



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR PICACHO PEAK CAMP No. 1 ARIZONA CAMP-at-LARGE



CAMP NEWSLETTER



October 2010

Camp Web site: www.suvcwaz.org

Minutes of the August 21, 2010, Camp meeting:

Location:

Hometown Buffet

1312 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, Az

Camp Commander John Conrad called the meeting to order at noon. There were 20 Brothers and guests in attendance.

Department of the Southwest discussion

Follow up discussion from our February meeting regarding the possibility of joining with the Nevada Camps to form a new department continued.

Department of California and the Pacific PDC Al Peterson, who is a member of Camp No. 12 in Nevada, has been in contact with Camp Commander Conrad. Peterson indicated that of the two Nevada Camps, one wishes to remain with the California Department and his would like to break away if a new department could be formed. There is certainly no animosity with the Department of California but it is just too large and the creation of a new one would benefit all concerned.

Discussion followed and numerous questions need to be researched and answered. A motion to table future discussion for 6 months was approved.

Guest speaker

Graves Registration Officer Jan Huber gave an outstanding presentation in his overview of the National Graves Registration program and an in-depth review of the Pioneer Military & Memorial

Park in Phoenix and his efforts in identifying the graves of Civil War soldiers.

New/Reinstated Brothers

Robert E. Archibald Jr. of Glendale, Az. His great grand-uncle is Thomas Archibald, Co G. 10th New Hampshire Infantry Regiment.

William C. Bronson of Flagstaff, Az. His great-great grandfather is Augustus B. Castle, Asst Surgeon, 9th Regiment, Missouri State Militia, Volunteer cavalry.

John P. Munro of Cortaro, Az was reinstated. His great-great grandfather is Charles H. Hertwick, Co. J, 15th Missouri Volunteers Regiment

Welcome Brothers!

Camp meeting

Our November 20th Camp meeting will be held at the Hometown Buffet, 1312 N. Scottsdale Rd., and will start at noon. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are with the Civil War group for your food discount.

We will have our annual officers' election and installation.

Our speaker, Brother John Kohl, will give a presentation on: The Civil War: A Railroad War.

Be sure to attend this important meeting.

First Call for 2011 dues

Dues for 2011 are now being gratefully accepted by our secretary/treasurer.

Dues are \$31 for members and \$10 for junior members.

Please do not wait until the last minute because you may forget and then we have to hire bounty hunters and then things can get ugly.

Please mail them to Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom, (see page 5 for his address) or pay them at our Nov 20th meeting.

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General Orders No. 2
SERIES 2010-2011

24 August 2010

1. In accordance to Article IX, Sections 1,2 and 3, I appoint James Pahl PCinC as Assistant National Secretary for the purposes of being the Secretary /Treasurer of the National Department-at-Large.

2. National Department-at-Large officers will be:
Department Commander – Brad Schall, PDC
Senior Vice Commander – Garry Brewer, PDC
Junior Vice Commander – Alan L. Russ, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer – James B. Pahl, PCinC

3. This is an effort to improve communications between the National Order and the Brothers in the Membership-at-Large Camps.

Ordered this 24th Day of August, 2010

Brad Schall
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:
Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

Additionally, here is an email that Camp Commander John Conrad received on August 24th from our Department secretary/treasurer:

“To: The Commanders of the National Camps-at-Large
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Brothers:

The four Camps at Large are assigned to the Department at Large, which our Commander-in-Chief serves as the Department Commander. One of the offices required in our Regulations is that of an Assistant National Secretary to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Department at Large. I have been appointed to that position.

This is not an additional layer of bureaucracy between your Camps and National. Your annual reports and per capita still go to the same place as always. There is no per capita paid to the Department-at-Large. I do see this position as an opportunity to communicate between the

Picacho Peak Camp officer elections

Camp officer elections will take place on November 20, 2010.

The following Brothers are running unopposed:

Commander: David A. Swanson

Senior Vice Commander: John Conrad

Junior Vice Commander: Jim Heller

Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom

Camp Council (3 positions):

Mark Haynes

Bob Young

Bob Hannan PCC

The names of Camp Brothers appointed to fill “appointive officer” positions in the Camp will be presented at the meeting and listed in the January 2011 newsletter.

As a reminder: Officers in our Camp are elected/appointed and installed at each November meeting; therefore, once the ceremony is over (not the meeting), the newly elected/appointed officers take charge of the Camp.

Department-at-Large information

By David A. Swanson, PCC,

Senior-Vice Commander

Camps-at-Large (us) and three other Camps-at-Large throughout the country make up the National Department-at-Large.

Frankly, the Department-at-Large has been neglected over the years. But there is a welcome change in the air thanks to our new Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall and the *enthusiastic* support of our Department’s Secretary/Treasurer James B. Pahl PCinC. (It seems strange to write about “our Department.”)

The following is our Commander-in-Chief’s General Order No. 2:

various Camps at Large and to be a conduit of communication between National and the Camps at Large.

I hope one of the things I can accomplish is to begin a Department at Large Newsletter. Each Commander of the four Camps at Large would receive this Department newsletter electronically, to be forwarded by you to each of your Camp brothers. This Department newsletter would highlight the activities of each Camp at Large. I would also provide a copy to each of the elected National officers, which keeps your activities before them. Almost every other Department publishes a newsletter which National officers already receive. But they need to see what the Camps at Large are doing. Each of you have been operating without a Department structure to rely upon.

I can also serve as a conduit for any questions you have or comments on what you see from the field that National could do differently, to benefit our brothers and our community's in a more productive way. I am a member of the National Council of Administration (non-voting, but always there), so I can give voice to your concerns and questions.

If I can be placed on each of your Camp's mailing list, I would greatly appreciate it. Anything you can forward to me, articles and/or photographs, would also be greatly appreciated. This will be your newsletter and your voice. The more you ship to me, the stronger your voice will be. If I have your permission, I can also glean information from your Camp newsletters and use that material to help construct a Department newsletter.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year. I hope to be your voice to the National Organization and I hope to be of service to you and your Camps. If you have any questions, please ask.

In fraternity, charity and loyalty,

Jim Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief
Assistant National Secretary - Department at Large
Secretary/Treasurer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"

New National newsletter

By David A. Swanson PCC

We now have a national newsletter entitled "The Straight Line." This is in addition to the *Banner*.

Now, for those who have email addresses, I will forward the first issue (and future issues) of "The Straight Line" to you. For those of you who do not have email address (if you have one and you are still receiving the newsletter by USPS, *please* share it with me) you will receive it soon by USPS.

Happenings at the Appaloosa Library in Scottsdale

The following information is taken from a guest editorial by Jim McAllister contained in the September 1, 2010, edition of the *Sonoran News.com*:

"October, 2010 will be a time of celebration for three important historical milestones relating to our local area in particular and Arizona in general. On October 15, we will observe the 192nd birthday of General Irvin McDowell. The McDowell Mountains, Fort McDowell, McDowell Road, and other places are named after General McDowell even though he probably never set foot in the territory.

"October 19 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passing of Scottsdale's namesake, Reverend Winfield Scott, and October 1 will be the 140th anniversary of the scouting of the Stoneman Road, an important supply road between Fort McDowell and Fort Whipple in Prescott between 1870 and 1890. On October 16, a 140th anniversary hike will take place at McDowell Mountain Regional Park and will cover traces of the Stoneman Road.

"To celebrate the road, the Stoneman Road Commemorative Task Force has arranged presentations by experts Bob Cook and Larry Levy. Bob will discuss Colonel George Stoneman and Larry will cover the route and condition of the road. A four person panel will also be open for discussion. This event . . . will be held on October 13 at the Appaloosa Library in Scottsdale. . . ." [The Appaloosa library is located at 7377 Silverstone Drive, Scottsdale. Directions: Appaloosa Library was built on the former site of Rawhide, near the corner of Scottsdale Road and Pinnacle Peak Road.]

The Story Tellers

Graves Registration Officer Jan Huber submitted the following to be read by all of you story tellers:

The Story Tellers

By: Tom Dunn (admin) Last Updated:2006.04.05
Originally written by Della M. Cummings Wright. Rewritten by her Grand Daughter, Della JoAnn McGinnis Johnson. Edited and Reworded By Tom Dunn

We are the chosen. My feelings are in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors you have a wonderful family you would be proud of us?

How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say. It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family.

It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.

That, is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

1 Comal County Genealogy Society:

<http://www.ccgstexas.org/module-PageSetter-viewpub-tid-3-pid-1.html> [URL accessed Sep 2009]

Test your Civil War knowledge

OK, whoever gets all of these questions right gets a free dessert at our next meeting, compliments of your senior vice commander.

1. George Pickett's doomed infantry charge was the *first* time he took his division into combat. True or false

2. The city of Vicksburg was surrendered by Confederate General John C. Pemberton on July 4, 1863.

The Fourth of July was not celebrated in Vicksburg until:

- (a) 1865
- (b) 1898

- (c) 1944
- (d) 2003

And finally, in 1864 Ulysses S. Grant was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general. Who else previous to him also held this rank?

- (a) George Washington
- (b) Winfield Scott
- (d) Dwight D. Eisenhower

Brothers, if you would like to see some of your ancestor information published in this newsletter or if you have other Civil War related information you would like to share, send it to the newsletter editor.

A few years ago quite a number of ancestor biographies were published and since then we have had new Brothers who have not had the opportunity—so here it is!

The newsletter editor's adjutant and the adjutant's aide de camp are standing by—in fact they are just standing around mumbling something about outsourcing!

Oh, I almost forgot the answers. This was the first time that Pickett took his division into combat, the 4th of July was not celebrated until well into WW II and our first President was the only other lieutenant general. And you get no points by pushing Scott—brevet is brevet.

2011 ANNUAL DUES

Name _____

Dues for calendar year 2011 are \$31.00

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Junior dues for calendar year 2011 are \$10.00

Junior Dues \$ _____

Tax deductible contribution (please *submit a separate check*) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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Address Change

Brothers, if you change your address, *e-mail address*, or phone number, please advise our Camp Secretary Jerry Bloom at your earliest convenience. This will ensure that you get the National publication *The Banner*, our Camp newsletter, and additionally, this will enable us to contact you.

CAMP MEETING

Please plan on attending our next Camp meeting: Saturday November 20, 2010, at high noon.

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