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The next meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 16, 2026

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CAMP 25 COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Brothers, it is hard to believe that the year is half over; but with it we are on our way to completing several of our longstanding goals this year; properly interring the Unionville Soldier and upgrading the cemetery at Smoke Creek. After these we can focus on recognizing the Union Soldiers resting in Genoa. I'm requesting maximum participation in the ceremony for the Unionville soldier. We understand that the BLM is now willing to turn his remains over to the Army, and with that our intention is that Camp25 will conduct the ceremony at the National Veterans Cemetery in Fernly. Our

intention is to invite our local representatives, State and Federal, and also the public and the news media. We would like to make it a proper event. We will also reach out to other civil war and historical organizations to participate with us. With the summer winding down the Virginia City Labor Day Parade is coming up, and if we can get 5 or 6 to pledge to participate, I'll sign us up, and we will show off our canon. I want to thank all that came out in June for our first Camp 25 BBQ. It was a huge success, and we will do it again next year. A recommendation was made to have it at the Bowers Mansion next year, so we will talk about that at our or alternatives in the spring. In June we approved Jim McClane's application and inducted him as a member. I want to welcome him as a new brother, and I would encourage you to court other perspective new members at any opportunity you have. Our ranks fell from a high of 26 a few years ago to 21 at the beginning of the year and we are back up to 23. Lastly, I have selected the Edy House as our dedicated charity and I will be reaching out to them to see how we can assist them.

David Perdue – Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

THE PASSING OF THE LAST REAL SON, WILLIAM POOL

Brother William "Bill" Pool, the last living Real Son of a Union veteran, passed away on June 7, 2026, at age 101. He was born January 13, 1925, to Charles Parker Pool, Sr., and Clara Bell (nee Straw) Pool in Blackburn, Arkansas. His father was born on March 27, 1844, in Ritchie County, Virginia (West Virginia after 1863) to Thomas and Anna (nee Waldo) Pool. He served as a private in Co. D, 6th West Virginia Infantry from August 20, 1861, to August 27, 1864. Interestingly, his father served as a corporal in Co. E, 6th West Virginia Infantry. Charles was wounded in the left leg, resulting in an amputation above the knee. He filed for a pension as an invalid on February 24, 1879, which was granted. Charles was a member of G.A.R. Joseph Butterfield Post 316 of Greensburg, Kansas.

Charles was a farmer for much of his life and moved around. Over time, he lived in Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, and possibly Texas as well as West Virginia. He married Evaline Dotson on February 17, 1867, in Adair County, Missouri. She was born in 1851 in Ritchie County to farmer Granville and Sarah E. (nee Cross) Dotson. They apparently had no children and parted ways a short time later. She apparently died in 1908. Charles then married Martha A. Dobbs on December 29, 1869, in Schuyler County, Missouri. Martha was born on November 29, 1840, in Virginia, to carpenter Patrick and Elizabeth (nee Evy) Dobbs. They had three children of which only one survived. She died on May 26, 1912, in Carroll, Texas, of apparent heart trouble. She was buried in the Oakside Cemetery, Summersville, Missouri, the town they lived in at the time.

On August 28, 1915, at the age of 71, Charles married then 27-year-old Clara Bell Straw in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Clara was born July 24, 1888, in Nevada, Iowa, to William Jackson and Elizabeth Jane (nee Ketner) Straw. William was a farmer and moved to Missouri. Clara married farmer Clyde Joseph Booth on September 9, 1906, in Coffeyville, Kansas. Clyde was born May 20, 1886, in Schuyler, Nebraska. They had at least three children, two born in Kansas and the last in Missouri in 1911. They apparently parted ways before his death. He died October 27, 1921, from convulsions at the state hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Charles and Clara had five children, all born in Arkansas. Charles also raised the three Booth children. He passed away from broncho pneumonia on January 18, 1933, in Lee Creek, Arkansas, when Bill was 8 years old. He is buried in the Friendship Cemetery, West Fork, Arkansas. After Charles' death, Clara moved to Wishart, Missouri where her brother and sister lived. She died on May 9, 1990, at age 101. She is buried in the Enon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Morrisville, Missouri.

Bill entered the United States Army in 1944 during the World War II and served in the European Theater. He distinguished himself through extraordinary courage when he volunteered with another soldier to rescue a severely wounded officer from the battlefield after others deemed the attempt too dangerous. For his heroism, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was also a wounded prisoner of war. On November 25, 1946, Bill married Shirley Ruth Courtney in Washington County, Arkansas. Shirley was born on October 17, 1928, in Winslow, Arkansas, to farmer Charles Russell and Lillian (nee Moody) Courtney. Bill and Shirley moved to Missouri and had nine children. He worked first as farmer and then as a mechanic. He later worked in the construction industry. He was a member of Local BAC No. 15 of the Brick Layers Union. At age 100, Bill was presented with both a Certificate of Membership in the SUVCW Department of Missouri and a SUVCW Membership Medal. His family remembered him as a man of unwavering faith, dedication, and work ethic who never missed a day of work and ensured his family was in church every Sunday. He attended the Pentecostal Church of God in Bolivar, Missouri. Shirley passed away on December 10, 2020. She was buried in the Enon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Bill's service in 2026 was held at Pitts Chapel in Bolivar, Missouri, and he was buried in the Enon Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Bill is survived by seven children, 31 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

This article was compiled from a number of sources including Ancestry.com, census records, AR marriage records; Findagrave, GAR Post 316 muster roll; newspaper announcements, SUVCW orders and articles, and vital records.

NOTE: Camp 25 had a Real Son as member: Oliver Roode, Portola, CA, died January 19, 2013, age 99; Father: Stephen W. Roode, private, Co. K, 9th VT Infantry. See articles in Carlin Camp 25 Dispatch, vol. 9. No. 5, September 2011 and vol. 11, no. 1, January 2013.

OTHER NEWS

UNIONVILLE REMAINS

The latest concerning the Unionville Remains from Debbie Balsinger, Congressman Mark Amodei's Constituent Services Representative, is that a meeting was scheduled for July 30 in which a Memorandum of Agreement to transfer the remains to the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery would finally be signed. Unfortunately, the Point of Contact for the Office of Army Cemeteries got delayed in Denver and had to return to Washington, DC. The July 30 meeting will be rescheduled.

SMOKE CREEK

The trip to the Smoke Creek graves site scheduled for July 28th to erect a more substantial fence around the cross was postponed due to a range fire. The Biscar Fire, which was mainly northwest of the cross, started from a lightning strike on the 18th and burned 69,355 acres (108.4 square miles). It is now 98% contained. It came to within 1 ¼ miles of the cross.



ROTC AWARD

On May 18th, the Army ROTC Wolfpack Battalion at the University of Nevada, Reno, held its awards program for the cadets. Camp 25 Secretary Bill Newman awarded Cadet Noah Wade with a SUVCW Cadet Award Certificate. Cadet Wade was the Battalion's top MSI cadet who distinguished himself through outstanding performance in both academics and physical fitness. He maintained a high GPA and an excellent fitness score, reflecting his discipline, work ethic, and commitment to excellence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

July 30-August 2, 2026

The 145th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders will be held Thursday July 30th through Sunday August 2nd in Gettysburg, PA. More information will be posted soon at the National website <https://suvchw.org>.

SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

August 12 and September 9, 2026

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month, will hold its next two meetings on August 12th and September 9th, at the R Vida Cantina Restaurant, 7040 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. The meetings are open to the public. Dinner and informal discussions start at 6:00 pm, a short business meeting is held starting at 7 pm, and a featured talk begins about 7:20 pm and lasts between 45 minutes and an hour. The presentations were yet to be determined at the time of this writing. See the website at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com> for more information.

JOHANA SHINE TENT 96 MEETINGS

August 17 and November 15, 2026

The Johana Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War holds quarterly meetings via Zoom. The next meetings are at 1:30 PM on Sunday August 17, and November 15, 2026. For more information contact Suzanne Malek at smalek@tmcc.edu.

TONOPAH TOMBSTONE DEDICATION

September 6, 2026

The Senator Edward D. Baker Camp 31, SUVCW, will hold a dedication of newly acquired and placed tombstones in the Tonopah Cemetery at 1 pm on September 6th. The new tombstones are for veterans of the Rebellion, Spanish American War, and the Philippine Insurrection. The dedication will also include a memorial to deceased brother Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr., PCC of both Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp

31 of Henderson, NV, and former William B. Keith Camp 12 of Las Vegas. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

VIRGINIA CITY LABOR DAY PARADE

September 7, 2026

Virginia City will hold its Labor Day parade between noon and 1 pm on C Street on September 7th. Camp 25 will have an entry in it. See the website <https://visitvirginiacitynv.com/event/labor-day-parade/> for more information.

FORT CROOK CIVIL WAR DAYS

September 18-19, 2026

The Fort Crook Museum at Fall River Mills will host Fort Crook Civil War Days Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th. Friday will feature school days and the Reenactors of the American Civil War (RACW) and others will conduct Civil War battles on Saturday. The Fort Crook Museum is about 85 miles northwest of Susanville. See the website <https://www.racw.org/calendar-of-events/> for more information. **Note:** detachments of the 2nd California Cavalry were sent from Fort Crook to man Smoke Creek Station.

NEVADA DAY

October 31, 2026

The Nevada Day parade will be held Saturday, October 31, 2026, in Carson City. The theme is “Pumpkin, Pioneers, and Tall Tales”. Camp 25 will have an entry in it. See the website https://www.nevadaday.com/?srsltid=AfmBOor8I8mPkZxdL1hErDR1mdXNQ_scd21t-NaVE-EkeJoXuO4a6XKT for more information.

MAHON RANCH CIVIL WAR DAYS

November 6-8, 2026

Reenactors of the American Civil War (RACW) will hold their annual Mahon Ranch Civil War Days near Elk Grove (about 10 miles SE of Sacramento), CA, from Friday November 6th through Sunday November 8th. The event is free to the public and will involve several skirmishes with a school day on Friday. See the website <https://www.racw.org/calendar-of-events/> for more information.

MEETING – JUNE 7, 2026

SONS of UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE

CARLIN CAMP 25

DEPARTMENT of CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

Sunday, June 7, 2026

8495 Opal Station Drive, Reno, Nevada

I). Opening

- 1). No Zoom link established for this off-site meeting
- 2). Called the Roll of Officers and Men and established a quorum. Secretary – Roll Call - David A. Davis, Donn Dalton, Bill Newman, Bernie Hamm, David Perdue, Roger Lindscott, Jay Dickey
- 3). Meeting called to order by Commander Perdue at 14:17 hours
- 4). Reviewed the Principles of the Organizations
 - a). FRATERNITY- Color Blue of the flag; denoting Fraternity and Faithfulness.
 - b). CHARITY- White of the flag; denoting Charity and Purity.
 - c). LOYALTY - Red of the flag; denoting Patriotism, Strength and Courage.
- 5). Invocation – Chaplain Donn Dalton
- 6). Pledge of Allegiance
- 7). Introduction of guests – James McLane

II). Commander’s Introduction and Report

- 1). Goals
 - a). Keep the meetings down to 1.5 hours. √√
 - b). Conduct 2 ongoing projects a year (Agenda Item 14)

- c). Define and support one or more outside charity's that the members would like to support with time or money. Adopted: Eddy House - <https://eddyhouse.org/>
- d. Improve support to the GAR Cemetery Hillside Service Volunteer Day. Donn will pick a Saturday shortly.
- 2). Cannon report:
 - a). Cannon restoration complete and debut at Memorial Day
 - b). Awaiting training to be able to fire blank charges
- III). Secretary's Report – Brother Newman
 - 1). The April Minutes are in April Carlin Dispatch. Motion to approve made by Jay Dickey. 2nd by David A. Davis. All approved.
 - 2) Secretary's Report -none
 - 3) Camp Annual Report (Form 27) was submitted
- IV). Treasurer's Report
 - 1). Balances as of May 31, 2026: General (unrestricted) Account: \$2,507.06; Cannon Fund: \$400.00; Total: \$2907.06
 - 2). Department cashed our annual dues check for \$670 and dues for James McLane deposited. No additional funds from dues are expected.
 - 3). Motion to approve by Jay Dickey and seconded by David A. Davis. All approved.
 - 4). Other business – none
- V). Senior Vice Commander's Report Brother Donn Dalton
 - 1). Memorial Day Review – there was a good turn out that included Rep. Mark Amodei, and Noemi Duerr (Reno City Council). Richard Dalton is the new chaplain.
 - 2). Smoke Creek Project - discussion of placement of a metal fence and placing of US headstones on fallen soldier's graves. Brother Perdue said that he would fund the metal fence and invited other to help. Brother D. Dalton will continue to look into headstones with the VA. He also suggested using a drone to find the camp.
- VI). Junior Vice Commander's Report (Brother Ehlers) – no report
- VII). Historian, Memorials, and GAR Highway Officer's Report (Brother Davis) wants to recognize the eagle scout for his work in upgrades to the GAR cemetery.
- VIII). Graves Registration Officer's Report (Brother Huffman) – no report
- IX). ROTC Report (Brother Dietrich) – UNR and Douglas County High School presented candidates for awards. Brother Newman presented the award to the recipient at the UNR award ceremony. He suggested that we should give a small amount to future UND ROTC winners. We now have the Washoe JROTC directors contact and we will improve communication.
- X). Eagle Scout Coordinator's Report (Brother Hamm) nothing to report
- XI). Patriotic Instructor's Report (Brother Ehlers) – Nothing to Report
- XII). Other Officers' Reports
 - 1). Discussed Unionville Soldier - Brother Davis – No word received from the Army Cemeteries but will keep following up.
- XIII). Old/Continuing Business:
 - 1). Amendment of the by-laws - Brother Hess is working on the amendments and will try to get the new changes by the end of June upon his return to Reno.
- XIV). Upcoming activities
 - 1). Projects
 - a). Smoke Creek - Brother Donn Dalton
 - b). Genoa Marker - Brother Ehlers
 - 2). Activities
 - a). 7/4/2026: Ringing of the Liberty Bell (Brother Hess)
 - b). 7/8/2026: SAR Reading of the Declaration of Independence (Brother Hess)
 - c). Labor Day Parade in VC
 - d). 10/31/2026: Nevada Day Parade
 - e). Other activities

XV). New Business

- 1). New applications to approve for James McLane of 2nd great grandfather Julian Persinger Martin of Company C, 6th Regimental Missouri State Militia Calvary. Motion to approve Donn Dalton and second by Bernie Hamm. All approved

XVI). Good of the Order

- 1). Brother Jame McLane was inducted into Camp 25 SUCWV
- 2). Commander Perdue has appointment to the 6th Military District Awards Committee.
- 3). The next meeting will be August 16th, 2026

XVII). Closing

- 1). Prayer – Donn Dalton
- 2). Dismissed at 1458 (Meeting duration: 41 minutes)

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Newman, Secretary

General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25

Department of California and Pacific

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 7, 2026

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

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BATTLES 1754 -1900

I came across a book entitled “Alphabetical List of Battles, 1754-1900, War of the Rebellion, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection and all Old Wars with Dates”. It was compiled from official records by Newton A. Strait and published in Washington, DC, in 1903. The entire book is on-line at Wikipedia Commons. One of the interesting parts of the book is the table of rates for disabilities (see below).

PENSIONS—TABLE OF RATES.	
RATINGS FOR DISABILITIES INCURRED IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE AND IN LINE OF DUTY.	
<i>For simple total (a disability equivalent to the ankylosis of a wrist) provided by section 4695, Revised Statutes, United States.</i>	
ARMY.	
	Per month.
Lieutenant-colonel and all officers of higher rank.....	\$30.00
Major, surgeon, and paymaster.....	25.00
Captain, provost-marshal, and chaplain.....	20.00
First lieutenant, assistant surgeon, deputy provost-marshal, and quartermaster.....	17.00
Second lieutenant and enrolling officer.....	15.00
All enlisted men.....	8.00
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.	
Captain, and all officers of higher rank, commander, lieutenant commanding, and master commanding, surgeon, paymaster, and chief engineer ranking with commander by law, lieutenant-colonel, and all of higher rank in Marine Corps.....	30.00
Lieutenant, passed assistant surgeon, surgeon, paymaster, and chief engineer, ranking with lieutenant by law, and major in Marine Corps.....	25.00
Master, professor of mathematics, assistant surgeon, paymaster, and chaplain, and captain in Marine Corps.....	20.00
First lieutenant in Marine Corps.....	17.00
First assistant engineer, ensign, and pilot, and second lieutenant in Marine Corps.....	15.00
Cadet midshipmen, passed midshipmen, midshipmen, clerks of admirals, of paymasters, and of officers commanding vessels, second and third assistant engineers, master's mate, and warrant officers.....	10.00
All enlisted men, except warrant officers.....	8.00

Rates and disabilities specified by law.

	From July 4, 1864.	From Mar. 3, 1865.	From June 6, 1866.	From June 4, 1872.	From June 4, 1874.	From Feb. 28, 1877.	From June 17, 1878.	From Mar. 3, 1879.	From Mar. 3, 1883.	From Mar. 3, 1885.	From Aug. 4, 1886.	From Aug. 27, 1888.	From Feb. 12, 1889.	From Mar. 4, 1890.	Act of July 14, 1892.
Loss of both hands	\$25	...	...	\$31	\$50	...	\$72	...	...	...	...	...	\$100	...	...
Loss of sight of both eyes.....	25	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Loss of both feet.....	20	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Loss of sight of one eye, the sight of the other lost before enlistment	...	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Total disability in both hands.....	25	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Regular aid and attendance (first grade).....	25	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Periodical aid and attendance	...	...	...	31	50	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...
Loss of a leg at hip joint.....	15	24	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Loss of an arm at shoulder joint.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Loss of an arm at or above elbow, or a leg at or above knee.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Loss of a leg above the knee causing inability to wear an artificial limb.....	15	24	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Loss of one hand and one foot.....	20	24	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total disability in one arm or one leg.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Total disability in one hand and one foot.....	20	24	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total disability in both feet.....	20	24	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Loss of a hand or a foot.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Total disability in one hand or one foot.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...
Incapacity to perform manual labor.....	20	24	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total deafness.....	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Disability equivalent to the loss of a hand or a foot.....	15	18	...	24	36	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	72	...	...

¹ Seventy-two dollars from June 17, 1878, only where the rate was \$50 under the act of June 18, 1874, and granted prior to June 16, 1880. First grade proper is \$50, amended by act of Mar. 4, 1890, which increases rate to \$72.

² From date of medical examination held after July 14, 1892.

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Rates fixed by the Commissioner of Pensions for certain disabilities not specified by law.

	Per month.
Anchylolosis of shoulder.....	\$12.00
Anchylolosis of elbow.....	10.00
Anchylolosis of knee.....	10.00
Anchylolosis of ankle.....	8.00
Anchylolosis of wrist.....	8.00
Loss of sight of one eye.....	12.00
Loss of one eye.....	17.00
Nearly total deafness of one ear.....	6.00
Total deafness of one ear.....	10.00
Slight deafness of both ears.....	6.00
Severe deafness of one ear and slight of the other.....	10.00
Nearly total deafness of one ear and slight of the other.....	15.00
Total deafness of one ear and slight of the other.....	20.00
Severe deafness of both ears.....	22.00
Total deafness of one ear and severe of the other.....	25.00
Deafness of both ears existing in a degree nearly total.....	27.00
Loss of palm of hand and all the fingers, the thumb remaining.....	17.00
Loss of thumb, index, middle, and ring fingers.....	17.00
Loss of thumb, index, and middle fingers.....	16.00
Loss of thumb and index finger.....	12.00
Loss of thumb and little finger.....	10.00
Loss of thumb, index, and little fingers.....	16.00
Loss of thumb.....	8.00
Loss of thumb and metacarpal bone.....	12.00
Loss of all the fingers, thumb and palm remaining.....	16.00
Loss of index, middle, and ring fingers.....	16.00
Loss of middle, ring, and little fingers.....	14.00
Loss of index and middle fingers.....	8.00
Loss of little and middle fingers.....	8.00
Loss of little and ring fingers.....	6.00
Loss of ring and middle fingers.....	6.00
Loss of index and little fingers.....	6.00
Loss of index finger.....	4.00
Loss of any other finger without complications.....	2.00
Loss of all the toes of one foot.....	10.00
Loss of great, second, and third toes.....	8.00
Loss of great toe and metatarsal.....	8.00
Loss of great and second toes.....	8.00
Loss of great toe.....	6.00
Loss of any other toe and metatarsal.....	6.00
Loss of any other toe.....	2.00
Chopart's amputation of foot, with good results.....	14.00
Pirogoff's modification of Syme's.....	17.00
Small varicocele.....	2.00
Well-marked varicocele.....	4.00
Inguinal hernia which passes through the external ring.....	10.00
Inguinal hernia which does not pass through the external ring.....	6.00
Double inguinal hernia, each of which passes through the external ring.....	14.00
Double inguinal hernia, one of which passes through the external ring and the other does not.....	12.00
Double inguinal hernia, neither of which passes through the external ring.....	8.00
Femoral hernia.....	10.00

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

Camp Orders No. 2 was recently issued and can be viewed at the end of this newsletter. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <https://suvpac.org/camp25orders/>.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Two new Dept. Orders have recently been issued. Dept. Order No. 2 dated May 18th assigns full administrative access to all official digital assets to Dept. Signals Officer/Webmaster Tad Campbell, PCinC, and Assistant Signals Officer/Webmaster and Dept. Counsel Dan Earl. Dept. Order No. 2 dated June 28th announced the passing of brother Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr., PCC of both Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp 31 of Henderson, NV, and former William B. Keith Camp 12 of Las Vegas. For complete details and a complete list of Dept. Orders back to 2001, see the Department website: <https://suvpac.org/orders/>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

Four new General Orders (GO) have recently been issued. GO No. 15 dated May 8th provided for the recognition of rights, honors, courtesies, and privileges to be extended to honorary Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Wolz. GO No. 16 dated May 29th announced the passing of Past W.R.C. National President Lurene I. Wentworth. GO No. 17 dated June 8th announced the passing of last Real Son William Pool. GO No. 18 dated June 29th discusses the 250th birthday of the United States. For complete details and a complete list of General Orders back to 1994, please see the National website: <https://suvvcw.org/general-orders-of-the-commander-in-chief>.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF OFFICERS OF THE FIRST NEVADA VOLUNTEERS

By David A. Davis PCC, Carlin Camp 25 Historian, and Memorials Officer

In the May 2025 issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch, a list of officers in the First Nevada Cavalry and Infantry was given. From time to time, short biographies of some of these officers will also be presented. Following is one for John Henry Dalton.

JUSTIN EDWARDS

Company F, 1st Nevada Cavalry

Justin Edwards was born on March 15, 1830, in Harmony, ME, to physician William Edwards and Sally, nee Bates, Edwards. William was born June 11, 1793, in Casco, ME, to Nathaniel Edwards and Sarah (nee Hunt) Edwards. Sally Bates was born May 29, 1807, in Green, ME. They had at least three other children, all born in Harmony: Charles, Henry, and Caroline. Both parents died while the children were young, William in 1835 and Sally in 1832. Nothing was known about the upbringing of Justin and his siblings at the time of this writing. However, Nathaniel and Sarah had at least three other sons and six daughters living at the time, all of whom lived out their lives in Maine. Possibly one of them took the children in. They apparently grew up in Maine as Justin was educated there.

Of Justin's siblings, Charles Buck was born March 10, 1825. He died in 1843 in Sulawesi Tengah, Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia). Henry Herrick was born May 28, 1828. In 1850, he was a stage driver for street railways and bus lines in Bangor, ME. In 1860, he worked in a saloon in Carson City, NV Territory. Caroline Frances was born October 28, 1831. She married Oliver Hinkley, who was born 1820 in Monmouth, ME, and had at least five children. He was a farmer, and they resided in Monmouth at least through 1880. They resided in San Francisco, CA, in 1888, but he died July 5, 1896, in West Harpswell, Maine. She died of apoplexy on April 19, 1906, in Durham, Maine.

Nothing is certain about Edwards' life between 1835 and 1860 other than he lived in Massachusetts for a time. His grandfather Nathaniel and Nathaniel's siblings were all born in Haverhill, MA. This suggests Edwards still had family connections with Massachusetts. At some point, he went West. Other than living in Woodside, CA, and being a member of the Esmeralda Rangers, Edwards's life prior to his time in the military is somewhat speculative.

In July 1860, a Justin Edwards, aged 30, born in ME, was working as a carpenter in Big River Township in Mendocino, CA. He was apparently married to Eliza J., aged 24, born in NY. The couple lived with Jno. Doyle, age 35, born in ME. Doyle worked as a laborer. Edwards lived next to and probably worked at the Albion Mill which employed a large number of lumbermen, at least 15 of which were from Maine. Area lumber mills were cutting about 100,000 feet of lumber per day. This Justin Edwards is likely a different man. Prior to moving to Nevada, the Justin Edwards of this biography was living in Woodside, San Mateo County, CA, about 180 miles south-southeast of Big River.

By 1864, Edwards was in Aurora. He was a private in the Esmeralda Rangers and became a sergeant when the Rangers were reorganized as a cavalry unit. The Esmeralda Rangers were a militia unit organized under "An Act in Relation to the Militia of the Territory of Nevada" passed by the Territorial legislature in November 1861. This unit was organized on January 29, 1864, in Aurora with 49 members. However, to confuse matters, the location of the state line was in flux, so, it was not certain if Aurora was actually in Nevada or in California. As a result, a couple of militia units were organized in Aurora under California's militia laws – Esmeralda Rifles (aka Esmeralda Rangers) and Hooker Light Infantry, organized in April and May 1863 respectively. It is not certain which Esmeralda Rangers Edwards belonged to.

The War of the Rebellion started when Confederate forces commenced firing upon Fort Sumpter on April 12, 1861. Through the overland telegraph and Pony Express, the news reached Fort Churchill on the 24th. Fort Churchill was manned by units of the U.S. 3rd Artillery, 6th Infantry, and 1st Dragoons. In July 1861, California was called upon to begin supplying troops to guard the overland mail routes and later to patrol the West. The US troops were relieved at Fort Churchill by the 2nd California Cavalry in late 1861. On April 2, 1863, Nevada Territory was called upon to supply troops to supplement the California troops, which were being stretched thin.

Edwards answered the call and applied for a second lieutenant's commission for Co. F, 1st Nevada Volunteer Cavalry. Commissions were only granted when the applicant completed both oral and written exams at Fort Churchill before a board of usually three officers making sure of their loyalty, though in this case, two officers conducted the exam. The proceedings were conducted under Special Order 109 dated October 9, 1863 from the headquarters at Fort Churchill. Edwards appeared before the board on December 21, 1863. The board consisted of Captain Milo George of Co. D, 1st Nevada Volunteer Cavalry, President of the Board and John Willson, Assistant Surgeon, U.S.A., Secretary of the Board. Edwards passed the exam.

At the time, Co. F was being organized by Captain Joseph W. Calder. Calder had successfully completed his exams for a commission as captain on November 23rd but first had to now organize and recruit 100 men to fill Co. F. Calder ran recruiting advertisement in the "Gold Hill Daily News" from December 5, 1863, through January 27, 1864. He opened recruitment offices at Fort Churchill, Teel and Warnes and Glenn Boys' saloons in Aurora, Apollo Saloon in Virginia City, Blue Wing saloon in Gold Hill, and Carson's saloon in Carson City. He was successful, and he along with Edwards were mustered into Co. F at Fort Churchill on April 4, 1864. A cavalry lieutenant's monthly pay was \$53.33 with a \$25 monthly bonus from the state and 40c per diem for bringing his own horse. The average Comstock miner earned about \$104 per month.

Nothing was noted about Edwards' physical traits other than he was 5 feet 10 inches tall. He was present at Fort Churchill from April through mid-August. Within the first 10 days of June, he was absent with leave. In July, he was on detached service though the details were not given.

In May 1863, President Lincoln had appointed local politician and beer garden proprietor Jacob L. Van Bokkelen of Virginia City as provost marshal for the First District of Nevada Territory. In May 1864, a couple of long missives from Van Bokkelen to the Acting Department Assistant Provost Marshall General John Mason expressed his concerns that over the previous year large numbers of southern sympathizers had moved into Storey and Nye Counties and the Reese River District which included Austin. He estimated about 2400 Peace Democrats, Copperheads, and secessionists in Storey County alone.

A letter dated May 4, 1864, from Assistant Adjutant-General R.C. Drum of the Headquarters of the Department of the Pacific to Fort Churchill Commander Major Charles McDermitt stated that Department Commander General George Wright "desires" that two commissioned officers and thirty enlisted men be made a provost guard at Virginia City. Major McDermitt was to personally confer with Van Bokkelen as to

the locality and quartering of the men and officers. McDermitt had already been considering detailing a provost guard consisting of a commissioned officer, two non-commissioned officers and 25 privates.

Edwards and 30 enlisted men were placed on detached service as the provost guard to Virginia City as per Fort Churchill Special Order 28 dated August 24th. Order 28 also placed him in command. The site used was on Van Bokkelen's property east of town, probably his beer garden, near the Latrobe Tunnel, at the present site of St. Mary's Art Center. The men occupied a 75-foot-long building, and the officers occupied a smaller but still "commodious" nearby building. The compound included stables with 25 horses, a guard house, commissary, and "rooms" for ammunition, orderlies, mess, and cooking. The artillery included two 12-pound howitzers, one of which was the old Fremont gun that had been found at the head waters of the Walker River. Van Bokkelen's residence was nearby. The men ate well as a visitor noted the food being prepared included salt beef, pork, potatoes, beans, tea, coffee, and bread. The routine was: reveille and roll call at daybreak, breakfast at 7 am, one-hour drill at 8 am, grand mount at 9 am, dinner at noon, drill from 2 to 3 pm, supper at 5 pm, retreat at sunset, tattoo at 8 pm, and taps for retiring at 9:30 pm.

For George Washington's 134th birthday, the National Guard held a "Grand Military and Civic Ball" at the armory. Tickets were \$2.50 (\$52 today). Edwards was on the Invitation Committee for Virginia City.

Except on two occasions, Edwards' tour of duty with the provost guard lasted through October 1865. On February 28, 1865, he was in command of detachments from Cos. E and F at "Fort Cottonwood", NV. No reports of this expedition or even the location of "Fort Cottonwood" were known at the time of this writing, and he was noted as being at Virginia City in March and April.

On May 22nd, Edwards left on detached service to Walker Lake with 36 men from Cos. E and F. He was part of an expedition commanded by Captain William Wallace that included 70 men of the captain's Co. A. Wallace had led an earlier expedition to Walker Lake. In early March, two prospectors were killed by two Indians at the lake. Leaving on March 12th, Wallace led 100 men to the lake to capture them. He ran into the friendly Chief Josephus and up to questionably friendly 300 warriors under him at the head of the lake. The chief helped apprehend the two murderers, and Wallace and his command were back at Fort Churchill on the 19th. The culprits were jailed by Esmeralda County officials in Aurora. In late May, the two broke out of jail, killed two other Indians, threatened to kill all the whites they could, and headed back towards Walker Lake. This second expedition to Walker Lake was to find and recapture the fugitives. The Indians on the east side of the lake were reported "to be very bad". Upon arrival, Wallace and his command met and disarmed 150 Indians. All were let go except for the brother and uncle of one of fugitives. They were kept as hostages to identify the fugitives. One was recaptured and sent back to Fort Churchill. The command returned to Fort Churchill on May 27th.

Interestingly, Chief Josephus himself later reported the two men more likely were murdered by a party of 12 to 15 renegades in his group. The two men killed made five that this party had killed to that date. Two of the culprits were given up to placate the army.

Edwards' return was short-lived. Wallace was sent to northern Nevada where the Indians had gone on the rampage. McDermitt at the Headquarters of Sub District of Nevada issued Special Order 8 dated May 29th with section IV stating Edwards "will remain in command on Walker River until further orders." Special Order 8 also stated he "was not entitled to commutation and quarters". Edwards was in command of 19 men of Co. F and five men of Co. E. Edwards was sent to provide protection to the settlers. There was some speculation that a post might be set up on the Walker River, but that came to naught. Edwards remained there until August 17th, then returned to commanding the Provost Guard in Virginia City in August.

In September, Edwards was on detached service to Camp Independence, CA. He arrived at the camp on the 22nd with a command of 23 men and 20 horses. At the time of his arrival, Camp Independence was home to 95 men of Co. C, 1st NV Infantry under the command of Captain John Kelly. In late October Edwards was briefly in command of Camp Independence when Kelly left on October 14th to establish a new post in the Coso Mountains for the protection of settlers from the Indians. Edwards and his command left Camp Independence on November 4th for Fort Churchill to be mustered out. Again, Edwards "was not entitled to commutation and quarters". Per Department General Order No. 64 and Department Special Order 94, both dated November 17, 1865, Edwards was mustered out at Fort Churchill.

Edwards returned to San Mateo County. On October 19, 1868, he registered as a voter in San Mateo County as Justin "L." Edwards, age 36, born in ME. He was a farmer in the fourth district. At the time, the county was divided into four township districts with the fourth covering the southern part.

To avoid confusion between the two Justin Edwards, it should be noted that the Justin Edwards married to Eliza J., despite the same age and date of birth, was a different man. Justin and Eliza J. married on September 29, 1860. In July 1869, Eliza J. Edwards filed for divorce from Justin "W." Edwards for "Alleged Adultery and Extreme Cruelty". She claimed he had affairs with two women, one of which gave birth to his daughter in 1868. He also bragged about the affairs. This Justin Edwards was a carpenter and worked as a ship joiner. After 1860, he stayed in San Francisco and was there when the Justin Edwards of this article was in Nevada. He remarried Gertrude Arris of Peru on April 25, 1881, in San Francisco and had several children. He blew his pay at various saloons and was arrested in May 1891 for neglecting his wife and children. His second wife died in December 1891. He died in San Francisco on March 19, 1905.

In August 1870, Justin L. Edwards, age 40, born in Maine, lived as a farmer in South Township in San Mateo County, CA. The Post Office was Pescadero. Edwards owned real and personal estates of \$800 each. Edwards' agricultural holdings were: 20 acres improved land; 20 acres unimproved woodland; 20 acres of other unimproved land; \$800 present cash value of farm; \$150 present cash value of farming implements and machinery; 4 horses; 8 swine; \$500 value of all livestock; and 400 bushels of barley.

On February 10, 1874, Edwards received an Agricultural Scrip Patent for 160 acres covering S/2, SE/4, section 23 and the N/2, NE/4, section 26 in Township 7 south, Range 4 west. The patent is about two miles southeast of La Honda and about 9 miles south of Woodside. Agricultural Scrip Patents are federal land titles issued to an individual who redeemed a negotiable land certificate called "scrip" to claim ownership of public domain land as mainly authorized under the Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862. The scrip was usually \$1.25 per acre and was commonly issued to military veterans, which after 1855, included all veterans who had not previously received land benefits or had received less than 160 acres.

In February 1879, Perry H. Williams placed an ad in the San Francisco Chronicle inquiring of the whereabouts of ex-2nd Lieutenant Justin Edwards of Co. F, First Nevada Cavalry Volunteers. Williams lived in Millville, Shasta County, CA. Other than in 1882 when he became a partner in the J.S. Tracy Co., which operated the old Myers' lumber mill in Oak Run, California, little else was found about Williams at the time of this writing. While just speculation, it is interesting that Williams specified Edwards' former military service. A William H. Perry, born about 1832 in Massachusetts (Edwards lived for a while in Massachusetts), was a first sergeant in Co. G, 1st California Cavalry. However, he was stationed in Arizona and New Mexico Territories.

In April 1879, a Justin L. Edwards was a clerk for Issac M. Baker in San Francisco and lived on the northwest corner of Eddy and Mason. Baker ran a grocery and liquor store. This Edwards is not in earlier or later San Francisco Directories. Justin Edwards the ship joiner is also in San Francisco at the same time.

In June 1880, Justin L. Edwards, age 49, born in Maine, single, lived as a farmer in Township 3 in San Mateo County, CA. Township 3 included Woodside and La Honda. On July 5, 1884, he registered as a voter in the San Mateo County. The rolls noted he was a farmer from La Honda, age 54, born in Maine.

On September 14, 1891, Justin L. Edwards transferred to the San Mateo Building and Loan Association 60 acres of his patent in the SE/4, section 23 and the NE/4, NE/4, section 26 in Township 7 south, Range 4 west. This was apparently for a \$600 loan at 8% interest over 6 years with a monthly \$1.50 premium.

On August 2, 1892, Justin L. Edwards again registered to vote in San Mateo County. The rolls noted he was a farmer in the Woodside District. He was described as 62 years old, born in Maine, and 5 and feet 9 ¼ inches tall. He had a fair complexion, gray eyes, and dark hair. On July 6, 1896, Justin L. Edwards once more registered to vote in San Mateo County. The rolls noted he was still a farmer in the Woodside District. He was described as 66 years old, born in Maine, and 5 and feet 9 ½ inches tall. He had a fair complexion, hazel eyes, and (by then) gray hair.

In 1897, while living in Woodside, Edwards contracted "degeneration of heart". On March 1, 1898, he was admitted to the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Veterans (AKA Sawtelle Veterans Home) in Los Angeles. His personal contact was his sister, Mrs. Caroline Hinckley of West Harpswell, Maine. He filed for a pension on March 21st under Application No. 1205.786. No Certificate No.

is noted, possibly because he died before it was approved. Edwards died there of pulmonary edema on April 25, 1898. He was buried in section 4, row B7 in the Los Angeles National Cemetery. He has a standard upright Civil War military marker with the inscription Lieut. Justin Edwards Co. F. 1st Nev. Cav. After his death, his personal effects were appraised at \$9.70 and sold for \$10.75.

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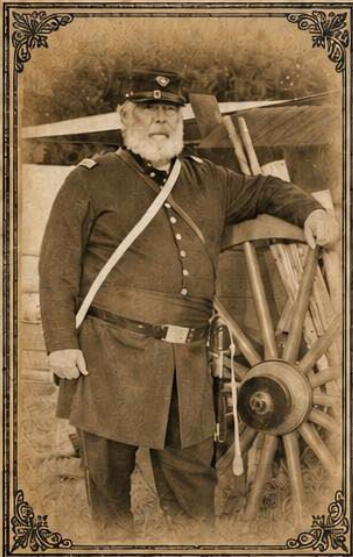


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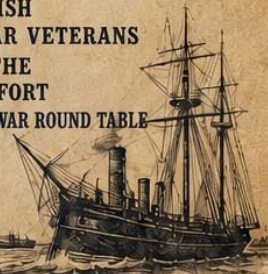
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**CAMP ORDER No. 2
Series 2026**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Department of California, and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered the Camp Appointed Officers for the remainder 2026 of are follows:

1). The appointed Camp officers are:

Chaplain: Richard. Dalton *
Graves Registration Officer: Donald J. Huffman
Historian: David A. Davis, PCC
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis, PCC
Counselor: David F. Hess
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Color Bearer: Bernie Hamm *
Guide: Heath Victor *
Guard: Cody S. Ehlers
Signals Officer: David A. Davis, PCC
G.A.R. Highway Officer: David J. Perdue
Newsletter Editor: David A. Davis, PCC, PCC
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator: Bernard Hamm
ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Award Coordinator: Kurt Dietrich, PCC

* Indicates new appointments

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada by David J. Perdue, 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 J. Perdue
Camp Commander
Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25

ATTEST: By: /s/ William J. Newman Jr.
Camp Secretary