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Department News

Department of the Southwest 2nd Annual Encampment

Plan to attend our 2nd Annual Department of the Southwest Encampment to be held in Scottsdale, at the Orange Tree Resort, 10601 N. 56th Street on Saturday, March 10, 2018, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Our old friend Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell will be present to install the new department officers for 2018-19.

Also invited are the Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and the Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

You do not have to be an officer or a delegate to attend. This is our only annual meeting and all Brothers and wives are more than welcome and encouraged to attend.

We will have a silent auction and above all we will have a nice meeting room and time for social interaction.

The cost is \$25 per person which includes lunch, drinks, and dessert.

An invitation is attached to this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it, at your earliest convenience, to Department Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow—see the invitation for more information.

Should you have any questions please contact Dept. of the Southwest Commander David Swanson, 480-599-9143, swanson1854@yahoo.com, and he will attempt to answer them or find somebody who can!



Union Memorial Project

Union Memorial Project chairman Jeff Burgess and committee members John Conrad, George White, and Jim Heller are working to get a bill introduced during the upcoming legislative year that will provide for the placement of a monument honoring the Union Civil War soldiers in the territory of Arizona during the Civil War.

Brother David Jackson has donated \$1000.00 toward the memorial along with Brothers John Conrad and Bob Archibald who have donated a like amount.

Thank you Brothers!

The Department webpage link to the Union memorial page is:

<http://suvcw-southwest.org/projects/>



Verifying Your Ancestors SUCVW Database Entry

By David Jackson, Department GRO

Brothers, if you have not yet verified the SUCVW Database entry for your Civil War ancestor, or ancestors, you may do so by visiting <http://www.sucvwdb.org/>. Click the “Search Grave Records” button. Enter your ancestors surname in the Last Name field and the Verification Code and then click the “Search” button. The system is designed so that it must be searched with at least the Last Name as a search criterion. Also, the system is designed to limit the number of search returns.

If the Database has more records with the surname of your ancestor then the limit it may be necessary to filter the search criteria to return the record of your ancestor. The search criteria can be filtered by entering the state of service and or the cemetery state and or any other criteria of your choosing.

Suggestions for additions, corrections or deletions of data in your ancestors SUCVW Database record may be made by contacting dgrossouthwest@sucvwdb.org. Also, contact dgrossouthwest@sucvwdb.org if you are not successful in locating any SUCVW Database record.



Civil War in the Southwest—Re-enactments cancelled

For many years the re-enactments of the “Battle” of Picacho Pass and other battles taking place in the Southwest have been held at Picacho Peak State Park; however, the Arizona State Parks & Trail Association

will not be hosting future events at that location apparently because of funding issues.



Wreaths Across America

Pictured is Department JROTC Coordinator Brother Bob Archibald and his wife Margaret at the December 2017 Wreaths Across America event at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona.

Good job Bob and Margaret!



Pearl Harbor Day—December 7th at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix

The Department of the Southwest and all Five Allied Orders were represented at the Pearl Harbor Day wreath-laying activities which took place on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza just east of the Arizona State Capital. This was the 76th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, “a date which will live in infamy,” and hundreds of veterans and other citizens attended the event.



The beginning and the end of World War II

The picture above of two guns represents the beginning and the end of World War II at the Wesley Bolin Plaza. On the right is a 14” gun from the

battleship USS Arizona—symbolizing the start of the war, and on the left is a 16” gun from the battleship USS Missouri—the battleship on which the Japanese signed the unconditional surrender document.

The building in the back is the Arizona State Capital. If you have not visited the plaza or the capital—with its museum containing many artifacts from the USS Arizona you should make a point to do so. And you should make a point to attend the 77th anniversary celebration on December 7, 2018.

Remember, one of the “Purposes and Objects” of our Order is to “cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war” and, speaking for the participants at this celebration, it was an honor and privilege to do so.



(L-R) Picacho George White, Picacho Peak Camp JVC; his wife Tove who is a member of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary; David Jackson, Department Graves Registration Officer; Rachael Peak, Picacho Peak Auxiliary Treasurer; Verna Maleski, Picacho Peak Auxiliary President; Dan Huskisson, Picacho Peak Camp Brother; David Kampf, Picacho Peak Camp Brother; and David Swanson, Department of the Southwest Commander—all beneath a 16’ gun from the battleship USS Missouri (Not pictured is Maura Mackowski President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No.1 DUVCW)





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 or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †

David A. Swanson 2003-2006

Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †

John R. Conrad 2008-2010

David A. Swanson 2010-2013

John R. Conrad 2013-2015

Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016

Jim Heller 2016-2017

November 4, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

The November 4, 2017, quarterly meeting was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. The meeting was attended by approximately 37 Camp Brothers, Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary, Sisters of the DUVCW and guests.

Officer reports

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom indicated that dues collection for the Camp is off to a good start.

Patriotic Instruction

Patriotic Instructor Allen Nash did a great job in his talk about the history and significance of Veterans Day to all Americans. It was very well received.

Department Commander report

Department of the Southwest Commander David Swanson gave a brief talk about the 2017 National Encampment. Of interest was the revised SUVCW policy on Confederate monuments and the battle flag.

He talked about the upcoming Department Encampment on March 10, 2018, and thanked the Camp for its \$100.00 donation to the Benjamin F. Stephenson memorial.

Thank you from Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1

President Maleski thanks the Camp for brining in well over 100 pairs of white sock for the VA State Veterans home!

New Camp Brother Initiated

Ken Hooker of Mesa, AZ, whose Civil War ancestor is his Great-Great Grandfather Edson Hooker, Private in Co F, 1st Regiment, New York was initiated into the SUVCW and our Camp by Department Commander David Swanson. Ken's other relative is his 2nd cousin, 5th removed—the famous General Joseph Hooker.



(R-L) Department Commander David Swanson, Brother Ken Hooker and Camp Commander Jim Heller.

Speaker:

Our speaker for the meeting was Picacho Peak Camp Brother Bob Cox who talked about two of Civil War ancestors—his great grand-uncles—who were both killed during the war.

Lt. Nathan Rice, at the Battle of Pea Ridge, is thought to have been killed in action during fierce battle charges and repulses. His brother, Private Fielding Rice, gravely wounded with a shattered leg during the Battle of Cedar Creek, lay on the battlefield during the night and was taken to a field hospital 40 miles away where his leg was

amputated. He soon but soon thereafter he died from infection.

Bob did a great job talking about the battles and his uncles, and his family history—all quite interesting!



Brother Bob Cox

Officer election and installation

The following officers for 2017-2018 were elected and installed by Department Commander David Swanson:

- Commander: James M. Heller
- Senior Vice Commander: Jeffery Burgess
- Junior Vice Commander: George White
- Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom PCC
- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Don Strachota
- Camp Council: John Conrad, Christopher Beisner and Don Strachota
- Officers appointed:
- Patriotic Instructor: Allen Nash
- Chaplain: Barre Shepp
- Historian: David Swanson
- Counselor: Jan Huber
- Guide: Christopher Beisner
- Color Bearer: David Vessels
- Guard: Al Harrica

Congratulations to all of our new Camp officers!

New Camp Brother

William (Bil) W. Munsil of Mesa, AZ was recently approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.

Brother Munsil's Civil War ancestor is his great-grandfather James M. Sanford, Company B, 11th Wisconsin Infantry.

Welcome Brother Bil Munsil!



Front row (L-R) Commander James M. Heller, Guard Al Harrica, Camp Council John Conrad; Second row (L-R) Junior Vice Commander George White, Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Don Strachota, Guide Christopher Beisner, Patriotic Instructor Allen Nash. Back row Camp Historian and Department Commander David Swanson

Upcoming Events

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your Brothers.

Our speaker will be Commander Heller who will talk about the CW Battle at Bentonville, North Carolina.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

The Camp will meet on the following dates.

February 10

May 12

August 18

November 3

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 Bob Haley: 520-912-3019; chiefhaley@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:
Robert McCord 2015-2016
Randy McNally 2016-2017



January 13, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The January 13, 2018, Camp meeting was opened by Camp Commander Randy McNally at 1:00 p.m. with 9 Brothers and 3 guests in attendance.

At the request of Brother John Coulahan, PDC John Conrad gave a brief biography of General Minty, and the reasons that the Camp is named after him.

Commander McNally presented an excellent video on the origination and awarding of the Medal of Honor in the Civil War, and subsequent activities to revoke 900 of the medals, ending with the most recent award of the honor to 1st Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing in 2014.

Acting Secretary/Treasurer McNally then presented the Treasurer's report, noting a bank balance of \$890.11.

Commander McNally reminded the brothers about the Department Encampment upcoming on March 10, and encouraged attendance. PDC Conrad also spoke briefly about the upcoming National Encampment in August.

Commander Haley then took the gavel and closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

2018-2019 Camp Officers installed

The following Brothers were installed as Camp officers for 2018 by Department Senior Vice Commander Bob McCord:

Commander: Robert Haley
Senior Vice Commander: Robert Irwin
Junior Vice Commander: John Lyons
Secretary/Treasurer: Randy McNally
Camp Council: Robert McCord; Daniel Gordon and John Conrad



Department of the Southwest Senior Vice Commander Bob McCord pinning the Camp Commander Badge on newly installed Camp Commander Robert Haley

New General U. S. Minty Camp officers



(R-L) Commander Robert Haley; Senior Vice Commander Robert Irwin; Junior Vice Commander John Lyons; Secretary/Treasurer Randy McNally PCC; Camp Council members John Conrad PDC and Robert McCord PCC

Upcoming Events

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place in April 21, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

Our speaker has yet to be determined.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

Camp meetings for 2018 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

Mark J. Haynes 2016-2017

January 13, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The January 13, 2018, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Mark Haynes with 13 Brothers and 2 guests in attendance.

Secretary / Treasurer, Brother Bloom advised that nearly all Brothers have submitted 2018 membership fees already and he expressed his gratitude for assistance in being on time. The treasury has a balance of \$1451.42.

Brother Enlow, JVC indicated that he had been in contact with a prospective new Brother from Holbrook, AZ.

Camp Commander Haynes advised that there were currently only 10 remaining Navajo Code Talkers. He displayed a children's book entitled "The Unbreakable Code" which tells the story of a Code Talker's interaction with his grandson.

Brother Prater indicated that Brother Jack Van Deusen was still having serious health issues in connection with his 6x bypass surgery and would appreciate prayers and well wishes.

Brother Archibald gave a report on the JROTC program which includes 11 schools / colleges in AZ and 1 in New Mexico.

PCC David Swanson indicated that we would soon be welcoming a new Brother Member from Albuquerque, Ken Dusenberry.

Brother Richard Rice indicated that now was the time to advise teachers and schools about the essay contest and that he would do that. Commander Mark Haynes asked Brother Rice to send him some information and that he would look into an essay contest on the Navajo Reservation.

Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller gave a presentation on the American Flag and also gave a report on the status of the proposed Arizona CW Union Troops Memorial.

PCC Swanson reported that the Department Encampment was scheduled for March 10 in Phoenix and that reservations are \$25 each and should be sent to Dept Sec/Treas Dale Enlow.

PCC, Dept. Commander David Swanson gave a presentation about the little known 1838-1842 Naval Expedition to explore and chart the Pacific Ocean whose commander was later involved in the "Trent Affair" during the Civil War—nearly causing Great Britain to declare war against the United States.

Department Commander and past Camp Commander, David Swanson installed the 2018 Officers of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 and returning Commander Mark Haynes announced his appointed staff.

Camp Officers for 2018

The following officers were installed:

Camp Commander: Mark Haynes
Senior Vice Commander: Rich Rice
Junior Vice Commander: Dale Enlow
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom
Camp Council: Tim Prater, Bill Smith, and Bob Archibald
Chaplain: James N. Laursen
Historian: Dale E. Enlow
Color Bearer: William C. Smith
Patriotic Instructor: James M. Heller
Camp Guide: John F. Ruggles
Camp Guard: David Palmateer
Counselor: David Swanson PCC

The meeting was closed by Commander Mark Haynes after Chaplain Jim Laursen gave the closing blessing.



(L-R) Installing Officer Department Commander David Swanson presenting the gavel to Camp Commander Mark J. Haynes

2018 General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 officers



(L-R) Front row: Jim Heller, Tim Prater, Jim Laursen, John Ruggles and David Palmateer. Back row: David Swanson, Mark Haynes, Rich Rice, Dale Enlow, Jerry Bloom, Bob Archibald, and Bill Smith



Camp meeting dates for 2018

The following dates were selected for 2018: January 13, April 28, July 14, and October 14. Please mark your calendars—if you have a 2018 calendar already! All meetings will continue to take place at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

Upcoming Events

Camp Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Our speaker has yet to be determined but come out to the meeting!



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 vgriff2047@gmail.com

Socks for the VA

Our Auxiliary began collecting socks for the veterans living at the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix and during the November 2017 meetings we collected 207 pairs of socks from the Auxiliary and the Camp. Our goal was 100 from all of us combined.

After all 5 Allied Orders participated the total was 463 pairs!

The socks were delivered and will make a big difference to our veterans!

December 7th Wreath Laying Event at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza in Phoenix

Our Auxiliary presented a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day held at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. (See page 1 of the newsletter). Special thanks to Sister Tove White for making the wreath.!

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will take place on February 10, 2018, and will begin promptly at **10:30 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 ➤

The 130th Anniversary of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic

By David A. Swanson, DC and Department G.A.R. Officer

Many Civil War veterans in the Arizona Territory, (and the future state of Arizona) like those veterans nationwide, joined the largest Union veterans organization of its day, the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the previous newsletter I presented a short history of the Posts that comprised the GAR Department of Arizona.

The permanent Department of Arizona was organized at Phoenix, January 17, 1888, and its first encampment was held in that city.

The following were the first elected or appointed officers of the Department:

Department Commander, A. L. Grow, Post 2, Tombstone; Senior Vice-Commander, Hampton Ellis, Post 6, Globe; Junior Vice-Commander, Edward Schwartz, Post 5, Phoenix; Medical Director, J. W. Wharton, Post 5, Phoenix; Chaplain, Geo. W. Saunders, Post 1, Tucson; Assistant Adjutant-General, T. A. Atchison, Post 2, Tombstone; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Geo. F. Coates, Post 5, Phoenix; Inspector, D. F. Hart, Post 4, Flagstaff; Judge-Advocate, J. A. Zabriskie, Post 1, Tucson; Council of Administration—Geo. F. Coates, Post 5, Phoenix.”

On June 30, 1888, the Department had 291 members in good standing.

The following year its second encampment was held in Tucson and in 1890, the third was held in Tombstone.

The Department was quite an active one and we can be proud of our Union Civil War veterans’ and their enthusiasm in carrying out the responsibilities associated with being Comrades in the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic.

The men of this Department not only helped keep our Union together, they were also pioneers who helped with the formation of the territory and eventually the state of Arizona. These men and their accomplishments must not be forgotten.



GAR badge trivia

By David A. Swanson, DC

Did you know that Grand Army of the Republic Badges were manufactured from “captured cannons”?

You bet. Some information regarding badges contained in the *History of the Grand Army of the Republic* follows:

“For several years prior to 1884, the metal used in the manufacture of these badges was obtained from guns purchased of various societies to whom they had been donated by Congress for monumental purposes; since then captured cannon have been used, which were purchased direct from the government, and selected from guns stored at Governor’s Island.

These guns were made by Noble Brothers, Rome, Georgia; Quimby & Robinson, Memphis; John Clark, New Orleans and A. B. R. Brothers, Vicksburg. Three are presumably of English make, being better finished and free from iron or lead.”

Even earlier than this a reference to captured cannon and GAR badges was noted.

On June 8, 1880, GAR Commander-in-Chief William Earnshaw, in his address to the Fourteenth Annual Session said in part: “ I succeeded in getting a bill introduced in Congress, to appropriate six captured cannon from which to make badges. Said bill was referred to the Military Committee, but as yet has not been reported upon. The necessity of the case was such that we were forced to proceed in some other way, and I am pleased to say that, by the generosity of the president, a cannon was secured from which has been made over twelve thousand badges, and they are now worn by comrades of the order in all parts of the land.”

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 Camp JVC or the Department Junior Vice Commander for more details and assistance.

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

Issues a special Invitation for attendance to its

Second Annual Department Encampment
to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Location: Orange Tree Resort 10601 N. 56th Street Scottsdale, Arizona



All Department Brothers and their spouses are invited along with the Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and the Sisters of 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.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person which includes lunch beverages & dessert.
Your reservation along with your check must be received on or before Monday, March 8, 2018

_____ Please detach and mail _____

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7723 E. Treeline
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