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NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp 25 meeting will be held at 1300 Hours on **Sunday, December 8th** 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.

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 Kevin L. Martin has published three new orders or messages since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch. 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>

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CAMP ORDERS

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- General Order No. 5 – [Disasters in the Southeast](#)
- General Order No. 5 – [Passing of James H. \(Jim\) Houston, PDC, Department of Ohio](#)
- General Order No. 5 – [Regarding Form 80 and Sect 1 and 3, GO No. 22, Series 2023-24](#)

SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP EVENTS

Wreaths Across America

Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather on Saturday, December 14th to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,600 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad. Remember - sponsor a veteran's wreath, Honor - volunteer and participate, and Teach - by inviting friends, family, coworkers, and organizations to join in our efforts to honor and remember our passed veterans.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) will happen in Northern Nevada in three locations. SUVCW Nevada Camp 25, along with American Legion Dunkel Post 1, and SAR Battle Born Patriots will be at the GAR Cemetery (1025 Angel Street (10th & Angel) Reno, NV) at 1200 hrs. to honor our Civil War Veterans interred there. Please come out early to support us, as this is a Camp 25 function. Also, please wear whatever uniform items you may have. We will also be honoring veterans buried at the neighboring Hillside Cemetery and the Knights of Pythias Cemetery. GAR Wreaths can be bought [here](#) or [here](#). The honor guard and organizers will assemble at 1100 hrs.

Also, the Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (14 Veterans Way, Fernley, NV 89408) will have a ceremony conducted by the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition at 0900 hrs. to coincide with the nationwide ceremonies. They are several hundred short of wreaths and could use our [help](#).

The Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City will have their Ceremony at 1000 hrs. (1044 Beverly Dr., Carson City, NV 89706) They are very short in their goal, so please [help](#) them out.

Camp Elections

Sunday December 8th 1300 Hours

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

No Department events are currently scheduled.

NATIONAL EVENTS

No National events are currently scheduled.

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, or visit their website - <https://johanashineducw.wordpress.com/>

CAMP 25 NEWS

Riggs Ridge Progress

Commander Davis attended the Nevada Geographic Names Board meeting on November 19th in Carson City to support the proposal to name the ridge behind the state prison in Carson City in honor of Camp 25 past Commander John Ridge. The eight voting members present passed the proposal unanimously to call it Riggs Ridge. It now goes to Federal level which usually follows the recommendations of the State boards. The representative from the Washoe Tribe said the tribe had great respect for John, because when he taught in the prison, he respected their incarcerated tribal members.

Woman's Relief Corps

The Nevada Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps is trying to make a comeback through the leadership and outreach of Fran Tyron. At one time the Nevada Chapter was up to, if not over, 100 members. She needs 4 additional members to be chartered and the application is only \$15 with a \$15 a year membership. It is not a lineage association, so think about asking a wife, daughter, or friend if they would like to join.

The Woman's Relief Corps is a United States charitable organization focused on three main objectives: fraternity, charity, and loyalty. The mission of the organization is "to perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed much and sometimes all in the American Civil War; provide assistance to veterans of all wars and extend needed aid to them and their widows and orphans."

On 25 and 26 July 1883 fifty-seven women met in Denver, Colorado, and organized the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary women's group to the Grand Army of the Republic. The first national president was Elzina Florence Barker of Malden, Massachusetts. The current national president is Cher Petrovie, and the current national

headquarters and museum are at 1613 Edith Street, Murphysboro, Ill 62966

Fran would like to re-establish the Woman's Relief Corps in Reno to its former glory. To become a member, go to the web site and submit the membership application.

womansreliefcorps.org

Fran is also the driving force behind the Hillside Cemetery Preservation Foundation which has put countless hours into restoring the adjacent GAR Cemetery to what it was like when it was established.



Fran Tyron (on the right) receiving an award from the local DAR Chapter for her historic preservation work.

Unionville Soldier Remains Project

Our Unionville Soldier project was put on a brief pause over the election season, while we wait for news from Congressman Amodei office on progress with the Office of Army Cemeteries (OAC) and their determination if 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. The Ramapo College DNA effort is also on hold while we determine if the OAC and/or Nevada State Museum is willing to release some of the remains for DNA testing. 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. It is likely that Ramapo will return the contributions that they have received.

Camp 25 Elections

Camp 25 Elections are coming up at the December meeting and several offices are without candidates. Commander Davis wishes to step down as Commander and the secretary office will also be open. The secretary position is easy now that it is separated from treasurer. It only

requires maintaining the roster, taking meeting minutes, and filling out a couple of forms at the end of the year. If you wish to fill one of those offices, please let commander Davis know. Two appointed positions are also open, the Color Bearer and Guide. These are largely ceremonial positions and require hardly any time or effort.

Brother Francis (Frank) Wood

Commander Davis and Sr. Vice Commander Perdue visited brother Wood in October at his house in Reno. Frank has been a continuous member of Camp 25 since 2003, joining just a few months after it was organized. In his time in the Camp, he was the Commander in 2009 and 2010 and also held the offices of Sr. Vice Commander, Council, Guide, and Guard. At the time we met with him he was in pretty good sprites, but his health seemed to be declining. He talked fondly of his grandfather and uncles that served in the Civil War and like a true patriot he had displayed several pictures of family members in their Union uniforms.



Brother Wood and Sr. Vice Commander Perdue

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

160 Years Ago - 1864 in the Civil War

Nov. 2 - Affair at Hazen's Farm near Devalls Bluff, AR	Nov. 4 - Engagement at Johnsonville, Tennessee
Nov. 8 - Abraham Lincoln is re-elected President	Nov. 11 - Battle of Bull's Gap, Tennessee
Nov. 15 - William T. Sherman departs Atlanta on the March to the Sea, leaving Atlanta	Nov. 24 - Skirmish at Columbia, Tennessee
Nov. 25 - Confederates fail at attempt to set fire to New York City hotels and Barnum's Museum	Nov. 28 - Rosser's Raid on New Creek near Keyser, West Virginia
Nov. 29 - Colonel J.M. Chivington leads Sand Creek Massacre in the Colorado Territory	Nov. 29 - Battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee
Nov. 30 - Battle of Franklin, Tennessee	Nov. 30 - Engagement at Honey Hill, South Carolina
	Courtesy of www.battlefields.org

Political Speech from the Day



"All seems well with us" - A. Lincoln."

Civil War Recruitment Poster

DELAWAREANS!

THE RIGHT STRIKE

RALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

GOOD MEN WANTED,
TO BE MUSTERED IN THE
3rd Delaware Regiment
TO FORM A COMPANY OF
SKIRMISHERS

To be armed with Enfield Rifles, with sword bayonets.

PAY AND RATIONS COMMENCE AT ONCE.

\$100 Bounty at the close of the War, and 160 Acres of land.

RECRUITING STATION AT MIDDLETOWN, NEW CASTLE CO., DELAWARE.

AND AT _____ AND AT _____

Capt. R. A. SMITH

Quote from the Day

"We have, as all will agree, a free government, where every man has a right to be equal with every other man."

Abraham Lincoln

OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Joel Canterbury

13 West Virginia Infantry Regiment

Private Joel Canterbury was born on 9 Sep 1837 in Cabell, Wayne County, Virginia (later WV) the son of John C. Canterbury Jr. and Nancy Newman. Joel was the great grandson of Revolutionary War soldier Jedithen "Gideon" Canterbury of Taylor's Virginia Reg. Before the war Joel married Phoebe Cyrus in September of 1858, and they quickly had two children; Oliver and Perry. Phoebe's grandfather Jesse Cyrus was a Revolutionary soldier in the North Carolina Line.

Joel, a farmer from Round Bottom, Virginia, enlisted in the Union Army at age 24 on 17 Aug 1862, into Company H, 13th Regiment of West Virginia Infantry. When Virginia voted for secession



Battle Flag of the 13th WV Infantry Reg.

from the Union in April 1861, most of the panhandle Virginians were opposed. Both the Union and the Confederacy started to draw soldiers from the panhandle, so even before West Virginia was officially a state on 20 Jun 1863 it was sending soldiers to fight the Union cause. The 13th Regiment was commanded by Col. William R. Brown and was organized into eight companies at Point Pleasant, on 10 Oct 1862 with its soldiers being mustered in for three years. The regiment served in the West Virginia 2nd Division in the Kanawha Valley during the first year of the war, mostly performing guard duty and scouting by detachments of companies. Thereafter it was often called the Kanawha Division. This was a relatively peaceful time for Joel, compared to what was to come later in the Shenandoah Valley. In March 1863, company H, along with A, B, D, was attacked by Confederate Gen. Jenkins at Hurricane Bridge. Jenkins issued a demand for surrender and it was promptly refused by the Union Commander. After a 5-hour battle, Gen. Jenkins was forced to withdraw his force of 1,000 men, leaving their dead and wounded on

the field. In May, the regiment was assigned to the brigade of Col. Rutherford B. Hayes, future president, and in July, they were ordered to Gallipolis, Ohio, and then to Pomeroy Ohio. Here they participated at the Battle of Buffington Island, basically ending Morgan's raid on 19 Jul 1863. Approximately 700 of Gen. John Morgan's men were captured while trying to cross the Ohio River into West Virginia, but over 300 succeeded in crossing. On July 26, near Salineville, Ohio, Morgan and his remaining soldiers finally surrendered and were imprisoned.

The 13th Regiment continued to serve under Col. Hayes in 18 months of hard service, engaging in six battles in the summer and fall of 1864. Gen. George Crook was made 2nd Division commander after Gen Hunter was given a third division and made commander of what was called the Union Army of West Virginia. In early June 1864 they marched across the Alleghenies skirmishing the enemy at Warm Spring Mountain and destroying Confederate rail infrastructures. From there they continued to Staunton and joined back with General Hunter's corps in the Valley Campaigns. They first skirmished near the village of Newport with several men wounded on June 11, and then took part in the battle of Lexington. By mid-month they crossed the James River and the Blue Ridge into Bedford County to destroyed the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. Quickly thereafter the regiment participated again with the rest of the Army in an unsuccessful attempt to capture the Confederate supply and rail center at Lynchburg. There on the 17th they took their place in the line of battle and at sunrise the following morning the enemy opened heavily with artillery. Throughout the day they engaged, deployed and re-deployed under heavy artillery and musketry fire, but never busted through the Confederate redoubts. Hunter's army successfully thwarted the Confederate counterattacks, but as ammunition ran short, he became convinced that they were outnumbered and at nightfall he ordered the retreated.

Throughout the remainder of June and into July they continued to move and engage the enemy. In July General Crook became the army commander (sometimes called VIII Corp). They participated in the 2nd Battle of Kernstown where the Army of West Virginia was driven from the Shenandoah Valley back over the Potomac River into Maryland. This was the high-water point of Confederacy in the valley. The 13th did not fight again until the Battle of Berryville in early September, a one-months reprieve for Joel and his weary brethren. Here Confederate Maj. Gen. Kershaw attacked Colonel Joseph Thoburn's 1st Division while they were preparing to pitch camp. Gen. Kershaw routed Thoburn's left flank before Joel's 2nd Division could come to the rescue. Darkness ended the fighting, with both sides bringing in heavy reinforcements. The next morning, seeing the strength of

the Union's entrenched line, the Confederates retreated behind Opequon Creek, thus setting up the Battle of Opequon (3rd Battle of Winchester), the largest, bloodiest, and most important battle in the Shenandoah Valley.

At Opequon Creek the Army of West Virginia (VIII Corps) under Gen Crook, had three divisions plus an artillery brigade. Crook had been Gen. Sheridan's roommate at West Point, and had a good grasp of military tactics. Interestingly, in addition to having Colonel Rutherford B. Hayes, future President of the United States under his command, one of Crook's staff officers was Captain William McKinley, who two decades after Hayes would also to become President. Joel later in life would have appreciated this leadership and likely supported them in their elections. The Battle of Opequon Creek was a major victory for the Union, with nearly a third of the Confederate Army becoming casualties. The West Virginia Army's attack on the west flank was a key to the victory and the 13th Infantry was given special mention for their conspicuous gallantry in this battle. The Rebs were forcing to leave the field and retreat to Fisher's Hill. Here three days later, Gen. Crook led the attack pushing the Confederate troops out of there, too. Crook's and Gen Rickett's division struck the Confederate line breaking it and causing them to fall back to Waynesboro. Less than a month later, Joel and his brothers in the 13th Infantry were engaged again under the overall command of General. Sheridan, this time at Cedar Creek.

The Battle of Cedar Creek finally broke the Confederate army in the Shenandoah Valley, and it was never again able to maneuver through the valley to threaten the Union capital of Washington, or to supply General Lee with food from the valley, key to his defeat the following spring. Unfortunately, after the battle of Tom's Brook (13th not involved) Sheridan thought that the Confederate army was no longer a threat. Under an early morning heavy fog on 19 October, Confederate Gen. Early attacked, catching the Union off guard, predominantly Gen. Crook's VIII Corps camped at Cedar Creek. First Thoburn's 1st Division was routed out of their camps and then Hayes' 2nd Division could not hold and also fled the field. Gen. Early later wrote of it, ". . . and Crook's corps were in complete rout, and their camps, with a number of pieces of artillery and a considerable quantity of small arms, abandoned." XIX Corps was also quickly pushed back, but VI Corps, which was further away and with time to form up, started to engage and slowed the confederate assault. This allowed time for the other two corps to reformed for a counterattack. Gen Sheridan arrived back on the battlefield from his trip to Washington in the late morning, rallied the troops, and by 4PM counterattacked with VI and XIX Corps leading, and Crook's Corps in reserve. Into the late afternoon, with the tremendous support from the

cavalry, the Union rebutted the Rebs, who broke and fled the valley. After the Valley Campaign Joel's regiment stayed in the Shenandoah Valley and then moved to Cumberland Mayland to help protect the Capital. Joel mustered out on 22 Jun 1865 with the rest of the Regiment. During his term of service, his 13th Regiment marched 1,437 miles, and traveled by rail and steamboat 538 miles. The 13th West Virginia Infantry Regiment suffered four Officers and 57 enlisted men killed in battle or died from wounds, and one officer and 108 enlisted men dead from disease for a total of 170 fatalities.

After the Civil War Joel returned to farming in Butler, Wayne County, West Virginia and by 1870, Phoebe had 4 new children; Smith, John Henry, Rena ((Irene) (the author's great-grandmother)) and Nancy. Phoebe died before March 1873, certainly in Wayne County, and on 4 Jan 1875 Joel married Mary Colegrove in Wayne Co. She was born circa 1854. Between 1873 and 1890 they had 5 children; Willaim, Roxie, Ardelia, Marietta, and Joel Frank Jr. On 26 Jun 1880 Joel applied and received an invalid pension, and after Joel's death Mary applied and received a widow's pension. The 1900, 1910, and 1920 census records them continuing to farm in Buttler County. Joel died on 17 Oct 1925 in Prichard, Wayne, West Virginia with the cause of death listed as "infirmatives (sic) of old age", at 92 years. A military headstone was requested for him upon his death by wife Mary, and he is buried in Prichard, West Virginia, possibly in the Newman Cemetery.

Sunday, 1 Dec 2024 1300 hr. EST

"Lincoln Comes to Gettysburg: Mysteries of His Immortal Visit" By Brad Gottfried. Dr. Gottfried will address the mysteries of why the address was so short, when and where he wrote it, why he almost did not come, if he was guarded, what type of horse he rode during the procession, whether the audience applauded, whether he ad-libbed parts of his speech, and why he visited a church after the ceremony.

email to reserve a seat: garmuslib1866@gmail.com
<https://garmuslib.org/future-events>

Civil War Records

Civil War Records is a group with a [website](#) that helps people research their Civil War Ancestors. They are paid research, but also offer articles and Free Zoom Webinars:

Next Webinar

"I Have a Civil War Ancestor, Now What?"
 Dec 3rd at 1900 hrs. ET or Dec 7th at 1000 hrs. ET. [Signup](#)

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

Next Meeting - Tuesday, 14 January, 1800 Hrs.
 13971 S. Reno Blvd, Summit Shopping Center, Reno

CIVIL WAR FACTS AND TRIVIA

Commanders of the Union Army



General Winfield Scott - 5 Jul 1841 - 1 Nov 1861

Joel Canterbury's Headstone Application

Story by David Perdue, 2nd Great Grandson

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

George B. McClellan - 1 Nov 1861 to 11 Mar 1862. Lincoln distrusted him and removed him after the election of 1862. Gen. McClellan ran against Lincoln for President in 1864.

Henry W. Halleck - 23 Jul 1862 to 9 Mar 1864. Gen. Halleck was too cautious a general, not ordering his subordinates on his intended plans, but only advising them. Lincoln wanted decisive and aggressive generals.

Ulysses S. Grant - 9 Mar 1864 to 4 Mar 1869, the first 3-Star General. Gen. Grant was the aggressive general that Lincoln wanted, and for 11 months, even though his forces suffered high casualties, he doggedly pursued Lee until he surrendered in April 1865 at Appomattox Court House. Gen. Grant was sworn in as President on 4 Mar 1869 and succeeded as Commander of the Army by Gen. Sherman.

Army Structure and Command

Unit	Typical Size	Desired, but Atypical Size	Typical Union Commanding Officer
Company	80	100 men at full strength	Captain
Regiment	800	10 Companies	Colonel
Brigade	2600	4 to 6 Regiments	Brigadier General or Senior Colonel
Division	8,000	3 to 4 Brigades	Senior Brigadier General or Major General
Corps	26,000	Several Divisions	Major General
Army	80,000	2 or more Corps	Senior Major General
Dept.		Department – the bureaucratic overseer of armies in the field	Union depts. were often named for rivers, Confederate depts. for states or regions

Appendix 1

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

- I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 1306 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, David Davis, Kurt Dietrich, David Perdue, and Bernie Hamm.
Guests: Jenny Davis, and Fran Tryon (Woman’s Relief Corps).
- V. Commander’s Report—David Davis.

- A. Brother David Hess just had a successful hip replacement, and is doing well.
- B. Election of officers will take place in December, and Commander Davis has been in this position for 3 years and would like to step down. SVC Perdue pulled his name from the possible commanders list. David Hess is also retiring as secretary after 6 years, and a replacement is needed for him.
- C. Riggs Ridge – The next meeting of the Geographic Names Board is tentatively scheduled for 19 Nov. – see https://nbgm.unr.edu/geonames/Meeting_Agendas. They are waiting for input from the Washoe Tribe and the Carson City mayor and board of supervisors. Commander Davis called Carson City Mayor Lori Bagwell a month or so ago, and she had not heard of the board of supervisors scheduling it.
- D. We will not have entries in either the Nevada Day Parade, due to their exorbitant entry fee, or the Reno Veterans Day Parade due to most members travelling or having prior commitments.
- VI. Secretary’s Report— David Hess was absent, but the minutes of the last meeting are in newsletter, posted on the Camp website. **MOVED/SECONDED** (Perdue/Hamm) to accept the minutes as published in the last issue of the Carlin Dispatch. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VII. Treasurer’s Report—The Treasurer was not present, but he had communicated to the Commander that nothing had changed. The motion to approve did not gain a second.
- VIII. Senior Vice Commander’s Report—David Perdue. SVC Perdue reported that the Department webmaster thought that linking a QR code at the GAR Cemetery to a list of names and the bios of those soldiers buried at the cemetery was a good idea and would support it. A discussion of the vulnerabilities of public QR codes was held and if bios are available. Commandeer Davis and Fran Tyron indicated that they had some info on the soldiers. It was decided to go forward with the idea.
- IX. History & Memorials Report—See Appendix 2.
- X. Graves Registration Report—None provided.
- XI. Eagle Scout Report—Bernie Hamm. Brother Hamm addressed the upcoming Reno Scouting 100-year anniversary events, handed out flyers, and invited all to join as alumni.
- XII. ROTC Report—Kurt Dietrich. Brother Dietrich reported on the difficulties of coordination and knowing the students at each school that should be recognized. In the SUVCW the schools deal directly with the national organization, sometimes successfully and sometimes not. In most cases Camp 25 has little knowledge of what is happening and is almost never called upon to participate in the award ceremonies. Sometimes awards are mailed to

the student after they have graduated. Brother Dietrich will draft a letter of concern to the department, with the problems we see and recommendations for decentralizing the program.

XIII Other Reports—None presented

XIV Old Business:

A. Activities – A short conversation was held on possible other new events, including in engaging with the Civil War Reenactors, engaging the community along with like other organizations at community events, and a day-trip to Fort Churchill. None were finalized.

B. Smoke Creak Desert Graves – Commander Davis and Senior Vice Commander Perdue did some research since the last meeting on exact location of the graves, maps of the area, and the owners of the adjacent property. A trip will be organized soon for the brothers to see the graves and to determine what restoration is needed.

3. Unionville Remains – Follow-up on this effort has been put off until after the election is over. See the History Report.

4. GAR Cemetery – Fran Tryon reported on GAR and Hillside Cemeteries. They have cleaned the flag pipes at the military graves in preparation for Wreaths Across America, suffering through another wasp attack.

5. Camp Displays – Brother Perdue has not found time to work on them.

6. Old Business moved to the back burner – Cannon acquisition, Winnemucca GAR Cemetery, James Reid MOH, and Kane/Keenan MOH.

XV. New Business:

A. Wreaths Across America – Camp 25, along with American Legion Dunkel Post 1 and SAR Battle Born Patriots, will be at the GAR Cemetery (1025 Angel Street (10th & Angel) Reno, NV) on November 16, to honor our Civil War Veterans interred there. Please come out early to support us, as this is a Camp 25 function and please wear whatever uniform items you may have. We will also be honoring veterans buried at the neighboring Hillside Cemetery and the Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

XVI. Good of the Order:

A. Elections will be held at the December Meeting.

B. Next meeting – Sunday December 8th, 2024 at 1300 hours

XVII. Closing:

A. Prayer – Chaplain Donn Dalton.

Respectfully submitted,
David Perdue, Sr. Vice Cmdr.

Appendix 2

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

October 20, 2024

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

The background of the Unionville remains has been exhaustively covered in earlier reports.

In late August, Congressman Mark Amodei's aid Debbie Balsinger e-mailed: "I am working with Madeline Ware Van der Voort, the State Archaeologist Deputy Preservation office and Tribal Liaison at the Bureau of Land Management. At our urging, she is working with the Office of Army Cemeteries about the remains. Dr. Trimble at the Office of Army Cemeteries agreed to assist us. Their office can determine if this person is a soldier, and if he is, the Army will bury him with honors at one of their cemeteries."

SVC David Perdue had been in contact with Tracie Boyle at the Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center at Ramapo College of New Jersey about doing a DNA analysis. Debbie brought up concerns about the potential quality of the DNA of the remains. Cairenn Binder of the IGGC stated: "The laboratory that we utilized for DNA testing of historic remains is Astrea Forensics. Not all labs offer the type of service required to perform genealogy testing, and Astrea is the best for this type of case, combining paleo DNA extraction techniques and advanced sequencing protocols. They have performed DNA testing in another case of ours that turned out to be a person born in the mid-1800s, and their work is excellent."

Because of delays in hearing from Ms. Balsinger, Cairenn had several concerns. The main one, of course, is we do not have possession of the remains for DNA testing. A second one is if the OAC requires DNA testing be done at a lab not affiliated with the IGGC, then they can do nothing.

As of October 16, Ms. Balsinger was still waiting for a reply. In the meantime, the effort with the IGGC has been suspended, hopefully only temporarily.