



**GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN--CAMP 25
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & THE PACIFIC**

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

VFW HALL, 255 VETERANS HISTORIC WAY

RENO, NV

I. Opening:

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commander Riggs at 1345 hours.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother J. M. Brewster.
- C. The Invocation, given by Brother Frank Whitman was as follows:
"

Thank you for bringing the Brothers together today for meeting and fellowship as we strive to honor our Union ancestors that fought so bravely to preserve the Union during the American Civil War. Thank you for bringing us together safely, and please watch over our Brothers that could not join us today. Please bless our service men and women, both home and abroad working to protect our great nation. Help them to defeat our enemies in the continued War on Terror, and also bless the victims of terrorist attacks here in the United States and in the countries of our allies. Please allow us to accomplish our goals today, and allow each of us to return home safely."

- D. Members in attendance include: Ray Ahrenholz, J.M. Brewster, Col. Edward Carson, David Davis, Tyrone Davis, Jim Ferrigan, David Hess, Roger Linscott, John Riggs, Frank Whitman, Brian Worcester and Frances Wood. Excused members are: Wayne Eder and Vincent Vitali.

- II. Commander's Report--Brother John A. Riggs
 - A. Topics/
 - 1. Civil War cannons on Oahu (see Exhibit 1--Historians and Memorials Report).
 - 2. Still in the planning stages are a visit to the battle site near Paradise Valley where James C. Reid (Reed) fought in an engagement during the Piute Indian Wars that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor. We will continue to plan and set a date for a site visit.
 - 3. Commander Riggs mentioned two plans to build Veteran Memorial monuments. One will be in Sparks and the other in Las Vegas. Frank Whitman also mentioned that a veterans groups in Austin has raised \$20K for a memorial plaque dedicted to veterans from that community.

- III. Secretary/Treasurer's Report--Brother Brian I. Worcester
 - A. Brother Worcester reported cash in the bank of \$667.24, and no income or expenses to report.
 - B. MOTION: Brother Worcester made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 12. SECOND: The motion was seconded by Associate Brother Ray Ahrenholz. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- IV. Senior Vice Commander's Report and Historian's Report--Brother David A. Davis
 - A. Brother Davis reported that he submitted notice of our meeting date, time and place to the Reno Gazette Journal and to The Nevada Appeal.
 - B. Brother Davis handed out copies of his report (see Exhibit 1--Historians and Memorials Report).

- V. Junior Vice Commander's Report--Brother Col. Edward G. Carson.
 - A. Welcome to three (3) new members.
 - 1. David E. Cooper.
 - 2. J. M. "Brew" Brewster.
 - 3. Frank B. Whitman.
 - B. Brother Carson passed around a large plaque which was presented to Camp 25 for securing the most recruits in 2015. This is a perpetual plaque that is presented annually to the Camp who recruits the most new members.
 - C. Brother Carson also pointed out that the Civilian Patriotic Service pin is available online.
 - D. Brother Carson opened the discussion regarding how to raise funds needed to carry out the programs and priorities of the Camp. The discussion was a continuation of the original discussion held at the October Camp meeting. The notes from the Minutes of that meeting are entered here:

"Brother Edward Carson again brought up that our camp should purchase in the future a SUVCW Camp 25 Banner estimated to be around \$650.00 which would include the citation that the Camp is a recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Award 2014. 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. He provided some suggestions for the members to review such as Car Washes, Golf Tournaments, Reno Air Races Volunteer Services, annual dinners involving bids auctions on related historical devices/or books. During the discussions it was raised that we should further review collaborate with other Civil War entities to conduct and share in the revenues raised by such actions stated above. It was agreed to further discuss the subject for the next meeting in December and to ultimately develop a plan of action to raise funds for Camp 25."

The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

VI. Other Reports.

- A. Brother Ray Ahrenholz reported that the installation of the memorial statue honoring the 1st Nevada Cavalry t the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley is moving forward.
- B. Brother Ray Ahrenholz also reported on the success of the Wreaths Across America ceremonies held on December 12th at the Veterans Cemetery in Fernley. The ceremonies were also attended by Brothers Brian Worcester, Roger Linscott and David Hess. [see photos at :
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206224636138495/>]

VII. New Business and Old Business.

Commander John Riggs reported on the following:

- A. All members were asked to "Like" the Camp 25 FaceBook page.
- B. All members are encouraged to attend the event at Bowers Mansion on May 21st.
- C. There will be Civil War reenactments at Calif. State University, Monterey Bay (formerly Ft. Ord) and Ft. Churchill. The date is to be announced.
- D. There will be a presentation of a Daughters & Sons Quilt along with a ceremony at the Nevada Historical Society's upcoming meeting.
- E. Brother David Hess gave a presentation about the SAR Whiskey Drawing to be held on March 12. Tickets are for sale at \$20 for one and \$50 for three. Brother Hess also invited all members to attend this year's George Washington Birthday luncheon. It will be held this year on February 20 at 11:30a.m. at the Tamarack Junction.
- F. This year's Department Encampment will be held on March 4-5 in Sacramento (see Exhibit 3)
- G. Commander John mentioned the upcoming Sesquicentennial Commemoration of Nevada Statehood and the American Civil Way quilt sponsored by the Johanna Shine Tent, DUVCW.

- H. Other upcoming events mentioned include:
 - 1. The Nevada Day Parade.
 - 2. Reno Veterans Day Parade.
 - 3. Gibson Ranch Event, April 30-May 1.
- VIII. Patriotic Instructor's Report--NOTHING TO REPORT.
- IX. For The Good Of The Order we are reminded that 2016 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the GAR.
- X.. This was moved from Item II on the agenda--Election of Officers for 2016, Brother David Davis presiding.
 - A. A quorum being present, elections were held for Camp 25 Officers for the upcoming year.
 - B. Elected Officers for 2016 are as follows:
 - 1. Commander John Riggs.
 - 2. Senior Vice Commander Col. Edward G. Carson.
 - 3. Junior Vice Commander Roger E. Linscott.
 - 4. Secretary/Treasurer David F. Hess.
 - 5. Councilman #1 Francis H. Wood, PCC.
 - 6. Councilman #2 Brian I. Worcester.
 - 7. Councilman #3 Ray G. Ahrenholz.
 - C. Appointed Officers for 2016 are as follows:
 - 1. Patriotic Instructor Tyrone W. Davis
 - 2. Chaplain Wayne L. Eder
 - 3. Historian David A. Davis, PCC
 - 4. Counselor Roger E. Linscott
 - 5. Guide Frank B. Whitman
 - 6. Color Bearer Vacant
 - 7. Guard Francis H. Wood, PCC
 - 8. Graves Registration Officer Donald J. Huffman
 - 9. Civil War Memorials David A. Davis, PCC
 - 10. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Vacant
 - 11. Newsletter Editor J.M. Brewster
 - 12. GAR Highway Officer John A. Riggs
 - 13. Signals Officer J.M. Brewster
 - 14. History Committee: John A. Riggs,
David A. Davis, Donald J. Huffman,
Wayne L. Eder and Frank B.
Whitman
- XI. James Ferrigan provided us with the benediction

XII. The meeting adjourned at 1534 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
David Fredric Hess, Secretary Treasurer
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Department of California and The Pacific
Sons of The Union Veterans of The Civil War