

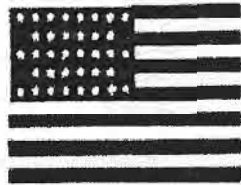
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Memorial Day, A Time of Remembrance

Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1868, on the order of General John Alexander Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of the American Civil War dead.

It was observed on May 30 until 1971, when most states changed to a newly established federal schedule of holiday observance.

Confederate Memorial Day, formerly a legal holiday in many southern states, is still observed on the fourth Monday in April in Alabama, the last Monday in April in Mississippi, and April 26 in Florida and Georgia.

John Alexander Logan, (1826-86), American soldier and politician, born in Jackson County, Illinois, and educated at Shiloh College and the University of Louisville.

He served in the Illinois state legislature in 1852 and in 1856 and was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1859 to 1862.

At the outbreak of the American Civil War he resigned his seat to join the Union army, with the rank of colonel.

He became major general in 1862; in 1863 he commanded a division in the campaign to take Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was appointed military governor of that city after its surrender.

In 1864 he commanded the Army of the Tennessee in the battle at

Atlanta, Georgia.

He retired from the army in 1865 with the rank of major general, and in 1867 he was returned to Congress as a Republican from Illinois.

He served in the U.S. Senate from 1871 to 1877 and from 1879 to 1886. In 1884 he was the vice-presidential candidate on the Republican ticket with James G. Blaine, the presidential candidate, but was defeated.

Logan founded the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans.

General Logan saw the need to remember the dead of the war. Our government, our citizens must always remember the price of freedom and the Republic which was paid by the blood of common soldiers and volunteers.

The Most Sacred of the Year

He began by expressing his respect, not only for the veterans gathered to hear him, but also for the men they had fought, and he told why he felt it. "You could not stand up day after day, in those indecisive contests where overwhelming victory was impossible because neither side would run as they ought when beaten, without getting at last something of the same brotherhood for the enemy that the north pole of a magnet has for the south, each working in an opposite sense to the other, but unable to get along without the other." Such scorn as he felt he reserved for those who had stood aside when the call came for commitment. "I think that, as life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time at peril of

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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

DEAR BROTHERS:

DI believe May 23rd, will be a red-letter day for Camp Picacho Peak! I really expect the largest turn-out of any luncheon we've had. Why? I've had over 15 new inquires about the SUVCW in the past two months. Fantastic!

The largest attendance we've had, was over a year ago- 39 people. Bring your wives, relatives and good friends. We're going to have an excellent lunch and an outstanding speaker!

However, lest we forget, 2 days after our meeting Memorial Day is observed. This is a very important day for all true American patriots to remember and honor the men and women who served their country so valiantly from 1776 to 1998. Whether from East, West, North or South, we are all Americans who love this country.

Let us all cherish and honor, what our forefathers gave us.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Larry Fuller, Commander
Camp Picacho Peak #1

MOST SACRED *(continued)*

being judged not to have lived." Memorial Day was for him and his listeners "the most sacred of the year," and he believed it would continue to be observed with pride and reverence. "But even if I am wrong, even if those who are to come after us are to forget all that we hold dear, and the future is to teach and kindle its children in ways as yet unrevealed, it is enough for us that to us this day is dear and sacred.... For one hour, twice a year at least-at the regimental dinner, where the ghosts sit at table more numerous than the living, and on this day when we decorate their graves- the dead come back and live with us. I see them now, more that I can number, as once I saw them on this earth." He saw them, and he saw what they stood for, even now in the midst of what Mark Twain had dubbed the Gilded Age. "The generation that carried on the war has

been set aside by its experience. Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire. It was given to us to learn at the outset that life is a profound and passionate thing. While we are permitted to scorn nothing but indifference, and do not pretend to undervalue the worldly rewards of ambition, we have seen with our own eyes, beyond and above the gold fields, the snowy heights of honor, and it is for us to bear the report to those who come after us."

Shelby Foote describes a speech given by Captain Holmes, at Keene, New Hampshire in 1884.

Captain Holmes had once yelled at President Lincoln, while the President was standing high on the parapet of Fort Stevens, "Get down, you damn fool!"

CAMP NEWS & BUSINESS

THE BRIEFING BOARD

CAMP MEETING TO BE HELD:

A camp meeting of the Picacho Peak Camp #1 will be held on **Saturday, May 23, 1998** at 1200 noon at the **American Legion Post #44** 7145 E. 22nd St., Scottsdale, AZ

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 20, 1998. Make your checks payable to the

Camp Picacho Peak, SUVCW.

Send to **John Coon**

13710 Aleppo Cr

Sun City West, AZ. 85375

We hope you all can attend.

ANNUAL DUES ARE

PAST DUE Let's get our payments in for the year. With summer approaching it is easy to forget.

So, Please bring your payment of \$25.00 current and \$35.00 for new members to the May 23rd meeting and you won't have to worry about it the rest of the year or just mail it! Make your checks payable to the **Camp Picacho Peak, SUVCW.** This supports our great Camp and all its efforts to remember those who have sacrificed so much for us.

FEATURED SPEAKER at the upcoming Camp meeting!

Dave Kampt.

Member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Authority on weapons of the Civil War

(Participation is always encouraged)

TOPIC

FOREIGN WEAPONS IN THE CIVIL WAR

ARTICLES DESPERATELY NEEDED AND WANTED We had a shortage of articles this issue. Your ancestor's stories are important This is a great way to memorialize them. The Editor of The Camp Gazette is encouraging each of you to submit articles, stories, or anything of interest to be published. So, don't be shy and get to writing! Articles should not be more than about 400 words, unless you are inspired. Send your masterpieces to:

**Editor The Camp Gazette
c/o Dan Gray
6850 W. Sierra St.
Peoria, AZ 85345**

CAMP REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

*Camp Secretary Dan Zwiener
April 1998*

Membership as of this date is 43. Three new members have enrolled in the last month

On April 11, 1998, a camp council meeting was held in Phoenix. Present were Brothers Graffin, McKenzie, Coon, Fuller, Hannan, and Zwiener. Plans for the Memorial Day meeting were finalized.

Brother Coon gave his treasurer's report. He noted that we need to establish annual due-dates for payment.

The situation with our national publication *The Banner* have apparently been solved. If members are still not receiving their publications they should contact Brother Fuller.

A discussion of by-laws was the final item on the agenda.

The new name badges were given out to those who ordered them at the winter meeting.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dan Zwiener

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31 1998

Treasurer-J.R. Coon

1998 Dues are Past due. Please send \$25.00 to:

John Coon
13710 Aleppo Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
584-3304

Make your checks payable to the **Camp Picacho Peak, SUVCW.**

Name badges, for those ordering in February will be given out out. Forms for name badges will be available on May 23 at our May camp meeting.

The bank balance as of March 31, 1998 is \$383.83.

ORDER ORDER ORDER!!

NAME TAGS are available for our members.

2 Lines for \$2.00

YOUR NAME
CAMP PICACHO PEAK

3 Lines for \$3.00

Contact Larry Fuller
Sign up and ORDER
at our next camp

YOUR NAME
CAMP PICACHO PEAK
REGIMENT OR RANK

THE MEMBER'S CORNER

"...Forever Buried...."

submitted by Robert Hannan

The heartstrings of the mother, woven around the grave of her lost child, will never be severed while she lives: but does that hinder the continued flow of maternal devotions to those who are left her? The South's affections are bound, with links that cannot be broken, around the graves of her sons who fell in her defense and to the mementos and memories of the great struggle; but does that fact lessen her loyalty to the proud emblems of a reunited country? Does her unparalleled defenses of the now dead Confederacy argue less readiness to battle for the ever-living Republic, in the making and the administering of which she bore so conspicuous a part? The

unseemly thing which occurred in the great conflict between the States should be forgotten, or at least forgiven, and no longer permitted to disturb complete harmony between North, South.

All American youth in all sections should be taught to hold in perpetual remembrance all that was great and good on both sides; to comprehend the inherited convictions for which saintly women suffered and patriotic men died; to recognize the unparalleled carnage as proof of unrivaled courage, to appreciate the singular absence of all personal animosity and the frequent manifestation between those brave antagonists of a good fellowship such as had none before witnessed between hostile armies.

It will be a glorious day

for our country when all the children within its borders shall learn that four years of fratricidal war between the North and the South was waged by neither with criminal or unworthy intent, but by both to protect what they conceived to be threatened rights and imperiled liberty; that the issues which divided the sections were born when the republic was born and were forever buried in an ocean of fraternal blood."

General John B. Gordon,
C.S.A.

John B. Gordon fought in the Peninsular campaign, Seven Pines. He was wounded at Antietam, and lead commands at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania and in Early's Valley campaign. He planned and lead the assault on Ft. Stedman at Petersburg.

He authored:

REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR (1903)

...from the Historian

Robert Hannan
Camp Historian

WHO FOUGHT FOR THE UNION

Between 1861 and 1865 an estimated 2.3 million men enlisted in the Union Army. Around 70% of these young men were under 23 years of age. Around 100,000 were 16 and equal number 15. 300 were 13 or less and some record show there were perhaps 25, older than 10 years of age. Here for the first time in their lives many never were

10 miles from their home.

In 1861 there were approximately 33 million people living in the United States. Most of them were immigrants from other countries who wanted to come to the United State in search for freedom and a new way of life. The people who were born here were mostly farmers, worked in mines

others were seaman and others tried their hands in the gold fields of California and Nevada.

One thing they had in common was, they were Americans. When the Civil War broke out President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers. Below I would

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS
 CAMP PICACHO PEAK

CAMP OFFICERS, 1997-1998

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CAMP MEETINGS: The Camp meetings for the Sons of Union Veterans Camp Picacho meet three times per year in the months of February, May, and November. Times, dates and camp meeting sites are announced in this newsletter,

CAMP DUES: Total dues for full members are \$25.00 per year, which includes National Dues and Camp Dues. New members first time dues are \$35.00.

Historian (continued)

like to give you an accounting of the state and the soldiers it sent to fulfill the call.

Alabama	2,578
Arkansas	8,289
California	15,725
Colorado	4,903
Connecticut	51,937
Dakota	206
Delaware	11,236
District of Columbia	11,912
Florida	1,290
Illinois	255,057
Indiana	193,748
Iowa	75,797
Kansas	18,069
Kentucky	51,743
Louisiana	5,224
Maine	64,973
Maryland	33,995
Massachusetts	122,781

Michigan	85,479
Minnesota	23,913
Mississippi	545
Missouri	100,616
Nebraska	3,157
Nevada	1,080
New Hampshire	32,930
New Jersey	67,500
New Mexico	6,561
New York	409,561
North Carolina	3,156
Ohio	304,814
Oregon	1,810
Pennsylvania	315,017
Rhode Island	19,521
Tennessee	31,092
Texas	1,965
Vermont	32,549
Washington	964
West Virginia	31,872
Wisconsin	91,029

These are the Union troops furnished by each state 1861-1865.

It is estimated that 86,000 plus drafted men paid commutation and were exempted from service.

(States over 100,000 in bold)



QUOTATION....

"The nation is worth fighting for, to secure such an inestimable jewel."

Abraham Lincoln

John Coon
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