



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



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**CAMP NEWSLETTER**  
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To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865

October 2014

Camp Web site: [suvwaz-camp1.org](http://suvwaz-camp1.org)



## Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 receives its charter



### ASUVCW National President and National Secretary preside over installation of Picacho Peak Auxiliary Camp No. 1



Sisters present at the ceremony:

Front row (L-R) Barbara Metzger; Beverly Brooks; Paula Vessels;  
Back row (L-R) Maura Mackowski; Susan Burke; Dr Geri Morgan;  
Verna Maleski; Rachelle Campbell, ASUVCW National President;  
Tricia Bures, ASUVCW National Secretary

**Congratulations & Welcome to Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1!**



Installation of Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 Officers

(R-L) Rachelle Campbell, ASUVCW National President; Barbara Metzger, President; Verna Maleski, Vice President; Susan Burke, Trustee 1; Maura Mackowski, Patriotic Instructor; Beverly Brooks, Guide; and Paula Vessels, Secretary/Treasurer



### **Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 Charter Members**

Barbara Metzger—President  
Verna Maleski—Vice President  
Paula Vessels—Secretary/Treasurer  
Maura Mackowski—Patriotic Instructor  
Diane Cobb—Chaplain  
Beverly Brooks—Guide  
Susan Burke—Trustee 1  
Helen Davis  
Rose Marie Huber  
Joye Kohl  
Geri Morgan  
Linda Nash

Gail Palmateer  
Deborah H. Pardee  
Rachel Peak  
Gladys Phillips  
Julia Schaeffer  
Lora Schaeffer  
Janell Strachota  
Bee Talmadge  
Rachel Vessels  
Heidi Vollmuth

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David A. Swanson—Past President  
John R. Conrad—Counselor

## Minutes of the August 23, 2014, Camp meeting

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

The second annual joint meeting of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 and Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was opened by Tent President Verna Maleski. There were 60 Brothers, Sisters, and guests in attendance.

We were honored to have Sisters Rachelle Campbell, ASUVCW National President; Tricia Bures, ASUVCW National Secretary and her husband Brother Loren Bures, SUVCW National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer.

### Meeting minutes:

The business meeting was much abbreviated. Camp Commander Conrad reminded those Brothers present that our Camp officer elections will take place this November and asked if any would consider getting more involved with Camp affairs by filling officer positions.

### Speaker

We were honored to have James "J.J." Jones as our guest speaker. J.J. had a father who served as a Buffalo Soldier and he portrayed George Jordan, a Buffalo Soldier and Medal of Honor recipient.

J.J. Jones gave a very interesting history of the Buffalo Soldiers in Arizona and the Southwest complete with items such as a dress uniform, a McClellan saddle, and a period pistol and rifle. His presentation was first rate and ended with the entire audience on its feet singing the first stanza of The Battle Hymn of the Republic!



James "J.J." Jordan portraying Buffalo Soldier George Jordan

## New Camp Brothers initiated

The following new Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 were initiated by Camp Commander John Conrad:

Brother Robert C. Massey of Phoenix, whose Civil War ancestor is his great-great grandfather 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Samuel D. Cudsworth, Co. K, 210<sup>th</sup> Penna Infantry Regiment.

Brother Daniel S. Dobbler of Sun City, whose Civil War ancestor is his great grandfather Corporal Isaac C. Smith, Co. H, 80<sup>th</sup> Ill Infantry Regiment.



(L-R) Brother Robert Massey, Camp Commander John Conrad, and Brother Daniel Dobbler



## Camp organizational meeting in Tucson—Nov. 8th

Camp Commander John Conrad has contacted Picacho Peak Camp Brothers and National Members-at-Large who live in the southern Arizona area in an effort to gauge interest in forming a southern Arizona Camp. A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the HUB Restaurant & Creamery, 266 E. Congress Street, Tucson 85701 in Tucson.



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## In Memorial

Longtime Camp Brother **Clair Barnett** of Dewey, Arizona passed away on July 1, 2014, at age 86. Among other jobs, Brother Barnett was the Yavapai County Assessor from 1981-92. Our Camp expresses its deepest sympathies to his wife Bessie and family.

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## Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1

ASUVCW National President Rachelle Campbell installs Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1. This is a very historical event and we are very pleased to welcome our Auxiliary.



ASUVCW National President Rachelle Campbell



## History of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The following is found on the ASUVCW website:

“The history of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans is closely associated with the Grand Army of the Republic which was founded in 1866 and the Allied Orders who were later formed to continue their work. Post 94 of the Grand Army, Philadelphia, in 1878 created a Cadet Corps which later became the Sons of Union Veterans. Similar units were organized throughout many neighboring states.

“In 1882, the first session of the Commandery-In-Chief, Sons of Veterans was held at Pittsburgh, Penn. In later years, the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The need for an auxiliary was soon recognized and through the efforts of Major A. P. Davis, the first Ladies Aid Society was organized at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1883 and in the following year was officially recognized as their Auxiliary. Ladies Aid Societies were formed in several States in rapid succession and in 1886 plans for a National Organization were formed, with the first National Encampment being held in Akron, Ohio, September 1887. At the National Encampment at Boston, Massachusetts in 1894, our name was changed to the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, with it eventually becoming known as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.”

-- <http://www.asuvcw.org/hist.htm>



## Allied Orders to the Grand Army of the Republic

During its existence the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was aided in its work by five organizations, which are now referred to as the Allied Orders of the GAR. These are:

**Women’s Relief Corps.** The official woman’s auxiliary of the GAR. Organized in 1883, membership is open to all women, regardless of ancestry, who ascribe to the principles of the Order;

**Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:** An organization of ladies who trace their ancestry to a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, Marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service.

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War:** Women with Union Civil War ancestors who either belonged to or could qualify for membership in the GAR.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:** The SUVCW was created in 1881 by the GAR. Membership is open to men who have an ancestor who either belonged to or was eligible to join the GAR (a Union Civil War veteran). A limited number of associates may be part of a Camp. Associates are men who otherwise qualify for membership except for the existence of a Union Civil War ancestor.

**Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:** Created in 1887, membership is open to women with Union Civil War veterans as ancestors as well as to spouses and daughters of members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

-- [http://www.suvcw.org/?page\\_id=386](http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=386)

*Editor’s note:* These are *very* brief explanations of the various Orders. For more detail, go to their respective web pages. One further note, the Auxiliary to the SUVCW also has an associate membership similar to that of the SUVCW.



## Picacho Peak Camp officer elections

Camp officer elections will take place on November 15, 2015.

The following Brothers are running unopposed:

- Commander: John Conrad PCC
- Senior Vice Commander: Gerald N. Bloom
- Junior Vice Commander: Jim Heller
- Secretary/Treasurer: Gerald N. Bloom
- Camp Council (3 positions):
- Ron Jones
- Don Strachota
- David Palmateer

The names of Camp Brothers appointed to fill “appointed officer” positions in the Camp will be presented at the meeting and listed in the January 2015 newsletter.

As a reminder: Officers in our Camp are elected/appointed and installed at each November meeting; therefore, once the ceremony is over (not the meeting), the newly elected/appointed officers take charge of the Camp.

We will also elect delegates/alternates to the 2015 Department-at-Large Encampment which will take place on August 19, 2015, (the first day of the National Encampment). The National Encampment will run from August 19-23, 2015, in Richmond, Va.



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

By David A. Swanson

Here is a continuation of articles regarding the John W. Owen Post No. 5, GAR from its inception in September 1885. This “historical sketch” includes a glimpse of the Post, the Department of Arizona GAR, the city of Phoenix and the territory and state of Arizona, taken solely from published Phoenix newspaper accounts.

This *Arizona Republican* account of the activities will take us through January 1891. We start with a call to form an association of “ex-confederate soldiers.”

Friday January 2, 1891:

#### Under the Gray

We are authorized to announce a call for all ex-confederate soldiers in this vicinity to meet at Cox and Williams’ law office, Thibodo building, Phoenix, on Saturday January 10, at 2 p. m. The object of the meeting is to form an association of old soldiers who were none the less brave because they campaigned on the losing side.

Memory of those old war days are still dear to Stonewall Jackson’s men and a large attendance is earnestly solicited.

Friday, January 9, 1891:

#### To be Reburied. Attention G. A. R.

The committee of G. A. R. men who objected before the Supervisors this morning to the unfeeling manner in which their comrade, Andrew Simmons, was buried yesterday, have secured the right of exhumation and reburial.

Comrades of the John W. Owens Post No. 5, are requested to meet at their lodge rooms at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, whence they will proceed to the cemetery and conduct proper funeral ceremonies over their late brother, according to the prescribed ritual in such cases.

Friday, January 9, 1891:

#### Owen Post Officers

The John W. Owen Post No. 5, G. A. R., is keeping up its organization in this city with true military spirit and precision. Last night new officers were installed as follows:

Post Commander, S. C. Symonds; senior vice commander, J. L. Ward; junior vice commander, R. C. Powers; chaplain, H. B. Lighthizer; surgeon, W. A. Hyde; officer of the day, E. A. Copeland; quarter—master, J. B. Creamer; officer of the guard, John Anderson; adjutant, C. H. Knapp; sergeant major, John King; quarter—master sergeant, John Gray.

Under the new roster we trust the veteran boys in blue may conduct a more successful campaign than ever before.

Wednesday, January 14, 1891:

#### Yuma’s New Post

Department Commander Coats has granted the request of G. A. R. men at Yuma for the establishment of a Post there. Today a charter was duly issued and forwarded to the veterans of Yuma. The Post is named “John C. Fremont No. 9” and starts with ten chartered members as follows:

George H. Field, Robert S. Hatch, W. Hackett, H. O. Landgreen, Chris Horner, George Thurlow, J. W. Dorington, Stephen Sumner, G. Purdy, G. W. Bronson.

January 15, 1891:

#### “Sheridan Fifteen Miles Away”

All through the disastrous route at Fisher’s Hill the old 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry of New York, Major Ed Schwartz, now recorder of Phoenix, commanding, stood ready for action. At 3 p.m. General Sheridan came upon the field, after his famous ride from Winchester. Col. Forsythe, his chief of staff, at present fighting Dakota Indians, received him and the 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry escorted him as he rallied the scattered infantry and drove Early back by one of the most glorious retrievals from disaster ever recorded.

The 4<sup>th</sup> N. Y. Veterans Cavalry Association likes to recall annually the memory of those heroic days. Their next reunion will be held in New York, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Their old commander, Major Schwartz, was naturally importuned to attend. A tear of regret coursed down the battle scarred cheeks this morning as he was forced to decline his comrade’s invitation. With trembling hand he penned the following letter of enforced declination:

“Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1891.

*To my comrades of the old 4<sup>th</sup> New York:*

Dear Comrades: I thought I could be with you at your reunion this year, but ‘man proposes and God disposes.’

I was re-elected City Recorder at our late city election and, under our charter, the recorder is also Police Judge. I am forced to hold court every day at 9 a. m., which makes it impossible for me to leave the city. My heart’s best wishes are with you and, when you are talking of the old boys and times, try and forget the faults of your old comrades in arms and remember what was good and noble in them.

My best wishes for each and all of you is that, as you ascend the hill of prosperity, you may never meet a comrade coming down.

Your old comrade,  
Ed Schwartz.”

February 13, 1891:

**ADMIRAL AND GENERAL**

**Porter Dies—Sherman Somewhat Better To-day.**

Washington, Feb 13—Admiral David D. Porter died this morning.

He was born in the Quaker City of Philadelphia 78 years ago . . .

His death was very sudden. It occurred at his residence here and was the result of a fatty degeneration of the heart. . .



Admiral David D. Porter

Promoted as the second U.S. Navy officer ever to attain the rank of admiral, after his adoptive brother David G. Farragut, Porter helped improve the Navy as the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy after significant service in the American Civil War.

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Dixon\\_Porter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Dixon_Porter)

**Camp & Auxiliary Meeting —November 15, 2014**

Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix, Az. Time: high noon

Our speaker is to be announced. Come out and socialize with your fellow Brothers and Sisters!

Please mark your calendars!

**Picacho Peak Camp Signals Officer (webmaster) needed.**

**We currently do not have one. If you have the knowledge we really do need you. Please contact Camp Commander John Conrad.**

**First Call for 2015 dues**

Dues for 2015 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, (see page 7) or pay them at our Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 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—**

**2015 ANNUAL DUES**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for calendar year 2015 are \$36.00

Dues enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Junior dues for calendar year 2015 are \$10.00

Junior Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail to:

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4323 N. 28th Way  
Phoenix, AZ 85016

**Past Camp Commanders**



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