



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

Department of the Southwest

Camp Journal



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General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 Officers installed for 2016

Brother John Conrad PCC, Department of the Southwest Organizer and acting Department of the Southwest Commander installed our 2016 Camp officers:



(L-R) Installing Officer John Conrad; William Smith, Color Bearer; Timothy Prater, Camp Council; Mark Haynes, Senior Vice Commander & Chaplain; David Swanson, Camp Commander; Edward Steinback, Camp Council; Dale Enlow, Camp Council, and Robert Archibald, Graves Registration Officer & ROTC Coordinator



Department of the Southwest

On September 11, 2015, we received our Camp charter and we were the third and last Camp in Arizona to be a “camp-at-large.” We are now part of the Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

This is truly historic occasion in the life of the SUVCW in Arizona. From 1995 to 2014 Arizona had one camp-at-large and that was Picacho Peak Camp No. 1. During this time we fended off several officers to join existing departments but as the years progressed it became obvious that either we create our own Department or we would more or less be forced into joining one.

In 2015 we were able to charter the General R. H. Minty Camp No.2 in Tucson and the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 in Flagstaff (*totally because of you*). We needed a minimum of 3 Camps to form a Department so we were on our way. By a previous agreement with the National Organization SUVCW, if we raised the requisite number of camps and filed a petition to form a Department we would also acquire New Mexico (which currently has no Camps and was part of the Department of Texas).

On December 3, 2015, our Department of the Southwest became a reality! Now the work continues.

Thanks for being part of these historic occasions!

(See page 5 for more related information)

Minutes of the January 23, 2016, Camp meeting

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

Our January Camp meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Camp Commander David Swanson with 13 Brothers and guests in attendance.

Business meeting:

ROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald related that he has ordered 11 medals and certificates to be presented on behalf of our Camp and the SUVCW for 7 high schools and 4 universities. (See page 2 for more information.)

Brother John Conrad who is the Department of the Southwest Organizer and acting Department Commander was present at our meeting and gave a very good talk about the organization of the Department of the Southwest.

New Camp Brother

We are pleased to welcome new Brother Jack Van Deusen of Prescott Valley to the Camp and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War! Jack’s Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather Isaac Moore, who was a private in Company F, Michigan VOL Light Artillery.

Brother initiations

Brothers Richard Rice and Jack Van Deusen were initiated into the Order by Camp Commander David Swanson. Rich is a charter member of the Camp.



(L-R) Brothers Jack Van Deusen and Richard Rice with Camp Commander David Swanson

JROTC/ROTC SUVCW medals and certificates By ROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald

Below are the names of the schools that JROTC and ROTC medals have been ordered for on behalf of our Camp:

Mohave High School, Bullhead City,
Chinle High School, Chinle,
Pinon High School, Pinon,
Hopi Senior High School, Keams Canyon
Tuba City High School, Tuba City,
Coconino High School, Flagstaff,

Prescott High School, Prescott,
Northern AZ State University, Flagstaff (2 units),
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University., Prescott (2
units).

Brother Dale Endow is considering presenting the medal at Bullhead City. I will work with Brother Ed Steinback for distribution for the rest of the medals as he now presents all of these for the Prescott SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) Chapter.

Graves Registration Activities:

By Graves Registration Officer Bob Archibald

Brother Dale Endow gave me data for a burial in Hackberry, Mohave Co.; CPL Richard Gordon, Co H, 2 NY Cav.

I discovered two unlisted Confederate grave markers in the book "Cemeteries of Yavapai Co." They are for: SGT Richard J. Lambuth, Co A, 1 SC SS (Sharpshooter) buried at Palace Station (now deserted); The other is CAPT John Joseph Bradley, Co. A., 19th Texas Infantry; buried at Citizens cemetery in Prescott.



General U. S. Grant Camp flag



(L-R) Camp Color Bearer Bill Smith and Department of the Southwest Organizer John Conrad showing off our new Camp flag



Meeting raffle

Margaret Archibald, wife of Brother Bob Archibald was the winner of a beautiful wooden bowl with our Camp information engraved on it. Both Margaret and Bob graciously donated it to our Camp—thank you!

So our Camp is now one General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 wooden plate and \$46 richer.

The plate was made and donated by new Camp Brother Jack Van Deusen and you will see it at all future Camp meetings!



Program speaker

Our Senior Vice Commander and Chaplain, Brother Mark Haynes, was our guest speaker and did such a good job that we will have to have him back for another talk. His talk was “The Search for Ebenezer.”

Here is what he had to say:

The phone rang and I recognized the voice on the other end immediately. It was my cousin, Olive Richardson, the unofficial keeper of the family genealogy. She lived near Somerset, Kentucky, in a little area called Cabin Hollow. She and her sweet husband lived down an old gravel road which led to their modest little cottage.

“Mark?”

“Yes, Olive?” I replied.

“Whatever happened to Ebenezer? Do you think you can find him?”

I told her I would try. Olive was talking about an ancestor of ours, Ebenezer Thompson Haynes. Ebenezer was the son of Hezekiah Haynes, an old wild man who was a War of 1812 veteran. Hezekiah had married Margaret “Peggy” Edwards on December 1, 1831, when he was 46 years old and she was barely 16! Ebenezer was the sixth of eleven children. Ebenezer’s baby brother, Jesse, was my great grandfather.

Hezekiah died drunk in the Pulaski County, Kentucky jail on October 2, 1852. Life was very hard for the Haynes family as they were simple farming folks. With Hezekiah gone, Peggy and her children lived the best they could off the land of Pumpkin Hollow.

Ebenezer Thompson Haynes was born on November 20, 1841. He and a bother just older than him, Francis Marion, served during the Civil War on the Union side. Ebenezer enlisted on September 11, 1861. He was a member of the Kentucky 1st Cavalry,

Company L. The 1st Kentucky were known as the “Wild Riders.” They were feared and respected by the enemy.

Olive told me that she knew Mary “Peggy” Haynes as a child. Peggy lived until June 22, 1911, and is believed to have been the last surviving widow on pension as a War of 1812 widow. Ebenezer disappeared during the Civil War and the years had clouded the memory of what had happened to him. It bothered Olive and apparently Ebenezer’s mother did not know the full story. One family legend said that he died in the Belle Isle Prison. I set out to find Ebenezer for my little Cousin Olive.

The National Archives provided me with Ebenezer’s military record. It showed the date of his mustering in to Camp Dick Robinson. The Kentucky 1st was a very active unit. Among the battles they were involved in were Mill Springs and Perryville. As I looked at Ebenezer’s record, things looked pretty routine until I came across this phrase – AWOL. THAT didn’t look good! I sure had no desire to tell Olive that our uncle had turned tail and ran from his duties! As I continued to look at his record, I saw that a few months later he was back with his regiment and was not disciplined for his unauthorized departure. It seems that he owned his own horse and was welcomed back with open arms. From what I was able to determine, Ebenezer probably returned home to help his widowed mother with planting. It seems there were a large number of the boys who had done the same thing.

One other thing stood out when I looked at the record of Ebenezer Thompson Haynes. I came across the word “Captured.” Apparently, during action at or near Philadelphia, Tennessee, on October 18, 1863, he was captured by Confederate forces. This, I thought, could perhaps confirm that he was taken to Belle Isle. Further research caused me to find another dreaded word –

ANDERSONVILLE. The very word conjures up images of emaciated prisoners and profound suffering. I wondered if that had been Ebenezer’s fate.

My family and I were on the road raising financial support for our mission work on the Navajo Nation. We had a meeting in a church in Georgia. I told the family we were going to Andersonville. The night before we were to go, there was a movie on television simply entitled *Andersonville*. It was with great interest that we all watched the Hollywood version of what happened there. I have no doubt that it was not entirely accurate, but my heart was still moved by what I saw. We stopped at the National Park Headquarters at Andersonville. A very nice lady began to look for some records for me. “Here it is,” she said. “Would you like to know where it is?” I told her that I did. We

were given a map that lead to Grave #4970. On August 7, 1864, like so many others, he had died of scorbutus (scurvy) from a lack of proper nutrition.

We stopped at the grave and I got out of the car. I walked over to the grave and knelt there. “Mom, what’s wrong with Dad?” my little children asked. They wanted to know why Daddy was crying at the stone. It was not contrived. The tears flowed freely. I thought of a young Kentucky farm boy. He said goodbye to his mother and family after helping with the planting. When mother said goodbye to her son, she had no way of knowing that it would be the last time. Like so many other brave lads, many in a conflict that they did not completely understand nor realize the scope thereof, Ebenezer Thompson Haynes gave the last full measure. I was not sorry to be weeping for him. Someone needed to. It had been too many years since someone had.

The phone rang at the little cottage in Cabin Hollow. Olive Richardson picked up the receiver.

“Hello? Mark, is that you?”

“Yes, Olive, it’s me. I wanted to let you know something. I found Ebenezer.”

Dedicated to the memory of Ebenezer Thompson Haynes and all the young men on both sides of the Great Conflict that never got to come home.



Grave of E. T. Haynes



Senior Vice Commander & Chaplain Mark Hayes



Department of the Southwest—all Camp Brothers and wives invited to attend this historic occasion

The Special Encampment of the Department of the Southwest will take place on Saturday March 26, 2015, at noon. The location is the residence of the Department of the Southwest Organizer, John Conrad.

The invitation has previously been sent out it is attached to this newsletter. Please read it and if possible attend this meeting.

Delegates to the Encampment are Brothers David Swanson, Timothy Prater, Edward Steinback III, and Dale Enlow but all Camp Brothers can attend!



Departments

Here is some information concerning Departments taken from the SUVCW regulations:

CHAPTER II DEPARTMENTS

Article I Formation

Section 1. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be issued to it a Charter under the hand and seal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2. Each Department shall be governed by its Department Encampment, subordinate to the National Organization.

Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be called a special Department Encampment to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment, complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws. The Officers elected at such special Encampment shall serve until the annual Encampment, and shall be entitled to all honors accorded Officers completing an elective term.

Article II Membership Section 1(a). The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and its own elective officers (except Aides).

Camp meeting dates for 2016:

The Camp will meet at the Sizzler Restaurant 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff, 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

April 23rd Camp Meeting Information

Our speaker will be our Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom will talk about "The Tale of Two Rifles" and he will bring two rifles. One was carried by his CW ancestor during the early months of the war and the other was taken off the Antietam Battlefield by a relative the day after the battle.

This will be a very interesting and informative talk and one that is not to be missed!

Memorial Day at the Citizens Cemetery in Flagstaff

By David Swanson

In 2015 I gave a speech that included the Gettysburg Address during the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Citizens Cemetery. I will do the same this year only this time as a representative of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 SUVCW.

It would be very nice if other Brothers showed up (and if you have a uniform that is all the better) since we hope to have a small display table at the cemetery and continue to get the word out about our Camp.

The ceremonies are arranged and conducted by Mark A. Moore Post No. 3, which is the American Legion post in Flagstaff. The event is very well attended by the citizens.

Since this is the 150th anniversary year of the GAR and since it was that organization that started the nationwide observance of Memorial Day it is fitting that we be present.

I will talk about this at the April meeting but please set this day aside and let's attend the Flagstaff ceremony.



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!

Department of the Southwest Invitation to the First Annual Encampment



Brother John Conrad, the Organizing Officer and Acting Department Commander of the Department of the Southwest, invites you to its First Annual Encampment on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at noon. The location is Brother John Conrad's residence at 33214 N. 61st Street, Scottsdale, Arizona. All Camp Brothers and their wives are invited to be part of this historic occasion. The meeting (which should last less than one hour) will be followed by a Mexican theme potluck.

SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff will preside at this historic meeting.

Only delegates elected from the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, the General R. H. G Minty Camp No. 2, and the General U. S. Grant No. 3 Camp's membership will have voting privileges during the Encampment; however, all Brothers and their wives are encouraged to attend.

In order to have a successful meeting, it is important that **each Brother** who plans on attending notify Brother Conrad on or before March 19, 2016. Please let him know the names of those attending with you, and what dish you plan on bringing for the potluck.

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