



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3
Arizona Camp-at-Large
Camp Journal



December 2015

It is official and so are we: The Charter of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3



General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 Brothers initiated



The following General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 members were initiated by Camp Commander David Swanson at the October 24, 2015, meeting: (L-R) Bill Pribil, Dale Enlow, Tim Prater, Neil Swanson, Camp Commander David Swanson, David McCormack, Ed Steinback, and Bill Smith

Congratulations Brothers!



Minutes of the October 24, 2015, Camp meeting

Location:
Sizzler Restaurant
3540 E. Historic Route 66
Flagstaff, Arizona

Our October meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Camp Commander David Swanson with 17 Brothers and guests.

This was the first meeting of our newly chartered camp and it was well attended!

Business meeting:

New Brother Initiations—see page 2

Discussion of the proposed Department of the Southwest: David Swanson talked about the makeup of the SUVCW departments and camps nationally and specifically about Arizona and New Mexico. Currently the General Grant Camp along with the Picacho Peak and General Minty Camps are all camps-at-large and not associated with a department (other than administratively part of the National Department-at-Large). In fact we are the only three camps-at-large in the country. New Mexico (currently part of the Department of Texas has no camps); however, if the three camps in Arizona petition the commander-in-chief to form a department it would consist of Arizona and New Mexico (it would be detached from the Department of Texas).

A motion was made and unanimously approved that would direct the camp commander to petition with other Arizona camps the Commander-in-Chief for the formation of the Department of the Southwest which would include Arizona and New Mexico.

Camp officers for 2016:

The following Brothers were unanimously elected as Camp officers for 2016 and will be installed at our January 23rd meeting:

Camp Commander: David A. Swanson
Senior Vice Commander: Mark J. Haynes
Junior Vice Commander: David R. Palmateer
Secretary/Treasurer: Gerald N. Bloom
Camp Council: Edward Steinback III, Timothy Prater, and Dale Enlow

The following Brothers will be appointed to the following offices:

Chaplain: Mark J. Haynes
Graves Registration Officer and ROTC Coordinator: Robert E. Archibald Jr.
Historian: Dale Enlow
Color Bearer: William C. Smith
Civil War Memorials Officer: James M. Heller

Dues: After a discussion of the makeup of dues the Brothers present unanimously approved annual dues of \$36.00. Please see the dues form on page 6. It will greatly help if you send your dues in now (at least by December 31st) otherwise we have the expense of hiring a bounty hunter and that whole unpleasant mess.



Grant Camp Facebook group: Brother Dale Enlow brought up the idea of a Facebook group for the Camp and will get it up and running (it is now up and running).

Meeting dates for 2016:

The Camp will continue to meet at the Sizzler Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. (meeting room open at 12:30 p.m.) on the following dates for 2016:

January: Saturday, January 23
April: Saturday, April 23
July: Saturday, July 23
October: Saturday, October 22

Camp bylaws: Proposed bylaws will be emailed to the Brothers and voted on during the January meeting.



How Time Flies!

We were privileged to have Sister Verna Maleski, President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War with us for our first official Camp meeting (she was also with us during our organizational meeting).

On March 23, 2002, I was present (as the Junior Vice Commander of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1) at the first official meeting of the Tent and a short 13 years later she is at ours!

Thank you Verna!



Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 President Verna Maleski and Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 Commander David Swanson



Program speaker

Brother David Swanson gave a talk about Orin Wilson, one of his Civil War ancestors, who was the Regimental Bugler of the 7th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He covered Orin’s war history from 1861-1864 during his capture, release on parole, exchange, and his death during Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign.



January 23rd Camp Meeting Information

We will install officers for 2016 at the January 23, 2016, Camp meeting.

Our speaker will be our Senior Vice Commander and Chaplain Mark Haynes. Mark’s talk will be “What Happened to Ebenezer.”

Camp Officers wanted

If you want to get involved in your Camp as an officer we need somebody for two positions: The first as our **Patriotic Instructor**. Here is a very brief overview of the office: *The purpose of the office of Patriotic Instructor is to educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general.*



Riordan Mansion State Historic Park

Our Camp had a display about the about the GAR and Compatriot Dennis Riordan in the west wing of the mansion for three months. It was taken down in October.



Nevada becomes the 36th state

On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state in the United States. So, what’s the big deal?

Our country was in the throes of the Civil War and here is a look at Civil War politics and the implications of the telegraph, which was invented 20 years earlier.

The following information is taken from History.com/this day in history.

“On [October 31] 1864, anxious to have support of the Republican-dominated Nevada Territory for President Abraham Lincoln’s reelection, the U.S. Congress quickly admits Nevada as the 36th state in the Union.

“In 1864, Nevada had only 40,000 inhabitants, considerably short of the 60,000 normally required for statehood. But the 1859 discovery of the incredibly large and rich silver deposits at Virginia City had rapidly made the region one of the most important and wealthy in the West. . . .

“The decisive factor in easing the path to Nevada’s statehood was President Lincoln’s proposed 13th Amendment banning slavery. Throughout his administration Lincoln had appointed territorial officials in Nevada who were strong Republicans, and he knew he could count on the congressmen and citizens of a new state of Nevada to support him in the coming presidential election and to vote for his proposed amendment. Since time was so short, the Nevada constitutional delegation sent the longest telegram on record up to that time to Washington, D.C., containing the entire text of the proposed state constitution and costing the then astronomical sum of \$3,416.77.

“Their speedy actions paid off with quick congressional approval of statehood and the new state of Nevada did indeed provide strong support for Lincoln. On January 31, 1865, Congress approved the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning slavery.”

What about the telegraph? In 1844 when Samuel Morse tapped out the following message “What Hath God Wrought?” the seismic shift in worldwide communications was likened to the invention of the computer and the internet.

“For thousands of years messages had been limited by the speed with which messengers could travel and the distance at which eyes could see signals such as flags or smoke. Neither Alexander the Great nor Benjamin Franklin (America’s first postmaster general) two thousand years later knew anything faster than a galloping horse.” (*What Hath God Wrought*, by Daniel Walker Howe.)



Riordan Mansion State Historic Park & the Civil War—December 14th

This should be a very interesting lecture. If you are an Arizona Historical Society member, tours of the mansion are always free, but you don't have to be to attend the lecture.

Flagstaff Lecture: *The Civil War in Arizona*

December 14, 2015, 12:15 p.m. -- 1:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001. Phone: 928-779-4395.

This event is free to the public. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion.



A standing invitation to join the SUVCW and our Camp

Brothers, please help spread the word about our Camp! Male descendants, (son, grandson, great grandson, nephew, grand nephew, great grand nephew, etc.) aged 14 years or older, of a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served in the Civil War between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, are eligible for membership. A Junior membership for those aged 6-14 (meeting the above requirements) and an Associate membership are also available.

Please contact the Camp Junior Vice Commander for more details and assistance.

Civil War ancestor information and your newsletter

If you would like to have your Civil War ancestor's information printed in the newsletter—and we all would—please send it to the newsletter editor (David Swanson). Please keep it to a double sided sheet.

SUVCW website

Below is the national website for our Order. It is very informative!

suvchw.org

Another informative website is Picacho Peak Camp No. 1.

suvchwaz-camp1.org

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We are Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not because of anything we have done, but because of the sacrifices of *our* Civil War ancestors who saved the Union!

2016 ANNUAL DUES

Please use this form to submit your General U. S. Grant Camp 2016 dues. It is important that they be received by December 31, 2015.

Name _____

Regular member dues for calendar year 2016 are \$36.00. (Which includes national dues of \$23 and camp dues of \$13.) If you are a Life Member see that section below.

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Life Member dues for calendar year 2016 are \$13. (Life Members are exempt from national dues and only pay camp dues).

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Dual member dues for calendar year 2016 are \$36.00. Dual members are those who have primary membership in one camp and dual membership with another camp. (If you are a dual member and a Life Member your Dual Member dues are \$13.00.)

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 SUVCW

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