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Department News

2018-19 Department Officers



Front (R-L) Mark Haynes, Chaplain; James Heller, Guide; Robert McCord, Department Commander; Tad Campbell PCinC; John Lyons, Department Council; Back row (R-L) Dennis Lamb, Eagle Scout Coordinator; Gerald Bloom, Senior Vice Commander; David Palmateer, Department Council; Dale Enlow, Secretary/Treasurer, Historian; Timothy Prater, Department Council; Robert Archibald Jr., JROTC Coordinator; David Swanson PDC, GAR Records Officer; David Jackson, Graves Registration Officer; Christopher Beisner, Guard; John Conrad PDC, Counselor, Civil War Memorials Officer; (Not pictured) Allen Nash, Department Council; Jeffrey Burgess, Signals Officer



Congratulations and thanks to our new Department Officers!

Department of the Southwest's Second Annual Encampment

Memorial Service

The Department's annual memorial service preceded the opening of the Encampment and the following departed Brothers and Sisters were honored:

Past SUVCW CinC Charles E. Kuhn

Past SUVCW CinC Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson

Brother Daniel Gordon, R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2

Brother Carlton Phillips Sr., Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

Sister Gladys Phillips, Picacho Peak Aux. No. 1

Brother Roy A. Goodale, Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

The Department of the Southwest's Second Annual Encampment took place on Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Orange Tree Resort, 10601 N. 56th St, Scottsdale, Arizona. We had 41 registered Brothers, Sisters, and guests present at the 2nd annual Encampment which was a great success!

Special guests included Tad Campbell, PCinC; Sister Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1; Sister Ginger Trokey, President of the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW; and Sister Barbara Metzger, representing the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC).

Both Sisters Maleski and Sister Metzger are members of the LGAR Lew Wallace Circle No. 77 and members-at-large of the WRC. Sister Trokey is also a member-at-large of the WRC.

After opening remarks by Commander David Swanson the following guests addressed the Encampment:

PCinC Tad Campbell brought greetings from Commander-in-Chief Mark Day and several Departments,

Sister Verna Maleski brought greetings from Ramona Greenwaldt, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW),

Sister Ginger Trokey brought greetings from Caren Cleveland, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW),

Sister Barbara Metzger, representing the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR), brought greetings from WRC National President Michelle Colburn and Barbara Stone, Organizing President of the Lew Wallace Circle, LGAR.

All five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were represented at the Encampment!

Delegates—the following delegates and Brothers were present:

Department of the Southwest:

David A. Swanson, Department Commander

Robert McCord, Senior Vice Commander

Gerald N. Bloom, Junior Vice Commander

Secretary/Treasurer, Dale Enlow

Randy McNally, Council

David Palmateer, Council

Camps

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1:

Christopher C Beisner, delegate

Jeffrey D. Burgess, delegate

Ronald E. Gray, delegate

Kenneth J. Hooker, delegate

Dan Huskisson, Assoc., delegate

David R. Jackson, delegate

Dennis W. Lamb, delegate

Donald A. Strachota Jr. in attendance

General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2

Robert H. Haley, CC / delegate

Robert B. Irwin, delegate

John W. Lyons, delegate

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

Mark J. Haynes, CC / delegate

Timothy D. Prater, delegate

Jim Laursen, delegate

Robert E. Archibald, delegate

Department of the Southwest Commendations for Meritorious Service

Commendations for meritorious service were presented by Commander David Swanson to the following deserving Brothers for their service during the past year:

Brother Dale E. Enlow

For his exemplary and dedicated service to the Department of the Southwest as its first Secretary/Treasurer and for his continuing, tireless dedication in that office. With absolutely no previous experience he faced a tremendous learning curve—although you would never know it, and along the way taught some who had much more experience. His seamless effort in making the Department a success is truly appreciated.

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(L-R) Commander David Swanson and Brother Dale Enlow

Brother David R. Jackson

For his exemplary and dedicated service to the Department of the Southwest as its first Department Graves Registration Officer and for his continuing, tireless dedication in that office. To date he has registered 314 graves in the SUV/CW database; constructed a database for the counties of Arizona and New Mexico providing information regarding the last known Union Civil War soldier buried in each, and is constructing an index database to the History of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Arizona. His seamless effort in making the Department a success is truly appreciated.



(L-R) Commander David Swanson and Brother David Jackson

For your assistance and support in all of the many activities associated with Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 and the Department of the Southwest stretching back many years but most importantly of all, your loving support and encouragement to your husband David Swanson for which he is most grateful and thankful!

Janice L. Swanson



(L-R) Commander David Swanson and his wife Janice Swanson

Service pin presentation—20 years

Brother James Heller

Brother Jim Heller was awarded the SUV/CW 20-year pin. He has been a valued Brother of the SUV/CW and the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 since 1998, where he is currently the Camp Commander. He is a dual member of the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 3—and has been since its formation in 2015 as its Patriotic Instructor.



(L-R) Commander David Swanson and Brother Jim Heller

Sister Barbara Metzger receives the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award

Department Commander David Swanson presented the SUVCW's highest award to a member of one of the other four Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic to Sister Barbara Metzger for her outstanding service to the Department of the Southwest.

"For your initial and continued dedication to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and specifically the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You single-handedly founded the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW in 2002 and founded the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1, ASUVCW in 2014. Over the years you have helped coordinate many activities between those Orders and Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, SUVCW—where you have also given interesting and informative presentations during its meetings; all of which was done with fraternity and dedication."



Commander David Swanson and Sister Barbara Metzger

Department votes to join the Citizens Flag Alliance as a "supporting member organization" in its quest to protect the U. S. Flag

Commander David Swanson gave the following information regarding the Citizens Flag Alliance before the majority of the members of the Encampment voted to support the Alliance.

"I have one item that I would like to bring up for discussion and a vote by this encampment and that is the support of the Citizens Flag Alliance in its effort to pass a constitutional amendment regarding the desecration of the U. S. Flag.

The Grand Army of the Republic has a history of supporting laws that ban the physical desecration of our flag dating back to the 1890s and was part of the

American Flag Association which was composed of like minded patriotic societies who helped in getting flag protection laws passed in the states and territories—the territory of Arizona being one of them. Some of the Purposes and Objects of the SUVCW are: to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship and another is *to love and honor of our flag*. At the beginning of every Camp meeting we recite the American's Creed and state, among other things, that it is our duty to respect the flag of the United States. I think all of this dovetails into the GAR's and the SUVCW's support of our American flag.

Eventually the Federal flag desecration law was passed in 1968 but was ultimately held as unconstitutional in 1989 by the US Supreme Court.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and approximately 140 other organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution are currently listed as "Member Organizations" of the Citizens Alliance in its only goal of protecting our flag. The Citizens Flag Alliance is a broad-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit, national organization, founded in 1994 by the American Legion, which was formed to persuade Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that would return to the American people the right to protect our flag.

How is the amendment worded? It simply reads: "The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Our support is a win, win situation. We continue to demonstrate unwavering support for the protection of our flag if the amendment fails . . . and we do the same if it hopefully passes.

I believe that on a local level, the Department of the Southwest should also join with the Citizens Flag Alliance—just as the SUVCW has done on a national level."

Update: The CFA has received our supporting documentation and we are now listed on the website: <http://www.citizensflagalliance.org/memberorganizations>

Election and installation of Department Officers for 2018-19

The election and installation of Department of the Southwest Officers and delegates/alternates to the National Encampment was carried out as the last order of business. PCinC Tad Campbell was the Installing Officer.

Elected Department Officers for 2018-19

Commander: Robert D. McCord

Senior Vice Commander: Gerald N. Bloom

Junior Vice Commander: David R. Palmateer

Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow
Council: H. Allen Nash, John W. Lyons, Timothy D. Prater

Appointed Officers:

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

Delegates to the National Encampment

John R. Conrad PDC
Christopher C. Beisner
David Jackson
Bob McCord

Post installation activity

Past Department Commander David Swanson was called forward by Department Commander Bob McCord and was presented with his past department commander badge and a plaque as a thank you for his past years' performance.

Department Commander Bob McCord then thanked the delegates for their trust in him to lead the Department and the Encampment was then duly closed.

All present then enjoyed a lunch and silent auction.

Silent auction

Brother Randy McNally donated three nicely framed pictures of Generals Grant and Minty and a picture of Picacho Peak. Brother Swanson donated a coffee table book about the Civil War. After the auction ended, the Department was \$180 richer—thanks to those who participated in the auctions!



PCinC Tad Campbell handing over the gavel to newly installed Department Commander Bob McCord



Lunch time!

Special thanks to PCinC Tad Campbell!

PCinC Tad Campbell is no stranger to our Department since he has been the installing officer for our 2018 and 2018 Encampments.

In May 2015 as Commander-in-Chief, he and his wife Rachelle Campbell, then the ASUVCW National President addressed the meeting of Picacho Peak Camp and the Picacho Peak Auxiliary. Sister Campbell had previously installed the newly formed Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 on August 23, 2014.



Department of the Southwest Commander Bob McCord and his wife Laura



Sisters present at the 2nd Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment



Picacho Peak Auxiliary No 1, Sisters (L-R) Gail Palmateer; Rachel Peak, Treasurer; Tove White, Barbara Metzger, Ginger Trokey, Geri Morgan, 60 year membership in the ASUVCW; and Verna Maleski, President.

Both Sisters Maleski and Metzger are members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) Lew Wallace Circle No. 77 and members-at-large of the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC). Sister Trokey is also a member-at-large of the WRC.



Department Orders

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

GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2018-2019)

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 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 8540 Wanda Road, Tucson, AZ 85704. All correspondence for the Commander may be posted to that address.

Email can be sent to me at: rdmcii@aol.com and my phone number is 520-982-5057.

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.

4. As heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, all of the Brothers of the SUVCW swore to protect May 30th 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. I remind all Camps of the 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.

7. I remind all Camps of C-in-C Mark Day's General Order 17-18 # 18 ordering Camps (and Department) to revise their Bylaws to include proper language re: the 501c3 group exemption. These changes must be completed prior to May 31, 2019.

9. 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 especially want to thank Past Department Commanders John Conrad and David Swanson for their past contributions and continuing support. I encourage Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by volunteering for programs and the various officer position opportunities.

Ordered this 5th day of April, 2018

/s/ Robert McCord, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ Dale E. Enlow, Department Secretary

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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 or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; 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

Jim Heller 2016-2017



February 10, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The February 10, 2018, quarterly meeting was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant.

Commander Heller greeted everyone and Camp officers gave their reports.

Speakers:

Associate Brother Dan Huskinsson gave a talk about Union and Confederate monuments and reasons for not removing them.

Commander Jim Heller gave a presentation about the last major battle of the Civil War at Bentonville, NC. (General Joseph E. Johnston's last stand.) Commander Heller has visited the battlefield three separate times and gave a very good overview of the battle activities. In the end, General Johnston—after being soundly defeated—surrendered his army to General Sherman on the road to Raleigh, NC on April 26, 1865.

The total number of forces engaged during the battle was 81,000 (61,000 Union and 21,000 Confederate. Estimated casualties: Union 1,527; Confederate 2,606.

New Camp Brother

Brad W. Cox of Tempe, AZ was recently approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Cox's Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather Sergeant Isaac S Robinson, Co I, 63rd Illinois Infantry

Welcome Brother Brad Cox!

In Memoriam

Brother Carlton V. Phillips, Sr. member of the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 passed away on February 8, 2018. Carl's wife Gladys (Sister of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary) passed away November 21, 2017. Carl was a combat veteran of both WWII and the Korean conflict, and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross. In civilian life he was a stockbroker. He is survived by his 7 children, including daughter Maura Phillips Mackowski, PTP of Margaret Warner Wood DT #1, DUVCW and also a member of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No 1.

Brother Roy L. Goodale age 95 passed away on Feb 4, 2018. Major U.S. Air Force before retiring in 1969. He commanded the 4510th Civil Engineering Squadron, Luke A. F. B. Roy was a member of the AZ Historical Foundation where he produced a biography of Arizona pioneer Charles Poston.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day—Monday, May 28, 2018

Please join your fellow Brothers at the Pioneer Military & Memorial Park, 1313 W. Jefferson at 9:00 a.m. for Memorial Day services.

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your Brothers.

Our speaker will be Brother Ken Hooker who will talk about his relative—General Joseph Hooker.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

The Camp will meet on the following dates.

May 12

August 18

November 3

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 Bob Haley: 520-912-3019; chiefhaley@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2016

Randy McNally 2016-2017

April 21, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

We had a rather pleasant discussion on various topics during lunch and then the Camp was opened by Commander Robert Haley.

New camp brother initiated

Brother William B. Monroe of Tucson was initiated. Brother Monroe's Civil War ancestor is Felix Noel, Company E, 19th Kentucky Infantry.



Brother Monroe's initiation—(L-R) Brother Bill Monroe, Camp Commander Bob Haley and Secretary/Treasurer Randy McNally, PCC

Welcome to Brother Bill Monroe!

A report was given on the Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates:

We will meet with members of 1st New Mexico, Company B at 7:00 AM at in the parking lot of White's Hardware store (near the corner of Kinney Road and Western Way). From there we will move to our assigned staging area in Tucson Estates. The parade steps off at 8:00 AM and we should be done by 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to participate please Email Randy D. McNally at randymcnally@aol.com.

Brother David Jackson reported on a Civil War Veteran, Howard Edward Barnes of the 3rd Colorado

Cavalry, buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson who has an unmarked grave. He provided documentation and information on his contact with Cemetery personnel in order to get us stated with getting a government headstone and having it installed. Brothers McNally and Lyons will be following up with the cemetery to get the headstone ordered and find out cost of installation. More to come in the future.

Our speaker for the meeting was Brother David Swanson, whose topic was the pre-territorial history of Arizona and he also spoke about and read Gen'l Logan's order creating Memorial Day.

Meeting was closed by Commander Haley.

In Memoriam

Brother Daniel C. Gordon age 88 of Green Valley, AZ passed away on November 11, 2017.

Brother Gordon was a valued member of the Minty Camp Council.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day—Monday, May 28, 2018—see Camp meeting notes for information

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place in July, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

The actual date and our speaker have yet to be determined.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

Camp meetings for 2018 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

Mark J. Haynes 2016-2017

April 28 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The April 28, 2018, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Mark Haynes with 14 Brothers and guests in attendance.

Officer reports:

Commander Mark Haynes advised everybody of the death of Navajo Code Talker Roy Hawthorne (who was scheduled to talk to the Camp several meeting ago but couldn't because of health issues). Roy was one of three remaining Code Talkers.

Senior Vice Commander Rich Rice reported that due to some snags the school essay contest didn't materialize this year.

Junior Vice Commander Dale Enlow reported that we have two new Brothers and three others are in the application process.

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported that the Camp is in good financial condition.

Department JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald gave an overview of our Camp's JROTC activities.

Patriotic Instructor: In the absence of Brother Jim Heller, Brother David Swanson talked about and read General Logan's General Order No. 11 which created Memorial Day.

New Camp Brothers Initiated

Brother James Cates of Sedona was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp in February and was initiated by Camp Commander Mark Haynes.

Brother Cates's CW ancestor is his great-great grandfather PVT David Walters, Co G, 17th Ohio Infantry.

Brother John K. Thorne of Prescott was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp in February and was initiated by Camp Commander Mark Haynes.

Brother Thorne's CW ancestor is his great grandfather PVT Francis M. Thorne, Co C, 36th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Both Brothers gave very informative talks about their Civil War ancestors.



(L-R) Brothers Jim Cates, John Thorne and Camp Commander Mark Haynes

Welcome Brothers Cates and Thorne!

New Camp Brother: On January 1, 2018, Brother Ken Dusenberry of Albuquerque, New Mexico transferred from the Gen. J. J. Byrne Camp of the Department of Texas to our Camp

Welcome Brother Dusenberry!

Camp bylaws revised

Two revisions to our bylaws were approved. The first was to come into compliance with General Order No. 18 issued by CinC Mark Day regarding IRS wording and the second was to come into compliance with General Order No. 22 issued by then CinC Ken Freshley regarding Brothers under the age of 18.

Speaker: Camp Commander Mark Haynes was our speaker and did his usual outstanding job! (You would think this guy was a preacher or something—wait he is! This is his 21st year as a missionary on the Navajo Reservation.) Mark gave a very heartfelt overview of the turmoil between the Navajos and the U. S. Army during and after the Civil war culminating in the “Long Walk” where the Navajos, in 1864, were forced to move from their ancestral grounds to the Bosque Redondo reservation in New Mexico. In May 1868 General Sherman worked out a treaty with the Navajos allowing them to return to their homelands.

Mark also talked about the Battle of Chickasaw Bluffs and the Union Army under General Sherman where Mark’s great-great-grandfather Corporal Eli Hubbard was killed.

Brother Jack Van Deusen who is a Charter member and supporter of the Camp is currently under hospice care in Prescott Valley. Brother Jack is an outstanding woodworker and has made items for all three Camps.

Jack recently made eight wooden items that he donated to the Camp: three wooden plates engraved with the SUVCW emblem (two with a picture of General Grant and one of Geo Washington); three wooden jars containing the SUVCW emblem with lids; a plain jar and bowl without lids and a jar with a Morgan Silver dollar embedded on it.

Since he was not able to attend the meeting he wanted Brother David Swanson to choose an item for himself because of all he has done for the Camp and the Department. Brother Swanson chose the jar with the silver dollar which was presented to him by Camp Commander Haynes.

Commander Haynes expressed his appreciation to Brother Van Deusen—and Brother David Swanson, who didn’t know about this well-guarded secret, also expressed his gratitude.



(L-R) Past Camp and Department Commander David Swanson and Camp Commander Mark Haynes

Camp meeting dates for 2018

The following are the Camp’s remaining 2018 meeting dates:

July 14, and October 14.

Please mark your calendars

All meetings will continue to take place at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

The speaker for the July meeting will be David Swanson who will talk about Arizona’s pre-territorial days.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day—Monday, May 28, 2018

Camp Junior Vice Commander Dale Enlow will give a speech during the Memorial Day celebration at the Prescott National Cemetery on May 29th and Brothers are requested to be in attendance. Please email Brother Dale for particulars: dale_enlow@hotmail.com



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 vgriff2047@gmail.com

It's been a busy few months for the Auxiliary.

Beginning with the sock drive last November that was an overwhelming success and then ending the year with a first for Arizona when all 5 Allied Orders participated in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies on December 7th.

On March 10, 2018, we made history again when all 5 Allied Orders joined together to celebrate the 2nd Encampment of the Department of the Southwest. In attendance were officers and members of Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1 ASUVCW, officers and members of Margaret Warner Wood Daughters Arizona Detached Tent #1 DUVCW, members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lew Wallace Circle #77 and members of the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I was honored to deliver a personal message on deepening the bond of Fraternity and good wishes for the growth of all of the Allied Orders from our ASUVCW National President, Ramona Greenwalt. Margaret Warner Wood AZ DT #1 DUVCW Tent President, Ginger Trokey extended greetings from the Tent and on be-half of National DUVCW President, Caren Cleveland.

Auxiliary Secretary Barbara Metzger presented greetings on behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Lew Wallace Circle #77 President Barbara Stone and the Woman's Relief Corp National President, Michelle Colburn.

All expressed their pleasure in knowing that members of all 5 Allied Orders would be meeting together.

We're happy to report the **Auxiliary has added 5 new members** since last fall. **Please welcome Sisters Janet Bucannon, Carol McMahan and daughter Sunny McMahan, Ginger Trokey and Tove White.** We thank Sister Tove for accepting the office of Vice President.

The Woman's Relief Corp is Coming to Arizona

The ladies of Arizona have always been among the first to answer the call for help from a Sister in need. The National Woman's Relief Corp sent a personal call for help to Arizona and we've answered that call.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018 the formation of Susie King Taylor Corp #4 in Phoenix was announced. Barbara Metzger will be our founding President.

Please consider joining us in making Arizona "Union" history as a Charter and organizing member of the first Woman's Relief Corp to form in Arizona in over a century.

The W.R.C. is the only Allied Order that gives full membership to women who do not have a hereditary ancestor.

Please contact Barbara Metzger at blrmetzger@gmail.com or Verna Maleski at vgriff2047@gmail.com for more information and an application

Auxiliary now has a Facebook page—check it out!

ASUVCW Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day is right around the corner. We'll be participating in the wreath laying ceremonies at the National Cemetery and Pioneer Military and Memorial Park. This will be the first year that the Auxiliary has participated in services at the National Cemetery

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on May 12, 2018, and will begin promptly at **10:30 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!



❧ General News and Information ❧

The 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day

This is the 100th anniversary year of the end of the Great War—World War I also known as the War to End all Wars—but unfortunately “wars” did not end and continue to this day.

In 1865, just a mere 53 years prior to the end of World War I, another “Great War”—The War of the Rebellion, came to an end in the United States.

This is also the 150 anniversary year of General Order No. 11, issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan on March 3, 1868, which called for a national day of remembrance of our nation’s **Union** civil war dead and has evolved throughout the years—and the wars—to become our current Memorial Day; a day dedicated to “those who died in defense of their country.”

If you have not read this famous order, now is a perfect opportunity to do so.



Gen. John A. Logan
<http://suvcw.org/logan.htm>

General Order No. 11 **Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic** **Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868**

I. 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. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which

have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

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