society of Dayton Valley and several other groups. Firing squads and a bugler stood to offer three-volley salutes and play taps. A riderless horse led by a man circled Carnal's grave.

John Riggs of the Sons of Union Veterans said Carnal was a hero for putting his life on the line to preserve the Union and abolish slavery. The Virginia-born Carnal joined the Union Army in Kansas in March 1863, shortly after running away from his slave master in Missouri. He was about 19 at the time.

“Can you imagine being a slave out on some plantation and seeing the Civil War going on and you say, ‘Well, I need to be part of that’ ? ” Riggs said. “For somebody that young to volunteer to go out in the field to fight and then get shot in combat, he had to be a hero. He did his duty as a volunteer for freedom.”

Christopher Price, director of the Honey Springs Battlefield, said Carnal's brigade played a major role in the battle, which was a turning point for the Union in the campaign west of the Mississippi River. The soldiers who fought it were mostly of African-American and American-Indian ancestry.



The United States Colored Troops made up over 10 percent of the Union Army, while only 1 percent of the North's population was black, according to the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. After President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation took effect on Jan. 1, 1863, the War Department publicly authorized the recruiting of blacks.

"Without the military help of the black freedmen, the war against the South could not have been won," Lincoln said.

After Carnal was hit in the thigh by a musket ball at the Battle of Honey Springs, his wound festered until doctors amputated his leg nine years later, according to his military records. His physical struggles continued, and he eventually was awarded a military pension by the government.

He married after the Civil War and had a daughter. He later headed west to mine gold and silver in Colorado and Nevada. A likely grandson, Anatole Cornell, died in New York City's Harlem neighborhood in 2007, and no descendants have turned up so far.

Linda Clements, president of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley, said she's baffled how Carnal ended up in Dayton. She will serve as his "surrogate mother" and tend his grave until any descendants or other family can be found, she said.

"For now Scott is my adoptive ancestor ... I am fascinated by his story and I hope somehow in the great equalizer of death he's found the comfort that was so often denied him in life," she wrote by email.

- D. Commander Riggs reported that Carlin Camp 25 has been selected by the Department of Army to be awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service. Hawthorn Army Depot Commander, LTC Gibbons, presented the award to Camp 25 on June 10, 2015. Camp 25 participants included Commander John Riggs, SVC David Davis, and JVC Edward G. Carson.







**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT  
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
FOR PATRIOTIC CIVILIAN SERVICE**

**IS AWARDED TO**

**GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

For exceptional Patriotic Civilian Service in support of the Mineral County museum's dedication ceremony on August 9, 2014 at the Aurora Cemetery to commemorate the Aurora Veterans' Monument and Nevada's Sesquicentennial. Your service, wearing full dress uniforms of the Civil War and firing a Civil War period mortar, was invaluable to the ceremony. Camp 25 demonstrated compassion and dedication in preserving the history and legacy of Aurora Union heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Camp 25 also patriotically supported Mineral County's Armed Forces Day 2014. History and Union sacrifices were demonstrated to students, the general public and military personnel by the display of civil war weaponry and reenactment of three mock battles.

10 June 2015

*Gregory K. Gibbons*  
GREGORY K. GIBBONS  
LTC, LG  
Commanding



**Sons of the Union Veterans Of The Civil War  
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25  
News Release  
June 7, 2015  
For Immediate Release**

**Patriotic Civilian Service Award  
Presented To Sons of Union Veterans**

The William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) based in Reno has received the U.S. Army Patriotic Civilian Service Award from Hawthorne Army Depot commander, Lt. Col. Gregory K. Gibbons.

The 20-member Carlin Camp 25 received the national recognition “For exceptional Patriotic Civilian Service in support of the Mineral County Museum’s dedication ceremony on August 9, 2014, at the Aurora Cemetery to commemorate the Aurora Veterans’ Monument and Nevada’s Sesquicentennial,” including members “wearing full dress uniforms of the Civil era and firing a civil War period mortar,” which was called “invaluable” to the ceremony. The Army citation also says, “Camp 25 demonstrated compassion and dedication in preserving the history and legacy of Aurora Union heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Camp 25 also patriotically supported Mineral County’s Armed Forces Day 2014,” held at Henry “Lefty” Mayer Field. “History and Union sacrifices were demonstrated to students, the general public and military personnel by the display of Civil War weaponry and reenactment of three mock battles.

The Reno area SUVCW camp is named after Major General William Passmore Carlin (November 23, 1829-October 4, 1903), for whom the town of Carlin, Nevada is named. Membership is open to male descendants of Union veterans, with associate memberships available for those who either do not have, or have not yet identified a Union ancestor. Membership applications and more information about the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are available on their website at [www.suvm.org](http://www.suvm.org) . The website for the local William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 is [www.suvm.org/camp25.html](http://www.suvm.org/camp25.html).

The national Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War organization oversees 28 departments, each consisting of one or more states, along with a department-at-large, national memberships and more than 200 community-based camps. The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War is the successor organization of the Grand Army of the Republic that was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, navy, marine Corps and Revenue Cutter service who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865. By 1890, the GAR membership numbered nearly 410,000 with about 8,000 posts throughout the country including 18 in Nevada. The final meeting of the GAR was held in Indiana in 1949, and the last member, Albert Woolson died in 1956 at the age of 109.

The last known Nevada GAR members was George Warren who died at age 93 in 1936 and is buried in Reno's Hillside Cemetery off Angel Street. The last known Civil War veteran in Nevada was Union veteran William O. Phillips who died at age 95 in Reno in 1941.

John A. Riggs, Camp Commander  
William Passmore Carlin Camp 25  
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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As reported in THE BANNER's inside page issued Summer 2015, Volume 119, Number 4.

#### KUDOS IN ORDER

**Col. Vincent B. Barker**, U.S. Army Reserve, and PCC of Old Abe Camp 8 (Wis.) was recently promoted to brigadier general and assigned as Commander (Troop Program Unit), 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Indianapolis, Ind.



Reno, Nevada's **Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25** has received the U.S. Army Patriotic Civilian Service Award. The Camp supported the Mineral County Museum dedication ceremony last August at the Aurora Cemetery, commemorating the Aurora Veterans' Monument and Nevada's Sesquicentennial. Brothers in full dress uniforms fired a Civil War period mortar. The Camp also supported Mineral County's Armed Forces Day 2014 with demonstrations, displays and reenactments. Shown: CC John Riggs, SVC David Davis and JVC Ed Carson (Col. Ret).







- E. 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 plaque 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. Action (3) above was accomplished with the issuance of the award on June 10, 2015 as presented in paragraph D. above.
- F. Commander Riggs reported that Camp 25 will issue a Camp Order in memory of 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. Camp Order No. 4 is set forth below as issued July 25, 2015.

**CAMP ORDER NO. 4**  
**Series 2015**  
**July 25, 2015**

**IN MEMORY OF GENERAL AND PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws and the Department Bylaws, I hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Several days ago marked the 130th anniversary (July 23, 1885) of the passing of Ulysses S. Grant from throat cancer.

Section 2. Promoted to Lt. General, Ulysses S. Grant was Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States for the last 13 months of the War of the Rebellion. Through dogged determination; effective leadership; an unwillingness to back off after reversals, stalemates, or criticism of tactics; and no desire to rest on his laurels after victories, General Grant crushed the rebel Army of Northern Virginia and forced the surrender of General Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865. This precipitated the end of the Rebellion, the fighting of which finally ceased a couple of months later.

Section 3. As President, Ulysses S. Grant oversaw the controversial Reconstruction of the South, but was instrumental, if not always effective, in protecting the political and personal rights of the newly freed slaves.

Section 4. While Nevada was likely not on his mind during the war, after his tenure as President, General Grant with Mrs. Julia Grant did grace Nevada with a visit in October 1879. This occurred at the end his 2-year, circum-global trip that was partially financed by an investment in the Consolidated Virginia Mine on the Comstock.

Section 5. All camp brothers shall demonstrate honor and respect to Mr. Grant, who as General brought about the successful end of the War of the Rebellion, and as President, defended the former slaves during Reconstruction.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 25th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by John A. Riggs, Camp Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ John A. Riggs  
Camp Commander  
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ Brian Worcester  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer

8. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Brother Brian stated our U.S. Bank Balance as of April 19, 2015 was \$874.24. Secretary/Treasurer Brian Worcester has subsequently reported that our U.S. Bank Balance as of July 31, 2015 was \$692.24.

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 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 to 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, report is provided below.

13. Wayne L. Eder, Chaplain of Camp 25 was absent. Brother Eder, Captain, Battery A, 3rd US Artillery, Chief of Staff, 6th Military District SVR, did provide Commander Riggs with electronic information regarding his activities during the period of May through June as follows:

5/30/15 SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremony, Las Vegas, NV. Captain Wayne Eder and Sergeant Vince Vitale participated representing Camp 25.

6/13/15 Spring Mountain Ranch Summer Timeline. Captain Wayne Eder and Sergeant Vince Vitale participated at Civil War Encampment representing Camp 25.

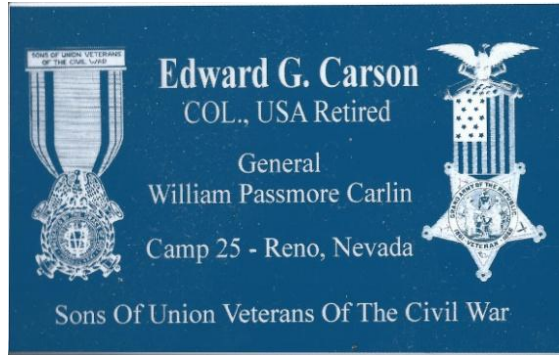
14. New Business:

A. Planning for the Carson City Nevada Day Parade and Reno Veterans Day Parade in the future.

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. Again, all members are encouraged to obtain Camp 25 Name Badges.



16. Good Of The Order:

A. Nothing Reported at this time

17. Adjournment: At 1500 Hours with a closing Prayer offered by JVC Edward Carson. The next Camp Meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2015 at the VFW.

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**

June 7, 2015

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

### **AN UNPAID BOARD BILL**

The Nevada Historical Society Papers of 1921-1922 carries a A History of Dayton, which is mostly the memoirs of Mrs. F. G. Hazlett. She related the story how the Union Hotel got stiffed for boarding soldiers. A Mrs. Mary McDowell, later Mrs. Stiles, came to Dayton in 1861 and built the first Union Hotel (not at the site of the present one), which she ran until 1866. The Union Hotel was a recruiting station and boarded soldiers for the U.S. Government between 1862-1864. Nevada raised its first volunteer troops in 1863. The final bill came to \$35. The voucher was reportedly with Lt. Colonel Charles McDermitt and was lost when he was killed by the Indians in 1865. The bill was still outstanding when Mrs. Stiles died in 1891. As a side note, Mrs. Stiles was with Commodore John D. Sloat, and took part in raising the U.S. flag over Monterey during the Mexican War in 1846.

### **STORY NEEDING MORE RESEARCH**

The book entitled The Victorian Past and Haunted Present of the Dake House by Sandie La Nae relates the following story. A mining camp manned by Confederate sympathizers was located near Markleeville, and soldiers were sent down from Fort Churchill to keep the peace. When they returned to Fort Churchill, one soldier was left behind. He started walking back to Fort Churchill but froze to death. The tale will need more research. However, about 6 miles southwest of Markleeville, Alpine County, California is Jeff Davis Peak. It is thought to have been named by copperheads living in the nearby, but now defunct mining camp of Summit City, which was active during the War of the Rebellion. According to California Division of Mines and Geology County Report 8, Mines and Mineral Resources of Alpine County, California, 1977, by William B. Clark, Summit City was 3 miles south of Carson Pass near the head of Summit City Creek and had a population of about 600 in 1864. Silver and gold were the predominant commodities but the mines gave out in the 1870s.

### **MISCELLANEOUS WANDERINGS**

Commander John Riggs and I have continued our Civil War era research. We visited the Dayton Valley Historical Society Museum several times, the Genoa Courthouse Museum last weekend, and the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center yesterday. We found the starting years for some of the cemeteries: Dayton, 1861; Gardnerville, 1899; Empire City, about 1860; Fredericksburg, 1891; Genoa, 1865; and Mottsville, 1854.

## **The Normandy Invasion**

By Tyrone W. Davis

June 6, 2015

On June 6th, 1944, approx. 156,000, U.S., Free French, British, and Canadian troops stormed the Normandy beaches to occupy France in their liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany. German troops had pillboxes, land mines, and tank traps to buffer the advance of the allied invasion. The most well known assault during D-day was on the Omaha beach which was spearheaded by the United States and was where they lost the greatest amount of casualties at during the battle, even though there were four other beachheads, Utah, Sword, Gold, and Juno including Point du Hoc and several paratroop operations going on in and around the area at the time. But in reality the battle began in the early hours of the morning when over 150 British and Canadian paratroopers in gliders captured Pegasus and Horsa bridges with minimal casualties.

In the end Allied Forces suffered approx. 10,000 casualties (with 4,414 were killed in combat), but were successful in the invasion and were able to knock out Adolf Hitler's regime almost a year later. The Germans lost between 4,000-5,000 troops, along with losing major defense weapons and the battle. The significance to this is that the United States spearheaded the invasion, and they pushed Hitler's forces back to Germany even though the Soviet Union captured Berlin in the end.



U.S. troops in a landing craft getting ready to land at Omaha beach at Normandy, June 6th, 1944.



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



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