



# JOURNAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST



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

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## Department News

### 2017-2018 Department Officers



Front (R-L) Tad Campbell, PCinC; Robert McCord SVC; James Heller, Guide; John Conrad PDC, Civil War Memorials Officer & Counselor; Christopher Beisner, Guard; Allen Nash, Camp Council & Patriotic Instructor; Back row (R-L) Robert Archibald, JROTC Coordinator; Dennis Lamb, Eagle Scout Coordinator; David Swanson, Commander; David Jackson, Graves Registration; Dale Enlow, Secretary/Treasurer & Historian; Randy McNally, Camp Council

### Department of the Southwest's First Annual Encampment

The Department of the Southwest's First Annual Encampment took place on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Elks Lodge, 14424 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix. We had 32 Brothers, Sisters and guests present for this first Encampment and it was a great success!

The Memorial Service was conducted with the assistance of Acting Department Chaplain Dan Huskisson and the First Encampment of the Department of the Southwest was then opened by Department Commander John R. Conrad.

Special guests present were: Tad Campbell SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief, Maura Mackowski, President of the Margaret Warner Wood

Tent No. 1 DUVCW, and Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary.

Once the Encampment adjourned all of those present had a Mexican food lunch and joined in a silent raffle of several items donated by Brothers of the Department which benefited the Department to the tune of \$160!

***Delegates—the following delegates were present:***

National:

Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell

Department of the Southwest:

Commander John Conrad

Senior Vice Commander David Swanson

Junior Vice Commander Robert McCord

Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow

Council:

Randy McNally

**Camps:**

Picacho Peak No. 1

James Heller, Commander

David R. Jackson

Dan Huskisson

Dennis W. Lamb

David B. Gray

Ronald E. Gray

William R. Hearter

Christopher C. Beisner

General R. H. G. Minty No. 2

Robert Haley

John L. Lyons

General U. S. Grant No. 3

Richard Rice

Robert Archibald

***Department of the Southwest Commendations for Meritorious Service*** were presented by Department Commander John Conrad to the following deserving Brothers for their service:

**Jan D. Huber**

For his extensive and dedicated service to the Order from 2009 to 2016 as Graves Registration Officer, during which time he registered 174 new graves and updated records on 90 graves.

**Jerry Bloom**

For his exemplary and dedicated service to the Order as Secretary/Treasurer, Camp Commander, and Department Council member throughout the years, a founding member of Picacho Peak Camp #1 in 1996, and a tireless worker without whose efforts the Order in Arizona would have ceased to exist.

**Mark Haynes**

For his exemplary and dedicated service to the Order as Chaplain throughout the years, and now as Camp Commander, U.S. Grant Camp #3, often traveling 570 miles roundtrip to attend meetings.

**Jeffrey Burgess**

For his tireless and dedicated service to the Department as Signals Officer, creating and maintaining the on-line presence of the Department of the Southwest.

**David Kampf**

For his exemplary and dedicated service to the Order as Patriotic Instructor and his many historical presentations to the Order throughout the years, often displaying and sharing historical artifacts from his vast collection.

**Dale E. Enlow**

For his tireless and extraordinary service to the Department as Secretary-Treasurer in its founding year, guiding the Department in organizing its records, understanding National procedures, and keeping us on the straight and narrow. Through his efforts, the Department is on firm ground for the future.

**David A. Swanson**

For his tireless and dedicated service to the Order as Department Senior Vice Commander, Camp Commander, Camp Senior Vice Commander, Camp Secretary/Treasurer, GAR Records Officer, Department Civil War Memorials Officer, Newsletter Editor, Camp Organizer, and doubtless many other roles that are unrecorded over the years, who has served as the lifeblood, heartbeat, and driving force of the Order in Arizona. He has made the Department of the Southwest what it is today.

**Sister Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary, received the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal**

Department Commander John Conrad presented the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal to Sister Verna Maleski for her outstanding service to the SUVCW.

This medal is of the highest order which is authorized by the SUVCW and can be presented to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW.

For her outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the SUVCW in Arizona in furtherance of its mission and goals. She has faithfully served as a leader of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and is a founder and officer of the Auxiliary to Picacho Peak Camp #1, SUVCW. Her efforts have strengthened the Allied Orders in the Department of the Southwest and promoted a spirit of comradery and cooperation among the three Orders in the jurisdiction of the Department.



(L-R) John Conrad, Verna Maleski, David Swanson, and Tad Campbell PCinC

### **Bylaw changes**

The Elected department officers and delegates voted unanimously to several changes to the Department bylaws. Below is a summation of the changes:

Article III Membership (Article 1): Requires that Brothers under the age of 18 years of age be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a guardian (grandfather, brother over the age of 18 years, or uncle) when participating in any SUVCW activity. Brothers aged 18 or over should complete the free training from the Boy Scouts of America <http://www.myscouting.org>

Article III Membership (Section 2): The revision clarifies the previous section and provides that Brothers who reside within the boundaries of the Department of the Southwest must be a member of a Department of the Southwest Camp. There is no Department Member-at-Large classification.

Article VII Department Council: Add the following responsibilities to the Council: The Council is responsible for ensuring that a complete slate of nominees for the "Elected Department Officers" is prepared and presented to the Department Commander for use at each annual Department Encampment

Article VIII Finances: Clarifies that all Brothers (including Life members) pay the Department tax only to their primary camp. They do not pay a Department tax on dual memberships in other Department camps.

Article IV Encampments: Eliminates information contained in the section and replaces it with information that membership at the Annual Department Encampment shall be according to the current National Constitution and Regulations. (The exiting provisions went beyond what was allowed in the National Regulations.)

Department of the Southwest Dues: A \$3.00 per year increase in annual dues to the Department was approved. This is not retroactive and is applicable on any new memberships and dues in 2018 and beyond.

### **Installation of Department Officers**

The Installation of the Department of the Southwest Officers for 2017-2018 as our last order of business was conducted by PCinC Tad Campbell.

### ***Elected Department Officers for 2017-2018***

Commander: David A. Swanson  
Senior Vice Commander: Robert D. McCord  
Junior Vice Commander: Gerald N. Bloom  
Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow  
Council: Randy D. McNally, Allen Nash, David Palmateer

### ***Appointed Officers for 2017-2018***

Patriotic Instructor: Allen Nash  
Chaplain: Mark Haynes  
Graves Registration: David Jackson  
Historian: Dale E. Enlow  
Civil War Memorials: John R. Conrad PDC  
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Dennis W. Lamb  
Counselor: John R. Conrad PDC  
Signals Officer: Jeffrey D. Burgess  
Guide: James M. Heller  
Guard: Christopher Beisner  
Color Bearer: David T. Vessels

### ***Delegates elected to the National Encampment:***

David Swanson and Gerald Bloom



(L-R) New Department Commander David Swanson & Tad Campbell PCinC

### Post Installation activity

Past Department Commander John Conrad was called forward by Commander David Swanson to receive two awards: the first was a plaque presented by the Department signifying its thanks for all of the work that he did as the Department's first Department Commander and the second a commendation for all of his work not only as the first Department Commander but also as its Organizer. Without his commitment to our Department by both his time and treasure we would not be where we are today.



(L-R) Past Department Commander John receiving his well earned certificate of appreciation from Department Commander David Swanson

**John thanks for a job well done!**

Department Commander Swanson then thanked those delegates present for the opportunity to serve as the second commander of the Department of the Southwest and gave a short speech about its history. He also gave three SUVCW flag certificates to each of the attending Camp commanders to encourage the Camps' participation in this worthwhile endeavor. By distributing these certificates (and hopefully others) citizens and appropriate businesses receive recognition from our Department and its Camps for their patriotism in properly displaying our grand United States flag.

The First Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment was then closed until next year.



## DEPARTMENT ORDERS

**Department of the Southwest  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

### GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2017-2018)

### Change of Command and Department Activities

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, the National policies, and the Department Bylaws, the following is ordered:

1. At Phoenix, Arizona, on March 11, 2017, the Delegates to the First Department Encampment elected me to the highest office in the Department. I am honored to serve my Brothers in this capacity, and will do all in my power to promote the success and growth of the Department and its activities.
2. Headquarters of the Commander is hereby established at 4851 E. Fernwood Court, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. All correspondence for the Commander may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to me at: [swanson1854@yahoo.com](mailto:swanson1854@yahoo.com) and my phone number is 480-599-9143.
3. Correspondence concerning Department or Camp activities, finances, reports, and membership should be directed to Department Secretary-Treasurer Dale E. Enlow, 7723 E. Treeline, Hackberry, AZ 86411, 928-715-5109, [dale\\_enlow@hotmail.com](mailto:dale_enlow@hotmail.com).
4. As heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, all of the Brothers of the SUVCW swore to protect May 30<sup>th</sup> as Memorial Day—since this was the day set aside by those Comrades who saved our Union. I encourage the Camps to have some sort of ceremony on this day but if not possible Brothers should at least fly the flag of the United States in tribute. Additionally, I strongly encourage Camps to participate in the National Memorial Day ceremony to be held on Monday, May 29, 2017, in their local communities. Remember, Memorial Day honors all of those who “gave their last full measure of devotion” in saving our country during any war or conflict.
5. All of the Camps should actively participate in presenting SUVCW flag certificates to those individuals and companies who patriotically display the grand flag of the United States. Camps should keep a record of their actions in this regard and notify the editor of the Department newsletter.
6. Restrictions established for the monitoring of members under the age of 18 while interacting with the SUVCW and its Departments and Camps. All Camps must revise their respective bylaws to include specific information which is

contained in PCinC Freshley’s General Order No. 22. Either Department Secretary Dale Enlow or I can be contacted for the exact wording or it can be found on the SUVCW website. Camp commanders will make their membership aware of this requirement since it is an important safeguard for all of our Brothers and current or future members under the age of 18.

7. Monument Committee: A committee comprised of Brothers Jeff Burgess (chairman) and John Conrad PDC and others as appropriate is formed with the purpose of getting a monument to the California Column placed at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix or other appropriate site.

8. I thank all of the Brothers of the Department of the Southwest and its Camps for their membership since without it we would not exist! I encourage Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by volunteering for programs and the various officer position opportunities.

Ordered this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017  
/s/ David A. Swanson, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ Dale E. Enlow, Department Secretary



### Civil War in the Southwest—March 18-19, 2017

The Civil War in the Southwest reenactment took place at Picacho Peak State Park on March 18-19, 2017. The Department was represented by Brothers Bob McCord and Randy McNally.



Dept Senior Vice Commander Bob McCord



Bob and Laura McCord



### Eagle Scout Court of Honor

By John Conrad PDC

It was my pleasure to represent the Department yesterday, April 1, at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Justin Bush at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Tempe. Justin is a fine young man whose Eagle service project was building a wall of shelves for Lost our Home Pet Rescue. The Court of Honor was heavily attended by family, friends, and members of his Troop 577. I presented him with the Eagle letter of congratulations and certificate and pocket patch from Brother Dennis Lamb, Eagle Scout Coordinator.



Justin Bush & John Conrad PDC



# Camp and Auxiliary News



## Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jim Heller** (623) 975-4300; [jmh7116@aol.com](mailto:jmh7116@aol.com) or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; [jerrybloom@q.com](mailto:jerrybloom@q.com)

### **Past Camp Commanders:**

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †

David A. Swanson 2003-2006

Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †

John R. Conrad 2008-2010

David A. Swanson 2010-2013

John R. Conrad 2013-2015

Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016



## February 11, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

On February 11, 2017, the regular quarterly meeting of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. The meeting was attended by Camp Brothers, Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary, Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW, and guests. Total attendance was 20.

### **Meeting minutes**

Camp Commnader Jim Heller got right out front and told the attendees that since this was his first meeting as the camp commander not be too hard on him because he is old to which the crowd replied: “Join the club—no mercy!”

PCC/Commander of the Dept. of the Southwest John Conrad was welcomed by all. He went on to explain how Delegates and Alternates are selected for our upcoming encampment.

Jeff Burgess updated us on the California Column Monument, it was good timing since we discussed the need to move on getting approval from our State Legislature. Jeff sent a letter to his State Senator Sean Bowie who invited him to his office to discuss our desire to have a Union Solider memorial erected at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. He promised support for our efforts, however there is a very small window

when a request can be submitted, and it was missed. We will be better prepared in 2018.

**Speaker:** Our speaker was Sister Barbara Metzger, who is a Charter member and 1<sup>st</sup> President of Margaret Warner Wood Tent No, 1, AZ DUVCW, Past National Council member of the DUVCW, founding President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary and is now serving as its Secretary.

Barbara gave a great talk about Women in the GAR—and yes, there were women in the GAR!

Her program was well presented and well received by those present.

Thank you Barbara for a very informative program!



Sister Barbara Metzger



### **New Camp Brothers**

The following new Camp Brothers were approved for membership in the SUVCW and Picacho Peak Camp:

**George White**, of Cave Creek, AZ whose Civil War ancestor is Great-Great Grandfather Rev William Morgan Murray, Co D 8<sup>th</sup> Ill Infantry.

**Ken Hooker** of Mesa, AZ, whose Civil War ancestor is Great-Great Grandfather Edson Hooker, Private in Co F, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, New York Cavalry. (Ken is also related to the famous General Hooker.)

**A hearty welcome to Brothers White and Hooker!**



Brother Jan Huber

### **Shades of Yesteryears:**

On Thursday, April 13th, Brother Jan Huber spent most of the day at the Odyssey Preparatory Academy, 6500 S. Apache Rd., Buckeye, AZ. He was one of a trio of Civil War Reenactors who helped the teachers and parents and all Fifth Grade students with various Civil War educational programs and a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg.

The students were the ones who did the battle reenactment after some drilling training. They were all decked out with Union or Confederate uniforms and toy rifles and flags. It was a delightful spectacle! Mathew Brady happened to stop by and took some photos (see above).



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Camp meeting:**

**The next meeting** will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix.

Our speaker will be Dennis Grau, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War. Dennis spent two tours of duty in Vietnam in the US Navy—both on a ship and on the rivers. You will not want to miss this presentation.

Please come out and attend the meeting!

### **2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the following months:

May 13<sup>th</sup>

August 12<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day)

All meetings will take place at noon, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley, Road, Please mark your calendars!



### **General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)**

*Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Contact: Commander Randy D. McNally: 520-578-6366; randydmcnally@aol.com or Secretary/Treasurer Brian Estes: 520-307-8096; brian.v.estes@gmail.com.*

#### ***Past Camp Commanders:***

Robert McCord 2015-2016



### **April 8, 2017, Camp Meeting Information**

The April 8, 2017, Camp meeting was opened by Camp Commander Randy McNally at 1:00 p.m. with 7 members and 2 guests

Bob McCord gave a report about our booth at the recent Picacho Peak reenactment event.

With the 100th anniversary of the U.S. involvement in WW1, the Patriotic Instruction was a short history of how the GAR created the Sons of Veterans as a ready reserve for the Country in times of National emergency, which became the SUVCW and the SVR.

Bob McCord was officially presented with his Past Camp Commander's badge (something that was neglected in January). We reviewed the National General Orders since the last Camp meeting in January and then our speaker David Swanson told the story of his ancestor in the Civil War and how he served under Colonel R.H.G. Minty during the Atlanta Campaign and died on a raid against the railroads South West of Atlanta commanded by Kilpatrick.

Brother Jack Van Deusen, a Brother of Grant Camp, made Minty Camp a small wooden jar with the SUVCW coat of arms in the front of it. The Grant Camp brother does excellent work! We are conducting an on line silent action for ownership of the jar. Proceeds will go into the Camp treasury.



**Upcoming Events**

We will be joining the Tucson members of the 1st New Mexico Co. B in the Tucson Estates Parade on Memorial Day, 29 May. We will meet in the parking lot of the hardware store at Western Way and Kinney Road (behind the Circle K) at 7:00 AM. We will then move to the staging area to take our place in the line up. The parade will step off at 8:00 AM lasting less than an hour. There will be ceremonies afterwards at the community building. Attendance for the ceremonies is optional. Dress can be in Civil War uniforms or if you served in the military and can still wear your uniform, please do so. We will be carrying the Camp Colors. The walking route is less than a mile and is entirely within Tucson Estates. Bring water!

**Camp meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson  
Our speaker has yet to be determined, but please come out and attend the meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings for 2017 will continue to be held during the months of January, April, July, and October with specific dates to be announced. All meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.



**General U. S. Grant Camp No 3.  
(Flagstaff)**

*Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Contact Commander Mark Haynes (928) 755-3714; haynes9@frontiernet.net or Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom: 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com.*

**Past Camp Commanders:**

David A. Swanson 2015-2016



**April 22, 2017, Camp Meeting Information**

The April 22, 2017, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Senior Vice Commander David Swanson. We had 11 Brothers and guests in attendance.

***Camp officer reports:***

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom gave a brief rundown of the Camp's finances and the ongoing efforts of 2017 dues activities. He also had three different types of name badges and the Camp voted on one style. He took orders for them at the meeting.

Dept JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald gave an overview of his efforts and of those who help him in the delivery of the medals.

Camp SVC and Department Commander Swanson gave a brief rundown of the Department Encampment events and indicated that the Department has delegate openings for the National Encampment (August 10-13 in Lansing, Michigan). If anybody wants to attend, please contact him.

The Camp will start an essay contest next school year for middle school children and Brother Rich Rice will lead our efforts.

Memorial Day was discussed and several Brothers will attempt to deliver the Gettysburg Address in their respective cities on Memorial Day.

A beautiful wooden and turquoise wooden jar was put up for silent auction with several Brothers bidding for it and the auction will continue (and end) at the July Camp meeting.

**Speaker:** After a short break David Swanson gave an interesting (if he does say so himself!) talk about The Last Battle of the Civil War and a now Famous Drink (Coca Cola).

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff.  
Our speaker has yet to be determined but come out to the meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Saturday of the following month at the Sizzler Restaurant 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff:  
January 28  
April 22  
July 22  
October 21 (newly revised date)





## **Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 (Phoenix)**

*Chartered on August 23, 2014, is the first (and only) Auxiliary chartered in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix Meetings are at the Deer Valley Restaurant Contact: President Verna Maleski at [vgriiff2047@gmail.com](mailto:vgriiff2047@gmail.com) or Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Metzger at: [blrmetzger@gmail.com](mailto:blrmetzger@gmail.com)*

### **Upcoming Events**

Our next meeting will take place on May 13, 2017, which will begin promptly at **10:45 a.m.**  
Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix.

*All Sisters of the Auxiliary are strongly encouraged to attend this and all of our meetings. Please mark your calendar!*

### **Sister Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary, received the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal**

Department Commander John Conrad presented the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal to Sister Verna Maleski for her outstanding service to the SUVCW. For more information please see page 2 of this newsletter.



## **General News & Information**



### **Approaching the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic**

Starting with the October 2017 newsletter and throughout 2018 I will be posting information about the Department of Arizona GAR which was officially organized on January 17, 1888. Stay tuned!



### **James Winfield Staples**

James Winfield Staples was born on July 14, 1838 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. On December 2, 1861, he joined General Gustavus A. Scroggs' Eagle Brigade in New York City. This brigade later became the 78th Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry and James Staples was appointed Sergeant Major of the regiment on April 24, 1862.

On August 9, 1862, Sergeant-Major Staples saw his first action at the Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia (Cedar Mountain is about eight miles south of Culpepper on Cedar Run). After this battle, he marched north toward Warrenton, Virginia. About six miles southwest of Warrenton the regiment engaged the Confederates in skirmishes on the 24th, 25th, and 26th of August 1862. These skirmishes are referenced in the official records as "Action at Sulphur Springs" or

"Action at Warrenton Springs." Six more days of marching brought the 78th New York to Manassas, Virginia, where on August 30, 1862; the Second Battle of Bull Run was fought.

After this battle, the 78th New York marched north with the Army of Virginia across the state line into Maryland to a place near where Antietam Creek joins the Potomac River near the border with West Virginia. There, on September 17, 1862, Sergeant-Major Staples fought in the Battle of Antietam. He fought well and, during the course of the battle, received a battlefield commission upon the death of Captain Peter M.T. Mitchell. On that day, he became Captain of Company I of the 78th New York Infantry Regiment. He was 24 years old at that time. He resigned his commission and was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army on April 4, 1863 at the Army of the Potomac's XII Corps Headquarters at Stafford Court House, Virginia.

After the war, he moved to San Francisco, California, joined the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), and was subsequently elected as Department Commander of the Department of California. On August 4, 1886, the GAR held its 20th National Encampment in San Francisco and the *San Francisco Daily Morning Call* printed a special edition for the event. James Winfield Staples was referenced as a Past Department Commander in that special edition. James

Staples also became a member of the California Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Insignia Number 1696. James Winfield Staples died on December 23, 1890 in Oakland, California and was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in that city.

Information and photograph provided by James Winfield Staples' great-grandson, Brother Robert H. Haley (Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy - Ret.), of the General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2



James Winfield Staples



### Civil War ancestor information wanted for our newsletter

By David Swanson, Newsletter Editor

If you would like to send me information regarding your Civil War ancestor I can print it in the newsletter and Brother Burgess can also post it on our Department website. Please limit your entry to one typed page including any pictures. I am sure that our Brothers would like to read about all of our special ancestors who helped save the United States of America!

Send it to: [swanson1854@yahoo.com](mailto:swanson1854@yahoo.com)



### Sutlers

Need a Civil War uniform or accessories? Below is a list of sutlers that was compiled by Brother (and reenactor) Randy McNally after requests to do so. Obviously, the Department makes no recommendation and there are probably many other uniform suppliers out there as well.

Brother McNally advises that each carries an "economy starter kit." The economy uniform generally

does not last long if used for reenacting but for ceremonial use would last longer.

C & C Sutlery

<http://ccsutlery.com/store/ccsutlery.html>

Fall Creek Sutlery

<https://www.fcsutler.com/>

Mercury Sutler

<http://mercurysutler.com/>

Regimental Quartermaster

<http://www.regqtm.com/>

Blockade Runner Sutler

<http://blockaderunner.com/>



### A Standing Invitation to Join the SUVCW

Brothers, please help spread the word about the SUVCW and our Department! 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 your respective JVC or the Department Junior Vice Commander for more details and assistance.

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