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8th Annual Encampment, Department of the Southwest Officers 2024-2025



(L-R) Timothy Prater, DC, Eagle Scout Coordinator; Kenneth Hooker, PDC, SVC; Todd Hoffay CC, JVC, Patriotic Inst.; dale enlow, PCC, S/T, Historian; Scott Martorano, Council; W. Mark Clark, PCC, Council; Richard Stephens, CC, Council; David Swanson, PDC, GAR Records; Dennis DeAtley, Counselor; Jeffrey Burgess, PCC, Signals; John Horton, Civil War Memorials; William Smith, PCC, Color Bearer; John Conrad, PDC, Allied Relations; (Not pictured) Mark Haynes, PCC, Chaplain; Avery Frantz, Graves Registration and Dan Huskisson, Guide



Congratulations and thanks to our new Department Officers!

All Past Department of the Southwest Commanders were present



(L-R) Robert D. McCord, 2018-2019 & 2022-2023; Kenneth J. Hooker, 2023-2024; David A. Swanson, 2017-2018; James M. Heller, 2020-2021; Gerald N. Bloom, 2019-2020; John R. Conrad, 2016-2017 & 2021-2022



Department of the Southwest 8th Annual Encampment

On March 1, 2024, a “Camp Fire” was held at the Brown Bag Brewery in Prescott. The camaraderie was great and so was the beer!



The 8th Annual DSW Encampment was held on March 2, 2024, at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St., Prescott, Arizona. A total of 43 Brothers and guests were present.

The Encampment was opened by Commander Ken Hooker at 9:45 a.m. with the Memorial Service. After the service Cmdr Hooker introduced our special guests: Michael A. Paquette SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief (attended via zoom); Verna Maleski, DUVCW National President; Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW, Verna Maleski, Lee Nelson, and Susan Burke; Sisters of the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Auxiliary, Rachael Peak (Susan Burke and Verna Maleski are also members).

Memorial Service—the Department’s Eighth Annual Memorial service preceded the opening of the Encampment and the following departed Brothers and Sisters were honored: Brothers Reginald P. Parker (Picacho Peak), Robert B. Irwin (Minty), John F. Hartranft (PA Camp—80 year member) and Sister Cynthia Krause, Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW



(L-R) Dept Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow & Department Commander Ken Hooker at opening of Encampment

Delegates—the following Brothers and Delegates were present:

Department of the Southwest—elected officers: Department Commander, Kenneth Hooker; Senior Vice Commander, Timothy Prater, PCC; Junior Vice Commander; Todd Hoffay, CC; Secretary/Treasurer, Dale Enlow, PCC; Council of Administration, Robert McCord, PDC; Mark Haynes, PCC and Scott Martorano

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (all Delegates)
Gerald Bloom, PDC
Jeffrey Burgess, PCC
John Conrad, PDC
James Heller, PDC
Todd Hoffay CC
Kenneth Hooker, PCC
Scott Martorano

General R.H.G Minty Camp No 2 (all Delegates)
David Swanson, CC, PDC
William Blissett
Scott Bouchard—(Zoom)
Wendell (Mark) Clark, PCC
John Lyons
Robert McCord, PDC

General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 (all Delegates with exception of Brother Greg Bowers)
Steven Bigelow
Maurice (Greg) Bowers
Dennis DeAtley
Dale Enlow, Dept S/T
Avery Frantz (Zoom)
Mark Haynes, PCC (Zoom)
John Horton
Richard (Dick) Melick
David Moore
Timothy Prater, Dept SVC
William Smith, PCC
Richard Stephens, CC

Certificates of Commendation—

“On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans in recognition of your valuable help in preserving the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865”

Sister Verna Maleski, President, National DUVCW
Sister Susan Burke—Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW

Todd T. Hoffay, Commander, Picacho Peak Camp
Richard Stephens, Commander, Gen'l US Grant Camp No. 3

Brother John Horton, Gen'l US Grant Camp
Brother David Kampf, Picacho Peak Camp
Brother Dan Huskisson, Picacho Peak Camp
Brother Jim Heller, Picacho Peak Camp

In Recognition

Missing In America Project - Veteran Recovery Program—Mr. Clyde Taylor, AZ State Coordinator & Vice President (Board of Directors).

The DSW awarded the program with a \$350 donation and a certificate of appreciation.

Unfortunately Mr. Taylor could not be present.



(L-R) SVC Tim Prater & Cmdr Ken Hooker

Awards

Sister Lee Nelson—Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1—**Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award**—“ on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in grateful appreciation for *outstanding* service to the Order and for preserving the memory of Union soldiers and Sailors 1861-1865.”

Just some of the examples of Sister Nelson’s service to the Department of the Southwest and the SUVCW include:

May 2021—U.S. Grant Camp held its first ever Memorial Day Celebration at Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, AZ. As always, Sister Lee gave her very best at representing the DUVCW at our event. Sister Lee was in period dress and added immeasurably to the success of this dedication ceremony and so eloquently

represented her Tent—all done with great enthusiasm! Prior to the Memorial Day service, the Nelson’s made 75 individual small metal flag holders for each Civil War Veteran’s grave at Citizens Cemetery. They also made individual white flags that reflected the Veteran’s unit of assignment—a truly incredible contribution to the Memorial Day event. They paid for all materials themselves. Sister Lee never asks for reimbursement for expenses incurred in supporting U.S. Grant Camp and SUVCW.

2021 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony—Phoenix—DSW and its Camps were well represented along with Sisters from Margaret Warner Wood Tent No 1, DUVCW and the Picacho Peak Camp No 1 Auxiliary. Sister Lee traveled 250 miles round trip to attend and participate in the ceremony. Following the ceremony, she joined with (and assisted) the Daughters and Sons for lunch with SUVCW Commander-In-Chief Michael A. Paquette.

August 2022—DSW Civil War Plaque dedication Ceremony for Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, AZ. Sister Nelson was of invaluable assistance—she and her husband Jack created, at their expense, the brochure for the event; she was instrumental in helping to coordinate the activity for over 100 attendees; decorated the VIP table; spoke on behalf of the DUVCW; and assisted with the plaque unveiling. An honored guest at the ceremony was Veteran Jerome Wilma, age 99. Lee was so kind and compassionate as she assisted Mr. Wilma thought out the ceremony.

May 2023—The day prior to Memorial Day 2023, Sister Lee helped organize and conduct General U.S. Grant’s 3rd Annual Citizens Cemetery Clean UP event. She got the word out resulting in many of her friends participating in the clean-up. She was literally on her hands and knees cleaning Civil War graves and paying tribute to our “Boys In Blue.” Her value to U.S. General Grant Camp is immeasurable. This is the third year that Lee and husband Jack helped with the pre-Memorial Day clean-up event.



(L-R) Cmdr Ken Hooker, Sister Lee Nelson and SVC Tim Prater

Awards—continued

David Swanson received the “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” award for the following activities:

“Brother David Swanson, Life Member 794, is recognized for twenty-five years of devoted leadership and devotion to the SUVCW. He is the only Brother to serve as Department Commander (2017-2018) and Commander of all three Camps: Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (2003-2006) & (2010-2013); Camp Organizer and Commander of General US Grant Camp No. 3 (2015-2017) and current Camp Commander of General R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2.

During his twenty-one years as the Camp/Department newsletter editor (2003-2024) he has written ninety-one newsletters plus extensive writings of the GAR and the SUVCW in Arizona and New Mexico. . .”



(L-R) Cmdr Ken Hooker, David Swanson & SVC Tim Prater

Service pins for years in the SUVCW

Jeff Burgess—10 years; Tim Prater—10 years; Robert McCord—10 years; Mark Haynes—20 years & David Swanson—25 years

Life Membership Acknowledgement

Dale Hodge, #720; John Munro, #728; David Swanson, # 794; John Conrad, #844; Tim Prater, # 849; Ron Hyer, #939; Dr. John Oakley, Sr., # 948; Gerald Bloom, # 949; Robert Cox, # 985; Richard Cups, # 1030; Dale Enlow, #1037; John Agner, # 1070; & John Lyons, #1135.

Motions and Resolutions

The Encampment voted, in compliance with General Order #2—Membership Qualifications Ratification (Amendment) on the information contained in it and the ratification did not pass.

There were four proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations which could not be ratified separately (per the GO); it was an all or nothing package. The Encampment felt that the current wording in the SUVCW Constitution, Eligibility to

Membership is sufficient as it stands and there is no need for a revision.

Election of National Encampment Delegates and Alternates

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

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

Nomination, Election and Installation of Department Officers for 2024-2025

After being nominated and elected, the following Brothers were installed by David A. Swanson, PDC:

Elected Officers

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

Appointed Officers

Asst Secretary/Treasurer: Vacant
Chaplain: Mark J. Haynes, PCC
Patriotic Instructor: Todd Hoffay, CC
Graves Registration Officer: Avery D. Frantz
Historian: Dale E. Enlow, PCC,
Civil War Memorials Officer: John B. Horton,
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Timothy D. Prater, DC
Counselor: Dennis DeAtley
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



Natasha Schafer pinning the Department Commanders badge on her grandfather Commander Tim Prater



DSW Commander Tim Prater & Granddaughter Natasha



(L-R) Installing Officer David Swanson passing the gavel to newly installed Department of the Southwest Commander Tim Prater



PDC Ken Hooker receiving the coveted "Past Department Commander" plaque from DC Tim Prater

Closing Session

Commander Prater made appropriate remarks and then closed the Encampment.

Department Orders

Department Order 01

(2024-2025)

Department Change of Command

Department Order 01 is attached to the newsletter.

SUVCW National Encampment

The 2024 National Encampment will take place on August 1-4, 2024, at Lexington, KY. If you have not attended a National Encampment you really should consider it!

If you wish to attend please contact your Camp Commander or Department S/T dale enlow at dale_enlow@hotmail.com.

Lincoln's Birthday Ceremony

On February 12, 2024, DUVCW National President Verna Maleski Sister of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent) had the honor of representing the DUVCW during the Lincoln Birthday ceremony. "It was an absolute awesome experience."





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 Scott Martorano** (616) 250-2670;

scottmartorano@gmail.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

February 17, 2024, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location:

Scottsdale City Library—Mustang room

10101 No. 90th Street.

Scottsdale, Arizona

Draft Picacho Peak Camp Meeting Feb 17, 2024, 11:30am-2:00pm

PPC1 Brothers in attendance: Scott Martorano, Mike Booth, Todd Hoffay, Ken Hooker, Doug Geist, Jim Heller, Jeff Burgess, Dan Huskisson, David Kampf, John Conrad, Bob Cox (Zoom). A total of 11 Brothers present meeting quorum requirement of 6.

Guests in attendance included Dominic Coffel, Tristen Hoffay and Ginny Smith.

Meeting Opening

Commander Hoffay opened the meeting at 11:30 am and Chaplin Heller provided the Invocation followed by all reciting the American's Creed and Pledge of Allegiance.

Camp Officer Reports

Commander Hoffay:

Provided a summary of the Camp's participation in the recent Scottsdale parade. The parade was very well put together. The Camp participants enjoyed themselves and felt that our Camp was very well received by both the parade organizers and the

attending public. The attention the Camp received can only serve to promote our mission and potentially attract new members. It is the Camp's intention to participate again in 2025.

Brother Mike Booth and Commander Hoffay Presented a certificate to a honorary Eagle Scout at the Elks Lodge in Phoenix.

Commander Hoffay discussed the JROTC program overseen by Brother, Dan Huskisson with a call for volunteers to assist with 21 presentations to be scheduled in the coming months.

Secretary / Treasurer Martorano:

Secretary Martorano provided the quorum report announcing that 11 brothers were present. A motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes from our last meeting as they were published in the department newsletter. The motion was seconded followed by a voice vote in favor of the motion.

Secretary Martorano detailed the Camp membership as 56 total members, 54 of those are regular members and two associate members. Also, within the camp there are six life members. The Camp is currently processing 1 new member application and 3 supplemental applications.

Secretary Martorano provided a brief update on the SUVCW Military Service Medal and War Medal, encouraging the membership to apply if eligible and that two new campaign bars have been authorized. The new campaign bars being for service in Kosovo and the Global War on Terror.

Finally, Secretary / Treasurer Martorano reviewed the Camp finances, membership cards and the status of 2024 dues payments.

Senior Vice Commander Hooker:

Reported that he is in his last 14 days of serving the department as the department commander.

SVC Hooker had a brief discussion of the upcoming Department Encampment and what Camp members were attending. Brothers Hooker, Hoffay, Burgess, Conrad, Heller and Martorano will be attending.

A motion was made for all camp members to be alternate delegates to the Department on behalf of the Camp. The motion was seconded and accepted by voice vote.

Department Signals Officer Burgess:

Brother Burgess provided an overview of the Department Website and emails. After some research a better, less expensive web hosting site has been found. This action has numerous benefits for the department

including receipt of new membership enquiries in a more efficient manner.

Old Business

Commander Hoffay discussed the books and material donated from the estate of deceased Brother John Cole. To date, the Camp has received \$79 dollars in generous donations from its membership associated with these items.

Discussion:

Brother David Kampf mentioned that he is the treasurer of the Arizona Civil War Council and that he is participating in a reenactment the weekend of February 24th in Vulture City. All Brothers are encouraged and welcome to attend. Interested Brothers should contact Brother Kampf for more details.

Commander Hoffay discussed the upcoming ceremony for the bench the Camp donated to Pioneer Cemetery and who might be attending. The Camp hopes former Brother Jackson will attend as he was the driving force behind this donation and effort.

New Business:

Commander Hoffay presented last year’s Camp officers with recognition certificates.

Presentation:

Commander Hoffay did a wonderful presentation on Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth; born 11 April 1837, Walter New York. All Camp members are encouraged to watch the video of this very entertaining and informative overview of the first Union officer killed in the Civil War.

Brother Burgess provided a presentation on his recent trip to South Carolina and visit to Ft. Sumter. Brother Burgess’s presentation included a very well-done video viewing the fort as it stands today and well as a brief history of the fist shots of the Civil War.

New Member Induction:

Brother Douglas Geist was inducted into the Camp by Commander Hoffay with the assistance of Chaplain Heller. Brother Geist provided an overview of his ancestor James Henry Geist and his Civil War service.



Closing:

At 2pm Commander Hoffay announced the closing of the meeting and invited Chaplin Heller to ask the blessing of our God on our deliberations.

Following Chaplin Heller, Commander Hoffay declared the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Department of the Southwest, Sons and Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed until our next meeting, which will be Saturday, May 11th, 11:30; Scottsdale City Library—Mustang room 10101 No. 90th Street.

(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)

Scottsdale Parada Del Sol

On February 10, 2024, Picacho Peak Camp Brothers Ken Hooker, Mike Booth and Todd Hoffay marched with Sisters Carmen Wendt, Verna Maleski, Maura Mackowski, Ginny Smith & Janet Buchanan of Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW in the annual Scottsdale Parada Del Sol.



(L-R) Brother Mike Booth & Sister Ginny Smith



(L-R) Brothers/Sisters: Mike Booth, Verna Maleski, Janet Buchanan, Maura Mackowski, Ginny Smith, Carmen Wendt, Ken Hooker & Todd Hoffay



(L-R) Junior Vice Commander Mike Booth, Department & Past Camp Commander Ken Hooker & Camp Commander Todd Hoffay

Presentation of Eagle Scout Certificate at the Court of Honor for Jacob Bagley

On February 12, 2024, during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Elks Lodge, 14424 N. 32st, Camp Commander Todd Hoffay and Junior Vice Commander Mike Booth presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate to Eagle Scout Jason Bagley.

Congratulations to Jason!



(L-R) Todd Hoffay, CC, Jacob Bagley & Mike Booth JVC

**Massing of the Colors
February 21, Sun City**

On February 20, 2024, at Palm Ridge Recreation Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Dr, Sun City, AZ, Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp participated in the Massing of the Colors put on by the Military Order of World Wars West Valley AZ Chapter. Part of the “Purposes” of the SUVCW is to “cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war” and this was a great way to fulfill it!



(L-R) Brothers David Kampf, Todd Hoffay, Jim Heller and Dan Huskisson



(L-R) Donald Dedrick, AZ Sons of the American Revolution and Brother Todd Hoffay, CC

Camp Happy Hour/Business meeting

On February 1, 2024, the Camp had a happy hour/business meeting at the O.H.S.O. Brewery, 15681 Hayden Road, Scottsdale. We had a great time and actually got some business accomplished (and no, the business was not just beer drinking)! These are a great way to have fun, get to know each other and conduct some business—wives are also encouraged to attend!



Left going around the table—Brothers Scott Martorano, Todd Hoffay, Dan Huskisson, David Swanson and Mike Booth. Picture taken by Barbra Booth

Upcoming Events

Next meeting: May 11, 2024, 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 David A. Swanson** phone (480)-599-9143; email: swanson1854@yahoo.com or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: lyonsj5257@yahool.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020
Robert Irwin 2020-2022 †
W. Mark Clark 2022-2024



April 13, 2024, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location:

The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ, Saturday January 13, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Attendees--David Swanson CC, PDC; Scott Bouchard JVC; John Lyons S/T; W. Mark Clark PCC, Chaplain; John Agner, Member; Bill Sims, Member; William Sisco, Member; William Blissett, Member

Guests--Janice Swanson, Shauna Bouchard, Chantal Blissett, Denny Scanlon Prospective Member
Zoom: John Conrad, PDC

Opening (Chaplain's Blessing, American's Creed, Pledge of Allegiance) W. Mark Clark Chaplain. The meeting started at 1:05.

Approval of 13 January 2024 Minutes—the minutes were distributed via email on 12 April 2024 to all Brothers. Motion to approve the minutes by W. Mark Clark and seconded by Bill Sims.

Reading and approval of the Treasurer's Report—[financial report given] A Motion to approve by Brother Bill Sims and seconded by Chaplain W. Mark Clark.

No Report of sick Brothers or family Members

Reading of General Order from the CinC since last meeting—done by Brother Lyons. Commander Swanson read Department General Orders 1 and 2.

Initiation of Brothers—William Sisco and William Blissett by Commander Swanson and Chaplain W. Mark Clark.



(L-R) Brother Bill Sysco, Cmdr. David Swanson & Brother Bill Blissett

Membership and recruitment—the commander spoke about membership and recruitment. Spoke about talking up our Camp and the SUVCW at SAR meetings, VFW & American Legions.

JROTC/ROTC Coordinator—Brother Blissett has volunteered to be ROTC, JROTC Coordinator.

SUVCW Military Service Medal—Brother Blissett was presented with his well deserved SUVCW Military Service Medal by Cmdr Swanson. He had a busy career in the US Army and retired as a LTC after 21 years of active duty. He started his career as an ROTC Cadet.



Chantal Blissett pinning the Military Service Medal on Bill



Cmdr. Swanson, Bill & Chantal Blissett

Unfinished Business—Commander Swanson spoke about the Department Encampment which was held in Prescott, AZ at the Hassayampa Inn.
New Business.

Memorial Day—Brother Clark spoke about putting flags on the graves of Civil War Veterans in the GAR Plot in Evergreen Cemetery the Friday morning before Memorial Day. 24 May 2024 at 8AM we will meet to put in the Flags. The parade is on 27 May 2024 at 8:00 at Tucson Estates off Kenny Rd.

Eagle Scout presentation—Brother Clark is going to do an Eagle Scout presentation at Boy Scout Troop 247G the G standing for girls. Scout Comstock will be receiving a Certificate and a Patch from the SUVCW.

Assistant S/T—the Commander brought up an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer is needed in our Camp. Brother Lyons spoke about the tasks for the Secretary and Treasurer, hoping for volunteers for the positions. Brother Bouchard expressed interest in doing the Treasurer position.

DUVCW Convention—Commander Swanson brought up the DUVCW Convention on 31 July through 4 August 2024 in Scottsdale AZ. The Daughters need the SUVCW to provide escorts for the event. John Conrad PDC spoke about how we can help the DUVCW opening ceremony by escorting the National Daughters to their seats. Commander Swanson asked the Camp to post a full-page ad in the program for \$50.00. A motion was made to pay for the ad, it was seconded by Chaplain Clark.

Guest speaker—was Commander Swanson. He spoke about the GAR and how it got started. He spoke about April 1866 when the GAR was formed. In 1890s the GAR was over 409,000 strong. He went into detail about how the Department of AZ was formed and spoke about all the Posts in AZ, detailing the local populations of each of the towns that the GAR Posts were in. In 1901 R. H. G. Minty moved to Tucson. He became Commander of the Negley GAR Post 1. In 1902 R. H. G. Minty started the General R. H. G. Minty Sons of Union Veterans Camp—precursor name to the SUVCW. Our Camp is named for him.

Good of the Order—Bill Blissett brought up, “This Republic of Suffering,” book he got at the silent auction at the Department Encampment. He said it is very good and recommended it to the Camp.

Closing—our next meeting is scheduled for 20 July 2024.

Chaplain’s Benediction, Closing Charge Adjournment at 2:50 p. m.

(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)

Brother David Raihala and the Arizona National Guard

Brother Raihala won a recent competition for the state of AZ National Guard “Best Soldier Award” and he automatically was promoted to Sergeant E-5.

Brother David, your entire Camp is proud of your accomplishment—but not as proud as your grandfather, S/T John Lyons!!



Brothers David Raihala & John Lyons

Congratulations Brother David Raihala!!!



Flag Certificates issued

In April Brother John Lyons issued three SUVCW Flag certificates to the Northwest Fire District #330, #331 and #332 and one to Donaldson Elementary School.

Way to go Brother John!



Donaldson Elementary School



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On April 21, 2024, during her Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Madelyn Grace Comstock Troop 247-G, Sahuarita, AZ was presented with a General R. H. G.

Minty Camp/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate and patch.



Madelyn Comstock & W. Mark Clark, PCC

Congratulations Madelyn!

2024 Meeting Information

The Camp will meet at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson on July 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please arrive at noon to order food & drink



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



In Memoriam

Marion Prater, beloved wife of Department Commander Tim Prater, passed away on March 5, 2024, while in hospice care.

The Brothers of the General Grant Camp and the Department of the Southwest express our deepest sympathy.



General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, April 6, 2024 meeting minutes

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 Taverna Modern Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff AZ. in person AND virtually via Zoom.

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 nine Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Caroline Harris (DUVCW), Laura Moore and Donna Russell. The Commander and 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 Camp Council (zoom), new Brother Greg Bowers, S/T & Historian Dale Enlow PCC, Patriotic Instructor James Heller PDC (zoom), JVC John Horton (zoom), Dick Melick, Chaplain David Moore, Department Commander Tim Prater, new Brother David Russell, William Smith PCC, Color Bearer Jeff Steadman, Commander Richard Stephens, David Swanson PDC, and Guide David Williamson.

Chaplain Moore reported that Brothers Gene McCarthy and John Butcher SR are recovering. We shall keep all our Brothers and their families in our prayers.

Brother Moore then announced the April/ May/ June birthdays: Jerry Bloom PDC 6/26, Robert Boyd 4/11, Greg Hecathorn 4/8, James Heller PDC 6/27, Gene McCarthy 6/4, John Ruggles 4/8, Paul Sangster 6/14, Lynn Scott SVC 6/21, David Swanson PDC 6/28, John Thorne 5/7, and Guide David Williamson 4/29.

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: the 1st Quarter report and the 2024 Annual Budget have been reviewed and to soon be processed) total accounts: [given]. Camp now stands at 40 total members / 36 Primary. We hope to someday surpass the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (currently at 57 total).

Reading and disposing of orders, communications: S/T Enlow advised there were 1 National General Orders, and 2 Department Orders issued since our last meeting. All orders have been

forwarded to the membership. A summary of each was given.

Commander: New Member Initiation – M. Greg Bowers

NBM Greg Bowers was presented a member's badge, name tag, rosette, member's certificate, membership card, and ancestor certificate. Brother Bower's great grandfather was Michael Blose, Co M, 14th PA Cav. 159th Regt. PA Volunteers.



(L-R) Chaplain Dave Moore & Greg Bowers

Old Business:

Last Soldier Markers: Commander Stephens reported that the marker for the Last Union Veteran buried in Yavapai County has been installed at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott. The ceremony to dedicate the marker for William Cooper who enlisted at the age of 15 in Co I, 6th Kansas Cavalry, is set for Saturday May 4th at 11am. Discussion was held indicating that there will be descendants of William Cooper in attendance and Brother Dave Moore volunteered to contact the local newspaper for potential media coverage. Please RSVP Commander Stephens if you plan to attend!

8th Annual Department Encampment: The newly installed Department Commander is our own Brother Tim Prater. He gave us a summary of the successful recent Encampment hosted by Gen'l. US Grant Camp with a great turnout of over 40 attendees. Brother Moore did an excellent job in conducting the silent auction which brought in approximately \$800! The Grant Camp rifle earned \$500 of which half is to be added to our USG3 JROTC Scholarship Fund.

New Business:

Online Storage: Commander Stephens reported that he is trying out an online storage service, TeraBox for Camp videos and photos.

Parade Banners: Brother David Williamson suggested that the Camp consider having parade banners for vehicle mounting be purchased. He indicated an estimated cost of \$400 with a 1 month production time. He has a mounting mechanism that will easily attach the banner to both sides of a vehicle

for use during parades. It was agreed to investigate the details before committing to purchase and design.

Supplemental Ancestor processing fees: A motion was made and seconded that the Camp should collect \$5, in addition to the \$5 National fee to submit supplemental qualifying Union ancestors. Motion passed.

2024 Decoration / Memorial Day: Grant Camp will again sponsor a cemetery cleanup on May 26th at 9am at the Prescott Citizens Cemetery. We will again be participating in the PCC procession and ceremony with Brother Prater delivering the Gettysburg Address. At the Prescott National Cemetery, Brother Enlow plans to participate with the reading there, and Brother Swanson will represent USG3 with the reading of the Gettysburg Address at the at the Camp Navajo Veteran Cemetery ceremony.

JROTC Scholarship: Brother Prater advised that the 2024 recipient of the Grant Camp \$1000 award is Adam Grey (pictured below) who is enrolled at Northern Arizona University.



Brother Archibald (Camp Council and member of the Scholarship Committee) brought forth the following motion: Move that we name our JROTC Scholarship to be the Marion Prater Memorial Scholarship in memory of Brother Tim Prater's recently departed wife, Marion. Motion seconded and passed. By establishing this memorial scholarship we wish to acknowledge Tim's outstanding support of Gen. U, S, Grant Camp No.3 programs. Perhaps it started with making a few JROTC/ROTC presentations that his interest was developed. Once the JROTC/ROTC program was delegated to each Camp, he took on the program of ordering medal and certificates, distributing to schools, contacting each school for award dates, and last but not least, to recruit Camp presenters. In addition, once the Camp's scholarship, was approved, he took on the task to notify all the schools of this opportunity. Following up with contacts with the Schools' Senior Advisors to encourage JROTC students to apply. These required

the need of personal communications in writing and phone call. There were also many face to face contacts.

Our prayers are with Brother Tim and his loved ones during this time of loss.

“Good of the Order” comments and discussion: Brother David Moore suggested that we explore holding a 50-50 raffle at each meeting in order to add to our memorial fund. He volunteered to try it out at our next meeting.

Brother Enlow indicated that due to a scheduling conflict he would not be able to present the JROTC award at Coconino High School. Brothers Moore and Prater volunteered to attend.

Brother Melick advised that in cooperation with Yavapai County a convex mirror and “Right Turn ONLY” signage has been installed at the Citizens Cemetery exit onto Sheldon Street to increase safety.

Brother Prater advised that he is making big progress in advancing our Eagle Scout awards by establishing cooperation with the Eagle Scout Board...great job!!!

Commander Stephens then gave an entertaining presentation, enhanced with Power Point slides, on his 3rd great uncle Cpl. Edward W. Stephens, Company C, 89th IL Infantry. Commander:

Our next meeting will be on July 13, 2024 at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St, Prescott AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. Chaplain David Moore delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible.

(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On January 20, 2024, at Jordan Stephen Abdollahi-RAD's Court of Honor, he was presented a General U.S. Grant Camp/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate and patch. He also received a Department of the Southwest Letter of Commendation. Jordan is a member of Troop No. 7031, Flagstaff, Arizona.



➤ General News and Information ➤

The National Association of Civil War Nurses and the GAR

By David Swanson

First of all, I want to thank Mark Clark, PCC of Minty Camp for this story—well sort of. He emailed me in March asking about the letters “F C & L” on the cross arms of a Civil War Army Nurse medal that he came across while doing some research regarding his 3rd Great Grandfather Sgt. Elisha Guthrie, Company B, 27th Indiana, who was wounded at the first of many battles at Winchester, A and hospitalized at the Union Hotel Hospital in Winchester. I wrote some nebulous answer about the GAR and a little later started doing some research about Civil War Army Nurses, so Brother Mark the real answer is contained in the following story!



Civil War Army Nurse medal for Sarah Bishop of Union Hotel and Academy hospitals, Winchester, Virginia, and an Army hospital at Strasbourg, Virginia
<https://www.loc.gov/resource/ppmsca.87220/>

The National Association of Civil War Nurses

I came across a neat little book titled, *In Honor of the National Association of Civil War Army Nurses*. Published by courtesy of the Citizens Executive Committee of Atlantic City, New Jersey, by Grand Army of the Republic, National Encampment 44th, Atlantic City, 1910, written by Kate M. Scott, National Secretary

The second page of the booklet contained two pictures; one of Col. Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director, Past Department Commander, Missouri and Col. Robert B. Beath, Past Commander-in-Chief, both listed as “Honorary Members National Association Army Nurses.”

Printed below is some very interesting information taken from the book:

The question has been asked, “Why are those old Army Nurses feted and cared for so tenderly at the National Encampment of the G.A.R? What good can they do for the Grand Army?”

This question we will leave for the veterans themselves to answer. They will tell you that in the grey-haired, bent forms of those veteran nurses many of them recognize the gentle face upon which their eyes rested when they first opened after the work of the surgeon’s knife was done; or the cool hands that soothed the fevered brow or held the cooling drink to parched lips. These are the women, who in their early womanhood, filled with the same patriotism that sent to the defense of the flag their husbands, fathers, brothers and lovers, went to the front to care for the sick and wounded.

It can scarcely be realized in this age, when the glorious Red Cross, with its perfect system of trained nurses, has made the vocation of a nurse an honorable one, when our Government is employing women as nurses, what nerve and patriotic devotion it took for the young women of the sixties to brave public opinion and enlist for hospital and field service.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Dorothy Dix, that grand “Angel of Mercy,” offered her services to the Government and was appointed to enroll women for hospital nurses; as she could take none under thirty years of age, scores of young matrons and maidens who had seen their loved ones march to the front, offered their services independently, and were enrolled by surgeons, generals and colonels of regiments, serving without pay and rendering heroic service. The history of the nurses of the Civil War has been an almost unwritten one. When the war closed they went quietly to their homes, and took up again the daily routine of woman’s work.

In 1881, Miss Dix invited all nurses whom she could reach to meet her in Washington and many responded. An organization was formed, called the Ex-Nurses Association of the District of Columbia, to meet each year in Washington. Miss Dix was elected president for life, but in 1887 her busy life ended, and Dr. Susan Edson succeeded her. Soon she resigned, and Miss Harriet P. Dame filled the office until she too folded her hands, her work being done.

At the [GAR] Encampment in 1892, there were quite a number of Nurses at Washington, and as not nearly all were members of the District Association, Mrs. Addie L. Ballou of San Francisco, Cal, called them together and organized the National

Association of Army Nurses of the Late War, with thirty-five members. Mrs. Ballou was elected president and Miss Hancock of Philadelphia secretary. The Association was to meet at each National Encampment.

Mrs. Ballou was too far away to attend the two following Encampments and the little society had no convention, but when the National Encampment was held in 1895, at Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. Emily E. Woodley of Philadelphia, at the request of comrades of the G.A.R. called the nurses present together and re-organized the Association. By-laws and rules and regulations were adopted and Mrs. Woodley was elected National President

The object of the Association is to keep green the memories of those days of civil strife, to keep in touch with the Grand Army of the Republic in its efforts to perpetuate the grand principles for which the boys in blue fought and died, to seek out and aid unfortunate and needy nurses, and assist in procuring pensions.

Those admitted to membership must be women of good moral character, who served at least three months as a regular or volunteer nurse. Applications for membership must be endorsed by the applicant's nearest Post of the G.A.R.

At Cincinnati in 1901 the title of the Association was changed to National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War instead of the "Late War" to distinguish it from the National Association of Nurses of the Spanish-American War.

By Act of Congress in 1892 all nurses who were employed and paid by the Government are entitled to a pension of twelve dollars (\$12) per month, but no pension is allowed the volunteer nurses, who rendered equally good service and endured the dangers and discomforts of camp and field. A bill, however, is before Congress which it hoped will be passed and which will place the volunteer on equal basis with the regular nurses.

By Act of Congress, all nurses of the Civil War are entitled to burial in National Cemeteries, and several sleep the last sleep at beautiful Arlington.

The first organization of Nurses of the Civil War was the Veteran Nurses Association, which was formed in Philadelphia during the war. This was succeeded by the Andrew G. Curtin Nurse Corps of Philadelphia which was disbanded July 1910. . . .

At Toledo, Ohio in 1908, Lafayette Post G.A.R. of New York City presented an elegant silk flag to the Association, which will wave a salute to the veterans at Atlantic City as they march in review and as long as the G.A.R. and the Nurses of the

Civil War have enough veterans left to meet at Encampments.

I was fortunate enough to find the by-laws of the Association and the badge shown in this article is proudly displayed on page 2.

The Association disbanded in September 1931 when only five members were still living.

For more information about this little known Association see the two web links below.

<https://archive.org/details/inhonorofnationa00grand>
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Department Orders
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DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 01
(SERIES 2024-2025)

Department Change of Command

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest, 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 Prescott, Arizona, on March 02, 2024, the Delegates to the 8th 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 3569 Wendigo Trail, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. All correspondence for the Commander may be posted to that address.
Email can be sent to me at: timprater86323@gmail.com and my phone number is 928 533-1478
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. (underscore between dale and enlow)
4. As heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, all Brothers of the SUVCW 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 / Decoration Day ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, in their local communities. Remember, Memorial Day honors all of those who “gave their last full measure of devotion” in saving our country during any war or conflict.
5. All of the Camps should actively participate in presenting SUVCW flag certificates to those individuals and companies who patriotically display the grand flag of the United States. Camps should keep a record of their actions in this regard and notify the editor of the Department newsletter.
6. The Elected and Appointed officers for 2024-2025 are as follows:

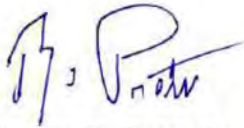
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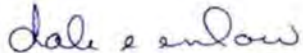
7. I thank all of the Brothers of the Department of the Southwest and its Camps for their support and membership since without it we would not exist! I especially want to thank all the Past Department Commanders for their contributions and continuing support. I encourage all Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by enthusiastically recruiting new members and volunteering for programs and the various officer position opportunities.

Ordered this 13th day of March 2024



Timothy D. Prater, Department Commander

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Department Secretary

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