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## ~ Department News ~



### Department of the Southwest Arizona & New Mexico



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Issues a special Invitation for attendance to  
its Tenth Annual Department Encampment  
to be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026,  
between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites  
5151 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85112  
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Dept Encampment Registration form can be found at the end of this  
newsletter, please send to ST Scott Martorano by March 1st, 2026

## Camp News



### Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November. Contact: **Commander Mike Booth** (515) 689-6546; ppc1.jvc@gmail.com; or **Secretary/Treasurer Scott Martorano** (616)250-670; scottmartorano@gmail.com

#### Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003  
 David A. Swanson 2003-2006  
 Robert Hannon 2006-2008  
 John R. Conrad 2008-2010  
 David A. Swanson 2010-2013  
 John R. Conrad 2013-2015  
 Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016  
 James M. Heller 2016-2018  
 Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020  
 Kenneth J. Hooker 2020-2022  
 Todd T. Hoffay 2022-2024



**November 15, 2025 Meeting:** Picacho Peak Camp 1 met at Scottsdale City Library—Mustang room 10101 No. 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona. 11:30-1:30

**Attendance:** Camp Officers and Brothers: Michael Booth- Commander, Todd Hoffay PCC- Senior Vice Commander (SVC), Commander DSW, Robert Cox Junior Vice Commander (JVC), DSW Council, Scott Martorano-PPC1 ST, DSW ST, DSW Historian, Dan Huskisson- ROTC/JROTC Coordinator, Richard Uplinger, Tristan Hoffay, David Kampf, James Heller-PDC, Chaplain, Chuck Stuller, David Swanson, PDC, PPC1 Historian, Wendell Mark Clark, PCC, DSW SVC, Kenneth Bus, Jeff Burgess, PCC, DSW Signals, PPC1 Council, John Conrad, PDC, Mark Stoler

**Guests:** Barbara Booth, Cathy Davidson, Stacey Parrish-Clark, Jim Payne- Civil War Round Table, Christine Booth

#### Opening:

Commander Booth opened the meeting of the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, SUVCW at 11:30am and Chaplain James Heller provided the Invocation followed by all reciting the American's Creed and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Booth declared the meeting officially open and welcomed all the members and guests.

#### Officer Reports:

##### Secretary / Treasurer Martorano (ST):

In accordance with Article 7 (VII), Section 3 of the Picacho Peak Camp bylaws, Six Brothers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at a regular or special meeting of this Camp. A total of 14 Brothers were present meeting the quorum requirement of 6. ST Martorano offered a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes from our August meeting as they have been published in the Dept Newsletter. Commander Booth asked for a second and the second was received. Placing the motion to the membership, the motion passed unanimously. **Membership:** Currently we have 58 members (55 Regular, 3 Associates) 7 of our members are Life Members. No new members this period. The Camp had one new supplemental ancestor approved this period, for Brother Kenneth P. Bus.

##### Treasurer's Report:

ST Martorano announced the current balance of our checking account and stated that the 2026 dues collection is in process with 64% of the Camp paid. **Honoring the Defender of the Union program-** status was given. The initial order for 70 markers was placed and received. Please consider giving a donation to this program, by contacting Brother Scott. All brothers who have not yet paid dues, please submit them ASAP, as 2026 is in full swing.

*Department Signals Officer:*

Brother Burgess informed the Camp that he had contacted the state library about archiving camp historical records. Brother Burgess reported that Tom Summer, Arizona State Archivist, would likely accept the documents but wants a description first. ST Martorano mentioned he has camp and department history records since their formation. The camp agreed this would be beneficial for long-term preservation of records. ST Martorano will compile a list of documents for the state archivist and begin the process. Brother Burgess discussed the need for additional help with the camp's online social media presence, mentioning that he's the only one managing the website and Facebook page and requested volunteers to help administer the Facebook page. He further explained that administrators would need their own Facebook accounts. Several members expressed interest in helping with social media

*Senior Vice Commander (SVC):*

Department of the Southwest Commander Todd T. Hoffay provided an update on the department encampment reported that planning has begun for the department encampment and that the event will be held the last Saturday in March in Tucson. The venue will be the Tucson Sheraton, and he is currently waiting for the Department Council's approval to finalize the arrangements.

*Guide / JROTC Coordinator:*

Brother Huskisson provided an update on the ROTC awards program reported that awards for 2026 are expected to be shipped in December and explained that Form 7s will be sent to schools with contact information. Brother Huskisson mentioned he has scheduled dates for 5 schools with more information to follow. Commander Booth offered to help with presentations in the East Valley. Overall, Brother Huskisson feels the ROTC program is proceeding with improved planning for the coming year and that additional volunteers may be needed to help with award presentations. All members are encouraged to assist with this program.

**PPCI Next Meeting**

Next meeting: February 21, 2026 at Papago Park Ramada #16. This will be a new way to meet, mingle and have fun and food with friends, family and our Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Donation and Parade Planning- ST Martorano introduced two motions related to the Camp's "Honoring the Defenders of the Union program". ST Martorano reported that approximately \$3,200 has been raised, with Gerald N. Bloom, PDC being the primary benefactor before his passing. The first motion was to rename the program the "Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union Program" which was unanimously accepted.

ST Martorano explained that 70 GAR markers have been purchased and that approximately \$1,900 dollars remains in the fund. ST Martorano moved to donate the remaining \$1,900 to make these funds available to the other two DSW Camps. The second motion was made to transfer the donations received to the Department of the Southwest contingent upon their acceptance at the Department Encampment in March of 2026. This motion was accepted unanimously. Bother Robert L. Cox volunteered to chair the organization of the Memorial Day placing of approximately 70 GAR markers at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in May of 2026.

ST Martorano further clarified the difference between the Memorial Fund and the Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union Program for the Camp. In summary: a general memorial fund is for headstone placement and associated activities, and the Gerald N. Bloom – Honoring the Defenders of the Union program for placement of GAR markers at gravesites.

ST Martorano reminded the membership that the Scottsdale Parada Del Sol parade was scheduled for January 31st, 2026. After discussion with membership a motion was made to expend 75.00 dollars and participate in the 2026 event. The motion passed unanimously.

SVC Hoffay reminded the membership that the annual "Massing of the Colors" ceremony was scheduled February 10th, 2026, in Sun City West and encouraged the memberships participation.

SVC further discussed the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) 250th celebration dinner scheduled for February 7th, 2026, in Scottsdale which is open for attendance of SUVCW members.

Brother Mark Stoler offered to share information about these events through their Civil War Roundtable newsletter which reaches 500 people.

Commander Booth discussed the handling of the donation of Civil War clothing and pictures from Brother Richard Uplinger, considering options to sell or auction the items to raise funds for the camp. Commander Booth explained that Richard donated Civil War clothing and pictures and showed a Civil War jacket and mentioned there are women's outfits and other items as well. SVC Hoffay suggested taking photos of items and sending them to camp members for bidding. Brother Swanson proposed researching values and offering items to all camps in the department. The membership agreed that Commander Booth will take photos of the items and research their values, the items will be offered to Picacho Peak Camp members first, then to other camps and that the proceeds will go to Picacho Peak Camp 1.

#### ***Awards & Certificates:***

Brother Kenneth P. Bus was presented with a Supplemental Ancestor certificate for his ancestor Johann Wilhelm Chelius, Cpl. 1st NY Cavalry, his first supplemental certificate.

Brother Richard M. Uplinger was presented with a Camp Certificate of Commendation for his very generous donation to PPC1 as detailed in PPC1 Order # 06 2024-2025 which reads as follows; "Earlier this year, Brother Richard M. Uplinger generously donated an extensive collection of Civil War prints and period clothing to the Camp. The mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who served the Union from 1861 to 1865. Brother Uplinger's contribution strengthens our ability to fulfill that mission. In fact, several of his donated prints have already been incorporated into presentations supporting our educational and commemorative work."

The Camp had the pleasure of welcoming new Associate member Mark Stoler. Brother Stoler was presented with the Associate member certificate and badge.

#### ***Election and Installation of 2022-2023 Camp Officers:***

The following officers were elected and installed for 2024-2025. The installing Officer was Department of the Southwest Commander Todd T. Hoffay, PCC.

Commander: Michael R. Booth  
Senior Vice Commander: Todd T. Hoffay  
Junior Vice Commander: Kenneth P. Bus  
Council Member: Jeffrey D. Burgess, David A Swanson, James M. Heller  
Secretary/ Treasurer: Scott T. Martorano

Chaplain: James M. Heller  
Guide & JROTC Coordinator: Dan Huskisson  
Historian: David A. Swanson  
The Camp further appointed Brothers Martorano, Bus and Booth to the Camp "Committee of Three" for the review and approval of new member applications.

#### ***Congratulations to the PPC1 2025-26 Camp Officers!***

#### ***Presentations:***

SUVCW Veterans Reserve Recruitment Overview was given by Brother Wendall Mark Clark, DSW SVC of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Veterans Reserve (SVR) and its recruitment efforts in the 6th Military District. He explained the SVR's historical significance, key dates, and ceremonial role within the SUVCW. Mark highlighted the opportunity for new members to join Company G of the First California Volunteers, emphasizing its potential to enhance recruiting efforts and support SUVCW's mission. He also discussed the logistics of forming the unit, including the need for applications to be endorsed by camp commanders and the financial support offered by the SVR leadership for new members. The conversation ended with a brief discussion on historical research resources and an invitation to a social gathering after the meeting.

#### ***Closing of the Camp Meeting:***

Commander Booth announced the closing of the meeting and Chaplain Heller provided the closing prayer.



## **General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)**

Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at- Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Golden Corral 4380 22nd Street Tucson AZ. Contact: **Commander Robert McCord** phone (520) 982-5057; email: [rdmccii@aol.com](mailto:rdmccii@aol.com) or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: [lyonsj5267@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonsj5267@yahoo.com)

#### ***Past Camp Commanders:***

Robert McCord 2015-2017  
Randy McNally 2017-2018  
Robert Haley 2018-2020  
Robert Irwin 2020-2022  
W. Mark Clark 2022-2023  
David M. Swanson 2023-2024



## January 10 2026, Camp Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Golden Corral Restaurant N Thornydale Rd Tucson AZ Time: 09:00-11:00

### **Attendance:**

Robert McCord PCC, PDC  
Scott Bouchard SVC CC  
Bill Sims JVC  
John Lyons S/T  
W. Mark Clark PCC, Chaplain  
William Blissett ROTC  
Dennis Harvey Member  
Marcus Wienand Member  
Denny Scanlan Member

### **Guests:**

Laura McCord  
Shaunna Bouchard  
Chantel Blissett  
Betty Sims  
Ann Huber Scanlan

### **Opening:**

(Chaplain's Blessing, American's Creed, Pledge of Allegiance)

### **Secretary/Treasurer:**

The Treasurer's report was emailed to all brothers on 9 January 2026. Motion to accept was made and seconded. Approval of the Minutes for 11 October 2025. The minutes were emailed to all Brothers on 9 January 2026. Motion to approve the minutes and seconded. A synopsis of the C in C General Orders was sent out on 9 January 2026. The treasurer's report was emailed to all Brothers on 10 Oct 2025. Motion to accept was made and seconded and passed / Synopsis of CinC orders was given.

### **New member:**

New Brother Marcus Wienand was welcomed into the Camp, Dr Robert McCord PDC, and Chaplain Clark conducted the ceremony. Welcome Brother Marcus!



## RHGM2 Next Meeting

April 11, 2026, 9:00am at Golden Corral on Thornydale RD, Marana.

### **2026-27 Officers installed:**

Installation of Camp Officers conducted by W. Mark Clark SVC Department of the Southwest. Scott Bouchard CC, William Sisco SVC, Bill Sims JVC, John Lyons S/T, Camp Council Robert McCord PCC, PDC, W. Mark Clark PCC, William Blissett.



### **Congratulations to the RHGM2 Officers!**

### **SVR Update:**

Brother Clark Talked about our new SVR Company. He is the First Sergeant with two Corporals. Co G 1st California Infantry. We have 13 Members in the SVR.

### **DSW Encampment:**

Upcoming Department Encampment will be held in Tucson on 28 March 2026. At Hotel Park Tucson on Grant Road. **Election of Delegates:** The camp needed three delegates. All members in good standing can be Alternate Delegates. John Lyons and Bill Blissett Volunteered.



*PCC McCord parting words.*

**Certificates:** Mark Clark and John Lyons received Certificates of Meritorious Service from Commander McCord.

## January 10, 2026 meeting minutes

### *Camp Commander Address:*

Commander Bouchard spoke after he was installed. Talked about how Memorial Day is one of our biggest events. He also spoke about Juneteenth holiday as something we should honor.

### *Presentation:*

Brother William Blissett gave a speech regarding the civil war. The Great Locomotive Chase. He spoke about his third-grade version of the Great Locomotive Chase. Which was interesting and enjoyable. Now for the real story. The union army ordered the spies and soldiers to hijack a train from Atlanta to Chattanooga. They were called the Andrews raiders. 21 men were assigned to this mission. He talked about how the raiders were destroying track and telegraph wire. The mission was thwarted by the Confederate forces and they were captured and sent to court marshal. 8 were hanged including Andrews. The 21 men received the medal of honor for their efforts. The presentation was excellent and enjoyed by all.

*Closing:* Chaplain's Benediction, Closing Charge adjournment were given. Next meeting April 11 2026



## General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 (Flagstaff)

Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at various northern Arizona locations. Contact **Commander Richard Stephens** (928) 772-1320; r@almsysinc.com or **Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale\_enlow@hotmail.com

### *Past Camp Commanders:*

David A. Swanson 2015-2017  
Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019  
Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021  
William C. Smith 2021-2022  
Timothy D. Prater 2022-2023



### *Opening:*

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Augie's Restaurant, Prescott, AZ. in person AND virtually via Zoom. The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Richard Stephens. Secretary / Treasurer / Historian, dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with ten Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Lee Smith, and Laura Stephens plus a new Brother Member attending for his induction/ initiation, Dennis Swaney. The Commander and Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain David McKee invoked the Devine Blessing. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of the Americans Creed.

### *Call to Order by Commander Richard Stephens:*

Thirteen (13) total Brothers (5 via Zoom) were present, fulfilling a quorum. *Brothers In attendance:* Department Senior Vice Commander Mark Clark (zoom), S/T & Historian dale enlow PCC, Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller PDC (Zoom), Council Member John Horton (zoom), Chaplain David McKee, Guard David Moore, Eagle Scout Coordinator Gregg Poehlmann, Past Department Commander Tim Prater, JVC Lynn Scott (zoom), Commander Richard Stephens, Past Camp Commander William Smith, new member Dennis Swaney, and Guide David Williamson (zoom).

Commander Stephens advised that on September 30, 2025, Brother of General U. S. Grant Camp, Dr. Paul Sangster passed away. He was a member of USG3 since 2019. A card of sympathy was sent to his family from the Camp. Rest in Peace, Brother. Chaplain McKee advised that he has created an opportunity for Brothers attending the meeting to submit prayer requests.



(L) October 5, 2019  
NBM Paul Sangster

*Birthdays:*

Chaplain McKeethen announced the birthdays (Jan-Feb-Mar) Steve Bigelow 1/1, David Moore 1/18, John Butcher Sr. 1/20, Peter Reniger 1/23, John Butcher Jr. 1/29, John Horton 2/13, Robert Cox 2/24 , Gregg Poehlmann 3/5, Dick Mellick 3/13, David McKee 3/24 **Happy Birthday, Brothers!**

Commander Stephens advised that the minutes of the October Camp meeting had been distributed to all Brothers and no additions or corrections had been received. A motion to approve as distributed was seconded and passed.

*Treasurer's Report:* the 2025 4th Quarter report and the 2025 Annual Report has been completed and approved by the Camp Council and Commander Stephens. Current checking account balance and the JROTC Scholarship / General Fund balance was given. Membership now stands at 43 total members / 39 Primary. As of 01/17/2026 35 members in good standing, awaiting renewals from 5 Brothers (4 indicated they would not renew)

*Reading and disposing of orders, communications:* S/T Enlow advised there were 3 National General Orders, 5 Special Messages, and 1 Department Order issued since our last meeting. All orders/ messages have been forwarded to the membership.

*New member:*

Commander: Commander Stephens and Chaplain McKee conducted the new member initiation for Brother Dennis Swaney. He was issued his member badge, rosette, membership card, member and ancestor certificates. His qualifying ancestor is Private William Shadrach Swaney, Co C, 110th PA Vol. Infantry. He suffered a shell wound in the left thigh at Spottsylvania Courthouse and the Wilderness. Also was shot "six other places in the body." Due to his wounds he was transferred to 14th Veterans Reserve Corp., Company B. Discharged 6/02/1865 by a surgeon's Certificate. He was a member of George Graham Post No. 92 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

**Welcome Brother Swaney!**

**USG3 Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on April 11, 2026 at Taverna Moderna, Flagstaff, AZ, 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. ZOOM will start at 11:45.



NMB Dennis Swaney, Welcome Brother!

*Officer Reports:* Eagle Scout Coordinator Poehlmann gave a report that he was pleased and grateful for the excellent support from Grant Camp to the Eagle Scout Council. He encouraged other Brothers to consider serving and assisting these young men and women. PDC Tim Prater reported that we are now working with 8 ROTC/JROTC units to issue medals and certificates at their award ceremonies and encouraging cadets to apply for our Marion Prater Memorial Scholarships.

*Old Business:*

-Last Union Veteran marker Mohave County, AZ has been installed on the headstone of Pvt. Henry Leffler, Co G, 12th WI Inf. We expect to schedule the ceremony in early May combined with a headstone dedication for Corp. Francis Farley, Co E, 19th IA Inf. Corp Farley was buried in an unmarked grave after his death in 1919 and we have obtained and installed a VA headstone. We are still working on the Last Union Soldier buried in Apache County.

-S/T, historian enlow advised no progress on creating the "throwback" GAR style Camp portrait collage and still needs head and shoulders photos of Brothers wearing their SUV CW medals and period headgear.

-Commander Stephens, and Guide David Williamson reported on the Prescott Veterans Day Parade.

-The 50/50 raffle collected \$85 this quarter. Brother David Moore won the 50/50 raffle and \$42 went toward our Scholarship Fund. Thanks to all who contributed.!



DSVC Mark Clark reported on the creation of a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit. It has been designated as Co G, 1st California Infantry Volunteers. That unit was a part of the “California Column”. Membership currently stands at 13 members. **Great Job, Brother Mark!**



*New Business:*

-Commander Stephens and DSVC Clark reported on the upcoming 10th annual Department of the Southwest Encampment.

March 28, 2026 @ Sheraton Hotel, Tucson  
 Commander in Chief Kevin Tucker to attend.  
 Planned tour of Old Fort Lowell.

Planned re-creation of the raising of the 33 star U.S. Flag over Tucson, Arizona Territory by the California Column under Brigadier General James H. Carleton, in May of 1862.

- Encouraged Brothers to attend and to donate Civil War related items for the annual Silent Auction.
- The Camp elected Brother David Moore as a delegate to the Department Encampment with all other Brothers in good standing as alternates.
- Gen'l. US Grant Camp is allotted 4 elected delegates plus the following automatically eligible: PCCs Haynes, Smith, and Enlow, PDCs Swanson, Heller, and Prater, and Camp Cmdr. and DJVC Stephens.

*Installation of 2026 Camp Officers:*

Past Department Commander Timothy Prater conducted the solemn installation ceremony.

Elected:

- Richard Stephens, Commander
- Joe Hogan, SVC
- Lynn Scott, JVC
- dale Enlow (PCC), Secretary/Treasurer
- Council: Steve Bigelow, Avery Franz, Tim Prater
- Appointed Officers:

- David McKee, Chaplain
- dale Enlow (PCC), Historian
- David Williamson, Guide
- Avery Frantz, Memorials Officer
- James Heller(PDC), Patriotic Instructor
- David Moore, Guard, Color Bearer, Tim Prater (PDC), Counselor, Gregg Poehlmann, Eagle Scout, Steve Bigelow, Eagle Scout

**“Good of the Order”** comments and discussion:

Past Department Commander Prater honored Commander Stephens with a Civil War book from the collection of the late Jack Nelson for his unprecedented election to a 4th term. He also encouraged all Brothers to step up into leadership roles in the Camp.

A video of Commander-in-Chief Kevin Tucker was played discussing the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Great Nation.

Commander Stephens wanted to congratulate Brother Daniel Mason on receiving his PHD. Huzzah!!



*Presentation:* Brother Enlow’s presentation about General William Lytle was postponed until a future meeting as we were running out of time allotted by the Augie’s Restaurant venue.

*Next Meeting:* Our next meeting will be on April 11, 2026 at Taverna Moderna, Flagstaff, AZ, 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. ZOOM will start at 11:45.

*Closing:* Chaplain McKee then delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible.



Left to right: David Moore, dale Enlow, Tim Prater, David McKee, Gregg Poehlmann, Richard Stephens (on Zoom: Lynn Scott, Jim Heller, and David Williamson)

**AROUND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST**



Above, Members of the DSW, DUVCW, and PPC1 marched in the annual Parada Del Sol Parade in Scottsdale, AZ on January 31, 2026



DSW and PPC1 Members at the Sun City Massing of the colors, February 10, 2026 (L-R) Camp Commander Mike Booth, Brother Tristan Hoffay, Dept Commander Todd Hoffay



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

1886

**Grant Camp No. 1 (Flagstaff)**

1891

**Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 (Phoenix)**

1901

**R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11 (Tucson)**

1909

**Kit Carson Camp No. 1 (Albuquerque)**



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All SUVCW Brothers and their guests are invited along with the Allied Sisters.  
The cost to attend is \$40 per person or /\$60 per couple which includes lunch, beverages & dessert.

**Your encampment reservation form (below) along with your check,  
must be received as soon as possible .... but in no case later than March 1**

**Please consider donating item for the Silent Auction**

There will be a limited number of guest rooms available at the hotel. Call the Reservation Desk at: 520-323-6262.

Or use this link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1727125777861&key=CORP&guestreslink2=true>

This year our host General RHG Minty Camp 2 has organized several events for both before and after the Encampment.

Friday afternoon Tucson Presidio San Agustin Museum tour. Experience a tour of the reconstructed northeast bastion of the 1780s Spanish Presidio, the original heart of Tucson. Also, territorial era row houses. The Presidio was still standing when the California Column entered Tucson on May 20, 1862. Meet in the Hotel lobby at 3:30. Drive to the Museum. To **RSVP or with questions call W. Mark Clark 520 907-1945.**

Saturday afternoon, immediately following the Encampment, drive to Ft. Lowell Park/Museum for Old Ft. Lowell Days. Ft Lowell was an Indian Wars military Post. In 1873, Camp Lowell relocated from what is now downtown Tucson to this location 7 miles northeast of the town. It served as a quartermaster depot and hospital for the Arizona District. Company G, our SVR unit will participate in a Flag raising at the Hospital site. Following the Flag raising, an orientation tour will take place. Other activities include a concert by the 4th Cav. Regimental Band, cannon firing by 3rd US Art. Battery A, field kitchen demonstration, learn about period baseball. Located minutes from the hotel. Experience the museum and see historic and reconstructed buildings. **RSVP to W. Mark Clark 520 907-1945**

**Fill in and mail this form**

There are two options to provide you payment. You can mail a check or submit an electronic payment using Zelle. If using Zelle, transfer funds to ppc1.sectre@gmail.com. If using Zelle in the notes section place write Department Encampment. **Please remember to fill out and return this form even if using Zelle.**

Make checks payable to: **Department of the Southwest SUVCW** and mail to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

**There are 3 meal choices please advise**

**your preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**guest preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal A:** Chicken Creole: Cajun Seasoned Chicken Breast, Creole Sauce

**Meal B:** Marinated Flat Iron Steak with Mushroom and Bourbon Veal Sauce

**Meal C:** Grilled Veggie Wrap: Mushroom, Eggplant, Squash, Zucchini, Sauteed Onion, Red Bell Pepper, Boursin, Ranch Drizzle in a Flour Tortilla

Additionally, a new Department Encampment badge celebrating our tenth anniversary is available for \$40.00. This is a Class D badge that you can purchase now and it will be available for pickup when you arrive at the registration table.



Encampment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Encampment Badge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_