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Department News

National Encampment notes

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan from August 10-13, 2017, was attended by Department of the Southwest Commander David Swanson. The total of delegates and alternates nationwide was 199. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic both held their 131st Annual Encampments at the same time and location.

It had been many years since I attended a National Encampment and this one was first rate. The Department of Michigan really went all out and it showed.

After checking in on Thursday Jan and I took a guided tour to Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum located in Eaton Rapids, MI and the renovated GAR hall was very impressive as described in its website: "The museum is the only one in Michigan exclusively dedicated to the memory of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and the fraternal organization they founded and participated in. The museum is located in the actual building the veterans used, which is just a block away from GAR Island Park where our Civil War veterans held summer encampments for many years."

The Brainerd Post 111 G.A.R. used the building from 1886 through 1929 when it disbanded. Below is a picture of the renovated meeting room as found on <http://suvcwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/attractions/cw/migarmuseum.php>



After a nice lunch we continued on to Michigan State History Museum in Lansing which houses a rotating display of actual Civil War battle flags in its Michigan Battle Flag Collection.

On Friday the work began after the opening and memorial service. The business meeting lasted on Friday and Saturday and much was accomplished by the delegates in attendance. One of the more spirited debates was regarding the SUVCW stance on confederate monuments and its battle flag. (The final resolution was sent to the Department of the Southwest Brothers after my return from the encampment.) It was very interesting to observe and be a part of the inner workings of our grand Order.

On Friday evening we attended the "Campfire" the object of which is to "grill" the outgoing C-in-C (in this case Don Martin—pictured below) with various recaps of his service and parting gifts—mostly in a very light-hearted manor.



CinC Donald Martin (L) being congratulated by David Swanson

On Friday, after wrapping up business old and new, the elections took place for our national officers.

Some of the officers elected for 2017-2018 were: Mark R. Day, Commander-in-Chief; Donald W. Shaw, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Edward J. Norris, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Jonathan C. Davis,

National Secretary; and David McReynolds, National Treasurer.

The amount of dedication all of the national officers have given to the SUVCW s truly impressive. We can certainly be proud of our Order’s past and its direction forward.

The 2018 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic information: August 9-12, 2018, at the Sheraton in Framingham, Massachusetts (21 miles west of Boston). There will be plenty of tours to take in and around Boston so here is your chance to visit some Revolutionary War sites and attend the SUVCW Encampment—all in one swoop!



Department of the Southwest 2nd Annual Encampment

It’s not too early to plan on attending our 2nd Annual Encampment to be held in Scottsdale, at the Orange Tree Resort, 10601 N. 56th Street on Saturday, March 10, 2018, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Elks Lodge we used last year had a substantial price increase for 2018, so we moved it to the Orange Tree Resort. This is a very nice facility and it has a great meeting room for us. The cost is the same as last year, \$25 per person which includes lunch and the facility.

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day unfortunately will not be in attendance but we are fortunate to have our old friend Past CinC Tad Campbell attend in his place.

More information will be in the January 2018 newsletter and other mailings. I sincerely hope that you attend the meeting. You do not have to be an officer or a delegate as this is our only annual meeting and all Brothers and wives are more than welcome. Also invited are the Picacho Peak Auxiliary and the Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Speaking of the 2018 Encampment, **if you want to join the Department officer ranks** we can use you—and the Camps can use you as well! Please contact any Camp or Department officer and let him know.

Please mark your calendars!



2018 annual dues are now . . . due

Brothers 2018 annual dues should be received by the respective Camp secretary/treasurers by December 31, 2017. The annual dues are the same for all three Camps and the breakdown is contained in the dues notice on the last page of this newsletter.

Last year we had good participation but still had some problems with Brothers not getting them in on time.

Please make help make our secretary/treasurer’s lives a little easier by submitting them . . . now. Don’t wait for the bounty hunter to knock at your door; it’s embarrassing and a needless Camp expense.



Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial

The following are excerpts from a recent communication from CinC Mark Day:

“Many of you are aware of the Department of Illinois efforts to establish a memorial plaza at the grave of Dr. Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic in Petersburg, Ill.

“I stopped by the grave site and had the chance to see the improvements that have been made. To say that the improvements were impressive would be an understatement. The beautiful Italian marble benches, each reflecting the emblems of one of the Allied Orders, are spectacular and the newly installed paving stones that will ultimately surround the obelisk, marking Dr. Stephenson’s grave, give evidence to the beautiful setting that will be created; making the plaza a lasting and powerful testimony to the Allied Orders fulfillment of their joint goal to preserve and honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those who sacrificed so much to preserve our nation.

It is my heartfelt desire to see the memorial plaza completed and available for all to see and to provide a tangible symbol for educating the public about the Grand Army. To that end, I am asking that each camp and department consider donating to this project so that the memorial plaza can be completed in the coming year. As an incentive, I will provide an appropriate certificate to any camp that donates at least \$100 and an appropriate streamer to any department that has at least 75% of its camps donate at least \$100.00.”

All three Camps: Picacho Peak Camp No.1, Gen. R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2, and the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No.3 voted to send \$100 each to this project and the Department will send in \$200 for a grand total of \$500!

And as a further note, in 2015 Picacho Peak as a Camp-at-Large (pre Department of Southwest days) sent in a donation for \$400 answering the national request for donations of then CinC Tad Campbell.



Union Memorial Project

By Brother Jeff Burgess—Memorial Committee Chairman

During the summer, our Department of the Southwest brothers reviewed six different proposed memorial designs and voted online for their favorite. [Design #6](#) won, collecting more than 40% of the total vote. Brother George White, its designer, subsequently began looking for a builder, and after finding one, learned that the design may need some modifications in order to solve some installation and maintenance issues.

At the Picacho Peak Camp officers meeting on 9/23, Brother John Conrad announced that he had personally donated \$1,000 towards the monument project, and other sources of funding were discussed with much optimism.

On 10/11 Brother Jeff Burgess met with a staff member of state Senator Sean Bowie, who had previously promised to introduce a bill during the 2018 legislative session to authorize the construction of the memorial on the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza at the state capitol. Brother Burgess requested a meeting between Sen. Bowie and our monument subcommittee this fall in order to draft the bill's language so that it will be ready to be submitted at the beginning of next year's session. He received a positive response, but was reminded by the staff person that Sen. Bowie belongs to the minority party in the state legislature, so we all need to work on cultivating some support for the memorial among Republican legislators. Hopefully, a draft of the memorial authorization bill can be posted to our website this fall to help in the effort to promote it.

(Department Commander's note: During the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 meeting on October 22nd, Brother Bob Archibald indicated that he will be matching Brother Conrad's \$1000 donation—and in fact he has. I sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations!)



Department Graves Registration Officer Report—

By DGRO David Jackson

As the time that this report was prepared the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War database returned entries for 644 burials in Arizona and 731 burials in New Mexico. The database returned three entries for volunteers who served Arizona Territory and 360 entries for volunteers who served New Mexico Territory.

For the period from the last Encampment of the Department of the Southwest I have submitted 47 entries to the database.

One Hundred three (103) PowerPoint slides have been built for ancestors and for family members of ancestors of members of the Department of the Southwest. The slides show the service and life timeline of the ancestor. Seventeen images of member's ancestors are included in the slides that have been constructed. A list of these ancestors has been published on the Department's web page at <http://suvchw-southwest.org>. To locate this page, click the tab, Ancestors, and then the link, Roll of Honor. Please send additions, corrections, or deletions for this list to dgrosouthwest@suvchwdb.org. The slides will be available for display at the Department of the Southwest's 2018 Encampment.

Progress is ongoing to build a name index of members of the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic located in Arizona and New Mexico. Presently 698 names have been identified as being members of Department of Arizona, Grand Army of the Republic. Of this number 371 names are in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Grave Registration database and 140 names, with links to their Find A Grave memorials, have been identified for submission to the SUVCW database. For New Mexico 59 members of Carlton Post No. 3 (39), Santa Fe, Department of New Mexico, Grand Army of the Republic, have been identified. Thirty-three of these members are in the SUVCW database.

Submitting Entries to the SUVCW Database

Brothers, if you wish to submit entries to the SUVCW database you may do so at <http://www.suvchwdb.org>. Once at that address, click the tab, Signup, in the upper right corner of the page and follow the instructions.

New Email address for the Department's Grave Registration Officer—the National Graves Registration Officer has issued a new email address for the Department of the Southwest Grave Registration officer. The address is dgrosouthwest@suvchwdb.org.

Email address for other Department Grave Registration Officers are listed in Appendix B of the SUVCW Graves Registration Database Instructional Booklet, 2014.





Camp and Auxiliary News



Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jim Heller** (623) 975-4300; jmh7116@aol.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †

David A. Swanson 2003-2006

Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †

John R. Conrad 2008-2010

David A. Swanson 2010-2013

John R. Conrad 2013-2015

Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016



August 12, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

The August 12, 2017, annual joint meeting with the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1 DUVCW was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller and President Maura Mackowski at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. The meeting was attended by approximately 48 Camp Brothers, Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary Sisters of the DUVCW and guests.

A first for the meeting—in fact for any of our meetings was having a representative from each of the five Allied Orders present, each with their own national headquarters, requirements for membership, constitution and bylaws, and all bound by the same principles: to honor the Boys in Blue!

Representing the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were: Auxiliary President Verna Maleski and Tent President Maura Mackowski. Both along with Sister Barbara Metzger, who was also present, are members of the Woman's Relief Corps and Sisters Maleski and Metzger are members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Patriotic Instruction

Patriotic Instructor Allen Nash reminded us that we are all Americans and anything that affects one of us affects all of us.

Department Monument Committee

Camp Brother George Smith outlined the process for the upcoming (now past) voting for the various monument proposals.

New Camp Brother Initiated

James Crosson, of Chandler, AZ whose Civil War ancestor is his Great-Great Grandfather Private Thomas Anthony Smith, Co. H, of the 61st Illinois Infantry was initiated into the SUVCW and our Camp by Camp Commander Jim Heller.



(R-L) Camp Commander Jim Heller, Brother James Crosson and his wife Carol.

Speaker:

Margaret Warner Wood Tent President Maura Mackowski introduced our speaker Rodger Pollard. Rodger, a Vietnam veteran, and board member of Operation Welcome Home/Arizona Wall Project. Rodger, along with his wife Betsy and assistant Elizabeth Havlicek gave a very information talk about the organization which is building the Welcome Home Veterans Park in Gilbert with an 80% scale of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC as the anchor.

Additionally, "Welcome Home Veterans Park is centered on the concept of a circular Walk of Time. Upon entering the park from the east, this Walk will have exhibits recognizing those who served in America's wars beginning with the Revolutionary War through the Korean War. The path continues south to the highlight of the park, the Vietnam Wall Memorial. The Wall serves as a reminder to welcome home the

58,307 souls to Arizona who never received that welcome. There are areas for future exhibits dedicated to those serving post-Vietnam, including the Enduring Freedom efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. . . “ More information can be found below: <http://www.operationwelcomehomeaz.com/>

Upcoming Events

Pearl Harbor Day—December 7th at the Wesley Bolin Plaza at the Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington

The Department of the Southwest and all Five Allied Orders will be represented at the Pearl Harbor Day wreath-laying activities which will take place on Thursday, December 7, 2017. We need participants from the Camp to help as escorts in this activity and the entire Camp is invited to attend the ceremony which begins at 10:50 a.m.

For further information please contact PCC David Swanson—swanson1854@yahoo.com.

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix.

We will be electing and installing our Camp officers for 2018 so please make a point of attending!

Our speaker will be Camp Brother Bob Cox who will talk about: “Our Civil War casualties are still with us today.”

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

Due to the printing schedule of the newsletter dates are not available.

All meetings will take place at noon, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley, Road, Please mark your calendars!



General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)

Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Contact: Commander Randy D. McNally: 520-578-6366; randymcnally@aol.com

Past Camp Commanders:
Robert McCord 2015-2016



October 7, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

The October 7, 2017, Camp meeting was opened by Camp Commander Randy McNally at 1:00 p.m.

Presentation of Picacho Peak Medal

Past Camp Commander Bob McCord presented a Picacho Peak medal to his wife Laura for her invaluable help to Bob in manning the SUVCW booth at this year’s event at the Picacho Peak reenactment in March and enduring the near record heat!



(L-R) Camp Commander Randy McNally, Past Camp Commander Bob McCord and wife Laura

2018 Camp Officers elected

The following Brothers were elected as Camp officers for 2018:

- Commander: Robert Haley
- Senior Vice Commander: Robert Irwin
- Junior Vice Commander: John Lyons
- Secretary/Treasurer: Randy McNally
- Camp Council: Robert McCord; Daniel Gordon and John Conrad

The following Delegates were also elected to attend the Department of The Southwest Encampment being held on March 10th:

Robert Haley, Robert Irwin, John Lyons, and Daniel Gordon. The remainder of the Camp was elected as alternates.

Donations to the Benjamin F. Stephenson memorial

Donations were accepted from the following Brothers for the Camp’s donation of \$100.00 to the completion of the memorial plaza at the grave of Dr. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic:

- John Lyons
- David Swanson
- Robert Irwin
- Robert McCord
- Randy D. McNally

Thank you Brothers!

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Brian Estes and his wife have left the Tucson area and moved to Germany. The Camp wishes them the best and thanks Brian, for all of his work as a charter member and as our first secretary/treasurer.

Speaker:

Camp Brother Robert Irwin shared with us his ‘adventures’ of doing his Civil War genealogy. He has a total of 37 ancestors who fought in the Civil War (21 Union and 16 Confederate), Representing 11 States. There were several ‘divided’ families and he had ancestors serve as Chaplain to one who helped pursue (that led to the capture of) Jeff Davis. He also provided a list of sites that he use in researching his family ties.



Brother Bob Irwin

Thank you Brother Bob Irwin for an outstanding presentation!

Sons of Veterans sword

Brother Bob McCord recently came into possession of a beautiful Sons of Veterans sword.



Upcoming Events

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place in January 2018 and the specific date will be announced.

Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

Our speaker has yet to be determined—but please come out and attend the meeting since we will be installing our officers for 2018!

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

Camp meetings for 2018 will continue to be held during the months of January, April, July, and October with specific dates to be announced. All meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.



**General U. S. Grant Camp No 3.
(Flagstaff)**

Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Contact Commander Mark Haynes (928) 755-3714; haynes9@frontiernet.net or Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom: 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com.

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2016



October 21, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

The October 21, 2017, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Mark Haynes with 13 Brothers and guests in attendance.

Officer reports

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom indicated that the Camp is in good financial shape—and he thanked Brother Tim Prater who, at the last meeting, brought materials to be purchased by Brothers. The Camp realized \$75 because of Brother Prater’s generosity.

Thank you Brother Prater!

Department Commander David Swanson addressed the Camp and gave information about the National Encampment he attended in August. He also presented information regarding the upcoming Department Encampment in 2018.

Brother Rich Rice gave an update about the school essay contest that the Camp is sponsoring. He received a favorable response from the principal of the Mount

Elden Middle School in Flagstaff and things are looking good for school participation in our first contest!

Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson gave a nice overview of his activities which was very well received.

Donations to the Benjamin F. Stephenson memorial

The Camp voted unanimously to donate \$100 to the Benjamin Stephenson memorial fund.

Patriotic Instruction

Camp Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller gave a very interesting presentation about the Civil War titled “What if we had failed?” The document was written in 1914 and contained some very thought-provoking scenarios.

Camp Officers for 2018

The following officers were elected for offices in 2018:

- Camp Commander: Mark Haynes
- Senior Vice Commander: Rich Rice
- Junior Vice Commander: Dale Enlow
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom
- Camp Council: Tim Prater, Bill Smith, and Bob Archibald

Delegates elected to the March 10, 2018, Department of the Southwest Encampment:

- Bob Archibald, Jim Laursen, and Tim Prater
- Alternate delegates: The remainder of the Camp membership was elected as alternates.

Speaker: Our scheduled speaker—Navajo Code Talker Roy Hawthorne could not make the meeting due to health issues; however, Camp Commander Mark Haynes gave an outstanding presentation about the work of Chaplains during the Civil War—both Union and Confederate. The information that he presented was interesting, informative, and well researched! Great job commander!



Camp Commander Mark Haynes

Camp meeting dates for 2018

The following dates were selected for 2018: January 13, April 28, July 14, and October 14. Please mark your calendars—if you have a 2018 calendar already!

All meetings will continue to take place at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

Upcoming Events

Camp Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Our speaker has yet to be determined but come out to the meeting! We will be installing officers for 2018.



Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on August 23, 2014, is the first (and only) Auxiliary chartered in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix Meetings are at the Deer Valley Restaurant Contact: President Verna Maleski at vgriff2047@gmail.com or Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Metzger at: blrmetzger@gmail.com



A Call to Action for All Loyal Women of the North – Then and Now

‘To Perpetuate the memories of our Fathers and the flag they fought so gallantly to save’

With the outbreak of war in 1861, women and men alike eagerly volunteered to fight for the cause.

Women organized ladies' aid societies in every town and borough from New England to the smallest outpost and rural area of the West. They supplied the Union troops with everything they needed, from food that they baked and canned from fruit and vegetables taken from gardens they planted. They rolled bandages, knitted socks and gloves. They sewed and laundered uniforms, mended blankets, embroidered quilts and pillowcases. They organized door-to-door fundraising campaigns, county fairs and performances of all kinds to raise money for medical supplies and other necessities. Millions of dollars were raised and thousands of lives saved through the work of the patriotic, loyal women of the North.

Ladies' aid societies worked steadily throughout the Civil War. Their work did not end when peace was declared. It was just beginning. There were maimed and invalid veterans to care for, orphans who cried for bread; hundreds of women in widows' weeds that needed assistance. Homes had to be provided for hundreds who had no loved ones to look after them and the work of the loyal women of America continued.... The need for an Auxiliary was soon recognized by Major Augustus P. Davis, founder of the SUVCW. Through his efforts, the first Ladies Aid Society was organized at Philadelphia in 1883. The following year it was officially recognized as their Auxiliary.

Ladies Aid Societies were formed in several states in rapid succession. The first National Encampment was held in Akron, Ohio in September 1887. In 1904 at the National Encampment in Boston the name was changed to "Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary", with it eventually becoming known as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Auxiliary of Picacho Peak Camp #1 was chartered on August 23, 2014 and was the first (and only) Auxiliary in Arizona. We currently have 15 members.

This is a call for action for all wives and daughters to become involved and help the Auxiliary continue the work of the "loyal women of the America."

The Auxiliary would love to have you become a member, but you don't have to become a member to contribute to the Camp and Auxiliary projects. We appreciate that some of you belong to craft and scrapbooking clubs. The Auxiliary has projects listed below that could be done by a group and which would be greatly appreciated by veterans and military families.

• A military base in Japan that is asking for coupons for families there and in Guam. Needed - coupons for diapers all sizes. Email me (vgreif@cox.net) for

instructions if you or your group would like to clip coupons for the military.

• Birthday and greeting cards for all holidays for the Carl Hayden VA home. Handmade cards are especially appreciated. You may include a personal greeting or just sign them from Camp Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1. Bring them or send them to the Camp meetings and we will deliver them. The home is an on-going joint project of the Auxiliary and Margaret Warner Wood. —Verna Maleski, President, Auxiliary of Picacho Peak Camp #1

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will take place on November 4, 2017, and will begin promptly at **10:30 a.m.** Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix.

All Sisters of the Auxiliary are strongly encouraged to attend this and all of our meetings. Please mark your calendar!

A note to the Brothers of the Department of the Southwest about the Picacho Peak Auxiliary

Brothers, membership in the Auxiliary is open not only to women who have a demonstrated lineage to a Union Civil War ancestor but also to *the wife of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*—your wife! Talk to her about this wonderful organization and see if she wants to get involved.

Thanks!

David A. Swanson. DC



🌀 General News and Information 🌀

Approaching the 130th Anniversary of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic

By David A. Swanson, DC and Department G.A.R. Officer

Well, we are *approaching* the 130th anniversary of the Department of Arizona G. A. R., but first what led up to the Department's permanent organization?

On September 10, 1887, six Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California, located in the territory of Arizona, were transferred to the provisional Department of Arizona and on January 17, 1888, the permanent Grand Army of the Republic Department of Arizona became official

A short history of the Posts that were transferred (Posts 1-6) and of those which were subsequently established by the Department of Arizona (Posts 7-11) is contained in an undated "MEMORANDUM BY CARL HAYDEN REGARDING RECORDS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC." [Hayden was a long-time Arizona Congressional Representative and Senator.] This memorandum, housed in the library of the Arizona Historical Society at Tucson, contains information about each Post and was written "in hope that the members of the AMERICAN LEGION in Arizona will become interested in the location and preservation of the original records of another organization of men, who likewise served their country in time of war."

In a response to Carl Hayden's request for the American Legion to preserve the records of the GAR Posts, the Adjutant General of the Army stated in part: "May I suggest that a committee be appointed by each Post of the American Legion, located in a city or town where there was also a Grand Army Post, to make a diligent search for these old records. If found, Photostatted or other copies should be deposited with the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society and at other places where the original sources of Arizona history are being preserved."

The memorandum contains an invaluable early history of the Posts. (The memorandum has Department of Arizona Post numbers in parenthesis.)

NEGLEY Post No. 35 (1) Tucson

Named for Major General James S. Negley, who afterwards, as Congressman from Pennsylvania, sponsored the establishment of the Soldiers Home at Sawtelle, California.

Mustered in with membership of 13 December 12, 1881 by Comrade D. M. Riordan, late of Post No. 14,

Bodie, as the result of good work done by Comrades A. B. Sampson and John T. Pantlind.

Toole, J. H.—Post Commander until he resigned prior to May 12, 1882.

Zabriskie, J. A.—Post Commander for the remainder of 1882.

1883-4, Miller, E. J., Post Commander- Hall, D.D. Delegate.

1885, Meeker, E. J., Post Commander – Delegates, Sampson, A. B.; Hand, George O.; Borton, Arthur.

1886, Hughes, Thomas, Post Commander – Delegates, Crawford, B. M.; Flynn, Matt; Speedy, James.

1887, Hughes, Thomas, Post Commander - Delegates Frazer, Robert; Brown, George W.; Kelly, R. B.;

Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 1 with membership of 47.

BURNSIDE Post No. 36 (2) Tombstone

Named for Major General Ambrose Everett Burnside who, as a Lieutenant served on the U.S. Mexico Boundary Survey, 1851; U.S. Senator from Rhode Island 1875-81.

Mustered in with membership of 13 January 20, 1882, by Comrade W. H. Seamans late of Rhode Island.

1882, Seamans, W. H. Post Commander.

1883-4, Grow, A. L., Post Commander – Delegates, Dibble, H. C.; Wardwell, D. K.; Howe, H. G.; Ward, J. L.

1885, Grow, A. L., Post Commander – Delegates, Stebbins, A.H.; Reppy, C.D., Rafferty, J. P., Earl, F. S.

1886, Reppy, C. D., Post Commander – Delegates, Watt, George R.; Oakes, George; Bartholemew [sic], C. E.; Kelso, John.

1887, Fickas, B. A., Post Commander – Delegates Achison, T. A.; Converse, N. A.; Bryant, Silas; Bryant, Stephen.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 2 with membership of 47.

1901, Charter surrendered.

BARRETT Post No. 62 (3) Prescott

Named for 2d Lieutenant James Barrett, Co A, First Regiment, California Volunteer Cavalry, who was killed by Confederates at Picacho Pass, Arizona, April 15, 1862.

Mustered in, May 17, 1885, by Comrade Robert Fraser of Negley Post with membership of 37 and Patrick Ford, as Post Commander.

1885, De Witt, William, Post Commander – Delegates, Sines, G. W.; Guild, J.A.; Ellis, John; Guthrie, W. L..

1886, Tinker, George W. Post Commander – Delegates, Gosper, J.J.; Guild, James A.; Allabach, Charles H.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 3 with membership of 51.

RANSOM Post No. 67 (4) Flagstaff

Named for Brigadier General Thomas Edward Greenfield Ransom of Illinois who was in 15 engagements during the Civil War including the battles of Shilo and Champion Hills and the siege of Vicksburg.

Mustered in September 23, 1885, by Comrade George H. Tinker of Barrett Post with membership of 15 with J. B. Smith as Post Commander.

1885, Burns, Louis, Post Commander – Delegates, Spafford, J.W.; Lockett, Joseph R.

1886, Burns, Louis, Post Commander – Delegates, Hart, D.F.; Spafford, J.W.

1887, Hart, D. F., Post Commander – Delegates, Gurthries, N.F.; Roger, George W.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 4 with membership of 21.

OWEN Post No. 83 (5) Phoenix

Named for Capt. John W. Owen, Co. F, 7th Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry, who was in Command at Ft. McDowell, Arizona, 1865-1866. [Owen “was in command” of Co F, 7th Regiment and not in command of the fort.]

Mustered in, September 24, 1886, by Comrade Edward Schwartz with membership of 11 and himself as Post Commander.

1886, Knapp, C.H., Post Commander.

1887, Coats, George F., Post Commander.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 5 with membership of 28.

ALEXANDER Post No. 95 (6) Globe

Named for Col. John S. W. Alexander, who commanded the 21st Regiment, Illinois Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 20, 1863.

Mustered in, December 5, 1886, by Comrade E. J. Meeker of Negley Post with membership of 10 and Hampton Ellis as Post Commander.

1887, Allen, George A., Post Commander.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona as Post No. 6 with membership of 22.

LOGAN Post No. 7 Tempe

Named for Major General John Alexander Logan, Representative and Senator from Illinois and Republican candidate for Vice President in 1884.

Mustered in, March 27, 1888, by A. L. Grow of Burnside Post with 14 members with Thomas Gregory as Post Commander.

STEBBINS Post No 8 Bisbee

Named for Asa H. Stebbins, 2d Lieutenant, Company D, 44th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, who was wounded at the battle of Rawle’s Mill, North Carolina, November 2, 1861.

Mustered in prior to March 3, 1890 with W.P. Long as Post Commander.

1894, Charter surrendered and 13 members transferred to other Posts.

FREMONT Post No. 9 Yuma

Named for Major General John Charles Fremont, the explorer, who was Governor of Arizona, 1878-1881.

Mustered in, with 10 charter members in January 1891, by Comrade Matt Flynn of Negley Post and G. W. Fields as Post Commander.

This Post ceased to be active after 1902.

SEDGWICK Post No. 10 Williams

Named for Major General John Sedgwick who was killed at the battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia, May 9, 1864.

Mustered in, with 10 members February 23, 1894, and John W. Burrows as Post Commander.

THOMAS Post No. 11 Jerome

Named for Major General George Henry Thomas, “The Rock of Chickamauga.”

Mustered in, June 1899, with 18 members. [In existence for 14 months]

1900, Minty, R. H. G., Post Commander.

No report after 1900.

Two Posts that were in existence in the territory but never transferred to the provisional or permanent Department were:

GEARY Post No. 25 Camp Thomas

Organized May 20, 1881 by Comrades John F. Fisher and Frank Staples.

Kilmer, G. F.—Post Commander

Charter Membership 11. Charter not called for. [This Post was not transferred from the Department of California and the 1886 records show that it was then not in existence as a Post. The Camp/Fort has an interesting history and was in existence from 1871-1891. Its mission was to remove the Chiricahua Apaches to the San Carlos Indian Reservation]

KEHOE Post No. 102 Bisbee

Named for James Kehoe (A.G.O. unable to identify him)

Mustered in, January 18, 1866, by A. L. Grow of Burnside Post, with membership of 18 and James F. Duncan as Post Commander.

1887, Shearer, T. N., Post Commander – Delegate, Grant, James.

1887, Transferred to the Department of Arizona with membership of 14. The number 7 was reserved for this Post but no mention of it appears in the Arizona annual reports except a statement by Department Commander Coats in 1891 that Kehoe Post was disbanded in December, 1887.

So, here we have a very short history of the Department of Arizona G.A.R., and I will continue with this history in 2018.

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Brothers, please help spread the word about the SUVCW and our Department! Male descendants, (son, grandson, great grandson, nephew, grand nephew, great grand nephew, etc.) aged 14 years or older, of a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served in the Civil War between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, are eligible for membership. A Junior membership for those aged 6-14 (meeting the above requirements) and an Associate membership are also available.

Please contact your respective JVC or the Department Junior Vice Commander for more details and assistance.

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