



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



**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 07  
(SERIES 2025-2026)**

**Annual Lt. James Barrett Award and  
Pvt. George Johnson and Pvt. William S.  
Leonard Certificate of Recognition**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the following is ordered:

1. By DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 02 (SERIES 2024-2025) the Lt. James Barrett Award was created to be presented annually to one Brother of the Department of the Southwest for outstanding Service to the Department and the SUVCW. This award is named in honor of Lt. Barrett, 1st California Cavalry, killed in action during the Civil War at Arizona's Picacho Peak Skirmish on April 15, 1862.
2. This award recognizes a deserving Brother for his outstanding service to our fellow Brothers and SUVCW. The Brother selected will be acknowledged for excellence in the execution of his assigned duties and dedication above and beyond the norm. The Department Commander will be responsible for selecting the recipient of the yearly award.
3. It is ordered that the Serving Commanders of each Camp of the Department shall submit the name of a Camp Brother to be considered for the Lt. James Barrett Award, along with a written summary justifying the nomination. Recommendations shall be submitted annually via email for consideration to the Department Commander no later than February 1 of each year.
4. In order to recognize, at the Department level, those Brothers having been put forward by their Camp Commanders, for exemplary service and consideration for the annual Lt. James Barrett Award, it is hereby announced that the Department of the Southwest shall create the:

**PVT. George Johnson and PVT. William S. Leonard  
Certificate of Recognition**

PVT. George Johnson, Company A, 1st California Cavalry and PVT. William S. Leonard, Company D, 1st CA Cavalry served with and were Killed in Action alongside Lt. James Barrett in the Battle of Picacho Peak.

5. It is so ordered that: those Brothers, nominated by their Camp Commanders for special consideration, whether or not ultimately selected by the Department Commander for the *Lt. James Barrett Award*, shall be recognized and presented with the ***PVT. George Johnson and PVT. William S. Leonard Certificate of Recognition***, alongside the recipient of the *Lt. James Barrett Award* at the annual Encampment of the Department of the Southwest.

**Ordered this 10th day of February 2026, in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona**

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Todd T. Hoffay, Department Commander

ATTEST,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott T. Martorano', written in a cursive style.

Scott T. Martorano. Department Secretary