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Department News

Department Encampment

The next Department Encampment will take place via Zoom on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Once more information becomes available Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders will be notified, but in the meantime place the date and time on your calendars.

SUVCW National Encampment

The Department of Missouri will be hosting the 140th National Encampment in St. Louis from August 4-9, 2021.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

By Brother Avery Frantz

Brother Avery Frantz organized a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens on the Salt River Reservation. The ceremony started at 10:55 coinciding with the attack of Pearl Harbor and the flyover of a WWII plane.

The history of the Allied Orders and the attack of Pearl Harbor were shared as well as the symbolism of the Memorial Gardens. The USS Arizona Memorial Gardens is 608 ft long which matches the ship size and poles outline the shape of the USS Arizona. There are 1,500 poles which represent each death and the gaps between the poles represent a crew member that survived.

Wreaths were then dedicated at 11:10 which marked the sinking time of the USS Arizona. Brother Jerry Bloom, PDC, and Brother Avery Frantz placed the US Camp Grant No. 3 SUVCW wreath in honor of the Pearl Harbor victims. A tour of the relic center was undertaken where members looked at pieces of the USS Arizona.

Other organizations present were DUVCW, WRC, ASUVCW and the UDC.



Alexander McRae Camp No. 4 Albuquerque--update

By David Swanson

As the camp organizer, I received permission to form the Alexander McRae Camp No. 4 in Albuquerque on January 31, 2020, with an expiration date of February 1, 2021. Unfortunately, the prevailing COVID-19 headwinds and the various state actions that it entailed prevented the Camp's official organization. No *official* effort at this point to make another attempt is contemplated; however; (and this is just between us) I will keep the pot simmering on the back burner.

Dept S/T & Historian Report—CY 2020

By Dept Secretary/Treasurer/Historian Dale Elnow

As Treasurer, I processed 76 transactions (checks, deposits, debits, etc.), prepared four quarterly finance reports, completed the 2020 CY Annual report, and filed all required tax forms for all 3 Camps

As Secretary and Historian, I received/submitted, processed, and archived (both hard copy and digital) 226 items. These include received membership forms, ancestor documentation, Camp reports, newsletters, General and Department Orders, etc.

80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor

On December 7, 2021, the 80th Remembrance Day ceremony will be held at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix and Sister Verna Maleski (Fraternal Relations Chair of the ASUVCW) will coordinate activities between the Allied Orders and the Department of the Southwest—as she has so admirably done in the past. Place the date on your calendar and plan on attending.

Veteran of Pearl Harbor attack laid to rest

By Brother Avery Frantz

Carl Johnson, 18, a veteran of Pearl Harbor was finally laid to rest with his parents in Greenwood Cemetery on Jan 15, 2021, after missing for 8 decades. Carl Johnson, a local valley boy, joined the Navy when he was 16 and when he was 18 obtained the rank of 1st Class Seaman. During the attack on Pearl Harbor he was stationed on the USS West Virginia. The ship was struck and Carl Johnson ran to stabilize the ship, but it was too late and he went down with the ship.

In 2020 a mandible and teeth were found in the harbor and thanks to DNA testing they were able to identify the remains and return him back to his family. He was flown to Phoenix from Hawaii and a fitting military service was done.

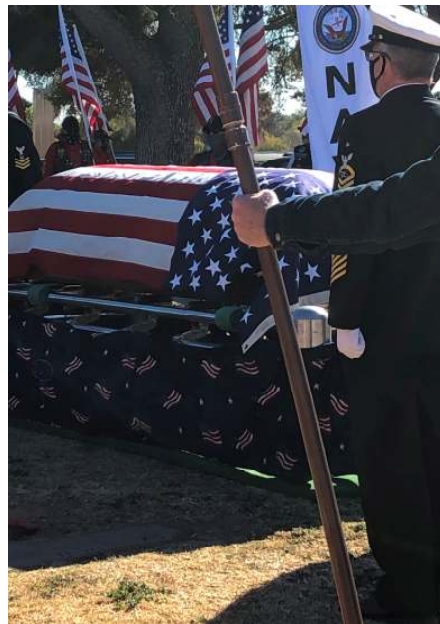
Jack Holder, 99, a Pearl Harbor veteran was in attendance to give the final salute to his fellow comrade. Also in attendance were Verna Maleski, Avery Frantz, and Susan Campbell.



Seaman 1st Class Carl Johnson



(L-R) Sister Verna Maleski, Brother Avery Frantz, and Susan Campbell



Woman's Relief Corps badge donated

On Jan 16, 2021 Brother Avery Frantz of U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 donated a Woman's Relief Corps badge to the Miami Bullion Plaza Museum. Tom Foster, the director of the museum, was there to accept the donation. This badge is to represent the ladies of Miami, Arizona who were members of the Alexander #2 WRC. It will be placed in the military exhibit of the museum and will also tell the history of the men in the GAR.

Sister Verna Maleski, Sr. Vice President of the Susie King Taylor #4 WRC of Phoenix wrote a check for \$50 dollars as a donation on behalf of the Corps. This donation was accepted graciously and he explained how hard it is for museums to stay open with the Covid crisis. After the museum a cemetery clean up and a picnic at Roosevelt Dam were had.



(L-R) Brother Avery Frantz & Tom Foster



Camp News

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November. Contact:

***Commander Ken Hooker** (480) 580-1612; hooker56@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com*

Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †
David A. Swanson 2003-2006
Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †
John R. Conrad 2008-2010
David A. Swanson 2010-2013
John R. Conrad 2013-2015
Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016
James M. Heller 2016-2018
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020



December 12, 2020, Camp Zoom meeting minutes ***Opening Comments***

The annual November was held on December 12, 2020, with 14 Brothers and Sister Ginger Trokey, President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW in attendance.

Officer reports

Commander Burgess brought up the fact that the SUVCW is now a 501-c3 but because of that, General Orders have been issued that hamper (prevent) us from contacting the Arizona Legislature to continue our efforts in obtaining a Civil War Memorial at the Wesley Bolin Plaza. He will work in the issue.

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom indicated that 50% of Brothers have so far renewed their dues—if you haven't now is the time to pay them. He also indicated that he has a supply of SUVCW business cards that were recently approved and if any Brother wants some to contact him—no charge for the cards.

Patriotic Instructor John Conrad gave a short but interesting talk about the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Camp officers for 2020-2021

The following Camp officers for 2020-2021 were elected and then installed by David Swanson, PDC.

Camp Commander: Ken Hooker
Senior Vice Commander: Todd Hoffay
Junior Vice Commander: Jim Heller PDC, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom, PDC, PCC
Camp Council: Jeff Burgess PCC, John Conrad, PDC, PCC and David Swanson, PDC. PCC

Delegates elected to the 2021 Department Encampment:

David Kampf
David Palmateer
David Jackson
Ronald Gray
Todd Hoffay
Robert Archibald
Jesse Wood

Appointed officers:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Ronald Gray
Patriotic Instructor: John Conrad
Chaplain: Jim Heller, DC;
Historian: David Swanson
Counselor: Jan Huber
Guide: Dan Huskisson
Color Bearer: David Vessels
Guard: David Kampf
Picacho Peak officers are elected and installed during the last meeting of the year and were installed by David Swanson, PDC.

Closing: The meeting was closed by Camp Commander Ken Hooker.

Next meeting February 20, 2021

Upcoming Events

2021 Camp meetings:

The next Camp meeting will take place on the following date at noon at Denny's Restaurant, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ: February 20. (This may be a Zoom meeting—all will be notified in advance.)



General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)

Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Contact: **Commander Robert Irwin**; phone 520-743-9983; email: rbirwin@cox.net

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017

Randy McNally 2017-2018

Robert Haley 2018-2020



January 16, 2021, Camp meeting minutes

The January 16, 2021, meeting of the Camp was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Camp Commander Robert Irwin with seven in attendance including Past Department Commander McCord and one guest.

COVID-19 precautions were taken.

Treasurer's report was read and approved and National General Orders 6, 7 and 8 were read.

Unfinished business

Status of Camp name badges. The badges for those who requested them through the Camp email survey have been received and are \$14.00 each (based on the invoice). They are in the possession of the S/T.

Two dozen new flags for our Memorial Day grave marking ceremony have been ordered and are awaiting delivery.

New business:

Robert McCord, PDC announced that the virtual Department Encampment will take place on March 13, 2021.

New Brother initiated

Timothy Michael Schanep, whose ancestor is Captain Andrew Jackson Bahney of the 104th Ohio Infantry, was initiated into the Camp and the SUVCW.



(L-R) Brother Timothy Schanep & Camp Commander Robert Irwin

Program

Commander Irwin presented a very interesting program on "Chaplains in the American Civil War." He gave a brief history of the Chapin Corps (started 29 July 1775) and also told of their duties and pay for both Federal and Confederate forces. Commander Irwin gave two case studies, one Confederate, Albert G. Willis of Mosby's Rangers and one Federal, Joseph L. Irwin (yes, related to the Commander) of the 33rd Indiana Infantry.

Commander Irwin also advised that if any Brothers would like a copy of the program presentation, they can email him (rbirwin@cox.net) requesting an electronic copy (pdf). This applies to the programs of the previous two meetings as well.

Oct 2020: Bleeding Kansas - Violence Prior to the Civil War.

Aug (postponed July meeting) 2020: R.H.G. Minty - His Life and Service.

2021-2022 Camp Officer Installation

The following Brothers were installed as Camp officers for 2021-2022:

Commander: Robert Irwin

Senior Vice Commander: Mark Clark

Junior Vice Commander: Ron Hyer

Council: Robert McCord, Robert Haley and David Jackson

S/T: Randy McNally

Appointed

Chaplin: Logan Jondahl

Camp Historian: John Conrad



(L-R) Robert McCord PDC, Ron Hyer, Robert Irwin and Randy McNally, PCC

Next Camp Meeting—April 17, 2021

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



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

Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Grand Canyon Brewery 1800 S. Milton, Flagstaff. Contact **Commander Bill Smith** (928) 301-7946; wcs813@aol.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Dale Enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale_elnow@hotmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2017
Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019
Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021



Birthday Wishes from the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 to the following Brothers born in:

January

Jim Laursen 1/04
Frank Baker 1/16
Keith Knotek 1/26

February

John Spencer 1/11

March

Ken Dusenberry 3/01

January 16, 2021, Camp Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held virtually via Zoom on January 16, 2021. The meeting was graciously hosted by Brother John Conrad, PDC.

The meeting was called to order at about 11 a.m. by outgoing Camp Commander Dale Enlow and Secretary / Treasurer Tim Prater called the roll of Camp Officers with seven elected Officers reporting present. Camp Chaplain Eugene McCarthy invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Statement of the Principles of the Order, and recitation of the Americans Creed.

Fourteen (14) total Brothers were present. In attendance: Brothers: Bob Archibald, Gerry Bloom (PDC), Camp Commander Dale Enlow, Gregg Hecathorn, Jim Heller DC, David Jackson, Gene McCarthy, Kenneth Morgan, David Palmateer, Tim Prater, incoming Commander Bill Smith, Rick Stephens, David Swanson (PDC) and meeting host John Conrad PDC from Picacho Peak Camp No. 1.

Reports / Announcements / Business:

Opening remarks by Commander Enlow: "Welcome Brothers! Once again, we find ourselves in this unfamiliar territory of meeting electronically. I wish to thank Brother John Conrad PDC for hosting and

guiding us thru this process. I am pleased that our Camp has not only survived but flourished since our first organizational meeting held in Flagstaff on August 22, 2015. Additionally, I am excited to be able to welcome our new 2021-2022 Camp Commander William (Bill) Smith."

Camp Commander Enlow asked Brother Conrad to give some "ground rules" for the conduct of the electronic meeting. Brother Conrad gave some tips and reminded us that the meeting was being recorded. Commander Enlow also welcomed 2 new Brothers: Gregg Hecathorn and Kenneth Morgan, from New Mexico to be initiated later in the meeting.

Secretary Treasurer Tim Prater reported **that once again we had 100% membership renewal!** This is two years in a row! He reported that the treasury was in good shape and the audit by Camp Council was underway. Tim also reported that he had been in contact with the local ROTC/JROTC schools and potential awards were progressing. He also presented a set of books to Commander Enlow and one to Department Commander Heller.

Junior Vice Commander Rick Stephens reported five new Camp members in 2020 and progress was underway for one more.

Chaplain Eugene McCarthy reported that Brother David McCormack is ill and in need of prayers, S/T Tim Prater recently underwent surgery and is recovering. He also announced that Brothers Paul Sangster and Keith Knotek have been ill.

Old Business

Cmdr Enlow was pleased to present an award to Brother Tim Prater for his continued outstanding dedication and efforts to promote the principles of our Order.

Congratulations Brother Tim!



New business:

Brothers initiated

Cmdr enlow initiated the following Brothers:
Kenneth Morgan of Santa Fe, whose CW ancestor is: PVT James Madison Harp, Co. D, 24th Missouri Infantry.

Gregg Hecathorn of Albuquerque whose CW ancestor is: PVT Samuel Austin, Co B, 78th Regiment, Ohio Infantry.

Brother Jerry Bloom gave an update of the successful design and creation of some recruitment business cards available to assist in reaching out to new members.

Discussion of the new tax-exempt status and suggestion to create a scholarship fund.

Members had some discussion on the possibility of moving the Camp bank account from Chase Bank to Wells Fargo. S/T Prater gave some information that the current account was set up as an individual account and could not be converted to one designed for a non-profit organization. Brother Conrad advised that financial matters of this type were to be handled by the Camp Council and not the within the power of a vote of members. The matter was tabled and referred to the Council for their review.

The election of delegates to the Department of the Southwest 2021 Encampment was held:

Delegates elected to the March 13, 2021 Department Encampment:

David Palmateer
David Jackson
Richard Stephens

Alternates

All Brothers in good standing

Camp officers for 2021-2022

The following Camp officers for 2021-2022 were installed by James M. Heller, DC:

Camp Commander: William C. Smith
Senior Vice Commander: Timothy D. Prater
Junior Vice Commander: Richard Stephens
Secretary/Treasurer: dale e. enlow, PCC
Camp Council: Robert Archibald Jr., David Jackson, and David Swanson PDC, PCC

Appointed officers:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Keith Knotek
Chaplain: Eugene McCarthy
Patriotic Instructor: James M. Heller, DC
Historian: dale enlow
Counselor: Timothy Prater
Guide: John Ruggles
Color Bearer: William Smith
Guard: David Palmateer
Memorials Officer: David Jackson

The Camp Commander badge, the Camp Charter, and the gavel were virtually handed over to Commander William (Bill) Smith.

Commander Smith virtually presented a plaque and certificate to dale enlow PCC:



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3
Department of the Southwest**

Commendation for Meritorious Service to the Camp



The General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 Commends

Commander dale e. enlow

Commander dale e. enlow served with great distinction from 2019-2021. Last year with the challenges of COVID 19, dale displayed great judgment in deciding how the Camp would conduct its quarterly Camp meetings; either in person or electronically. Dale always considered the health and safety of our Brothers before deciding how we would meet. On two occasions, he organized and conducted Zoom conference calls. Grant Camp celebrated its 5th Anniversary (charted on Sep 11, 2015) and his self-sacrifice was key to the successes we enjoyed. Dale served as DSW Secretary/Treasurer at the same time he was Camp Commander—to simultaneously perform both demanding positions is no small undertaking and reflects highly upon his unending devotion to duty. Because of his meritorious service, Commander enlow brought great credit upon himself, the General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, the Department of the Southwest, and the SUVCW.

Given this 16th day of January 2021 at the General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 quarterly Camp meeting.

William C. Smith
Camp Commander

Attest:

Timothy D. Prater
Senior Vice Commander

Upcoming events

2021 Camp meeting dates

The 2021 Camp meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Canyon Brewing & Distillery, 1800 S. Milton Rd, Flagstaff on the following dates:

Jan 16, Apr 03, Jul 10, and Oct 02

Please mark your calendars!

❧ General News and Information ❧

Informative video outlining the SUVCW

Check out this newly completed and informative episode dedicated to the SUVCW on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX0KWwknwNM>

Forty-seventh National Encampment, Chattanooga, Tenn, September 18-19, 1913, Membership: 180,227

This Encampment was held at Chattanooga, Tennessee and was the first one held in the South. Here is some interesting information taken from the 1913 GAR Journal. I am publishing information about it not only because it was the first to be held in the South but because of the gift that Commander-in-Chief Alfred B. Beers received

“A semi-official meeting of the Forty-Seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at the City Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Tuesday evening, September 16th, 1913. (There were several days of activities prior to the actual Encampment hence the term “semi-official.”)

“Hon. Newell Sanders, President of the Chattanooga Encampment Association, welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary and allied societies and its friends to Chattanooga. We are here as Southerners, as well as Northerners to show that between the States of the Union everlasting peace reigns. Commander-in-Chief Beers, on behalf of the Encampment Committee, I now present this gavel made of wood which grew on Lookout Mountain and turn the meeting over to you.

“The Commander-in-Chief was enthusiastically applauded when he received the historic gavel and assumed charge of the meeting. . . . He said that that this Encampment, being the first held on a battlefield of the South, would prove a powerful factor in strengthening the bonds of fraternity and unity between the North and the South.

The Bryant Post Quartette then sang, “We are Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground.”

Comrade T. H. Hagerty of St. Louis, Past Chaplain-in-Chief, then presented to the Commander-in-Chief a gavel made of wood from historic places. He said in part: “The wood used in the head of this gavel is from a tree on Lookout Mountain, with a bullet imbedded in it, which I am told was fired from the Confederate ranks towards an advancing Union officer. The handle

is of hickory, from Wilson Creek battleground, southwestern Missouri. Holding the handle of the gavel out from you the upper part of the star inlaid in the head of the gavel is made of wood from the Spanish flagship Regina: the wood in the point next to the right is from the battle ship Maine; the next is from the Confederate gunboat, which sank in the river below Memphis; the next is from Andersonville, and the next is from the Confederate army headquarters at Richmond. The corner quadrant is from the home of Lincoln at Springfield, and the next quadrant is made of wood from the home of General Sherman in St. Louis; the next is from the house in which General Grant read the surrender of General Lee, and the last is from Grant's log cabin. The center piece of wood is from the frame of the Liberty bell at Philadelphia. All of this symbolic material was gathered by me during the last three or four years in my travels over the country.”

The Commander-in Chief accepted the gavel with words of appreciation for the gift, and requested the Bryant Post Quartette to sing a song especially written by one of its members for this occasion . . .”

Wouldn't you like to have that gift! Thanks to Sister Verna Maleski who made me aware of this Encampment.

I've Got a Secret

OK, if you are old enough to remember the TV show “I've Got a Secret” then you are in for a walk down memory lane. And if you are not old enough—well you missed some mighty fine TV shows!

Mr. Samuel J. Seymour, the last living eyewitness to the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., was the mystery guest on the February 8, 1956, episode. Mr. Seymour (March 28, 1860 – April 12, 1956) was actually 95 years of age at the time of this appearance instead of 96. Host: Garry Moore Panelists from left to right: Bill Cullen, Jayne Meadows, Henry Morgan, Lucile Ball

Here is a link to the video:

<https://youtu.be/1RPoymt3Jx4>



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