



**Department Orders**  
**Department of the Southwest**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 03**  
**(SERIES 2023-2024)**

**Creation of Department Last Soldier Project  
 Committee**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and pursuant to Department of the SW Bylaws, as amended, Article VI, Section 1 and Article XIII Section 1, I hereby order:

The creation of a temporary (until our next Department Encampment) **DEPSW Last Soldier Project Committee**. Said committee of three Brothers is to be composed as follows:

- One volunteer from each Camp who is familiar with American Civil War soldier research.
  - Picacho Peak No. 1 [Dennis W. Lamb]
  - Gen'l. RHG Minty No.2 [Robert B. Irwin]
  - Gen'l. US Grant No. 3 [John B. Horton]

This Last Soldier Project Committee is given the following tasks:

- Determine the SUVCW requirements for a Veteran to be included in the “Last Soldier Project”
- Review the current list of “Last Known Surviving Union Civil War Veteran in each Arizona county”.
- Conduct research to determine if the following individual meets those requirements for inclusion.
  - Corporal Francis Marion Weddle, Co. A, 1<sup>st</sup> KY State Cavalry
  - b. 06/12/1847- d. 04/13/1947
- Provide a written report of recommendation(s) to the Department Commander as soon as practical, but no later than January 1, 2024.

I direct this group to use all means necessary to conduct their research. I also will authorize the committee to submit receipts / invoices for necessary expenses, not to exceed \$100, related to the task at hand, i.e. paid retrieval of Civil War and other 19th-century military records from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) or other sources.

I would direct and encourage all Department Brothers to fully cooperate with and support this committee in completing their assigned duties.

**Ordered this 13th day of April 2023**

Kenneth J. Hooker, Department Commander



ATTEST,

Department Secretary