

**PICACHO PEAK CAMP #1
ARIZONA CAMP-AT-LARGE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

CAMP NEWSLETTER

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Minutes of the November 16, 2002, Camp meeting

Camp Meeting Location:
Best Western Executive Park Hotel
1100 N. Central Ave.
Phoenix, Arizona

Picacho Peak Camp #1 was duly opened at 12:10pm by Camp Commander Larry Fuller. Brother Allan Murphy opened the meeting with a prayer. Allan is from Yucca Valley, California and was our Camp's first chaplain.

Outgoing Camp Treasurer John Coon, was presented with a plaque for his outstanding service to the Camp from 1995-2002, by Commander Fuller. While John is stepping down as Camp Treasurer, he will continue to be an asset to this Camp.

Cmdr. Fuller introduced Dr. Charles Blackwell of the Founders and Patriots organization. *The Founders and Patriots were with us in a joint meeting of both organizations.* Registrar Richard Fleek also attended.

Treasurer John Coon reported on the results of the Nominating Committee regarding officers for the year 2003. They are:

- Commander: Larry Fuller
- Sr. Vice Commander: Bob Bohannon
- Jr. Vice Commander: David Swanson
- Secretary: Jerry McKenzie
- Treasurer: Jerry Bloom
- Council: Dick Graffin, Jim Greaves and Bob Young.

The results were approved by the Camp.

Two new brothers were initiated into the Camp by Cmdr. Fuller and Secretary McKenzie. They are: Neil Jennings and Clair Barnett. Welcome to both.

This brings our Camp membership to 45.

Jr. Vice Cmdr. David Swanson presented two issues: First, the Adopt A School Program regarding the Sierra Vista Middle School in Sierra Vista, AZ. Brother Ron McCreery spearheaded the effort and will be our representative during the school's Civil War Days.

The following "resolution" constitutes our Camp's adoption: *Picacho Peak Camp #1, Arizona Camp-at-Large, adopts the Sierra Vista Middle School, Sierra Vista, Arizona, in an effort to provide patriotic education, honor Union Veterans of the Civil War and preserve and perpetuate the work of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

In order to meet these objectives, Ron and any other Brothers who wish, will represent the SUVCW and particularly the Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp #1.

This program was approved by the Camp.

The next Civil War Day at the school is February 19, 2003 between 8:00am and 2:00pm. All Brothers are urged to attend.

The second issue presented was an invitation by the Department of California and the Pacific to join it as a member camp. Cmdr. Fuller and JVC Swanson will be contacted by the Department's Senior Vice Cmdr. Linn Hoadley and will obtain all possible information. This information will be disseminated to our Camp so that a discussion can take place during the Feb. 2003 meeting.

Brother Dan Huskisson (SCV Liaison) gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming Lee-Jackson celebration to be held on Jan. 18, 2003 at the Best Western Executive Park Hotel. He related that Yankee Pot Roast would not be served! He will forward registration information to our Camp.



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Following a lunch of prime rib, Brother Dave Kampf gave an outstanding presentation (as usual) about pistols and the Civil War. He demonstrated many of the pistols from his personal collection and his talk was well received by all.

There were 37 attendees at the Camp Meeting.

CALL FOR DUES. Please note that a call for dues went out with the Camp meeting notice for November 16, 2002 and another is included with the February meeting notice. *Brothers need to send in their annual dues even if they do not plan on attending the meeting.*

CAMP MEETINGS FOR 2003. In an effort to assist all Brothers with scheduling for Camp meetings, the Camp Council of Administration has set the following: February 15; May 24, and November 22. All meetings will take place at the Best Western Executive Park Hotel at noon unless otherwise indicated.

ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON LUNCHEON REGISTRATION INFORMATION. All Brothers and their wives, are encouraged to attend the annual Lee-Jackson Celebration and Luncheon which will take place at the Best Western Executive Park Hotel (same place as our meetings) on January 18, 2003 at 11:30am.

The cost is \$15.00 per person for a roasted sirloin of beef dinner which includes tax and tip. (Brother Huskisson was correct when he advised the Camp that Yankee pot roast would not be served!)

Reservations must be received by January 6, 2003 and should be mailed to:

Larry Billar, 5639 W. Altadena Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304

Phone Larry at (623) 878-4032 for questions.

SUVCW TRIVIA

Name the General of the Army who was part of the "corporate body" of the SUVCW during its original incorporation.

CAMP NEWSLETTER. Welcome to the first newsletter our Camp has published in a good many years. Its intent is to keep all Brothers informed. We meet three times per year and much of the information that is shared during the meetings is forgotten. Additionally, for any number of reasons, some Brothers can't attend some or all of the meetings and the newsletter will provided them with at least an idea of what is going on and who is doing it.

The newsletter will be published and mailed quarterly during the months of January, April, July and October. Information about meeting locations, programs, dues and the like will also be part of it.

If you have any comments on what you would like to see in the newsletter PLEASE contact Jr. Vice Cmdr David Swanson or Camp Historian Bob Hannan. Our contact information is in the camp roster or tell us during our next Camp meeting. Oh, by the way, the answer to the SUVCW trivia question is General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR WEB SITE. For those who have Internet access, our Order has a great website that contains everything you ever wanted to know about it. The address is: www.suvcw.org.

Department of California and the Pacific

The Department of California and the Pacific (includes camps in California, Nevada and Hawaii) with over 400 members and ten Camps has extended an invitation for us to join.

The possibility was discussed with Department Senior Vice Commander Linn Hoadley in December and the following information is a result of that conversation.

Dues: There would be no impact on our annual dues. Our yearly per capita tax would be sent to the Dept. of California/Pacific rather than the National Department. (continued on page 3).



Department of California and the Pacific (continued)

Some of the benefits of joining the Department are:

The Western part of the country would gain more clout in the form of delegates to the National Encampment. (This is the policy making body of the Order).

The Department sends out a quarterly newsletter to all Camps and Brothers. (The newsletter contains information on Camp activities and general information about the SUVCW and the Department of California/Pacific). This is in addition to the "Banner".

Other aspects of membership are that we would be closer to other Camps and activities. While we as a Camp-at-Large are certainly invited to all activities, with membership in the Dept. we may feel more inclined to visit. Admittedly the distance between Camps would be an obstacle.

Senior Vice Cmdr Hoadley was very supportive of the way we are currently conducting our Camp-at-Large and in fact he will change his Camps meeting location and programs. (He is also Camp Commander of the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp in Los Angeles).

For more info on the Dept. of California/Pacific visit the SUVCW website and click on the Dept. of California/Pacific.

So, You Think You Know About the Civil War

By Bob Hannan, Camp Historian

Test your general knowledge about the War of the Rebellion.

What Union regiment suffered the largest percent of one battle casualty?

When did the last member of the GAR die?

In 1861, what was a Union soldiers pay?

How many states were in the Union in 1860? Which Union troops fought at the Battle of Picacho Peak? How about Confederate?

Answers to these will be provided at the next Camp meeting. Those who know the answers will get a free cup of coffee!

SIERRA VISTA "ADOPT A SCHOOL"

the following information about Civil War Days at Sierra Vista school is provided by Brother Ron McCreery.

Ron has represented the Union for the last two years in his blue forage cap and regular civilian attire. This next year, he will be in full uniform of a first sergeant, Co. A., Sixth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, a position held by his great - grandfather. He will explain the uniform, show his great-grandfather's Civil War Prayer Book, and talk about some of his relatives and the battles in which they participated. One of the seventh graders from last year, was named William Sherman--a direct descendant.

Other activities include the SCV and their Ladies Auxiliary; a campfire; "B" Troop of the 4th Cavalry Regiment (Memorial), the ROTC Drill Team and an exhibit of a Spencer repeating rifle. The school cafeteria serves hard tack, beans, applesauce and milk (no camp coffee!) for lunch.

Activities start at 9:00am and end at 2:00pm. Ron will be donating Civil War Books which will be placed in the school library.

Visitors must check in at the school office.

School directions: Take AZ 90 south from I-10 (Exit 302) through Huachuca City to the light at Fort Huachuca's east gate. Turn left onto bypass then right on N 7th St. (first traffic light). Continue on 7th St., turn left on Busby Drive (convenience store/gas on corner), then right on Lenzner Ave. The school is a few hundred yards on the right.

Anyone who wishes to attend the Civil War Day should contact Ron by phone or E-mail as follows: (520) 378-1138; ringgold1@mindspring.com.



FEBRUARY 12, 1809; A BIRTHDAY TO CELEBRATE

by Brother David Swanson

On February 12, we will be celebrating the birthday of one of the greatest of all U.S. Presidents: Abraham Lincoln. This is a special day, for without his perseverance and vision, which helped guide the United States through the Civil War, our country could very well be quite changed from what it is today. And, had he lived past the end of the Civil War, Reconstruction and all it entailed may not have been nearly as painful for our country.

How many other of our presidents were faced with such momentous pressures and decisions from the first day of their first inauguration?

“In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it.”

What other president, after four years of a bloody civil war with hundreds of thousands of casualties, would still have the conviction to write in his second inaugural address:

“With malice toward none; charity for all; with firmness in right, as God gives us the right to see, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the Nations wounds...”

Between these inaugural addresses was:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure...”

In spite of the events, the doubts, and the pressures placed upon him by the country, the congress, and even his own cabinet, Lincoln forged ahead to ensure that our nation, so conceived and so dedicated, came through the test and “ can long endure”. After all he had been through, he was assassinated on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, just 42 days after his second inauguration.

February 12, is a day when we should reflect on the skills, accomplishments, and life of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. Fly your flag on this day as a tribute to Lincoln for all he did ...and for all he could have done.

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HAVE A HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW
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MEETING NOTICE AND CALL FOR 2003 DUES

Our next Camp meeting will be held on Saturday, FEBRUARY 15, 2003 at Noon.

Location: Best Western Executive Park Hotel,
1100 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. (602) 252-2100

All Brothers, wives and guests are invited to the spring meeting of our Camp.

Our speaker will be Camp Cmdr. Larry Fuller who will present a talk about his ancestors and the Civil War.

The lunch menu will be southwestern pork loin, potatoes au gratin, broccoli and cauliflower florettes and cheesecake for desert. The cost is \$13.00 per person which includes tax and tip.

Please complete the form below and mail it as indicated.

Call for Dues: Please use this form along with your 2003 Dues.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS AND CALL FOR DUES

Name(s) _____

Luncheon Reservations. Number attending _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Dues for 2003 are \$31.00 Dues enclosed \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please complete this form and mail to the Camp Treasurer. *If you cannot attend and have not paid your 2003 dues, please do so by completing and mailing this form.*

Make checks payable to: Picacho Peak Camp #1 SUVCW

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