



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



## CAMP NEWSLETTER



January 2008

Camp Web site: [www.suvcwaz.org](http://www.suvcwaz.org)

**GAR marker ceremony canceled because of rain, rescheduled to Jan. 27—see page 2**

### Minutes of the November 17, 2007, Camp meeting:

Location: Coco's Restaurant  
4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ

Camp Commander Bob Hannan called the November meeting to order at noon. We had 23 Brothers and guests in attendance.

#### Officer Elections:

The following Brothers were elected and installed in the following Camp offices until our next election on November 15, 2008:

Camp Commander: **Bob Hannan**  
Senior Vice-Commander: **John Conrad**  
Junior Vice-Commander: **Michael Moore**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Jerry Bloom**

#### Camp Council:

**Bob Young**  
**Rick Cups**  
**David A. Swanson PCC**

The following Officer appointments were made by Commander Hannan and are effective until November 15, 2008:

Chaplain: **Mark Haynes**  
Eagle Scout Coordinator: **John Conrad**  
Color Bearer: **Ron Jones**  
Signals Officer: **Nathan Cups**  
Graves Registration: **Jan Huber**

**Congratulations to all!**

It is nice to see some new names in the officer ranks.

### 2008 Picacho Peak Camp Officers



Left to right: Rick Cups, Camp Council; Michael Moore, Junior Vice-Commander; Bob Hannan, Camp Commander; Bob Young, Camp Council; David Swanson PCC, Camp Council; John Conrad, Senior Vice Commander & Eagle Scout Coordinator; Jerry Bloom, Secretary/Treasurer; Mark Haynes, Chaplain; Jan Huber, Graves Registration Officer; Ron Jones, Color Bearer (Not pictured, Nathan Cups, Camp Signals Officer.)

#### Guest Speaker:

Our Senior Vice-Commander **John Conrad** did his usual *excellent* job with his presentation of the Appomattox Campaign. This was interesting and well presented (as are all of his).

John, thank you! If any other Brothers would like to give a presentation at a future meeting please contact any Camp officer by phone or e-mail.

*Other Business:*

Brother **Clair Barnett** (Dewey, AZ) graciously donated a framed picture of the Union Army commanders and core commanders taken in 1865. Thank you Clair!

Raffle No.1: Brother **Ron Jones** had the winning number for the book, *Distant Bugles, Distant Drums* which was donated by Brother **John Conrad**.

Raffle No. 2: Each Brother received a raffle ticket for a free lunch at our next meeting. The winner was Brother **Dennis Lam**. Congratulations!

We will continue to have drawings at future meetings for free lunches, but you can't get one unless you show up.

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### **Camp Meeting Schedules:**

The 2008 schedule is: February 16, May 17, August 16 and November 15. All are scheduled to take place at noon at Coco's restaurant. (In case you have not guessed they all occur on the third Saturday of each meeting month.)

### **Second call for 2008 dues**

Please mail your dues for 2008 to the Camp Secretary/Treasurer—see page 6.

### **GAR Marker Ceremony**

The GAR marker ceremony scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2007 was canceled because of the storm that hit the valley that weekend and has been **rescheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

On hand to help honor our three GAR marker recipients will be the 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Volunteer Infantry, Company, Co B and the 1st U.S. Infantry, Co. D.

This ceremony will take place during an open house of the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, 14 Ave & Jefferson in Phoenix.

The open house is an opportunity to explore the cemetery with a guided tour from the volunteers of the Pioneer Cemetery Association. The open house starts at 11:00 a.m. and tours continue throughout the day.

The volunteers are excited that we are able to have our GAR marker ceremony in conjunction with their event, which by the way will be publicized by the Association.

Please plan on attending this event and support your camp.

## **Desert Arroyo Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade program**

On November 29, 2007, Camp Commander Bob Hannan, Senior Vice Commander John Conrad, and Brother Al Harrica were present at the Desert Arroyo Middle School in Cave Creek to address the 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies students regarding the Civil War in the Southwest. Both Bob Hannan and Al Harrica were in full uniform.

About 200-250 7<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to hear John give a presentation on the Civil War in the Southwest and Bob Hannan gave information regarding the Civil War along with a show and tell. There were five, 50-minute presentations throughout the day.

All three received a special thank you from Jill Kratzke the 7th grade social studies teacher.

These Brothers did a very nice job representing our Camp and the kids really seemed to enjoy the presentations.



### **Chaplain's Corner**

By Mark Haynes, Camp Chaplain

The variety of men who served as Chaplains in the Civil War were as varied as the soldiers themselves. Men from all walks of life, divergent in their backgrounds, came together for the purpose of providing friendship, spiritual instruction, and any other help deemed necessary to the soldier of the Great Conflict. Who were these men? What do we know about them?

According to the wonderful book *Faith in the Fight*, the average regimental chaplain was a Methodist, thirty-eight years and eight months of age and served around thirteen and one half months. Of course, this data must be taken with the understanding that the data was somewhat limited and decidedly incomplete. For the various denominations, the average ages ranged from 34.9 years for Catholic chaplains to 40.6 years for the Episcopalians. As to raw numbers those who mustered in as chaplains fell into these age categories: 243 were between the ages of 20-29; 540 were between the ages of 30-39; 412 were in their forties and 185 were in their fifties. Twenty men were 60 or over.

Rev. John Pierpont mustered in as the chaplain of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts on September 12, 1861. Amazingly, he was 76 years old at muster! Chaplain Pierpont was the great-grandson of the founder of Yale and was ordained as a minister in 1819. He resigned

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after a month and a half of service due to health problems. As an interesting aside, one of his sons was a Confederate soldier who is remembered for writing the song *Jingle Bells*.

At the other end of the spectrum was George F. Pentecost, regimental chaplain of the 8<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry. He entered the service of his country on September 12, 1862, at the ripe old age of nineteen. A Baptist, Rev. Pentecost pastored churches from Kentucky to New York to London, England, after the War. Charles Wheeler Dennison, a hospital chaplain, was reported to have been eighteen years old when appointed from Massachusetts on July 31, 1862.

The tallest chaplain was most likely Charles P. Nash of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He was described as “a monstrous big man”, from Holly, standing six feet six inches tall. Enoch K. Miller of the 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Troops was an Episcopalian chaplain born in 1840 in London. While perhaps a spiritual giant, he stood according to more than one report at four feet four and a half inches.

The denominational breakdown of the chaplaincy was as follows: Methodist – 38%; Presbyterian – 17%; Baptist – 12%; Episcopal – 10%; Congregational – 9%; Unitarian/Universalist – 4%; Roman Catholic – 3%; Lutheran – 2%; all others – 1%.

Statistics are enjoyable for those of us who are inclined to study them, but what of the character of the chaplain? To be an Army chaplain meant submission to chaos while nevertheless maintaining faith in order and meaning (*Faith in the Fight*, p. 27). Edgar DeWitt Jones stated that “An evangelistic preacher needs a lion’s heart, the skin of a hippopotamus, a donkey’s patience, an ant’s industry, and all the lives of a cat.”

William R. Eastman gave an address remembering his days as a chaplain in the Civil War on December 13, 1911, to a veteran’s organization of former Union officers. The final paragraph of his address may well best sum up the character of the chaplain and his accomplishments. Chaplain Eastman said: “In one word,” (Chaplains Note: Typical of us preachers! We may say ‘In one word,’ but it usually ends up being a lot of words!) “the significance of the chaplaincy was this: that the government offered to each regiment one man to be a friend to every man. While other officers might be good friends, this man was to make a business of kindness. Not a commander, not a fighter, not hemmed in by any rules or any rank; left to himself to reach men by their heart if he touched them at all, and by their hearts to make them better soldiers; a man to be sought in the hour of need; to stand for truth, purity, and all righteousness; for honorable living and hopeful dying; and having done all to stand by, in the spirit of service, according to the pattern of the Master. Many regiments did not

understand and did not care; many commanders found it impossible to secure the man they would gladly have welcomed to such a post; many men who undertook the service fell short, perhaps far short of their opportunities; but many also gained for themselves much love and a good name and a share in the final triumph.” (*Faith in the Fight*, p. 126)

Until next time, may the Lord bless and keep you.



## The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky

By Brother Jan Huber

(Editor’s note: This information was supplied by Brother Huber after his summer visit to the Richmond battlefield where his great-great grandfather, Harvey J. Wolfe, of Company K, 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry fought on.)

The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky was fought Aug. 29-30, 1862. It was the second largest Civil War battle in Kentucky and the most overwhelming Confederate victory of the entire Civil War.

The Richmond battlefield was for several years designated by the Civil War Preservation Trust as one of the 10 most endangered battlefields in the United States. Designations are based on geographic location, military significance and immediacy of current threats. Preservation progress has resulted in the removal of the battlefield from that list.

The Battle of Richmond Association (BORA) was organized in 2001 to act as the lead organization in an effort to preserve the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky Battlefield. The organization was formed in partnership with the Madison County Historical Society, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the Madison County Civil War Roundtable.

My great-great grandfather, Harvey J. Wolfe, fought and was wounded in the battle on August 30, 1862. He was a private in Company K, 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

BORA’s fifth annual reenactment of the Battle of Richmond took place on Aug. 25-26, 2007. There are few Civil War battlefields left intact today as time and encroachment from subdivisions and developments have taken many of the most important sites. The land designated for the reenactment of the Battle of Richmond 2007 is unique in that BORA has enabled one to experience a reenactment on a portion of the original battlefield that is relatively unchanged since the dates of the conflict.

I participated in the reenactment with Company B of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Infantry, “First German”, under the leadership of Capt. Jeff Stein. I wanted to emulate as nearly as possible what happened to my great-great grandfather. After firing my Springfield rifle about 6

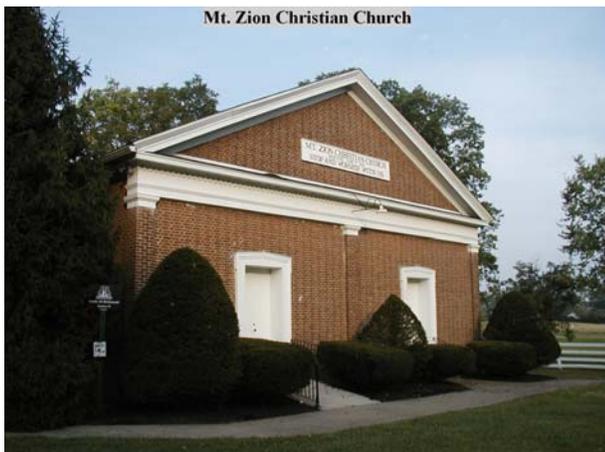
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times, I fell down "wounded". The weather during the reenactment was the same as during the actual battle; 100 degrees F. and humid. I was impressed with the concern given to a "wounded" Yankee soldier. As the battle waged back and forth, there were 3 separate occasions when a Confederate soldier came to where I lay and gruffly inquired, "You okay Yank!?". Then a sweet young Confederate lady in period dress came to me and also inquired about how I was doing and stated that my face was very red! And finally, another pretty young Confederate lady in period dress carrying a woven basket came up to me and gave me a handful of ice cubes.

Based on the research I had done on the written history of Harvey Wolfe's Company I was able to stand on the very ground where I knew he stood and fought. It was an eerie and emotional experience.



The above is a photograph I took after the reenactment. On the distant ridge-line is where my great-great grandfather's regiment was lined up at the beginning of the battle on August 30, 1862. Behind the trees in the distance on the far right stands a church that was used as a field hospital during the battle.



I took this photograph on the day of the reenactment. This is the church that was used as a field hospital. It is still an

active congregation. If Harvey Wolfe was wounded in the early stages of the battle, this would be where he was first taken and cared for. He was struck by a fragment of an exploding Confederate cannon shell. The heaviest artillery action was during the first two hours of the battle on the morning of August 30, when his Company was lined up not too far south of this church.



## Confederate annual Lee/Jackson Day

The Arizona Division,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Colonel Sherod  
Hunter Camp 1525  
Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Cordially invite you to attend  
LEE AND JACKSON DAY 2008  
Saturday, 19 January 2008, 11:30 a.m.  
Bill Johnson's Big Apple  
16810 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona  
Southwest corner, 19th Avenue and Bell Road

Meal selections will be as follows...  
Three Meat Combo (BBQ Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork,  
Hot Link Sausage)  
Sirloin Steak Sandwich  
Breaded Icelandic Cod  
Broiled Chicken Breast  
Malibu Chicken Breast  
Chicken Fried Steak  
(Three Meat Combo, Sirloin Sandwich, and Icelandic  
Cod meals served with Steak Fries and Cole  
Slaw; Broiled Chicken, Malibu Chicken, and Chicken  
Fried Steak are served with mashed Potatoes,  
vegetable, and dinner roll. All meals served with  
choice of coffee, tea, or soft drink).  
In addition to an excellent repast in a relaxed setting,  
those attending will enjoy good company, the ever-  
popular Lee and Jackson Confederate Trivia Contest,  
and other fun and exciting activities for your  
entertainment and edification.

It promises to be an excellent day of good times and  
remembrance of two of the South's greatest heroes.  
Cost is \$15.00 per person, payable in advance. Make  
checks payable to "Camp 1525, S.C.V."



## Civil War in the Southwest

Picacho Peak State Park

March 8-9, 2008

The event will be a re-enactment of three different Civil War battles, which were in Arizona and New Mexico. Since many people only know of the battles that were fought in the eastern states, this desert battle becomes another exciting history lesson.

Experience: Battle Re-enactments of Valverde, Glorietta Pass, and Picacho Pass. Over 200 Re-enactors, living in authentic Civil War camps, vendors selling period merchandise. Re-enactments and period demonstrations are scheduled throughout the day. Food and Beverage Concessions are available.

Be sure to bring along: plenty of water, a hat, lawn chair, and sunscreen.

Special Event Vehicle Entrance Fee: \$8.00 up to 4 persons. (\$2.00 ea. additional person). Individual Entrance Fee (walk-in / bicycle): \$2.00. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### 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.



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