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NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp meeting will be held at 1300 Hours on **Sunday, December 10th** at **Raley's One Market Place** on 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511 (up Mt Rose Hwy about a mile from South Virginia on the right.) We tried this new location in September and all liked it. The room is on the far right of the store, just past the deli, and we have it starting at 1300 and until 1600. Raley's has a very nice deli, so plan on getting lunch when you arrive, and we will not start the meeting until 1330. They have a hot deli bar, separate sandwich, salad, and pizza bars, and coffee and pastries. We will try to send out a zoom/conference link/number before the meeting.

CAMP ORDERS

No new Camp Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For a complete list of orders, see Camp website:

<https://suvpac.org/camp25orders/>

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Department Commander Stephen E. Doyle, PCC has published two new Department Orders since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For a complete list of orders, see Department website:

<https://suvpac.org/orders/>

ORDERS

- [Department Special Order No. 4.](#) – Passing of Brother Robert (Bob) Kadlec
- [Department Order No. 3](#) – Disbandment of Lincoln Camp No. 10

NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

CiC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr. has published five new orders and messages since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For the full text and a complete list of General Orders see the National list of orders.

<https://www.suvcw.org/general-orders-of-the-commander-in-chief>

- [General Order No. 3](#): Relieving the National Patriotic Instructor
- [General Order No. 4](#): Revocation of Charter - Richard Clark Camp #210, Dept of New York
- [General Order No. 5](#): Passing of Br. David J Klinepeter, 80-year member
- [General Order No. 6](#): Appointment of National Patriotic Instructor
- [General Order No. 7](#): Passing of PDC Eric Schmincke
- [General Order No. 8](#): Disbandment of Henry Wallace Camp 160, Dept of MI
- [General Order No. 9](#): New Sons of Veterans Reserve Commander

SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP EVENTS

- **Reno Wreaths Across America (WAA)** is coming up at the GAR Cemetery (1025 Angel Street (10th & Angel) Reno, NV) at 1200 Hrs. on 16 Dec 2023. Please come out to support us as this is a SUVCW Camp 25 function and please wear whatever uniform items you may have.



2020 Wreaths Across America at the GAR Cemetery

- **Fernley WAA** (0900 Hrs.) - will be conducted by the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition, and will be held at Fernley's Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 14 Veterans Way, Fernley, NV 89408

- **Carson City WAA** (1000 Hrs.) - Carson's Lone Mountain Cemetery will hold its event at 1000 hours, at Lone Mountain Cemetery (NVL MCC): 1044 Beverly Dr., Carson City, NV 89706

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

No Department events have been announced for the near term.

NATIONAL EVENTS

No National events have been announced for the near term.

ALLIED EVENTS

DUVCW - Johana Shine Tent 96

Johana Shine Tent 96 is the Northern Nevada Tent (Organization) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they hold quarterly meetings and publish a very nice newsletter several times a year.

Email - johanashineduvcw@gmail.com,
website - <https://johanashineduvcw.wordpress.com/>

CAMP 25 NEWS

Bowers Mansion End of Season

Commander Davis and several brothers supported the Bowers Mansion on their closing for the season on 22 Oct 2023. Commander Davis displayed his 1860's maps and instructed the public on 1860's Nevada military history. Brother Ehlers displayed his musket and armament accessories. This was a big hit and we will expand this display in the spring when they open for next year's season.



Brother Ehlers' Display

Nevada Day Parade - Carson City



Cmdr. Davis and Camp 25 brothers D. Dalton, Ehlers, Perdue, Stoecklin, Dickey, and Ms. Haakison waiting for the start of the Nevada Day Parade, celebrating the 159 anniversary of statehood and support of President Lincoln and the Union.

Waiting to Start the Parade

Camp 25 had a good showing for the Nevada Day Parade on 28 Oct 2023 in Carson City. This was the 159th birthday of the state and on this clear and crisp day the crowd on the parade route was huge. In some places people were 10 deep. All of our participants had a great time and the spectators really enjoyed seeing us, especially when Cody, Jay, and another reenactor and his drummer son, who joined us, fired off numerous volleys along the route. We even were film by a note local TV personality and we have added that clip to our [Facebook Page](#).



Waking up the Crowd with a Musket Volley

Veterans' Day Parade - Reno

This year the Camp really got into Parades, with our third parade of the year on Veterans Day, 11 Nov 2023. Several members participate with the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, so we were small in numbers, but large in pride. Fran Tyron, of the Women's Relief Corp in here beautiful period correct dress joined David Barnard in walking the entire parade

route. As usual it was a long wait for a short parade, but many of the entries mingled and got to know each other, and afterwards we warm up by enjoying lunch together.



Cmdr. Davis, Brothers Perdue & Banard, with Fran Tyron



Camp 25 Elections

Elections of 2024 officers will be held on December 10th, so be sure to be at the meeting to vote your choices.

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

Quote from the Day

"That from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion"

November 19, 1863 - Abraham Lincoln

Political Speech from the Times



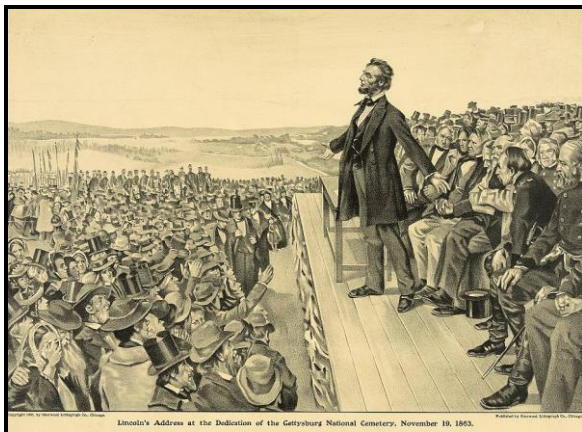
"I Promise to subdue the South in 90 days" Abe Lincoln

THE OVERDUE BILL

Mr. South to Mr. North "Your 'Ninety Days' Promissory Note Isn't Taken Up Yet, Sirree!"

Gettysburg Address

Abraham Lincoln – 19 Nov 1863



Lincoln's Address at the Dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery, November 19, 1863.

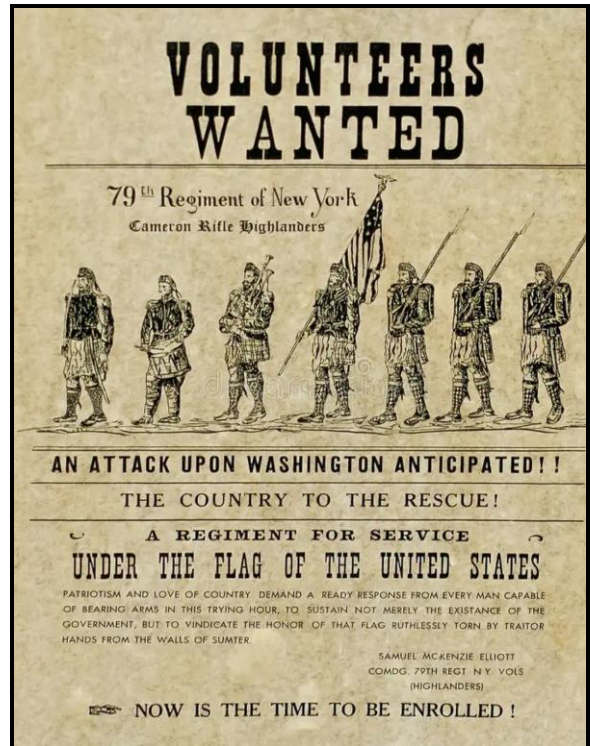
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men,

living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Civil War Enlistment Poster



160 Years Ago, This Month in Civil War History, 1863

Nov. 3 - Engagement at Grand Coteau (Bayou Bourdeau), LA	Nov. 4 - Knoxville Campaign begins
Nov. 7 - Battle of Rappahannock Station , VA	Nov 16 - Battle of Campbell's Station, TN
Nov 17 - Longstreet lays siege to Knoxville, TN	Nov. 19 - President Lincoln delivers the " Gettysburg Address "
Nov 20 - Edward Everett sends complimentary letter to Lincoln on his address at Gettysburg	Nov 23 - Battle of Orchard Knob begins near Chattanooga, TN

Nov 24 - Battle of Lookout Mountain , TN	Nov 25 - Battle of Missionary Ridge , TN
Nov 26 - Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia	Nov 27 - Engagement at Payne's Farm, VA
Nov 29 - Assault on Fort Sanders, TN	Nov 30 - General Braxton Bragg resigns from command of the Army of Tennessee
Courtesy of www.battlefields.org	

OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Private Francis Homes Barnard 1843-1918

Francis Homes Barnard was born in Boston, Massachusetts on February 24th, 1843. He was the third of 5 children born of Reverend Charles Francis Barnard and Sarah Flag (Homes) Barnard. His father was a prominent Unitarian Minister in Boston.

When Francis first enlisted, he was 19 and his occupation was listed as a clerk. He first enlisted on 27 May 1862 in Company B of the 4th Battalion of Massachusetts volunteer infantry. Due to some discrepancy, the entire battalion was soon mustered out on 31 May 1862, but on August 29, 1862, he enlisted again. This time, his enlistment was to serve 9 months in Company F, Forty-Fourth Regiment Massachusetts Voluntary volunteer infantry. He was mustered in this time on September 12, 1862, and was mustered out on June 18, 1863.



The Forty-Fourth Regiment was also known as “The New England Guards.” Its origin was in the formation of the New England Guards during the War of 1812 to 1815. When the call came on August 4th, 1862, to raise 300,000 men for nine months of service there was a vote to raise a regiment. They met on August 7th. Before the meeting adjourned 200-300 had signed the rolls. The New England Guards would quickly vanish in September 1862 when the 44th Regiment went to camp.

“The New England Guards was the only military organization in the country that ever lost its charter in consequence of sending so many of its members into active service that there were not sufficient numbers left at home to keep it alive. “ (Record of Service of the Forty-Fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia in North Carolina August 1862-May 1863, University Press, Private Printing January 1887)”

The regiment would be assigned to the First Brigade, first division, Eighteenth Army Corp in the Department of North Carolina under the command of General John G. Foster. He

and his comrades would be mustered out on June 18th, 1863. Encounters with Confederate forces were described as skirmishes. Although I have not found specifics of his service or proof of his presence (as yet) in specific events, the campaigns of General Foster were strategic.

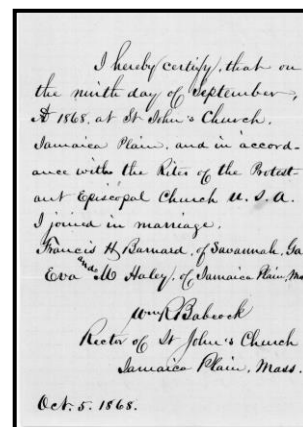
The Union forces cut off the Confederacy’s ports along the south. Portions of the North Carolina coast were captured in 1861 and remained under Union control for the remainder of the Civil War. With ports cut off, supply lines would be cut off. There were also raids and expeditions from the coast into the interior. There was a notable raid in December 1862, while Francis was still in service, to capture the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad bridge over the Neuse River at Goldsboro. The purpose of the raid was to provide timely support to the Army of the Potomac which was at that time engaged in the Battle of Fredericksburg Virginia. The railroad was an important part of the supply line into Virginia.

There were battles in Goldsboro, Kinston, and a siege of Little Washington. One such mission was to burn the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad bridge in Goldsboro. They succeeded in disabling it temporarily. They fired upon but did not disable an iron-clad ram, CSS Neuse while it was being constructed and due for fitting with guns down the river. North Carolina would serve a bigger role in later years.

At the end of the war, Francis Barnard’s older brother would also leave the military. James Munson Barnard would arrive in Savannah Georgia in 1865 and begin a business. For years it would be a shipping business named Richardson & Barnard. It would ship supplies between Savannah and its sister city Boston.

For roughly 8 years, Francis would work in his brother’s business and would sometimes be noted as arriving back in Savanna from Boston. There are anecdotal notes that while there, the brothers would teach some of the freed slaves to read and write. Being Boston-raised and literate themselves, they recognized the importance of being able to read and write.

During his travels north, he would meet his wife, Eva Margaret Haley. She came to America from Wales and was orphaned. She was raised by Joseph Lyman, a prominent attorney in Boston. They were married in Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts in 1868. Several of their children would include Lyman as their middle name in recognition of the generosity of the Lyman family. Two of their children would be born in Savannah, Georgia.



Francis would leave Savannah. His brother would remain there making a considerable contribution to the commerce and culture of Savannah and Tybee Island.

Francis would therefore venture out on his own and “come West” in 1873. He would work for 15 years in various positions with the railroad gradually moving through Illinois,

to Indiana (the Nickel Plate Line) and moving to Duluth, Minnesota in 1888.

I find some documentation of his travels. His diary begins on May 13, 1877. He is living in Elford Township in Henry County, Illinois. He lists his children:

Joseph Lyman Barnard, born Sept,22,1870, and Susan Lyman Barnard, born Sept 30, 1872. Both were born in Savannah, GA. And Francis Homes Barnard Jr. was born Nov 9, 1874, and Howard Barnard was born January 11, 1877, both born in Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.

Clippings from the local news, Geneseo (Ill.) Republic, December 14, 1877 records that "Mr. F. H. Barnard delivered his lecture "The Age of Fable and the Age of Fact" at the Teutonia Hall. Henry County News reported that the fee for the lecture was 20 cents and it was "amusing, instructive and entertaining to a high degree". Being the son of a preacher left him relatively unafraid to stand up and deliver a lecture!

He ventured into real estate but found the economy in a downfall. On October 19th, 1897 he was appointed to be the Assistant Postmaster of Duluth, Minnesota. He would remain there for 10 years.

In 1908 he joined the Minnesota Soldiers Home and became Commandant and later would serve on its board until his death. The Minnesota Soldiers Home is a national historic landmark and is in the registry of historic places in the state of Minnesota and the United States.



He died suddenly on January 9, 1918 at approximately 75 years old. He was a supporter and member of the Grand Army of the Republic for 30 years. For a time, he was commander of the Culver Post of the G.A.R. The best photo of him is in his Minnesota Soldiers Home uniform.

By Great Grandson David Barnard

CAMP 25 TWENTY YEARS PAST

From Camp 25 Newsletters - Nov 2003 & Jan 2004

- Dues for 2004 were \$31.00
- 2003 marked the 100th anniversary of the Sons of Veterans Reserve being created with the first SUVCW General Orders
- At the December 2003 meeting the Camp created committees on Graves Registration Projects, Civil War Memorials Projects, Memorial Day Activities, Traveling Exhibit, and

Lone Mountain Cemetery Civil War Monument Dedication.

- Elections were held in December 2003

Elected Officers Dec 2003

Commander - Paul F. Washeski
Sr. Vice Commander - Gary Parrott
Jr. Vice Cmdr - Francis Wood, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer - Jeffrey Vaillant
Camp Council - Donald Huffinan
Camp Council - Donald Guidici
Camp Council - Steven Frady

Appointed Officers Dec 2003

Patriotic Instructor - Brian Worcester
Chaplain - Donald Huffinan
Guide - Curtis A. Thomas
Historian - David A. Davis
Counselor - Gary Parrott
Graves Reg. Officer - Gary Parrott
Civil War Mem. Ofc.-David Davis
Eagle Scout Cert. Co. - B. Worcester
Color Bearer - Jerry Griffith
Signals Officer - Donald Huffinan

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Lecture Series – History Talks

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years. Virtual lectures are held monthly on the 15th (normally) at 7 PM EST for \$6 a session. The Virtual Zoom Series focuses on leaders and leadership in the Civil War. For info, schedule, and to RSVP see

<https://www.civilwarseminars.org/lectures>

Friday, December 15 – Faces of Union Soldiers at Culps Hill - by Matt Borders

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum & Archive - Zoom Programs

"Holiday Concert of Civil War Era Music" at the Holmesburg United Methodist Church on December 10, 2023 10 AM PST. For a Zoom virtual seat email garmuslib1866@gmail.com

"Duels, Fools and Scoundrels of the Civil War" on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 10 AM PST.

A free program of strange but true; this axiom was never more relevant than describing many of the unusual and extraordinary occurrences during the four years of the Civil War. While much of our history is dominated by the major battles such as Gettysburg and biographies of the key commanders such as Grant and Lee; the four years of the Civil War also included a significant number of strange and highly unusual personalities and incidents that have generally escaped modern discussion. For a Zoom virtual seat email

garmuslib1866@gmail.com
<https://garmuslib.org/future-events>

Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons of American Revolution

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter of Sons of American Revolution now meets the second Tuesday of odd months (January, March, etc.) at Skipolini's Restaurant at 1800 Hrs. For more information see their website at www.sar-nevada.com/Northern/north.html

Next meeting
Tuesday, 9 January, 1800 Hrs.

250th Anniversary Boston Tea Party Dinner
Sunday, 17 December,
1700 Hrs. for Cocktails & 1800 Hrs. for Dinner
The Ritz Tavern, 400 Rock Blvd Sparks
RSVP David Hess

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING

**GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

MINUTES

October 15, 2023

Raley's Market One Place, 18144 Wedge Parkway,
Reno NV 89511

I. Opening

1. Meeting call to order by Commander Davis at 1327 hours
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Davis
3. Invocation was given by Chaplain Donn Dalton
4. Roll Call: D Barnard, D. Dalton, D. Davis, C. Ehlers, D. Perdue, and R. Stoecklin.

Guest: J. Davis, and F. Tryon.

II. Commander's Report

1. Commander Davis introduced guests.
2. Commander Davis reported that the election of officers would take place at the December Meeting, and that he would again serve as Commander one last year if elected. Brother Hess has stated that he would like to give up his position as Secretary and Treasurer since he has served in them for many years, and hearing that, Brother Stoecklin indicated that he is a practicing accountant and would be willing to serve as Treasurer. It was also commented that in addition to a secretary, we would likely need a Junior Vice Commander.
3. Commander Davis reported that the decision by the Nevada Board of Geographical Names on the Riggs' Ridge naming was delayed from September and a new date on the decision was TBD. Members still have time to contact the Board with your recommendation.
4. Commander Davis commented that we had respectable turnout and a good time in the Carson City Labor Day Parade.

III. Secretary's Report.

1. Secretary Hess was absent but Commander Davis referred the members to the Minutes published in the last edition of the Camp 25 Dispatch and asked for any changes. Being none, there was a MOTION TO APPROVE (M/S - Perdue/Stoecklin). THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

1. Treasurer Hess was absent on an emergency and therefore the Financial Statement for Camp 25 was not presented and would be at the next meeting. Nothing has changed from the previous report in August.
2. Treasurer Hess wanted members to know that during our April meeting we unanimously approved raising the dues to \$50 (from \$38) (to accommodate higher national dues) and they will be due at the start of the new year.

V. Senior Vice Commander's Report

1. Brother Perdue reported that the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza POC indicates that the craftsman was still

engraving bricks, and they will let us know so we can have a ceremony upon their placement.

2. Brother Perdue reported that four members would be reaching service year milestones in 2024 and asked if a motion was needed to purchase their pins (numerals) for continuous membership. Commander Davis indicated that he did not think a motion was necessary and that they should be ordered. No objection was made and the Treasurer will ask to order a 20-year pin for Commander Davis, 15-year for Brother T. Davis and 10-year pins for Brothers Hess and Linscott.

3. Brother Perdue reported that Brother Tad Cambell has spent many hours rebuilding the Department (and Camps) website in a modern application and it is looking good.

VI. Historian, Memorials, and GAR Highway Officer's Report—(SEE EXHIBIT 1)

VII. Junior Vice Commander's Report. Brother Wood was absent and no report was provided.

VIII. Graves Registration Officer's Report.

IX. ROTC Report – Brother Dietrich reported by email:

1. The last 2023 JROTC award was mailed to Carson High School in August. There had been quite a bit of delay, due to a change of roles at the national level.

2. He reached out to Dan Meyer, JROTC Commander, to verify that he received the package, but he did not return his inquiry.

X. Other Officers' Reports. None provided.

XI. Old Business

1. Bower's Mansion seasonal closure, Oct. 21 – Commander Davis will be there with his maps as usual and would just request someone come to relieve me for lunch.

2. Nevada Day, Oct. 28 – 3 or 4 members said they would attend:

3. Veterans' Day – deadline to enter is tomorrow, and several brothers indicated that they would participate, so Commander Davis indicated that he would sign us up. The SAR Brothers will be doing their Color Guard in the parade, but there should be 4 from Camp 25. Brother Perdue will provide his pickup.

4. Unionville Remains – re-recap: Don Huffman contacted the Army. The request went to Program Manager Sarah N. Parsons, of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. She then sent the request to Physical Science Technician Lisa Abreu with a CC to Assistant Director Michael Hill. On March 7, Lisa contacted Don asking if anyone had contacted him yet. After 4 months of crickets. Cmdr. Davis contacted Lisa on July 18 and received a reply that she was sorry and was contacting Sarah again. After another 3 months of crickets, he recontacted Lisa on October 12th, but hasn't heard back yet. The brothers had a long discussion and agreed that our congressional leadership should

be contact to help resolve this issue. Cmdr. Davis will reach out.

5. James Reid MOH – Cmdr. Davis outlined his story.

6. Kane/Keenan MOH – Cmdr. Davis outlined his story

XI. New Business

1. Election of officers is in December.

a. If you are interested in a position let the commander, vice commander or secretary know.

b. David Hess has requested not to serve another term as Secretary and Treasurer but is open to another position. Commander Davis commented, "I will not run for Sec-Treas as I am a terrible note-taker and I have never balanced my checkbook. I've been Commander for 2 years and don't want to be Commander-for-life." Brother Perdue indicated that after Commander Davis retires, he would accept it if selected.

2. Wreaths across America is December 17th at the GAR Cemetery and Brother's D. Dalton and Stoecklin will be organizing it for the Camp. This is the one event at the GAR Cemetery that we are solely responsible for. All brothers are asked to attend in uniform as they have them, and if you have a black powder revolver or long gun, they should consider participating in the musket salute.

XII. Good of the Order

1. Next meeting. December 10th, 1300 hours at Raley's Market One Place, 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511. There is a great deli if you desire to eat and the formal meeting will start at 1330 hours.

XIII. Closing

1. Prayer was given by Chaplain Donn Dalton

2. Adjourned at 1450 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Perdue

Senior Vice Commander & Signals Officer

Exhibit 1

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

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October 15, 2023

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

NEVADA GAR POSTS

Nevada had 18 Grand Army of the Republic Posts. The following are brief rambling histories of these Posts.

AUSTIN

Lander Post 27: Organized before October 1881; Disbanded after July 12, 1897. The Post was likely named after Brigadier General Frederick William Lander. Though the Post was officially mustered in on March 20, 1882, the charter was issued months before. The Post's first social event was a Thanksgiving Ball held November 30, 1882, at the International Hall. The Post conducted Memorial Day exercises from 1883 through 1897. The last mention of the Post is a request in the "Reese River Reveille" dated July 12, 1897, for members to attend the funeral of member John Gooding. The post is not mentioned in activities after that date. Though the Post is not named, in February 1898, Post member J.A. Miller was appointed Aid de Camp with the rank of colonel to G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief General J.P.S. Gobin.

CAMP MCDERMITT

Camp McDermitt Post 19: Existed in 1869. Noted on an old SUVCW list with no supporting information. The Post was likely named after Fort McDermit, which was named after Lt. Colonel Charles McDermitt, Commander of Fort Churchill, who was killed by the Indians near there in 1865. Fort McDermitt was active 1865-1889.

CANDELARIA

Nye Post 43: Organized before May 10, 1882; Disbanded after January 25, 1884. The Post was likely named after Territorial Governor James Nye. George G. Lyon was the first Commander. The Post conducted the first Memorial Day program in 1882 involving a parade and a service at the cemetery. The post was short lived. No Memorial Day program was conducted in 1883, and the Post was not mentioned. Candelaria was a mining camp that reached its peak between 1881 and 1883. However, the town partially burned down on December 15, 1883. The Department Encampment of January 1884 noted no annual Post report and recommended surrender of the charter.

CARSON CITY

Carson City Post 17: Organized before May 8, 1868; Disbanded after October 1, 1868. Its existence comes from a few newspaper meeting notices. The Department of California, which included Arizona, Nevada, and Oregon, was first organized in February 1868, which may have prompted the organization of this Post and Kearney Post 23 in Virginia City. The Department was reorganized in 1886.

Stanton Post 29: Organized March 25, 1870; Disbanded after May 31, 1873. The Post was likely named after Secretary of War Edwin McMasters Stanton. U.S. Assistant Assessor Joseph A. Burlingame was the first Commander, and the post had 30 charter members. The post surrendered its charter in 1873 and disbanded.

Stanton Post 10: Organized 1873; Disbanded 1878. This may have been a reorganization of Stanton Post 29, that may have either disbanded or consolidated with the newly organizing Phil Kearney Post 10 of Virginia City.

Custer Post 5: Organized July 24, 1878; Disbanded April 8, 1935. The Post was named after Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer, who had been killed at Little Big Horn in 1876. The first Post Commander was Carson City plumber D. H. Lentz, and the post had 43 charter members. Between October 27 and 29, former President and General Ulysses Grant and his wife and entourage visited the Comstock as he returned from a two-year world tour. He came by way of Lake Tahoe and Carson City, and the Post took part in the associated activities both in Carson City and on the Comstock. In 1882, Joseph Burlingame acquired a plot at the Lone Mountain Cemetery for Mexican War and Civil War veterans. In 1885, the remains of soldiers buried at Fort Churchill were reinterred there. As part of a large parade, a delegation from Custer Post 5 escorted the wagon containing the remains when it arrived in town. The Post acquired deed to that plot in 1889 and an adjacent lot in 1890. A 17-foot white bronze statue of a soldier at parade rest was acquired and dedicated on Memorial Day 1891. For most of its existence, the Post was involved with Memorial Day activities and social events. Memorial Day parades that went up Roop Street, which at the time ended at the statue. There a service was held and the graves decorated with flowers. The Post ended with death of its last member George Henry Meyers. The Post auxiliary was **Custer Corps 15** of the Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.), organized February 6, 1884. The end of Custer Corps 15 is uncertain. Between 1939 and 1963, it received an annual \$150 stipend from the Legislature for upkeep of the Custer Post 5 cemetery plot.

CHERRY CREEK

Colonel Baker Post 13: Organized December 1879; Disbanded before July 19, 1884. The Post was likely named after Colonel Edward Dickinson Baker. Local lumberman J.F. Sissons was the first Commander, and the Post initially had 17 charter members. By 1881, the Post had hall furniture, uniforms, and other property worth \$300. The 1881 Memorial Day activities reported a "Grand Army cemetery". Cherry Creek experienced a mining boom between 1880 and 1883 followed by a financial crash that devastated the local economy in 1884. The charter was surrendered with "the 'boys' having scattered so that they no longer could muster a quorum." July 19 is when the end was reported in the newspaper.

EUREKA

Lyon Post 25: Organized about 1869; Disbanded after January 30, 1870. Noted on an old SUVCW list with no supporting information other than being noted in the proceeding of the Department Encampment of January 1870.

Upton Post 29: Organized July 20, 1881; Disbanded after January 30, 1920. The Post was likely named after General Emory Upton, who had just passed away in March 1881.

Editor of "Pacific Life" Adam Aulbach was the first Commander, and the Post had 19 charter members. The Post met at the Odd Fellows Hall. On September 26, 1881, the newly minted Post was part of the observance of obsequies for the recently assassinated President James Garfield. This involved a procession to the Opera House where the services were held. The Post conducted social events and Memorial Day exercises at least through 1896 and is mentioned as being part of the exercises after the turn of the 20th Century. At one time numbering 60 members, only two members remained in 1903. The Post ceased to exist with the death of its last member Charles L. Broy.

PIOCHE

Baker Post 11: Organized before May 30, 1872; Disbanded after March 1881. The Post was likely named after Colonel Edward Dickinson Baker. Noted on an old SUVCW list with no supporting information supporting the dates. Baker Post 11 is noted in the "Daily Alta" for April 1873 and briefly noted as defunct in Thomas Wrens' 1904 "A History of the State of Nevada". The Pioche newspaper reports for 1872-1881 and later never mentioned the Post and little about Memorial Day activities. The naming protocol states that no two posts are to have the same name at the time in the same State or Territory. Lasting until 1881 indicates an overlap in dates.

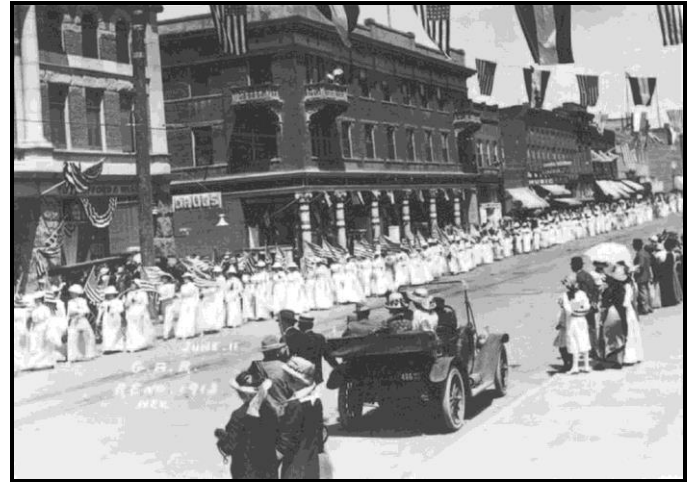
RENO

McPherson Post 12: Organized January 19, 1880; Disbanded before March 11, 1881. The Post was likely named after General James Birdseye McPherson. Superintendent of the Water Reservoir Alfonzo A. Evans was the first Commander, and the Post had charter 14 members. The post was short lived, and "The boys honorably discharged all their debts and then themselves." The end was reported in the March 11th issue of the newspaper.

General Ormsby McKnight Mitchel Post 69: Organized September 27, 1884; Disbanded February 12, 1937. Marble and gravestone cutter of Reno, W.E. Lindsey, was the first Commander, and the Post had 25 charter members. The Post auxiliary was **Mitchel Corps 27** of the W.R.C., organized July 1, 1886. On June 17, 1890, the Post acquired the 0.32-acre, long, narrow, rectangular plot at the Hillside Cemetery for \$180 from undertaker Wiltshire Saunders. The plot was divided into sections separated by short alleys named after Civil War battlefields. For nearly 50 years, the two entities with increasing help from later veterans' groups conducted Memorial Day services. Parades would start at the Virginia Street bridge where flowers were thrown into the Truckee River in memory of sailors. The parades would end at the G.A.R. cemetery where services would include prayers, dirges, recitation of the "Gettysburg Address," a Roll of Honor announcing the names of those buried there, and the decoration of graves with flowers.

Between Jun 8-13, 1913, the Department of California and Nevada held its annual encampment in Reno. To help with preparations, **Custer Camp 1** of the Sons of Veterans was organized on May 7, 1913, with local barber U.G. Persing Captain and about 50 charter members. Reno at the time had

about 13,000 people and Sparks about 2,500. Between 8,000 and 12,000 veterans, average age 74, came. The hotels were filled, tents were erected in many places, and residents opened their homes to the veterans.



Parade during 1913 Cal-NV GAR Encampment

The parade was taped, and requests went out for people who had cars if they would act as chauffeurs. The veterans were treated to a train tour to the Comstock and Carson City. A tree was planted at the entrance to the University in soils brought from the major Civil War battlefields. The Post's end came March 10, 1936, when its last member, George Warren, died at age 93. However, the official disbanding came February 12, 1937, when Barry Camp 7 of the United Spanish War Veterans, surrendered the Post charter to G.A.R. representatives in a ceremony at the State Capitol. The Post flag, sword, and Bible were later also turned over to the State. The Post flag is now at the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center in Carson City. The end of Mitchel Corps 15 is uncertain. Like the Custer Corps 15 between 1939 and 1963, it too received an annual \$150 stipend from the Legislature for upkeep of the Mitchel Post 69 cemetery plot. In 1931, with just four members left, Mitchel Post 69 deeded the cemetery to the Custer Corps 15. In 1955, the Custer Corps 15 deeded the cemetery to Barry Camp 7. Barry Camp 7 was defunct by 1971, and the last member of the USWV passed in 1992, leaving ownership of the cemetery in limbo. The Custer Camp was last mentioned Memorial Day 1923.

TAYLOR

Donelson Post 94: Organized December 5, 1885; Disbanded after August 24, 1889. The Post was likely named after Fort Donelson, Tennessee, which was the site of a Union victory. Local stone mason Israel C. Moon was the first Commander. The Post met at the Opera Hall in Taylor, and Mr. Moon was the Commander during the Post's entire existence. The Post conducted a parade and services for Memorial Days through 1889 but not from 1890 onwards. Taylor was a mining boomtown that peaked in the mid-1880s. It went into rapid decline and most of the businesses were gone by 1889.

TONOPAH

Gettysburg Corps 122 (Woman's Relief Corps): Organized August 17, 1912; Disbanded after 1934. Tonopah and Goldfield had several Civil War veterans. These men were commonly referred to as members of the G.A.R. No G.A.R. Post was organized in Tonopah or Goldfield. Also, it would not have been too late to do so as in California, three Posts were organized in 1912 and the last Post in 1915. They may have been members of Posts located at where they came from. Also, "G.A.R." may also have been used as catchall reference for any Union veteran. The Corps was obviously named after the Gettysburg Battlefield. By 1912, Memorial Day parades and services had been held in Tonopah for a few years. In 1912, the local fraternal organizations conducted Memorial Day activities, which included a parade with the Knights of Pythias members escorting "G.A.R." and Spanish War Veterans. Corps 122 was organized shortly thereafter. The Corps participated in Memorial Day, July 4th, Lincoln's Birthday, and other patriotic and social events. They with other WRC Corps helped raise money to send veterans to the 50-year reunion at Gettysburg. Corps 122 in conjunction with Corps 15, 17, and 85, raised \$375, acquired three silken flags, and presented them to the battleship USS Nevada, which was launched in July 1914 and commissioned in March 1916.

VIRGINIA CITY

Phil Kearney Post 23: Organized before July 12, 1868; Disbanded(?) after December 18, 1870. The Post was named after General Philip Kearney, Jr. The July 12th announcement in the "Territorial Enterprise" notes a meeting of the "society" called the "Grand Army of the Republic" at the Armory without referring to a Post. Another notice for a meeting on August 9, 1868, at Sloat's Store on South C Street across from the Presbyterian Church briefly states what the Grand Army of the Republic is. Post 23 without "Phil Kearney" mentioned was part of a May 20, 1869, meeting announcement and by August miner Jacob L. Van Bokkelen was noted as Post Commander. The full name Phil Kearney Post 23 was in use in January 1870. The Post headquarters was at 83 South C Street. Despite a heavy snowstorm, the first Memorial Day event was held on May 30, 1870. 40 members marched behind a brass band to the cemeteries north of town and decorated veterans' graves with flowers brought in from California. Commander Van Bokkelen spoke about the veterans buried there, the G.A.R., and General Kearney. The "Territorial Enterprise" listed the veterans interred there. The Post also participated in the 1870 July 4th celebration and invited Stanton Post 29 of Carson City to attend. Almost 100 men belonged to the Post, several of whom live in Gold Hill, Silver City, Dayton, and elsewhere. The Post probably did not disband, but likely changed the Post number to 8. When Fort Churchill officially closed in 1869, the fort flags were donated to the Post.

Phil Kearney Post 8: Organized(?) before May 31, 1871; Disbanded October 26, 1875. Phil Kearney Post 8 is likely a continuation of Kearney Post 23 with a number change. This was not uncommon in the G.A.R. Also, a January 19, 1871, notice called for "members of the Grand Army of the

Republic" to assemble at their headquarters. The 1871 Memorial Day event was larger and included the local militias, the Virginia Choral Society, Federal, State, and County officials, and other invited guests. The procession started at 1 pm along Sutton Avenue. It moved along B Street to Taylor Street, down Taylor to C Street and then up C to the Masonic Cemetery. Later, the Mexican War veterans were also included. Through 1875, the Post continued with Memorial Day, 4th of July, and social events. The Memorial Day procession got larger every year, and the "Territorial Enterprise" continued to list the increasing number of veterans' burials. The Post ceased to exist due to the great fire of October 26, 1875, which burned up the Post records and property including the Fort Churchill Flags. At the time, the Post had 60 members.

Phil Kearney Post 10: Organized October 4, 1879; Disbanded January 1, 1917. The Post was considered a reorganization of Phil Kearney Post 8. Laborer Alfred H.W. Creigh was the first Commander, and the Post had 21 charter members. The Post met at Fraternity Hall of the Odd Fellow's building. Between October 27 and 29, former President and General Ulysses Grant and his wife and entourage visited the Comstock as he returned from a two-year world tour. The Post took part in the associated activities. The towns on the Comstock were glorified mining camps. The last of the major ore bodies was mined out in 1878, and the Comstock went into decline. Small ore bodies, reworking the dumps with improved extraction methods, and reduced exploration continued sporadically well into the 20th Century. However, the 1880 population of Virginia City proper of almost 11,000 fell to about 8500 in 1890, 2700 in 1900, 2200 in 1910, and 1200 in 1920. Despite the depopulation, the Post continued with Memorial Day, 4th of July, and social events, and with various patriotic activities. The Post also attended many funerals as their aging members died off. The Post auxiliary was **Phil Kearney Corps 85** of the W.R.C., organized August 3, 1895. With the youngest of the Post's then middle aged, the Corps was probably organized to help with the Post's activities. The last Memorial Day parade was in 1906 with the Post members being escorted by the local militia, Companies A and B of Nevada National Guard. The parades ended because of a lack of military escort in 1907. From then on, Memorial Day activities involved a service at the cemeteries and the decorating of the graves with flowers. The Post had 160 members at its peak, but by the end of 1916, only two members remained. The charter was surrendered on January 1, 1917, and the Post records were sent to Department Headquarters in San Francisco. The Post flag was donated to the public schools and was to be displayed in the assembly hall of the Fourth Ward School. The flag has since vanished. The Corps continued the Post activities into the 1950s. The last mention of Corps 85 is the swearing in of officers on January 4, 1955.

Order of Union and Confederate Veterans: Organized June 10, 1876; Disbanded after May 31, 1879. While definitely NOT affiliated with the G.A.R., this group filled a gap between the demise of Post 8 and the organization of Post 10. Internal Revenue Collector Frederick C. Lord, Union veteran,

chaired the organizational meeting and was elected the Order's first commander. The Order also had over 50 charter members. The Order met at the Odd Fellows' Building. The Order took charge of the Memorial Day parade in 1877 and marched in the parades through 1879. The Order also held several annual balls starting in January 1877. Since the Order apparently is never mentioned after Memorial Day 1879, it probably disbanded.

WINNEMUCCA

McDermitt Post 87: Organized November 12, 1885; Disbanded after June 1, 1920. The Post was likely named after Lt. Colonel Charles McDermitt, Commander of Fort Churchill. Miner James H. Sackett, was the first Commander, and the Post had 25 charter members. The Post had their own Post room in Staunton's Building. The Post auxiliary was **McDermitt Corps 58** of the W.R.C., organized April 12, 1898. The Corps was short lived and disbanded July 7, 1901. On August 11, 1888, the Post acquired a 50-foot by 50-foot parallelogram plot from the Odd Fellows and Masons for \$1 in the Old Pioneer Cemetery. The deed was never transferred before the Post was disbanded. The Post conducted the Memorial Day program from 1886 through 1905. The programs consisted of a procession to the cemetery where a service was held and the graves of both Union and Confederate veterans were decorated. Afterwards, they just attended. After 1893, the meetings no longer had a quorum. The Post had 43 members at its height but was down to 11 members by 1905, and only three members remained in Winnemucca by 1910.

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