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7th Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment Officers for 2023-2024



(L-R) Dale E. Enlow PCC (S/T and Historian), Installing Officer, James Heller PDC (Patriotic Instructor), Avery Frantz (Graves Registration), William Smith PCC (Counselor), Kenneth J. Hooker PCC (Department Commander), Robert McCord PDC (Council), John Horton (Memorials Officer), Dennis Lamb (Eagle Scout Coordinator)



7th Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, the 7th Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment took place at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, Arizona.

A total of 17 Brothers and 4 guests were present. Past Department Commander James Heller represented Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail during the proceedings.

Memorial Ceremony

Department Commander Robert McCord presided over the Department Memorial Ceremony for the following Brothers and Sisters who passed since the last Department Encampment:

Ronald E. Gray, (4/26/2022)

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

Albert E. Niemeyer (5/18/2022)

RHG Minty Camp No. 2

Kenneth A. Dusenberry, (9/19/2022)

General U.S. Grant Camp, No 3

Ronald A. Jones (10/15/2022)

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

Jan D. Huber (12/05/2022)

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

Betty J. Baker

ASUVCW, Past National President

Keith G. Harrison

SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief

Donald W. Shaw

SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief

David V. Medert

SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Maleski

Husband of Sister Verna Maleski,

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Senior Vice President

Brothers in attendance, Department Elected Officers: Robert D. McCord PDC, Department Commander; Kenneth J. Hooker PCC, Junior Vice Commander; Dale E. Enlow, PCC, Secretary/Treasurer; William C. Smith, Department Council; James M. Heller, PDC; Picacho Peak Camp No. 1: Dennis Lamb, Delegate. RHG Minty Camp No. 2: John Agner, Delegate, Scott Bouchard, Delegate, W. Mark Clark, Camp Commander; Robert Haley, PCC; Robert Irwin, PCC; Ronald Hyer; John Lyons, Delegate.

Gen U.S. Grant Camp No. 3: Richard Stephens, Camp Commander; Avery Frantz, Delegate; John Horton, Delegate; and Jeffrey Steadman, Delegate.

Guests in attendance: Verna Maleski, DUVCW Senior Vice President; Deanna Lamb, Laura McCord, and Lynn Hooker.

Sister Verna Maleski, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Senior Vice President, presented greetings from the Order and from Margaret Warner Wood Arizona Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW.

Recognitions presented by Robert McCord, DC:

Allied Orders:

Sister Verna Maleski

Service Awards:

10 year pins:

David Palmateer, USG3

Robert McCord, RHGM2

15 year pin

Brian Estes, RHGM2

25 year pin

James D. Heller, PDC, PPC1

Meritorious Service Certificates

Avery Frantz, USG3

Timothy Prater, USG3

Motions and Resolutions

1. National Representative James Heller, PDC, read each of the 5 SUVCW Special Committee to Review Membership Qualifications C & R amendments reference the sex/gender issue and after a spirited discussion all 5 were rejected by the delegates.

2. Brother Dennis Lamb introduced motion reference Oak leaf clusters to recognize Supplemental Ancestors—passed. Our Department will allow Oak leaf clusters to be worn above the SUVCW membership badge. A resolution will be forwarded to National to have the Oak leaf clusters worn on the Membership badge (amend current C&R).

3. Brother Enlow introduced a motion showing our Department's disappointment in the Council of Administration's decision to quit claim the GAR Monument of Kit Carson in Santa Fe, NM to the federal General Services Administration (GSA).

4. Brother Frantz introduced a motion reference a potential change in the Last Union Veteran buried in Arizona. The motion was passed; however, it was subsequently discovered that additional research is in order (referred to the incoming administration to investigate).

5. Brother Frantz introduced a motion to recognize the recent passing of Jack Holder, a Pearl Harbor survivor, at age 101 years—passed.

6. Brother Frantz introduce a motion to recognize "Galvanized Yankees" as qualifying ancestors for membership purposes—tabled pending more research.

Election of National Encampment Delegates and Alternates

The following Brothers were elected as Delegates to the Annual SUVCW Encampment: Mark Clark, CC; Dale Enlow, PCC, and John Horton, Dept Civil War Memorials Officer

Alternate delegates elected: All other Department Brothers in good standing.

Nomination, Election and Installation of Department Officers for 2023-2024

After being nominated and elected, the following Brothers were installed by National Representative James M. Heller, PDC:

Elected Officers

Commander: Kenneth J. Hooker, PCC
Senior Vice Commander: Timothy D. Prater, PCC
Junior Vice Commander: Todd Hoffay, CC
Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow, PCC
Department Council: Robert D. McCord, PDC, Mark J. Haynes, PCC, & Scott Martorano

Appointed Officers

Asst Secretary/Treasurer: Timothy D, Prater, PCC
Chaplain: Mark J. Haynes, PCC
Patriotic Instructor: James M. Heller, PDC
Graves Registration Officer: Avery D. Frantz
Historian: Dale E. Enlow, PCC,
Civil War Memorials Officer: John B. Horton,
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Dennis W Lamb
Counselor: William C. Smith, PCC
GAR Records Officer: David A. Swanson, PDC
Signals Officer: Jeffrey D Burgess, PCC
Color Bearer: William C Smith, PCC
Guide: Dan Huskisson
Allied Orders Relations Officer: John R Conrad, PDC

Comments by DC Ken Hooker

Ken Hooker addressed the Encampment declaring his privilege to be chosen and promised to do his best to lead with honor. He indicated that he wished to further our recruitment and retention and to include improved inclusion of Associate Members. He wishes to see a return to a more historical focus at Camp meetings and welcomes all ideas, opinions, and concerns of Brothers.

Closing

The 7th Annual Encampment of the Department of the Southwest was duly closed by Department Commander Ken Hooker.

Post encampment:

Lunch and social gathering was enjoyed by all. The silent auction returned \$130 and sales of pins \$55.00.



Department Commander Ken Hooker receiving the Commander's badge from his wife Lynn



Department Commander Ken Hooker and Sister Verna Maleski, DUVCW Senior Vice President



Outgoing Department Commander Robert McCord receives an appreciation plaque from newly installed Commander Kenneth J. Hooker.

Dropbox file that contains the complete proceedings of the Department Encampment can be accessed below:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uyov2gfs7u1fkr1/AADB3cGtW-bM-JIZBzfS6l-0a?dl=0>

Department officers attend meeting of Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1

On March 25, 2023, DC Ken Hooker and JVC Todd Hoffay (L-R in picture with Sisters) attend the meeting of the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW held at the painted Mountain Golf Resort, 6210 E McKellips Road, Mesa.



SUVCW ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The Department of New Hampshire is proud to host the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 3 – 6, 2023, Nashua, New Hampshire. More information available in the near future (be sure to check the SUVCW website suvchw.org for information as it becomes available).



Department Order No. 1 (Series 2023-2024)

Kenneth J. Hooker, Commander
Change of Command

The entire order is attached to the newsletter. This contains important information so please take the time to read it.



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 Todd Hoffay (480) 718-9753; toddthoffay@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer** Dennis Lamb (602-319-1831); dennislamb@msn.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
Kenneth Hooker 2020-2022

In Memoriam

Long-time **Brother Ron Jones** passed away on October 15, 2022. Brother Jones joined our Camp on March 4, 2003, and attended many of our meetings.

Brother Ron will certainly be missed.



Ron Jones

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 February 18, 2023, Camp meeting information

Location:
Scottsdale City Library—Mustang room
10101 No. 90th Street.
Scottsdale, Arizona

Opening

Commander Hoffay opened the meeting, Chaplain Heller gave the Invocation, and all reciting the American's Creed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PPC1 Brothers in attendance: Mike Booth, Jeff Burgess, Jim Heller, John Conrad, Scott Martorano, Todd Hoffay, Dennis Lamb, Chuck Stuller, Richard Cox, David Kampf, Dan Huskisson, Jerry Bloom, David Jackson, Randy Owen, Ken Hooker, and David Swanson; a total of 16 PPC1 Brothers meeting the quorum requirement of 6.

Guest Brother Dale Enlow Dept S/T attended by Zoom.

Also in attendance was Brother Richard Uplinger a current member in a VA Camp intending to become a Primary Member of PPC1.

Daughters in attendance included Maura Mackowski, Verna Maleski, Susan Burke and Deanna Lamb.

Guests in Attendance included Mike Booth, Barbara Booth, Diana Tuxhorn and Ginny Smith.

Officer reports

Secretary/Treasurer

S/T Lamb provided the Secretaries report by making a motion to waive the reading of the November Minutes as they are published in the Dept Journal. The motion carried.

Secretary Membership Report: Current count 60, in Good Standing 59, applications in hand 0, applications expected 2, Goal for 2023: 70.

Supplemental Applications: 3 approved and submitted for National Registration; expected applications 10 (plus 9 more submitted at the end of the meeting).

New Form 3 (Dec 2022) must be used for New and Supplemental Applications as they will not be accepted by National because of an Oath and signature of the Senior Officer signing off on lineage and proof of service.

The new Form 3 is available on the website.

Treasurer's Report PPC1 1st Quarter 2022-2023 Covering all financial transaction Dec 16, 2022-through Feb 16, 2023, was presented. A copy of the statement and shadow copy of transactions are available to any member in Good Standing upon request to dennislamb@msn.com. Our balance will take a hit in April as we pass along the Dept and National dues.

Patriotic Instructor

Brother John Conrad discussed the "Pension History for Civil War Veterans." He presented the interesting progression of the criteria and amounts awarded.

Chaplain

Chaplain Jim Heller Commented on the passing of Brothers Jan Huber and Ronald Jones. A moment of silence was held for the Brothers.

Brother Lamb then provided a report regarding the personal health of Brother Bud Collette who in now in a Rehab facility in Payson, AZ. His contact information is available from dennislamb@msn.com and would enjoy hearing from Brothers

Department Council--members

Commander Hoffay announced he is taking volunteers to represent the Camp in the Dept Council for 2023-2024. (After the Meeting, Brother Martorano volunteered).

Pending departure of Camp S/T

Commander Hoffay also announced the pending departure of S/T Lamb in November and the need for an Assistant S/T to begin the mentoring process and with the idea of standing for Election to S/T at the November Officer elections.

Old Business:

Delegates for the Dept Encampment (March 11 in Tucson) include certain automatic delegates not including the S/T. S/T Lamb was nominated and approved by a Camp vote as a delegate. The Camp also voted to approve all other Brothers in Good Standing as Alternate Delegates. Brothers Burgess, Bloom, Hooker, Heller and Lamb plan to attend.

Memorial Cemetery Bench project

Brother Jackson provided an update on the status of the Memorial Porter Cemetery Bench project. Commander Hoffay made a motion to fund the project in the amount of \$300. Without objections the motion carried.

New Business:

Future Meeting Sites, Food, Fees, etc. Commander Hoffay discussed the complex issue for all organizations trying to find meeting locations that meet all of our requests. Since we have a paid reservation for the April meeting it was proposed and agreed by Camp vote that we would have that meeting in the same location without food. The Camp Council has

authorized a \$400 cap for meeting location expense. The next meeting room fee is \$65. Attendees will be invited to bring their own food if desired.

Supplemental Ancestor Rewards

S/T Lamb provided an outline of what supplemental awards are provided by other organizations such as DUVCW, DAR, and SAR. SUVCW has a Certificate for Ancestors that we are using for both initial and supplementals as requested. DAR uses Gold Clasps with the Patriot's name engraved. The other organizations use stars to indicate supplemental Ancestors and are worn on the Member Badge Ribbon. SUVCW has no such device and any such insignia cannot be worn on the Membership Badge unless authorized by National Regulations. In the SUVCW a star has other purposes.

A DOD Oak Leaf Cluster indicates an additional award to be worn on the Ribbon of the first award. The SAR has an Oak Leaf Cluster award for just such a purpose but not for Supplemental Ancestors. SUVCW national Regulations do not address Supplemental Awards but it is addressed in the New Members Form 3 which provides the option of indicating a Supplemental award and a National Registration Fee of \$5. The Camp includes an Application fee for all Applications and a fee if the Member wishes an Ancestor Certificate. The National Quarter Master has Ancestor Certificates on line for \$1.75. We provide the Certificates for \$5 plus S&H (about \$2). The Oak Leaf Cluster comes in various configurations impacting cost. They can be \$4 - \$10.

S/T Lamb proposed two motions:

1. As a member in Good Standing of Picacho Peak Camp 1, do you approve the designation of the Oak Leaf Cluster as the device indicating a Supplemental Ancestor to worn above the Membership Badge? After discussion, Commander Hoffay called for the question and it was approved by voice vote without any nays.

2. As a member in Good Standing of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, do you approve recommending that the Department of the Southwest adopt the above position and, utilizing existing processes, propose amending the National Regulations so that it can be worn on the Membership Badge? After discussion, Commander Hoffay called for the question and it was approved by voice vote without any nays.

Massing of Colors

Brother Heller has kept us abreast of this event to take place on Feb 21. A circular has been previously circulated. Commander Hoffay and Brother Heller PDC, will be representing PPC1

Program Speaker

Commander Hoffay presented a slide show and data surrounding the “Grant Cottage” the place of President Grant’s death. It was a very informative and well received presentation that the Commander put together after a visit to the location near Saratoga, NY last summer.

Commander Hoffay is seeking additional speakers to fill out the rest of the year meeting programs.

Welcoming of New (Transfer Member)

Scott T. Martorano is a native of NY now living in Anthem, AZ. His Ancestor was Jacob Aaron Reiff who served three years as a Private in Co. F of the New York 6th Heavy Artillery.

Scott spoke regarding his Ancestor and was officially welcomed by Commander Hoffay and presented his Membership Badge.

Closing

There being no other Business brought before the Camp, Commander Hoffay closed the Meeting with a notice that the next meeting would be on May 20th in the same location at the same time without food provided.



CC Todd Hoffay giving his presentation regarding Grant Cottage



Brother Scott Martorano & CC Todd Hoffay

Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance

On February 21, 2023, Brothers Todd Hoffay and Jim Heller represented our Camp at the annual Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance which took place at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City, AZ. The program is presented by The Military Order of World Wars, West Valley Arizona Chapter 131.



(L-R) CC Todd Hoffay & PDC Jim Heller

JROTC Presentation, Globe High School

On April 8, 2023, Major (Retired) Sal Fiorella, Senior Army Instructor, presented the SUVCW JROTC certificate and medal to Cadet Xander Redwood.



Upcoming Events

Next meeting: May 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mustang Library (Reading room), 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ. Food will not be provided; however, Brothers are certainly welcome to bring their own food and refreshments.



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 Mark Clark**; phone (520)-709-1945; email: w.markclark@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: lyonsj5257@yahoo.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017

Randy McNally 2017-2018

Robert Haley 2018-2020

Robert Irwin 2020-2021

April 15, 2023, Camp Meeting Information

Notes from the April 15, 2023, Camp meeting, held in the Field – Calabazas and Tubac, Arizona.

The April 2023 meeting of the General R.H.G. Minty Camp #2, Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, was held as a Field Trip to several southeastern Arizona sites related to the Civil War, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The meeting commenced at Tumacacori National Historic Park and concluded in the historic plaza in Tubac, AZ.

Present for the meeting were Commander W. Mark Clark, Senior Vice Commander Ron Hyer, Junior Vice Commander Scott Bouchard, Brothers John Agner, Robert Irwin, PCC, and David Swanson, PDC. Guests included Shaunna Bouchard and Ranger Rick Collins, NPS.

The meeting consisted primarily of a tour led by Ranger Rick Collins, of the Tumacacori NHP. The tour first went to Calabazas which is the site of a Spanish Colonial Kino Mission, which over the centuries has seen many uses including as the location of Camp Moore and Ft. Mason, both of which were installations of the United States Army during the Antebellum and post-Civil War territorial periods. The tour then moved to the historic plaza at Tubac, where Rick pointed out a number of historic homes and other buildings, including what is thought to be the house which served as a hospital during the Civil War. The party was also treated to a brief tour (by the owner) of the historic rooms of the Lowe house, one room of which is thought to be the oldest existing house in Tubac.

Also, during the meeting, a discussion of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday activities took place. Flags will be placed on graves in the GAR plot at Evergreen Cemetery on Friday, May 26 at 8:00am. Brothers are encouraged to attend. There will again be the Memorial Day Parade (the 50th Anniversary) at

Tucson Estates. The Camp will participate in the parade. All Brothers are requested to attend. There will be at least one car in our entry. Details will be sent separately.

Rick Collins wrote the following article which describes some of events of Fort Mason.

Dead in the Winter

Early Arizona was a dangerous place to be. And the American Civil War proved to be especially deadly for the participants. It wasn't the battles with Confederate forces, nor the ambushes by Apaches that accounted for most deaths. It was disease. A review of burials in the Fort Mason Cemetery at Calabazas lists only two men killed in battle with Apaches. The other 34 listed died of illness.

The statistic is not unusual for the time. One out of thirteen of the Union casualties in the Civil War died from disease or an illness. Throughout the 19th century infectious disease remained the number one cause of death.

Of course, disease knows no boundaries and one of the burials listed is a young girl, only two years old - Hannah Dudley. Hannah and her sister were caught up in the ravaging illness that impacted the camp in late 1865. Hannah was one of two daughters of the Quartermaster, First Lieutenant Charles Pratt Dudley. She and her sister, Emma, with their mother Lydia, joined her father in the 7th California Infantry on the march to Arizona in the late summer of 1865. They were at Calabazas during the establishment and construction of Fort Mason in southern Arizona.

On August 21, 1865 the Fort was founded. It was described as full of "shanties of straw and cloth, and the fork covered with military tents." The fort was built along the Santa Cruz with the administrative offices and officer's quarters on the bluff where the old mission church still stands.

In November 1865, a "fever" penetrated the cooling climate at Fort Mason. There is little information regarding what the problem was. Two of the victims had their symptoms named, but no diagnosis was listed. One, a soldier of Company D of the 7th California Infantry, was said to have died of "miasmatic disease" (an old term for malaria), and a second victim, a Captain of Company D, First Battalion, Native California Cavalry, was listed as a victim of "dropsy of the brain," a swelling sometimes associated with malaria.

Whether malaria was the culprit is open to question. The lower temperatures of November and December usually prohibit the growth of the malarial parasite. The possibility of malaria has to be considered as the majority of the fort was

situated along meandering, marshy Santa Cruz River. Perhaps November was warmer than normal.

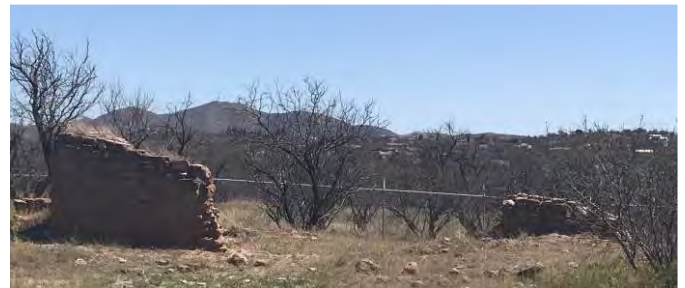
Whatever the illness, eleven young individuals perished between November 3, 1865 and January 6, 1866, a cluster that indicates an anomalous disease outbreak. Little Hannah did not survive three months at the remote post, dying on Saturday, November 25, 1865. She was interred in the post cemetery in present Rio Rico, Arizona where she remains today with many of the others killed in the disease outbreak. Her father and five-year-old sister Emma also came down with the disease at Fort Mason. By May 1866 they were back in San Francisco. Charles would recover, living until 1891. Emma would never recover and died in 1867 in San Francisco.

Rick Collins: Rick is a National Park Ranger with Tumacacori National Historical Park. Rick also works with the Tubac Presidio State Park creating exhibits and interpretive programs. Rick served six years as the President of the Board of the Tucson Presidio, managing the takeover of the Presidio from the City and professionalizing programs. He serves as vice president of the Tubac Historical Society Board. He also coordinates the volunteers of the Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail's color guard providing public activities to promote this amazing trail. He is also a Past President of the Tucson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Photos of the field trip:



Rick Collins in front of the ruins of Calabazas



Ruins of Camp Moore and Ft. Mason



Participants at ruins of Camp Moore and Ft. Mason

SUVCW Flag Certificates

During the month of March Brother John Lyon presented SUVCW Flag Certificates to the following organizations in Tucson: Lexus of Tucson, Quebedeaux Mitsubishi, Jay Auto Sales, Bank of America, Salpointe Catholic High School, O'Reilly Chevrolet, Porsche Dealership, Chapman Honda, Ace Hardware, Alice's Restaurant, and St Thomas Episcopal Church.

Outstanding job Brother John! Who can beat him?



J.J. at Ace Hardware takes this seriously; he raises the flag at 0700 and reitres the Colors at 1700 daily!



Salpointe Catholic High School



Alice's Restaurant



St Thomas Episcopal Church



Quebedeaux Mitsubishi Motors



Bank of America

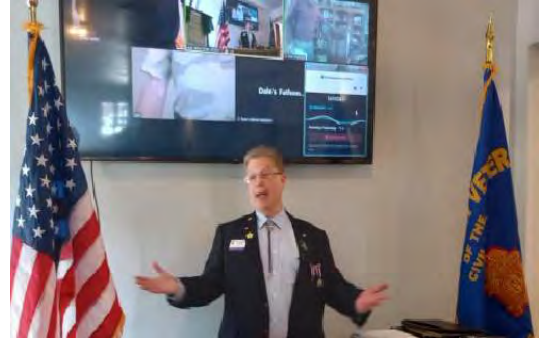
JROTC presentation

Sahuarita High School, Sahuarita

On March 29, 2023, at Sahuarita High School, Cadet/Ensign Rowe Thompson received the SUVCW JROTC certificate and medal from CC Mark Clark.



Call to Order by Commander Richard Stephens A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Taverna Modern Mediterranean Restaurant, Flagstaff, AZ on April 1st, 2023. This was our first meeting at this venue. We set up a “hybrid” in person AND virtual (Zoom) meeting and was able to use the meeting room large screen monitor to allow the in-person attendees to see our Brothers joining via Zoom.



Camp Commander Rick Stephens

The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Richard Stephens and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with eleven Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guest: Jan Swanson who recently suffered a broken ankle. The Commander and the Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain David Moore invoked the Devine Blessing. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of the Americans Creed.

Fourteen (14) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum). Brothers In attendance: Robert Archibald JR (zoom), S/T dale enlow PCC, Memorials Officer Avery Frantz, Mark Haynes PCC, James Heller PDC (zoom), JVC John Horton, Dick Melick, Chaplain David Moore, Counselor Tim Prater PCC, SVC Lynn Scott (zoom), Color Bearer William Smith PCC, new Brother Jeff Steadman, Commander Richard Stephens, and David Swanson PDC.

Chaplain Moore reported that potential new member Steve Bigelow was involved in an automobile accident in March and is recovering. Chaplain Moore then announced the April/May/and June birthdays: Gerry Bloom 6/26, Greg Hecathorn 4/8, Jim Heller 6/27, Dan Mason 5/5, Gene McCarthy 6/4, John Ruggles 4/8, Paul Sangster 6/14, Lynn Scott 6/21, David Swanson 6/28, John Thorne 5/7.

S/T Enlow advised that the minutes of the January Camp meeting had been distributed to all Brothers and no additions or corrections had been received. A motion to approve as distributed was seconded and passed

Treasurer’s Report: First Quarter Treasurers report is available for review by the Council. Checking

July 2023 Meeting Information
Tentative meeting date is July 15; however, more information as to date, time, and location will be distributed.



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 various northern Arizona locations.

Contact **Commander Richard Stephens** (928) 772-1320; r@almsysinc.com or **Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

- David A. Swanson 2015-2017
- Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019
- Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021
- William C. Smith 2021-2022
- Timothy D. Prater 2022-2023



General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 April 1, 2023, meeting minutes

Location:
Taverna Modern Mediterranean Restaurant
2420 S. Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff

account [amount given during the meeting] and the JROTC Scholarship Fund stands at \$1255.00. The annual per capita due to the Department and National will be approximately \$1197.

New Member Initiation - Jeffrey Steadman



Brother Jeff was presented with a Member's badge, name tag, rosette, ancestor certificate, a kepi, and a wooden nickel. **Welcome Brother Jeff!**

Reading and disposing of orders, communications: S/T Enlow advised there were 6 National General Orders, 2 Special Messages, and 2 Department Orders issued and distributed to the membership since our last Camp meeting.

Reports:

JROTC/ROTC Program: Tim Prater advised we are having a hard time getting cadets interested in applying for our \$500 scholarship. Brother Archibald was recognized for his assistance in setting up the program. The Camp will be sending representatives to several schools / universities to present at the awards ceremonies.

Zoom meeting suggestions/improvements: Stephens / Enlow We now have a dedicated laptop, USB hub,

camera, HDMI cable, and wireless microphones to enhance our abilities.

Old Business

Eagle Scouts: Brother Prater advised just one Eagle Scout at this time

Grave Markers/Flagstaff Citizens Cemetery: Frantz/Archibald advised we have the markers but will postpone installation until the snow clears from the cemetery.

Last Soldier Markers: Frantz/Archibald advised we have the marker for the Coconino County veteran buried in Williams to be installed at a later date. Discussion was held to look into possibly getting markers for all of the northern AZ counties.

Drop Box: Cmdr. Stephens reported that he and S/T Enlow had set up a file sharing cloud location for evaluation of future use of the Camp at large.

Zelle: S/T Enlow reported that receiving funds electronically via Zelle has been put on hold for more study.

Membership Renewals for 2023: S/T Enlow reported 33 renewals plus new Member Steadman brings the roster to 34 total Brothers. \$473 was collected in Round up donations.

Civic Entry Signs for SUVCW (Flagstaff, Prescott): Brother Frantz indicated that the Quartermaster available sign was not large enough to meet Flagstaff city standards. We will need more research to procure larger logo signs.

New Business Encampments:

DSW 11 Mar 23 and National 3-5 Aug 23. S/T Enlow gave a summary of the business conducted at the Tucson Encampment. 20 attendees discussed and voted upon several motions and resolutions. Mourning for recently passed Pearl Harbor survivor, Jack Holder through April 14th, 2023

Upcoming Events:

Eagle Scouts Award, St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Prescott, 4/6/23 6:30pm

Army JROTC Awards, Coconino HS Auditorium, Flagstaff 4/12/23 6:00pm

Army ROTC Awards, ERAU Planetarium, Prescott 4/25/23 3:00pm

AF JROTC Awards, Prescott HS Multi-Purpose Room, Prescott 4/26/23 5:00pm

AF ROTC Awards, ERAU (tbd), Prescott, 4/27/23 5:00pm Memorial Day

Cleanup, Prescott Citizens Cemetery 5/28/23 9:00am (Prescott Home Depot is supplying flags and drinking water)

Memorial Day, Prescott Citizens Cemetery 5/29/23 9:00am Memorial Day, Prescott National Cemetery 5/29/23 11:00am?

Memorial Day at Navajo Army Depot Veterans Cemetery.

“Good of the Order” comments: Brother Melick reported on efforts to distribute copies of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights to local schools.

Commander Stephens presented a Special Thank You plaque to Past Camp Commander Tim Prater for his dedication and excellence in service to US Grant Camp No. 3. Commander



Cmdr Stephens & PCC Prater

Cmdr Stephens announced he had a 10 year member’s pin to be given to Brother David Palmateer.

Commander Stephens then announced a unique situation where **all of the Past Commanders of our Camp were in attendance** to have a photo op with the Camp gavel and stand engraved by friend Jack Nelson.



(L-R) Sixth & Current Camp Commander Richard Stephens; Camp Organizer and first Commander David Swanson (2015-2017); second Commander Mark Haynes (2017-2019); third Commander Dale Enlow (2019-2021); fourth Commander William Smith (2021-2022); fifth Commander Timothy Prater (2022-2023)

Patriotic Instructor presentation: James Heller PDC gave a presentation on ways to increase membership recruiting and retention. He also encouraged all Brothers to educate themselves on Medal of Honor recipients and to consider recognizing those who may be from and/ or buried in our local area.

Guest Speaker: Brother Avery Frantz gave a very entertaining presentation on Jefferson Davis and his camels in AZ Territory.



Our next meeting will be on July 8th, 2023 at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St, Prescott AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. ZOOM will start at 11:50.

Closing: Chaplain Moore delivered the Closing Prayer.

Gen’l U.S. Grant Camp YouTube Channel

Grant Camp No. 3 has a you tube channel that we are using for the videos taken during public events, such as Memorial Day, and for our quarterly Zoom meetings.

The direct link to this site:

<https://www.youtube.com/@usgcamp3>. One could also search within You Tube for "usgcamp3" and it will pop up as the first hit.

JROTC Presentations

Bradshaw Mountain High School, Prescott Valley

On April 12, 2023, Cmdr Stephens presented the SUVCW JROTC award to Cadet Major Mark Hill...a very fine young man.



Coconino High School, Flagstaff

On April 12, 2023: Three Generations of Enlows.....
(L-R) Grand-Uncle dale, Grandfather Jeffrey Enlow, Cadet Brigid, and her Father Vincent Enlow. The SUVCW certificate and medal recipient, Cadet Peter Barnes was not present due to a prior important commitment.



Cadet Enlow received several awards, including top academic achievement (GPA) and top Female Marksman! She also received several awards, including top academic achievement (GPA) and top Female Marksman!



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➤ General News and Information ➤

Captain Richard Stoddert Ewell—Arizona and . . . Cochise?

By David A. Swanson

What in the world did Confederate General R.S. Ewell have to do with the Arizona Territory and Cochise? Well, as a Confederate general—nothing—but as a U.S. Army captain, quite a bit. But first let's clear something up. There was no official "Arizona Territory" until February 24, 1863—up to that point it was an area of the New Mexico Territory (with a lot of history!) that tried for years to become its own territory—although it was commonly referred to as "Arizona."

After the end of the War with Mexico (1846-1848), the primary role of the US Army in the newly acquired New Mexico Territory was to protect its citizens from things like Indian attacks. Twenty-one companies were assigned to this task, which composed the Department of New Mexico, with headquarters at Santa Fe.

In 1850 United States Army Captain Richard Stoddert Ewell reported for duty and took command of Company G, 1st Dragoons. Over the coming years he took part in many operations against the Navajo, Utes, Jicarillas and the Mescalero Apaches.

In 1856 the 1st Dragoons was split up and three companies, including Company G, were sent to the newly acquired Gadsden Purchase area commonly called "Arizona." This area, populated by Mexican and American settlers, was purchased from Mexico and in 1854 was officially annexed to the New Mexico Territory. This section of the territory was the roughest part since it was inhabited by "murders, cutthroats, thieves and the warlike Apache Indians." So into this thinly populated almost 30,000 square miles of territory rode three companies of the 1st Dragoons. Company G, commanded by Captain R. S. Ewell was assigned to the newly built Fort Buchanan (named after the sitting president). Fort Buchanan was located 25 miles north of the Mexican border in a rich mining region of Arizona. As a person who was always looking for a good investment and who was an amateur chemist, Captain Ewell along with four others eventually opened up a silver mine in the area and named it the "Patagonia Mine." In 1860 the mine was sold to Sylvester Mowry for \$25,000.

In 1857 after the "Battle of the Gila" Captain Ewell, because of his actions, was recognized as one of the premiere Indian fighters in the Territory of New Mexico and in fledgling Arizona.

In 1859, while still fighting the Pinal and Chiricahua Apaches, Ewell along with a U.S. Indian Agent met with Cochise, the Chiricahua Apache leader. An agreement of sorts was made with

Cochise—the U.S. would give him supplies of food and gifts if he would end his attacks north of the Mexican border. Cochise went along with the agreement, for the most part, and it was after Ewell left in 1860 that he really went on the warpath because of his capture (and subsequent escape) by Lt. Bascom in an action called the "Bascom Affair." But there were other Apache bands that continued to wreak havoc with the settlers of southern Arizona and unfortunately Ewell couldn't do a whole lot about it. Fort Buchanan was too great a distance from other forts for reinforcements and he simply did not have the manpower to be really effective—and he wasn't alone. None of the forts had adequate manpower and it was mainly because of this ineffectiveness that Arizona tried from 1856 to 1863 to become its own territory. The settlers needed protection from Indians and they weren't getting it.

In March of 1860 Captain Richard S. Ewell became an Arizona "rock star" after a band (no pun intended) of Pinal Apaches attacked a lumber camp and carried off Larcena Page, a twenty-three-year old woman and an eleven-year-old girl named Mercedes Sais Quiroz. Capt Ewell realized that if he chased and attacked the two would be killed so he negotiated for them. The Indians said Page was already dead (severely wounded she found her way back to the lumber camp days later) and they released Mercedes to Ewell. This all coincided with the 1860 Arizona Territorial Constitutional Convention taking place at Tucson.

And so on the third day of the Convention, riding down the dusty streets of old Tucson to the town plaza, came the captain with the eleven-year-old captive. The town's population of 900 souls went crazy with excitement and joy; but not just the town—he was invited to attend the Convention where those present named a county (one of four) after him and gave him a formal vote of thanks.

In September 1860, while he was very ill (most likely malaria), he received orders to proceed to Fort Bliss, Texas for court-martial duty—an assignment that lasted until January 31, 1861. Still very ill, he received a 10-month leave of absence and went to his sister's house in Virginia. On April 24, 1861, he resigned his commission in the U.S. Army and his Confederate Army career commenced.

Here are excerpts from *THE 1860 CONSTITUTION AND SCHEDULE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TERRITORY OF ARIZONA AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION*:

Chairman James A. Lucas . . . addressed the Convention as follows:

We have assembled, gentlemen, on this occasion, to organize a Provisional Government for Arizona. The neglect of the General Government to heed our prayers and petitions—its refusal to grant us a Territorial organization, notwithstanding our application renewed year after year—the slight hopes of any favorable action from the present Congress of the United States, on our behalf, compels us to look to ourselves in our own defense. . . . Our citizens cry aloud for protection. The varied interests of our Territory are paralyzed through the insecurity to person and property existing at the present time. Crime stalks abroad in our midst, while our country is overrun by tribes of barbarous savages, who despoil our citizens of their hard-earned avails, murdering and carrying into captivity those who are weak and unprotected. . .

Third Day's Proceedings

Afternoon session

Mr. Cozzens [delegate from Mesilla] stated that Capt. R S Ewell, U.S.A., was present and moved that he be invited to a seat within the bar of the House. Carried. . . .

On motion of Capt. J. Dean Alden, the section entitled "Counties" was first considered. The Secretary having read the section. Capt Alden moved to amend by inserting the name of "Ewell" to the county comprising the territory between the Chirrichua (sic) Mountains and the longitudinal line proposed as the western boundary of the county, in place of "Santa Rita," as called in the report.

The amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Fourth Day's Proceedings

Morning session

Judge McGowan submitted the following proposals which were adopted:

Resolved, That in Capt. R. S. Ewell of Ft. Buchanan, the people of Arizona have found a devoted friend, and the Government, a distinguished officer—one who is ever ready to pursue and bring to justice the savage robber and destroyer of life, or to rescue the helpless captive. He has the heartfelt thanks of the people of Arizona, and we trust that Government will not be tardy in bestowing upon a meritorious soldier some evidence of its approbation, commensurate with his efficient services.

Resolved, That the Commanding and other officers, stationed at the several Military Posts in Arizona, have faithfully discharged their duties, and have performed all that the limited means

within their power would permit, for the suppression of the Indian forays, so frequent and destructive to the lives and interests of the settlers of this Territory. . . .

Be it resolved, By the delegates of the people of Arizona, in Convention assembled, that we earnestly and particularly protest against the removal of any of the United States troops now stationed in Arizona, or the breaking up of any United States military post now established in said Territory; and particularly do we protest against the removal of Fort Fillmore upon the Rio Grande, and Fort Buchanan on the head of the Sonoita, as the citizens of these portions of the Territory are entirely without protection, and exposed to the depredations of hostile tribes of Indians who infest that section of the country.

After the end of the Civil War Ewell spent his remaining years on his wife's farm in Spring Hill, Tennessee and died on January 25, 1872; he never returned to the Southwest.

Postscript: When President Lincoln signed the Organic Act on February 24, 1863 splitting the New Mexico Territory in half and thus making the Territory of Arizona, Ewell County was nowhere to be seen and in fact the territorial boundaries were totally different from those outlined in the 1860 Constitutional Convention.

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**Department Orders
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**DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 01
(SERIES 2023-2024)**

Department Change of Command

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 Charter, Constitution and Regulations, the National Policies, and the Department Bylaws, the following is ordered:

1. At Tucson, Arizona, on March 11, 2023, the Delegates to the 7th annual 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 1752 S. Heritage, Mesa, AZ 85210. All correspondence for the Commander may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to me at: hooker56@gmail.com and my phone number is 480 580-1612.
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 Brothers of the SUCVW swore to protect May 30th as Memorial Day—as this was the day set aside by those Comrades who saved our Union. I strongly encourage the Camps to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023, 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 SUCVW 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. The Elected and Appointed officers for 2023-2024 are as follows:

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(SERIES 2023-2024) continued**

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 especially want to thank Past Department Commanders for their contributions and continuing support. I encourage all Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by enthusiastically recruiting new members and volunteering for programs and the various officer position opportunities. I am open to any and all ideas for new membership recruiting and retaining membership in the order, whether they be Lineage or Associate members.

Ordered this 15th day of March 2023



Kenneth J. Hooker, Department Commander

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Department Secretary

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