



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR PICACHO PEAK CAMP No. 1 ARIZONA CAMP-at-LARGE



CAMP NEWSLETTER



January 2014

Camp Web site: suvchwaz.org

Minutes of the November 9, 2013, Camp meeting

Location:
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Rd.
Phoenix, Az.
623-582-5454

Camp Commander David A. Swanson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. We had 20 Brothers and guests in attendance.

Camp officer reports: JVC Jim Heller gave a report regarding the upcoming veterans program Arizona StandDown—see page 3 for more information.

Camp officer installation

As the last order of business the following Brothers were duly elected and installed as Picacho Peak Camp officers for 2013-2014:

Commander: John R. Conrad PCC
Senior Vice Commander: Gerald N. Bloom PCC
Junior Vice Commander: Jim Heller
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom PCC
Camp Council:
Mark Haynes
Don Strachota
David Palmateer

The following Brothers were appointed to the following offices:

Chaplain: Mark Haynes
Counselor: Bob Young
Guide: David Vessels
Color Bearer: Ron Jones
Guard: Al Harrica
Graves Registration: Jan Huber
Civil War Memorials: David A. Swanson
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Dennis Lamb

Delegates to the 2014 third annual Encampment of the Department-at-Large:

Brother John Conrad was elected as our delegate.

Some of our Camp officers below:



(L-R) John Conrad PCC, Camp Commander; Jim Heller, Junior Vice Commander; David Palmateer, Camp Council; Mark Haynes, Chaplain and Camp Council; Ron Jones, Color Bearer; Gerald Bloom PCC, Senior Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer; David Swanson PCC, Civil War Memorials Officer (and Camp Newsletter Editor)



(L-R) Camp Commander John Conrad receiving the Camp charter from Past Camp Commander David Swanson

Camp Veterans: After a speech by Commander Swanson regarding veterans from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and beyond, and keeping in mind the SUVCW obligation “to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war,” all veterans assembled at the Camp meeting were called forward and received a round of applause for their service. As a reminder without them and our veterans from all of our previous wars we would not be here as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Veterans present at the Camp meeting from L-R: Robert Archibald, Jim Heller, Jerry Bloom, Ron Jones and David Swanson

Program: Brother John Kohl and his wife (and IT tech) Joye presented a marvelous program regarding “Women in the Civil War.” Brother John covered all aspects of women’s efforts in the Union and the Confederacy as soldiers (masquerading as men), spies, program organizers, nurses, writers and so on. (Trust me, the program was much more extensive than my poor reporting of it!) By the end of the Civil War the role of women in society had been greatly expanded.



Camp Commander David Swanson presenting a certificate of appreciation to Joye and John Kohl

Gerald N. Bloom—Past Camp Commander

Brother Jerry Bloom, a charter member of Picacho Peak Camp No 1, has been the Camp Secretary/Treasurer continuously since 2003. The job is the cornerstone of the Camp and Brother Bloom has done an outstanding job in that capacity.

As Article II of the National Regulations regarding membership state in part: “Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at the Department Encampment.”

All of the Brothers present at the November 2013 Camp meeting voted unanimously to confer the rank of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, Past Camp Commander to Brother Gerald N. Bloom.

Brother Bloom was called forward and presented with his Past Camp Commander’s badge and certificate.



(L-R) Camp Commander David Swanson presenting to Camp Secretary/Treasurer and Past Camp Commander Gerald N. Bloom his PCC certificate.

Congratulations to Brother Gerald N. Bloom PCC and thank you for your outstanding service to our Camp!

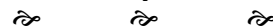


New Camp Brother

Henry A. Nash of Sun City, AZ recently had his membership approved in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and our Camp.

Brother Nash’s Civil War ancestor is Henry Jay Nash, Private, Co F, 176th Reg’t New York Infantry.

Welcome Brother Henry Nash!



Arizona StandDown

Once again, our Camp has the opportunity to assist in this very worthwhile cause.

What is the Arizona StandDown? “The Arizona StandDown is an alliance of community-based organizations that come together to provide annual, one to three day events that bring together the State's homeless and at-risk military veterans, connecting them with services ranging from: VA HealthCare, Mental Health Services, Clothing, Meals, Emergency Shelter, Transitional and Permanent Housing, ID/ Drivers License's, Court Services and Legal Aide, Showers and Haircuts and myriad other services and resources. Arizona StandDowns are held at various locations throughout the State with the largest, serving approximately 1,500 veterans, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Maricopa County.” (Info taken in part from arizonastanddown.org)

Location: Arizona State Fairgrounds. Dates to keep in mind are: Feb 13, 2014 setup day, 1000 to 1700 hrs. and Nov 14, 2014, (Those days are where all the action takes place the hours are 0800 to 1700.)

Junior Vice Commander Jim Heller is the contact point should you wish to volunteer some time or money his contact information is (623) 975-4300 or email: jmh7116@aol.com.



State of Arizona World War II Memorial Dedication service and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7, 2013

Camp Picacho Peak Brothers Al Harrica, David Kampf, and David Swanson along with Sisters Verna Maleski, Maura Mackowski, Barbra Metzger, and Michelle Geris from the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No 1, DUVCW attended the World War II Memorial Dedication Service and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies held at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza across from the Arizona State Capitol building in Phoenix on December 7, 2013.

World War II began for the United States with a surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and ended in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945. The two most striking reminder of these events are the sinking of the USS Arizona and the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri.

Under the direction of Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett the only remaining 14-inch gun barrel of the USS Arizona and one of only seven remaining 16-inch gun barrels from the USS Missouri were transported to Phoenix and now serve as fitting bookends to the war and a beautiful monument to our

Arizona WW II veterans. Between the gun barrels, steel pillars in the shape of a battleship honor the 1,902 Arizona men and women from the various branches of the military who died in the war.

In order to help support this three-year undertaking donations from various companies and the sale of bricks were used. The brick purchased by our Camp is located under the Missouri barrel:



A wreath from the DUVCW was placed by Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 Vice-President Maura Mackowski and Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Guard Al Harrica.



Braving the cold Phoenix morning are from L-R Barbara Metzger, Al Harrica, Maura Mackowski and Verna Maleski



Brother Al Harrica



Names of Arizona WWII veterans who died in the war are between the USS Arizona gun barrel (on left) and the USS Missouri



Civil War in the Southwest at Picacho Peak State Park—Camp volunteers needed

The annual reenactment of the Civil War skirmish at Picacho Peak and the New Mexico battles of Glorieta and Val Verde will take place at Picacho Peak State Park on March 15 and 16, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior Vice Commander Jerry Bloom is going to set up a table for our Camp at the event which will include information about our Camp, the SUVCW, and recruitment information. Jerry needs some assistance. This is a great way to get information out about our organization.

If you can assist or need information please contact Jerry at (602) 955-3091 or email: jerrybloom@q.com.

A Civil War Soldier Letter

By Jan Huber

After my mother’s death on August 10, 2013, I discovered a very interesting letter among her belongings. It was addressed to Mrs. Florida Brown, Alquina, Ind., Fayette County. She was my great-grandmother, Florida Belle Wolfe. It had a 3 cent stamp. The postal stamp date was January 9, 1882. The city and state were too faded to read. The city ended in “burg” and the state ended in “na”. The names Myrtle, May, and Garrett were handwritten on the back of the envelope. The letter had been folded 3 times. The return address was written on one folded section: James L. Bolton, Co. L, 2nd Indiana Cav,

Nashville, Tennessee. Another folded section had the following names: Myrtle. May. Garrett; Ella. Maud. Garrett; Daisy. Mabel Garrett; and Rozzie. May. Garrett. The handwriting of these 4 names was different from that of the soldier’s. One idea is that it may have been written by my grandmother, Rozzie May (Brown) Huber, who was Florida’s daughter. The paper that the letter was written on has a small embossed area as a sort of seal. The printing on it is too small to read.

The letter is transcribed as follows:

Headquarters, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division
Camp near Cleveland, Tennessee, April 23, 1864

Miss Florida Wolf
Alquina, Indiana

Kind friend I received a few days ago your kind note to me and the contents of which were perused with much pleasure I can assure you, for I am always glad to hear from my friends at home and particularly from my little friends that it has been my lot to pass so many hours with in both school room and family circle. I often think of you all and memory brings up to my mind each pleasant face I used to meet each morning as you used to gather in each morning to commence your day’s studies. I shall long remember all my little friends in Alquina. I have no news just now of an interesting nature to write as there is no moves making here at present of an important nature. Our regiment has been laying here now six weeks today. Nothing of particular interest occurring so far. A portion of the regiment was out yesterday on a scout and captured a Rebel Captain, one Lieutenant, and fourteen men which will make that many men less to fight when we do make a forward movement. There is quite a number of men here now at the post; Gen Howard’s Corps and one Cavalry Division, we are about 30 miles from Chattanooga on the line of the East Tennessee and Georgia R.R. and the left of our army in this Department. Our soldiers here are in fine health and spirits generally and quite confident of being able to give the Rebs a sound threshing when we do move again. The weather here is warm and pleasant and the woods are beginning to look quite like summer once more, though the cold of the past winter has been very severe. I saw Josy Ross yesterday. He is well and hearty and is enjoying himself finely. He is on courier duty just now. I have not been with my company for near eleven months now. I have been detailed as clerk in the Asst. Inspector General’s Office during that time. I suppose I will continue where I am until our time is out, which will be in four or five months and then if I am spared I will have the pleasure of seeing you all again. I believe, Florida, I have no more to

write at present. Give love and respects to your father and mother and particularly to all my little school friends about Alquina. If any of them will write to me I will answer their letters with pleasure. Write again soon and let me know what is going on about your town. Hoping to hear from you soon again.

I remain ever your friend,

(signed) James L. Bolton

Additional Information and Discussion:

The letter was not in its original envelope. I can only speculate that it was in the possession of a friend or family member and was returned to my great-grandmother in 1882. Bolton sends his love and respects to Florida's parents. Her father was Harvey J. Wolfe who was also a Civil War soldier. He received a disability discharge from an Indiana Infantry Regiment in September 1863 and he died in 1883. Florida's biological mother was Mary Ann Larimore who died in 1854. Harvey married Rachel Bryant in 1856. She died in 1885.

The following information was gleaned from Ancestry.com:

1. The 1860 U.S. Federal Census: James L. Bolton is a school teacher, residing in Jennings Township, Fayette County, Indiana, with Alquina as the post office; 26 years old.
2. Report of the Adjutant General of Indiana: enlisted in Company L, Indiana 2nd Cavalry Regiment on 15 Sep 1861; mustered out on 04 Oct 1864; served with a rank of Private.
3. National Archives: Registered for the Civil War Draft in July 1863; age 27; listed as a farmer in Jackson Township, Fayette County, IN, with former military service in Co. L, 2nd Indiana Cavalry; so, he must have been mustered out and then reenlisted before 1864.
4. Putnam County, Indiana; Index to Marriage Records: James L. Bolton married Mary L. Williamson on 12 Aug 1878, in Putnam County, IN.
5. 1880 U.S. Federal Census: 46 year old resident of Floyd, Putnam County, IN; married to Mary J. Bolton, 23 years old, with children Orie L. Bolton, 1 year old, and a new born unnamed infant girl. Occupation: house painter.
6. 1900 U.S. Federal Census: 65 years old, living in Center, Hendricks County, Indiana; married 22 years to Mary Bolton, 43 years old; children: Lee Bolton, 21 years old; Jennie

Bolton, 15 years old; Cora Bolton, 14 years old; Josie Bolton, 11 years old; Guy Bolton, 8 years old. Occupation: house painter.

7. 1910 U.S. Federal Census: 76 years old; living in Center, Hendricks County, IN; married to Mary Bolton, 53 years old; child Guy Bolton, 18 years old. Occupation: Odd Jobs Laborer. He is listed on the census form as a Union Army Veteran.

Civil War Pension Records from the National Archives: James L. Bolton applied for and was granted an Invalid Pension on 24 Dec 1886, with a service record with Co. L, 2nd Indiana Cavalry. His widow, Mary L. Bolton was granted a Widow's Pension on 22 Nov 1911.

Of some interest is the reference to a Josy Ross. There was an Andrew J. Ross from Indianapolis who served in Company K, 2nd Indiana Cavalry Regiment the same time that Bolton served. Without spending much research time, I did not discover any connection with Alquina, Fayette County, Indiana. Of particular interest to me is that he was a Bugler.

If one is interested in the history of the 2nd Indiana Cavalry, there is much to be found by using Google Search.

--Jan D. Huber, October 29, 2013



Historical Sketch of the John W. Owens Post No. 5, Phoenix, Ariz

By David A. Swanson

This column, containing 1890 information will be continued in the April 2014 newsletter.



Brigadier General Joshua Chamberlain and his Medal of Honor

The following article was contained in the December 2013 issue of *The American Legion* magazine:

Civil War hero's lost Medal of Honor found in back of book

Civil War hero Brig. Gen. Joshua Chamberlain's Medal of Honor has been returned to a historical society in his home state of Maine, after it was found at a church sale. The medal was examined by experts from the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress and the U.S. Army to determine its authenticity.

"After the general's death in 1914," the *Daily Mail* reports, "it was passed down through his

family, until his granddaughter and last living relative Rosamond Allen died in 2000.”

Allen’s estate was donated to Duxbury Church, which is how the medal was unintentionally sold—in the pages of one of her books.

Chamberlain, who fought at Gettysburg and some 23 other battles during the Civil War and was wounded six times, was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Grover Cleveland in 1893



Some interesting Civil War facts from PBS

Here is some interesting information about the Civil War from:

Civil war facts pbs.org/civilwar/war/facts

More than three million men fought in the war.

- Two percent of the population—more than 620,000—died in it.

- In two days at Shiloh on the banks of the Tennessee River, more Americans fell than in all previous American wars combined.

- At Cold Harbor, Va., 7,000 Americans fell in 20 minutes.

- Senator John J. Crittendon of Kentucky had two sons who became major generals during the Civil War: one for the North, one for the South.

- At the start of the war, the value of all manufactured goods produced in all the Confederate states added up to less than one-fourth of those produced in New York State alone.

- In March 1862, European powers watched in worried fascination as the Monitor and Merrimack battled off Hampton Roads, Va. From then on, after these ironclads opened fire, every other navy on earth was obsolete.

- In 1862, the U.S. Congress authorized the first paper currency, called "greenbacks."

- Disease was the chief killer during the war, taking two men for every one who died of battle wounds.

- North and South, potential recruits were offered awards, or "bounties," for enlisting, as much as \$677 in New York. Bounty jumping soon became a profession, as men signed up, then deserted, to enlist again elsewhere. One man repeated the process 32 times before being caught.

- African Americans constituted less than one percent of the northern population, yet by the war’s end made up ten percent of the Union Army. A total of 180,000 black men, more than 85% of those eligible, enlisted.

- In November 1863, President Lincoln was invited to offer a "few appropriate remarks" at the opening of a new Union cemetery at Gettysburg. The main speaker, a celebrated orator from Massachusetts, spoke for nearly two hours. Lincoln offered just 269 words in his Gettysburg Address.

February 15, 2014, Camp meeting

Our Camp meeting will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix on this date at high noon!

Our speaker will be Camp Commander John Conrad whose talk will be: “Voyage out of Bondage: Robert Smalls.”

For those who have not been to the new meeting place, come out and enjoy it and the camaraderie of your Camp Brothers!

2014 Camp meeting dates—changes!

All Camp meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix, Az at noon on the following dates:

February 15th

May 17th

August 23rd

November 15th

Please mark your calendars!

Second Call for 2014 dues

Dues for 2014 are now being gratefully accepted by our secretary/treasurer.

Dues are \$36 for members and \$10 for junior members.

Please do not wait until the last minute because you may forget and then we have to hire bounty hunters *and then things can get ugly.*

Please mail them to Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom PCC, (see page 7) or pay them at our February 15th meeting.

Address Change

Brothers, if you change your address, *e-mail address* or phone number please advise our Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom at your earliest convenience.

This will ensure that you get *The Banner*, our Camp newsletter, and additionally this will enable us to contact you.

If you are receiving this newsletter in black & white via the Unites States Postal Service and an e-mail color version would work just as well for you, e-mail the newsletter editor—

2014 ANNUAL DUES

Name _____

Dues for calendar year 2014 are \$36.00

Dues enclosed \$ _____

Junior dues for calendar year 2014 are \$10.00

Junior Dues \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make your check out to Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 SUVCW

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