

GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP NO. 25
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CAMP ORDER No. 2
Series 2024

PASSING OF GARY EUGENE PARROTT, PCC, PDC

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1). It is my sad duty to report the sudden and unexpected passing of Brother Gary Eugene Parrott, PCC, PDC, of natural causes at his home in Grand Junction, CO, on December 1, 2023.
- 2). A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday, April 19 at 11 a.m. at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Junction, Colorado. An honor service and interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado also in Grand Junction.
- 3). Brother Parrott was a retired California Highway Patrol sergeant from Mammoth Lakes, California, and a charter member of Carlin Camp 25. He served as the first Camp Senior Vice Commander, Counselor, and Graves Registration Officer and then as the second Camp Commander in 2005. He also served as the Dept. of California and Pacific Junior Vice Commander in 2005 and as the National GAR Highway Officer for many years. After moving to Colorado in 2006, he transferred to the Legion of the West Camp 7, the Department of Wyoming and Colorado, and served as its Camp Commander. He also served as that Department's Commander in 2008-2009. His Civil War ancestor was Private John E. Mitchell who served in Co. G, 6th New Hampshire Infantry and Co. A, 14th New Hampshire Infantry.
- 4). Brother Parrott was born at Westover Air Force Base, where his father, a fighter pilot, was stationed after the Korean War. The family moved around a lot before settling in the San Francisco Bay area. He attended California State University-Hayward and earned a BA Degree. While there during the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserves. Upon completion of Basic Training in 1973, he was recommended for the Reserve Officer Training Program. He was attached to the Air Force ROTC unit at the University of California-Berkeley, and upon completion in 1975, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. He remained in the Air Force Reserves and attained the rank of captain before being honorably discharged in 1989. He then went into law enforcement. He started as a police officer with the City of Concord, then as a deputy sheriff with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, and finally, as a traffic officer with the California Highway Patrol. He retired in 2004 and with his wife, Lori, moved to Grand Junction.
- 5). Brother Parrott and his wife were active in the community and volunteered for various patriotic and service organizations. He joined the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard and served as its commander. Over the years he has participated in over 3000 honor services for our Veterans. Among the other organizations he belonged to were the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, the Colorado Society of the War of 1812, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

6). Our condolences go out to Brother Parrott's family.

7). All Camp Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, in Lemmon Valley, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by David A. Davis, 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/ David A. Davis
Camp Commander
Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25

ATTEST: By: /s/ David F. Hess
Camp Secretary