

**A Short History
of
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Camps in Arizona & New Mexico**



**SONS OF VETERANS,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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Introduction

Not much is generally known about Sons of Veterans, United States of America camps in Arizona and New Mexico, so I gathered a very limited and sketchy account through information contained in various newspapers from each state. “Limited” and “sketchy” are certainly the by-words here since information is dependent on coverage of the Sons of Veterans (as the organization was generally called) in the newspapers. Volumes could be written through the coverage of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in the various state papers but not so much with the Sons of Veterans. But at least some information is contained here which will hopefully spur more in depth studies of these and other possible camps. Why is this important? It is a study of the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in the two states since we *are* the Sons of Veterans (the organization’s name was changed to the SUVCW in 1925).

The Sons of Veterans and the GAR worked together and in many cases even conducted respective officer elections and installations at the same meeting (sometimes along with the Woman’s Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic).

How was I able to look at the various state newspapers? I give credit to the website “Chronicling America by the Library of Congress: <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> and Newspapers.com.

Specific information relating to the of Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. contained herein is taken from the 1894 edition of the *Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, For the Government of The Sons of Veterans, United States of America*.

Constitutions and badges

Before going further, the following pages contrast the badges and constitutions, purposes and objects of the two organizations which, for good reasons, are strikingly similar. Why constitutions (plural)? Each Camp, Division and the Commandery-in-Chief had its own. What does the year “1881” signify on the Sons of Veterans badge (and ours)? It’s the year that the Sons of Veterans, United States of America was organized.

Organization

How were Sons of Veterans Camps organized? The organization included local Camps, state and regional organizations known as Divisions and a national organization known as Commandery-in-Chief. In order to form a camp there had to be fifteen qualified applicants, all eighteen years old or older. “Whenever five Camps exist in any state or territory the same may be organized as a Division. Whenever there exists in any state or territory a less number of Camps than five the same may be attached by the Commandery-in-Chief to some organized Division for jurisdictional purposes.”

Sons of Veterans, United States of America Camps in Arizona and New Mexico

1886
Grant Camp No. 1 (Flagstaff)
1891
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 (Phoenix)
1893
Shelton Sturgis Camp No. 1 (Tucson)
1901
General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11 (Tucson)
1909
Kit Carson Camp No. 1 (Albuquerque)



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Sons of Veterans U.S.A.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



FILII VETERANORUM (Sons of Veterans)
 GRATIA DEI SERVATUS (Saved by the Grace of God)
 MDCCLXXXI (1881)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD
 MDCCLXXXI (1881)

CONSTITUTIONS,
Rules and Regulations Governing
The
SONS OF VETERANS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Preamble

We, the undersigned, male descendants of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the civil struggle of 1861-1865, hereby unite and form a military Association for the purpose and objects hereinafter set forth, and by doing so, pledge ourselves to be governed by the Constitutions, Rules, Regulations, Rules of Order and By-Laws which are based on the same.

CHAPTER I
ARTICLE 1
TITLE

This Association shall be known as the Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPLES

SEC. 1. A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a realization that under His beneficent guidance and free institutions of our land, consecrated by the services and blood of our fathers, have been preserved, and the integrity and life of the Nation maintained.

SEC. 2. True allegiance to the government of the United States of America, based upon a respect for, and devotion and fidelity to, its Constitution and Laws, manifested by the discountenancing of anything that may tend to weaken Loyalty, incite to Insurrection, Treason or Rebellion or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

ARTICLE III

SEC. 1. To keep green the memories of our fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

SEC. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders Day.

SEC. 3. To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

SEC. 4. To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

CONSTITUTION

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Order shall be the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Objects

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Newspaper Articles

The following newspaper articles focus on the Sons of Veterans and incidentally provide limited (and sometimes quite interesting) information about the GAR, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps.

ARIZONA

Flagstaff

Arizona Champion Newspaper Articles

September 25, 1886

Sons of Veterans

With the view to organize all sons of veterans in Flagstaff and its vicinity are requested to meet at the Grand Army hall, on Monday, September 27, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

October 2, 1886

The Sons of Veterans will meet for organization Monday evening at 8 o'clock p.m. at G. A. R. Hall.

October 16, 1886

The Sons of Veterans held a meeting last Monday night at G. A. R. Hall with the view of organization. The sons present were Jerome Ford, Harry Hoxworth, Joseph and Robert Bell, W. A. Dyer, Eve Griffin, Thos. Fry, Geo. C. Morgan and John G. Tinker. Robert Bell was called to the chair. He appointed W. A. Dyer and John Tinker a committee on finance. A charter was applied for on Thursday last and on its arrival here the Sons will form a permanent organization. It is their present intention to give a dance to celebrate the occasion.

October 30, 1886

Grant Camp No. 1, of Flagstaff, is the first lodge of Sons of Veterans ever organized in Arizona.

November 6, 1886

There will be a "Camp Fire" by the G.A.R. and Sons of Veterans, at their hall to-night, in honor of Capt. Wm. Griffin, and Everett, his son, who belong to the above organizations respectively, and who take their departure tomorrow, to reside hereafter in California. All Grand Army men and sons of veterans are cordially invited to attend.

November 13, 1886

The Masquerades

The Sons of Veterans, Grant Camp No. 1, Division of Arizona, [Division of Colorado] celebrated their entrance into military life by giving a grand masquerade ball last night at the skating rink. It was an invitation affair which ensured the exclusion of undesirable parties and ample time was give to the guests to prepare their costumes. The hall was handsomely and profusely decorated with flags, banners, evergreens and Chinese lanterns, the floor was waxed and two large stoves were provided for the comfort of the dancers as the night was bitterly cold. It was evident that the various committees had done their duties well, for everything was in readiness, when at nine o'clock the grand march was an announced. Only the maskers about sixteen couples joined in this and the rest of the company had an excellent opportunity of observing the various costumes. There were clowns, sailors, Indians and cowboys and fantastic characters among the gentlemen while the ladies contented themselves with personating peasant girls of various nations, flower girls, night and morning, etc. The scene at this time was animated varied and beautiful. The first quadrille was made up entirely of those in costume, but thereafter, all the guests were permitted to join in the dancing. At eleven o'clock the order to unmask was given, and great was the surprise among mutual friends and acquaintances, that they had been so

deceived. Supper, which had been prepared at the G.A.R. restaurant, was then in order and a great many availed themselves of the opportunity to sit down to an excellent repast. The fun was kept up till three o'clock, when a gentle hint was given that the festivities were over by the band playing "Home Sweet Home." Some were so infatuated, however, that they continued to dance even to this suggestive melody. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and the young gentlemen composing the Sons of Veterans deserve great credit for the perfect success of this their first entertainment.

"Camp Fire"

Last Saturday night Gen T. E. G. Ransom Post No. 67, G. A. R. [the GAR posts in AZ were still part of the Department of California until 1888 when the AZ Department was formed, thus Post No. 67] in conjunction with Camp Grant No. 1, Division of Arizona, Sons of Veterans, gave a camp fire at the G. A. R. Hall in honor of Comrade Wm. Griffin and son, who were about to depart for California.

At about 8 o'clock the old vets and the young soldiers begin to arrive and in a short time the hall had quite an audience, composed of the two orders. Quartermaster Hoxworth, of the Ransom Post, was master of ceremonies, and in a few minutes a table was spread and the guests invited to sit down and partake of the repast, which was served in the old army style of twenty years ago, consisting of coffee, pork and beans, crackers, salt, pepper and vinegar to add zest to the meal. A CHAMPION representative [Champion newspaper] was present and although it may be wrong proposes from this on to give the whole affair away.

Some of the boys actually ate at least three plates of beans, nine big crackers, drank four cups (big tin ones too) of coffee and used pepper and vinegar ad libitum. On an adjoining table was a large box containing smoking tobacco and clay pipes, to which after finishing their pork and beans, they repaired, filled up the pipe of peace and sat down to discuss the situation in the old times when no gray hair and wrinkles were visible on them.

One by one incidents of the late war were related by members of the Ransom Post. Some comrade would relate a personal tale that occurred at the battle of Antietam. Another an incident of the Siege of Vicksburg; a third something about the Battle of Gettysburg, and following would come a narrative of how gallantly the Shiloh engagement was conducted.

Then one, with some laughable incident of army life, and not to be outdone, had to tell a story of how, when they had been without money for months, subsisting only on army rations straight, a sutler had come into camp, and without parse or script, they managed to get some of his pies, cakes, etc. Thus story followed story until eleven o'clock came, when the old boys thought it about time to sound tattoo, which was done, and as they shook hands and bid each other good night each expressed the hope that they might meet again at many another "camp fire" of Ransom Post.

NOTES

That the Sons of Veterans are a fine looking set of young men.

That Wm. Dyer was the boss story teller of the evening.

All say they are under many obligations to Miss Laura Hoxworth for the excellent manner in which she cooked the beans, which were so appetizing that many of the members forgot themselves in reminiscences, and came near foundering.

The CHAMPION man acknowledges one of the pleasantest evenings ever spent in Flagstaff.

January 15, 1887

The Sons of Veterans, G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps, will give a dance on Washington's Birthday, February 22.

(January 15, 1887, continued)

Sons of Veterans

The Sons of Veterans elected the following officers at their meeting on last Saturday night: Captain J. D. Bell; First Lieutenant, Geo. Rogers; and Lieutenant H. J. Miller; Camp Council, H. H. Hoxworth, F. M. Rumsey, and R. W. Bell. During the session the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Patrick Noonan, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, has been taken away by the hand of death since our last meeting,

Therefore be it

Resolved that we, the Sons of Veterans, express our regret at the decrease of so worthy a Veteran and that this resolution be entered on the minutes of our proceedings.

T. Davis of the firm of H. S. Bridge and Co., merchant tailors of San Francisco has been in town during the week taking orders. He will supply the Sons of Veterans with their uniforms. (The Sons was a uniformed organization.)

January 22, 1887

The Sons of Veterans will hold their regular meeting at the G. A. R. hall next Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Installation of officers will take place and all members are earnestly requested to be present.

On Sunday evening last a memorial service was held in the school house in honor of the memory of General John A. Logan. Col. J. W. Eddy, who was the orator of the occasion, delivered an elegant eulogy on the deceased statesman. Ransom Post G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans attended in a body and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Rev. N. L. Guthrie presided.

TRIPLE MURDER

JOHN N. BERRY FATALLY SHOT BY GEORGE HAWKS

The Perpetuator and His Brother Killed by Vigilantes While in Jail

The people of Flagstaff were horrified on Tuesday morning last to hear that during the night John N. Berry had been shot while attempting to quell a disturbance in his place of business [Berry's saloon]. (This was a very lengthy and interesting article taken right out of the annals of the old west but it has no bearing on this paper except:)

The Funeral

. . . In the procession were the Knights of Pythias, Ransom Post of the G. A. R., Grant Camp Sons of Veterans and every citizen of Flagstaff that could walk or ride to the cemetery.

January 29, 1887

The Sons of Veterans will give an entertainment next Saturday evening.

The Grand Army and Sons of Veterans will give a grand ball on Washington's birthday, February 22d.

February 12, 1887

The Sons of Veterans gave a dance at the Grand Army Hall on Tuesday evening. It was well attended and was an enjoyable affair.

(February 12, 1887, continued)

The Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army will give a grand ball on the 22d of this month, Washington's birthday. No pains will be spared to make this the grandest event of the season.

February 19, 1887

Now that the skating rink has been repaired and made weather tight it will be a pleasant place for balls and other entertainments.

A large number of visitors are expected in town on the 22d to celebrate Washington's birthday by participating in the grand ball at the skating rink.

On Washington's birthday, Tuesday evening the 22d, a ball will be given in the skating rink under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans, which it is intended shall be the most important social event of the season. The rink has been lined throughout with new lumber and ample heating arrangements have been made to ensure comfortable warmth for those present. Hitherto the drawback to the rink has been the impossibility of keeping it warm in cold weather. This has now been effectually remedied. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be obtained at D. J. Brannen & Co's, P. J. Brannen's and J. R. Kilpatrick's and of the committee on invitations.

Thomas Howe, a gentleman who was formerly engaged in business at Phoenix, will shortly open a furniture store in the new building erected by Messrs. Hoxworth and Burns [members of the Ransom Post] one door east of the Grand Army Hall. Mr. Howe will have a fine stock of new goods shipped from the east.

February 26, 1887

A very pleasant dance was given at the skating link on the evening of Washington's birthday under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. The hall has been refitted and made comfortable as regards warmth. A very enjoyable dance programme was gone through to the accompaniment of good music. In fact everything passed off well to the credit of the gentlemen who had charge of the affair and the large company present expressed themselves as thoroughly pleased with the entertainment provided for them.

May 28, 1887

Decoration Day

The Manner in Which the Day will be Celebrated in Flagstaff

Monday next being Decoration Day, Col. D. F. Hart Commander of Ransom Post has issued an order for its proper observance and all ex-soldiers and sailors are heartily invited to take part in the ceremonies. A like invitation is also extended to all secret and civic organizations as well as the general public to join in commemorating the day consecrated to the memory of departed soldiers.

Comrades of Ransom Post and all ex-soldiers will meet promptly at 9 o'clock a. m., Monday May 30th at the Grand Army Hall on Railroad Avenue. Camp Grant No. 1 Sons of Veterans and Ransom Woman's Relief Corps No. 32 are requested to meet promptly at the same hour at the Grand Army Hall.

The line of march will be over the following route: East on Railroad avenue to San Francisco avenue, thence north to Church street, thence west to Gold avenue, thence south to Railroad avenue, thence west to the G. A. R. Hall where the memorial services will be held.

The memorial address will be delivered by Comrade Geo. H. Tinker, P. P. C., Orator of the Day; and addresses will also be made by Colonel T. J. Throp, P. C.; Comrade N. L. Guthrie, P. C., H. J. Miller, 2nd Lieut., S. of V., and Mrs. Geo Hoxworth President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Alter the services at the Grand Army Hall have concluded, the procession will proceed to the cemetery and decorate the graves.

June 4, 1887

G. A. R.



Honor to the Brave

Observance of Decoration Day by Ransom Post, Flagstaff

Memorial day [sic] was celebrated in Flagstaff in a manner that showed the general interest taken in its celebration by the citizens generally. All the stores and places of business were closed and the Grand Army Hall was filled to its whole capacity, a large proportion of those present being ladies. Originally designated to be an occasion for the decoration of the graves of the union soldiers by their surviving brethren, the observance has outgrown the intention of its founders and it is rapidly being recognized as a national festival. It was thought when the custom was established that it would last until the Grand Army had all passed away but General Logan "built better than he knew," when he issued his famous order in 1868 which established the custom.

The people have taken it up. In many states the resting place of those who wore the gray are decorated the same as those of the boys in blue and it is fast becoming the day set apart for the honoring of the dead generally. The survivors of the Grand Army, as long as there are any, will remain the central figures in the observance of the festival, but after they have gone, the custom will not cease and their graves will be as lavishly decked with flowers as they now deck those of their departed comrades. More than that, it will be a day on which the tombs of noble men and women of all classes will receive the tribute of sweet blossoms, and loved ones be remembered by offerings of fair flowers. Thus General Logan built better than he knew for instead of providing a ceremony merely for the observance of the Grand Army of the Republic, he laid the foundation of a national festival with which his name and that of his comrades will be associated for all time.

At 10 o'clock Monday morning the members of Ransom Post met at their hall and under the command of Post Commander Hart formed in line of procession and followed by a number of citizens and members of other societies marched around the principal streets of the town and back to the hall where the memorial services, under the presidency of Post Commander Hart, were commenced, with the Grand Army ritual provided for the occasion. A quartette male choir composed of Messers. J. B. Elmore, W. L. Van Horn, G. D. Crothers and P. P. Dags rendered the usual patriotic songs in an efficient manner. After prayer by Rev N. L. Guthrie, the presiding officer called on Geo. H. Tinker, P. P. C. of Barrett Post, Prescott, who had been selected as orator of the day to deliver his address.

Mr. Tinker paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of their dead hero comrades, claiming that it was not a day of mourning, but one of joy and festivity, that the Grand Army still existed as a whole although its vanguard received their promotion to a higher life in the early battles of the war, that the main body of the army had passed over and pitched their tents on the other shore, leaving only the rear guard here, who would soon follow to join their comrades and be passed in review by the God of battles. The speaker reviewed the motto of the order showing what was meant by the Fraternity Charity and Loyalty that they professed to follow, gave a brief

sketch of the one solitary comrade, Patrick Noonan, whose body rested in the cemetery, paid a high tribute to the value of the Woman's Relief Corps and after an eulogy on the late General John A Logan, concluded by urging upon his comrades the necessity of living up to the high principles of their brotherhood so that they might be worthy to again stand shoulder to shoulder and again clasp the hands of their comrades that had passed over the dark river.

Dr. Brannen followed in an admirable speech in which he showed that heroic deeds which left their impress on human hearts had a more enduring memorial than either the painter or sculptor could bequeath to posterity. Dr. Brannen briefly reviewed the events which led up to the war showing how the conflict was imperceptibly precipitated upon the country and as the spokesman of those who did not take an active part in the war, made an eloquent eulogy upon the men who had fought the battles of the nation, won its victories and made the union solid and enduring. The speaker concluded with an eloquent peroration congratulating his hearers that old animosities were dying out, and that the south as well as north, were beginning to see the effects of the struggle in the truer light that comes from time and calm consideration. But after all there was one great debt of gratitude that never could be fully paid to the men who fought for and saved the union.

The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. N. L. Guthrie and the procession being reformed proceeded to the cemetery where the graves were decorated.

NOTES

Miss Laura Hoxworth and Miss Susie Taylor had charge of the flowers and provided everyone plentifully.

A temporary monument was erected in front of the entrance to Grand Army Hall which served as a stand for the flowers.

That old warrior Col. Patrick Ford of Prescott was present and formed in line with the rest of the boys.

The ladies came out in full force evidently intent on showing "That none but the brave deserve the fair."

The woman's relief corps presented such a solid front that Col. Patrick Ford remarked. "if they open up a battery we'll all have to capitulate or else form a line and retreat."

The boys of town decorated the grave of their old playmate Dan Crisman.

The Sons of Veterans did not muster very strong.

Mrs. Geo Hoxworth, who was to have made an address as president of the women's relief corps, was unfortunately absent through sickness.

Comrade Hoxworth was the tallest and toughest man in the crowd and looked every inch a soldier.

June 25, 1887

Memorial Day

The National Tribune has the following account of memorial services held on Decoration day here:

George Hoxworth, Flagstaff: Memorial services were conducted here in conformity with the simple but solemn and beautiful rites of our Order, by Ransom Post, Col. D. F. Hart, Commander, assisted by Grant Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans; Woman's Relief Corps, and the patriotic ladies and citizens of our community. The oration of the day, delivered by Geo. H. Tinker, Past Commander of Barrett Post, Prescott, was one of intense interest and replete with the lofty sentiments engendered by the sacred day. . . . The Woman's Relief Corps of San Francisco and Los Angeles kindly sent us an abundant supply of flowers . . .

August 27, 1888

Ransom Post G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans had a camp fire on Thursday evening at G. A. R. hall where a very enjoyable evening was spent. Two of the boys dished up the pork and beans in regulation style and some interesting speeches were made interspersed with old camp fire songs, but the feature of the evening's entertainment was the panorama of battle scenes exhibited by Professor Rosebanch. The pictures and the professor's eloquent description of them were gorgeous. There were thirty four members of the orders present and they all had a good time.

May 26, 1888

The Honored Dead

Impressive Memorial Services to be held at Flagstaff

Following the beautiful example of those patriotic ladies who decked with floral offerings the graves of those heroes whose blood stained the field of Fredericksburg, the 30th day of May each year has attained National importance as the date designated and set apart for the decoration of soldier's graves. In conformity to this custom the people of Flagstaff, among whom are many who have attained honorable distinction for valiant services under the old flag, have arranged for the proper observance of the day held sacred to the memory of the comrades who have been mustered from earthly service into the ranks of the unbroken column in grand review before the Great Commander.

On Wednesday May 30th with L. L. Burns as officer of the day, the following order of exercises will be observed:

Memorial services at G. A. R. Hall at 10: 30 a.m. sharp.

Memorial address by Henry J. Miller Esq.

After the conclusion of services at the Hall, the march to the cemetery will be taken up in the following order:

Flagstaff Cornet Band

School Children

Chautauqua Circle

Woman's Relief Corps

Knights of Pythias

Free and Accepted Masons

United Order of Honor

Citizens

Sons of Veterans

Grand Army of the Republic

On arrival at the cemetery the soldier's graves will be decorated by the members of the G. A. R. assisted by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

By order of

J. E. Burchard,

Geo. Hoxworth,

L. L. Burns,

J. R. Lockett,

J. B. Smith.

Committee

June 8, 1888

The Sons of Veterans are requested to meet at the G.A.R. hall to-night.

September 27, 1888

There will be a meeting of Camp Grant No. 1, Sons of Veterans, at the Grand Army Hall next Wednesday evening. All members are earnestly requested to be present as important business will come before the meeting.

October 6, 1888

The sons of veterans held a meeting at the Grand Army Hall Wednesday evening and decided to organize a camp.

Note: Since the Camp was already organized it's not clear if this was a reorganization/charter.

January 19, 1889

The Sons of Veterans have organized in Flagstaff. They meet every other Wednesday night at the Grand Army hall.

Mohave County Miner (Mineral Park, A. T.)

January 19, 1889

The Sons of Veterans organized in Flagstaff this week, and elected the following officers: Capt. F. M. Remsay [Ramsey]; 1st Lieutenant Harry Hoxworth; 2nd Lieutenant George Morgan. They will be installed tonight with the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps—Champion.

The G.A.R., Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps installed their officers at the Grand Army hall last Saturday night. The affair was well attended.

Arizona Champion articles continue:

March 9, 1889

The Sons of Veterans will meet at the Grand Army Hall next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is requested as important business will be transacted.

March 23, 1889

Sons of Veterans Attention!

You are hereby notified to attend a regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans, to be held at the Grand Army hall, Wednesday evening, March 27, 1889. Important business will be transacted.

By order of:

H. J. Miller	F. M. Rumsey
1st Sergeant	Captain

April 13, 1889

Col. Thorp's Reception

Tendered by Ransom Post, G.A.R. at their Hall last Evening

At 8 o'clock an assemblage of the most prominent people of our town were present to welcome Col. Thorp, R. H. Cameron and J. F. Daggs, Post Commander; Col. Geo. Hoxworth and President Mrs. P. B. Rumsey, presided. Addresses were made by the three gentlemen in regard to matters which interest personally our citizens, after which an elegant repast was served by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. Attorney Miller, who belongs to the Sons of Veterans, of our town, made an eloquent address, in which he depicted army life. After an hour of social converse amongst each other, the assemblage departed feeling as though they had enjoyed the most delightful evening.

June 1, 1889

Decoration Day

Ransom Post, G. A. R., Properly Observe the day in Flagstaff

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the members of Ransom Post met at the G. A. R. hall and headed by the Flagstaff Cornet Band and followed by the Sons of Veterans, Women's [sic] Relief Corps and citizens generally, marched to the Wood hall, where the exercises of the day were commenced. Commander Hoxworth was master of ceremonies and L. L. Burns, officer of the day. They both showed that they were excellent and appropriate persons to conduct the exercises. The ceremonies opened with singing by the choir which was followed by the opening prayer by Rev. N. L. Guthrie. Then the reading of the usual Decoration day orders, which was followed

by Hon. W. G. Stewart, orator of the day and Col. T. J. Thorp, who made eloquent and pleasing addresses. The members of Ransom Post deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which everything was carried out.

August 3, 1889

Grant Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, will give a grand social dance in a short time. Everybody should attend as the boys propose to make this the event of the season.

August 10, 1889

On the 19th of the present month, Grant Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, will give a grand ball at the Wood hall. It is the purpose of the boys to give this affair as a farewell party to those of our town who will leave the next day to attend the G. A. R. Encampment at Milwaukee. Everyone should attend. Tickets are only \$1.50 admitting gentlemen and ladies.

August 17, 1889

The dance to be given next Monday by Grant Camp No.1, Sons of Veterans, promises to be one of the most successful parties ever given in Flagstaff. Invitations are now out.

Gentlemen who by oversight have not received an invitation to the grand ball, given by the Sons of Veterans, on Monday evening, are hereby invited and will please consult any member on the subject.

October 19, 1889

There will be a regular meeting of Grant Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, on Wednesday evening October 30 at the G.A.R. hall. Every member must be present, as business of great importance will be disposed of.

By order of

F. M. Rumsey, Captain

March 1, 1890

Laid to Rest

The Funeral of Elmer C. Hoxworth Last Wednesday Morning

Monday morning our people were pained to learn, although all had been expecting it, that Elmer was dead and that his soul had taken its flight and gone before God Almighty to receive its last resting place.

Elmer C. Hoxworth was born September 14th in the year 1871, and was 18 years of age. He had been suffering from the effects of an injured leg which injuries he received some three or four weeks previous while chopping wood. A piece of steel from a hammer, which he used to drive the wedge, breaking off and entering his right leg at the thigh. He lost considerable blood at the time and became very weak. His condition did not better to speak of and on the 14th his physician Dr. P. C. Cornish decided that amputation would be necessary and, on the afternoon of that day, assisted by Dr. D. J. Bransen the operation was performed. He seemed to get better for a time, but on last Friday he reached a turning point, and on Monday morning about 4:30 o'clock, he died.

The funeral took place from the M. E. Church last Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Camp Grant No. 1 Sons of Veterans, having charge, although it was a very stormy and disagreeable day the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of people who went to pay their last respects to their young friend. Rev. R. H. Gill preached the sermon, and made very fitting remarks for the occasion. The services at the grave were conducted by the Sons of Veterans.

At a special meeting of Grant Camp No. 1, S of V, held last night, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, Elmer Hoxworth, a brother of this camp, whose death took place on Monday, February 24th, 1890. Now as a fitting tribute to the memory of our deceased brother, be it

RESOLVED That the officers and members of Grant Camp. No.1, Sons of Veterans, Division of Colorado, attend the funeral in a body,

RESOLVED That in the death of our brother, the camp loses one of our best members, and Flagstaff one of its brightest young men,

RESOLVED That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives of our late brother, and that they be presented with a copy of these resolutions.

Jno. G. Tinker

Geo. A. Woods

Frank L. Armstrong

Committee

May 10. 1890

Memorial Day

Arrangements Made by Ransom Post for its Observance

Commencing at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 30th of May, at the Wood hall, Ransom Post, G A. R., will pay the usual tribute to the memory of our dead heroes. The following programme will be carried out:

Prayer—Rev. J. H. Hill

Orators of the day—W. L. Van Horn and J. E. Jones

All those wishing to participate in the exercises are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall at 10:30 of that day, when the following line of March will proceed to the Wood hall:

Flagstaff Coronet Band

Coconino Rifles

Woman's Relief Corps

Sons of Veterans

School Children

Flagstaff Lodge, K. of P.

The Boys in Blue and Gray

Citizens

A general invitation is extended to all to decorate the graves of their friends, and the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps will furnish flowers sufficient for everyone who wishes to use them.

Anyone wishing to donate flowers will please leave them with the committee at G. A. R. hall on the afternoon of the 29th.

Further notice will be given at the close of exercises at the Wood hall.

By order of,

Geo Hoxworth,

J. E. Burchard,

J. R. Lockett,

D. F. Hart,

Committee.

May 31, 1890

Hon. E. W. French, of Prescott, was initiated into the mysteries of the order of Sons of Veterans at Flagstaff last Wednesday evening.

Decoration Day

Yesterday we had the pleasure of witnessing the largest gathering of citizens at the G. A. R. Hall that has ever been held in our city which proceeded in the following order to the Opera House:

Flagstaff Cornet Band

Coconino Rifles

Grand Army of the Republic

(May 31, 1890, continued)

Sons of Veterans

Citizens

On arriving at the Opera House the exercises were opened by Commander of Post John Rosenbaugh after welcoming the guests and citizens, Adj. Savage read the memorial order from Headquarters, then we listened with pleasure to the written work of the Grand Army, conducted by Ccm. Rosenbaugh. Next in order was a Solo entitled the Blue and the Gray by Mrs. E.W. French, following this the exercises of the unwritten work of the G. A. R., by Com. Rosenbaugh, S. V. Com. Burchard, J. V. C. Burns. Officer of the day, Hoxworth, and Chaplin Hart, were so interesting and appropriate that it is impossible to describe them...

Address by Judge E. W. French to the Sons of Veterans Officers, ladies and gentlemen feel honored to pay tribute to our dead, wherever the flag floats. Today it is half mast, the Nations of the world are walking silently to the graves of them who have fought and died for Our country. Every year as we walk to the Cemetery we see one more grave, one more spot of earth that covers a comrade. One by one they leave the ranks. To them we owe the blessings we enjoy, today we cannot realize what they suffered. I would not be a Son of a Veteran if I forgot the good the dead soldiers have done, or the good the Woman's Relief Corps is doing today. Women is the Mother of Nations. May God's blessings rest on the woman, and may we cherish the principles of our fathers and mothers, and remember with tears the soldiers who wore the blue and the gray.

Next in order was Col. Chapman whose remarks were exceedingly appropriate, he said he was an ex-Confederate soldier but he rejoiced with us all on this day, he had the same privilege we all enjoyed if he was a southerner, he could express his opinions, and was free to say that he fought for what he thought was right, there was in his country titles but they are now extinct, and the American ladies who go abroad to purchase a title, had better stay at home for there are better men in America than in Europe. Thanking the G A. R. for their cordial invitation he stepped down but not out.

A charming solo by Mrs. E. W. French held the audience for fully five minutes.

Very appropriate closing remarks by commander Rosenbaugh.

Benediction by the Rev. J. H. Gill. The procession then proceeded in the following order to the cemetery:

Flagstaff Cornet Band,

Grand Army,

Sons of Veterans,

Coconino Rifles,

Citizens.

After the services at the grave they All proceeded to do justice to a splendid dinner given by Uncle Geo. Hoxworth (the officer of the day) at the Bank Hotel we cannot praise too highly the manner in which Tom Coalter catered to the wants of the participants he decorated his table beyond description, not only with flowers, but the necessities of the inner man, Uncle George kicked all the chairs back by saying: "If you fellows have not got enough" I have.

We have to say that we never saw a more patriotically celebrated decoration day than the 30th day of May, 1890.

Note: This was an exceedingly difficult article to read (as you can tell) because of the numerous misspellings and punctuation errors by the reporter—all of which are copied verbatim.

July 19, 1890

All members of Grant Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. are requested to be present at the G.A.R. Hall Saturday evening July 19 at 7:30 p.m. as business of importance to be attended to.

By order, G. A. Woods, Capt.

January 10, 1891

Camp Grant, No. 1, Sons of Veterans, held an election last Saturday night, at which officers were elected as follows : Captain, F. M. Ramsey; First Lieutenant, George C. Morgan; Second Lieutenant, William Hart; Camp Council, William Turner, Venie Powell and Albert Alvord. The following appointments were then made by the Captain: First Sergeant, William D. Tinker; Quartermaster, Albert Alvord; Chaplain, Venie Powell; Sergeant Guard, George Rodgers; Corporal Guard, J. W. Donnelly, Jr.

At the last meeting of Ransom Post G. A. R., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, J. E. Burchard; Senior Vice Commander, J. B. Smith; Junior Vice Commander, Benjamin Doney; Chaplain George Hoxworth; Quartermaster D. F. Hart: Officer of Day John Rosebaugh. It was the intention of the Post to have a public installation at their meeting tonight, but the announcement that E. B. Sampson, Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Arizona, had died at his home in Tempe, changes the program somewhat, and no public installation will take place. The colors of Ransom Post are flying at half mast in honor of the dead Comrade.

Coconino Sun

June 6, 1891

On Sunday evening last at the M.E. church Rev. Norton conducted memorial services. The Woman's Relief Corps, G.A.R., and the Sons of Veterans were present in large numbers. . .

Remembered

Large Numbers Participate in Memorial Services

Precisely at 10:30 a.m. the procession formed at the Grand Army hall, and headed by the Coconino band proceeded to Powell's hall, where the services were commenced by the singing of "America" by all present, after which Rev. Norton led in prayer. Five members each from the Woman's Relief Corps, G.A.R. and the Sons of Veterans joined in responsive readings . . .

Coconino Weekly Sun

May 31, 1894

Memorial Day

On Memorial Day at 10 o'clock a.m. the G. A. R. assembled at their hall and were joined by . . . Sons of Veterans . . .

May 2, 1895

Grand Army Encampment

General Order No. 7, Department of Arizona G.A.R. . . . the eighth annual encampment will convene at the G.A.R. hall in Flagstaff on June 11 at 10 a.m. An informal convention of the Women's Relief Corps and of the Sons of Veterans will be held if a sufficient number of either association can be gotten together for that purpose.

Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any more information about Grant Camp No. 1 in the Arizona Champion or the Coconino Sun newspapers from this point on.

Phoenix

The Arizona Republican newspaper articles follow:

November 24, 1891

Sons of Veterans

Department Commander, G.A.R., Ed Schwartz, mustered in last Saturday evening [November 21st] Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Captain, I. M. Bonar; First Lieutenant, L. B. Christy; Second Lieutenant, C. C. Green; Chaplain, A. E. Hinton; First Sergeant, I. W. Furl; Quartermaster Sergeant, Z. O. Brown. The Camp is attached to the Division of Colorado.

Herewith is published a list of the charter members: I. M. Bonar, Z. O. Brown, L. B. Christy, F. H. Parker, J. F. Furl, I. W. Furl, G. D. Christy, S. A. Christy, A. E. Hinton, H. A. Kendal, C. C. Green.

The camp meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Sons of Veterans, G.A.R. are admissible up to the age of 18 years. (The 1894 Sons of Veterans Constitutions and Regulations state "not less than eighteen years of age.")

January 14, 1892

The public installation ceremonies of the G. A. R., Post No. 5, Ladies Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans will take place this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the hall in Monihon block.

January 15, 1892

THE GRAND ARMY

AND SONS OF VETERANS HOLD A PUBLIC INSTALLATION

John W. Owen Post G. A. R. and Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans Department of Colorado, initiated their officers last night at the Masonic hall.

The officers of each were installed by Major Ed Schwartz, department commander of Arizona, G. A. R.

The following is the list of officers of the G. A. R:

Post commander, J. L. Ward; senior vice commander, R. C. Powers; junior vice commander, J. M. Copes; officer of the day, R. H. Greene; chaplain, R. W. Thompson; adjutant, C. W. Knapp; surgeon, C. D. Belden; quartermaster, Joseph Creamer; officer of the guard, W. S. Millis; sergeant-major, H. H. Travis; quartermaster-sergeant, John [unintelligible]

The officers [of the Phil Sheridan Camp] installed were:

Captain, J. M. Bonar; first lieutenant, L. B. Christy; second lieutenant, C. C. Greene; camp council, W. R. Robinson, F. G. Parker and L. B. Christy.

Music for the occasion was rendered by Misses Rickerson and Parker, Mrs. C. E. Belden, and Messrs. Sturgis and Rhodes.

Addressees were made by Rev. Winfield Scott, of Fort Huachuca; Commander George F. Coats, of Phoenix, and Comrade E. C. Seymour, of San Bernardino, California.

Company B., A. N. G. was present during installation, also the Ladies' Relief Corps, and many interested citizens.

Besides the regular musical program "the boys" sang "John Brown's Body," "Yankee Doodle," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Home, Sweet Home."

May 11, 1892

The Sons of Veterans held their regular meeting in the I. O. G. T. hall last evening.

May 29, 1902

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL CELEBRATE

Tomorrow is Decoration Day and the citizens of Phoenix will vie with those of the Nation in doing honor to the noble dead by placing with equal honor the rose and the lily above the graves of the blue and gray. . .

Owing to the heat the exercises will not begin until evening but there will be ample time to complete the excellent program prepared for the occasion . . .

The order of procession will be as follows:

Advance guard

Drum corps

Department commander Ed Schwartz and staff, mounted

Mexican War Veterans

Co. B National Guards Arizona, Captain J. W. Crenshaw

John A. Logan Post No. 7, Tempe

Phil Sheridan Camp Sons of Veterans, Captain Bonar

J. W. Owen Post No. 5, Phoenix, J. L. Ward, commander

Gov. N. O. Murphy, Judge Gooding, orator of the day; Mrs. B. Hayman, and Mrs. N. O. Murphy in carriages

The Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Geo. F. Coats, president . . .

June 15, 1892

The Sons of Veterans met at the I. O. G. T. hall last evening. This company of patriotic young men is receiving a good many recruits of late.

December 2, 1892

THE CAMP SUPPER

Hospitality of the Sons of Veterans Last Night.

The Sons of Veterans camp supper last night was an unqualified success. The guests of the boys were the Ladies Relief Corps, the G. A. R. post and the invited guests their friends and sweethearts. An excellent program consisting of recitations and music had been prepared. The music was furnished by the Fulwiler band which rendered in a skillful manner many excellent selections and was frequently encored.

The supper was elaborate in its way, made up of beans, pork, hard tack and black coffee. The guests were not epicures but men who had eaten the same fare before.

The entertainment closed with a ball which lasted until midnight.

May 30, 1893

MEMORIAL DAY

Elaborate Preparations For Its Observance

Memorial day will be observed with the greater interest and unanimity today, than ever before in Phoenix.

The preparations for its celebration are rather more elaborate than ever before and the change of program by which the main services will be held in the city, will by contributory to a much larger attendance. . . .

At 3 o'clock, J. W. Owen post will meet and proceed to the cemetery, where a part of the ritual service will be read and the graves decorated, after which the post will return to the city, reaching the Monihon corner at 4:30, where the procession will be formed with the right resting on Washington street opposite the Monihon building. It will move east on Washington one block to Center street, thence north on Center two blocks to Monroe, thence west on Monroe to the old Kale's residence between First and Second avenues. The order of the procession will be as follows:

Advance Guard

Mexican War Veterans

Post Department Commander and Staff Mounted

Company B, First Regiment, N. G. A.

Organization of ex Confederates

J. W. Owen Post, G. A. R.
 The Boys' Brigade Captain C. W. Robinson
 Phil Sheridan Camp, Sons of Veterans
 Orator of the Day; Gov. L. C. Hughes, in carriage
 Women's Relief Corps in carriages. . . .

November 24, 1893

Camp Fire

The G. A. R. Post of Phoenix gives a camp fire entertainment this Thursday evening Nov. 23, at Monihon Hall at 7 o'clock. All members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and visiting comrades are cordially invited.

Ed. Schwartz
 R. C. Powers
 E. P. S. Andrews
 Committee

December 27, 1893

The J. W. Owen W. R. C. cordially invites all members of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans, with friends, to join a camp fire at Monihon's hall, Thursday, December 28, 1893, at 7:30 p.m. Full attendance of the W. R. C. is requested. No formal invitations will be issued. There will be no meeting of the Corps Thursday afternoon.

May 26, 1894

Memorial Day Program of Exercises Has Been Arranged

Marshal Ed Schwartz as marshal of day, yesterday completed a program of Memorial Day exercises. All other arrangements have also been perfected.

The usual memorial service will occur at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, Chaplain Winfield Scott [founder of Scottsdale, AZ] officiating. The following is the program for the day itself:

PROGRAM,

Order of march:

Advance Guard.
 Drum Corps.
 Governor's Staff Mounted.
 Company C, National Guard.
 Company B, National Guard.
 Ex-Confederates.
 Boys' Brigade.
 J. W. Owen Post No. 5, Department of Arizona, G. A. R.
 Visiting Members and Veterans.
 Sons of Veterans.
 The Common Council in Carriages.
 Ladies' Relief Corps in Carriages . . .

May 27, 1894

The memorial service at the Presbyterian church will be at 7:30 this evening and will be a Union service. The members of the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Boy's Brigade and local militia will be present in uniform.

December 12, 1895

A campfire will be given tonight at the Monihon block by the Woman's Relief Corps to the J. W. Owen Post, G. A. R. All veterans and Sons of Veterans are cordially invited to attend. The old soldiers who faced leaden hail always enjoy themselves at these campfires.

May 29, 1896

MEMORIAL DAY

Program Outlined for Decoration Day

Members of the J. W. Owen post will meet at their post room, Monihon block, at 3:45 p.m. All old soldiers, Sons of Veterans, and kindred organizations are invited to meet with J. W. Owen post.

The W. R. C. will assemble at the same hour.

(Other than a seemingly generic invitation to the Sons of Veterans, old soldiers, etc., the Sons are not mentioned as taking any part in the program.)

May 27, 1898

MEMORIAL DAY

Programme of Exercises Outlined for Next Monday

The committee of the G. A. R. in charge of the Memorial Day celebration last night arranged a programme of exercises. . . . On Monday May 30th Memorial Day proper, John W. Owen Post No. 5, G. A. R. . . . will go by car from the corner of First avenue and Washington street to the cemetery, starting at 10 o'clock for the purpose of decorating the graves. The public generally is invited to be present and assist in the decorations.

The programme for the memorial services Monday evening is as follows:

7:00—Members of the J. W. Owen Post meet at their hall

7:20—Line formed, consisting of the Indian School band, J. W. Owen post No. 5, G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, all old soldiers, ex-confederates, Companies A and B, N. G. A. . . . (Nothing further mentioned about the Sons.)

January 10, 1899

WILL HONOR THEM—the G. A. R. post, the Sons of Veterans, and the militia companies of this city are arranging for an important event which will take place in Phoenix on the 17th of this month according to present plans. It may be necessary to change the date, however, if Col. Brodie and Captain McClintock are unable to be present at that time. A letter from Captain McClintock says he will arrive in Phoenix next Sunday, unless further detained. The occasion will be the presentation of badges of honor to Col. Alex O. Brodie, Captain McClintock and Norman Orme, and the event will be marked by many interesting features. The badge is a unique one, containing souvenirs of the civil war and the war with Spain, held together by the American flag.

April 20, 1899

G. A. R. CAMP FIRE

End of the Two Days Encampment Meeting

The G. A. R. met at the Monihon building yesterday morning and completed its selection of officers for the ensuing year. The department desires that Arizona shall receive recognition at the national encampment which will be held in Philadelphia about September 1 and a resolution will be sent asking that Chaplain Winfield Scott, who will be the Arizona delegate, be appointed chaplain in chief [he was]. . . .

A list of toasts and responses had been prepared and Captain P. P. Parker, acting as toastmaster, introduced the speaker, Past Commander S. A. Dysart, who delivered an address of welcome. . . .

The rest of the program was as follows: “Young Volunteers” response, Col. M. M. McCord; “Ladies Relief Corps” response, Miss Flora Mills; “Sons of Veterans and Sons of the Revolution” Dr. Lewis Halsey [then current president of the Arizona Society Sons of the American Revolution]. . . .

April 3, 1905

THE LAST OF A GOOD MAN

The Funeral of Territorial Auditor I. M. Christy

The funeral of the late Territorial Auditor I. M. Christy took place yesterday afternoon at the First M. E. church. . . .

Shortly before 3 o'clock Professor Todd took his place at the organ and soon after the officiating clergymen entered, Rev. A. M. Gibbons, pastor of the church, Chaplain Orville J. Nave, U. S. A., Chaplain Winfield Scott and Rev. Lewis Halesy.

Then came the white aproned members of the Masonic order who took their places which had been allotted to them. They were followed by the Ladies of the Relief Corps and they by members of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans. . . .

June 13, 1909

FLAG DAY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY ELKS

The first annual flag day of the Elks' of this city will be celebrated at the Elks' opera house at eight o'clock tomorrow. . . . The G.A.R. will meet in their hall and will march to the theater. The Sons of Veterans will also be present.

November 6, 1911

Historical Section

Prominent Arizonans

George D. Christy

Although a son of a pioneer Arizona family, George Dorr Christy is not a native of the young state which is proud to claim him as a citizen. He was born in Osceola, Clark county, Iowa, September 24, 1869. His father was William Christy, afterward a leading banker in Phoenix, and his mother, Carrie Bennett.

Young Christy began his education in the public schools of Des Moines, Iowa, but did not complete it for many years. Early in 1884 the family moved to Arizona and George Christy became a permanent resident of Phoenix in the same year. After that he attended the University of Southern California, graduating in June 1890. Following his graduation he engaged in farming and cattle raising with great success.

Even as a boy, he had had decided leaning toward the law and finally he decided that he would fit himself for a legal career. He attended Harvard Law School during the terms of 1897-98 and 1899-1900. His student days were intersected by the Spanish war.

In July, 1898, the young law student enlisted as a first lieutenant in the First Territorial Regiment, U. S. Infantry, of which he soon was appointed regimental adjutant. On October 24, he was commissioned captain of Company A and was serving in that capacity when he was mustered out with the regiment, February 15, 1909.

Upon the completion of his law course, Captain Christy engaged in the practice of law in Phoenix. His success was instantaneous. From the first day he has been one of the leading attorneys of Arizona. He became assistant United States district attorney of the territory July 1, 1907, and served until March 1, 1910. That is the only important public office that he has held.

Captain Christy was married in January, 1902, to Miss Helen M. Grier. Three children have been born, as follows: William Grier Christy, November 5, 1902; Helen Jane Christy, Mary [sic] 7, 1904; Mary Alice Christy, April 18, 1906. The home of the family, one of the handsomest in the city, is at 1963 West Jefferson street.

At all times Captain Christy has been a staunch republican and while he has never sought nor held any public office except that of assistant United States district attorney, mentioned above, he has long been closely identified with the public life of Arizona. He took an active part in the organization of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and was on the board of governors of that body twice. Later he served the association as vice president.

For several years he has been a member of the American Bar Association and he was a delegate to the International Congress of Jurists at the St. Louis exposition. The other societies to which he belongs are the Sons of Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans, Arizona chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; El Zaribah Temple, A. A. A. N. O. M. S.; Commandery No. 3. Knights Templar; Arizona Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.; Arizona chapter No. 1, R. A. W.

In the recent primaries, Captain Christy was nominated unanimously by the republicans of Arizona for the office of attorney general of the new state.



George D. Christy

June 20, 1915

The Fourth in Phoenix

Phoenix will have such a Fourth of July celebration this year as it never had before. We are getting over the notion that prevailed from the earliest times that the Fourth, through the shortsightedness of the Fathers of the Republic, comes at a time of the year unsuited for strenuous gaiety in the Salt River Valley. We have learned in the last three or four years that Phoenix is a good summer town as well as a good winter town, and that there is no form of amusement that may be enjoyed anywhere that cannot be enjoyed here. We have learned that those who go away from Phoenix in the summer time, merely in search of comfort, are chasing a chimera, are hunting for a Golden Fleece.

Coming back to the celebration of the Fourth usual preparations are being made for it by the Sons of Veterans and the Loyal Order of Moose, who will combine civic and military exercises, sports and games and such a variety of features that all will find something interesting and enjoyable. . . .

This ends any news articles relating to the Phil Sheridan, Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans

Tucson

The *Arizona Weekly Citizen*, the *Arizona Daily Citizen*, *Arizona Daily Star* and *The Tucson Citizen* were all published in Tucson.

The Oasis (Arizona, Arizona Territory)

May 25, 1893

Yesterday morning Mr. G. W. Saunders and his son George started for Tucson to attend the institution of a camp of sons of veterans at that place Saturday evening. They will remain until after Memorial Day.

Arizona Weekly Citizen

May 27, 1893

Application for a charter for a lodge of Sons of Veterans has been sent off. Each name must be verified by consulting army records. The lodge starts with twenty-seven members. The charter is expected in a month.

Arizona Daily Star

June 3, 1893

Sons of Veterans

Shelton Sturgis Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, Division of Colorado, was organized in this city Tuesday afternoon by special mustering officer Geo. W. Sanders, with fifteen charter members as follows:

Messrs. L. L. Morse W. H. Skinner, John H. Myers, Geo. E. Sanders, E. W. Borton, Harry P. Underwood, Thos. A. Borton, Lewis B. Hayes, John H. Martin, C. P. Hart, Chas. T. Connell, C. R. Osgood, Paul Heermans and Henry Ward.

The officers elected were:

John H. Martin, Captain

Chas. T. Connell, First Lieutenant

Geo. E. Sanders, Second Lieutenant

Camp Council—L. L. Morse, Thos. A. Borton and Chas. R. Osgood

Camp delegate—Lewis B. Hayes; alternate E. W. Borton.

Arizona Weekly Citizen

June 3, 1893

THE VETERANS DAY

. . . The attendance at Memorial day ceremonies, to pay tribute to the dead soldiers by flowers and with their presence, was larger than any preceding year.

AT THE CEMETERY

“Break ranks,” came the order, and there was a dismounting and unloading of flowers. And such flowers and such profusion! Bushels of them, great beauties were roses from Tucson gardens and California . . .

Decorations over all gathered about a shaft erected to the “Unknown Dead.” Orders were read from national headquarters and from Negley post, relative to the day, by Commander Finley. Prayer was read by Chaplain Snyder. A beautiful wreath was then placed on the monument by Officer of the Day Fred Hughes.

L. B. Hays, by request, read a paper from the Sons of Veterans.

Applause greeted the entrance of Mrs. J. H. Martin. Her selection “The Officer’s Funeral,” was touchingly and sweetly given. Her encore was the old favorite, “The Last Rose of Summer.” Mr. Pickering was at the piano.

Arizona Weekly Citizen

June 10, 1893

A camp of Sons of Veterans has been instituted here, with prospects of a membership of about thirty. The officers are J. H. Martin, camp commander; C. T. Connell, senior vice; Geo. Saunders, second vice; C. Osgood, L. L. Morse, and Thos. Borton, members of council. L. B. Hayes, delegate to the encampment at Colorado Springs; Ed. Borton, alternate.

Arizona Daily Star

June 13, 1893

The Sons of Veterans met yesterday afternoon and perfected their organization. Wm. S. Sturgess [Sturgis] was admitted to membership and carried through all the mysterious performances attendant upon such occasion.

No other information is found regarding Shelton Sturgis Camp No. 1.

Arizona Daily Citizen

November 7, 1901

The local Grand Army Post will hold their first regular meeting in their new hall (A. O. U. W.) next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. On this occasion the question of organizing a camp here of Sons of Veterans will be discussed.

Arizona Daily Citizen

December 7, 1901

On Thursday evening next all the sons of civil war veterans in the city will meet in the A. O. U. W. hall to organize a local lodge of Sons of Veterans.

Arizona Daily Citizen

December 14, 1901

SONS OF VETERANS TO ORGANIZE HERE

The descendants of civil war veterans in the city held a meeting Thursday night in the A. O. U. W. hall to discuss and plan the organization of a local camp of Sons of Veterans. General Minty presided at the meeting and appointed a committee consisting of, Wm. Angus, Homer Santee, Frank Reno, L. B. Hayes and Kirk Hart who will canvas the city and secure all the charter members possible for this camp. (L. B. Hays is probably the same L. B. Hays who delivered an address on behalf of the Sons of Veterans on June 3, 1893.)

The Sons of Veterans now have about 1,000,000 members in the United States. [The high water mark for the organization as of 1901 was 27,608 which occurred in 1889-90] The purpose of the order is to keep green the memory of civil war veterans and to instill patriotism and love of country in the hearts of the members as well as those of others. The membership includes only those who are lineal descendants of union veteran of the civil war. The order is engaged in building a university in the state of Iowa as a memorial to civil war veterans. As soon as the committee obtains enough members to secure a charter, a second meeting will be called to take steps preliminary to permanent organization.

The Tucson Citizen

February 8, 1902

The Sons of Veterans will hold a meeting one week from next Tuesday night to complete the organization of a local camp.

The Tucson Citizen

February 18, 1902

SONS OF VETERANS WILL ORGANIZE TONIGHT

A local camp of the Sons of Veterans will be organized in this city tonight. The commander of the order has asked General Minty to muster in the camp which will have thirty-two charter members, including some of the most prominent citizens of Tucson, among them United States Attorney [Frederick S.] Nave, Colonel John C. Martin, George W. Cheney, William Angus, Kirk Hart, Francis Reno, George P. Schofield, W. E. Francis, Thomas Hughes, W. S. Sturgis, who was a member of another camp, and many others. The meeting will be held in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

The organization of the camp here will be completed tonight when officers for the year will be elected. The list of offices includes a captain, lieutenant, second lieutenant, chaplain, first sergeant, quartermaster sergeant, sergeant of the guard, color sergeant, principal musician, corporal of the guard, camp guard and picket guard. All sons of veterans in the city are invited to be present at the meeting tonight.

The Tucson Citizen

February 19, 1902

A local camp of the Sons of Veterans was mustered in at a meeting held in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening by the sons of Civil War veterans in the city. The camp was mustered in by General Robert H. G. Minty, commander of the local Grand Army Post, who was detailed by the grand commander of the Sons of Veterans to perform this duty.

A number of the Grand Army veterans in the city were present among them General Minty, Colonel Zabriskie, C. S. Wilson, C. Angus, N. Fulmer, Lyman Bridges, Tom Hughes, L. C. Hughes, Dr. Snyder, I. Schirch and J. Schneider. Speeches were made by General Minty, Colonel Zabriskie and L. C. Hughes. Thirty charter members of the camp have already been secured and sixteen of these were mustered in last evening. The balance will be mustered at the next regular meeting which is subject to the call of the newly elected captain. It

will be held sometime within the next two weeks. The charter list of members will be kept open until the next regular meeting of the society.

W. E. Francis was chosen captain of the camp. The election of two lieutenants was postponed until the next meeting when all of the charter members are expected to be present. The other officers of the camp are appointed by the captain. Captain Francis has already appointed Kirk Moore, first sergeant, who at the same time acts as secretary, L. S. Wilson, quartermaster sergeant, who also acts as treasurer, and William Angus, sergeant of the guard. The other officers will be appointed at the next meeting.

The list of charter members includes: W. S. Sturgis, L. B. Hayes, Allen T. Bird, Kirk Moore, R. W. Moore, Homer Santee, George P. Schofield, K. L. Hart, John T. Hughes, George W. Cheney, Charles T. Connell, William Angus, L. S. Wilson, H. J. Hiller, Paul Hermans, Thomas A. Borton, George H. Smalley, J. F. Smalley, Francis Reno, Thomas Hughes, Jr., W. C. Dunn, Jr., W. E. Francis, W. A. Zabriskie, W. T. Zabriskie, B. J. Zabriskie, V. H. Zabriskie, Frank J. Treat, Thomas Angus, Moses E. Kelly, Harry Sayres, J. T. Martin, Frederick S. Nave and John J. Reilly.

The local camp has been named R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11, division of California and Arizona, in honor of the mustering officer. A number of new members are expected to unite with the society before the charter list closes. (Note: Arizona Historical Society records show that the Camp was only attached to the Division of California.)

The Tucson Citizen

March 17, 1902

General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11, the California and Arizona Division of Sons of Veterans, will meet at A. O. U. W. hall tomorrow evening, 7:00 p.m.

The Tucson Citizen

March 19, 1902

The General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11, Sons of Veterans, held a meeting last night in the A. O. U. W. hall. This was only the second meeting of the camp, which was recently organized, and four new members were mustered in by General Minty. Those who joined the order were: George P. Scholefield [Schofield?], L. B. Hayes, J. A. Marrin and F. W. Ganz. A committee was selected, consisting of General Minty, Captain Francis, George Scholefield, and John I. Reilly to arrange for another meeting to be held soon. As some sort of entertainment will be arranged for this meeting, the charter list will be closed and the organization of the camp completed.

The Tucson Citizen

April 2, 1902

THE SONS OF VETERANS COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

The newly organized camp of the Sons of Veterans held an enthusiastic meeting last night, when officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year and installed in their new positions. Eight new members signed the charter roll and were mustered in by General Minty, who was designated as the mustering officer. General Minty has been assisted at each muster by a committee of the G. A. R.

The complete list of the officers elected and appointed by the captain is as follows: W. E. Francis, captain; J. A. Martin first lieutenant; John I. Reilly, second lieutenant; Kirk Moore, first sergeant; L. S. Wilson, quartermaster sergeant; W. P. Doran, chaplain; Moses Kelly, sergeant of the guard; Harry Sayers, principal musician; John T. Hughes, corporal of the guard; F. W. Ganz, camp guard; L. H. Dunn picket guard; L. B. Hayes, J. I. Reilly and Samuel Bauman, camp council; color sergeant to be appointed. The following eight members were mustered in at the meeting last night: W. A. Zabriskie, W. P. Doran, Brevort J. Zabriskie, L. H. Dawley, James W. Scanlon, Samuel Baumann, Frank Doran and W. T. Zabriskie.

After the initiation, election and installation, the members adjourned from the A. O. U. W. hall to the banquet room where coffee, cake and sandwiches were served. General Minty introduced Hon Henry Castle, sixth auditor of the treasury, who made a few eloquent and interesting remarks touching the Grand Army and the

Sons of Veterans. Mr. Castle is a Grand Army man. Others who spoke were General Minty, L. C. Hughes and George Angus.

The meeting was attended by a large number of Grand Army men and was the most enthusiastic gathering yet held by the new organization. The initiation and installation lasted until 1 o'clock and the speech making was not concluded until about 2 o'clock. The charter roll of the camp was closed at the meeting last night. Hereafter meetings will probably be held the first and third Tuesday of each month, although this has not been definitely arranged. The camp is starting out under excellent auspices. The organization is now complete and everything points to a successful camp.

The Tucson Citizen

May 8, 1902

The Sons of Veterans held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday evening. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Memorial Day services. All of the local lodges will be invited to take part in the exercises

The Tucson Citizen

May 30, 1902

VETERAN'S DAY

The Memory of the Nation's Honored Dead Duly Observed

Graves of Heroes Decorated With Flowers by Former Comrades

Befitting exercise marked the observance of Memorial Day in Tucson. A parade started from the A. O. U. W. hall early this morning. It proceeded down Congress street to Main, and thence to the cemetery. The procession was headed by Mariner's band. Captain J. W. Ross led the G. A. R. veterans. A company of University cadets, under command of Captain Safford, added much to the exercises.

The Son of Veterans and the Red Men turned out in a body.

The exercises at the cemetery were as usual, very touching. The ritual of the G. A. R. was read by General Minty. Chaplain J. A. Zabriskie then offered prayer for the dead. A quartet composed of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, T. F. Ryan, L. H. Hofmeister and Jessie Hughes sang a most beautiful selection. It was a sacred song and added to the solemnity of the exercises. That masterpiece of eloquence, Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, was next read by Captain J. W. Ross.

Then followed the oration of the day. Judge Thomas Mitchell delivered a brief but impressive eulogy on the nation's dead. He called attention to the great work of the G. A. R., and urged that organization to continue along the same lines.

The cadets formed in squads and fired the military salute over the dead. The three volleys recalled to the veterans the scenes of the great struggle in which they and their comrades in the grave took so prominent a part.

The cemetery was turned into a veritable garden in full bloom. The Women's [sic] Relief Corps brought flowers of every description, arranged in wreaths and other designs, and decorated the graves most beautifully. The resting place of no hero was overlooked, and the nation's dead were honored in a spirit of brotherly love.

The day was duly observed about the city. Flags were floating at half mast wherever they were in evidence. Many of the large stores had patriotic displays in their windows. Business was suspended to a great extent at noon.

The Tucson Citizen

June 20, 1902

The G. A. R. Encampment Wound up Last Night

The department encampment came to a close last evening. The banquet was certainly the feature of the veterans' assembly in this city. The Sons of Veterans turned out in full force and did much to make the affair a success. The speakers of the evening were highly entertaining, and their remarks brought forth much good natured applause. The sumptuous repast was served by Alex Rossi.

Colonel J. A. Zabriskie acted as toastmaster and acquitted himself in fine style. The following toasts were given:

"Our Guests," by General R. H. G. Minty.

"The Star Spangled Banner," by Captain P. P. Parker.

"The Army," by Captain J. W. Ross.

"The Navy," by Comrade G. C. Wilson.

"Our American Universities and Colleges," Professor H. J. Hall.

"Our Country," by ex-Governor L. C. Hughes.

"American Volunteers," by Comrade George Angus.

"Grand Army," by Dr. Belden.

"Confederate Veterans," by J. Stewart.

"Sons of Veterans," by John T. Hughes.

The speeches were of a high order, and the Sons of Veterans were proud of the toast given by their representative.

The delegates to the department encampment will leave for their homes this evening. All expressed themselves as being highly pleased with their reception by Negley Post. Many of the veterans had been in the old pueblo years ago and were surprised at the great progress the city has made.

The next encampment will be held in Phoenix the third Wednesday in April, 1903.

The Tucson Citizen

August 19 1902

The funeral of Mrs. J. W. Ross took place from the cathedral this morning at 11 o'clock. The local members of the G. A. R. and many of the Sons of Veterans were in attendance. Being the wife of a retired army officer, the remains were interred in the G. A. R. cemetery. The sympathy of the community is extended to Captain Ross.

NEW MEXICO

Sierra County Advocate (Kingston, NM)

August 26, 1887

A camp of Sons of Veterans was organized last Monday night with twelve members on the muster roll. It will be known as the "Garfield Camp No.—S of V." [Only a dash and no number was contained in the newspaper article] Officers were elected and business was done as far as possible until the camp supplies come. Meetings will be held on the nights of the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Lincoln County Leader (White Oaks, NM)

January 28, 1888

G. A. R. Meeting Monday Night January 30th

[I]nstallation officers G. A. R. by Department Commander Hewitt . . .

The G. A. R. Veterans and the Ladies of W. R. C. extend a cordial invitation to all young men eligible to membership in a Camp of the Sons of Veterans and will assist them in organizing a camp after the installation ceremonies.

No further information was contained in any issues of these or other New Mexico newspapers regarding the Garfield Camp or a camp in White Oaks, NM.

Santa Fe

The Daily New Mexican

January 15, 1892

A preliminary meeting was held last night at the office of Judge Downs with a view to organizing a camp of Sons of Veterans in Santa Fe. Seventeen were secured and the boys adjourned to meet Friday night next at the same place when it is expected that a camp of at least thirty members will be formed.

The Daily New Mexican

March 14, 1892

Sons of Soldiers Attention!

All men and youths whose fathers served in the Union army during the war of the rebellion and who are over 18 years of age are requested to meet to-morrow evening at 7:30 at the office of Judge Downs for the purpose of organizing a camp of sons of veterans. Capt. Jack Crawford is a member of sons of veterans and will be on hand to address the boys.

The Daily New Mexican

March 16, 1892

Sons of Veterans

At a meeting of the Sons of Veterans, last evening at the office of Judge Downs, the following temporary officers were elected after the meeting was duly opened, Capt. Jack Crawford presiding: Camp commander, Lewis G. Andrews; senior vice commander, Charles C. Du Chemin; junior vice commander; William W. Pettigrew; chaplain, Era Lamberson; first sergeant, Charles C. Hill; quartermaster sergeant, Charles A. Meloin; sergeant of the guard, Charles Morse; color sergeant, John Marr; corporal of the guard, John Ahre; camp guard, Frank Hudson; picket guard, Harry Davis.

After due consideration the camp was named Wynkoop Camp, in honor of Col. Ned Wynkoop, a worthy townsman of Santa Fe now deceased. The new camp starts with sixteen charter members. Too much can not be said in behalf of Capt. Jack for his aid and encouragement.

Notices will appear from time to time in the New Mexican as to when and where the meetings will be held. All sons of veterans are invited to join the camp.

Note: Both Captain Jack Crawford and Col. Edward (Ned) Wynkoop were members of the Carlton G. A. R. Post in Santa Fe. Wynkoop (familarly called Ned) died on September 11, 1891.

The Daily New Mexican

March 29, 1892

Meeting of Sons of Veterans to-night at G. A. R. hall at 7:30 for organization.

The Daily New Mexican

March 30, 1892

Sons of Veterans

Wynkoop camp, No. 3, is the name of the new camp of sons of veterans just organized in Santa Fe. At the meeting held last night, Lewis G. Andrews presented his credentials as assistant division mustering officer, with authority to muster Wynkoop camp, which duty will be attended to next Tuesday night, April 5, at Grand Army hall. This camp starts off under very good auspices, with eighteen charter members. At present it will be attached to the department [Division] of Colorado, and will number forty members in a few weeks.

The Daily New Mexican

May 20, 1892

Attention Sons of Veterans

All Sons of Veterans of Santa Fe are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall to-night, at 8 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of completing the organization; there has been too much delay already, and unless something definite is done tonight, the mustering officer will be compelled to return the application for a camp charter to division headquarters, with the report that there is not enough patriotism among the young men of Santa to warrant the organizing of a camp in this city. Albuquerque can boast of a camp of Sons of Veterans of thirty five members, shall Santa Fe be behind in this respect? Let the young men act on the matter at once. All members of the G. A. R. are requested to be present.

Note: There is absolutely no mention of the Wynkoop Camp in Santa Fe in any New Mexico newspapers from this point forward. Albuquerque, as far as news accounts go, did not have a Camp until 1909.

The San Juan County Index (Aztec, NM)

August 3, 1900

A meeting will be held at Aztec Saturday afternoon, August 11, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Women's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and also to consider plans for the camp of Sons of Veterans.

Albuquerque*Albuquerque Citizen*

May 22, 1909

Sons of Veterans Form Camp Here

Many are Eligible to Join and the Roster Will Be Well Filled by Next Week

A preliminary meeting of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, was held in the office of Attorney F. W. Moore last evening, and H. D. Schuyler, formerly of Albany, N.Y., special aide to the commander-in-chief, who has the organization of this division in hand, hopes to have a membership of over one hundred before the next meeting, sometime next week. Already twenty-seven names have been registered on the charter list and many more are being added today. The list includes some of the most representative businessmen of the city and the new organization promises to become one of the leading orders of the city. There are nearly two hundred citizens of Albuquerque eligible for membership in the Sons of Veterans and most of them have signified their willingness to join.

The object of the organization is to help the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors and marines; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans and to honor the memories of their historic death through historical exercise and to aid in the proper observance of memorial and Union Defenders' days. It is also the aim of the Sons of Veterans to perpetuate the sacrifices of their fathers and their services for the maintenance of the union.

Albuquerque Citizen

May 26, 1909

SONS OF VETERANS ORGANIZE TOMORROW

Meeting will be held at Elks' Lodge

Rooms and Officers Selected

An organization meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held at the Elks' lodge rooms tomorrow night. Fifty applications for membership are in the hands of H. D. Schuyler, of this city, Deputy Aide to the commander in chief of the order.

The Grand Army membership has been invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. After the general business of organization, the following officers will be elected by the charter members: commander, senior and junior vice commander, chaplain, secretary and treasurer, sergeant and inside and outside guards, chief musician and color bearer. A reserve drilling corps may afterwards be organized. The drilling corps will be similar in organization to the national guard. Speeches by members of the Grand Army are planned as part of the evening's program.

Albuquerque Citizen

May 27, 1909

SONS OF VETERANS ORGANIZE TONIGHT

Fifty Members Have Signed the Roll and Membership Will be Increased Rapidly

A large attendance is promised for a meeting tonight in the Elks' lodge rooms for the purpose of organizing a local camp of the patriotic lodge, the Sons of Veterans. While membership in the order is limited to men who are the sons of soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union army or navy of the Civil war, the public generally is invited to the meeting. A special invitation is extended to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred organizations.

The meeting will be presided over by H. D. Schuyler, who with Harry Lee, C. O. Cushman, George S. Klock, and other prominent men of the city, have been busy for several weeks boosting for the formation of this society. Members of the Grand Army will be invited to address the meeting. More than fifty applications are in the hands of the committee, and are being investigated now. Many men in the city who are eligible to membership will be included on the charter role, [sic] and others will follow.

The application blank for membership bears the following words: "To the Sons of Union Soldiers—The same blood that coursed through the veins of the boys of '61 to '65 and prompted them to the support of the cause that meant the preservation of the union, flows through the veins of their sons, who are organized that those deeds of valor and patriotism shall not be forgotten; that the priceless lives, the empty sleeves and the precious blood with which treason was suppressed, shall stand as a constant reminder of the perpetuity of the country's institutions as founded by Washington and so firmly reestablished by the martyred Lincoln.

Help us to build up a society that teaches its members to "Hunt the flag and stay with it, Hunt the flag and keep it flying"—a society that teaches that no higher tribute can be paid to anyone than that he loved and served his country and his God.

The principles of the order are "A firm belief and trust in Almighty God," and a realization that under His beneficent guidance the integrity and life of the nation have been preserved. Allegiance to the government and to the order are required.

The objects of the Sons of Veterans are expressed in the words "To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the union and to inculcate patriotism."

Officers for the first fiscal year will be elected at tonight's meeting and the place of meeting, etc., will be arranged for.

Albuquerque Citizen

May 28, 1909

SONS OF VETERANS ORGANIZE WITH 36 SIX MEMBERS

KIT CARSON CAMP NO. 1, BRANCH OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC SOCIETY LAUNCHED WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES LAST NIGHT

Kit Carson Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, was organized with thirty-six charter members at an enthusiastic meeting of patriotic people, held in Elks' lodge room last night. The camp is the first branch of the society to be installed in New Mexico but the work of forming camps throughout the territory will be begun as soon as the preliminary organization of the local camp has been completed.

Last night's meeting was attended by over 150 people, prominent among those present being a number of Grand Army veterans, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps. The presence of the members of these various patriotic societies gave a very patriotic sentiment to the installation of the camp. The camp was installed by H. D. Schuyler, special aide to Commander-in-Chief Edgar Allen, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Schuyler, assisted by Col. Edward Johnson, past commander of the G. A. R., and patriotic instructor for New Mexico, were the moving spirits in the establishment of the camp and that they were successful in their efforts was indicated by the large number of charter members admitted last night.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, the following officers were elected and installed, to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander, Pitt Ross

Senior vice commander, John W. Wilson

Junior vice commander, F. G. Pratt

Camp council, C. O. Cushman, H. S. Lithgow and Dr. Robert Smart

Secretary, E. L. Grosse

Treasurer, Roy McDonald

Patriotic instructor and chaplain, W. D. Sterling

Guide, J. M. Sylvester

Inside guard, R. S. Elwood

Camp color guard, Frank Kirster

Color bearer, Joseph Philips

A delightful lunch, served by the Ladies of the G. A. R. in the Elk's banquet hall, was one of the most pleasant features of the evening. During the banquet a number of speakers made short addresses on patriotic subjects, among them being Past Post Commander W. W. McDonald and Patriotic Instructor Col. Edward Johnson, both members of the G. A. R.

The new camp will attend divine services in a body at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, and in the evening at the Methodist church. Monday morning the camp will meet at the Central school building and accompany the G. A. R. to the cemeteries, where services will be held over the graves of the old soldiers who have answered the last roll call. In the afternoon the Woman's Relief Corps will serve a banquet in Red Men's hall, to which the Sons of Veterans and the G. A. R. have been invited.

Albuquerque Citizen

May 29, 1909

SONS OF VETERANS ORGANIZE LARGE CAMP

Thirty-Six Members Joined First New Mexico Camp at Meeting Last Night

In the presence of members of the G. A. R. and auxiliaries, the first camp of the Sons of Veterans in New Mexico was formed last night in the Elks' lodge rooms. The camp bears the name Kit Carson Camp No 1 and has 16 charter members, while a number of others have signified their intention of joining. The organization of the camp was under the direction of H. D. Schuyler, special aide to Commander Allen of Richmond, Va., and he was assisted by Colonel Edward Johnson, past commander of the G. A. R. and the patriotic instructor of New Mexico, and by Leveritt Clark, past commander of the G. A. R. The following officers were elected and then installed:

Pitt Ross, commander; John W. Wilson, senior vice commander; F. G. Pratt junior vice commander; C. O. Cushman, H. S. Lithgow, and Dr. R. L. Smart, camp council; E. L. Grosse, secretary; Roy McDonald, treasurer; W. D. Sterling, patriotic instructor; J. M. Sylvester, guide; R. S. Elwood, guide; Frank Kirster, camp color guard; Joseph Phillips, color bearer.

At the conclusion of the installation, the ladies of the G. A. R. served luncheon in the banquet hall of the building and this was one of the best features of the evening. During the banquet speeches were made W. W. McDonald, post commander and Col. Edward Johnson, patriotic instructor.

The new camp will attend memorial services with the G. A. R. on Sunday morning and will assist in the decoration of graves Monday. The members have been invited to attend the banquet Monday afternoon to be given in Redman's hall by the W. R. C. for the G. A. R.

At the First Methodist Sunday evening there will be special patriotic services in honor of Memorial Day. There will be special music and the Hon. Geo. S. Klock will deliver the address. The Sons of Veterans and the G. A. R. and kindred organizations will attend in a body. The public is cordially invited.

Albuquerque Citizen

May 31, 1909

VETERANS' AND FRIENDS HONORED MEMORY OF THE DEAD

Memorial Day Was Observed In Fitting Fashion Yesterday and Today.

Pursuant to custom, Memorial Day was appropriately celebrated in Albuquerque yesterday and today by the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Veterans of the Spanish war, Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps and patriotic citizens. Merchants generally closed their stores and today was observed throughout the city as a holiday.

Special services were conducted by Post Chaplain Thomas Harwood at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and were largely attended by members of the patriotic organization and others. "We Have Fought a Good Fight" was the text of the sermon preached by Rev. Harwood. He reviewed incidents of the war and the progress of the nation after it and his address was highly interesting. It was interspersed with anecdotes.

Forest S. Cartwright sang a solo and the Presbyterian choir sang a number of patriotic songs. The church was decorated in the national colors and flowers.

Special services for the Sons of Veterans were held at the Methodist church last evening and members of the society attended.

The services today were impressive and many visited the cemeteries to assist in decorating the graves of soldiers. The patriotic societies assembled at Red Men's hall and were conveyed to Fairview cemetery. A committee visited Santa Barbara cemetery. Commander Stewart conducted services for the G. A. R. and Ross Pitt for the Sons of Veterans. From the cemetery the procession went to the Barelás bridge, where a boat, laden with flowers was set adrift and flowers were scattered on the water in memory of sailors.

From the bridge, the organizations returned to Red Men's hall, where a lunch was served by the Relief Corps. The hall was decorated in the national colors and two long tables in the center of the room were filled with many good things to eat. The menu included cold roast pork, beef and ham, boiled tongue, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, olives, piccalilli, brown and white bread, pies, doughnuts, coffee, cheese.

After the luncheon, the veterans held an "experience" meeting, speeches were made by many and war time anecdotes kept the audience interested.

Albuquerque Citizen

June 2, 1909

The organization of Kit Carson camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, will be completed at a meeting which has been called for at 8 o'clock tomorrow, in the Elks lodge room. All Sons of Veterans are urged to be present as well as those desiring to enter their names on the list. At this meeting the ritualistic service will be held.

Albuquerque Citizen

July 1, 1909

John A. Logan Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R. have planned a Fourth of July celebration to be given in Odd Fellows' hall Saturday evening. A fine patriotic program will be given and refreshments will be served. The Grand Army, the Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Albuquerque Citizen

July 5, 1909

Flag Presentation Tonight at Park

The presentation of a flag by Judge Ira A. Abbott to the city will be the occasion for a large assembly of the various organizations of the city at Robinson park tonight . . .

Comrade Edward Johnson, G. K. Warren Post G. A. R. presiding.

Committee will decorate the park this afternoon. At 7:30 organizations will assemble at the corner of Second and Central and headed by the Duke City band will march to the park. Following is the order of procession:

G. K. Warren Post, Grand Army of the Republic

Woman's Relief Corps

John A. Logan Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Sons of Veterans . . .

Albuquerque Morning Journal

December 8, 1909

SONS OF VETERANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Kit Carson Camp, Sons of Veterans, at a meeting held last night, elected new officers to serve during the year as follows:

Commander, John W. Wilson; senior vice commander, F. G. Pratt; junior vice commander, Dr. Robert Smart; Council, C. O. Cushman, H. S. Lithgow and Pitt Ross, the latter being the retiring commander. E. L. Grose is secretary and treasurer.

Kit Carson Camp, Sons of Veterans, was organized last May in this city and now numbers nearly fifty members. The presentation last night provides the camp with one of the finest flags ever seen in this city, of exquisite fabric and workmanship.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

January 2, 1910

Patriotic Societies Install Officers for the New Year

G. K. Warren Post, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps Join Together in Interesting Meeting

A patriotic demonstration which was indeed notable in many ways was held at the Odd Fellows' hall last evening, the occasion being the installation of officers to serve during the year 1910 by the four patriotic societies of the city.

The hall was crowded to the doors with grizzled white haired veterans of the Civil war, their wives, sons and daughters, all of whom belonged to one of the four organizations. The group of Grand Army men, the boys of '61 who served under Grant and Sherman and Sheridan were the most noticeable figures in the gathering.

By right of prestige and seniority the Grand Army of the Republic took the initiative in the ceremonies of the evening and the officers of their organization were mustered in first.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic the wives, widows and children of Civil War heroes, were next installed, after which the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans held their installations.

The exercises began at 7 o'clock and it was well after 10 when the gathering adjourned, after spending a very enjoyable evening. An impromptu program of patriotic music was one of the features of the entertainment, numerous national airs and inspiring patriotic selections being rendered by the talented musicians of the various organizations.

The following officers of the various organizations were installed:

G. K. Warren Post No.5, G. A. R., H. W. Turner, post commander; O. S. Pillsbury senior vice post commander; J. C. Murphy, junior vice post commander; Rev. Thomas Harwood, chaplain; William McGuiness, officer of the day; Leverett Clark, quartermaster; A. J. Armstrong, surgeon; Joseph Boylan, officer of the guard; J. G. Caldwell, adjutant. Delegate to department encampment, J. C. Murphy; alternate Charles F. Shelton.

The Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Lucinda Steward, president; Mrs. Lucy Reed, senior vice president; Mrs. Rachael Johnson, junior vice president; Mrs. Martha Mulligan, chaplain; Mrs. Cora Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Burnett, conductor; Mrs. De Long, guard; Mrs. J. G. Caldwell, assistant guard.

G. K. Warren, W. R. C. No. 1, Emma C. Whitson, president; Eva Hyre, senior vice president; Martha Mulligan, junior vice president; Temperance Whitcomb, treasurer; Anna J. Brought, chaplain; Carrie Davidson, guard; Joseph [sic] Strain, conductor; Sadie Bowdich, secretary; Martha Butler, patriotic instructor; Lydia Brack, press correspondent; Alice Shoemaker, musician; Erma C. Birtman, assistant guard; Elizabeth Grubb, assistant conductor; Jennie Mulligan, color bearer No. 1; Anna Bush, color bearer No. 2; Marian Hall, color bearer No. 3; Ella Graham, color bearer No. 4.

Kit Carson Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, John W. Wilson, commander; F. G. Pratt, senior vice commander; Dr. Robert Smart, junior vice commander; E. L. Grose, secretary and treasurer; W. D. Sterling, chaplain and patriotic instructor; Joseph Phillips, color bearer; H. D. Schuyler, guide; Jay A. Hubbs, guard; H. S. Lithgow, musician; council, C.O. Cushman, H. S. Lithgow, Pitt Ross.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

February 17, 1910

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY THE GRAND ARMY LADIES

The members of the John A. Logan Circle Ladies of the G.A.R. will serve lunch and render an interesting patriotic program tonight at Odd Fellows' hall at 8 o'clock. The general public is invited. The patriotic instructors of the three orders will be present to represent respectively the G. K. Warren Post, G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans.

The following is the program:

Solo—J. G. Gould
 Reading...the Flag—Mrs. Spaulding
 Duet—Miss Lola Neher and Miss Viola Blueher
 Address—Abraham Lincoln—Judge E. A. Mann
 Piano solo—Miss Lilly Shrader
 Selection—Col. Farley
 “The Sword of Bunker Hill”—Miss Viola Blueher
 Music—Selected—The Ladies String Quartet
 Solo—Miss Reynolds
 Recitation—Mrs. Edgar Ross
 “Tenting on the Old Camp Ground”—Company G. Quartet

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 27, 1910

ATTENTION COMRADES

All members of the Sons of Veterans are requested to be at A. O. U. W. hall, South Second street, Monday, May 30, at 8 a.m. sharp to join the march through the city, as a part of the ceremonies of Memorial Day. You are also requested to meet at the “Armory” at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning, May 29th and with the G. A. R. and other patriotic orders, attend Memorial service at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock a.m.

E. L. Grace, Sec'y

John W. Wilson

Commander Kit Carson Camp No. 1

Santa Fe New Mexican

May 31, 1910

GOVERNOR MILLS PAYS GLOWING TRIBUTES TO BLUE AND GRAY

... The governor's address came as a fitting climax to a beautiful Memorial Day program, carried out before hundreds of people at the National cemetery ...

The Parade

The procession was a long and imposing one and Major Fred Muller as marshall rode at the head of it with Dr. J. A. Massie ... Then came the first infantry band, companied F and E of the national guard, members of the Carlton Post G. A. R., visiting comrades, Sons of Veterans, Confederates and many old soldiers. ...

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

January 9, 1911

INSTALLATION OF G. A. R. OFFICERS

G. K. WARREN POST JOINS WITH WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS IN INTERESTING CEREMONIES LAST NIGHT

Officers for the present year were installed at a joint installation held by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps in A. O. U. W. hall last night. The ceremonies were exceedingly interesting, and inspiring patriotic music rendered during the installation of the various officers proved an interesting feature.

One of the most noteworthy incidents in connection with the installation of the Grand Army chaplain, Rev. Mr. Harwood is national chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic and Warren post feels highly honored to have the national chaplain of the organization a chaplain of the local branch.

The G. A. R. officers installed last night are as follows: Post commander, Joseph Phillips; senior vice commander, J. E. Burnett; Junior vice commander, F. H. Wolking; chaplain, Rev. Thomas Harwood; quartermaster, W. W. McDonald; officer of the day, William McGuinness; officer of the guard, E. S. Stover; surgeon, C. L. Diehl; adjutant, J. G. Caldwell; patriotic instructor, Edward Johnson.

Warren post will be represented at the next department encampment by J. C. Murphy and James Boylan with F. H. Wolking and C. L. Diehl, as alternates.

The following officers were installed to serve the Women's [Woman's] Relief Corps during the year: President, Emma C. Whitson; senior vice president, Eva L. Hyre; Junior vice president, Mary Hall; treasurer, Temperance Whitcomb; secretary, J. Geraldine Mulligan; chaplain, Mattie J. Butler; conductor, Josephine Strain; assistant conductor, Amanda Cosgrove; guard, Mary Fournelle; assistant guard, Emma Burtram; patriotic instructor, Elizabeth Mahaffey; musician, Alice Shoemaker. Color bearers, No. 1, Almeda Haynes; No. 2, Anna Bush; No. 3, Ella Cooper; No. 4, Esther Smith.

The installation ceremonies were witnessed by a large number. The Grand Army, the Sons of Veterans, the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladles of the G. A. R. were present in a body.

A pleasant social time followed the installation and the men with the little bronze buttons, the grizzled campaigners of the days when war was all that Sherman claimed for it for, rehearsed numerous interesting reminiscences.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

February 13, 1911

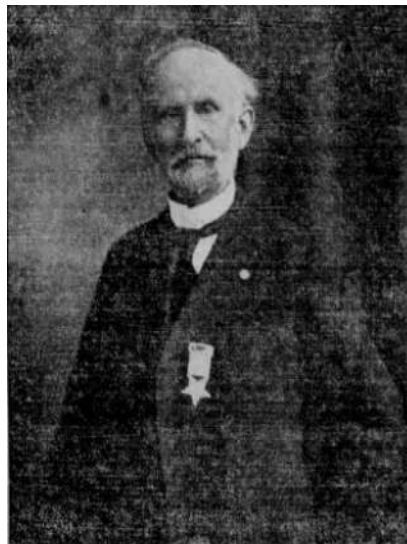
Splendid Address to Patriotic Societies

"Washington, Lincoln and McKinley" was the subject of a fine address delivered yesterday morning, Feb. 12, Lincoln day, to the patriotic societies of this city by the Rev. C. O. Beckman at the First Methodist Church. The church was filled to the doors, there being present in addition to the usual congregation and visitors, the members of the local Grand Army post, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Daughters and Sons of the Revolution, and the United Spanish War veterans. . .

Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 18, 1911

BATTLES OF THE REBELLION FOUGHT ONCE MORE AROUND CAMPFIRE BY VETERANS
Grim Tragedy and Lighter Side of Civil War Rehearsed by Grand Army Men in Annual Encampment;
Daguerreotype of Kit Carson Presented to Sons of Veterans; Officers to be Elected Today



Rev. Thomas Harwood

National Chaplain, G. A. R., for a quarter of a century, chaplain New Mexico department and prominent figure at annual encampment

With veterans of the civil war from all parts of the territory assembled in the national guard armory, headquarters for the twenty-eighth annual encampment of the New Mexico Department Grand Army of the Republic, the two day's session opened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with meeting of the council of administration.

This meeting of the comrades who one year older have added twelve month's more devotion to the flag which they fought to preserve, is marked by the significant absence of several who attended the annual encampment last year, but a goodly number are in attendance taking keen interest in the assembly and talking over old times with the comrades.

The morning was given over to welcoming the visiting delegates and routine work. Department Commander H. B. Steward called the meeting to order. A committee of the local relief corps were received at 11 o'clock and their invitation to dinner at noon in the Odd Fellows hall accepted. Incidentally and ultimately the dinner was a real treat of epicurean nicety and heartily enjoyed by the local and visiting comrades. A feature of the morning was a brief talk by Mrs. Frisbee of San Francisco, Cal., who, as national inspector for the Relief Corps, is here on a tour of inspection. She made a clear and concise report of the National Relief Corp's work.

At the afternoon session reports from the various officers were heard and approved. The camp fire last night, to which the public were bidden to attend, was a glorious finale to the first successful day of the encampment. The armory hall in its decking of the stars and stripes afforded a proper setting for the patriotic speeches and songs which mingled with toasts and wartime reminiscences affording thorough enjoyment to the big crowd intending.

John W. Wilson, commander of the Sons of Veterans, delivered the eloquent address of welcome. He said in part: [this was a very lengthy speech that is not included here.] The response was made by A. D. Higgins of Las Vegas, who made a splendid brief talk. An interesting incident was the presentation of an original daguerreotype of Kit Carson to Commander Wilson of the Kit Carson camp of the Sons of Veterans of this city. Smith Simpson of Taos, N. M., was a friend of Kit Carson, and this original picture is the only one in existence of the famous scout.

The Las Vegas Daily Optic

May 19, 1911

HIGGINS ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

LAS VEGAS G. A. R. VETERAN IS HONORED BY NEW MEXICO COMRADES AT REUNION

Albuquerque, N. M., May 19.—The annual encampment of the New Mexico division of the Grand Army of the Republic honored A. D. Higgins of East Las Vegas, by electing him department commander. . .

Especially inspiring was the scene at the campfire held at the Armory Wednesday night under the auspices of Kit Carson Camp, Sons of Veterans. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion with United States flags, and the addresses and songs, all of which struck the keynote of patriotism undefiled, left a deep impression on the minds of all present.

The address of welcome was made by John W. Wilson, commander of Kit Carson camp. . . .

The Santa Fe New Mexican

May 23, 1911

Company I Mustered Out of Service

General Order No. 9

Office of the Adjutant General

Santa Fe, New Mexico

May 18, 1911

1. No members of Company "I" 1st Infantry located at Alamogordo, New Mexico, having reported to the armory for annual inspection by an officer of the U.S. Army, on April 15th last, said company is hereby mustered out of the service. All company property will be shipped to the Adjutant General at Santa Fe. . . .

In all cases where enlisted men fail to account for property issued to them, honorable discharges will be withheld, and proceeding will be instituted against such delinquents under the provision of Section 8, Chapter 101, Laws of New Mexico, 1905, which provides as follows:

"Sec. 80—Unlawful Conversion of Military Property—Unlawful Wearing of Uniforms and Devices Indicating Rank.

“Any person who shall secrete, sell, dispose of, offer for sale, purchase, retain after demand made by a commissioned officer of the national guard . . . any person who shall wear any uniform . . . except members of the army and navy of the United States, and the national guard of this or any other territory, officers of the independent military organizations so designated in section 82 of this chapter, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States and *members of the order sons of veterans*, [emphasis added] shall be guilty of a misdemeanor . . .”

By command of the Governor:

A. S. Brookes, Adjutant General

The Spanish American

May 27, 1911

Presents Kit Carson picture

Albuquerque—One of the interesting features of the annual encampment of the department of New Mexico, G. A. R., which convened here was the presentation by Capt. Smith Simpson of Taos, to Kit Carson camp, Sons of Veterans, of this city, of an enlargement of the only picture of Kit Carson ever taken.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

June 14, 1911

FLAG DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN CITY TONIGHT

Flag day will be celebrated with due patriotism tonight, the Grand Army veterans and allied orders at the Central school assembly room and by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution at the Woman’s club. The committee of the G. A. R. post has issued the following announcement and invitation:

Flag day program, by the Grand Army of the Republic, Women’s Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans . . .

Program

Call to Order, by Post Commander James Phillips

Song, “Star Spangled Banner”

Prayer by Chaplain Harwood

Tribute to flag, by H. B. Steward

Song

Address on flag by J. J. Cole

Birthday of old glory by Comrade Ed Johnson

Song

Address by Chaplain Harwood . . .

By order of committee, W. W. McDonald, Edward Johnson and John F. Walking.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

January 6, 1912

There will be a regular meeting of the G. K. Warren Post No. 5, G. A. R., at A. O. U. W. hall this evening at 7 o’clock sharp. Installation of officers of the post, The G. K. Warren Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans. M. Custers, P. C.; J. G. Caldwell, adjutant.

Albuquerque Evening Herald

February 17, 1912

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the joint Washington and Lincoln celebration to be held in the Central school assembly hall next Monday evening, today announced the program for the occasion. The affair will be under the auspices of G. K. Warren Post No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic. Allied patriotic societies, including the Ladies of the G. A. R., Woman’s Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of the American Revolution, will attend in a body and actively participate in the program . . .

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 25, 1912

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GRAND ARMY TOMORROW

Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. to Attend Immaculate Conception Church

The Grand Army of the Republic, as represented by G. K. Warren Post No. 5, the Women's Relief Corps of that post; John A. Logan Circle, of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Kit Carson camp, of Sons of Veterans, will attend divine services at the Immaculate Conception church tomorrow in a body. All soldiers and sailors, as well as Confederate veterans, are invited to attend.

The services will be very elaborate, with special music and special program, and will be devoted to the celebration of Memorial day. It is the first time they have ever been held in a Catholic church. . . .

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 26, 1912

G. K. Warren, Post No. 5, G. A. R., G. K. Warren Woman's Relief Corps No. 1, John A. Logan Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Kit Carson Camp Sons of Veterans, will meet at the Armory building on West Silver avenue at 9:30 o'clock, this morning and proceed in a body to Immaculate Conception church on North Sixth Street to attend divine services at 10 o'clock. . . .

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 30, 1912

The Woman's Relief Corps will serve luncheon today at noon in Odd Fellows hall for their husbands; John A. Logan, Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R. and their husbands; G. K. Warren Post No. 5 and their wives, Sons of Veterans and their wives, and soldiers not identified with any of the above orders and their wives.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

June 12, 1912

NO COUPONS NEEDED TO SECURE FLAG FOR FLAG DAY

The Morning Journal Will Furnish Flags to All, at 73 Cents Without Coupons, Until Flag Day

Plans are being perfected for an elaborate celebration of Flag day on Friday, June 14th. It is planned to have a big mass meeting at Robinson park, presided over by Mayor Sellers. There will be speeches by Colonel Edward Johnson and Attorney George Klock. There will be music by bands and a grand and patriotic celebration is anticipated.

A new feature in the celebration will be the attendance of all patriotic societies, including the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Daughter of the American Revolution, the Spanish-American societies of Albuquerque and Old Albuquerque and the Boy Scouts. . . .

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

February 23, 1913

John A. Logan, Circle No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R., gave a banquet Friday in celebration of Washington's birthday. The members of the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans were the guests and the affair was enjoyable in every particular. Ex-Governor Stover gave a talk on the lives of Washington and Lincoln and W. W. McDonald spoke on personal remembrances of General Grant.

The Evening Herald (Albuquerque)

December 24, 1913

SONS OF VETERANS START CAMPAIGN FOR MORE MEMBERS

The Sons of Veterans, at a meeting Monday night decided to start an active campaign to increase membership to include every patriotic citizen of the country [sic] who is eligible. The committee appointed consists of Roy McDonald, J. D. Eakln and E. L. Grose. A committee was also appointed to arrange for a

banquet to be held within the next two weeks at which time the officers for the following year will be elected and installed. Comrades of the G. K. Warren post. No 5, G. A. R. have been invited to attend and the officers will be installed by Governor E. S. Stover. It is earnestly desired by the committee appointed to secure new members, that every citizen of the county is eligible for membership will send his name and address to one of the committee above named. All that is necessary for membership is his parent or grandparent shall have served in the federal army during the war of 1861-1865, and that he is a citizen of the United States of America.

The Evening Herald (Albuquerque)

March 13, 1916

LARGE CLASS OF SONS OF VETERANS INITIATED

Abraham Lincoln, Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R. held one of the most successful as well as largest meetings that has been held for some time Friday evening at A. O. U. W. hall. An extra large class of Sons of Veterans also grandsons were obligated into the order as honorary members.

After the services, a lunch was served to which the newly elected members speaking of the good works which the ladies are engaged.

Another large class is to be obligated in the near future.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 29, 1916

ALBUQUERQUE TO ASSUME LEAD IN GETTING RECRUITS

There will be a mass meeting of patriotic citizens of Albuquerque at Second street and Central avenue tomorrow night beginning at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the recruiting of men necessary to bring the New Mexico companies now on the border near Columbus up to required war strength. Three hundred additional soldiers are needed and needed immediately. H. O. Bursum, now on the ground at Columbus, has telegraphed the details of the situation which confronts New Mexico. . . .

A number of speakers will address the people from the reviewing stand to be erected at Second and Central. . . . Others who have been invited to speak and who will undoubtedly accept include former governor E. S. Stover representing the Grand Army of the Republic; George S. Klock, representing the Sons of Veterans . . . [This may have been in regards to Poncho Villa's raid on Columbus from Mexico in March 1916 and after effects]

Albuquerque Morning Journal

March 28, 1917

NOTICE

All Sons of Veterans are requested to be at the depot Wednesday at 8.am. to welcome home the guardsmen.

John W. Wilson, Commander

E. L. Grose, Secretary

Albuquerque Morning Journal

April 7, 1917

The Sons of Veterans will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at John W. Wilson's office to make arrangements for participation in the patriotic celebration to be held Monday night. The order will take up other special business.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

April 8, 1917

The Sons of Veterans will meet at the office of Pitt Ross, 210 W. Gold avenue, Monday night. They will go from there to the Y. M. C. A. to march in the patriotic parade.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 26, 1917

All members of the G. K. Warren post No 5, G. A. R., G. K. Warren Relief Corps No. 1, Lincoln Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, soldiers, sailors, and former confederates are requested to meet at the high school at 10:30 o'clock Sunday, to attend the memorial services at the Broadway Christian church.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 28, 1917

Sons of Veterans of Albuquerque and Bernalillo county are requested to meet at 8 o'clock tonight at John W. Wilson's office in the Cromwell building, Second street and Gold avenue, to make arrangements for assisting veterans in preparation for the observance of Memorial day.

MANY PATRIOTIC ORDERS ATTEND G. A. R. SERVICES

The annual G. A. R. memorial services were held in the Broadway Christian church yesterday morning . . . Members of the G. K. Warren Post No. 5, Woman's Relief Corps No. 1, Lincoln Circle No. 3, Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, and others attended in a body. The largest number to gather in the church for years was present. . . .

Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 29, 1917

PLAN PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Grand Army of the Republic and Other Patriotic Societies Will Hold Services at Fairview Cemetery

G. K. Warren post of the Grand Army of the Republic last night planned the observance of Memorial day, which, because of the fact that the United States is again at war, probably will be identified by greater patriotic fervor than that which marked any previous celebration of recent years.

The post's program will follow closely the lines laid down for past observances of the day, with services at Fairview cemetery, the decoration of the graves of the soldier dead there, the decoration of graves of veterans at the Catholic cemeteries and the scattering of flowers on the Rio Grande as a special tribute to those who died at sea in the country's wars.

G. K. Warren post will hold the Grand Army of the Republic's ritualistic services at Fairview cemetery and Gen. John A. Logan's first Memorial day order, issued by him as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic May 5, 1868, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address will be read. The decoration of the graves will follow. A committee, made up of W. W. McDonald and John Seibert, will have charge of the decoration at the Catholic cemeteries.

Sons of Veterans Offer Aid

The Woman's Relief corps, Lincoln Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, and Sons of Veterans, will take part in the program planned by G. K. Warren post, in addition to the veterans of that post. The post desires all soldiers and sailors, including former Confederates, to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning with its members and other patriotic societies at the I. O. O. F. hall to take part.

The Sons of Veterans volunteered their services to G. K. Warren post to assist in the observance, following a meeting held last night in John W. Wilson's office. The Sons of Veterans will make arrangements for the conveyance of the veterans and other patriotic societies to Fairview cemetery and to the Barelás bridge in automobiles. The automobiles will be at the I. O. O. F. hall at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning the point at which members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others who will take an active part in the program will assemble.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

July 3, 1917

SONS OF VETERANS TO TAKE PART IN PARADE

The Sons of Veterans, their sons, and their sons' chums will march in the patriotic parade to be held on the Fourth of July, John W. Wilson, commander of the order, announced yesterday. Mr. Wilson issued a call to members, their sons and their sons' young friends to gather in front of the Y. M. C. A. building at 9 o'clock in the morning on the Fourth. They will march behind the order's banner.

Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 26, 1918

The G. K. Warren post G. A. R., all visiting comrades, Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the G. A. R., are requested to meet at 10:45 o'clock this morning at the home of comrade Johnson, 306 W. Silver avenue, to march in a body to attend Memorial services at St. John's church.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 21, 1919

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY ARE ANNOUNCED

Tentative plans for Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day have been announced by G. K. Warren post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Next Sunday will be memorial Sunday and it will be observed at the Lead Avenue Methodist church. Soldiers and sailors of all wars, sons of veterans, and the Woman's Relief Corps will meet at the Central school building at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and march to the church at 11 o'clock. The Rev. C. O. Beckman, the pastor, will deliver an appropriate sermon and there will be music in keeping with the spirit of the day.

On May 30, at 9 o'clock a. m. the G. A. R., W. R. C., Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and soldiers and sailors who participated in the European war will meet at the Central school and proceed to the cemeteries, where the graves of fallen heroes will be decorated with flowers. This ceremony will also include the decoration of the monument to the unknown dead. The party will then go to the Barelvas bridge, where flowers will be strewn upon the waters of the Rio Grande in memory of the dead sailors and marines.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 30, 1919

MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN DUKE CITY TODAY

Memorial day will be observed in Albuquerque today by the G. A. R., former confederates, sons of veterans, W. R. C. and soldiers and sailors who participated in war against Germany. . .

The Sons of Veterans will provide automobiles for all who desire to participate in the services. . .

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 30, 1920

WAR VETERANS TO DECORATE GRAVES OF FALLEN HEROES

Soldiers of all wars are invited to attend, also citizens, the memorial services that will be held Monday, May 31.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, G. K. Warren Women's Relief Corps and visiting comrades will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall to be ready to start at 9 o'clock in automobiles, which will be furnished by the sons of the veterans, to Santa Barbara cemetery, where graves will be decorated.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

November 17, 1920

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the members of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, and other friends for floral offerings and other kindnesses during the last illness and after the death of Abram B. Stanton.

A. Stanton, C. H. Stanton Hardy Stanton.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

May 29, 1921

LACK OF FLOWERS TO DECORATE GRAVES ON MEMORIAL DAY

Unless the people of Albuquerque decide that they will come forward with donation of flowers, there may not be a sufficient supply to decorate the graves of the soldier dead in the cemeteries, according to a statement by a G. A. R. member yesterday afternoon. All persons having flowers or anything suitable for decorating graves are asked to leave them in the dining room at the L. O. O. F. hall today at any time between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

As announced by John Borradaile, marshal of the day, the members of the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and all women's organizations are to meet at the Odd Fellows hall at 8:30 o'clock. All other organizations are to meet at the armory at the same hour.

The Sons of Veterans will have automobiles at the I. O. O. F. hall for the G. A. R., W. R. C. and all women's organizations.

The Albuquerque Morning Journal

October 19, 1921

ROOSEVELT DAY TO BE HONORED IN ALL SCHOOLS

At a meeting of the Roosevelt Memorial committee in the chamber of commerce last night, it was decided to hold exercises in the city and county schools on Roosevelt day, October 27. On the evening of that day, a mass meeting will held probably in the high school. A speaker will be brought here from out of town, and prominent citizens will speak. A special musical program is being arranged. George S. Klock presided at the meeting as chairman, and was unanimously appointed chairman ex-officio of all sub-committees.

During the course of the meeting, the following sub-committees were appointed . . . committee on Sons of Veterans: John W. Wilson, E. J. Gross . . .

There are no further references regarding the Sons of Veterans in the state newspapers from this point forward.

Conclusion

Hopefully, this gives at least some information about the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. and a glimpse into its activities in Arizona and New Mexico.

There are several Sons of Veterans Camps that were formed but there is not sufficient information at this point to list them as chartered Camps. Foremost in this category is the Wynkoop Camp No. 3, organized at Santa Fe in 1892. There was extensive coverage of its organization and it looked like a sure thing until the last article in the May 20, 1892, edition of *The Daily New Mexican*: "there has been too much delay already, and unless something definite is done to-night, the mustering officer will be compelled to return the application for a camp charter to division headquarters . . ." From that point forward there is no mention of this Camp in any of the state newspapers and further, the May 29, 1909, *Albuquerque Tribune* states that Kit Carson Camp No. 1 "is the first branch of the society to be installed in New Mexico."

Another like Camp was the 1887 organization of the Garfield Camp in Kingston, New Mexico. Officers were elected but not another word is heard about it.

Do the Camp numbers give a clue about camp organizations in the two states? That's a question not easily answered—at least at this point. Grant Camp No. 1, chartered in 1886, was assigned to the Division of Colorado as were the Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2, chartered in 1891 and the Shelton Sturgis Camp No. 1, chartered in 1893 (all in the territory of Arizona). It seems strange to have two Camps with the same number in the same territory and in the same Division. Then there is the R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11 in Tucson which was part of the Division of California (Camp records of the Arizona Historical Society at Tucson confirm this) and it seems to have retained its California Division number. Kit Carson Camp No.1, in Albuquerque, chartered in 1909, (although a specific Division is not mentioned, Colorado is a good probability) so far stands alone in that territory.

Incidentally, I queried information about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on and after 1925 (the name of Sons of Veterans changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) within the two states with no results. Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix) organized by Larry Fuller and chartered in 1996 is the first SUVCW Camp in Arizona and at this point New Mexico does not have one.

The picture of the Sons of Veterans coat of arms on the cover of this history was taken by Tim Ryan, PCC Davis * Camp, SUVCW, Pittsburgh, Pa. of an original Sons flag on display at the Soldiers and Sailors Hall in that city.

And the quest continues . . .

—David A. Swanson 2023



**SONS OF VETERANS,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COAT OF ARMS**



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF
THE CIVIL WAR
COAT OF ARMS**