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## Department News

### Department Attends its First National Encampment August 11-14, 2016, Springfield, Illinois



Delegates pictured left to right: David Jackson, Department Graves Registration Officer; Dale Enlow, Department Secretary/Treasurer; Robert McCord, Department Junior Vice Commander; and John R. Conrad, Department Commander

**(Department News continued)**

**Department Attends its First National Encampment**

By Department of the Southwest Commander John Conrad

The Department of the Southwest attended its first National Encampment as a department (having previously attended as Camps at Large), in Springfield, Illinois, from August 11-14. We had 4 delegates attend: DC John Conrad, CC Bob McCord, DS/T Dale Enlow, and DGRO David Jackson. It was the first encampment for Brothers Dale and David. Sister Paula Vessels attended the Auxiliary Encampment.

Conrad, Enlow, Jackson, and Vessels arrived a day early to take a driving tour around the Springfield area, including Lincoln’s Tomb, the Illinois war memorials at Oak Hill Cemetery, GAR founder Dr. Benjamin Stephenson’s grave in Petersburg, the reconstructed settlement of New Salem (where Lincoln spent his early adult years), the National DUCVW museum, and the current State Capitol building. The next day, they took a walking tour (led by none other than General Grant and Captain Robert Todd Lincoln themselves!) of Lincoln’s home, the old State House where Lincoln served in the legislature (with fantastic entertainment and a presentation by Lincoln’s old law partner, Billy Herndon), and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (a must see!)

The 2 days of business meetings were held Friday and Saturday, and included spirited debate on the topic of Memorial Day/Decoration Day, many procedural and regulation votes, and reports from all officers, committees, and departments. It is interesting to see the inner workings of the Order and how it gets its business done. We were proud to display our department flag alongside those of the other departments! The only contested national election was for Treasurer, which was very emotional and resulted in the election of a new treasurer, David McReynolds from Tennessee.

The Department delegates had a dinner at a great brewery restaurant Friday night, and got caught in a deluge that flooded most of the streets surrounding the restaurant. It took hours to get back to the hotel! After Saturday’s business session, we all joined in the Allied Orders Banquet, a gala which featured the leaders of all 5 Allied Orders and the commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The next National Encampment is in Lansing, Michigan August 10-13, 2017. Brothers who are interested in attending should let their Camp Commanders and Secretaries know before March, so they can be appointed delegates at our Department Encampment.

**2017 Dues**

Yes, it is that time of the year again and attached, as a last page to this newsletter, is the 2017 dues form with instructions. Please take the time to send your dues in to your Camp secretary/treasurer since this will assist with the expense of mailing a notice to each Camp Brother. *Please do not wait for an individual notice—send them in today!*

**New Department of SW Website: [suvcw-southwest.org](http://suvcw-southwest.org)**

Thanks to the efforts of our Department Signals Officer, Brother Jeff Burgess, we now have a Department of the SW website. Be sure to check it out since it contains a lot of information (with more to come). Pages such as our roster are password protected. Please contact your Camp secretary/treasurer for assistance.



**SUVCW—Life membership**

The SUVCW has a life membership plan tailored just for you! Never pay National dues again (although you still must pay Camp and Department dues).

Current Department Life Members are:

- John Munro
- John Conrad
- Dale Hodges
- David Swanson
- Tim Prater

To find out more, visit:

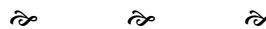
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**2017 Department of the Southwest Encampment**

Our second annual Department Encampment will take place in Phoenix on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Details are being worked on and will be included in the January 2017 Department newsletter but please mark your calendars for this very special event. All are invited along with wives and guests!

Speaking of the 2017 Encampment, **if you want to join the Department officer ranks** we can use you! Please contact any Camp or Department officer and let him know.



**SUVCW Scholarships**

Did you know that the SUVCW awards two \$2,500 scholarships annually for tuition and books to high

school seniors and college students (male or female) contingent upon their enrollment at an accredited four year college or university prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the scholarship is granted?

Applications are only accepted each year from January 1 to March 31.

Questions may be directed to Gene Turner, Chair, at: [genedturner@prodigy.net](mailto:genedturner@prodigy.net)



### Report of the Graves Registration Officer, Department of the Southwest

By David Jackson DGRO

From March 26 to October 15, 2016, the number of entries in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Graves Registration database for soldiers who entered the service from or are buried in Arizona and New Mexico has changed as indicated below:

March 26, 2012

Joined for service in Arizona	16
Buried in Arizona	568
Joined for service in New Mexico	307
Buried in New Mexico	698

October 15, 2016

Joined for service in Arizona	4
Buried in Arizona	562
Joined for service in New Mexico	303
Buried in New Mexico	698

Recent entries to the database include:

Bugler José Rafael García (1835 Mexico-1924 CO); Private Gregorio Mondragón (1841 NM-1914 NM); Private José León Mora (1841 NM-1920 NM); Corporal Blas Ortega (1835 NM-1922 NM); Sergeant George W. Anderson (1837 OH-1912 FL); Sergeant John Ford (1837 Ireland-1896 NM); Sergeant Charles R. Murray (1836 KY-1911 MO); Captain George W. Cook (1835 NY-1918 DC).

New entries are continually being submitted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Graves Registration database. However, an ongoing effort is also continuing to eliminate duplicate entries and to edit entries with missing or inappropriate data in the database.



### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Find-A-Grave Cooperation

Contributed by David Jackson, DGRO

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has authorized a Contributor Page at

<http://www.findagrave.com/> for the purpose of adding to and managing a repository for memorials of Union Veterans who are not already managed by other Find-A-Grave contributors.

Transfers from anyone who desires to place a memorial to a Union Veteran in the perpetual care of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are appreciated and welcome. Also welcome is any biographical information that other contributors might wish to send concerning the memorials in the perpetual care of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The address for this Contributor Page is <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=mr&GRid=26405947&MRid=48353502&>.

Presently over 16,000 Memorials are managed at this Contributor Page. Members of SUVCW or its allied orders and who are interested in helping with this project should email [findagrave@suvchwdb.org](mailto:findagrave@suvchwdb.org).



### Find out more about the SUVCW

Do you want to know more about the grand Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? If so please visit [suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org). Our National website has everything you want to know about it—and then some.

The more you know, the more you will appreciate who we are and what we stand for!



### Christmas gift—membership in the SUVCW

Brothers:

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift for your sons, grandsons, or nephews, how about a membership to the SUVCW?

Applying is easy, since you only have to document their heritage back to yourself, and the on-line form at [suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org) is quick to fill out. Just fill it out, sign it, and send it along with the dues check to your JVC or Secretary/Treasurer!

By gifting SUVCW membership this year to your descendants, you not only give them a unique gift, you help ensure the participation of younger generations in our fine order and continue to honor our ancestors who fought to preserve the union!

Merry Christmas!

John R. Conrad, Department Commander



## 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 Jerry Bloom:** 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com or **Secretary/Treasurer David Swanson** 480-515-2798; swanson1854@yahoo.com.

#### **Past Camp Commanders:**

Larry Fuller 1995-2013 †

David A. Swanson 2003-2006

Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †

John R. Conrad 2008-2010

David A. Swanson 2010-2013

John R. Conrad 2013-2015



### August 13, 2016, Camp Meeting Information

The regular quarterly meeting of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 and the Auxiliary was held at noon on August 13, 2016, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. This was also our annual joint meeting with the Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1.

**Program speaker:** Picacho Peak Camp Brother David Kampf gave an exceptionally good talk (aren't they all?) about Newspapers in the Civil War. Here is what was covered:

He began with a description of the invention of paper, and how it can depend on cotton rags by the 1800's, and the development of wood pulp paper thereafter. The growth of newspapers was driven by three major reasons:

1. Public schools - increased literacy among the population.
2. Telegraph - transmission of national & international news invented by Samuel Morse in 1844.
3. The age of Steam! supplying the power needed for larger presses to feed the greater circulation demanded by increased literacy and war news.

Civil War breaks out! A war between the North & South, and also between competing newspapers, many times supplying lurid & imaginative stories based on camp & barroom rumors, written by the Bohemian Brigade, the reporters & artist in the field. Cozy connections between the press and certain generals & politicians (what has changed?) furnished and fed the public's demand for war news. The love/hate relationship between the press & the military can be

best summed up by General William T. Sherman's remarks:

"I think I know what military fame is; to be killed on the field of battle and have your name misspelled in the newspapers."

"If I had my choice I would kill every reporter in the world, but I am sure we would be getting reports from Hell before breakfast."

Bad news sells newspapers, and the Civil War was as bad as it could have been.

Brother David had several examples of original newspapers from the war period for display & discussion.



### **New Camp Brothers:**

**Ronald E. Gray** of Sun City West, AZ was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Gray's Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather Joseph Langendodrf, Co L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Ohio Heavy Artillery.

**Richard S. Burke** of Phoenix, AZ was also approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Burke's Civil War ancestor is his great-great-grandfather Brigadier General John Homer Howe, 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, Headquarters.

**Welcome Brothers Gray and Burke!**



### Upcoming Events

#### **Camp meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at noon.

Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley

We will hold our annual officer elections and they will be installed at this meeting.

The program speaker has not been finalized; however, please come out and attend this very important meeting!

#### **2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the following months:

February 11<sup>th</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day)

(Picacho Peak Camp—continued)

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



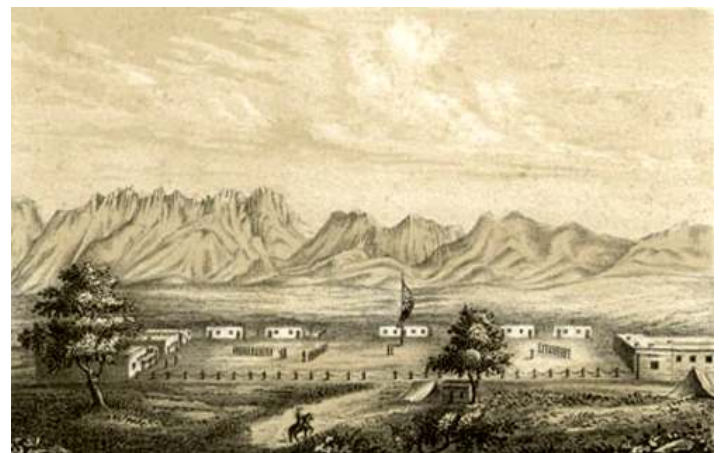
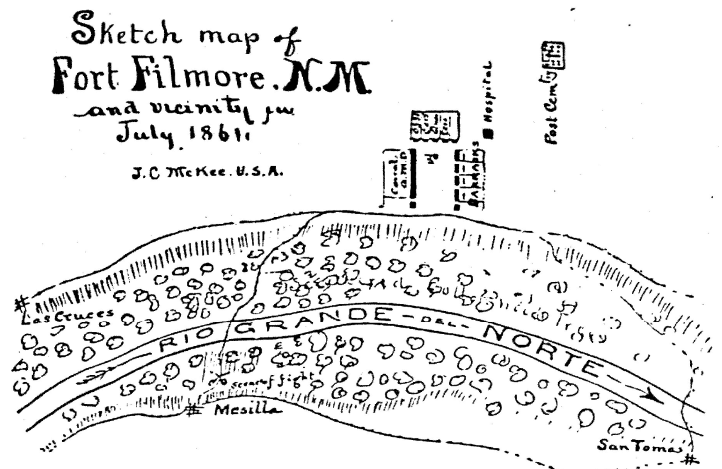
**General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)**

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 Robert McCord: 520-982-5057; rdmcii@aol.com or Secretary/Treasurer Brian Estes: 520-307-8096; brian.v.estes@gmail.com.

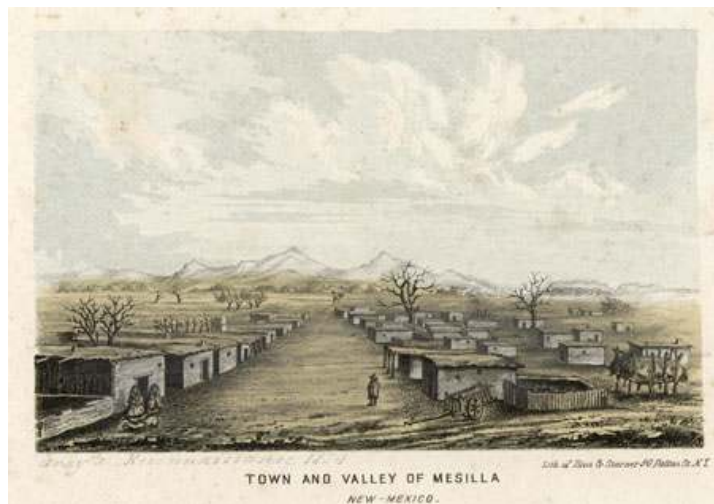
**October 8, 2016, Camp Meeting Information**

The Gen'l R.H.G. Minty Camp #2 met at 1:00 PM Oct. 8 at the Kettle Restaurant in Tucson. The meeting was attended by 10 Brothers, wives and guests.

**Program speaker:** Following a hearty meal, a well researched and well presented program which reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Mesilla was given by Brother Randy McNally. He discussed the building of Fort Fillmore and the region of Mesilla, territory of New Mexico, leading up to the battle. Also discussed were the belligerent forces of each side, their strengths, the time line of the battle, and the aftermath. He closed his presentation by talking about what the effects of the battle had on each of the major players on each side.



*Fort Fillmore and the Organ Mountains 1864*



View of Mesilla in 1864

**Business meeting:** The camp was then opened for business and our first new member since the camp was organized was initiated into membership, Robert Irwin, of Tucson. Copies of the camp by laws are to be distributed at the January meeting as well as the election of officers for the following year.

**New General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 Brother initiated**

Brother Robert Irwin of Tucson was initiated into our Camp and the SUVCW.

Brother Irwin's Civil War ancestor is his great-grand uncle Joseph L. Irwin who was a Chaplain, assigned to the Field & Staff, of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

(General Minty Camp—continued)



(L-R) Camp Commander Robert McCord and new Camp Brother Robert Irwin

**Welcome Brother Robert Irwin!**

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

We will have our officer installation for 2017 and, while our speaker has yet to be determined, please come out and attend this very important meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings for 2017 will continue to be held during the months of January, April, July, and October with 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 David Swanson: 480-515-2798; swanson1854@yahoo.com or Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom: 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com.*

**October 22, 2016, Camp Meeting Information**

The General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 October 22<sup>nd</sup> Camp meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Camp Commander David Swanson with 12 Brothers and guests in attendance.

**Camp officer reports:**

Camp Commander Swanson thanked the Brothers who were present for their membership in the camp and for participating in the upcoming camp officer elections. We are the youngest Camp in the Department and everyone is doing a great job!

Brother Bob Archibald gave a very comprehensive overview of his activities as they relate to grave registrations for the Camp. (See more information under the “activities” section.)

**Donation by Brother Tim Prater:** The Thompson Center 50 caliber black powder rifle, donated to the Camp by Brother Tim Prater, and to be raffled off for our benefit and the Department’s (50-50 split) was discussed. Brother Rich Rice inspected the rifle, made a few minor repairs, and the rifle is in great shape. We decided that three raffle tickets will be mailed to each Department Brother in January and the drawing will be held during the Department Annual Encampment on March 11, 2016. The cost of the tickets will be: one for \$20, two for \$35, and three for \$50.

**Donation by Brother Jack Van Deusen:** Brother Van Deusen donated five beautifully hand crafted wooden jars with lids, made by him, to be sold at the Encampment; one will be given as a second place. And since the Department is in need of a gavel, he made and donated one to the Department.

Thank you Brother Jack!



**Camp officer elections:** The following were elected as General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 Camp officers for 2017. They will be installed at our January 2017 meeting.



(General Grant Camp—continued)

Commander: Mark Haynes  
Senior Vice Commander: David Swanson  
Junior Vice Commander: Dale Enlow  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom  
Camp Council: Ed Steinback, Tim Prater, and Bill Smith.

*Appointed officers:* The following Brothers have volunteered to hold the following “appointed” 2017 officer offices:

Patriotic Instructor: Jim Heller  
Chaplain: David McCormack  
Color Bearer: Bill Smith  
Historian: Dale Enlow  
Civil War Memorials officer: Bob Archibald

*Delegates to the Department of the Southwest Encampment:* Rich Rice, Tim Prater, and Ed Steinback.

*Alternate Delegates:* Brothers of the Camp.

**Program speaker:** We were privileged to have Brother Rich Rice give a presentation regarding the Zouaves. Rich provided an outstanding history and overview of the various Zouaves units from throughout the world. Did you know that there were Confederate Zouave units or that there were early Zouave units in countries such as Poland, Spain, Brazil, and France? Many just associate the Zouaves with Elmer Ellsworth (who was also discussed) and his New York “Fire Zouaves” but he and his unit were just the tip of the Zouave iceberg. Rich gave a splendid presentation.



Brother Rich Rice in the combat uniform (that he made!) of the 5<sup>th</sup> N.Y

***Activities***

Citizens Cemetery—Flagstaff

Brother Bob Archibald and his wife Margaret spent time walking through the cemetery and noted that some graves of Union soldiers buried there were not in the SUVCW graves database. Bob added the following:

- SGT Thomas H. Beasley 124<sup>th</sup> Illinois Inf, Co I.
- PVT Peter O. Raduibaugh 65<sup>th</sup> Ohio Inf, Co K
- PVT Joseph Rial Lockett 21<sup>st</sup> MO Inf, Co G.
- Musician George H. Tinker, 14<sup>th</sup> US Inf, Co F & G
- PVT Melton Jones, 45<sup>th</sup> MO. Inf, Co E
- PVT George H. Burns, 3<sup>rd</sup> MA H Artillery Co A
- PVT William D. Powell CO. I, 152 IL Inf
- PVT. Joseph Hoffman, CO. F, 21 NY CAV.

**Great work Brother Bob!**

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff.

We will have our officer installation for 2017 and our speaker will be Brother Tim Prater who will talk about his Great- Great Uncle Cyrenius B. Faires who fought in the Civil War in West Virginia. He will also discuss the book “Living Hell, The Dark Side of the Civil War.”

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Saturday of the following months:

- January 28
- April 22
- July 22
- October 28



**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 Barbara Metzger at blrmetzger@gmail.com or Secretary/Treasurer Paula Vessels: pjvessels@cox.net*

**August 13, 2016, Auxiliary meeting information**

The Auxiliary meeting was opened at 11:30 a.m. by President Barbara Metzger.

(Picacho Peak Auxiliary—continued)

Elections were held during the meeting and Sister Verna Maleski was elected as the new Auxiliary president.

### Upcoming Events

#### **November 12, 2016 Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix.

Plan on joining us at our November meeting which will begin promptly at 11:15 — **NOTE THE NEW TIME.**

We hope this new starting time will allow us to finish our work promptly at Noon so that we can join the Brothers for lunch. We will be installing our new officers for the 2017-2019 term. We will also have a speaker for this meeting.



## General News and Information

### **Arizona's Last Union Civil War Soldier**

On December 5, 1946, almost 70 years ago, Arizona's last Union Civil War soldier, Parker Louis Gordon, died and was interred in Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix. Below is an article that was published in the SUVCW *Banner*:

#### **ARIZONA HONORS ITS LAST UNION CIVIL WAR SOLDIER**

*Submitted by David A. Swanson, Camp Commander, Picacho Peak Camp #1, Arizona Camp-at-Large*

Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp #1, Arizona Camp-at-Large, proclaimed Private Parker Louis Gordon to be Arizona's Last Union Civil War Soldier during a ceremony on November 19, 2005, at the Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona.

Representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Confederate Veterans and an honor guard composed of members from the Arizona Civil War Council were present along with SUVCW Brothers from Picacho Peak Camp.

Private Gordon's great-grandson and Brother of Picacho Peak Camp, Richard McNeil, along with his wife Jamie and his sister Susan Cheyney, were guests of honor. Dick had the original drum Parker used during the war on display in front of his crypt.

Private Parker Louis Gordon, son of Henry S. Gordon of Franklin, Pa., and Rebecca Young Gordon, from the United Kingdom, was born at Steelville, Ill.

On Sept. 1, 1847. He ran away from home several times during the Civil War in an attempt to join the Union Army and finally became a drummer boy with an unknown military unit at age 16.

On February 15, 1865, he officially entered military service with the 154<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, where he stayed for the remainder of the war. After the Civil War he eventually moved to Phoenix where he retired as a grocer.

He died in Phoenix on December 5, 1946, at the age of 99 and was interred in the original mausoleum at Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix.

Parker L. Gordon was a member of the Long Beach California GAR Post number 181 and was a delegate to the reunion of Union and Confederate veterans at Gettysburg, Pa, in 1937. Before his death, he was one of two surviving members of the post.



Private Parker L. Gordon (far left with his drum) in an undated reunion photo





Picacho Peak Camp Brothers Al Harrica and David Kampf (from left to right) were two members of the seven man honor guard at Gordon’s crypt (with red rose). His drum and a picture of him taken later in life are between the guards.



### **Kittel Halvorson—and a primer regarding Missionary Ridge**

General U. S. Grant Camp Brother Paul Halvorson supplied the flowing information about his great-great uncle Kittle Halvorson.

“On September 5, 1863, at the age of only 16, Kittel lied about his age to enlist in the war at Winchester, Wisconsin to serve in Co. “C”, First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. Because of his young age there is speculation that he was assigned as a drummer boy in his regiment. He was discharged September 21, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee.

“He was part of a very famous battle just three months earlier—Missionary Ridge. Just the name blood run cold for those who know their Civil War history. The ridge protected the town of Chattanooga, Tennessee from Union Troops, and was considered an impenetrable natural fortress. Some of Kittel’s comrades had taken out a personal loan in order to purchase the new repeating rifles—hard to come by, but tremendously effective in battle. Sacrificing pay wasn’t hard to do if a soldier could avoid sacrificing his life in the grisly conflict. (An interesting note on Kittel’s Muster-out Roll report—remarks: Retained under Government order 101. 1-Musket and accoutrements, \$6.00.)

“Kittle found himself in the middle of battle under the leadership of Major General Rosecrans. Missionary Ridge was the war’s first major rout of rebel forces and was not accomplished because of Rosecrans’ leadership, but in spite of it. Major Bragg was confident of the position his confederate forces held on Missionary Ridge, but his confidence possibly made

him careless. His orders were to fire a volley into the attacking army, then fall back to a safer position. His orders somehow did not reach the front line troops at the bottom of the mountain, because Rosecrans’ Union troops attacked with wild ferocity fueled by bitter memories of the recent defeat, in September just three months before, at the battle of Chickamauga where they lost over 16,000 of their comrades to Bragg’s troops. The Confederates, unsure of their orders, reacted in confusion. Some held their ground, others retreated. The front line troops became demoralized when their back-up forces apparently began to desert them; soon all who were able were running pell-mell up the mountainside. The Union soldiers, filled with triumphant elation, pursued the enemy up the mountainside, forgetting Rosecrans’ orders to stop their advancement as soon as they established a position at the foot of the ridge. When the unauthorized charge began, Union officers at first tried to order their men back, but soon began to join their men giving hot pursuit when the victory-fervor swept over them too. . . . Rosecrans’ orders were completely abandoned by his troops and they took the ‘impenetrable’ Confederate fortification on Missionary Ridge. On that day, November 25, 1863 he successful charge ended the battle in an hour. Among those who made it to the top was Kittel Halvorson. . . .”

**Thank you Brother Paul Halvorson!**

#### **Address Change**

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

#### **A Standing Invitation to Join the SUVCW**

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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## 2017 ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE

**Please use this form to submit your annual 2017 dues and *don't wait for an individual notice to be sent to you.*** Please mail dues to your respective Camp Secretary/Treasurer (mailing information below). Camp dues are the same in all Camps. *If you are a Dual Member/Life Member, you must submit your dues to each Camp that you belong to.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Member dues:**

If you are a member in only one Camp (and are not a Life member), your dues are \$41.00. (Includes National dues \$23, Department dues \$5.00, and Camp dues \$13.)

### **Dual Member dues:**

If you are a member in two or more Camps, (and are not a Life Member) you pay \$41.00 to your primary Camp and \$36.00 to each of the other Camps that you belong to. (Department dues of \$5.00 are only applicable for your primary Camp).

### **Life Member dues:**

If you are a Life Member in only one Camp, your dues are \$18. (Life Members are exempt from National dues and only pay Department and Camp dues).

### **Dual Life Member dues:**

If you are a Life Member and a Dual Member in two or more Camps, you pay \$18.00 (Department & Camp dues) to your primary Camp and \$13.00 to each additional Camp that you belong to. (Department dues of \$5.00 are only applicable for your primary Camp).

Dues enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please make your check payable to your respective Camp/s and mail as indicated:**

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