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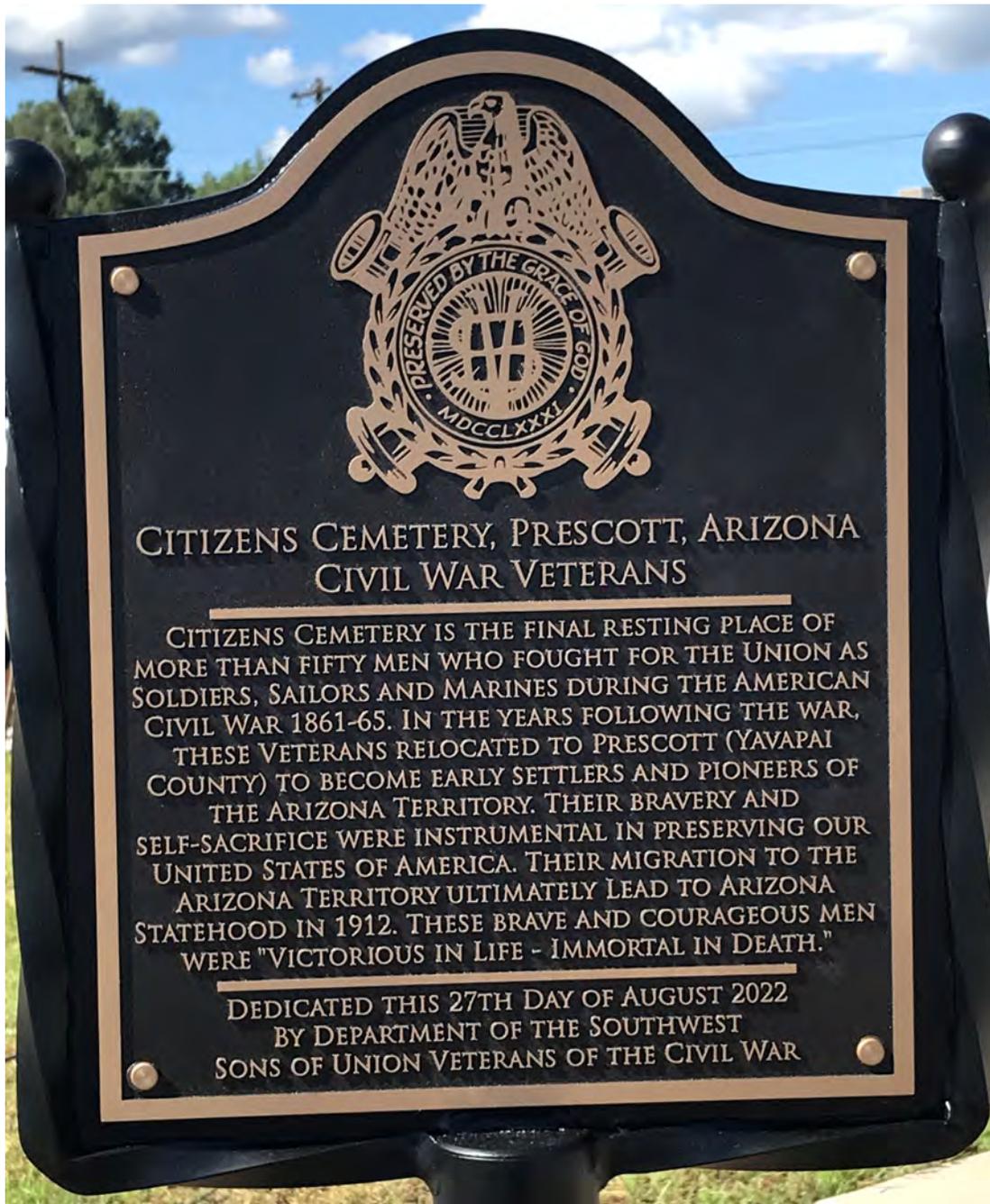
141st SUVCW National Encampment, August 11-14, 2022, Grand Rapids, Michigan



**Department of the Southwest Delegates
(L-R) W. Mark Clark CC, John Conrad PDC, Ronald Hyer & John Horton**



**Department of the Southwest Plaque to Union Veterans erected in
the Citizen's Cemetery at Prescott, Arizona—First plaque in
Arizona to Union Civil War Veterans!**



See page 4 for more information and pictures

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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COMMENDATION

*Be it known to all that I,
Douglas A. Ducey
Governor of the State of Arizona
do hereby offer my sincere congratulations to*

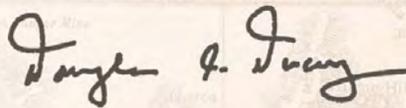
*Department of the Southwest,
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War*

The State of Arizona congratulates the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on their achievement of dedicating the first plaque in the State of Arizona to Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have placed a plaque dedicated to the more than 54 Union Veterans placed in Citizens' Cemetery in Prescott and commemorates their noble deeds and pioneer spirit which helped settle the west.

On behalf of the citizens of Arizona, congratulations and best wishes in all future endeavors.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand,
done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this
twenty-first day of July in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*



GOVERNOR



2023 Annual Dues Season is here! Dues are . . . DUE

Brothers, it is that time of the year so please submit your 2023 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.

Let's all get our 2023 dues in before December 31st 2022 (after all, you have been anxiously waiting for the season to begin)!

Don't wait for an individual notice to be sent to you (and remember, it was not curiosity that killed the cat—or the dinosaurs—it was procrastination)!

141st Annual SUVCW Encampment

The 141st Annual SUVCW Encampment was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan between August 11-14, 2022, and our Department was well represented.

Summary of 2022 National Encampment Actions

- Committee to Review Membership Qualifications established as a one-year special committee and expanded to 5 members (John Conrad (chair), Tim Klob, Ben Jones, Kevin Martin, Don Darby) and report back to 2023 National Encampment
- Memorial University Committee to investigate use of virtual collaboration programs to conduct live and recorded training.
- Conflict of Interest Annual Form for National Officers to be assigned a form number and be placed on the SUVCW website as a fill-in form.
- Form 11 instructions to require each Camp to forward to Department Treasurer a copy of the IRS email confirming receipt of the current tax year 990.
- Added National Assistant QM to those who need to be 21 for bonding requirements
- Job descriptions for National Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director adopted.
- Adjusted policies related to the Lincoln Tomb ceremony.
- Clarified that charges against a Camp Commander or Department Commander are to be filed with the respective SVC.
- Updated Records Retention Policy.
- Increased National dues by \$10 annually.

- Allowed for email voting by committees at any level in the Order and the process of doing so.
- SUVCW decided to accept ownership of the Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe under the Deed of Conveyance and to quitclaim all interests to the GSA (General Services Administration). The monument is located on federal property at the Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse, 106 S. Federal Place, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Elected and installed Bruce Frail as CinC, Peter Hritsko as SVCinC, Kevin Martin as JVCinC, Daniel Murray as National Secretary, Michael Beard as National Treasurer, Don Shaw as National Quartermaster, and Robert Payne and Chris Workman to the Council of Administration. John Conrad was reappointed as National Organization Expansion Officer.

2023 Encampment information

The Department of New Hampshire is proud to host the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 3 – 6, 2023, Nashua, New Hampshire. More information available in the near future.

Union Civil War Veterans Plaque Dedication

By Brother Tim Prater, SVC

On August 17, 2022, the Department of the Southwest (DSW) held a plaque dedication ceremony honoring the more than 54 Union Civil War Veterans buried in the Citizens Cemetery, in Prescott, Arizona. This was the Department's first ever such dedication and just as importantly, it was the first plaque solely dedicated to Union Civil War Veterans in the state's history. Representatives from the Department and all of its Camps were present as well as those from the DUVCW and others. There were well over 100 attendees including the local press.

The guest speaker was Prescott Mayor and Combat Vietnam Veteran Phil Goode. A State of Arizona Commendation Letter from Governor Doug Ducey was read by DSW Commander, Robert McCord. The letter reads: "The State of Arizona congratulates the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on their achievement of dedicating the first plaque in the State of Arizona to Union Veterans of the Civil War . . . dedicated to the more than 54 Union Veterans placed in Citizens Cemetery in Prescott and commemorates their noble deeds and pioneer spirit which helped settle the west."

International Recording Artist Julie Carrick and daughter Heidi sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Ave Maria." The American Legion Post 6 Color Guard presented the colors.

The plaque was unveiled by Lee Nelson, Sister in the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW and Dale Enlow PCC, Department Secretary/Treasurer. DSW received a SUVCW Grant for \$785.00 which was used to purchase the plaque.

Our special guest was Combat Veteran Jerome S. Welna, World War II Navy (Normandy) who celebrates his 99th birthday in September.

Jaye Lene Long and Laura & Rick Stephens—Gold Star parents. Gold Star parents Rick and Laura Stephens presented their Honor and Remember flag to the audience attending the Union Plaque Dedication Ceremony. Their flag flies proudly atop their home 365 days a year in honor of son SPC Adam J. Rosema. Adam passed on 14 March 2007 while deployed in Iraq. Rick is a Brother of General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3.

Jaye Lene Long, Gold Star Mom explained to the audience the background and meaning of the Honor and Remember flag. It was created to serve as a national symbol that acknowledges the sacrifices of men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives for their country in over two centuries of America's history. Jaye Lene is a Gold Star Mom of twin sons ~ both U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officers. SSG Brandon J. Selinsky passed on August 26, 2018 while deployed to Afghanistan and brother SSG Travis J. Selinsky passed on Feb 23, 2017 while stationed in Hawaii. Jay Lene is Senior Community Specialist, National Team, Honors & Remember, Inc.

A Gold Star Family is one that experienced the loss of an immediate family member who died as the result of military service. Those who died on duty leave behind parents, siblings, spouses and children. Those left behind are recognized as Gold Star Families.

Prescott High School Air Force Junior ROTC cadets greeted those attending the ceremony and passed out programs and brochures. Also attending were Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Air Force ROTC cadets

Brothers and Sisters from the Department of the Southwest and the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1 (DUVCW) worked tirelessly in preparing and hosting this historic event.

The plaque is a tribute and acknowledgement of the Union Veterans who served and sacrificed for our nation.

Editor's note: A special note of thanks is due Brother Tim Prater, DSW Senior Vice Commander, for his countless hours of work in designing the plaque and in all of the planning, organizing, and coordinating for

this historic event. Brother Avery Frantz, Department Memorials Officer, is also thanked for his continuing efforts in the event, not the least is his research and contact with the governor's office to obtain a commendation for the Department.



SVC Prater addressing the attendees



Department Commander Robert McCord addressing attendees. Department Senior Vice Commander Tim Prater standing behind him. Prescott Mayor Phil Goode is seated in western hat and WWII Veteran Jerome Welna next to him



Prescott Mayor Phil Goode



Plaque and unveiling by Brother Dale Enlow, PCC, Department S/T, and Sister Lee Nelson of the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW



Laura and Rick Stephens



Jaye Lene Long left with Laura Stephens



Brother Rick Stephens addressing the audience





Attendees



Benediction—Camp Chaplain David Moore

Additional Veterans Are Identified at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park

By Brother David Jackson

Recently volunteers at the Pioneers' Cemetery Association have identified two veterans buried at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park. Peter Willard Brod was born about 1863 at Portland, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted as private in the 9th United States Infantry, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1885. Private Brod served in the regiment's band and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service at Fort Whipple, Arizona Territory, March 22, 1890. A Government headstone has been claimed for him and it will be installed by the Association's Grave Marker Preservation Committee. Silas Erwin Gordon was born in Pennsylvania. At age 21 years he enlisted and mustered in as private of Company H, 142nd Ohio Infantry (100 days), May 2, 1864. Private Gordon mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, September 2, 864. His burial site is marked by a private marker. Including

the new newly identified veterans there are now 193 names of known veterans, to included 98 names of Union Army soldiers that were buried at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park.

Birthday greetings sent

“On behalf of the Department of the Southwest, Brother Avery Frantz sent a birthday letter to Nicola Frustaci of Orangetown, New York who turned 90 years old. Nicola is a veteran of the Korean War who served from 1951 to 1953 as a E-5 Staff Sgt. Here attached is a picture of Nick Frustaci reading our letter with a comment sent stating "Thank you so much Brother. He was balling his eyes out when he read them." Mr. Nick Frustaci is the father of Rick Frustaci a SUVCW Brother in New York. Verna Maleski, President of Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent #1 also sent birthday wishes on behalf of the DUVCW.”



Camp minutes

Editor's note: Because of the editor's scheduling conflict the October minutes of the Gen. R.H.G. Minty Camp are not included in this newsletter but will be included in the January 2023.





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. Contact:

Commander Ken Hooker (480) 580-1612; *hooker56@gmail.com* or **Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Lamb** (602-319-1831); *dennislamb@msn.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
James M. Heller 2016-2018
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020
Kenneth Hooker 2020-2021

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 August 20, 2022, Camp meeting information

Location: The Boulders of Southern, 1010 W. Southern Avenue, Mesa.

The meeting was brought to order at noon on August 20, 2022, by Senior Vice Commander Todd Hoffay who welcomed all attendees. This was the annual joint meeting with the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No.1, DUVCW.

Although Zoom had been set up in advance there was no equipment available to connect.

Attendees

SUVCW Camp Brothers in attendance: John Rogers, Todd Hoffay, Dennis Lamb, Jim Heller, David Jackson, Stephen Miller, Chad Newcomb, David Swanson, and David Kampf. A quorum was in attendance (6+) Brothers.

DUVCW Sisters in attendance: Verna Maleski, Rachel Peak, and Deanna Lamb (not a quorum).

Guests in attendance: Richard Uplinger a SUVCW Brother from VA and Mike Booth (prospective Brother), Tristan Hoffay, Wendy Hayes, Jana Hoffay, Julie Sievers and Tim Sievers (family of members).

Opening

SVC Hoffay led the Principles of the Order, Chaplain Heller the Invocation, SCV Hoffay The American's Creed, SVC Hoffay and President Maleski the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by SVC Hoffay and Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent President Verna Maleski.

SVC Hoffay made note that Commander Hooker was unable to attend and that as SVC he was fulfilling that role. He welcomed the Sisters to the joint meeting and asked guests to stand and introduce themselves.

Officer's meeting information: SVC Hoffay proceeded with Camp Business providing a recap of the Aug 13 Officer's Meeting as follows: The Dept. website new member contact information/application was discussed. It will be updated by Brother Jeff Burgess, Department Webmaster, to steer prospective members to appropriate Dept. of SW Officer and not the national organization. A vote was taken, unanimously approved, that new members will now be supplied with a name tag as part of the new Brother package along with a Camp (member) badge, rosette, and certificate.

Discussion held on identifying candidates for upcoming officer election. Those interested should make it known by contacting Commander Hooker, SVC Hoffay, or JVC Heller.

Brother Heller informed us that several new Member applications are in the works but none are ready for induction at this time.

Discussion was held on identifying opportunities for placing memorials in our area. The veterans Memorial at Fountain Hills Park was noted as having plaques for all wars except the Civil War. Commander Hooker and SVC Hoffay plan to visit the site and look into it as a potential for a Civil War Memorial. The Prescott Plaque Ceremony, Wednesday Aug 17th was attended by several members who all stated it was substantially attended by as many as 100 people and well done.

S/T Dennis Lamb informed us he was invited to join the Board of Pioneer Cemetery Association. He is unable to participate and wanted to present this info to the Camp to see if anyone was interested in the position.

Two votes were taken on resolutions to amend the Camp by-laws. A resolution to amend Picacho Peak

Camp Bylaws, Article VIII Membership Dues and Fees, Section X, due date that currently reads: Annual Dues shall be submitted on or before the January meeting, to be changed to on or before December 31. Passed unanimously. To be voted on by the Camp. A second vote on a proposed resolution to deem that Brothers who had not paid dues by the due date would “lack good standing” until dues paid was voted down. (End of Officers meeting information.)

Camp business:

The reading of the minutes was omitted as the previous meeting was included in the Dept. newsletter.

S/T Lamb Reported that the details for e- payment of 2023 dues would be finalized and provided to all members. This would be an additional payment method to checks.

S/T Lamb provided the Quarterly Financial Report covering June-August. Since all financial transactions are routed through the Camp checking account statement represents the accounting. We do not expect more income until at least November when dues collections start. Nor do we expect much in the way of expense until next year. Any Brother can examine the financial records including the Quicken Shadow reconciliation that provides more detail. Please contact S/T Lamb.

Old business: SVC Hoffay conducted the vote on the resolution presented above regarding the dues due date. The Camp provided unanimous approval.

New business: SVC Hoffay discussed the unusual absence of Brother Gerry Bloom. Gerry expressed his regrets at not being present. He is with his family dispersing the ashes of his daughter who recently passed away. SVC Hoffay asked that we keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

As there were no new Brothers to be inducted the meeting was passed to Sister Verna Maleski. Sister Maleski presented a Certificate and Allied Order Badge for Picacho Peak Auxiliary No 1 to Deanna Lamb.



(L-R) Brother Dennis Lamb, Deanna Lamb, & Sister Verna Maleski

She also discussed the Daughter’s National Convention that will be held Jul 23- Aug 2023 and asked support and help from PPC1 members.

Featured speaker:

SVC Hoffay next introduced guest speaker Dennis Lamb who spoke about the Red River Campaign that took place during April and May in 1864 Louisiana. SVC Hoffay asked that S/T Lamb provide an electronic copy of his presentation that could see wider distribution.



Speaker Dennis Lamb

Closing

There being no further business Chaplain Heller asked the blessing of our God on our deliberations. SVC Hoffay and Margaret Warner Wood Tent President Maleski brought the Joint meeting to a close until our next individual meetings.



Upcoming Events

Next meeting: November 19, 2022, at 11:00 am.

New meeting location:

Wildflower (formerly Wildflower Bread Company), 7001 N. Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale (Indian Bend & Scottsdale Rd).

Here we have a private meeting space (with a door!), ordering is off the menu, no minimum or commitment needed, separate checks to attendees. Be sure to attend and check out the new restaurant! We will also elect and install our officers for 2023.





In Memoriam

Brother Kenneth A. Dusenberry, of Albuquerque, passed on September 19, 2022. Brother Dusenberry, a Vietnam Veteran, joined our Camp in 2017.

Our Camp sends its condolences to Brother Dusenberry's family.

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 Mark Clark**; phone (520)-709-1945; email: w.markclark@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Whipple** (744) 722-1768; whipple.andrew@gmail.com*

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020
Robert Irwin 2020-2021

Unfortunately, due to the editor's scheduling conflict, the minutes of the Minty Camp's October meeting will be placed in the January 2023 newsletter along with its January meeting minutes.



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 Grand Canyon Brewery 1800 S. Milton, Flagstaff. Contact **Commander Tim Prater** (928) 533-1478; timprater86323@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale_elnow@hotmail.com*

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2017
Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019
Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021
William C. Smith 2021-2022

October 1, 2022, Camp Meeting Information

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Grand Canyon Brewery, Flagstaff, AZ on October 1st, 2022. We had planned to have a "hybrid" in person AND virtual (Zoom) meeting; however we were unable to get a Wi-Fi internet connection on the Camp laptop computer. We believe this was due to a 5 GHz vs. 2.5 GHz router signal problem. We will try to have this issue solved before the next meeting.

The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Timothy Prater and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with seven Officers reporting present. Commander Prater welcomed guests: Margaret Archibald, David Puvogel (<https://thepowderhornclan.com/>) and returning Charter Camp member, Mark Swansonwelcome!! Commander Prater and the Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain David Moore invoked the Devine Blessing He advised the Camp that Brother Dick Melick was ill plus word had just been received that Brother Kenneth Dusenberry of Albuquerque, NM had recently passed away. We will attempt to get further details. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance, and followed with recitation of the Americans Creed

Eight (8) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum) in person. Brothers In attendance: Council Members Robert Archibald JR, Richard Stephens, S/T dale enlow PCC, Avery Frantz, Chaplain David Moore, Commander Tim Prater, Past Camp Commander Bill Smith, and Mark Swanson.

First order of business was the presentation of membership certificate, membership card, member badge, rosette, and name tag to returning member Mark Swanson. Commander Prater also announced a new Associate Member Vern Lemke of Chino Valley, who is into re-enacting activities and who will be initiated at a later date.



(L-R) Brother Mark Swanson and Camp Commander Tim Prater

Old Business:

Scholarship Program/Cadet Skye Johnson—The \$500 award has been sent to Central Arizona College for deposit into her student account.

JROTC/ROTC Program Advised that Air Force and Navy programs in California and New Mexico will no longer accept presentations from “heritage based” orders.

The DSW Union Plaque Dedication Ceremony, Prescott was held on August 27th and was a huge success! Thanks to Commander Prater’s excellent organizational efforts. Department Commander Robert McCord was present and introduced the guests and read the letter from Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.

The Williams, AZ Patriot Day Parade was held on Sept. 10. There were over 50 entries and Brothers Avery Frantz, Richard Stephens, and dale enlow carried our Camp Banner.

New Business:

Secretary / Treasurer indicated the 3rd Quarter Report had been reviewed and approved by the Camp Council.

Eagle Scout Program: Commander Prater is working to get our Camp involved and has identified 5 potential recipients.

2022 Pearl Harbor Memorial will be Wednesday Dec. 7 at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix. All are encouraged to attend. [Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail plans on attending.]

GAR flag holders— Brother Archibald proposed that our Camp look into obtaining GAR flag holders for Union Veterans buried in the Flagstaff Citizens Ceremony. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and approved that we begin this project with a purchase of flag holders, not to exceed \$300. Donations and sponsorships will be solicited to further this effort.



DUVCW National Convention to be held in Scottsdale—Announcement that the 2024 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Convention will be held 7/30—8/04 2024 in Scottsdale, AZ. [Please place the date on your calendar—the DSW will assist our Sisters in this first-ever endeavor!]

National dues raised—S/T enlow advised that the SUVCW per capita amount was raised at the recent National Encampment from \$23 to \$33. This will increase the renewal costs to \$54 for primary members.

Wreaths Across America: Brothers were encouraged to support by purchasing a wreath.

New Camp Officers elected for 2023-2024

The USG3 Camp Council announced their preferred slate of Elected Officers for 2023:

- Richard Stephens, Commander
- Lynn Scott, SVC
- John Horton, JVC
- dale enlow, Secretary /Treasurer

Council:

- Robert Archibald
- Dennis DeAtley
- William Smith PCC

There being no additional nominees from the assembled Brothers, Commander Prater called for a hand/voice vote to elect the list of nominees as proposed. Passed.

Welcome to our 2023 Officers who shall be installed at our January Quarterly meeting. Huzzah!

Change of meeting venue—Commander Prater announced that due to a change in business hours for the current venue of Grand Canyon Brewery, we will no longer be able to use this location for our Flagstaff meetings. He and Brother Moore are actively researching appropriate locations in the Flagstaff/Williams area. It was noted that our bylaws only allow 2 meetings per year outside of Flagstaff and that may need revised / amended. We do have reservation confirmations for our Prescott venue at the Hassayampa Inn for Jan 7 and July 8, 2023

Guest presentation postponed—Due to time restraints, our guest presentation was postponed to allow for the announcement and discussion of the recent General Order, Series 22-23, number 05, Restoration of lineage documentation.

General Order, Series 22-23, number 05, Restoration of lineage documentation discussion—Camp vote.

S/T Enlow read the General Order dated 09/23/2022 and received 09/25/2022 by the Department S/T. In essence this order requires all new membership applications to be accompanied by extensive documentation for every generation to include: birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, census records, family Bibles, wills and testaments, etc.

Every application “MUST” include an officially issued state or government issued birth certificate of the applicant AND a photocopy or digital image of a state or government issued photo ID!

There followed extensive discussion of the ramifications of this order. Some of the biggest concerns were:

- Individual privacy security, particularly for living individuals / generations.
- Identity theft
- Lack of secure, encrypted, transmittal and storage
- Discouraging new applicants for joining
- Lack of trust in the sworn statement included in the current Form 3 that the information provided is “true and complete”
- Huge increase in workload for JVCs, the membership committee of three, Camp and Department S/Ts as well as the Executive Director For example, a recent new Brother member was approved with 6 pages of forms and proof of service documents, would now require 20+ pages
- The 180 degree reversal of the “Camp up” organization and the loss of approval of new members at the Camp level
- Lack of consultation / approval.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved, that the General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, Department of the Southwest, SUVCW opposes the change in requirements set forth in General Order #5.

Oct, Nov, Dec. Birthdays announced: David Palmateer, Bob Archibald, David Minton, Mark Haynes, Leonard Enlow, Richard Rice, Dennis DeAtley, and Avery Frantz.

Close of meeting: Commander Timothy Prater presided over the closing of the meeting and announced the next meeting and installation of Officers would be Saturday January 7, 2023 at the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, AZ. Chaplain Moore delivered the closing prayer to include asking for healing and comfort for Brothers and families in need.

Brothers march in Williams, AZ Patriot Day Parade

Brothers’ Dale Enlow, Avery Frantz, and Rick Stephens (pictured below) represented our Camp by marching in the Williams Patriot Day Parade on September 10, 2022. This is the town’s 3rd Annual Patriot Day Parade which focuses on the remembrance of those killed and injured during the terrorist attacks on September, 11, 2001.



2023 Meeting information

The January 7th and July 8th, 2023, meetings will take place at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St, Prescott. Information regarding the April and October meetings will be published once a venue is determined.

Memorial University

In a recent publication of *The Banner* National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Frail, PDC wrote an article about Memorial University and I am including it in this newsletter since I think it is very important that all Brothers, including all new Brothers, read about it and take the course.

Below, in part, is what was written:

For those of you who are unaware of Memorial University, it is the educational element of the SUVCW. Accessible through www.suvcwu.org, Memorial University is comprised of multiple courses that are designed to enhance your knowledge on the Order. The course that I want to focus on is the Constitution and Regulations course. This course is currently the only one set up with a testable option, however, the members of the Memorial University Redesign Committee are tirelessly working to create more courses and tests for them. Upon completion of the C&R Course you will receive your Memorial University Certificate and Lapel Pin.

What does the C&R Course go over? Well quite simply the basis of our organization. From what our mission of an organization is, to which US Highway is the GAR Highway. Broken into 12 lessons, the exams are open book, untimed, and limitless in the amount of times you can take a lessons test. You will need a copy of the Constitution and Regulations as well as a copy of the Rituals and Ceremonies booklet. Quite frankly, this course is an amazing resource for not only new Brothers, but all Brothers to learn about our order.

I was always taught growing up that you must constantly be educating yourself in order to be bettering yourself. This is no different for us in the SUVCW, if you want to become a better Brother, you must educate yourself on our Order. Although this is currently our only testable course, rest assured that courses on Job Descriptions, the History of the GAR, Parliamentary Procedures, and the History of the Civil War are all soon to be added to help further our growth as not only Brothers but as Americans. I hope you all take the time to take a look at Memorial University and take a run at the C&R Course.

Editor's note: The Constitution and Regulations and the Rituals and Ceremonies booklets are available on line for download. Go to <https://suvcw.org>, the click on the "Governance and Forms" tab. Under "Organizational Information" will be found "Charter, Constitution, and Regulations" and "Rituals and Ceremonies." There is a wealth of information on that particular page which will be very useful.

Ransom Post delegates travel to Phoenix for the 1896 Annual Encampment

The Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic was held in Phoenix on April 7, 1896, and the following is a mostly tongue in cheek account of the travels of the Ransom Post delegates to and from the encampment from Flagstaff

Coconino Sun 23 April 1896:

THE FLAGSTAFF TWELVE

—————
Their Pleasant Trip From Flagstaff to Phoenix and
Return
—————

The Grand Army Encampment Party
Have a Jolly Good Time on Their
Overland Trip—Ransom Post
Returns Thanks for
Courtesies Received
—————

The party that visited Phoenix during the Grand Army Encampment, whose party was chronicled in the *SUN*. returned last week, and from the reports which our society editor have been able to gather they must have had an enjoyable trip. From one or two of those who went on the trip we have gleaned the following facts:

Camp was aroused each morning by the bugle call from two of the old soldier members—sometimes sounded so early that response was very sluggish, and once almost resulting in munity from the brunette-haired member, who objected to getting up at 3 A.M., even to cross the desert. The party was feasted on game all through the trip, but the birds were so wary of the crack marksman of the company that they fled in dismay (?) before (and after) his tire. The only other athletic symptoms developed was the finding of a baseball mask concealed in one of the wagons, but no one could be induced to claim it.

There seems to have been a vein of sentimentalism running through the party, as one of the elderly (male) members was so enamored of the charms of the landlady at Bumble Bee station he could scarcely be persuaded to continue the trip, and several of the ladies were very loath to depart from the scenic and other attractions about New River station; while it is rumored that a marriage license was discovered, somewhere on the journey, the contracting parties in it being the most eligible old soldier member and one of

the fairest ladies in the company. And so strong and so widespread did this feeling become that even the more youthful members were attacked with it, one of the falling victim to the coquetry of the chambermaid of the hotel in Phoenix, and another being claimed as an old acquaintance by a “fair” inmate of the insane asylum. In fact it was with difficulty that these two members could be induced to return, and only on condition that they might “come again.”

During the visit at Phoenix every courtesy was shown by the landlady and daughters of their hotel, and all of the Phoenicians seemed to vie in making it pleasant for them. Visits were made to the surrounding ranches, to the public institutions, the ostrich farm and a number of points of interest.

The return trip was made in five days, the only occurrences worth of note being the bronco riding of the chaperon of the party through Black Canyon and the visit to the flourishing mining camp of Messers. Stine and Smith near Bumble Bee by some of the company. At the latter point the visitors were very hospitably received and entertained, but were not permitted to visit the mine, no stranger being allowed to enter it.

Everyone got in Thursday night, in time to miss the snow storm and voted it a first- class outing in every way.

Coconino Sun 23 April 1896:

To the Editor of the SUN—Dear Sir;

At a meeting of the Ransom Post G. A. R., Saturday, a resolution was unanimously adopted tendering a vote of thanks to Owen Post, to the Women’s Relief Corps, and to the citizens of Phoenix who extended so many courtesies to the Flagstaff “twelve” during the recent session of the G. A. R. encampment in that city.

In behalf of those who attended the encampment I will say that nothing was left undone to make it pleasant during our visit. Of the pleasant features of the occasion was the thirty-mile drive through the beautiful farms and orchards, and on the return from the drive the entertainment given by the Women’s Relief Corps and the evening spent at the theater on the invitation of Col. Christy. Among those who especially exerted themselves to make it pleasant for our visitors were Commander-elect J.B. [A. J.] Sampson, Comrade Gray and lady, Comrade John Marshall and lady, Captains Powers and Parker, and many others whose names cannot now be recalled.

The Lemon Hotel and the Mills House hospitably entertained our delegation. The press of Phoenix

should not be forgotten, although they do not seem to be familiar with the names of the towns in Northern Arizona, and they should be supplied with a map of our territory.

However, the best wishes of the Flagstaff “Twelve” is extended to the good people of Phoenix as may their sky always be bright as when we were visiting them.

In F. C. L.,

One Who Was There

So who were the members of the “Flagstaff Twelve”? I can’t find any more specific information in either the Phoenix newspaper (*The Arizona Republican*) or the *Coconino Sun*.

The only US president to actually be arrested was?

Hint number one—we have a Camp in the Department named after him so you have a 50/50 chance. Before you read further—who is it?

“In All of American history, only one president has ever been arrested while in office. The year was 1872 and President Ulysses S. Grant found himself caught on the wrong side of the law by William H. West—a young former slave and Civil War veteran who joined the Washington, D. C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) only one year prior.

A year into his appointment to the MPD William H. West came across President Ulysses S. Grant while on patrol near 13th and M Streets NW in Washington, D.C. He stopped the president for speeding in his horse and buggy and gave him a warning for excessive speed before sending him on his way. The next day, on a very similar patrol, West witnessed the president repeating his behavior and thus, arrested him. While arresting the president West said, “I am very sorry Mr. President, to have to do it, for you are the chief of the nation and I am nothing but a policeman, but duty is duty, sir, and I will have to place you under arrest.” President Grant was taken to the police station and released on a \$20 bond—the equivalent of \$430 today—and he did not contest the fine or the arrest. This was not President Grant’s first arrest for speeding in the District of Columbia. According to former chief Cathy Lanier, Ulysses S. Grant received three citations for speeding in his horse-drawn carriage during his tenure as president.”

<https://nleomf.org/william-west/#:~:text=The%20Only%20Officer%20to%20Arrest,the%20law%20by%20William%20H.>

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Please use this form to submit your 2023 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.**

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Regular/Associate member primary Camp dues are \$54.00. (Includes National dues \$33, Department dues \$8.00, and Camp dues \$13.)

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