



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



**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 03  
(SERIES 2026-2027)**

**Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union Program**

At the annual Department of the Southwest Encampment, a series of motions were introduced by Department of the Southwest Secretary/Treasurer Martorano regarding the GAR Marker Placement Program established at Picacho Peak Camp 1 in 2025, known as the *Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union* program.

This department-wide program, conceived by Secretary/Treasurer Martorano, represents an expansion of the planned 2026 Memorial Day event organized by Picacho Peak Camp 1 for the placement of GAR markers at the graves of Union soldiers at Pioneer and Military Memorial Park in Phoenix.

As presented at the Encampment, the motions were duly introduced, properly seconded, and unanimously approved. Accordingly, by the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations, National Policies, and Department Bylaws, the following is hereby ordered:

1. The Department of the Southwest shall establish the *Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union* program to provide GAR markers for Camp memorial and placement activities throughout the States of Arizona and New Mexico.
2. All Camps within the Department of the Southwest shall support this program and assist with fundraising efforts whenever possible. The Camps will remit the funds to the Department Treasurer.
3. Picacho Peak Camp 1, as approved by unanimous vote during its November 2025 meeting, shall transfer to the Department of the Southwest Treasury the remaining funds raised for the initial program, in the amount of \$2,000.00. The Department Treasurer shall establish a separate fund for these monies, as well as for all future funds raised for the program. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall procure and provide GAR markers as requested by the Camps, as funds permit.
4. Using the donation provided by Brother Dale Enlow, the Department Secretary/Treasurer shall procure a plaque for the *Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union* program. This plaque shall be updated annually to reflect all GAR marker placement activities and shall be displayed at future Department of the Southwest Annual Encampments.

**Ordered this 4th day of April 2026**

W. Mark Clark, Department Commander

ATTEST,

Scott T. Martorano, Department Secretary

