



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR PICACHO PEAK CAMP #1 ARIZONA CAMP-at-LARGE



CAMP NEWSLETTER



April 2007

Camp Web site: www.suvcwaz.org

Minutes of the February 18, 2007, Camp meeting:

Location: Coco's Restaurant
4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ

Camp Commander Bob Hannan called the winter meeting to order at noon. We had 23 Brothers, wives and guests in attendance.

SUVCW license plates: At our last meeting Brothers present authorized the purchase of 20 SUVCW license plates which would be for sale at Camp meetings for \$12.00. The license plates are in and at last count we sold about half of the plates. Those who purchased them can certainly attest to their vibrant colors and quality. Sec/Treas Jerry Bloom will bring the remainder of them to the next and subsequent meetings.

New Brothers:

Dennis Lamb, Scottsdale, AZ. Ancestor: Great-great-grandfather, James W. Hawkins, Co F. 119th Illinois Volunteers.

Robert H.B. Wilcox: (winter Mesa, summer Sioux Falls, South Dakota) Ancestor: Great-grandfather, Moses Boon, Company E. 21st (1st Heavy Artillery) Indiana Volunteers.

John C. Lyons, Tempe, AZ. Ancestor: Great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas Harter Oakley, Chaplain, Ohio Vols, 1st Reg. Of Artillery. John is the grandson of Brother **Dr. John Oakley M.D.** of Prescott.

Dr. Daniel H. Heller, M.D., of Phoenix, AZ. Ancestor: Great-great-grandfather, Jacob Smith Harnish, Co. D, 8th Regiment, Indiana Infantry. (Dan is also the Surgeon General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.)

Welcome all!

GAR memorial markers: Brother David Swanson gave a short presentation regarding the ordering of two GAR memorial markers to be used on the graves of Capt. John Owens (for whom Phoenix's Grand Army of the Republic Post, John W. Owen No.5, was named) and Major Ed Schwartz, who was the last GAR Department of Arizona commander. Both of these individuals are buried in the Pioneer Military Cemetery at 14 Ave and Jefferson in Phoenix.

Once the markers arrive, the Camp will be notified of the date and time for the marker ceremony. Marking the graves of these two will be our Camps first endeavor and hopefully other GAR members will be honored in the future.

Guest Speaker Dave Kampf: Brother Dave Kampf gave an outstanding presentation regarding the Civil War's *Great Locomotive Chase*. As usual, Dave's presentation was the highlight of the meeting and he is certainly on tap to do more presentations for us. Thanks Dave for a job well done!

Future Camp meetings: Camp meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows: May 19, August 18, and November 17. All meetings will begin at noon at Coco's (which by the way has really improved their service and food quality).

Camp Meeting
 May 19, 2007, at noon.
 Please mark your calendar and send in your luncheon reservations today!
 See page 5.

Chaplain's Corner

By Mark Haynes, Picacho Peak Camp Chaplain

Welcome to the Chaplain's Corner. For those of you who don't know me, I am Mark Haynes and it is my privilege to serve as the Chaplain of our SUVCW Camp. I will give you some of my personal background as well as what I hope to accomplish through this column.

I am an ordained Independent Baptist minister. My preaching ministry has been going on for over 25 years. Currently, I am the missionary-pastor of Ganado Baptist Church on the Navajo Nation. We have lived and worked as missionaries on the Reservation for over ten years. My interest in the Civil War started as a teenager, but has grown rapidly over the past few years. I have been a SUVCW member since March of 2004. I am descended from Cpl. Eli Hubbard of Co. B of the 7th Kentucky Infantry. He died of wounds he received during the Vicksburg Campaign on January 1, 1863.

My goals in this column include sharing some of the history of the chaplaincy in the Civil War as well as words from the chaplains and soldiers themselves. I am currently involved in research of the Civil War chaplaincy and hope to share my findings with you. There has been much less written about the Union chaplains and religious lives of the northern soldiers as compared to our Confederate counterparts. This is slowly changing and some good books are being written. I will recommend some of them to you over the next few months.

Here are some facts and figures regarding chaplains in the Civil War. There were appointed an estimated 3,000 chaplains to the Union forces. The names of slightly over 2,300 of these chaplains are known to us. The largest number serving at any one time on active duty was 1,079. Sixty-six chaplains died in the service of their country during this conflict, including Chaplain U.P. Gardner of the 13th Kansas Infantry who, after identifying himself as a chaplain, was shot down by a member of Quantrill's guerrilla raiders on 22 November 1864. The raider was a 17-year-old by the name of Jesse James.

Three chaplains won the Congressional Medal of Honor during the War. They were John M. Whitehead of the 15th Indiana Infantry, Francis O. Hall of the 16th New York Infantry, and Milton L. Haney of the 55th Illinois Infantry. We will tell you in future articles what these men did to earn this high honor.

The Civil War also saw the first Jewish and Black chaplains appointed. Michael Mitchell Allen, a Jew, was duly elected to that post by the officers of the 65th Regiment, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, known as "Cameron's Dragoons." He resigned, but he also opened the door for President Lincoln to appoint members of the Jewish faith. The first black chaplain is considered to be Henry McNeal Turner, a pastor from Baltimore, Maryland. In 1863 Turner became the chaplain of the 1st Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops.

Many soldiers and chaplains exemplified extreme faith in the War Between the States. Let me close with this exchange, which can be found in the book *From the Flag to the Cross* by Amos S. Billingsley, a Civil War chaplain (pp. 25-27). Edward M. Schneider of the 55th Massachusetts was mortally wounded. Before he died on June 17, 1864, he was visited by Chaplain Dashiell. Mr. Schneider asked him what he thought of his wound. The chaplain's tears let him know that the wound was mortal. Edward Schneider said, "Don't weep, Chaplain. It is God's will. Please write to my father, and tell him that I have tried to do my duty to my country and to God." May the same be said of us. Until next time, Lord bless you.

Editor's note: Mark will have many columns (I hope) for future newsletters and I sincerely welcome him aboard! Oh, and for those of us who think we have a long drive to attend our quarterly Camp meetings, Mark's drive takes him four hours one way!

Memorial Day Ceremony at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, 14th Ave & Jefferson, Phoenix. Sunday May 28, 2007, at 9:30 am.

By Past Camp Commander David A. Swanson

I will represent our Camp at this year's ceremony, with a short presentation about the first organized Memorial Day ceremony conducted in the city in 1886, by the J.W.Owen GAR Post No. 5 of Phoenix.

General John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic instituted Memorial Day on the 30th of May by his General Order NO. 11.

"... The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. . . . It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

While the national observance date has changed from the 30th (the SUVCW is trying to change that), Memorial Day has been observed since then; not just for those who died in service to the Union, but for those who have died in the service of our country in any war.

As Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is our responsibility to "... honor all who have patriotically served our country in any war. . ." (Purpose and Objects of the SUVCW).

I urge all Brothers of our Camp to join me in the ceremony at the Pioneer & Military Park, or attend services in your area of the state or country.

The Grand Review

By David A. Swanson

On May 23 and 24, 1865, with the war practically over (Gen. Kirby Smith surrendered on May 25 to Gen. E.R.S. Canby), a grand review of the armies took place in Washington.

Robert B. Beath's, *The History of the Grand Army of the Republic*, published in 1888, outlines the review as follows:

The Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton, suggested that the armies of Meade and Sherman should be formally reviewed in the city of Washington before their final discharge from the services of the United States.

The Army of the Potomac, the Army of the Tennessee, and the Army of Georgia therefore marched to the vicinity of Washington to be reviewed on May 23 and 24, 1865, for which the necessary orders were issued by Lieutenant-General Grant.

The Army of the Ohio remained in North Carolina under command of Major-General John M. Schofield.

The public and private buildings of the National Capital were profusely decorated; triumphal arches and reviewing-stands were erected at different points, and vast crowds of people gathered from all sections to honor the returning veterans.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools of Washington were assembled on the terraces and balconies of the Capitol, and waved banners and sang patriotic songs as the soldiers passed. Upon a strip of canvas along the front of the Capitol was inscribed the legend: 'THE ONLY NATIONAL DEBIT WE CAN NEVER PAY IS THE DEBT WE OWE THE VICTORIOUS UNION SOLDIERS.'

Representatives of various States had erected stands, which were filled by their sons and daughters, who, while heartily joining in the honors accorded to all the troops, enthusiastically applauded those who more directly represented their own particular States.

The principal reviewing-stand was erected near the Executive Mansion, and was occupied by President Johnson and his Cabinet, by diplomats and envoys of foreign nations, and by governors of States. Among the latter were some especially beloved by the soldiers and honored by the nation for their invaluable and patriotic services as 'war governors'—notably John A. Andrew, of Massachusetts and Andrew G. Curtin of Pennsylvania. On the first day Lieutenant-General Grant occupied a position near the President, with distinguished naval officers and Generals Sherman, Howard, Logan, and others, whose troops were to parade on the next day. It was while on this stand that General Logan was informed that he had been assigned to the command of the Army of the Tennessee, General Howard having been appointed Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau.

The order of review was as follows:

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The hero of Gettysburg, Major General George Gordon Meade, rode at the head of the column, attended by a brilliant staff.

CAVALRY.

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General George A. Custer. [3rd, 2nd and 1st Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Major-General George Crook [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

FIRST DIVISION—Brigadier-General Thomas C. Devin [1st, 2nd and Reserve Brigades]

NINTH ARMY CORPS

Major-General John G. Parke

FIRST DIVISION—Brevet Major-General O.B. Wilcox [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Brigadier-General S.G. Griffin [1ST and 2ND Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General John F. Hartranft. [1st, 2nd and Artillery Brigades]

FIFTH ARMY CORPS

Brevet Major-General Charles Griffin

FIRST DIVISION—Brevet Major-General J.J. Bartlett [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades (Brigadier-General J.L. Chamberlain, 20th Main)]

SECOND DIVISION—Major-General R. B. Ayres [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Major-General S. Wylie Crawford [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

SECOND ARMY CORPS

Major-General A.A. Humphreys

FIRST DIVISION—Brevet Major-General Nelson A. Miles [1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Brevet Brigadier General F. C. Barlow [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General Gershom Mott [1st, 2nd, 3rd and Artillery Brigades]

The NINETEENTH ARMY CORPS was represented by a division under command of Brigadier-General William Dwight.

The SIXTH ARMY CORPS had remained at Danville, Va., and was formally reviewed by the President in Washington on June 8. Commanded by Major-General H.G. Wright.

SHERMAN'S ARMY

Comprising the Army of the Tennessee and the Army of Georgia, was reviewed on May 24. At the head of the column rode Major-General William Tecumseh Sherman, accompanied by General O.O. Howard.

ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE

Major-General John A. Logan

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS

Major-General William B. Hazen

FIRST DIVISION—Brigadier-General Charles R. Woods [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Brigadier-General J.M. Oliver [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

FOURTH DIVISION—Brevet Major-General John M. Corse [1st, 2nd, 3rd and Artillery Brigades]

SEVENTEENTH ARMY CORPS
Major-General Frank P. Blair, Jr.

FIRST DIVISION—Brigadier-General Manning F. Force [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General M.D. Leggett [1st and 2nd Brigades]

FOURTH DIVISION—Brevet Major-General Giles A. Smith [1st, 2nd, 3rd and Artillery Brigades]

ARMY OF GEORGIA
Major-General Henry W. Slocum

TWENTIETH ARMY CORPS
Major-General Joseph A. Mower

FIRST DIVISION—Brevet Major-General A.S. Williams [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Brevet Major-General John W. Geary [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General W.T. Ward [1st, 2nd, and 3rd Brigades]

FOURTEENTH ARMY CORPS
Major-General Jefferson C. Davis

FIRST DIVISION—Brigadier-General Charles C. Walcutt [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

SECOND DIVISION—Brevet Major-General James D. Morgan [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

THIRD DIVISION—Brevet Major-General Absalom Baird [1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades]

Many of the officers and large numbers of the soldiers were garlanded with flowers as they passed along the line of march.

'Sherman's bummers' helped relieve whatever monotony there was in the continual tramp, tramp, tramp of the armies. A number were mounted on mules or on sorry-looking horses borrowed from some quartermaster's camp of condemned animals, and carrying chickens, pigs, and vegetables; others on foot swung along in the free-and-easy gait learned on their long march to the sea.

It was estimated that nearly 150,000 men participated in these ceremonies—the Army of the Potomac, 80,000; the Army of the Tennessee, 36,000; and the Army of Georgia, 33,000.

. . . Other forms were missing from the group—leaders of corps and of armies, of whom John F. Reynolds, McPherson, and Sedgwick were the types.

But the thoughts of the soldiers were not then so much with the absent leaders as with the more familiar forms of comrades, dear to their hearts, but now numbered with the dead. Perchance they had been playmates in school-boy days and bosom friends in maturer years. Together they had responded to the call of an imperiled country, together had faced the dangers of the service. In camp and bivouac they had slept under the same blankets and shared the contents of their haversacks and canteens.

These, their comrades, has not lived to hear the joyful shouts of victory, and were not to receive the embraces of their loved ones. They had died that the Nation might live!

The fond affection cherished for the honored dead but stimulated the ties of sympathy and love for comrades living and sharing the thrilling memories of the years of national strife and warfare now happily over.

They were soon to part, each in his own way to fight the battle of life, to form new ties, new friendships, but never could they forget the sacred bond of comradeship welded in the fire of battle, that in after years, should be their stimulus to take upon themselves the work confided to the people by President Lincoln 'to bind up the Nation's wounds,' 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan.'



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Notice of Camp Meeting

Our next Camp meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007, at noon.

Location: Coco's Restaurant
4514 E. Cactus Rd. (602) 953-9155

All Brothers, wives and guests are invited to the spring meeting of our Camp.

Lunch will be ordered from a menu specially prepared for us. There will be a choice of seven different entrees, so there will be something for everyone. The cost is \$16.09 per person, which includes lunch, soft drinks, tea, coffee, and gratuity. (Should you need to cancel, contact our Secretary/Treasurer and your money will be cheerfully refunded.)



LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Name(s) _____

Luncheon Reservations: Number attending _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

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