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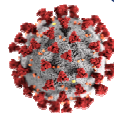
Department News



United We Stand



The Coronavirus (COVID-19)



COVID-19 VIRUS

Normally, the new officers elected at the annual Department of the Southwest Encampment would be pictured here, but sadly the Encampment was postponed because the world is in the midst of a global pandemic due to a new, deadly, and highly contagious virus whose effects weigh heavily on every aspect of our daily lives. The new Encampment date is May 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.—and then it will be held electronically.

Not only was the Encampment affected, the April meetings for both the General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 and the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 were cancelled.

Following are General Orders, first from the Commander-in-Chief and secondly from the Department, which deal with this historic occurrence.



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General Order #17
Series 2019-2020
15 March 2020

1. The following five requirements are in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), in the United States of America.
 - a. A Department Encampment may be conducted via remote audio, video, or both conferencing. Postponement according to General Order #15, Series 2019-2020 may be utilized to allow the coordinating of remote participation.
 - b. Brothers must be sent two weeks' notice via email, or the US Postal Service for those Brothers without an email account or an invalid email account, of their ability to use this option.
 - c. The Department Commander must insure that Brothers are in good standing and if each is entitled to vote or not.
 - d. The Department Commander must insure all remote Brothers have a chance to express his opinion.
 - e. Votes on the remote conferencing must be by voice and if any vote is contested one way or another, the Department Secretary will call for a roll call vote. There will be no showing of hands voting.
2. Because the Constitution and Regulations is moot on remote participation, as of July 1, 2020 forward - No Brother can participate in a Department Encampment or Camp meeting remotely via electronic means.

Ordered this 15th Day of March, 2020.

Edward J. Norris
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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



GENERAL ORDER 03 (SERIES 2019-2020)

2020 Department Encampment postponement

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. The health and welfare of our Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, and their families is of utmost importance.
2. Pursuant to recommendations from the President of the United States and the Centers for Disease Control, to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Department of the Southwest 2020 Encampment is hereby indefinitely postponed.
3. The Department leadership is in the process of planning an alternate Encampment to be conducted remotely via audio / video conference call in accordance with General Order #17, issued March 15, 2020.
4. All Brothers will be given a minimum 2 weeks notice of the new date and time as well as comprehensive instructions on how to participate. Please ensure that your Camp Secretary has up to date contact information.
5. All Brothers and Sisters who have previously registered for the live Encampment luncheon will have all submitted fees refunded as soon as practical.

Ordered this 19th day of March, 2020

/s/ Gerald N. Bloom, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ *dale e enlow*, Department Secretary

reference: DEPSW 20-0319-001 [DO 19-20 03]

Department of the Southwest Annual Encampment—rescheduled to May 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

The Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of the Southwest will be held via Zoom conferencing on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Information about the meeting and how to participate will be sent out shortly.

JROTC Program--update

Because of the virus, all of schools we contribute to have advised us of their closures and plans to present the awards at a later date. Many have already given us the name of the proposed recipients. My end of year report will only list those names for the 32 schools involved.

Bob Archibald
JROTC Program Coordinator
Department of the Southwest

Annual Report of the Eagle Scout Coordinator

During the year 2018 Six Eagle scouts have applied for and been awarded SUVCW Letters of Congratulations, Certificates, and Patches in Honor of their achievements.

The Six are:

Nevan Watson, 2 Feb 2018
Terry Cottler, 16 Mar 2018
Colin Wild, 12 May 2018
Noah Robert, 18 May 2018
Curtis Nathan Powell, 27 Dec 2108
Robert Harrison Powell, 27 Dec 2018
The last two young men are twins.

So far in 2019 we have two applications:

Timothy O'Hara-Haworth, 11 Feb 2019
Ethan Swartz, 27 Mar 2019

Although it appears Applications continue to slow, Scout activities are strong in such Communities as Mesa, AZ and Troop 10 that is regularly producing Eagle Scouts.

Dennis W Lamb
Department of the Southwest Eagle Scout Coordinator

Grave restoration

On Feb 16, 2020, Avery Frantz Grave Registration Officer of Camp Picacho Peak #1 and Hannah Nichols Color Bearer of Susie King Taylor #4 WRC volunteered at the Pioneer Cemetery in Phoenix in the restoration of graves.

The Allied Orders outnumbered other organizations that were present in the volunteering effort.

Avery and Hannah erected headstones into new bases and mortared them into the base, while the headstones were previously lying on the ground. It took a total of 5 hours for Avery and Hannah to just do 2 headstones.



Brother Avery Frantz—Picacho Peak Camp



Sister Hannah Nichols—Susie King Taylor #4 WRC

WRC creates Logan's Brigade Men's Association

As long as we are mentioning the Women's Relief Corps (WRC) this may be of interest. The WRC just created a men's associate group called the Logan's Brigade that is open to all for charter membership until February 2021. Here is the link to the website:

<https://logansbrigade.org/>



Camp 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
 Jeff Burgess 2019-

The February 15, 2020, Camp meeting was opened at Noon by camp Commander Jeff Burgess.

Camp Business

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• Opening Comments

Verna Griffith (Camp Auxiliary), Ginger Trokey (DUVCW), and Rachel Peak (WRC) were recognized in attendance.

A moment of silence was held for the wife of Dept. Graves Registration Officer David Jackson, who passed away unexpectedly on February 9.

• Officer Reports

Commander Jeff Burgess addressed the status of the effort to get legislation passed to authorize the SUVCW to build a Union soldier memorial on Wesley Bolin Plaza. A meeting between some SUVCW officers and a Democrat state legislator in December resulted in the same advice we'd been given previously - that we must have a Republican sponsor for the bill. Dept. Civil War Memorials Officer John Conrad was subsequently unable to get a response from Republican Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita, who had temporarily offered to help us last year. In other words, it seems we have no chance of getting the bill passed until the composition of the Legislature changes - which might happen in November.

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported that the Camp's finances are in good health, and that he was working on collecting the 2020 dues.

Camp Graves Registration Officer Avery Frantz provided an update on the gravestone dedication ceremony he was planning at Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery for Union veteran Jared Riker. We reviewed the SUVCW's headstone dedication service and realized the biggest obstacle to setting the ceremony's date was finding an honor guard to fire a salute. It was agreed we'd explore all possibilities to find one.

Commander Jeff Burgess read a report submitted by Department JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald that the U.S. Air Force had reinstated a recently rescinded regulation that no member could wear "ancestry based" medals or badges on their uniforms.

• Initiation of New Brother

Department Commander Jerry Bloom conducted the induction ceremony for new member David Turner. Mr. Tuner is the grandfather of Brother Avery Frantz.



(L-R) Brother Avery Frantz pinning the SUVCW badge of his grandfather David Turner. Chaplain Jim Heller looking on



(L-R) Camp Commander Jeff Burgess, Brother David Turner, Camp senior Vice commander and Chaplain Jim Heller and Department Commander Jerry Bloom

Old Business: Attendees were reminded of the Department's April 17-18 annual encampment at Embassy Suites, 2630 E. Camelback Rd, in Phoenix.

New Business: Commander Jeff Burgess announced that Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson had completed some historical videos about 11 GAR posts in Arizona, and they have been posted to a new page on the Department's website: <https://suvchw-southwest.org/arizona-gar-videos/>

Ginger Trokey of the DUVCW reported that she had visited the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix with Jerry Bloom on December 19 to drop off donations. She found they were very much appreciated, but the staff told her the veterans preferred donations of ice cream! She also asked for donations for an enhancement to the American Civil War Memorial in Waterloo, NY. (americancivilwarmemorial.com).

• **Featured Speaker**

Featured Speaker Camp Graves Registration Avery Frantz provided a biography of Union soldier Jared Ryker, who is buried in Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery.

Gila County Museum Globe, Arizona

On Jan 2, 2020, the president of the Gila County Museum in Globe was present to receive the traditional WRC badge that a member would wear. Verna Maleski donated and presented the badge and Avery Frantz wrote and explained the history of the WRC in Globe.

The badge was placed in the fraternal organization cabinet. The Alexander #2 Corps of Globe last well into the late 60's. The Globe WRC was always the largest Corps within the state and would eventually become the longest lasting WRC in Arizona."



May 16, 2020, meeting has been cancelled.

Brothers of the Picacho Peak Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, due to the ongoing public health crisis, and the uncertain future it has

created, the Camp's upcoming quarterly meeting, scheduled for May 16th, 2020, has been cancelled.

The Camp's next scheduled meeting is August 15th, 2020. Hopefully, by then the situation will have significantly improved. Stay safe and hopeful!

Ordered this 1st day of April, 2020 Jeff Burgess, Camp Commander

Upcoming Events

2020 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: August (15th) and November (21st).



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

*Chartered on July 15, 1915, 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 Robert Irwin**; phone 520-743-9983; email: rbirwin@cox.net*

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2016

Randy McNally 2016-2017

Robert Haley 2017-2020

In Memorial

Brother John E. Coulahan, longtime Brother of the Minty Camp, passed away on January 30, 2020.

Sandy Jackson, wife of Brother David Jackson, passed away on February 8, 2020, in Cave Creek, AZ. Brother Jackson is a dual member of all three Camps and is the Department Graves Registration Officer

April 11, 2020, meeting cancelled—message from Camp Commander Robert Irwin

Date: 24 March 2020

Subject: Camp General Order # 2020_04 Reference: Department of the Southwest General Order 03, 2020 Department Encampment postponement

1. In accordance with reasons and considerations laid out in the referenced Department General Order, the

upcoming Gen. R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2 meeting scheduled for 11 April 2020 is hereby indefinitely postponed.

2. Upon the Department's announcement of the date of the remote (audio/visual) Department Encampment meeting, our camp will either a.) reschedule our postponed camp meeting, or b.) consider said meeting as canceled.

3. In either case, selection of camp delegates for the remote Department Encampment will need to be addressed by our camp.

4. I will keep the camp membership apprised of developments regarding the Department Encampment and issues regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our camp activities as they become known to me.

Ordered this 24th day of March 2020.

Robert B. Irwin Camp Commander

Attested: /s/ Randy D. McNally Camp
Secretary/Treasurer

New Camp Brother

Samuel Di Bianca of Yuma, Arizona was approved for membership in the Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Di Bianca's Civil War ancestor is his 3rd great grandfather, Private Henderson P. Phillips, Co. A, 8th Tennessee Cavalry. Brother Di Bianca will be initiated at a future Camp meeting.

2020 Camp Meeting Dates

All meetings take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Dates for the July and October will be posted at a later date.



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 2015-2017

Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019

Dale Enlow 2019-

April 11, 2020, meeting cancelled—message from Camp Commander Dale Enlow

Brothers of the U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

As you are all aware, our Nation, our State, our neighborhoods, our homes, and indeed our planet are being deeply impacted by the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. In order to do what we can to ensure the safety of our Brothers and our families, I must postpone our regularly scheduled Camp meeting of April 4th, 2020. God willing, we shall next meet on July 11, 2020.

I have a strong faith that as Americans have done on many occasions, we shall endure this current challenge and will emerge as a stronger Nation. Let us pray for those who are ill and in need. If any of you need anything, do not hesitate to let your fellow SUVCW family know, and we shall rally to the cause.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay strong.

Ordered this 25th Day of March, 2020

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

dale e enlow,

Camp Commander, General US Grant Camp No.3

Upcoming events

July 11, 2020, Camp meeting—meeting information to be announced.

2020 Camp meeting dates

The 2020 Camp meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff, Arizona as follows: July 11th and October 3rd. Please mark your calendars!



General News and Information

The GAR Badge

By David Swanson

I think most of us are familiar with the GAR badge but what do all of its symbols stand for? To help, I take the following information from Beath's *History of the Grand Army of the Republic* published in 1889 (which I am fortunate to possess). But before I get to that, just what were the early badges made from? "For several years prior to 1884, the metal used in the manufacture of these badges was from guns purchased of various societies to whom they had been donated by Congress for monumental purposes; since then captured cannon have been used, which were purchased direct from the government and selected from guns stored at Governor's Island. These guns were made by Noble Brothers, Rome, Georgia; Quimby & Robertson, Memphis; John Clark, New Orleans and A. B. R. Brothers, Vicksburg. Three were presumably of English make, being better finished and free from iron or lead."

Even earlier than this, a reference to captured canon and GAR badges was noted. On June 8, 1880, G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief William Earnshaw, in his address to the Fourteenth Annual Session, said in part: "I succeeded in getting a bill introduced in Congress, to appropriate six captured cannon from which to make badges. Said bill was referred to the Military Committee, but as yet has not been reported on. The necessity of the case was such that we were forced to proceed in some other way, and I am pleased to say that, by the generosity of the president [Grant], a cannon was secured from which has been made over twelve thousand badges, and they are now worn by comrades of the order in all parts of the land." (Wouldn't you love to have one of these?)

Anyway, "...the design, which was described in circular No. 2, Headquarters Washington, D. C., February 18, 1870 as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE BADGE

The badge is of bronze, made from cannon captured in different decisive battles during the late rebellion, and in form a five-pointed star, similar in design to the two hundred medals of honor authorized by act of Congress to be given to soldiers and sailors most distinguished for meritorious and gallant conduct during the late war.

The design, as here given, and adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic, was arranged by General F. A. Starring, Inspector-General of the Order.

THE OBVERSE



In the centre of the badge is the figure of the Goddess of Liberty, representing LOYALTY; on either side a soldier and a sailor clasping hands, representing FRATERNITY, and two children receiving benediction and assurance of protection from the comrades, representing CHARITY. On each side of the group is the National Flag and the Eagle, representing FREEDOM, and the Axe or Bundle of Rods, or Fasces, representing UNION. In each point of the star is the insignia of the various arms of the service, viz: the *Bugle* for Infantry, *Cross Cannon* for Artillery, *Cross Muskets* for the Marine, *Cross Swords* for Cavalry and the *Anchor* for Sailors. Over the central group are the words, "Grand Army of the Republic," and under, the word and figures, "1861—Veteran—1866," commemorating the commencement and close of the rebellion, and also the date of organization of the Order.

THE CLASP

Is composed of the figure of an Eagle, with Cross Cannon and Ammunition, representing Defence; the Eagle with drawn sword hovering over and always ready to protect from insult or dishonor the National Flag, which is also the Emblem and Ribbon of the Order.

THE REVERSE SIDE

Represents a Branch of Laurel—the crown and reward of the brave—in each point of the star. The National Shield is the centre, surrounded by the twenty-four recognized Corps' badges, numerically arranged, each on a keystone and all linked together, showing they are united, and will guard and protect the Shield of the Nation. Around the centre is a circle of stars, representing the States of the Union and the Departments composing the Grand Army of the Republic?



GAR and USWV marker

By Avery Frantz

In February of 2020 Picacho Peak Grave Registrations Officer Avery Frantz was notified by Leon Garlinghouse of Globe, who is the descendant of a Union and WRC Grandparents buried in the Globe City Cemetery, of a GAR and USWV [United Spanish War Veterans] Memorial within the GAR section of the cemetery.

According to the Silver Belt Newspaper the column of native stone was erected in 1911 in honor of G. A. R. and Spanish American War veterans by private subscription.

The stone column stands on the left of famous Union veteran Al Sieber's grave. Mr. Leon Garlinghouse is a true native of Arizona with his family coming to Arizona in the 1870's. He is a prospective member of the SUVCW and SCV.



Al Sieber's grave

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