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March 13, 2021, Department Encampment— a great success!

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Congratulations and thanks to our new Department Officers!

Department of the Southwest's Fifth Annual Encampment

Memorial Service

The Department's Fifth Annual Memorial service preceded the opening of the Encampment and the following departed Brothers and Sisters were honored:

Past SUVCW Commander in Chief Allen W. Moore
Past SUVCW Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr
Brother James Laursen, Gen. U.S. Grant Camp No. 3
Brother David Lawrence McCormack, Gen. U.S. Grant Camp No. 3

Past Women's Relief Corp National President Lucille
"Peaches" Streeter
Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a
Civil War soldier
Real Daughter Irene Triplett

The Department of the Southwest's Fifth Annual Encampment took place on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. We had 31 registered Brothers, Sisters, and guests present at the Encampment which was a great success!

The Encampment was opened by Commander James Heller at 9:00 a.m. with the Memorial Service. After the service Cmdr Heller introduced our SUVCW guests: Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail, Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1, and Ginger Trokey, President of Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, SUVCW and National Fraternal Relations Chair, DUVCW

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award

Sister Ginger Trokey

The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award is presented to a female member of one of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Department of the Southwest Commander Jim Heller is proud to present this award to Sister Ginger Trokey.

"President Ginger Trokey has been instrumental in bringing all 5 of Allied Orders to Arizona. She is a founder and officer in the recently formed Suzie Taylor King Corps # 4 [WRC].

She's faithfully served as president of the Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW Tent for over 5 years. She is also the secretary for the Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1.

She has continually promoted a spirit of comradery and cooperation among all the Allied Orders.

Her dedication to the strengthening and promoting the Allied Orders within the Department of the

Southwest and nationwide has been recognized at the National level. Ginger was appointed the National DUVCW Fraternal Relations Chair for 2020-2021. I cannot think of anyone who is more deserving of the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award than Sister Ginger."

Presentation

Sister Ginger Trokey gave an outstanding overview of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Great Job—thank you!

Election and installation of Department Officers for 2021-2022

The election and installation of Department of the Southwest Officers and delegates/alternates to the August National Encampment was carried out as the last order of business. Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson was the installing officer.

Elected Department Officers for 2020-2021

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Delegates to the National Encampment

Brothers John Conrad DC, Avery Frantz, and Ronald Hyer. Alternates: all Department Brothers in good standing.

Delegates—the following Delegates to the Department Encampment were present:

Department of the Southwest:

James Heller, Commander
Timothy Prater, Junior Vice Commander
Dale Enlow, Secretary/Treasurer
Robert McCord, PDC, Council
Jeffrey Burgess, Council
Kenneth Hooker, Council

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Gerald Bloom, PDC
John Conrad, PDC
David Swanson, PDC

Camp Delegates:

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1:

Todd Hoffay
David Jackson
David Kampf
Dennis Lamb (alternate)
David Palmateer

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

Samuel DiBianca
Ronald Hyer
Robert Irwin, CC
Andrew Whipple

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

Avery Frantz
Mark Haynes, PCC
Gregg Hecathorn
William Smith, CC
Richard Stephens

**A special Thank You to Brother John Conrad
PDC who hosted this second Zoom Department
meeting!**

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

**Department of the Southwest
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2021-2022)**

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. On March 13, 2021, the Delegates to the Department Encampment elected me as Department Commander. I am honored to serve my Brothers in this capacity again and will do all in my power to promote the success and growth of the Department and its activities. I thank PDC Jim Heller and the other outgoing officers for their service in the very difficult past year.

2. Headquarters of the Commander is hereby established at 33214 N. 61st Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85266-8206. All correspondence for the Commander

may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to me at jrconrad55@gmail.com and my phone number is 602-750-0938.

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. All Brothers should endeavor to promote the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty. I encourage all Brothers to contact me with suggestions on how we can improve our Order.

5. I encourage Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by attendance at Camp meetings, volunteering for programs, and serving in the various officer position opportunities.

6. I encourage all Brothers who can do so to get vaccinated for COVID-19 and to observe CDC guidelines so that we can once again participate in person.

Ordered this 13th day of March 2021.



John R. Conrad, Department Commander
ATTEST /s/ dale e enlow, Department Secretary
ref: DEPSW 21-0313-002

**Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 celebrating its 25th
Anniversary—formed on May 11, 1996
Congratulations!**

By David Swanson PDC

Notes and letters of congratulations to the Camp have been received from the Department Commander, the Commanders of all three Camps, and from the Presidents of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW, and the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1.

All of this and much more information about the Camp will be found in the *25th Anniversary Camp Newsletter* that I completed (as the Camp Historian) which will be emailed to the Department Brothers.

There is a special note, however, and that is that we have two Charter Brothers (both Life Members) who are still with the Camp: Jerry Bloom, PDC, PCC, and John Oakley Sr. MD.!





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. Contact: **Commander Ken Hooker** (480) 580-1612; hooker56@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
James M. Heller 2016-2018
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020

February 13, 2021, Camp Zoom meeting minutes Opening Comments

Camp Commander Ken Hooker opened the Zoom meeting and welcomed Brothers and guests. We had 2 guests join the meeting, Ginger Trokey, President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW, and Verna Maleski, President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1.

Officer Reports

Department Signals Officer Jeff Burgess had been scheduled to give an update on the monument project, but did not attend. He did give an update during the subsequent Dept Encampment

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker was Sister Verna Maleski, who gave an outstanding presentation on the Southern Memorial Program. Brother Bob Cox mentioned that his ancestor is in one of those Southern Cemeteries. Verna is working with him to get a wreath placed on his ancestor's grave as a part of the program.

New Business

Sister Ginger Trokey, National DUVCW Fraternal Relations Chair, spoke a few words about bringing together the allied orders, and assisting in any efforts to that end, both at local and national levels.

The Camp discussed the possibility of holding our next meeting in person if safe to do so, otherwise again it will be a zoom call. That camp meeting is potentially scheduled for May 8th.

Upcoming Events

2021 Camp meetings:

The next **potential** Camp meeting will take place on the following date at noon at Denny's Restaurant, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ: May 8th.. (This may be a Zoom meeting—all will be notified in advance.)

Brother David Swanson will give a talk about the first National Memorial Day at Arlington Cemetery on May 30, 1868.



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 Robert Irwin**; phone 520-743-9983; email: rbirwin@cox.net

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020

April 3, 2021, Camp meeting minutes

The April 3, 2021, meeting of the Camp was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Senior Vice Commander Mark Clark with 11 in attendance, including past Department Commander McCord and Swanson, and 3 guests.

- Jan. Meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Read and approved Treasurers report.
- National GOs 10-16 were read. (may be reviewed on the National website suvchw.org)
- Prayer requests for Camp members and families: Commander R. Irwin, J. Lyons' wife. R. Hyer (all are no COVID issues)

Unfinished business:

The badges are available for those who ordered during last order and are in the hands of the S/T.

New business:

Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates is a go! Lineup is at 7:00 AM on Memorial Day, May 31. Parade steps off at 8:00 AM. Expect at about an hour

or less for the Parade route. Ladies are welcome too. Time period dress is welcome but not required. Wear your Badges!

- Placing Flags on graves at Evergreen Cemetery: 9:00 AM on May 29th. We will meet at the GAR plot.

Bringing Minty Camp By-Laws in to compliance with the National Regulations. It was agreed that we need to make the Camp By-Laws match the National Regs. A "is/ To Be" statement will be sent out prior to the July meeting for Camp membership to review with the final decision being made at the July Camp meeting.

There will be a Meeting May 1st for the Department Officers and Camp Commanders. One item of concern will be the forming of a SVR unit within the Department.

National Encampment will be August 4-9 at St. Louis, MO. Ron Hyer will be a delegate representing Minty Camp and the Department of The Southwest.

Program:

PDC David Swanson gave a talk on "The First National Memorial Day".

The original National Memorial Day events did NOT recognize Confederates. In fact the GAR placed guards on the Rebel graves to insure they were not decorated. Many of the speakers of the day also told why these graves should not be honored. It was not until 1903 that Confederate graves were allowed to be decorated, but only AFTER the GAR events were done for the Federal graves. Memorial Day was strictly a GAR event!

Many members also learned for the first time that there is a Civil War grave of the Unknown Soldier named The Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns."

Closing

Sr Vice Commander Clark closed the meeting

Next meeting 17 July, 2021

RD McNally, Sect/Treas.
Gen'l RHG Minty Camp #2
Depart. Of The Southwest

Next Camp Meeting—July 17, 2021

All meetings 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 Grand Canyon Brewery 1800 S. Milton, Flagstaff. Contact **Commander Bill Smith** (928) 301-7946; wcs813@aol.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale_elnow@hotmail.com*

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2017

Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019

Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021



April 3, 2021, Camp Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at El Toro Restaurant in Clarkdale, AZ on April 3, 2021. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed prior to the official business meeting called to order at about 12 noon by Camp Commander William (Bill) Smith and Secretary / Treasurer Dale Enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with ten Officers reporting present. Camp Chaplain Eugene McCarthy invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Statement of the Principles of the Order, and recitation of the Americans Creed.

Eleven (11) total SUVCW Brothers were present including a Picacho Peak No. 1 member Charlie Albaugh (grandson of David Swanson). In attendance: Brothers: Charlie Albaugh (PPC1), Bob Archibald, Jack Berry, Dale Enlow PCC, Avery Frantz, David Jackson, Keith Knotek, Chaplain Gene McCarthy, Tim Prater, Lynn Scott and his wife Margaret, Commander Bill Smith, Rick Stephens, David Swanson (PDC). Verna Maleski of the Picacho Peak Aux. was also present. It was great to once again see our comrades in person.

Memorial Ceremony to our Fallen Brothers

A very touching and emotional ceremony was held honoring our Brothers James Laursen and former Chaplain David McCormack, who recently passed. Brother Tim Prater recalled several remembrances of both. More than a few other Brothers shared their memories as well.

Initiation of new Member

Commander Smith presided over the initiation of New Brother Member John Horton via FaceTime. Brother Horton's qualifying ancestor is Pvt. Henry K. Baxtine of Co. E, 55th OH Infantry.

Reports / Announcements / Business:

Secretary Treasurer Dale Enlow reported that he, SVC Tim Prater, and assistant S/T Keith Knotek met in February and successfully closed the old Chase Bank account and opened a new Camp account at Wells Fargo Bank. He reported that the treasury stood at \$3050.90 which includes \$165 held in the virtual scholarship fund. The 1st Quarter Report was completed and under review by the Camp Council. USG3 membership now stands at 33 total / 29 Primary including 6 Grant Camp Brothers in New Mexico. The Annual Camp Report is complete and the Department and National per capita obligations have been paid.

Senior Vice Commander Prater and Camp Council Member Archibald reported on their progress in creating an annual scholarship program for local JROTC Cadets. Discussion was held concerning application forms and awards. There were several suggestions re: fund raising strategies especially now that we are an authorized 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. All felt this is a great way to serve the community and to gain positive exposure. It is hoped that our Brothers will generously donate to this fund.

Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator gave a report of the reduced number of live award presentations.

Old Business:

S/T Enlow was pleased to present a Certificate of Commendation to Brother Avery Frantz for his continued outstanding dedication and efforts to promote the principles of our order. Congratulations Brother Avery!



(L-R) PCC Dale Enlow, CC Bill Smith & Avery Frantz

New business:

S/T Enlow gave a brief synopsis of the recent Department Encampment held via Zoom on 13 March and the upcoming National Encampment scheduled for

August 4- 9, 2021 in St. Louis, MO. USG3 Brothers Jack Berry and Avery Frantz plan to attend as Delegates.

S/T Enlow advised that a proposal to create and maintain a Camp web site has been tabled due to expense and effort required to maintain. He encouraged Brothers who are Facebook users to interact via the Camp's Facebook Group.

Brother David Swanson PDC/PCC gave an in-depth discussion on the history of the first National Memorial/ Decoration Day. Contacts are being maintained with the Prescott National Cemetery and the historic Prescott Citizens Cemetery to, hopefully, have Grant Camp represented at upcoming ceremonies.

April, May-June Birthdays: Lynn Scott, Gene McCarthy, and David Swanson

Presentation:

Commander Smith gave a short presentation on Galena, Illinois. Galena was the site of the first major mineral rush in the United States. By 1828, the population was estimated at 10,000, rivaling the population of Chicago at the time. Galena developed as the largest steamboat hub on the Mississippi River north of St. Louis, Missouri. Galena was the home of Ulysses S. Grant and eight other Civil War generals.

Announcements / Closing :

Commander Smith announced the date of the next Camp meeting as July 10, 2021, 12 noon (business meeting) at the Arizona Room, Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St., Prescott, AZ

Chaplain Gene McCarthy delivered the closing blessing. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm.

2021 Camp meeting dates

The next Camp meeting will take place at 12:00 p.m. at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St., Prescott on July 10th. The location for the October 2nd meeting is yet to be determined.

Jul 10, and Oct 02

Please mark your calendars!

Change of Command meeting

Camp Brothers attended a "change of command" meeting on February 11, 2021, at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St., Prescott. The meeting was necessitated by the January 16, 2021, Zoom meeting where new officers were installed. During this brief meeting the Camp charter was given to Camp Commander Bill Smith and Camp SVC Tim Prater was given his well earned commendation (for more information see the January 2021 newsletter).

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(L-R) PCC dale enlow presenting the Camp charter and gavel to CC Bill Smith



(L-R) CC Bill Smith presenting a well earned commendation to SVC Tim Prater



Civil War ancestor information for the newsletter

If you have information about your Civil War ancestor that you would like to see printed in this newsletter (with its 4.6 million subscribers) please send it to the editor. Please limit it to one page.

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.

❧ General News and Information ❧

Want to learn about the SUVCW?'

Jim Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, was interviewed in December 2020 and you can watch this informative video at:

youtube.com/watch?v=wX0KWwknwNM

National Memorial Day & the GAR

Proceedings of the Third National Convention [sic] of the Grand Army of the Republic held at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 12th and 13th, 1869.

"In accordance with the Rules and Regulations and General Order No. 20, the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at Hopkins' Hall, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, at 12 o'clock noon, on May 12, 1869. On assembling in the Hall, Colonel R. M. Moore, chairman of the Joint Committee . . . came forward and introduced General W. H. Baldwin, who on behalf of the committee, delivered the following welcome address to the delegates. "You have inaugurated the beautiful custom in the spring-time of the year of decorating with flowers the graves of your fallen comrades. This is a custom which we trust will live after the present generation of soldiers have passed away . . ."

"The Commander-in-Chief [General John A. Logan] then formally called the Encampment to order.

"Report of the Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"Probably no one act of your administration has done more to cement the brotherhood of the Order, and to remove any prejudice that might remain in the minds of the public against it, than the inauguration of the practice of an annual commemoration to the memory of our departed comrades. The day set aside last year was observed by all Departments, and by most all of the Posts, and with the most gratifying results. If this feature alone was the result of the organization, I think the establishment of a national memorial day a sufficient reward to our comrades for all they have done, and this alone would be motive sufficient to perpetuate our Order. No other society was in a position to originate the observance, and probably no other would have done so. Now, it is an established national memorial day. The Congress of the United States unanimously passed the resolution, introduced by yourself [Logan was a U. S. Congressman at the time], providing for the publication, in book form, of the proceedings had throughout the United States on the 30th of May, 1868, and it is believed that Congress

will provide for the future annual publication of the reports of these commemorative services. . . .

N. P. Chipman, Adjutant General"

Editor's note: I have the 1868 book and I have written about that event. Both of these will be distributed to the Department on or close to Memorial Day

Reading of the Gettysburg Address mandatory

Here is an excerpt from General Order No. 8 of the Thirty-third National Encampment of the GAR 1899:

"Comrades: In accordance with the requirements and customs of our Order the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief calls attention to the approaching Memorial Day May 30, 1899, confident that every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic will unite in paying our annual tribute of flag and flowers, to the memory of the men who, in the days gone by, fought for the unity of the Nation, the purity and truth of the flag, and who stood ready to yield up their lives to secure to us as a people the inestimable blessings of liberty.

"The year closing with the next Memorial Day has added new strength and power to the Nation and new glory to the flag. The worth of the American Soldier and Sailor has been gloriously advanced. The achievements of the 'days of the sixties' still remain and have rendered possible the glorious victories won in the interests of liberty and humanity [reference to the Spanish-American War]. . . .

"The Thirtieth National Encampment provided that the reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address be made a special feature in all Memorial Day exercises conducted under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"By command of W. C. Johnson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Commanding"

Memorial Day in Flagstaff 1895

The Ransom Post of the Grand Army of the Republic has honored the hero dead of the great war sometimes with our local flowers of the field and sometimes with blooms from warmer climes than this.

This year the Memorial Day procession will form at the G. A. R. Hall on Sunday morning, May 26 at 10: a.m. Theo Williams Drum Corps will take head of the procession to Babbitt Opera House under escort of Co. I, A. N. G [Arizona National Guard].

There will be speaking and the Rev. D. M. Danford will hold an appropriate service. Following this a

procession will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the hero dead with flowers.

Arizona Daily Sun 1895.

Union Civil War Ancestor

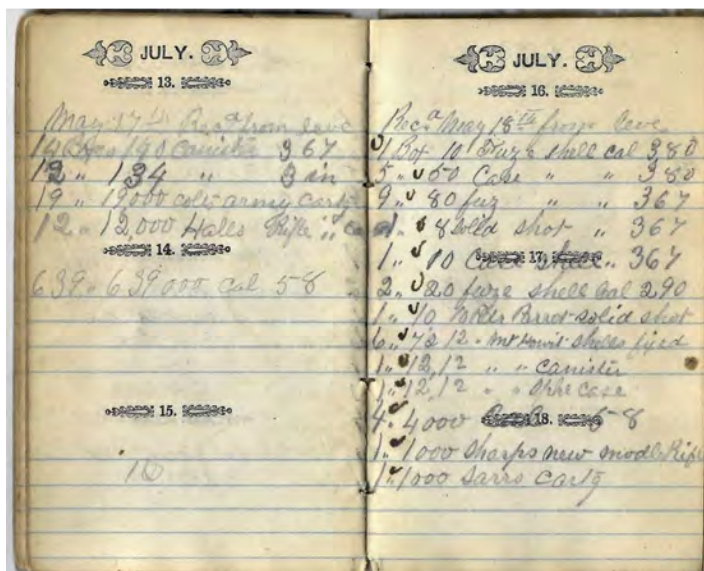
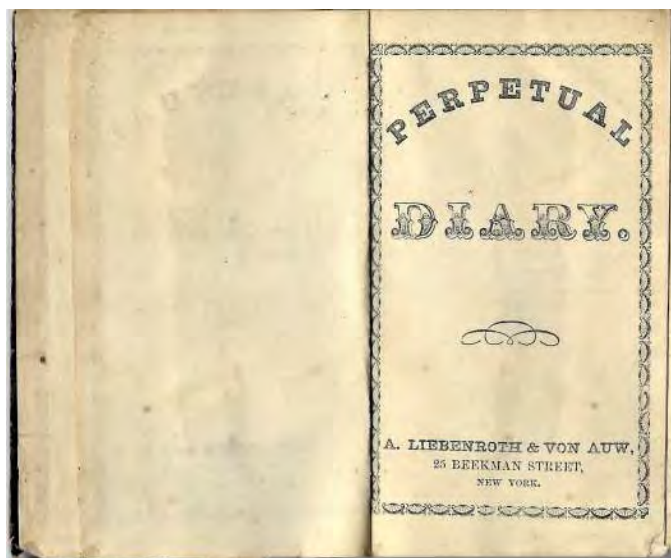
Brother Bob Cox sent in the following information about his Union Civil War ancestor Corporal O. O. Williams:

“Bob Cox’s SUVCW lineal ancestral veteran of the Union Army, Corporal O. O. Williams, 1838-1920, Bugler, 3rd Battery Iowa Light Artillery, 1861 to 1864. Primary action, 1862 – ‘63: 1) Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 7-8th, 1862, 2) Gen. Curtis’ march across Arkansas to Helena, April to Jul 1862, c) Confederate attack on Union Army, Helena, 4 Jul 1863, d) Little Rock campaign, Aug – Sept 1863. Although a Bugler, apparently in 1863 and ‘64 he spent considerable time acting as a clerk, in both official and unofficial capacities, which may have meant he was “behind the lines” during battle action.

Corporal Williams kept a diary in 1863, and probably at other times through his 3-years enlistment. The 1863 diary book survived, being handed down to Bob’s 2nd cousin about 1960 and, in September 2020, to me. The diary is in remarkably good condition in spite of its 157 years! The handwriting, with pencil primarily, is considerably faded though much of the diary lent itself to transcription. That document, with supporting data, came to 13 pages.

Cpl Williams’ daily comments in the diary, for the most part, are quite brief while describing the tedium and activities of camp life, but numerous entries give insight into personally important activities such as the temporary loss of his own horse, Old Bally, the theft and return of his knapsack with this diary, horse racing and games of “ball” (today’s baseball). While there are no detailed battle action entries several do make reference to battles and troop movements. Of particular interest to Picacho Peak Camp members may be the 12 pages listing large quantities materiel such as Sharps, Merrill, Smith, Colt, Enfield and Springfield firearms, 10s of 1000s of cartridges, scabbards, waist belts, pouches, etc.

It’s simply awesome to have a Civil War diary written by my Great-grandfather, which he carried with him for two years during the War. If it could speak!”



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