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NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp 25 meeting will be held at 1300 hrs. on **Sunday, February 16th** 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 Hrs., allowing you time to eat. We will try to email a zoom link before the meeting.

ORDERS

CAMP ORDERS

One new Camp Orders was issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published and it is in Attachment 1. For a complete list of orders, see the Camp website:

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

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.sucwv.org/general-orders-of-the-commander-in-chief>

- [General Order No. 8](#) – Passing of Missouri Past Dept. Cmdr, Robert M. Petrovic
- [General Order No. 9](#) – 100th Birthday of Real Son and Brother William Pool
- [General Order No. 10](#) – New Year's Reveille
- [General Order No. 11](#) – Passing of President James E. Carter
- [Special Message No.2](#) – Season's Greeting from CinC Martin

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/>

SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP EVENTS

No Department events are currently

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

139th Annual Encampment

March 7-8, 2025

The 139th Department Encampment will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakerfield California. Information is available at the [encampment web page](#).

NATIONAL EVENTS

No National events are currently scheduled.

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

CAMP 25 NEWS

Camp 25 Elections

Camp 25 Elections were held at the 8 Dec 2024 meeting and the following officers were elected by the members or appointed by the commander;

Elected

Commander	David A. Davis
Sr. Vice Commander	David J. Perdue
Jr. Vice Commander	Donn Dalton
Secretary	Randall C. Lorenz
Treasurer	Robert L. Stoecklin
Council	Roger E. Linscott
Council	Frank B. Whitman
Council	Richard Dalton

Appointed

Chaplain	Donn Dalton
Graves Reg. Officer	Donald J. Huffman
Historian	David A. Davis, PCC
CW Memorials Officer	David A. Davis, PCC
Counselor	David F. Hess
Patriotic Instructor	Cody Ehlers
Color Bearer	Vacant
Guide	Randall C. Lorenz
Guard	Cody Ehlers
Signals Officer	David J. Perdue
GAR Highway Officer	David A. Davis, PCC
Newsletter Editor	David J. Perdue
Eagle Scout Coord.	Bernard Hamm
ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Coord.	Kurt Dietrich, PCC

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

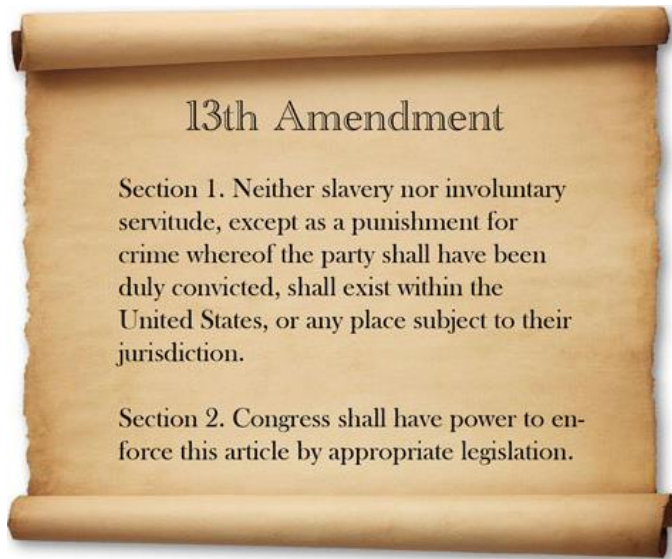
160 Years Ago - 1864 in the Civil War

Jan. 12 - Francis Preston Blair Sr. attempts to negotiate peace with Jefferson Davis	Jan. 13 - Second attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina begins
Jan. 15 - Fort Fisher stormed by Army & Navy closing the last open Confederate port	Jan. 23 - Gen. Joseph E. Johnston opposes Gen. Sherman's March through the Carolinas
Jan. 31 - U.S. House passes 13th Amendment abolishing slavery	Courtesy of www.battfields.org

Quote from the Day

"I don't think the people of the slave states will ever consider the subject of slavery in its true light till some other argument is resorted to other than moral persuasion."
Rev. John H. Brown

Political Speech from the Day



13th Amendment

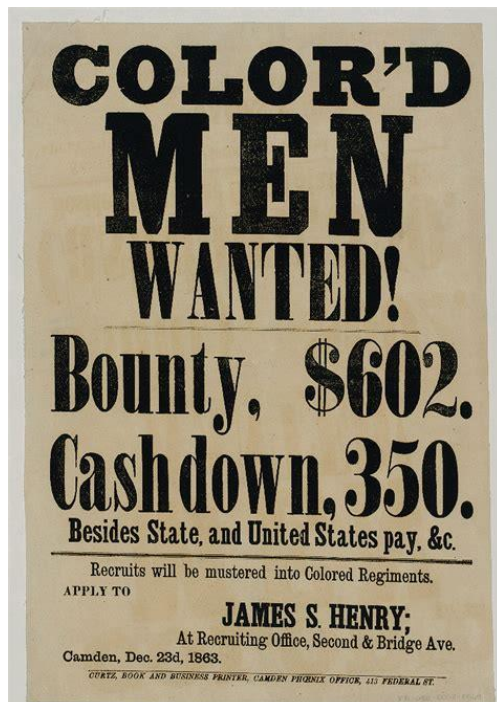
Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

We have suffered for slavery more than all the plagues of Egypt. More than the first born of every household has been taken. We still harden our hearts, and refuse to let the people go. The scourge still continues, nor do I expect it to cease until we obey the behests of the Father of men. We are about to ascertain the national will by an amendment to the Constitution. If the gentlemen opposite will yield to the voice of God and humanity and vote for it, I verily believe the sword of the destroying angel will be stayed, and this people be re-united. If we still harden our hearts, and blood must still flow, may the ghosts of the slaughtered victims sit heavily upon the souls of those who cause it."

Thaddeus Stevens, Chairman of Committee of Ways & Means

Civil War Recruitment Poster



OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

The Lives and Civil War Service of Brothers Daniel, Jr., John, and Joseph Oakerson

Daniel Oakerson, Jr., was born July 26, 1826, probably in Upper Freehold Township. He was married to Mary Ann Moore when their first child was born in 1849. He worked as a laborer and lived with his father-in-law, Samuel Moore, a cooper, in Plumstead Township in 1850. In 1860, he lived and worked as a day laborer in Washington in Washington Township (now Robbinsville), Mercer County, NJ. By 1861, he had three children.

At age 34, he enrolled in Washington for 9 months on Aug. 30, 1862, and mustered in at Trenton on Sept. 15. His unit was Co. E, 21st New Jersey Volunteers. He is listed as present on all of his company rolls. He mustered out June 19, 1863, in Trenton with \$34.24 for "Am't for cloth'g or money adv'd".

The 21st NJ was organized at Trenton and mustered in on Sept. 15, 1862. With 950 men, the regiment left for Washington, DC, the next day and then moved to Frederick, MD. On the 18th, it joined the Army of the Potomac at Antietam, which was the day after the main battle. There it was attached to the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 6th Army Corps. Thereafter, the regiment was involved in a number of activities. The regiment was at Hagerstown, MD, and performed guard duty at Dam No. 5 through Oct. 29. It was then at Falmouth, VA, through Nov. 19. The regiment was engaged at the Battle of Fredericksburg where it covered the laying of pontoons on Dec. 11 and supported Weirs' Maryland Battery. The regiment was on duty near White Oak Church in Virginia. It was involved in the "Mud March," Jan. 1863, and in construction of the corduroy road below Fredericksburg through April. The regiment was involved with operations at Franklin's Crossing during the Chancellorsville Campaign, Apr. 27-May 6. It was then engaged at the Battles of Marye's Heights, May 3; Salem Heights, May 3-4, and Bank's Ford, May 4. The regiment mustered out at Trenton on June 19, 1863. While it is not certain where Daniel was during any of these activities, it appears he saw his share of action.

By 1870, with a personal estate of \$100, he and his family had produced another child and were living back in Washington Township. He lived there at least through 1880 and continued working as a farm laborer. On June 13, 1888, he filed for a pension as an invalid. The 1890 Veterans' Census listed him as having rheumatism. Mary Ann died at home Jan. 10, 1894, which was then in Windsor, Washington Township. By 1901, Daniel was residing in Mount Holly, NJ. That October his pension

was increased to \$12. Daniel died May 15, 1904, and was laid to rest next to Mary Ann at the Windsor United Methodist Church Cemetery. His small family gravestone reads,

“DANIEL OAKERSON. CO. E. 21 REGT. N.J. VOLS. DIED MAY 15, 1904. AGED 78 YEARS.”

Joseph Oakerson was born June 24, 1833, probably in Upper Freehold Township. He was married to Susan Davis Davidson when their first child was born in 1853. He worked as a laborer and lived in Plumstead Township in 1860. By 1861, he had four children. A fifth one was born seven months after his enlistment. These children were born in Hornerstown just over the county line in Upper Freehold Township.

At age 28, Joseph enrolled at Toms River, NJ, for three years on Sept. 17, 1861. His unit was Co. D, 9th New Jersey Infantry. He was mustered in at Trenton on the 23rd. He was present on most of his company rolls but was on furlough during July-Aug. 1863. Joseph moved with the regiment to Newport News in October where it remained until the end of Jan. 1864. The official end of the three-year term expired that month, and he was discharged there on Jan. 17. Half of the regiment agreed to re-enlist for three more years or to the end of the war, and Joseph re-enlisted the next day. The regiment was renamed the 9th New Jersey Volunteer Veteran Infantry, and the men including Joseph were furloughed until Mar. 17. During May-June 1864, he was absent due to sickness but was paid \$13 in advance and paid a \$60 bounty with another \$50 bounty due. During July-Aug. the bounty due was \$100. He was present the remainder of his term, paid through Apr. 3, 1865, and mustered out at Greensborough, NC, on July 12 of that year. When he left the service, he had received \$200 in bounties and was owed another \$190.

The 9th NJ was in existence throughout the war with some companies being detached. It is not certain which campaigns Joseph may have been in so only a brief outline of the regiment's activities is given here. The 9th NJ was organized as a regiment of riflemen at Camp Olden, Trenton, NJ, between Sept. 13-Oct. 15, 1861. Recruited as sharpshooters, the men “protested” when first issued smoothbore muskets. These were replaced with Springfield Model 1861 rifle-muskets in late November. The regiment left for Washington, DC, on Dec. 4, arriving there on the 6th. It consisted of 1159 men, 80 horses, 25 wagons, and 5 ambulances. Over the course of its existence, the regiment was attached to at least 19 brigades, commands, and districts. This includes at one time being part of the brigade of General Jesse Reno, the namesake of Reno, NV.

The regiment's “First Enlistment” was spent entirely in North Carolina. The regiment was part of the General Burnside Expedition and was in the Battles of Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862; New Bern, Mar. 14; and Fort Macon, Apr. 25. At Roanoke Island, the regiment acquired the nickname “Jersey Muskrats” by sloshing through mud and deep water in “Division” formation. As part of other expeditions, the regiment was in battles and skirmishes at Rowell's Mills, Nov. 2, 1862; Deep Creek, Dec. 12; Southwest Creek, Dec. 13; Kinston, Dec. 14; Whitehall, Dec. 16; Goldsborough, Dec. 17; Comfort Bridge, July 6, 1863; and Winston, July 26.

The First Enlistment expired in Jan. 1864, and the interlude, formation of the “Second Enlistment”, and regiment name change are noted above. To encourage new enlistments and re-enlistments, a series of bounties were offered starting with a month's pay (\$13), a \$2 premium, and a \$60 bounty up front. Bounties of \$50 for veteran enlistments and \$40 for new enlistments were then made at regular intervals through the term of service. The State would also pay the families of married volunteers or any volunteer's widowed mother \$6 per month during their term of service.

The Second Enlistment started in Virginia and ended back in North Carolina. The regiment was involved in the Battles of Deep Creek, VA, Feb. and Mar., 1864, and Cherry Grove, Apr. 14, 1864. The regiment then took part in General Grant's Overland Campaign. It saw action at Walthall, May 6-7; Swift Creek, May 9-10; Drewry's Bluff, May 15-16; and Cold Harbor, June 3-4. The regiment was then at the siege of Petersburg, June-Aug., including being present at the Battle of the Crater, July 30. The regiment was then sent back to North Carolina on Sept. 17. There it was involved in the Battles of Gardner's Bridge, Dec. 9; Foster's Bridge, Dec. 10; Butler's Bridge, Dec. 11; Southwest Creek, Mar. 7, 1865; Wise's Fork, Mar. 8-10; and Goldsborough, Mar. 21. The regiment mustered out at Goldsborough on July 12, 1865.

At one point during the Battle of Drewry's Bluff, the regiment was ordered to retreat. Cos. D (Joseph's) and G were on the far left flank and never got the order. They held their ground until they were almost surrounded and forced to beat a hasty retreat themselves with most of Co. G being captured. On another occasion, while in winter camp, smallpox broke out in the adjacent regiment. The entire 9th NJ was inoculated with a vaccine of uncertain effectiveness. Fortunately, no one became ill.

After his service was over, Joseph moved to Hornerstown and had two or three more children. He died Dec. 14, 1868, and was laid to rest at the Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in New Egypt, NJ. His military tombstone was acquired in 1879 and reads,

“JOSEPH OAKERSON. CO. D 9TH N.J. INF.”

Susan applied for his pension as a widow on May 25, 1870.

John Oakerson was born Mar. 22, 1836, probably in Upper Freehold Township. He married Anna E. Chafey on Aug. 4, 1859, and their first child was born in Hornerstown. In 1860, he was a farmer in Plumstead Township with a personal estate of \$6000. He lived with his older brother Samuel who was a retired farmer with real estate valued at \$4000. At the time of his enlistment, he had two children, both under 6.

John enlisted and was mustered in for three years on the same day, Feb. 29, 1864, at Trenton. He was 5 feet, 6 7/8 inches tall and had hazel eyes, brown hair, and a dark complexion. He was a farmer by occupation. His unit was Co. D, 9th New Jersey Infantry, the same as his brother Joseph's unit. This was at the start of the Second Enlistment as noted above, and he received a \$60 bounty with \$240 more due. Interestingly, he was listed as deserted on Mar. 3, 1864, but noted as receiving his \$13 advance on Mar. 23. He was present from May onwards and was promoted to corporal in Jan. 1865. He was paid through Apr. 30 and mustered out at Greensborough, NC, on July 12, 1865. He had received \$180 in bounties and was owed another \$120. He owed the United States \$6 "for arms, equipments, & c."

After the war, he moved back to New Jersey and had at least two more children. He lived at Sand Town, Ocean County in 1868, but by 1870, he and his family lived in Upper Freehold Township near Imlaystown. He worked as a trucker with a personal estate of \$100 and real estate valued at \$600. By 1880, he was back in Hornerstown and employed as a farm worker. On July 21, 1887, he filed for a pension as an invalid. John passed away at Hornerstown on Nov. 28, 1889. He was suffering an unspecified "disease" but was not seriously ill, and his death was unexpected. The funeral took place at the Little Baptist Chapel in Hornerstown, and he was laid to rest at the Zion Methodist Church Cemetery. His family tombstone reads

JOHN OAKERSON, BORN MAR. 22, 1836, DIED
NOV. 28, 1889.

After his death, Anna filed as a widow for his pension on Jan. 17, 1890. She passed away in Jan. 1929 and was buried next to him.

David A. Davis, present Commander of Carlin Camp 25, is the great-great-great grandson of Barzillai Oakerson, the brother of three men who served as privates on the Union side in the War of the Rebellion.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Go to the website to see upcoming events:

email to reserve a seat: garmuslib1866@gmail.com

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

Battle Born Patriots Chapter of, Sons of American Revolution

<https://www.bbp-sar.charity/>

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Second Tuesday of odd months (January, March, etc.) at 1800 hrs. in the Skipolini's Restaurant at 13971 S. Virginia St. (Summit Center), Reno, NV

Next Meeting - Tuesday, 11 February

George Washington Birthday Luncheon

22 February at 1130 hrs

Red Hawk Golf & Resort, 6600 N. Wingfield Pkwy,
Sparks, NV

American Heritage Partners

Seeking El Dorado Luncheon

Nevada State Museum, 600 N. Carson St, Carson City
15 March 2024, 1130 hrs.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA AND FACTS

1. What was the name of the primary Union military force in the East?
2. What was the name of the primary confederate military force in the East?
3. Name the five border states.
4. The highest number of casualties during one day battle was nearly 24,000. What was the battle?
5. What was the first ironclad warship to engage in the war?
6. What was the first major victory for the South?
7. More soldiers died from disease than from battle injuries. About what was the percentage 15% , 30%, 60%, or 80%?
8. Did more soldiers die fighting for the North or South?
9. What was the nickname for the Northern Peace Democrats who opposed Lincoln and the War?
10. Besides U.S. Grant, name the other five US Presidents that fought in the Civil War.

Answers:

1. The Army of the Potomac.
2. The Army of Northern Virginia.
3. Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri.
4. The Battle of Shiloh.
5. The CSS Manassas.
6. First Battle of Bull Run (Battle of First Manassas).
7. 60%; nearly five of every eight soldiers died of diseases (battlefields.org).
8. North; the North suffered 364,511 dead and the South approximately 260,000.
9. Copperheads' first used by the New York Tribune on July 20, 1861.
10. Rutherford B. Hayes (19), James Garfield (20), Chester A. Arthur (21), Benjamin Harrison (23), William McKinley (25). All were republicans. Note: Democrat Grover Cleavland (22 & 24) paid a Polish immigrant to serve in his place (he survived).

Rate your score (18 possible correct answers):

- 0 to 4 correct – turn-in your musket and mess kit.
- 5 to 9 correct – receive extra hard tack for the march
- 10 to 13 correct – move to a staff job
- 14 to 16 correct – command a regiment
- 17 and above – General of the Army

Common Civil War Medals



U.S. Medal of Honor

Devised by President Lincoln the Medal of Honor is the United States of America's most prestigious personal military decoration, awarded for acts of valor.



Civil War Campaign Medal

The Civil War Campaign Medal was awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who had served in the American Civil War between 1861 and 1865.



Society of the Army of the Potomac

The Society of the Army of the Potomac was a military society founded in 1869 from officers and enlisted men of the Army of the Potomac.



Davis Guard Medal

The Davis Guard Medal is a military decoration bestowed by the State of Texas for the victory at the Second Battle of Sabine Pass.



New Market Cross of Honor

The New Market Cross of Honor is a military decoration issued to cadets of the Virginia Military Institute for their service to the Confederacy.



Southern Cross of Honor

The Southern Cross of Honor a commemorative medal established by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor Confederate veterans.

Camp Meeting Minutes are not published.

Appendix 1

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

December 8, 2024

David A. Davis, Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp

Commander/Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

RIGGS RIDGE

I attended the November 19th meeting of the Nevada Board on Geographic Names in Carson City. The eight voting members present passed the Riggs Ridge proposal unanimously. The representative from the Washoe Tribe said the tribe had great respect for John, because he respected the tribal members when they were incarcerated. It now goes to the U.S. Board on Geographic names for their approval or rejection. While they don't rubber stamp proposed names, they usually follow the states boards' recommendations.

The abbreviated background is that John Arthur Riggs 1946-2016, was the Camp Commander from 2012 until his death on January 12, 2016. He stated he wanted a mountain named after him. A person has to be considered "worthy" according to the NGBN and been deceased for at least five years. John was a decorated Viet Nam War veteran and UNR graduate, majoring in education and political science. He was very active in the Young Democrats and Junior Chamber of Commerce starting in the 1970s. He worked a number of years in the prison system as a teacher and parole officer. He was well respected by the prison inmates mainly because he listened to them and treated them with respect. He was well traveled in Europe, and he also visited Japan. He was a devout Catholic and a member of Little Flower parish and the Knights of Columbus. He was very knowledgeable on a wide range of historical topics and was an avid genealogist. This made him a "worthy" person of note.

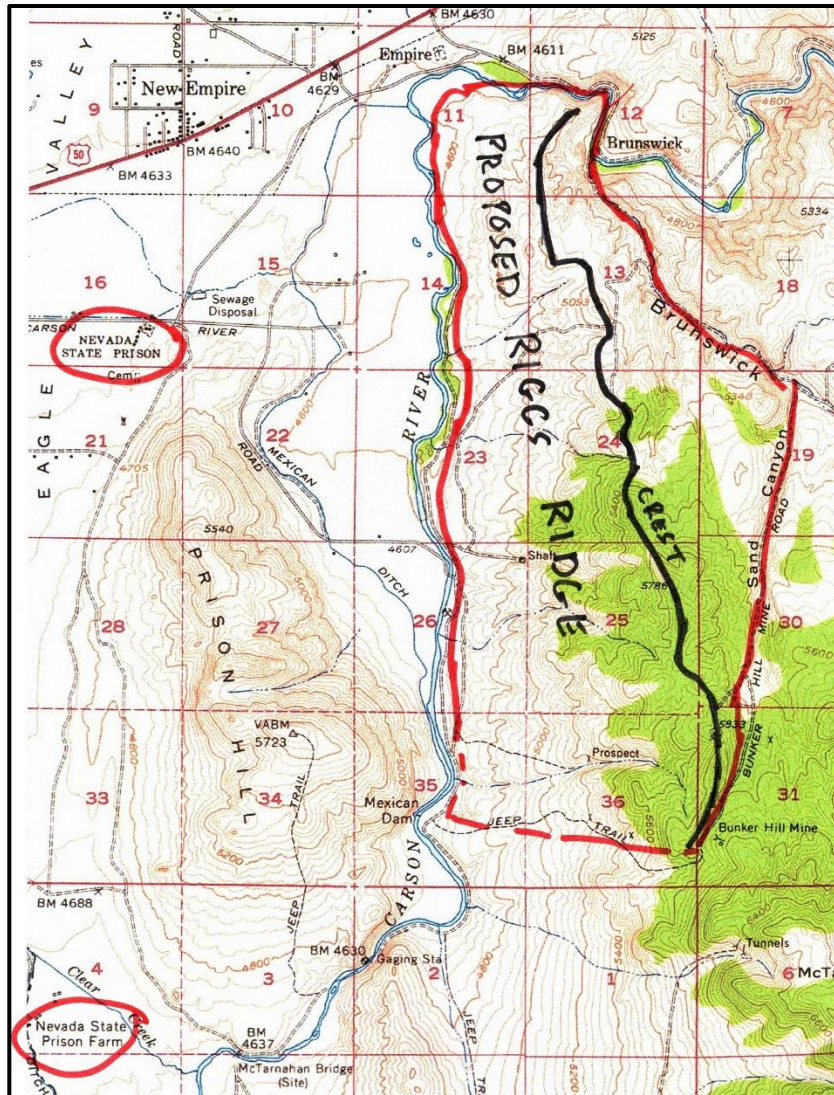


U.S. Army 1966-1968
Germany, Viet Nam



Carlin Camp 25
Commander 2012-2016

With some help from Christine Johnson of NGBN, it was decided on the unnamed ridge running north from McTarnahan Hill along the east side of the Carson River east of Carson City. It was fitting due to its proximity to Nevada State Prisons where he worked. I did the biographical and historical geographical research and submitted the paperwork. It was finally approved at the fourth hearing.



Map from the proposal showing Riggs Ridge, Carson River, US 50, Empire Cemetery, and Nevada State Prisons.



Riggs Ridge: Looking southward from near the Empire Cemetery. The line of cottonwoods marks the Carson River. The topographic dip at the left marks the canyon of the “Big Bend” of the Carson River as it flows around nose of Riggs Ridge. (Photo by David A. Davis, 12/1/2024)

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

**CAMP ORDER No. 1
Series 2025**

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 announced the Camp officers for 2025 are follows:

1). As per the Camp election held December 8, 2024, the following elected Camp officers are:

Commander: David A. Davis, PCC
Senior Vice Commander: David J. Perdue
Junior Vice Commander: Donn M. Dalton
Secretary: Randall C. Lorenz
Treasurer: Robert L. Stoecklin
Camp Council: 1. Roger E. Linscott; 2. Frank B. Whitman; 3. Richard L. Dalton

2). The appointed Camp officers are:

Chaplain: Donn M. Dalton
Graves Registration Officer: Donald J. Huffman
Historian: David A. Davis, PCC
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis, PCC
Counselor: David F. Hess
Patriotic Instructor: Cody S. Ehlers
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G.A.R. Highway Officer: David A. Davis, PCC
Newsletter Editor: David J. Perdue
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator: Bernard Hamm
ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Award Coordinator: Kurt Dietrich, PCC

3). Unless otherwise noted, the Camp will meet at the Raley's Supermarket Community Room, 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 22nd day of December 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/ Randall C. Lorenz
Camp Secretary