



## CARLIN CAMP 25 DISPATCH

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

*PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD*

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### NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp 25 meeting will be held at 1300 Hours on **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at Raley's One Market Place at 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511 (up Mt. Rose Highway about a mile from South Virginia on the right.) The room is on the far right of the store, just past the deli, where you can buy lunch. We will start the meeting at approximately 1330, allowing you time to eat. We will try to email a zoom link before the meeting.

For remainder of 2024 the following meeting dates have been pre-selected and with room reservations of 1300 hrs. Dates may change, so keep an eye open for changes during the year.

October 20<sup>th</sup>    December 8<sup>th</sup>

### OUR ORDERS

#### 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 the website:

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

### DEPARTMENT ORDERS

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

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

### NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

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

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

- General Order No. 23 – [National Encampment Awards](#) (CiC Hritsko)
- General Order No. 1 – [Congratulatory Wishes and Transferal of Command](#)
- General Order No. 2 – [Call to Action](#)
- General Order No. 3 – [Elected Officers and Committee Chairs](#)
- General Order No. 4 – [Council of Administration Attendance](#)

## ALLIED EVENTS

### Johanna Shine Tent 96

No events have been announced for the near term.

Tent 96 is the Northern Nevada Tent (Organization) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Meetings are now most recently being held on Zoom. They publish a very nice [newsletter](#) several times a year.

Email - [johanashineducw@gmail.com](mailto:johanashineducw@gmail.com), or visit their website - <https://johanashineducw.wordpress.com/>

Meetings at 1330 hrs. (via Zoom)

November 17<sup>th</sup>

## SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

### CAMP EVENTS

#### Camp Meeting

Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1300 Hours

#### Bowers Mansion Living History Day

Camp 25 will be present on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at the Living History Day and closing for the season to “guard the riches” in the library. In the recent past we have also supported by bringing some of our Civil War era arms and other items to display to the public. This has been a big hit, especially with the young ones. Commander David will bring his Nevada Civil War maps and other historical material, and provide educational insight to the community. He asks that others join him for part of the day (11 AM to 3 PM) to show our strength. You may wear your entire uniform or just a blouse or vest, and headgear along with any accoutrement to this event

### DEPARTMENT EVENTS

No events are currently scheduled.

### NATIONAL EVENTS

No events are currently scheduled.

## CAMP 25 NEWS

### Virigina City Labor Day Parade

Four members of William P. Carlin Camp 25 and two guest ventured up to historic Virigina City on Labor Day to participate in their annual parade. This is the third year in a row that we undertook this adventure and the brothers that participated said that they had such a good time that it is now declared an annual event. The locals and out of towners that we spoke with though it was a grand event and of course the children enjoyed the floats, the black powder discharges, and most of all they enjoyed the candy, which we were happy to oblige them with. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and shared our stories with locals and visitors.



*Camp 25 members and friends in attendance at Virigina City Labor Day Parade; (Rear) Treasurer Robert Stoecklin and Jr. Vice Cmdr. Donn Dalton, (Front) Cmdr. David Davis, and of Women's Relief Corp Fran Tryon and Brett Banks. Not pictured Sr. Vice Cmdr. David Perdue.*

## New Brother Inducted

Brother Courtney D. Smith was inducted into William P. Carlin Camp 25 at the August meeting and provided with a membership badge and certificate of membership by the Commander. Courtney has lived in Reno many years and is a member of several other lineage and historical organizations. The next time you see him please offer him a warm hand of welcome.



*Brother Courtney D. Smith (L) welcomed by Chaplin and Jr. Vice Cmdr. Chaplin Donn Dalton*

## Progress on The Unionville Soldier

We have finally made great advances after many years of no progress and considerable consternation on a final resting place for the Unionville Soldier. The lead that brother Lorenz provided on Ramapo College led to a meeting and a commitment by the Ramapo Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center to oversee DNA analysis on the remains (a more specialize lab than theirs is need for such old remains) and also perform database comparisons. We are not in their funding system yet, and once we are in the queue it will be some time, maybe a year or more, before they can even start our project, but if we can help out financially, it could cut the time down.

The other news is that a conversation we had with Congressman Amodei at our Memorial Day Service has led to his office reached out to the Office of Army Cemeteries (OAC) in an effort to properly bury the remains, and he may have convinced them to make a determination that this man was either an active soldier or

a veteran based on the original 1985 research. Proper burial has always been our first priority, so if the Army agrees to bury him, we believe that this should happen.

This second effort could impact the Ramapo College effort if the OAC or Nevada State Museum is not willing to release some of the remains for testing on a serviceman that is to be buried. This being the case we have halted fund raising for Ramapo College until we get a final determination on burial and availability of remains for testing.

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## CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

### 160 Years Ago - 1864 in the Civil War

<b>Sept. 1</b> - Confederates evacuate Atlanta, Georgia	<b>Sept. 2</b> - <a href="#">Federal Army enters Atlanta</a>
<b>Sept. 4</b> - <a href="#">John Hunt Morgan killed in Greenville, Tennessee</a>	<b>Sept. 7</b> - Evacuation of Atlanta citizens ordered by Union General William T. Sherman
<b>Sept. 8</b> - George McClellan accepts nomination as Democratic candidate for President	<b>Sept. 16</b> - <a href="#">Confederate General Wade Hampton's raid at Coggins Point (Great Cattle Road), Virginia</a>
<b>Sept. 19</b> - <a href="#">Battle of Third Winchester (Opequon), Virginia</a>	<b>Sept. 22</b> - <a href="#">Battle of Fisher's Hill, Virginia</a>
<b>Sept. 23</b> - Skirmish at Athens, Alabama	<b>Sept. 27</b> - <a href="#">Battle of Pilot Knob (Fort Davidson), Missouri</a>
<b>Sept. 27</b> - Massacre at Centralia, Missouri	<b>Sept. 28</b> - Skirmish at Decatur, Georgia
<b>Sept. 29</b> - Battle of Fort Harrison (Chaffin's Farm), Virginia	<b>Sept. 30</b> - Skirmish at Carter's Station, Tennessee
<b>Sept. 30</b> - <a href="#">Battle of Peebles' Farm, Virginia</a>	Courtesy of <a href="http://www.battlefields.org">www.battlefields.org</a>

### Quote from the Day

"We cannot change the hearts of the people of the South, but we can make war so terrible that they will realize the fact that however brave and gallant and devoted to their country still they are mortal and should exhaust all peaceful remedies before they fly to war."

*William Tecumseh Sherman*



## Political Speech from the Day



*"The scenes on this field would have cured anybody of war."*

## Civil War Recruitment Poster

**COLOR'D  
MEN  
WANTED!**

**Bounty, \$602.**  
**Cash down, 350.**

**Besides State, and United States pay, &c.**

Recruits will be mustered into Colored Regiments.  
APPLY TO

**JAMES S. HENRY;**  
At Recruiting Office, Second & Bridge Ave.  
Camden, Dec. 23d, 1863.

CURTZ, BOOK AND BUSINESS PRINTER, CAMDEN PHOENIX OFFICE, 415 FEDERAL ST.

Note: By 1864 the Union was recruiting and using as many blacks as they could to support Grant's final push to end the war. Unfortunately, when captured, instead of being imprisoned, many times blacks were executed by the Confederate generals. Despite this evil they kept joining the war effort. For the money, but mostly for freedom.

## OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

*(I have run out of recent submissions so I am going back to the for past submissions in earlier Dispatches.)*

### Solomon C. Peckham

Solomon C. Peckham (Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member- Curtis Thomas) answered the call from President Lincoln to "preserve the Union" and enlisted in a locally forming Volunteer Infantry unit in Madison, Wisconsin. Subsequently, he was mustered-in as a corporal in Company K, 12th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment on November 18, 1861 (at the age of 47 !!).

Upon successful completion of its organization and training, Company K, (also known as the "Kickapoo Rangers") along with the rest of the 12th, left Madison for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. There it was attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Division of the 13th US Army Corps commanded by General John A. McClelland. For the next year it performed routine training, scouting, picket and provost duty within the Department of Kansas, the District of Columbus (Kentucky) and the District of Jackson (Tennessee). In January 1863, the 12th was attached to the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Division of the 17th US Army Corps commanded by General James B. McPherson. A few months later (on May 11, 1863) it was ordered to Vicksburg, Mississippi, in preparation of a major Union offensive. There it participated in the Siege of Vicksburg. During the siege, Corporal Peckham became ill (like so many of his fellow soldiers due to the unsanitary conditions in and around the swamps of Vicksburg) and subsequently succumbed to disease on October 12, 1863. \*Major battles or actions: Coldwater River, Mississippi (April 8-24, 1863) and the Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi (May 22- July 4, 1863).

Solomon C. Peckham was born on July 19, 1814, in the City of Lancaster, Erie County, New York. He was the oldest son of Philip and Rebecca (Sabin) Peckham. His father was a prominent citizen, renowned hunter and soldier (he had been a captain in the 13th New York Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812). In the early 1840s, Solomon and a brother (Louis) moved to Iowa. There he met and married- Harriet M. Brown, in Linn County, Iowa, on June 26, 1843. A few years later, the family moved to Grant County, Wisconsin, where he became a successful farmer. Over the years they raised five children (Celina, Hamilton, Philip, Martha, and Guy). Solomon got "gold fever" when news of the 49er Gold Rush reached Wisconsin. He and three neighbors purchased a wagon and headed west, leaving their families behind. Once there, he staked a mining claim along the Feather River. However, over the next several years, he worked a

succession of claims (sending money home when he could) but never- "struck it rich" !! In early 1855 Solomon gave up his quest for gold and returned home to his wife, family and farm- "older and wiser". It should be noted, he did make enough money to return via ship "around the Horn" (with some cash left over). Soon after the start of the Civil War, Solomon and several of his neighbors enlisted in a local Wisconsin Infantry unit. He would be one of the thousands of "Boys in Blue" who went off to War and never returned home. It is believed his final resting place is at the Vicksburg National Cemetery, where a majority of casualties from the Siege of Vicksburg were interred (in unmarked graves). However, his name is inscribed on the Wisconsin State Memorial plaque that lists the names of the Wisconsin State Soldiers that died during the Siege of Vicksburg. Finally, it should be noted, his wife received a "widow's pension" (No. 30,101) and his children received a "minor's pension" (No. 140,265) from the US Government because of his military service during the Civil War

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## **CAMP 25 - TWENTY YEARS PAST**

(From Carlin Camp Dispatch September 2004)

### **General Carlin's Hometown Visited**

While "back East" for the National Encampment, Camp member - Gary Parrott, had an opportunity to visit the hometown and final resting place of the namesake of Camp No. 25 (Brigadier General W. P. Carlin). The members of the SUVCW- General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 are proud to have the honor of preserving the memory of a true "Officer and a Gentleman" of the United States Army who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War. General Carlin was one of the few Union officers who had served in the Nevada Territory prior to the start of the Civil War.



The above is the head stone marking the final resting place of General William Passmore Carlin in Carrolton, Illinois.

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## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive - Zoom Programs**

The GAR Museum will present a Zoom Program titled "Soldiers of Faith: The Chaplains of The Civil War" on October 6, 2024 1000 Hours PST. For a Zoom virtual seat email [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com)

The GAR Museum will present a Zoom Program titled "Ancient Faith: Lincoln, Democracy and The American Experiment" on November 3, 2024 1000 Hours PST. For a Zoom virtual seat email [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com)

<https://garmuslib.org/future-events>

### **Battle Born Patriots Chapter of, Sons of American Revolution**

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

#### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 12 November, 1800 Hrs.  
13971 S. Reno Blvd, Summit Shopping Center, Reno

### **Nevada Mayflower Society**

The Northern Nevada Colony will have its annual meeting at Biscotti's in the Peppermill on Saturday October 12, 11:30 AM. The Cost is \$20, and contact David Hess to reserve a seat.

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## **MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING**

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

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Raley's Super Market Community Room  
18144 Wedge Pkwy, Reno, Nevada

I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 1312 hours by Commander David Davis. (Zoom was not available)

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was led by Commander Davis.

III. Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by Chaplain Dalton.

IV. Present: Brothers Donn Dalton, Richard Dalton, David Davis, Jay Dickey, Coby Ehlers, Randel Lorenz (by phone), David Perdue, Courtney Smith, and Robert Stoecklin.

Guests: Jenni Davis, and Fran Tryon (Woman's Relief Corp).

V. Commander's Report—David Davis.

A. I will be travelling the last 2 weeks of October. We have a meeting on October 20 and the Nevada Day parade is during that time. The 6th of October was suggested as an alternate date and Sr. Vice Cmdr. Perdue said that he would try to reserve the room for that date. (Note; Cmdr. Davis's travel plans have changed and the meeting will take place on the 20th as scheduled)

B. Brother Randall Lorenz has had a stroke and is at Renown. I passed on an e-mail from Richard Dalton yesterday with some details. Randall serves Camp 25 as Councilman 3. Let's keep him in our prayers. Sr. Vice Cmdr. Perdue reported that he had talked to brother Lorenz earlier in the day and he is recovering very well.

C. Riggs Ridge – David Perdue and I attended the Geographic Names Board meeting on June 25 at 9 am at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, DCNR Conference Room, Tahoe 2-E, 901 Stewart St., Carson City. Riggs Ridge was on the agenda. A final decision on yay or nay will likely come during the next as-yet unscheduled meeting. They want input from the Washoe Tribe and the Carson City Mayor and board of supervisors. The next meeting will be posted at [https://nbmg.unr.edu/geonames/Meeting\\_Agendas](https://nbmg.unr.edu/geonames/Meeting_Agendas).

VI. Secretary's Report—David Hess is traveling and we will need someone to take notes (Perdue volunteered). The minutes of the last meeting are in newsletter posted on the Camp website. MOVED/SECONDED (Perdue/D Dalton) to accept the Minutes as published in the last issue of the Carlin Dispatch. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. Treasurer's Report—Rob Stoecklin presented the Treasurers Report. MOVED/SECONDED (R. Dalton / Perdue) to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. After the vote there was a discussion on limited funds, the current dues and on fund raising. The majority wanted the dues to remain the same, but to try some fund-raising activities. Encouraging members to contribute a little extra at dues time was one

idea and brother Shoecklin said he had a musket he would consider donating for auction.

VIII. Senior Vice Commander's Report—David Perdue. SVC Perdue reported on his stop at the Battle Mountain Cemetery, that we had two appearances in the recent Banner, and that he had been able to make contact with Ramapo College about DNA analysis on the Unionville soldier. A meeting with Ramapo is schedule in a few days.

IX. History & Memorials Report—David Davis. [See Exhibit 1 attached]

X. Graves Registration Report—Donald Huffman. Brother Huffman sent a written report which is will be attached to the Camp 25 Dispatch. During the review of the report Brother Donn Dalton said he would explore a field trip to Smoke Creek to examine the condition of the graves of the three California soldiers buried there.

XI Eagle Scout Report—Bernie Hamm. No report was made.

XII. Old Business

A. Upcoming activities.

1. Cmnd Davis asked about participation in the VC Labor Day parade before he commit to it. It's Sept 2 and starts at noon. The deadline is 72 hours prior to the parade start. Several brothers committed to attending.

2. October 19: Seasonal closing of Bower's Mansion is coming up, and I am usually there with maps and other props in the library. However, I will be travelling at that time. Tammy Buzick asked if anyone else can be there. She particularly asked about Cody as his weapons' display is a big hit. I brought the old Camp Displays at the last meeting. Cmdr. Davis asked if there were any thoughts on updated versions, and Sr. Vice Cmdr. Perdue said that they were in his que to work on.

3. Camp 25 will not participate in The Nevada Day Parade because of the cost increase.

B. Other old Business

1. A possible donation to the "Battleship Nevada Remembrance Project" was presented by Jay two meetings ago, but was tabled until this meeting. It is now permanently tabled, seeing the limits of our budget.

2. Davids B and P and I have been looking into the CW vet burials and monuments at Winnemucca. We've been working on several lists that don't always jive. Sr. Vice Cmdr. Perdue compiled all the lists into one sortable spreadsheet. Cmdr. Davis said he also was taking an action to look into deeds for the Winnemucca Old Times Cemetery.

3. Unionville Remains – see History Report

4. GAR Cemetery – Fran Tryon reported on GAR and Hillside Cemeteries. Their organization continues to

restore the grounds and clean up the overgrowth. They have a couple scout project to provided additional temporary markers and to clean the flag tubes at the military graves.

5. Really old business on back burner – may never be off the back burner, but included here as not forgotten

a). James Reid MOH

b). Kane/Keenan MOH

### XIII. New Business

A. A discussion was held on means to identify the veterans buried in GAR Cemetery and if digitally with a bio”. The Lone Mt. Cemetery has QR codes to take visitors to the city website. Brother Perdue Suggest that we could do this and that he would get a hold of the dept. webmaster to see if it could be done on the dept. webpage.

B. There was also discussion of placing a plaque at the entrance to the GAR similar to the one that names the organizations that contributed to rebuilding the gateway to the cemetery.

C. Brother Ehler reported that he is looking for events that the Camp could participate in or display at. Brother Perdue is still working on the Camp Display boards.

### XIV. Good of the Order

A. While a bit early, election of officers is during our December 8 meeting. I have been Commander now for 3 terms and will not be running again. David Hess, who has served as Secretary for three Commanders is stepping down from that position at the end of the year.

B. A reminder that David Perdue will check into the availability of Raley’s meeting room on October 6th.

C. Next meeting – Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 1300 hours. It will be at Raley’s.

### XV. Closing

A. Prayer – Chaplain Donn Dalton.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Perdue, Sr. Vice Cmdr.



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## HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 18, 2024

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

### CIVIL WAR NATIONAL FLAGS

Recently, there seemed to be a little confusion about the number of stars on the nation's flag during the Rebellion. The following is from Wikipedia and other sources. Stars are added to the flag on July 4th following statehood.

Oregon became the 33rd State on Valentine's Day 1859, and its star was added five months later. This flag flew over Fort Sumter when the Confederates rudely opened fire on April 12, 1861.

Kansas became the 34th state on January 29, 1861. Kansas earned the moniker "Bleeding Kansas" over its own fight between pro- and anti-slavery factions between 1854 and 1859. Despite becoming a free state almost six weeks after South Carolina had seceded and just two and half months prior to the firing upon Fort Sumter, its star wasn't added until almost three months later. Hence the reason for a 33-star over Fort Sumter.

West Virginia became the 35th state on June 20, 1863, and its star was added two weeks later. The Virginia legislature passed its Ordinance of Secession on April 17, 1861. Due to sectional and other differences, the western mountainous counties said "NO!" and formed their own state.

Nevada became the 36th on All Hallows' Eve 1864, hence being called the "Battle Born State". Despite being a firmly Union territory and being 20,000 shy of the requisite 60,000 in population, statehood was rushed through. President Lincoln was in a tight three-way race for reelection and Nevada's statehood provided three more electoral votes if he needed them. He didn't. Nevada's star was not added until over eight months after statehood and three months after Lee surrendered to Grant. However, Nevada definitely became a state during the Rebellion and mustered six cavalry companies and three infantry companies as the 1st Nevada Volunteers. Aside from Nevada, these troops were also ordered to California, Utah Territory, and Dakota Territory (now Wyoming) with the last mustering out in 1866.

33 Stars: Oregon statehood February 14, 1859;  
In service July 4, 1859-July 3, 1861



34 Stars: Kansas statehood January 29, 1861;  
In service July 4, 1861-July 3, 1863



35 Stars: West Virginia statehood June 20, 1863;  
In service July 4, 1863-July 3, 1865



36 Stars: Nevada statehood October 31, 1864;  
In service July 4, 1865-July 3, 1867



### UNIONVILLE REMAINS

Chaplain and JVC Donn Dalton and I have been in contact with Congressman Mark Amodei's aid Debbie Balsinger. The Unionville remains are in the possession of the Nevada State Museum. One of the last hurdles to get them released is to contact the local Indian tribes. She said, the tribes do not believe he is one of them, and the forensic report stated he was of European decent. I last heard from Debbie over two months ago when she said she would help us write a proper letter to the tribes.

SVC David Perdue has been in contact with Tracie Boyle at the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center at Ramapo College of New Jersey about doing a DNA analysis. On August 12, Tracie e-mailed

"The best approach would be to have the investigating agency reach out to us directly, as we would need their authorization to move forward with this case. However, due to limited funding, we currently have a queue, so it may be a few months before we can



proceed. Thank you for bringing this case to our attention, though. It seems quite interesting!"

This brings up several questions starting with who takes possession of the remains should we get them released? I think they have to be turned over to a mortuary (cost?) but then what? Also, would we be considered the "investigating agency"? A "few months" is fine, but does "limited funding" mean free or are there hidden costs? Before contacting Debbie about writing a letter to the Indians, we may want to have these questions answered and a Plan A and a Plan B and a Plan C ..... in place.

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## GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER REPORT

August 18, 2024

The following are e-mails between Camp 25 Graves Registration Officer Don Huffman and Department of California and Pacific Graves Registration Officer Ken Felton. These were compiled by Camp Commander David A. Davis. Don lives in Citrus Heights and rarely gets over the Hill to a meeting. While it's rare for him to send us a bimonthly report, these informative e-mails are a testament to his dedication and thoroughness. I redid some of the paragraph structure and fonts, I did not try to correct any typos.

August 1, 2024:

Hi David,

While doing research of Camps and how they list their burials I came across the following name and Burial at Fort McDermitt. I thought you may be interested as you are always doing names of Soldiers from the Nevada Forts and Camps

1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Peter Henry, of Company I, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry. Born 1839 Mayo County, Ireland. Enlisted 22 October 1861 at San Francisco, California. Died of disease. at Fort McDermitt, Nevada 2 May 1866. He was buried in the McDermitt POST Cemetery. Remains removed to the Presidio (San Francisco National) by 1890. Find A Grave Memorial 273179873

Don Huffman

**NOTE from Commander Davis:** The 2nd CA was one of the last Civil War era volunteer units serving in Nevada. Co. I was mustered out June 24, 1866.

July 30, 2024:

Hi Ken,

No problem on the corrections or deletions. Just for information, There are no Military Graves at Fort Ruby, White Pine County, Nevada... The were all dug up and removed 31 October 1901 to San Francisco National (Presidio at the time) Cemetery. The remains were received there on 5 November 1901. The Presidio denies that they received a list. The National Archives gave me Copies of the original burial lists from every fort and camp in the United States except Fort Ruby, Camp

Smoke Creek, and Camp Dun Glen, all of them in Nevada. Here is what I have. There is a copy of an honor roll list that is attached, for burials at Fort Ruby, NV. There is also an article in the local newspaper that remains were removed to the Presidio. This information was given to me by the National Archives and taken from Paper archives. There were many other Western Camps and Forts, long abandoned that were also having the Military graves in their cemeteries remove to San Francisco Presidio. No records were kept by the Presidio. They just dug a huge mass grave and put all 474 boxes of remains in it and constructed a large marker to identify the Unknowns from the Western Forts and Camps. The only records available today are the original Burial Registers for each Fort and Camp with notes of the removal of the Military Burials.

Now, reading the Department regulations, my interpretation is that the Data Entry should be made for the exact location of the burial remains. A line in the Veteran Summary should then have a Find A Grave Number and a note stating that the Veteran may have a Cenotaph at the Fort or Camp from which they were removed. In other words A soldier might have been buried at Fort Ruby right after he died. After 40 years his remains were removed to San Francisco National Cemetery, so his burial is now San Francisco National Cemetery in the grave of the 474 unknowns, but Find A Grave rules allow for one entry for the burial and one entry for the Cenotaph.

SUVCW Graves database only wants one listing, so do they want the Veteran listed where the remains are actually buried ?or do they want them listed where they were originally buried?

My concern is that If you look at find a Grave, 9 burials listed for Fort Ruby are cenotaphs. When you look at the Graves registration Database, only 5 of the nine are listed at Fort Ruby and one is listed without a Cemetery. 2 more are listed as being at Lone Mountain in Carson City and Thomas Jones has disappeared altogether.

At a minimum, SUVCW Database should have all the names from the attached list being buried in the same place. I just need to know where that is.

Don Huffman  
GRO Carlin Camp #25  
Reno, Nevada

July 13, 2024:

Hello Don Huffman,

I corrected the spellings of "Winnemucca" on the report. This Record is for the veteran, **Charles Sumner Leonard**. I also finished most of the other updates and deletions that you requested on your 3 e-mails. See the rest of this e-mail for a summary of what I did so far.

Did you want anything corrected on the records of the next three names that you listed? (1- **John McCormick**; 2- **William McQueen**; and 3- **Andrew J. Peck**). I think that the records of these three names are complete, and maybe there is nothing more to do.

I made EDITS of the records of the next two names: **Edward Franklin Perkins**; and **Thomas Jones**. Let me know if these records are corrected and complete.

The next name listed was **Joseph J. Newell**. I listed him on the SUVCW Database Record as being buried at San Francisco National Cemetery. Is that correct and is the SUVCW Database Record now updated and complete? I also found a record of him in the SUVCW Database Records as being buried in Nevada. I don't want the SUVCW Database listing the same

Joseph J. Newell as being buried in two different locations. What is needed is proof of his actual present day burial location, and then the actual burial location can be listed. In a situation where I don't know the exact burial location, then I don't list any burial location, until I get the proof of the exact burial location at some later date.

The next four names are: 1- **John Huquet**; 2- **Auguste Masson**; 3- **Francis McQueen**; and 4- **John W. Purdy**. I was not able to find any of these four names listed above, as matching names of veterans that are buried at San Francisco National Cemetery. Do you have proof that they were buried at San Francisco National Cemetery? If so, then let me know, so I can let the Department of Veterans Affairs Office for San Francisco National Cemetery know about these veterans. They might be buried at San Francisco National Cemetery in graves that are presently unmarked (or the cemetery office records for these veterans may have been lost ??).

I also updated Records for the last five names: 1- **Samuel Harrison**; 2- **James D. Holland**; 3- **David B. Pierce**; 4- **James F. Reilly**; and 5- **William Vance**. I also DELETED the five duplicate Records from the SUVCW Database.

I also made EDITS of the SUVCW Database Records for the three other veterans: 1- **Henry D. Akins**; 2- **Jason Sawyer Burlingame**; and 3- **Thomas Jefferson Fowler**. I think that is all of the names that you told me about on the 3 e-mails that you sent to me. If I misplaced some of the veteran names or you have any other names, then let me know.

Sorry that it took me some time to get back to you. I have been busy lately cleaning up the weeds in my yard. I don't want the weeds to catch on fire. So far, there have not been fires near where I live in Castro Valley, CA. I hope you are well and doing fine.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kenneth G. Felton, Department Graves Registration Officer  
Department of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

June 30, 2024:

Hi Ken,

No problem on the corrections or deletions. Just for information, There are no Military Graves at Fort Ruby, White Pine County, Nevada... The were all dug up and removed 31 October 1901 to San Francisco National (Presidio at the time) Cemetery. The remains were received there on 5 November 1901. The Presidio denies that they received a list. The National Archives gave me Copies of the original burial lists from every fort and camp in the United States except Fort Ruby, Camp Smoke Creek, and Camp Dun Glen, all of them in Nevada. Here is what I have. There is a copy of an honor roll list that is attached, for burials at Fort Ruby, NV. There is also an article in the local news paper that remains were removed to the Presidio. This information was given to me by the National Archives and taken from Paper archives. There were many other Western Camps and Forts, long abandoned that were also having the Military graves in their cemeteries remove to San Francisco Presidio. No records were kept by the Presidio. They just dug a huge mass grave and put all 474 boxes of remains in it and constructed a large marker to identify the Unknowns from the Western Forts and Camps. The only records available today are the original Burial Registers for each Fort and Camp with notes of the removal of the Military Burials.

Now, reading the Department regulations, my interpretation is that the Data Entry should be made for the exact location of the burial remains. A line in the Veteran Summary should then have a Find A Grave Number and a note stating that the Veteran may have a Cenotaph at the Fort or Camp from which they were removed. In other words A soldier might have been buried at Fort Ruby right after he died. After 40 years his remains were removed to San Francisco National Cemetery, so his burial is now San Francisco National Cemetery in the grave of the 474 unknowns, but Find A Grave rules allow for one entry for the burial and one entry for the Cenotaph.

SUVCW Graves database only wants one listing, so do they want the Veteran listed where the remains are actually buried ?or do they want them listed where they were originally buried?

My concern is that If you look at find a Grave, 9 burials listed for Fort Ruby are cenotaphs. When you look at the Graves registration Database, only 5 of the nine are listed at Fort Ruby and one is listed without a Cemetery. 2 more are listed as being at Lone Mountain in Carson City and Thomas Jones has disappeared altogether.

At a minimum, SUVCW Database should have all the names from the attached list being buried in the same place. I just need to know where that is.

Don Huffman  
GRO Carlin Camp #25  
Reno, Nevada

June 29, 2024:

Hi Ken,

I go over these counties nearly every year to make corrections and or additions and subtractions. I have not done it for at least two or maybe three years for White Pine. It is somewhat confusing that Fort Ruby, was at one time considered to be in Elko County, but for some time it has been in White Pine County. As far as the burials in the Post Cemetery at Fort Ruby, 31 October 1901 the remains of 18 Soldiers were removed from the Fort Ruby, Nevada Cemetery after being abandoned there for over 30 years. The remains were placed each in 2x4 wooden boxes and shipped to the San Francisco Presidio for reburial. No records can be located to know exactly where these remains were placed within the cemetery. Cemetery officials told me by telephone, there is a section where the bodies of 474 unknown dead were sent here from early Western frontier camps. They said the ones from Fort Ruby are probably included there as no other mass burials from that time period exist in the National Cemetery.

The SUVCW National rules for recording burials states that these types of burials are called CENOTAPHS. When entering a Civil War Veteran into the database from Fort Ruby, Nevada it should contain information in the entry that the burial has been removed and to where it has been removed. The entry should also contain the information that this listing is a CENOTAPH and. Should contain the Find A Grave number.

There are ten Find A Grave listings for burials in the Fort Ruby Cemetery that need attention. All ten are also listed in the SUVCW database. Only **McCormick**, John, **McQueen** William, and **Peck**, Andrew J, contain. The required information for being a CENOTAPH with the Find A Grave number and that they were removed 31 October 1901 and shipped to the Presidio of San Francisco, 5 November 1901, for reburial. The Department of Veteran Affairs cannot locate record of names to go with remains. The remains were reburied at the plot of the 474 unknowns, marked UNKNOWN SOLDIER DEAD with an

eagle and a shield. This plot is located West of the Officer's Circle.

**Perkins**, Edward has only that the burial is a CENOTAPH. His information was entered by persons unknown to state that records had been checked and that his remains had been reburied in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. **Jones**, Thomas has a Find A Grave number but no reference to a CENOTAPH. He is also listed as being buried in Elko County, not White Pine. They should be listed in San Francisco National Cemetery in our SUVCW Database.

**Newall**, Joseph, has Find A Grave number but is listed as either in Lone Mountain or San Francisco and has no mention of a CENOTAPH. **Huquet**, John FAG#111852723, **Masson**, Auguste FAG#93242584, **McGeen**, Francis FAG#111853018, and **Purdy**, John W FAG#111853168, are listed but no mention of their Find A Grave numbers, CENOTAPH, or that they are buried in San Francisco National Cemetery

I have extensively checked the records and even paid the National Archives to make me a CD with PDF images of all the burials from the Forts and Camps in the United States. In those records are the notes of when and where the remains of ALL KNOWN Soldiers and their families were removed to and when. I also have news articles that state when the burials from Fort Ruby were loaded onto Railroad cars and shipped to the Presidio in San Francisco.

In addition to the above, **Harrison**, Samuel, **Holland**, James D, **Pierce**, David B, **Reilly**, James F, and **Vance**, William Perkins are all duplicate Entries into the SUVCW database and one of each of them needs to be removed.

You know I would be happy to make my own corrections. I know that you are the only one for California, Nevada, Hawaii, and all Pacific Territories. Let me know when these are done.

Thank You,  
Don Huffman  
GRO Carlin Camp #25 SUVCW  
Reno, Nevada

June 27, 2024:

Hi Ken,

I have some corrections for Nye County, Nevada.

- 1). **Aikins**, Henry D., Corporal, Co. E, 1st Nevada Cavalry FAG# 5492044. His marker is located in Carson City at Lone Mountain Cemetery not in Nye County. I realize that the only written record is that he died at Camp Nye that was only in existence for a couple of short years. I want to correlate the memorial in Find A Grave with our SUVCW records, since there is only proof of death not burial.
- 2). **Burlingame**, Jason Sawyer, Sergeant, Co. E, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery FAG# 120496587. His Marker is also in Carson City although the listing in SUVCW database says he is in Nye County. Please change his county to Carson City as it has been Carson City Municipality since 1969.
- 3). **Fowler**, Thomas Jefferson, 66 REGT IND INF 1846 1935 FAG#5127397 is buried in Lone Mountain GAR cemetery but is listed as City of Dayton, County of Carson City. Please change his city to Carson City as Dayton is in Lyon County

I haven't heard from you since before the Encampment so I hope my emails on corrections are getting through?

June 23, 2024:

Hi Ken,

I just noticed another correction for a misspelled city. Leonard, Charles Sumner, Corporal, Company D second Maine Infantry is listed in "**Winnemocca**" Cemetery and City, Humboldt County, Nevada. He is supposed to be listed in "WINNEMUCCA" Cemetery and City, Humboldt County, Nevada.

Thanks for your consideration,

Don Huffman  
GRO Carlin Camp #25  
Reno, Nevada

June 11, 2024

Hi Ken,

I have been Struggling To find a math error for Humboldt County, Nevada. I had 27 Veterans listed there but could only find 26 on the National Graves registration. I found the Error. Since each entry does not have a control number, I will type out the information. Please note the corrections and additions in **RED**

Hurst, James **Preston**, Birth 17 December 1846, Death 24 April 1908, Age 61. He is a second Lieutenant in the 19<sup>th</sup> Kansas Cavalry, Company M.

Veteran Summary: 2nd Lieutenant, Company M, 19th Kansas Cavalry

Filed for pension 26 July 1893, App#1152506, Cert#1083796

Wife Elizabeth filed widow's pension 28 May 1908, App#897527, Cert#707922  
Find A Grave 40218607.

He was a Member of the **McDermitt POST GAR of Nevada**

Cemetery Name: **Current Entry** "Winemucca" Please correct to "WINNEMUCCA"

City Town or Village: : **Current Entry** "Winemucca" Please correct to "WINNEMUCCA"

County: **Current Entry** "No Entry" Please Correct to "HUMBOLDT"

State: **Current Entry** "No Entry" Please Correct to "NEVADA"

**He has an Upright Military Shield Marker with his name rank and unit**

Thanks Ken. I appreciate it,

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