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## Department News



### Department of the Southwest's First Annual Encampment

The Department of the Southwest's First Annual Department Encampment will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Elks Lodge, 14424 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix, Arizona.

All Department Brothers and their wives are invited along with the Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Our National guest for the Encampment will be Tad Campbell, Past SUVCW Commander-in-Chief.

We will vote on proposed amendments to the Department Bylaws and elect and install our new Department officers for the 2017-2018 term of office.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person which will include the room rental and a Mexican food lunch.

Please put this date on your calendar and plan on attending since this is the only time everybody in our state can get together and enjoy the camaraderie of being Brothers and Sisters in the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

An information sheet will be distributed to everybody in the very near future.

Should you have any questions please contact Department of the SW Senior Vice Commander David Swanson: 480-599-9143: swanson1854@yahoo.com.

### Civil War in the Southwest—March 18-19, 2017

The Civil War in the Southwest reenactment will take place at Picacho Peak State Park on March 18-19, 2017. This is the signature event of Picacho Peak State Park celebrating the 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Picacho Pass, the western-most battle of the Civil War.

Thousands of spectators come to the two day event to watch authentic reenactments of the battles of Picacho Pass, Glorieta, and Val Verde. The Picacho Peak and General R. H. G. Minty Camps will be setting up recruiting tables and your help is needed!

Please contact Bob McCord, PCC of the Minty Camp at: rdmvii@aol.com or Jerry Bloom, PCC of the Picacho Peak Camp at: jerrybloom@q.com to offer your assistance.



### Report of the Department Graves Registration Officer

From the organization of the Department of the Southwest to the present, the number of entries in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Graves Registration database for soldiers who entered the service from, or are buried in, Arizona and New Mexico has changed as shown below:

	3/16	1/17
Joined for service in AZ	16	3
Buried in AZ	568	622
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Joined for service in NM	307	350
Buried in NM	698	724

A report of the last known survivor of the Union Army in each Arizona and New Mexico county is published and posted on the Department's web site. This report is reviewed and updated quarterly on the web site.

Since the organization of the Department the number of SUVCW database entries for members of

the 3rd New Mexico Mounted Infantry (6 months, 1861-2) has increased from 28 to 58. Each of these entries has been edited to assure that all appropriate information has been entered into the SUVCW database record for the volunteer and that the same naming convention has been used to describe all members of this organization.

New entries are continually being submitted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Graves Registration database. However, an ongoing effort is also continuing to eliminate duplicate entries and to edit entries with missing or inappropriate data in the SUVCW database.

David Jackson, Department GRO



### From the Department ROTC Coordinator

To all Brothers:

I will be soon ordering SUVCW JROTC/ROTC Certificates and Medals for Arizona High Schools and Universities. At this time I will order for the following schools for which we have Brothers as presenters. They are listed below by Camp.

Picacho Peak Camp #1: Apollo, Aqua Fria, Cortez, Deer Valley, Glendale, Greenway, Independence, Moon Valley and Tolleson High School Units.

Gen. Minty Camp #2: Cienega High School

Gen. U.S. Grant Camp #3. All 7 high school and 4 University Units in the Northern counties.

If any member would like to nominate a new JROTC or ROTC unit at a high school or university and agree to make the presentation, please contact me. I also have information on all Arizona schools having units and which branch of service represented.

—Bob Archibald, ROTC/JROTC Dept Coordinator

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### Find out more about the SUVCW

Do you want to know more about the grand Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? If so please visit [suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org). Our National website has everything you want to know about it—and then some. The more you know, the more you will appreciate who we are and what we stand for!



### Department of the Southwest—website

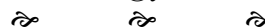
Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our Department Signals Officer, Jeff Burgess, you can also find out about what is happening in the Department by visiting our website at: <http://suvchw-southwest.org/>

### Civil War ancestor information wanted for our newsletter

By David Swanson, Newsletter Editor

If you would like to send me information regarding your Civil War ancestor I can print it in the newsletter and Brother Burgess can also post it on our Department website. Please limit your entry to one typed page including any pictures. I am sure that our Brothers would like to read about all of our special ancestors who helped save the United States of America!

Send it to: [swanson1854@yahoo.com](mailto:swanson1854@yahoo.com)



## Camp and Auxiliary News

### Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jim Heller** (623) 975-4300; [jmh7116@aol.com](mailto:jmh7116@aol.com) or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; [jerrybloom@q.com](mailto: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



### November 12, 2016, Camp Meeting Information

The regular quarterly meeting of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 and the Auxiliary was held at noon on November 12, 2016, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant and was attended by Brothers, Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary and of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW, and guests. Total attendance was 37.

#### **Brothers Initiated:**

**Ronald E. Gray** of Sun City West, AZ was initiated into membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Gray's Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather Joseph Langendodrf, Co L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Ohio Heavy Artillery.



(L-R) Camp Commander Jerry Bloom and Brother Ronald Gray

**Richard S. Burke** of Phoenix, AZ was also initiated into membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Burke's Civil War ancestor is his great-great-grandfather Brigadier General John Homer Howe, 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, Headquarters



(L-R) Brother Rick Burke and Camp Commander Jerry Bloom

### **Welcome Brothers Gray and Burke!**

#### **Camp officer election and installation**

The following Brothers for 2016-2017 were elected and then installed by Department of the Southwest Commander John Conrad during the meeting:

Commander: James M. Heller  
SVC: David R. Palmateer  
JVC: William R. Hearter Jr. MD  
Sec/Treas: Jerry Bloom PCC  
Council: John Conrad PCC, Donald Strachota, Christopher C. Beisner

#### Officers appointed and installed:

Assistant Sec/Treas: Donald Strachota  
Chaplain: Mark Haynes  
Patriotic Instructor: Allen Nash  
Historian: David A. Swanson PCC  
Counselor: Jan Huber  
Guide: Christopher Beisner  
Color Bearer: David Vessels  
Guard: Al Harrica  
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Swanson PCC

### **Congratulations to all of our new officers**





Officers (L-R): Al Harrica, Chris Beisner, Jim Heller, Don Strachota, John Conrad, David Swanson, Jerry Bloom, Bill Hearter, David Palmateer, and David Vessels



(L-R) Camp Commander Jim Heller and Department of the Southwest Commander John Conrad

### *Program speakers*

**Brother Jerry Bloom** talked about his collection of and artifacts that were obtained on and near the Picacho Pass Battlefield well before it became a state park. His collection also included his great-grandfather's GAR badge (below).



**Brother John Wanzel** gave a brief history of the Pennsylvania Bucktails, probably Pennsylvania's most famous Civil War regiment, talked about Christian Wanzel his Civil War grandfather, and his service with the regiment.



Brother John Wanzel

**Brother David Palmateer** talked about his Civil War ancestor's service in the Civil War. He also gave a great talk about his grandfather, Robert Palmateer, and his valuable service to the SUVCW as far back as 1923. David had an outstanding collection of Robert's SUVCW camp badges and SUVCW reunion badges.

Soon after the Camp meeting David donated his collection of 8th NY Heavy Artillery Reunion ribbons to the Holland Land Office Museum in Batavia, NY. The museum has been in operation since the 1890's. The stone building it is located in goes back to the 1820's. The 8th NY was formed in Lockport, NY but many soldiers were from Genesee County (where I grew up). David and his wife Gail I felt that is where the ribbons belong. (He had family in the 8th NY.)

David also donated his Grandfather's SUVCW medals and SVR Kepi that have been in his possession since 1962. He was a member of the SVR & SUVCW Upton Camp post 119 in also in Batavia.



Brother David Palmateer



**Upcoming Events**

**Camp meeting:**

**The next meeting** will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at noon.  
 Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley  
 The program speaker will be Sister Barbra Metzger whose talk will be: "Yes, there were ladies admitted to the GAR."  
 Please come out and attend the meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the following months:  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>  
 May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 August 12<sup>th</sup>  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day)  
 All meetings will take place at noon, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley, Road, Please mark your calendars!

**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 Randy D. McNally: 520-578-6366; randymcnally@aol.com or Secretary/Treasurer Brian Estes: 520-307-8096; brian.v.estes@gmail.com.*

**Past Camp Commanders:**  
 Robert McCord 2015-2016



**Business meeting:** The camp was opened for business on January 21, 2017, by Camp Commander Bob McCord with 11 Brothers and guest attending.

***New General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 Brother initiated***

Brother John Lyons of Tucson was initiated into our Camp and the SUVCW.

Brother Lyon's Civil War ancestor is his great grandfather, PVT Richard N Lyons. He was born in DeKalb AL in 1845, and moved to Proctor KY sometime in the late 1850s. He joined Battery C of the Army of the Ohio in 1863. He was 18 years old. He served throughout KY until 1864 when his unit was transferred to Arkansas around the Little Rock area. He served there until 1865 where he was discharged honorable. He received a pension for his CW service and died in January 1921.



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

**Welcome Brother Lyons!**

***Camp officer installation***

The following Brothers for 2016-2017 were installed by Department of the Southwest Senior Vice Commander David Swanson during the meeting:

- Commander: Randy D. McNally
- Senior Vice Commander: Robert H. Haley
- Junior Vice Commander: Brian P. Conrad
- Secretary/Treasurer: Brian V. Estes
- Camp Council: John Conrad, Robert McCord PCC, and Daniel C. Gordon

- Appointed Officers
- Patriotic Instructor: Randy McNally
- Historian: John Conrad
- Guide: Robert Irwin
- Color Bearer: David Vessels





Camp officer installation (L-R) David Swanson, Installing Officer; Randy McNally, Camp Commander; Brian Estes, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Haley, Senior Vice Commander and Robert McCord Camp Council



(L-R) David Swanson, Department of the SW Senior Vice Commander, presenting the General R. H. G. Camp commanders badge to newly installed General R. H. G. Minty Camp Commander Randy D. McNally

***Delegates to the 1<sup>st</sup> Department of the Southwest Encampment:***

Robert McNally, Bob McCord, Robert Haley, Brian Estes, and John Lyons

***Program speaker:*** Ken Hooker gave an exceptionally good talk about his 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin Major General Joseph Hooker entitled: "Truth, Half Truths, and Myths." He touched briefly on the Hooker family starting with the Revolutionary War and then focused on his famous family member following his actions in the War with Mexico and the Civil War. It was obvious during his presentation regarding Joseph Hooker's military career that Ken not only had a good grasp of it but of Civil War history in general.



Ken Hooker

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

Our speaker has yet to be determined, but please come out and attend the meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings for 2017 will continue to be held during the months of January, April, July, and October with specific dates to be announced.

All meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.

**General U. S. Grant Camp No 3. (Flagstaff)**

*Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Contact Commander Mark Haynes (928) 755-3714; haynes9@frontiernet.net or Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom: 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com.*

***Past Camp Commanders:***

David A. Swanson 2015-2016



**January 28, 2017, Camp Meeting Information**

The General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 January 28, 2017, Camp meeting was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Camp Commander David Swanson with 18 Brothers and guests in attendance.

**Camp officer reports:**

Camp Commander Swanson gave a brief overview of the upcoming Department of the Southwest Encampment to be held on March 11, 2017, in Phoenix.

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom gave a brief rundown of the Camp's finances and the ongoing efforts of 2017 dues activities.

**Donation by Brother Jack Van Deusen:** Brother Van Deusen donated an additional four beautifully hand crafted wooden jars with lids (two with turquoises inlays), that he made. These along with the other five jars will be raffled off in future Camp and Department meetings.



Thank you Brother Jack!

**New General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 Brother initiated**

Brother James N. Laursen Sr. of Prescott Valley was initiated into our Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Laursen's Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather John D. Kibler, Company M, 9<sup>th</sup> Reg't, Iowa Volunteer Cavalry.



(L-R) Brother Jim Laursen and Camp Commander David Swanson

**New General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 Brother**

Leonard R. Enlow of Corona, California is a new member of our Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Enlow's Civil War ancestor is his great grandfather Private Elliott Enlow, Co D., 4<sup>th</sup> Reg't Indiana Cavalry.

Brother Leonard is the brother of Camp Junior Vice Commander and Department of the Southwest Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow.

**Welcome Brothers Jim Laursen and Leonard Enlow!**

**Camp officer installation**

The following Brothers for 2016-2017 were installed by Department of the Southwest Senior Vice Commander David Swanson during the meeting

Commander: Mark J. Haynes  
Senior Vice Commander: David Swanson  
Junior Vice Commander: Dale Enlow  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom  
Camp Council: Ed Steinback, Tim Prater, and Bill Smith.

**Appointed officers:**

Patriotic Instructor: Jim Heller  
Chaplain: David McCormack  
Color Bearer: Bill Smith  
Historian: Dale Enlow

**Delegates to the Department of the Southwest**

**Encampment:** Rich Rice, Tim Prater, and Ed Steinback III.



2017 General U. S. Grant Camp officers (L-R) Jerry Bloom, Secretary/Treasurer; Dale Enlow, Junior Vice Commander/Historian; Mark Haynes, Camp Commander; David Swanson, Senior Vice Commander; Tim Prater, Camp Council; Bill Smith, Camp Council/Color Bearer; Jim Heller, Patriotic Instructor; David McCormack, Chaplain

Upcoming Events



Camp Commander Mark Haynes receiving the Camp Charter from Past Camp Commander David Swanson

**Program speaker:** Brother Tim Prater gave an excellent presentation regarding his Civil War ancestor Cyrenius B. Faires who was in Company B of the West Virginia Cavalry. Tim weaved his family history from John D. Faires, his Revolutionary War ancestor, to the Civil War. Tim is a retired U.S. Army officer and during his career and through research became more acquainted with his two Army relatives and realized that the blood of his Revolutionary War and Civil War ancestors was also running through him! Tim also gave a great overview of the book titled: *Living Hell: The Dark Side of the Civil War.*



Cyrenius B. Faires



Brother Tim Prater

**Camp Meeting:**  
The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff.  
Our speaker will be Camp Brother Jack Van Deusen—don't miss this meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**  
Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Saturday of the following month at the Sizzler Restaurant 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff:  
January 28  
April 22  
July 22  
October 21 (newly revised date)



**Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 (Phoenix)**

*Chartered on August 23, 2014, is the first (and only) Auxiliary chartered in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix Meetings are at the Deer Valley Restaurant Contact: President Verna Maleski at [vgrijf@cox.net](mailto:vgrijf@cox.net) or Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Metzger at: [blrmetzger@gmail.com](mailto:blrmetzger@gmail.com)*

Our next meeting will take place on February 11, 2017, which will begin promptly at **10:45 a.m.**

Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix.

*All Sisters of the Auxiliary are strongly encouraged to attend this and all of our meetings. Please mark your calendar!*





## General News and Information

### **Joseph Lewis Irwin (1818 – 1879), Chaplain, 33<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry**

*This biography of Joseph Lewis Irwin was written by his great grandnephew, Robert B. Irwin of the General R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2*

Joseph Lewis Irwin was born 15 December 1818 in Nelson County Kentucky. He was the second of five sons of Joseph (1783 - 1858) and Sarah Thompson Irwin (1788 – 1862). References hereafter to Joseph will be to the subject of this article, Joseph Lewis, unless stated otherwise.

During the American Revolution, Joseph's grandfather John Irwin (1736 - 1826) was a Patriot in the Virginia Line of the Continental Army. It is believed that John's father (Joseph's great grandfather) immigrated to the American colonies from the province of Ulster, Ireland (often referred to as Northern Ireland) within the first two decades of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This family was of Scots-Irish descent (the original homeland of the Scots-Irish ethnic group was the "border area" of lowlands Scotland from whence the group settled in Ulster, Ireland during the 17<sup>th</sup> century).

When Joseph was about 6 years of age, his parents moved the family from Kentucky to Putnam County, Indiana. His father was engaged in farming and Joseph also pursued that means of livelihood, at least in his early adulthood. In 1837, in Indiana, Joseph was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mary Frances ("Fanny") Farr (1818 - 1863). This union resulted in the birth of nine children including two sons, Benjamin H. and Joseph Lewis, Jr., about whom more will be mentioned. Apparently, within a few years of the marriage, the couple moved to Wisconsin where the 1850 census indicates that Joseph's occupation was farming. Eight of the nine children were born in Wisconsin; their birth years spanning 1841 through about 1854.

By April 1855, Joseph had received the calling to be a minister of the gospel as he appears listed as the pastor of the Maria Creek Baptist Church in Knox County, Indiana. He was pastor of this church until August 1860 at which time he moved his family to Franklin, Indiana in Johnson County. The outbreak of hostilities in the American Civil War occurred a few months after the family's move to Franklin. Joseph volunteered his services as chaplain for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment on 16 September 1861. Joseph was nearly 43 years of age at the time of his enlistment and his military records indicate that the term of his enlistment was 3 years (although officers

could resign their commissions if they no longer wished to serve).

As it happened, Joseph did resign his commission on 20 February 1863 after approximately 17 months of service as the chaplain of the 33<sup>rd</sup>. The writer was very curious as to why his great granduncle, Joseph, chose to resign his commission prior to expiration of the enlistment period. Was it because, at age 43, he did not have the physical stamina to withstand the campaigning of the regiment in the field? Was it due to the mental toll and agony of ministering to young (almost boys) soldiers with horrific wounds – many of whom were to die? (He would surely have to comfort them with assurances of spiritual salvation and, perhaps, write down their final words to their families.) The writer was pretty much resigned to the idea that he would probably never know the answer to this question and could only speculate. A visit to the Indiana state archives in Indianapolis provided the answer in no uncertain terms!

The archives have copious records (primarily in the form of microfilm reels) on all the Indiana military units that participated in the civil war including, of course, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The writer found several documents pertaining to Joseph Lewis Irwin; some of it in his Joseph's own hand! The illuminating "nugget" was a letter, dated 23 April 1863, from Joseph to the governor of the state of Indiana, during the civil war period, Oliver P. Morton. This letter explains his "sudden" resignation as chaplain and offers his further service to "his country." In summary, the letter indicates that most of his immediate family (probably 6, including his wife – out of 10) had contracted typhoid fever and that his wife, Fanny, had died. He stated that he had to get back to his home to bury his wife and tend to his children and other business. Although the letter was written only about two months after he resigned his chaplaincy, he was also offering his further services to the Union but he did indicate a preference for a position as a hospital chaplain rather than a field chaplain (perhaps he was dubious of his abilities to serve effectively with a campaigning army). The writer has not found any evidence that Joseph did provide any further service to the Union after his resignation.

After the war ended, Joseph took a second wife, Mary Jane Catterson (c. 1841 – unknown) and, together, they had three children. They were married in Indiana on 20 May 1867 and it appears the family lived in Illinois from about 1868 until 1869 or 1870. Joseph attended Shurtleff College Seminary in Alton, Illinois

during this time. The family moved back to Knox County, Indiana and, in March 1870, Joseph once again became pastor of the Maria Creek Baptist Church. He remained in this position until November 1872. Information has not been found regarding Joseph nor his second family from this point until Joseph's death on 19 July 1879 in Judson, White County, Arkansas. Joseph Lewis Irwin is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Judson, Arkansas. His headstone is of the military style and the inscription simply reads "J.L. IRWIN CHAPLAIN 33<sup>RD</sup> IND. INF."

An interesting and poignant postscript can be mentioned here. Two of the sons of Joseph and Fanny, Benjamin H. and Joseph Lewis, Jr. enlisted in the 70<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment on 27 February 1864 and this regiment was attached to General William T. Sherman's force during the Atlanta and "march to the sea" campaigns of 1864. In the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, on 25 June 1864, Benjamin sustained a serious wound to the shoulder and his arm was amputated in a field hospital. He was sent, by ambulance train, to a Union general hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After surviving several months, Benjamin died on 16 September 1864 at the age of 18. It is not known whether he was one of Joseph's family who survived the typhoid fever infection but, if so, the irony is evident. In any event, Benjamin represents just one of hundreds of thousands of America's youth that perished during the civil war. Benjamin's brother Joseph Lewis, Jr. survived the war and lived until 1906 (age 60).



## **The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

What do we stand for? Well, take some time and look at the preamble to our Constitution:

"We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag."

And what is the purpose of our grand Order?

"Purpose and Objects To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all."

Both Arizona and New Mexico observe March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Day so come out and show your support as Brothers of the SUVCW during the various observances.

### **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.

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