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Department News



Brothers from the Department of the Southwest attending the 138th National Encampment in Cleveland Ohio—August 8-11, 2019

(L-R) Brothers John Conrad Past Department Commander, Jerry Bloom Department Commander, and John Lyons Dept Council

Annual Dues Season is upon us!

Brothers, it is that time of the year so please submit your 2020 annual dues to your respective Camp's secretary/treasurer. The dues form is attached to this newsletter—dues are the same for all of the camps. Please don't wait for an individual notice to be sent to you (and remember, it was not curiosity that killed the cat it was procrastination)!

2020 Department of the Southwest Annual Encampment

The 2020 Department of the Southwest Annual Encampment will take place April 17-18, at the Embassy Suites, 2630 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix.

Much more information to come but in the meantime save the date for what will be an outstanding annual Encampment!

Department of the Southwest JROTC ranking 10th in the nation!

The following email information (in part) was sent by George Shadman PDC, Assistant National Quartermaster, regarding the national JROTC program:

I wanted to take this time to say "THANK YOU" to all the brothers who were a part of making this program a success. As you can see by the "TO:" line of this email there were many at the camp and department level who participated from every part of our country. You coordinated with over a thousand high schools, colleges, universities and military academies to give our certificate, medal and ribbon to deserving cadets. The feedback I have received from those schools over the past three years is a testimony to your hard work at the local level.

This year our numbers were a bit down no doubt due to the edict put out by the headquarters of the Air Force Junior ROTC. My communication with several unit commanders indicate that they are hopeful this edict will be reversed in the future, but still our production was very good!

I have attached a bar chart to this email that will demonstrate the hard work by each department. It is for the year May 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2019. I took over the program in May, 2016 so that is where my record keeping began. Enjoy what you see; give yourselves a pat on the back.

Again, thank you for all of your help and "WELL DONE".

Editor's note: The bar chart referenced in the article was not attached due to space limitations but out of the 30 Departments listed we came in 10th with a total distribution of 36!

Note from Commander Jerry Bloom, Department of the Southwest: I want to take this opportunity to thank our Department JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Department. I also thank all of the Brothers from our Camps who took the time to present these awards. Because your hard work we truly can pat ourselves on the back!

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7, 2019

Many of the national presidents and past presidents of the Allied Orders of the GAR will be present at the upcoming December 7, 2019, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony held at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix (across the street from the state capitol building). Hopefully, the CinC or a representative will also be in attendance.

Arizona is one of the few states that have an annual Remembrance Day ceremony.

Brothers and guests should arrive at the plaza well before 10:00 a.m. since parking may be an issue. The event starts at 10:50 a.m.

More information will be forthcoming but in the meantime contact your respective camp commanders.

Please plan on attending this annual event!

National Graves Registration Database

By David Jackson, Department Graves Registration Officer

Brothers are reminded that SUVCW National Graves Registration Database, <http://www.suvcwdb.org/>, is available to search for the grave registration of your ancestor or ancestors. If after a search request has been completed and a determination is made that that the record is not correct an edit of that record can be suggested. Submit requests for a suggested edit to the Department's Graves Registration Officer at dgrosouthwest@suvcwdb.org.

Nine hundred plus and counting! The number of Arizona burials in the SUVCW National Graves Registration Database has grown to 904. At the time of the Department's first Encampment during March 2016 the number of Arizona burials in the Database was 568.



Camp 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 Jeff Burgess** (602) 819-0795; jeffreydavidburgess@gmail.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

Jim Heller 2016-2018



The August 17, 2019, Camp meeting was opened at Noon by camp Commander Jeff Burgess.

Verna Griffith (Camp Auxiliary) and Ginger Trokey (DUVCW) were recognized in attendance. SUVCW brother John Kind visited again from El Paso, TX. New brother Stephen Miller was introduced. Probable new brother (transfer) Gordon Struve was introduced. Laura McCord, wife of Brother Bob McCord of the Gen. R.H.G. Minty Camp, attended and was offering the new Dept. of the Southwest badges for \$5. (Her email address is nclsljm@aol.com if you are interested.)

Officer Reports:

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported that the Camp's finances are in good health. He had attended the National Encampment in Cleveland the previous weekend with Camp brother John Conrad. He reported that the national SUVCW had mandated that all departments and camps must now have an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. He asked for volunteers to be the Camp's Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to contact him. He said it would be good if they had Excel software skills.

Brother Bloom and Conrad then discussed the SUVCW's status as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, making all contributions to it tax deductible. They explained that this status has, so far, only been achieved by the national SUVCW, and that

the national office was working on getting this tax status approved for all of the departments and camps.

Camp Graves Registration Officer Avery Frantz provided an update on the two new gravestones he had procured for two Union veterans at Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery. Dedication ceremonies, including media coverage, are planned this fall, after the weather cools down.

Department JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald gave an update on the Department's robust JROTC program. He explained that the U.S. Air Force had recently issued a regulation that no member could wear "ancestry based" medals or badges on their uniforms. This will not stop the SUVCW, however, from continuing to distribute medals to JROTC graduates.

Past Camp Commander David Swanson explained that the Department's newsletter was slightly delayed, but would go out later this month.

Old Business

The new Dept. of the SW business cards, designed by Camp Council Kenneth Hooker, are undergoing review by the national office, per brother Bloom.

New Business

Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson was unable to project the video he created about the ancestors of General R. H. G. Minty Camp #2 because the room was too bright. He explained, however, that it could be reviewed on the Department's website at: <https://suvcsouthwest.org/minty-camp-2/> He also explained that he was working on similar videos for the Department's Picacho Peak and U.S. Grant camps, and they would also be posted to the website after they are completed.

Sister Ginger Trokey announced that the Margaret Warner Wood Tent #1 of the DUVCW is asking for support for two charitable programs: § Wreaths Across America § AZ State Veteran Home Donations.

Featured Speaker Camp Commander Jeff Burgess was also unable to project a video he had created about the Union soldier monuments he had seen while visiting the State of Vermont in June because the room was too bright. The video can be viewed online at: <https://youtu.be/jcgDr2QqEqw> Instead, brother John Conrad gave an extensive report about the National Encampment. Perhaps the most significant news was that an SUVCW Signal Corp has been formed comprised of brothers with computer skills to take better advantage of the Internet and social media to

promote the SUVCW. They have their own email address at: [mailto: signalcorps@suvchw.org](mailto:signalcorps@suvchw.org).

Upcoming Events

2019 Camp meetings:

All Camp meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix at noon on the third Saturday of the following months: November (16th).

We will elect and install Camp officers for the 2020 term of office—please attend this very important meeting!



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 Bob Haley: 520-912-3019; chiefhaley@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

- Robert McCord 2015-2016
- Randy McNally 2016-2017
- Robert Haley 2017-2018



October 12, 2019 Camp Meeting Information

The Camp met at 1:00 PM at the Kettle Restaurant in Tucson. In attendance were Department Commander Jerry Bloom and PDC John Conrad. The minutes from the 20 July, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Prayers requested for the following Brothers and their families: Brian Conrad’s son; Randy McNally’s mother passed.

Camp inducted 3 new members:

Bruce Kent Jr.

Ash G. Lyons-Brown (Brother John Lyons’ Grandson)

David J. Raihala (Brother John Lyons’ Grandson)

By January’s meeting the Camp should have three transfer brothers, one each from Indiana, Ohio and Florida.

Commander Haley listed Veteran’s Day activities and encouraged Camp members to attend those of their choice:

8 Nov. at Desert Christ Church

Invited to march with Sons of Confederate Veterans in parade on 11 Nov.

7 Nov. author, Carl F. Haupt, will host 100+ WWII veterans at a luncheon in Tucson. \$30.00 per person, donated to charity. (Will send more info upon email request.)

Department Commander Bloom presented information on the 7 Dec. event in Phoenix for Pearl Harbor Day. (9:30 AM, Saturday) this is one of only two official Pearl Harbor events. The only other is in Hawaii. All Department officers are planning on attending and have invited the National Commander in Chief. Registration forms were available.

Election of Camp Officers for 2020 was held. The following Officers were elected:

- Camp Commander – Robert Irwin
- Sr. Vice Commander – John Lyons
- Jr. Vice Commander – Albert Niemeyer
- Council #1 – Robert McCord, PCC, PDC
- Council #2 – Robert Haley, CC
- Council #3 – David Jackson
- S/T – Randy McNally, PCC
- Historian – John Conrad
- Chaplain – Nicholas Farmer

The Officers will be installed at the next meeting 18 January.

Commander Haley read an article entitled “The Forgotten Farmer”, about Wilbur McLean. Meeting was closed by Commander Haley.



Commander Robert Haley with new member Bruce Kent Jr.



Jr. Vice Commander John Lyons with new member Ash Lyons-Brown (his Grandson)



Jr. Vice Commander John Lyons with new member David Raihala (his Grandson)

Upcoming Events

2020 Camp Meeting Dates to be announced.
All meetings 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 Dale Enlow (928) 715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com or Secretary/Treasurer Tim Prater 928-533-1478; timprater86323@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2017
Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019



October 5, 2019, Camp Meeting Information

The October 5th meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp #3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Sizzler Restaurant, Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ.

The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Dale Enlow and Chaplain Mark Haynes invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Statement of the Principles of the Order, and recitation of the Americans Creed.

Twenty-one (21) Brothers and guests were present. A wonderful crowd!!!

In attendance: David Swanson PDC/PCC, Bob and Margaret Archibald, new Brother Dr. Paul Sangster and his brother-in law John Shaun, Rick Stephens, Keith Knotek, Jim Heller, Bill Smith, David Jackson, Department Commander Gerry Bloom, Camp Commander Dale Enlow, Picacho Peak Camp #1 Brother Avery Frantz, new Brother transfer Doug Evans, Mark Haynes PCC, David Palmateer, John Ruggles, Tim Prater, John and Shirley Thorne, and Verna Maleski, President, Picacho Peak Aux.

Reports / Announcements / Business:

Secretary / Treasurer Brother Tim Prater reported that the Camp treasury is in good shape and he is well on the way of collecting 2020 Camp dues. He announced the September, Oct, and November birthdays and that Brother Dave McCormick has had surgery and is in need of prayers and well wishes. Tim announced that U.S. Grant Camp has no outstanding debts as of October 5, 2019.

S/T Tim Prater encouraged all Brothers to reach out in their communities to recruit new members for Grant Camp. He provided each Brother with two SUVCW flyers that can be given to individuals interested in our organization.

Brother Bob Archibald gave an update report on the recent decision of the Air Force to forbid ROTC/JROTC cadets from wearing medals presented by "heritage or lineage" based societies such as SUVCW and SAR. Brother David Jackson gave a report of the work of he, Avery Frantz, and Tim Prater in researching and obtaining headstones for Union Veterans buried in Arizona

New Camp Brothers

Dr. Paul Sangster and Douglas (Doug) Evans a transfer in were installed and initiated as new Brother Members in US Grant Camp #3, by Commander Enlow and Chaplain Mark Haynes. Each new Brother was presented their membership certificate, a rosette, and a name tag. They each gave a brief introduction to their Union ancestor.

Brother Sangster's Civil War ancestor is his great-great grandfather, Amos Crouse, Co I, 152nd Regiment, New York Infantry (September 6, 1862—January 25, 1865).

Bother Douglas Evans's Civil War ancestor is his great-great-great grandfather Robert D. Brown, Co I, 148th New York Volunteer Infantry.

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(L-R) Commander Dale Enlow and Brothers Paul Sangster and Doug Evans
Welcome to Brothers Sangster and Evans!

Old Business:

Department Commander Jerry Bloom reported on his attendance at the National Encampment near Cleveland, OH. He congratulated Bob Archibald on his outstanding work with the JROTC/ROTC Awards Program. At the recent National Encampment, the Department of the Southwest was recognized at the 10th best program out of 28 Departments nationwide. Congratulations and thank you Bob!

Details are still being worked out for the raffle of the .50 cal Hawken style rifle at the next Department Encampment. Department of the Southwest Commander Bloom announced the 2020 Department Encampment to include Department Commander Change of Command as being April 17 and 18, 2020 at the Embassy Suites, Phoenix, AZ. Additional details to be announced.

New business:

Camp officers for 2020 elected. Motion made and seconded to the following slate of 2020 Camp Elected Officers:

- Commander Dale Enlow,
- Sr. Vice Cmdr. Bill Smith,
- Jr. Vice Cmdr. Rick Stephens,
- Sec/Treas Tim Prater,
- Council Members Bob Archibald, Dave Jackson, and David Swanson

The nominees were unanimously elected to be installed at the January Camp meeting.

S/T Tim Prater presented Brother David Swanson with a commemorative 50th Anniversary Vietnam War lapel pin. The lapel pin gives recognition to Vietnam era Veterans who served in our nation's defense. Additional brothers will be presented with Vietnam

lapel pins at the January 2020 Grant Camp luncheon/meeting.

Patriotic Instructor, Jim Heller gave a very moving presentation about our Flag.



Brother David Swanson (R) receiving a 50th Anniversary Vietnam Veteran lapel pin and certificate from Secretary/Treasurer Tim Prater for his service

Presentation:

Sister Verna Maleski, President, Picacho Peak, ASUVCW #1 was introduced and gave a very comprehensive, enlightening, and entertaining presentation of the Allied Orders history and current / planned activities in Arizona



Sister Verna Maleski

Announcements / Closing:

Camp Commander Dale Enlow announced the next meeting would be Jan 4th, 2020 The 2020 Grant Camp meeting dates were announced as: Jan 4, April 4, July 11, and October 3. Chaplain Mark Haynes delivered the closing blessing.

Upcoming Events

Next Camp meeting is on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the Sizzler Restaurant.

We will install our new camp officers and present Vietnam Era pins (see below).

Vietnam Lapel Pin

Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins for presentation to deserving Vietnam Era Veterans. Department of the Southwest Commander Jerry Bloom will present the Lapel Pins to deserving Brothers at the Jan 4, 2020 U.S. Grant Camp Luncheon. Tim is inviting NAU Army/Air Force ROTC and Coconino High School JROTC Departments to participate in the presentation.

Please contact Tim via email at timprater86323@gmail.com if you wish to receive the Vietnam Lapel Pin. If you have friends that are not members of Grant Camp but are Vietnam Era Veterans and if you wish to invite them to our January 4th luncheon to receive a Lapel Pin, please let Tim know their name so he can have the correct number of pins available for the ceremony.

2020 Camp Meeting Dates

The 2020 Camp meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff as follows: January 4th, April 4th, July 11th and October 3rd. Please mark your calendars!

Northern Arizona Homeless Veteran StandDown Event ~ September 10, 2019

U.S.VETS-Prescott has sponsored the Northern Arizona Homeless Veteran StandDown since 2006. This is an event held in cities across the nation to provide food, clothing, services and referrals to homeless veterans. **Tim Prater** (right) presents a financial donation on behalf of U.S. Grant Camp to Mathew Phillips, Communications Director, U.S.VETS-Prescott.



Northern Arizona University Air Force ROTC POW/MIA Ceremony

By Brother Tim Prater

I was privileged to represent **General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Flagstaff, and the Prescott Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**, at the Northern Arizona University Air Force ROTC POW/MIA Ceremony held on Sep 19th in Flagstaff. To date over 700,000 members of our Armed Forces have been classified as either a POW/MIA. In the *American Revolutionary War* there were over 19,400 POW/MIAs. In the *U.S. Civil War, Union Forces* had 195,000 POW/MIAs and the Confederacy had 215,000. Let us never forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation.

September 20, 2019 National POW/MIA Recognition Day is an observance that honors those who were U.S. Prisoners of War (POW) as well as those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is observed in the United States on the third Friday in September.



Thank you Brother Tim for all that you do for our Camp!



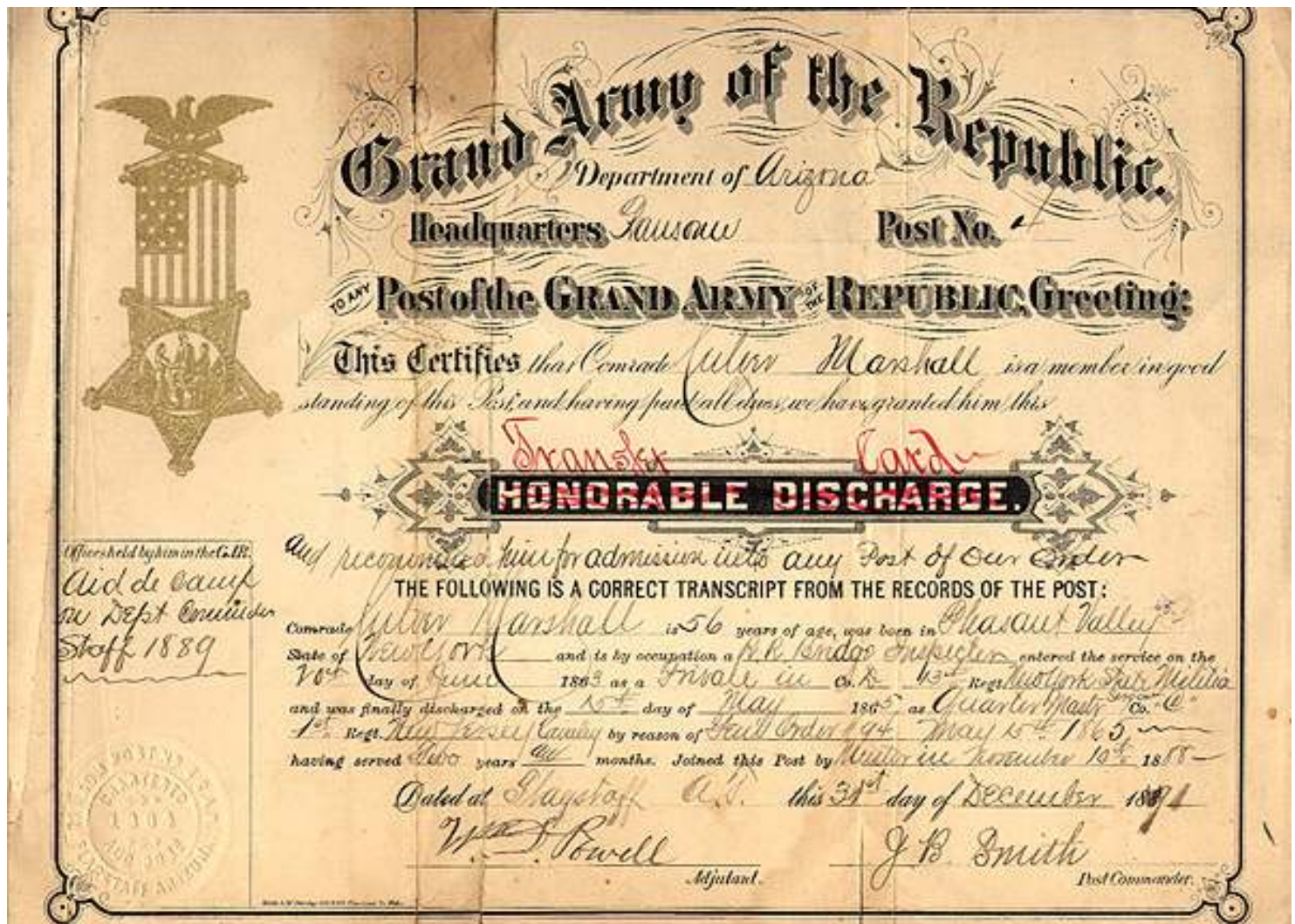
General News and Information

Ransom Post No. 4 (Flagstaff) GAR document

Quite some time ago I ran across the following GAR document online dated 1889 from Flagstaff, Arizona Territory that I found quite interesting.

The printed document has "Honorable Discharge", but it has been neatly lined out with red ink, and above it is written "Transfer Card". Embossed at lower left, "Ransom Post No. 4 G.A.R. Flagstaff Arizona, chartered Aug 20th 1884" (the Post was then part of the Department of California GAR. The Department of Arizona GAR became official on January 17, 1888). Above the embossment is: "Offices held in the GAR—Aide de Camp on Dept Commander Staff 1889."

The text reads: "Grand Army of the Republic. Department of Arizona Headquarters Ransom Post No. 4. To Any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Greeting: This Certifies that comrade Culver Marshall is a member in good standing of this Post, and having paid all dues, we have granted him this Transfer Card and recommend him for admission into any Post of our Order. The Following is a Correct Transcript from the Records of the Post: Comrade Culver Marshall is 56 years of age, was born in Pleasant Valley State of New York and is by occupation a R.R. Bridge Inspector entered the service on the 20th day of June 1863 as a Private in Co. D 13th Regt. New York State Militia and was finally discharged on the 15th day of May 1865 as Quarter Master Sergeant Co. "C" 1st Regt. New Jersey Cavalry by reason of Gen'l Order #94 May 15th 1865 having served Two years and no months. Joined this Post by Muster in November 10th 1888. Dated at Flagstaff A.T. this 31st Day of December 1889." Signed by Wm. D. Powell, Adjutant, and J. B. Smith, Post Commander.



Department of the Southwest— Officers 2019-2020



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2020 ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE

Please use this form to submit your 2020 dues, if they haven't already been submitted, and mail them to your respective Camp Secretary/Treasurer (mailing information below). Camp dues are the same in all Camps. *Please make every effort to have them in prior to December 31st.*

Name _____

Regular Member dues:

If you are a member in only one Camp, dues are \$44.00. (Includes national dues \$23, Department dues \$8.00, and Camp dues \$13.)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Regular Dual Member

If you are a Regular Member in two or more Camps, dues are \$44.00 to your primary Camp and \$36.00 to each of the other Camps that you belong to. (Department dues of \$8.00 are only applicable for your primary Camp).

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Life Member dues:

If you are a Life Member in only one Camp, dues are \$21. (Life Members are exempt from national dues and only pay Department and Camp dues).

If you are a Life Member and a Dual Member in two or more Camps, dues are \$21.00 (Department & Camp dues) to your primary Camp and \$13.00 to each additional Camp that you belong to. (You pay no National or Department dues to Camps other than the primary.)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Junior Member

Junior members are \$18 (\$10 Camp dues and \$8.00 Department dues)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

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

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