

**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
ARIZONA**

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**



**An Early History  
&  
Copies of its  
Annual Encampment Proceedings  
1888-1905**

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Department of Arizona  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Early History

This book is dedicated to the soldiers, sailors, and Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America and defended the Union and its principles during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865. As Abraham Lincoln wrote in his Gettysburg Address, “Now we are engaged in a great Civil War testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure.” Because of their sacrifices our nation passed this test and went on to become the strongest in the world.

## Early History of the Department of Arizona GAR

### Introduction

This “Early History of the Department of Arizona GAR” contains the following information: Copies of Post information taken from the 1886 “Register of the Department of California Grand Army of the Republic,” which contains information about the six GAR Posts that were eventually transferred to the Department of Arizona; complete copies of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic Annual Encampment Proceedings (which were only published from 1888-1905) obtained from the Library of Congress (these *Proceedings* contain a wealth of information about each post and the territory of Arizona); and information obtained from the Arizona Historical Society regarding the early history of these Posts in the territory; and finally a “souvenir” copy of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Arizona GAR held at Tucson in 1902 (obtained from the Northern Arizona State University library).

Many Civil War veterans in the Arizona Territory, like those veterans nationwide, joined the largest Union veterans organization of its day, the Grand Army of the Republic. The records of the Department of Arizona and its Posts are scarce and hopefully information contained here will help fill at least a small portion of that void. The men of this Department not only helped keep our Union together, they were also pioneers who helped with the formation of the territory and eventually the state of Arizona. These men and their accomplishments must not be forgotten.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, is the successor organization and legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, Arizona’s SUVCW Camp-at-Large, are proud to be members of that organization. One of its purposes is “To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861-65” and hopefully the information contained herein aids in that endeavor.

No attempt is made to index the information; I will leave that to another. The purpose is simply to get the information into the hands of the Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 and the citizens of Arizona.

David A. Swanson,  
Cave Creek, Arizona  
2014

## Listing of Arizona Department Grand Army of the Republic commanders:

A. L. Grow, 1888  
A. B. Sampson, 1889  
George F. Coates, 1890  
Edward Schwartz, 1891—92  
Douglas Snyder, 1893  
Chas. D. Belden, 1894  
W. F. R. Schindler, 1895  
Archibald J. Sampson, 1896  
George Hoxworth, 1897  
James Finley, 1898  
George Broughton, 1899  
R. H. G. Minty, 1900  
Prosper P. Parker, 1901  
C. F. Schumacher, 1902  
George W. Sanders, 1903  
C. M. Christy, 1904  
Arthur J. Judd, 1905  
James H. Creighton, 1906  
N. S. Fullmer, 1907  
A. J. Doran, 1908  
D. P. Kyle, 1909  
E. S. Godfrey, 1910  
R. H. Green, 1911  
James F. Duncan, 1912  
J. J. Hill, 1913 (died in office)  
George W. Reed, 1913-14  
W. M. Grier, 1915  
George W. Barrows, 1916  
H. H. Farrington, 1917—18  
A. J. Christian, 1919.  
J. P. Rhodes, 1920  
W. J. Murphy, 1921

Provisional Commander:  
Dr. Warren E. Day, 1923

**Early History of the Grand Army of the Republic Department of Arizona and its Posts**

In August 1886, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the G.A.R was held in San Francisco and "The Register of the Department of California Grand Army of the Republic" (which contains a list of all of the California Posts) was also compiled and printed. The six Posts that were eventually transferred to the Department of Arizona are listed along with their members. These Posts were:

**NEGLEY POST, No. 35.**

TUCSON, A. T.

OFFICERS, 1886.

THOMAS HUGHES.....Commander  
 D. D. HALL.....Senior Vice Commander  
 J. A. ZABRISKIE.....Junior Vice Commander  
 CHAS. J. FREESE.....Adjutant  
 A. B. SAMPSON.....Quartermaster  
 -----Surgeon  
 E. L. MEEKER.....Chaplain  
 ROBERT FRASER.....Officer of the Day  
 FRITZ W. MARTIN.....Officer of the Guard  
 -----Sergeant Major  
 -----Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, Second and Last Saturday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Alvord Edwin.....	H	21st Mass. Inf.....	Tucson
Barter Geo. W.....	M	1st Wis. Cav.....	"
Bivins B. F.....	D	24th Iowa Inf.....	"
Borton Arthur.....	F	25d U. S. Inf.....	"
Burrows David J.....	C	5th Cal. Inf.....	"
Crawford B. M.....	I	17th Vt. Inf.....	"
Dobbs E. W.....	H	11th Ky. Inf.....	"
Dobbs John D.....	B	1st Ky. Capitol Guards.....	"
Elmer Casper.....	G	184th Ohio Inf.....	"
Flynn Matt.....	C	1st Wis. Inf.....	"
Foster Geo. F.....	L	1st Cal. Cav .....	"
Fraser Robert.....		29th Mass. Art.....	"
Greene Chas. J.....		U. S. Gunboat "Dragon".....	"
Ganson Theodore.....	G	8th Mich Inf.....	MesaVille
Gibson Henry.....	H	1st Cal. Inf.....	Tucson
Haight Ira G.....	C	19th Ohio Inf.....	"
Hall D. D.....	G	24th N. Y. Cav.....	"
Hand Geo. O.....	G	1st Cal. Cav.....	"
Hickock S. B.....	B	7th Iowa Inf.....	"
Horn Chas. H.....	B	1st Or. Cav.....	"
Hughes L. C.....	A	101st Penn. Inf.....	"
Hughes Thomas.....	D	17th Kans. Inf.....	"
Ketchum Myrin.....	D	44th Ill. Inf.....	"
Kimball F. E.....	B	7th Kans. Inf.....	"
Mahalz Oscar.....	G	15th N. Y. Art.....	Arivaca

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NEGLEY POST, No. 35.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Martin F. W.....	G	1st Cal. Inf.....	Tucson
Martin Geo. T.....	B	2d Cal. Cav.....	"
McCafferty Joseph ..		18th Ohio Battery.....	"
Meeker E. I.....	F	3d Wis. Inf.....	"
Morgan William.....	C	1st U. S. Cav.....	"
Parker D. C.....	I	3d Mich. Inf.....	"
Patterson J. L.....	D	40th Ill. Inf.....	"
Overton James W....	G	1st Cal. Inf.....	"
Riordan D. M.....	H	134th Ill. Inf.....	"
Rondepierre Laurent	E	32d Mass. Inf.....	"
Sampson A. B.....	F	1st Cal. Cav.....	"
Skinner Wm.....	B	17th U. S. Inf.....	"
Smith H. B.....	F	1st Cal. Cav.....	"
Speedy James.....	I	2d Cal. Cav.....	"
Wartamont J. N.....	L	1st Cal. Cav.....	"
Wenk Leopold.....	F	51st N. Y. Inf.....	"
Wilkin Alex.....	B	1st Mass. Art.....	"
Zabriskie James A...		54th Cal. Inf.....	"

# BURNSIDE POST, No. 36.

TOMBSTONE, A. T.

OFFICERS, 1896.

CHAS. D. REPPY.....Commander  
 JOHN P. RAFFERTY.....Senior Vice-Commander  
 ED. A. CLARK.....Junior Vice-Commander  
 GEO. R. WATT.....Adjutant  
 THOS. GREGORY.....Quartermaster  
 I. R. BALDWIN.....Surgeon  
 T. A. ATCHISON.....Chaplain  
 C. E. BARTHOLOMEW.....Officer of the Day  
 A. E. HARTMAN.....Officer of the Guard  
 O. S. BLOOMER.....Sergeant Major  
 G. S. BRADSHAW.....Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, Second and Fourth Saturday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Atchison T. A.....	H	157th Ohio Inf. ....	Tombstone
Bake Oliver.....	G	1st New Mexico Cav.....	"
Baker G. S.....	K	10th Mich. Inf.....	"
Baldwin I. R.....	B	87th Ohio Inf. and A, 13th Kan. Cav.	"
Bartholomew C. E..	E	1st Conn. Cav. ....	"
Beik John C.....	B	5th Mo. Cav. ....	"
Berner W. J.....	H	17th Ind. Inf. ....	Charleston, A. T.
Bills William.....	A	2d Ohio Cav.....	Tombstone
Blackburn Charles..	C	6th Vt. Inf.....	"
Bloomer O. B.....	D	16th U. S. Art. ....	"
Bradley W. F.....	G	1st Cal. Inf. ....	"
Bradshaw G. S.....	E	7th Wis. Inf.....	"
Branch Wm.....	A	3d Kan. Inf.....	"
Brannon F. M.....	B	27th Mo. Inf.....	"
Brigham S D.....	C	15th Mass. Inf.....	"
Brunner L. F.....		22d Ohio Art.....	"
Bryant S. H. ....	B	33d Ind. Inf. ....	"
Bryant S. S.....	B	33d Ind. Inf.....	"
Calhoun M. L.....	E	11th Mich. Cav.....	"
Campbell J. H.....	C	1st La. Cav.....	"
Carter D. J.....	F	4th Cal. Inf. ....	"
Clark Adam.....	E	12th Ohio Cav.....	"
Clark Ed A.....		8th Wis. Inf. ....	"
Clark R B.....		1st Col. Cav.....	"
Converse M. A.....	B	7th Mich. Inf. and 10th Mich. Cav.	"

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## BURNSIDE POST, No. 36.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Crowley Daniel.	B	2d Cal. Cav.	Tombstone
Diehl William	E	1st Mich. Inf.	"
Douglasa Wilson	H	2d N. Y. Inf.	"
Dyer J. D.		U. S. Navy	Bisbee, A. T.
Earle F. S.		4th Mich. Inf. and U. S. Vols.	Tombstone
Elkins James.	A	2d Ky. Cav.	"
Fickas H. A.	A	143d Ind. Inf.	"
Fleming W. S.	H	6th Mass. Inf.	"
Fry Henry	D	13th Ill. Cav.	"
Gage Daniel W.	B	1th Cal. Inf.	"
Gilbert J. D.	H	15th Iowa Inf.	"
Givens Michael.	G	59th Mass. Inf.	"
Gregory Thos.	D	115th N. Y. Inf.	"
Grow A. L.		U. S. Navy	"
Hart S. L.	C	10th Wis. Inf. and D-41st Wis. Inf.	"
Hartman A. E.	B	7th N. Y. Inf.	"
Hatch T. S.	A	3d Maine Inf.	"
Hayes F. W.	B	17th Ohio Inf.	"
Howe H. G.	C	15th Mass. Inf.	"
Keefe Walter.	A	91st N. Y. Inf.	"
Kelso J. W.	A	3d Cal. Inf.	"
Kitt George B.	K	7th Ind. Inf.	Nogales, A. T.
Knight R. S.	H	1st Iowa Cav.	Tombstone
Laughlin D.	A	28th Penn. Inf.	"
Lee Howard.	I	16th Ohio Inf.	"
Leonard John.	C	20th Mass. Inf.	"
Maher Wm.	M	6th Ky. Cav.	"
Maynard Ben.	H	15th Iowa Inf.	"
McCann J. J.	H	7th Cal. Inf.	Fairbank, A. T.
McCormack Robert.	I	Wis. Vet. Inf.	Tombstone
McMahon J. M.	D	27th Mich. Inf.	"
Mohan John.	B	69th N. Y. Inf.	"
Miller Edw.	H	46th N. Y. Inf.	"
Oaks George W.	I	1st Cal. Inf.	"
Rafferty J. P.	C	1st N. Y. Cav.	"
Reppy Charles D.	G	4th Wis. Inf.	"
Ritter A. J.	A	21st Ind. Inf.	"
Shankland D. B.	C	12th Ill. Inf.	"
Stegler J. F.	H	8th Cal. Inf.	"
Spencer W. E.	B	19th Ohio Inf.	"
Stebbins A. H.	D	44th Mass. Inf.	"
Toussely Wm.	I	78th Ohio Inf.	"
Tuttle J. H.	D	225th Ohio Inf.	"
Ward J. L.	I	1st Wis. Cav.	Phoenix, A. T.
Wardwell D. K.		5th and 28th Mass. Inf.	Tombstone
Walt George R.	D	100th Penn. Inf.	"
Williams George.	C	1st Ky. Art.	"
Wiser John	M	1st Kan. Cav.	"
Wittig Edw.	I	1st Mo. Cav.	"
Wood S. W.	P	8th Ill. Cav.	Fairbank, A. T.



# BARRETT POST, No. 62.

PRESCOTT, A. T.

## OFFICERS, 1884.

GEO. H. TINKER.....Commander  
 A. G. RANDAL.....Senior Vice-Commander  
 CHAS. H. ALLABACH.....Junior Vice-Commander  
 J. J. GOSPER.....Adjutant  
 GEO. W. SINES.....Quartermaster  
 GEO. D. KENDALL.....Surgeon  
 N. L. GUTHRIE.....Chaplain  
 R. GRIGSBY.....Officer of the Day  
 JAMES BUTLER.....Officer of the Guard  
 J. W. CLAY.....Sergeant Major  
 JAS. A. GUILD.....Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, Second and last Tuesday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Allbach Chas H	E	54th Penn. Inf.	Prescott
Atkinson B.	K	69th N. Y. Inf.	"
Berry Geo. E.	P	1st Cal. Inf.	"
Bisbee E. T.	E	29th Maine Inf.	"
Bishop Charles	G	29th Ind. Inf. and F 7th Ind. Cav.	"
Blackburn John	A	16th U. S. Inf.	"
Butler James		Ad U. S. Inf.	"
Capelli Carlo	L	104th Penn. Inf.	"
Chandler Isaac	G	8th Ill. Inf.	Lynx Creek
Clay J. W.	C	6th Kansas Cav.	Prescott
Cook James O.	C	6th Mo. Cav.	San Diego
Crao B. B.	E	17th Conn. Inf.	Skull Valley
Crellins John	C	12th Wis. Inf.	Prescott
Dake C. P.	E	5th Mich. Inf.	"
DeWitt Wm.	H	56th Penn. Inf.	Whipple Barracks
Donaldson Chas. E.	C	186th N. Y. Inf.	Ash Fork
Dugan Michael	A	10th U. S. Inf.	Agua Fria
Duprez Jos.	E	4th E. I. Inf.	Prescott
Ebbett Geo.		U. S. Marine Corps	"
Fell Timothy	A	8th Ohio Inf.	Verde
Ferguson Wm. H.	I	4th Cal. Inf.	Prescott
Fisher Chas. F.	B	58th Mass. Inf.	"
Ford Patrick	K	3d U. S. Inf.	"
Fordick Chas. H.	K	186th N. Y. Inf.	"
Gillenwater A. P.	D	29th Iowa Inf.	"

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NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Gonzales Reyes.....	F	1st New Mexico Inf.....	Prescott
Gosper J. J.....	I	8th Ill. Cav.....	"
Grigsby R.....	A	10th Ill. Cav.....	"
Guild James A.....	F	1st Mass. Heavy Art.....	"
Guthrie N. L.....		3d Independent Ohio Art.....	"
Hill J. L.....		5th U. S. Inf.....	"
Henkle Jacob.....	A	29th N. Y. Inf.....	"
Herman Michael...	F	2d Mo. Cav.....	Lynx Creek
Jesson Fritz.....		29th Mass. Inf.....	Prescott
Kendall Geo. D.....	I	7th Cal. Inf.....	"
King P.....	B	4th Cal. Inf.....	"
Kirwagen John.....	D	9th N. Y. Art.....	Venle
Koch Wm.....	K	164th N. Y. Inf.....	Prescott
Marsh J. H. A.....	B	3d Ind. Cav.....	"
Maxwell James C.....	B	49th Mo. Inf.....	"
McCandless J. N., M.D.		77th Penn. Inf.....	"
Miller Sam'l J.....		1st N. M. Inf.....	"
Murray G. W.....	B	1st N. Y. Mounted Rifles.....	"
O'Boyle Daniel.....	I	19th Mich. Inf.....	"
O'Neil Wm. J.....	E	72d N. Y. Inf.....	"
Otto T.....	I	4th U. S. Art.....	"
Pease R. W.....	G	4th Cal. Inf.....	Whipple Barracks
Randal A. G.....	A	4th Cal. Inf.....	Prescott
Rees S. C.....	G	46th Ohio Inf.....	Chino Valley
Reese John.....		79th Ohio Inf.....	Prescott
Saunders Chas.....	M	2d U. S. Art.....	"
Schindler W. F. R.....	I	2d Cal. Inf.....	"
Sines Geo. W.....	C	214th Penn. Inf.....	"
Taylor Griffith.....		1st Cal. Inf.....	"
Tinker Geo. H.....		14th U. S. Inf.....	"
Wade Chas. A.....	C	3d R. I. Heavy Art.....	"
White Geo. L.....	G	6th N. J. Inf.....	Agua Fria
Williams P. A.....	C	16th Mo. Cav.....	Prescott
Woods W. A.....		1st East Tenn. Inf.....	"

# CEN. T. E. G. RANSOM POST, No. 67.

FLAGSTAFF, A. T.

## OFFICERS, 1886.

LOUIS BURNS.....Commander  
 D. F. HART.....Senior Vice-Commander  
 JOSEPH R. LOCKETT.....Junior Vice-Commander  
 WILLIAM GARDNER.....Adjutant  
 GEORGE HOXWORTH.....Quartermaster  
 \_\_\_\_\_Surgeon  
 JAMES W. SPAFFORD.....Chaplain  
 JOHN ROSENBAUGH.....Officer of the Day  
 \_\_\_\_\_Officer of the Guard  
 ROBERT GREER.....Sergeant Major  
 WM. A. DYER.....Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, Second and last Saturday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Burns George.....	I	3d Mass. Heavy Art.....	Flagstaff
Burns Louis.....	D	11th Ill. Inf.....	"
Conrad Adam.....	A	32d Ind. Inf.....	Hackberry
Dyer Wm. A. ....	B	4th Penn. Cav. ....	"
Gardner William....	H	102d Penn. Inf.....	Flagstaff
Greer Robert.....	G	9th Ill. Cav.....	"
Hart D. F.....	I	47th Ill. Inf.....	"
Hill Leonidas.....	A	23d Mo. Inf.....	"
Hoxworth George....	F	65th Ohio Inf.....	"
Lockett Jos. R.....	G	21st Mo. Inf.....	"
Marvin Henry. ....	I	31st Ill. Inf.....	Belmont
McDonald E. G. ...	A	69th N. Y. Inf.....	Hackberry
Noo an Patrick K... .	G	27th Penn. Inf.....	Flagstaff
Rosborough James..	B	1st Ohio Light Art .....	Hackberry
Rosenbaugh John..	E	3d Col. Cav.....	Flagstaff
Smith J. D.....	I	1st N. Y. Cav.....	"
Spafford James W... .	C	5th Iowa Inf.....	"
Taft William .....	F	1st Mich. Light Art.....	Hackberry
Wilkinson Horace... .	E	28th Wis. Inf.....	Flagstaff

# J. W. OWENS POST, No. 83.

PHOENIX, A. T.

## OFFICERS, 1896.

CHAS. H. KNAPP.....Commander  
 GEO. F. COATS.....Senior Vice-Commander  
 R. J. CARTWRIGHT.....Junior Vice-Commander  
 JOS. B. CREAMAR.....Adjutant  
 JOHN KING.....Quartermaster  
 J. E. WHARTON.....Surgeon  
 H. R. LIGHTHIZER.....Chaplain  
 L. H. TIFFANY.....Officer of the Day  
 JOHN M. MULLIN.....Officer of the Guard  
 ANTHONY HEGERUP.....Sergeant Major  
 JOHN R. SILSBEE.....Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, First Tuesday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Buck Theodore.....	F	2d Ill. Art.....	Phoenix, A. T.
Calderwood M. H....	D	7th Cal. Inf. ....	"
Cartwright R. J....	K	123d Ill. Inf.....	"
Coats G. F.....	E	1st Iowa Cav.....	"
Creamar Jos. B....	H	142d Ill. Inf.....	"
Grable Henry.....	K	12th Ind. Inf.....	"
Hancock W. A.....	K	7th Cal. Inf. and C 1st Oregon Cav.	"
Hegerup Anthony...		U. S. Navy.....	"
King John.....	H	34th N. Y. Inf. and C 188th N. Y. Inf	"
Kingman Geo. W....	D	3d N. Y. Inf. and C 22d N. Y. Cav..	"
Knapp Charles H....	I	11th Ind. Inf.....	"
Lighthizer H. B....	E	4th Wis. Cav.....	"
McCann Wm.....	K	13th Conn. Inf. and F 1st La. Cav..	"
Mills J. K.....		2d Maine Art.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Mullin John.....	A	1st Cal. Cav.....	Phoenix
Schwartz Edward....	H	8th N. Y. Inf. and 9th N. Y. Cav...	"
Silsbee John R....	A	10th N. Y. Art.....	"
Stearns C. W.....	A	26th Mass. Inf.....	Maricopa
Tiffany L. H.....	O	18th Ind. Inf.....	Phoenix
Vest Charles H....	G	9th Penn. Res. and C 1st U.S. Cav..	"
Wharton J. E.....	D	2d Iowa Cav. and 1st Col. Militia..	"
Woods W. T.....	B	7th Cal. Inf.....	"

# COL. J. W. S. ALEXANDER POST, No. 95.

GLOBE, A. T.

## OFFICERS, 1886.

HAMPTON ELLIS.....Commander  
 JOHN H. EATON.....Senior Vice-Commander  
 B. F. PASCOE.....Junior Vice-Commander  
 GEO. A. ALLEN.....Adjutant  
 ALEX. A. LOVE.....Quartermaster  
 \_\_\_\_\_.....Surgeon  
 WM. H. BEARD.....Chaplain  
 W. H. HARRELL.....Officer of the Day  
 GEO. C. STRONG.....Officer of the Guard  
 JAMES WILEY.....Sergeant Major  
 CLARENCE WEST.....Quartermaster Sergeant

Meeting, Second and Fourth Saturday.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Allen Geo. A.....	A	76th N. Y. Inf.....	Globe
Beard Wm. H.....	E	111th Ill. Inf.....	"
Colvig Clark S.....	A	21st Ill. Inf.....	Armer
Eaton John H.....	D	196th Ohio Inf.....	Globe
Ellis Hampton.....	K	8th Ind. Inf.....	"
Harrell W. H.....	B	27th Ind. Inf.....	"
Love A. E.....	G	2d Col. Cav.....	"
Montgomery F. C...		2d N. Y. Cav.....	"
Pascoe B. F.....	I	1st Cal. Cav.....	"
Schulze Charles.....		1st Kansas Inf.....	"
Shanley Patrick.....		2d U. S. Inf.....	"
Strong George C....	B	1st New Mexico Cav.....	"
West Clarence.....	E	3d N. Y. Inf.....	"
Wiley James.....	F	15th N. Y. Heavy Art.....	"

## Department of Arizona

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.

The six Posts were: Negley Post No. 1 (35), Tucson; Burnside Post No. 2 (36), Tombstone; Barrett Post No. 3 (62), Prescott; T.E.G. Ransom Post No. 4 (67), Flagstaff; J.W. Owen Post No. 5 (83) Phoenix; J.W.S. Alexander Post No. 6 (95), Globe. Post numbers in parenthesis are the old Department of California Post numbers. Kehoe Post, at Bisbee, was also organized by the Department of California, but was not represented in the transfer (Beath: *History of the Grand Army of the Republic*, 1888).

By 1899 the Department of Arizona had reached its zenith with 11 Posts (although all were not active) by the following additions: John A. Logan Post No. 7, Tempe; Stebbins Post No. 8, Bisbee; Freemont Post No. 9, Yuma; Sedgwick Post No. 10, Williams; and Thomas Post No. 11, Jerome.

A short history of the Posts that were transferred from the Department of California and of those subsequently established in Arizona, all of which comprised the Department of Arizona, is contained in an undated "MEMORANDUM BY CARL HAYDEN REGARDING RECORDS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC." [Hayden was an 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." The memorandum contains an invaluable early history of the Posts and as such is printed here. (The memorandum has Department of Arizona Post numbers in parenthesis.)

### **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.]

### **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, [California—although there is no record of a Post there from 1886 on—Riordan is also associated with Ransom Post No. 4 in Flagstaff in the mid 1890's] 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)**

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, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry, who was in Command at Ft. McDowell, Arizona, 1865-1866. [Owen “was in command” of Co F, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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, 44<sup>th</sup> 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.

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."

When did the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic finally close its doors?

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Address of the Commander-in-Chief  
James W. Willett

#### DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

My comrades, the investigation of our records discloses the fact that for approximately two years last past the Department of Arizona has ceased to function. The membership has dwindled down to an approximate of 40 comrades, scattered all over the State, and there is no Grand Army Post, as I understand it, in any locality in that State with sufficient numerical strength to maintain a post. The State is one of magnificent distances, and the comrades are scattered here and there. We must not neglect the survivors of this department, and a way out must be found to take care of them.

I have examined the rules and regulations of our organization quite carefully and I have been unable to find any provision of said rules and regulations that will cover the condition of affairs as they now exist in Arizona. It will be observed that the provisions of article 10 of the rules and regulations, which provides for provisional departments, from a careful reading of same does not cover the situation in Arizona, as the provisions of said article only apply to States or Territories where the Grand Army of the Republic is not established in its departmental government. In this case the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Arizona was established, and in a sense still exists, although the comrades have ceased to function in strict harmony with Grand Army law.

There should be an additional section 3, added to said article 10, which should provide for provisional department under circumstances surrounding the Arizona comrades. That is to say, that whenever the State department becomes so depleted in its membership that it can not maintain the requisite number of posts for the maintenance of such State departments, then and in that event a provisional department should be provided so that the commander in chief could appoint a provisional commander who when thus appointed would have sufficient authority, to appoint his assistant adjutant general, and quartermaster general, and such officers as we might conclude they should have, and such provisional commander should be permitted to function as long as they could muster within the State a quorum numerically strong enough to maintain a post.

I am not seeking to frame such a provision, but am simply calling the attention of this department to the situation, because I do not want to see the few comrades that are left in Arizona without just recognition in our order. I have assumed the authority and responsibility of appointing Comrade Dr. Warren E. Day, of Daytona Place, Prescott, Ariz., provisional department commander Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Arizona with power to act, and I have directed him to name his assistant adjutant general and associate officers in so far as he can, and have requested that he and the comrades, as many as can do so, come to this encampment and knock on its outer door for admission.

I presume that Comrade Day will be here with such of his comrades as he may prevail upon to come with him, and I hope that this encampment will take the necessary steps either by amendment of article 10 as suggested, or by some other method, to protect the interests of the few comrades left in the Department of Arizona, in accord with the principles of our organization.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> I am not advised whether there is any comrade here from Arizona. If there is, I wish he would call on the commander in chief at Hotel Wisconsin or here in this hall.

[It is not known if Arizona GAR Provisional Department Commander Day was present; however, Arizona was not represented in the previous 1922 national encampment, nor was it represented or mentioned in any encampments from 1924 forward.]

Following are copies of the Annual Reports of the Department of Arizona GAR from 1888-1905 which were obtained from the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.