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Department News

2019-2020 Department Officers



First row (L-R) Gerald N. Bloom, Commander; Donald W. Shaw, SUVCW Commander-in- Chief; James Heller, Senior Vice Commander; Robert McCord, Past Department Commander & current Department Council ; Kenneth Hooker, Department Council; John Conrad, PDC, Counselor & Civil War Memorials Officer; Back row (L-R) Timmothy Prater, Junior Vice Commander; David Kampf, Patriotic Instructor; Dale Enlow, Secretary/Treasurer, & Historian; David Swanson, PDC, GAR Records Officer; John Lyons, Department Council Jeffrey Burgess, Signals Officer; David Jackson, Graves Registration Officer



The Department of the Southwest's Third Annual Encampment took place on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sabbar Shrine Temple, 450 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson, Arizona. We had 27 registered Brothers, Sisters, and guests present at the annual Encampment which was a great success!

Special guests included Donald W. Shaw SUVCW CinC; Sister Verna Maleski, DUVCW National Patriotic Instructor and Woman's Relief Corps, National Inspector general; Rachel Peak, treasurer of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 (and soon to be treasurer of the local newly chartered Susie King Taylor WRC No. 4), brought greetings and a \$50 donation on behalf of Lucille Streator, President of the National Woman's Relief Corps.



Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw and DUVCW National Patriotic Instructor Verna Maleski



Commander Bob McCord and Sister Rachael Peak, Secretary of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1

Department of the Southwest commendations for meritorious service

Commendations for meritorious service for the past year were presented by Commander Bob McCord for outstanding service:

Brother Jeff Burgess

For his exemplary and tireless service to the Department of the Southwest on behalf of the Union Monument Project. Jeff as taken a seemingly unobtainable dream and made it a shared, anticipated near-term reality.

Thank you for a job well done!



(L-R) Commander Bob McCord and Brother Jeff Burgess

Brother John Lyons

For his exemplary and tireless service to the Department of the Southwest for his work on this Encampment, without which it may never have taken place. The Department also notes his work on the identification of an unmarked veteran's grave, his work in getting it properly marked, and arranging a proper commemorative ceremony with local TV coverage

Thank you for a job well done!



(L-R) Commander Bob McCord and Brother John Lyons

Laura McCord

For her exemplary and tireless service to the Department of the Southwest. Her attendance of Camp and Department meetings is comparable to any brother. Her service to the SUVCW at the often physically grueling reenactment events and in the manufacture of needed items for their local camp is noted.

Thank you for a job well done!

Sally McNally

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(L-R) Brother Randy McNally, PCC (accepting the certificate on behalf of his wife Sally), Commander Bob McCord and his wife Laura McCord

Department by-laws revised

Revisions to the Department by-laws were unanimously approved. The revisions were made in response to General Order No 18, issued by then CinC Mark Day on February 6, 2018, which contained mandatory information that had to be inserted in Department and Camp bylaws throughout the Order to be in compliance with IRS regulations.

Department approves amendment to the SUVCW National Constitution

General Order No. 7, issued on December 5, 2018, by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw, directed that all Department Encampments in 2019 vote on a proposed amendment to the SUVCW National Constitution.

As an overview, the proposed amendment states in part: “Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last~~ ~~preceding~~ any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State’s Law, he may propose such General order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. . . . This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief’s authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of any action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws.”

The Department of the Southwest unanimously voted for approval of the proposed amendment (which must be favorably acted upon and ratified by at least 50% of all Departments for passage).

Election and installation of Department Officers for 2019-20

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. Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw was the Installing Officer.

Elected Department Officers for 2019-2020

- Commander: Gerald N. Bloom
- Senior Vice Commander: James H. Heller, PCC
- Junior Vice Commander: Timothy D. Prater
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow
- Council: John Lyons, Kenneth Hooker, and Robert D. McCord PDC

Appointed Officers

- Patriotic Instructor: David Kampf
- Chaplain: Mark Haynes, PCC
- JROTC Coordinator: 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
- GAR Records Officer: David A. Swanson, PDC
- Guide: James M. Heller, PCC
- Guard: Christopher Beisner
- Color Bearer: George White

Delegates to the National Encampment

- Jerry Bloom
- John R. Conrad
- Ken Hooker
- Dale Enlow
- Dennis Lamb



(L-R) Commander Jerry Bloom receiving the “gavel of authority” from CinC Donald Shaw

Post Installation activity

Past Department Commander Bob McCord was presented with a plaque from the Department by Commander Bloom for all of his fine work during his term.



(L-R) PDC Bob McCord and Commander Jerry Bloom

Department Badge

On March 20, 2019, the Department Commander Bob McCord issued Department General Order No. 2 which established a Department of the Southwest badge. He and Brother Randy McNally have been working on the badge for quite some time and they came up with a winner!

The badge was on sale during the Encampment.



DEPARTMENT ORDERS

**Department of the Southwest
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2019-2020)
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 Tucson, Arizona, on March 30, 2019, 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 4323 N. 28th Way, Phoenix, Arizona 85016. All correspondence for the Commander may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to me at: Jerrybloom @com and my phone number is 602-955-3091.
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, Phone: 928-715-5109, Email: 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 27, 2019, 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. Monument Committee: A committee comprised of Brothers Jeff Burgess (chairman), John Conrad

PDC, and others as appropriate has been 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. While we have had some headwinds I express my confidence in the committee and its purpose.

7. 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 30th day of March, 2019

/s/ Gerald N. Bloom, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ Dale E. Enlow, Department Secretary

From the Department ROTC Coordinator

JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald

I have distributed JROTC/ROTC certificates and medals to 24 high schools and 4 University units. The breakdown by Camps is as follow: CAMP #1 -14; CAMP #2 - 2; and Camp #3 -12. Camp #1 numbers are high because we have Brother Dan Huskisson, who alone presents (6-7) SUVCW high schools awards in conjunction with another organization he represents. Camp #2 is now limited but has many opportunities to expand next year. Camp #3 includes 4 University ROTC units at Embrey-Riddle and NAU. It also covers 4 high schools on the Navajo/Hopi reservations and one in New Mexico.

I am in the final steps in obtaining presentation dates and a few more presenters. The award dates run from mid April to early May.

Information about Union soldiers in Arizona

Our Department Graves Registration Officer, David Jackson, has done an outstanding job in finding and recording information about Union soldiers who served in Arizona. Links for: “Prominent Arizona Union Soldiers; Union soldiers who served in Arizona—mentioned in the Hayden Arizona pioneer biographical files; and Union Soldiers who died in Arizona 1862-1866 are all listed.

This information substantially adds to our territorial history and can be found on the Department website.

Hats off to Brother Jackson!

Proposed Union memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix stalls in headwinds of Confederate monument controversy

Despite the best efforts of our Monument Committee to get a bill introduced in the Arizona Legislature authorizing the placement of a memorial to Union soldiers of the California Column at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix, the apparent fear of stoking any controversy regarding the existing Confederate monuments in the state is having a stifling effect.

Two years ago a bill was written by a state senator (but not acted on), last year (election year) nobody would touch it, but this year there was a glimmer of hope that something might actually get done by the legislature until somebody must have uttered the “C” word.

The committee will continue in its efforts to get a memorial to the Union soldiers who protected the territory of Arizona during the Civil War—they deserve it!





Camp and Auxiliary News



Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

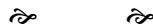
Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jeff Burgess** (602) 819-0795; jeffreydavidburgess@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer 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 2016-2018

In Memorial

Brother Henry Alan Nash listed on the Department of the Southwest Charter, the Department's first Patriotic Instructor from 2016-2019, member of the Department Council and longtime active Brother of the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, passed away on January 22, 2019.



Brother Thomas McMaster, a longtime member of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, passed away on December 27 2018, after a long illness.

The Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 express their condolences to the families of Brothers Nash and McMaster.

February 16, 2019, Camp meeting

The February 16, 2019, Camp meeting was opened by Camp Commander Jeff Burgess at noon with Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and guests in attendance.

Officer Reports

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported that we had a healthy balance in our bank account, and

that he was busy collecting 2019 membership dues from those brothers that hadn't paid yet, as the deadline was fast approaching. He also explained that he needed a replacement for his Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, especially to help with Excel spreadsheets.

Department ROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald gave a report on the Department's robust ROTC program.

Camp Chaplain Jim Heller provided a biography of Camp Patriotic Instructor, Allen Nash, who died on January 22, 2019. He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Brother Nash.

Department Signals Officer Jeff Burgess reported that the Department's website had already generated email inquiries from 6 potential new members this year. Also, the page on the website that's dedicated to our Union soldier memorial project has been redesigned to provide more online resources. Related to this, a Facebook page for the SUVCW Department of the Southwest was created to help generate traffic to the website, and to help promote the Union soldier memorial project. It was explained that no SUVCW business would be conducted on the new Facebook page, but that its purpose was to take advantage of the free advertising provided by Facebook. (It was noted that the national SUVCW, the Arizona DUVCW, the Gen. U.S. Grant Camp #3, and the Picacho Peak Camp #1 Auxiliary also have Facebook pages.)

Old Business

The Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, March 30, 9am-2pm, at the Sabbar Shrine Temple, 450 S Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ. The proposed revisions to the Department's bylaws, recently distributed by David Swanson, will be considered.

New Business

A volunteer was requested to replace the Camp's Patriotic Instructor Allen Nash.

Verna Griffith of the Picacho Peak Camp #1 Auxiliary asked for the brothers' help in getting their group some new members.

Camp Council Kenneth Hooker suggested that the Camp get some business cards that could be used for Camp business, such as membership contacts and the Union soldier memorial project. It was also suggested that the Department print a foldable, color brochure for distribution at public events. Brother Hooker said he would follow up on these ideas.

Featured Speaker

Department Civil War Memorials Office John Conrad described our efforts to support a bill in the 2019 Arizona Legislature to authorize a Union soldier monument on the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza at the Arizona state capitol. He explained that some of our officers met with state Sen. Sean Bowie (D) on January 3, who supported the bill but advised us that we needed a Republican sponsor, since Republicans controlled the Legislature. There was a subsequent meeting House Speaker Russell Bowers (R) on January 22, wherein he indicated he supported the idea, and said he would “shop it around.” But we never heard anything more from him.

On February 5 some of our officers met with Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R) in her office. She promised to support of the bill, even though the deadline for introduction of new bills had been the day before. On February 8, she notified us that she would use a strike-all amendment for SB 1150 at the Senate Commerce Committee hearing on February 14 in order to replace its language with language authorizing the memorial. On February 13 she notified us that the President of the Senate Karen Fann (R) had blocked her strike and replace because she felt that some Democrats would try to use it to remove the plaza’s existing Confederate monument. This was despite the fact that we told her the SUCVCW has an official policy of not getting involved in Confederate monument controversies. Sen. Ugenti-Rita promised, however, to try another tactic, although we haven’t heard back from her since then.

John explained how the Department needed to start working to educate all legislators about our effort, especially to generate bipartisan support. He suggested that the argument for the monument should be characterized as A Memorial to the Founding of Arizona, as the Territory of Arizona was the Union’s response to the Confederate occupation of the region, and this approach would have a broader appeal. John and Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson provided some supporting printed resources, and digital versions have been posted to the project’s page on our website: <https://suvcw-southwest.org/arizona-memorial-to-union-troops/>



Brother John Conrad, PDC

New Camp Brothers

Steven J. Miller of Phoenix, Arizona was approved for membership in the Camp and the SUCVCW on February 16, 2019. Brother Miller’s Civil War ancestor is his Great Grandfather James Evander Miller, Private, Co. B, 2nd Iowa Infantry. James Miller was mustered into service on 25 November 1861 and was discharged on 12 July 1865.

Avery D. Frantz of Peoria, Arizona was approved for membership in the Camp and the SUCVCW on February 1, 2019. Brother Frantz’s Civil War ancestor is his Great-Great-Great-Great Grandfather Howard E. Hoadley, Corporal, Co C. 12th Indiana Cavalry.

Welcome Brothers!

Upcoming Events

2019 Camp meetings:

All Camp meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix at noon on the third Saturday of the following months: May (18th), August (17th), and November (16th).



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

Robert Haley 2017-2018



April 13 2019. Camp Meeting Information

The Camp met at The Kettle Restaurant in Tucson with 10 in attendance, including a past Department Commander, Department Commander, and 1 spouse.

Commander Haley opened the camp meeting. Department Commander Bloom was recognized and talked briefly about a couple of program ideas and contacts for upcoming meetings. He also told of an upcoming 2021 World Canal Conference to be held in Maryland and would have programs on the C&O Canal that was a key point early in the Civil War.

A proclamation is being worked on for Arizona modeled after one the Department of Indiana has done that would honor Civil War Veterans Memorial Day. The hope is to get the Governor to sign and publish it as a formal proclamation.

Minutes from January’s meeting were read and approved as well as the treasurer’s report.

Old business:

May 25 was set as the day to place flags on soldier’s graves at Evergreen Cemetery. A reminder e-mail will be sent out. The 27th after the parade will be pick up day for the flags.

New business:

The Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates. Meet by 7:00 AM at the hardware store off Kinney road. Form up of the parade units will be 7-8 with the parade stepping off at 8:00 AM on the 27th. We will be participating with members of the 1st New Mexico Company B again this year.

Next meeting will be July 20, at 1:00 PM at the Kettle Restaurant.

Commander Haley gave a talk on The Navy and how there were submarines and ‘aircraft carriers’ in the Civil War! The Commander pointed out that there were approximately 20 submarines between the two sides. The most famous of which was the Hunley. This sub claimed 3 crews, 5 of the first 8-man crew, 8 of the second (including the inventor) and 8 of the third crew as well as the ship itself with the sinking of the USS Housatonic off Charleston harbor.

He told of the first ‘aircraft’ being balloons used to spot enemy locations and movements and how there were two schools of thought on their use. Free flight and tethered. Tethered being most effective. The first ‘aircraft carriers’ were used in May of 1862 when a balloon was anchored to a coal barge and moved up and down the river for spotting. This first ship was named the ‘General Washington Park Custis’.

Commander Hadley also touch on how some of the Navy terms, such as ‘port’ and ‘starboard’; rum and grog; and “Navy Proof” came into use.

The meeting was closed by Commander Haley at 2:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

2019 Camp Meeting Dates

Camp meetings for 2019 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.

The next Camp meeting will take place on July 20th.



**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 Dale Enlow (928) 715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com or Secretary/Treasurer Tim Prater 928-533-1478; timprater86323@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2016

Mark J. Haynes 2016-2018



April 6, 2019, Camp Meeting Information

The quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Dale Enlow with 20 Brothers and guests in attendance—a wonderful crowd!

Commander Dale Enlow advised that he had recently undergone surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder, and he really appreciated the support and well wishes from all of his SUVCW Brothers.

Officer reports:

Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator **Bob Archibald** gave an informative update on his activities and those specific to the Camp.

Camp Secretary/Treasurer **Jerry Bloom** indicated that all required reports have been submitted and the Camp is in good financial shape. He also advised that **Brother Tim Prater** has volunteered to be the Camp secretary/treasurer effective immediately (this will allow Brother Bloom to concentrate his activities as the Department Commander and his activities/offices with other Department Camps). As a charter member, Jerry has been the Grant Camp secretary/treasurer since the camp was formed in 2015 and has done his usual excellent job.

Brother Tim Prater (another charter member) has been very active in the Camp—especially in recruiting new Brothers—and his volunteering for the positions is just another example of his dedication to the Camp.

Thanks for a job well done Jerry and thanks for taking on the job of secretary/treasurer Tim!

New Camp Brothers

Frank D. Baker of Flagstaff, Arizona was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp on January 31, 2019. Brother Baker’s Civil War ancestor is his Great Uncle, Henry Jackson Baker, Company C., 186th Reg’t Ohio Volunteers.

Douglas J. Evans of Prescott, Arizona transferred his membership to the Camp from the William T. Sherman No. 28 Camp of the Department of California and the Pacific.



Camp Commander Dale Enlow and Brother Doug Evans

Eugene (Gene) V. McCarthy of Sedona, Arizona was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp on April 5, 2019—and initiated into the Order during the April 6, 2019, by Camp Commander Dale Enlow. Brother Gene was accompanied by his wife Jackie.

Brother McCarthy’s Civil War ancestor is his Great-Great Grandfather, Richardson M. Penn, 1st Lt., Company B, 50th Infantry, Pike County MO.



(L-R) Camp Commander Dale Enlow, Department Commander Jerry Bloom and Brother Gene McCarthy
Welcome Brothers!

Old Business

Rifle to be auctioned off—**Brother Tim Prater** donated a Thompson center 50 cal. black powder rifle and **Brother Rich Rice** volunteered to take it to his shop to check it over and ensure that it was functioning properly—which it is. Discussion followed and in all probability the rifle will be raffled off at the next Department Encampment with proceeds being split 50/50 between the Camp and the Department. Suggestions were to offer 5 tickets for \$50 or \$20 each.

New Business

Brother David Swanson gave a report on the recent Department Encampment held in Tucson. The highlights of which were the presence of 22 Brothers

including the National SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw. Our own U. S. Grant Camp was well represented—in fact 10 of the Department elected and appointed officers are members of our Camp!
Participation in Memorial Day exercises at Camp Navajo and the Prescott National Cemetery. The Camp has been invited to participate in Memorial Day activities with the DAR Coconino Chapter—which was approved. Camp Navaho is a new national cemetery located just west of Flagstaff off I-40. The Camp will also continue to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Prescott National Cemetery as well.

Participation in the 13th Annual Flagstaff Armed Forces Day Parade—the Camp has been invited to participate in the parade which takes place on May 18th in downtown Flagstaff. Several Brothers expressed an interest in attending and the issue of a Camp banner came up. We currently do not have a banner to be used in parades such as this and it would be helpful to have one. Jerry Bloom will check into having one made and the cost.

Featured Speaker—Brother David Kampf of the Picacho Peak Camp was the guest speaker. Brother Kampf is a very popular speaker and has been for many, many years. We were fortunate that he made his way to Flagstaff because he gave a very informative program about the “Great Locomotive Chase of 1862.” Dave also brought a model train set that included both locomotives involved in the chase—the General and the Texas. A few years ago he travelled the route of the Chase in Georgia, showed pictures and gave a great overview of that activity.

The “Chase” involved Union Army volunteers who commandeered a train with a locomotive named “The General” in Atlanta on April 12, 1862, and the plan was to do as much damage to the railroad as possible on its way to Chattanooga, Tenn—but things went terribly wrong. They were pursued by the Confederates with the locomotive (and train) named “The Texas.” After an 87 mile chase the General ran out of fuel and steam and eventually the Union volunteers were caught with some being hanged. (There is much, much more to the story than can be printed here.)



Brother David Kampf



The “Texas” far upper left and the “General”



Camp meeting dates for 2019

The following are the 2019 Camp meeting dates:
July 20, and October 5, 2019.

Please mark your calendars

All meetings will continue to take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

The speaker for the July, 2019, meeting will be **Brother Ken Hooker** from the Picacho Peak Camp who will talk about his famous Civil War relative—General Joseph Hooker. Please make a point to attend this meeting!



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

Membership in the Auxiliary

Membership in the Auxiliary is open to spouses of SUVCW Brothers—the spouse does not have to descend from a Civil War Veteran. More information about the Auxiliary please is available at:

<http://www.asuvcw.org/>

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Auxiliary now has a Facebook page—check it out!
ASUVCW Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1



General News and Information

Comrade George F. Coats

By David A. Swanson

A while ago Brother David Jackson was working on a file for the Pioneer Cemetery Association (Pioneer and Military Park 1313 W. Jefferson) and in it came across a picture of George F. Coats who was a member of the John W. Owen GAR Post No. 5 in Phoenix. Ever vigilant, he remembered seeing that picture in the book that I compiled years ago about the Post (which is available on the Department website) and emailed me wanting to know the source of the picture. I thought this is an easy one I obtained it from—well, where did I get it! I searched my files both on the computer and in my office—no luck. I know I didn't just grab it from thin air (I hoped) and the search was on. I finally found the source of it in a book titled *The World's Columbian Exposition Illustrated March 1892-March 1893*, published in 1893. Why was I reading that? Don't ask. But I figured as long as I spent this much time trying to find the source of that @#&! picture, I may as well place it and the information contained in the book in the newsletter.

Comrade Coats died in 1901 and the following information is taken from the book and three newspaper articles.



George F. Coats

GEORGE F. COATS, NATIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM ARIZONA.

Hon. George F. Coats is a native of Iowa. At the outbreak of the war he was attending the Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. On July 26, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E, First Iowa Cavalry, and remained in active service with his

regiment until mustered out September 9, 1864. After leaving the serving there one year, and then returning to Los Angeles. In May, 1879, he again located in Arizona, making his home at Phoenix, where, for six years, in connection with the leading fruit house of Los Angeles, he was engaged in the wholesale and retail fruit business. For the last few years he has been connected with no active business pursuits. Mr. Coats is recognized as an active member of the Republican party of his Territory, and in 1884 was appointed by Governor Tritle a member of the Board of Territorial Prison Commissioners. In April, 1889, at the request of Governor Wolfley, he accepted and was appointed a member of the Board of Capital Site Commissioners, which position he resigned to accept that of Commissioner on the World's Columbian Commission. The Legislature at its last session in February, 1891, made him a member of the Territorial World's Fair Commission. During his residence in Phoenix he has twice been elected Mayor of that beautiful capital city, first in 1884 and again in 1889, filling the office with credit to himself and his friends. He is prominent in Grand Army circles in the Territory, and takes an active interest in the order. In 1888 and again in 1889 he was appointed Quartermaster General of his Department, and at the annual encampment at Tucson in 1890 he was unanimously elected Department Commander. [In 1887 he was the commander of the John W. Owen Post No 5 in Phoenix and was very active in the Post.] Mr. Coats is quiet and unassuming in his deportment, but a thorough and efficient worker in anything he undertakes. Should the Territory fail in its representation at the Exposition, it will be through no lack of effort upon the part of its Commissioner. Iowa State World's Fair Commissioners decided to utilize the stone dancing pavilion in Jackson Park, which stands on the Iowa site. The pavilion will be remodeled and added to at a cost of \$30,000 or more.

Daily Phoenix Herald

Thursday February 2, 1888:

Bold Burglar Caught

Last night sometime in the night the family of Mr. Geo. F. Coats were awakened by someone crawling over the fence between their residence and the rear of Ashler's store and heard what seemed the opening of the rear door of the store. Having awakened Mr. Coats, that gentlemen dressed and having satisfied himself that burglars were in the store, hastily procured Mr.

Lewis, the baker at the Phoenix Bakery nearby, and "Lame Billy" the night watchman at the engine house. Mr. Lewis and Billy raised an alarm at the front doors of the store while Mr. Coats watched for the game to appear at the rear door which it did in the person of two young men, one of which they caught but the other fellow though ordered to stop at the point of a pistol ran like a deer and though the pistol was snapped on him unfortunately it failed to go off and he escaped, though in doing so he passed Miss Laura Coats who was in the act of taking her own pistol to her father, but seeing the man escaping she drew the weapon on him and also attempted to fire but the weapon snapped. Both the pistol Mr. Coats had and the one in the hands of Miss Laura, had been loaded some four years hence the poor results in attempting to fire them. The fellow caught is a bum about town who signs himself John Berry. They did not succeed in getting away with anything though they would doubtless have made considerable of a haul had they not been discovered.

Mr. Coats marched his man over to the court house where he was locked up till this afternoon, and is at this writing, having his preliminary trial in Justice Wood's court.

drapped in mourning. The flag on the city hall floated at half mast during the day.



Arizona Republic

July 14, 1901,

When Sides Were Changed—The death of Hon George F. Coats recalls a curious alignment in the municipal election in 1889, when as the Republican candidate, he defeated John R. Loosely by the narrow margin of three votes for mayor. The town then was strongly democratic and the churches were not as active in local politics as they are now. Neither were they so powerful in membership. Loosely was an old-timer, a saloon keeper and very popular with all classes. Mr. Coats was popular though perhaps not so intimately known by the voters of Phoenix. Contrary to expectation the saloon influence was exerted almost solidly for Coats, and what was an even greater surprise, the church vote was almost solidly for Loosely.

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Funeral of George F. Coats—the funeral of ex-mayor George F. Coats was held last evening at the undertaking parlors of Mohn & Easterling under the auspices of the John W. Owen post, GAR. Captain T J. Hill made a few remarks at the parlors and the ritualistic ceremony of the G. A. R. was performed at the grave. There was a large attendance of friends, and the fire department, of which he was one of the organizers, turned out in a body with the apparatus

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