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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, December 7, 2021 80th Anniversary



Front (L-R) Barbara Pichler, Sister, Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW; Allison Pollitt, President, ASUVCW; Michael Paquette, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW; Norma Fiedler, President, DUVCW; Ginger Trokey, President, Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW; Rachel Peak, Treasurer, Picacho Peak Camp Auxiliary No. 1; Robert Irwin, Camp Commander, Gen RHG Minty Camp No.2, Ron Hyer, Junior Vice Commander, Gen RHG Minty Camp No. 2; Lynn Scott, Brother, General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Ken Hooker, Commander, Picacho Peak Camp No. 1; Todd Hoffay, Senior Vice Commander, Picacho Peak Camp No. 1; (Back row L-R) Dale Enlow, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of the Southwest; Jerry Bloom, PDC, Department of the Southwest; Verna Maleski, Junior Vice President, DUVCW; David Jackson, Graves Registration Officer, Department of the Southwest; David Swanson, PDC, Department of the Southwest; Tim Prater, Senior Vice Commander, Department of the Southwest; Avery Frantz, Civil War Memorials Officer, Department of the Southwest.

80th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

On December 7, 2021, the 80th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day observance was held at the Wesley Bolin Plaza across the street from the Arizona State Capitol building in Phoenix. December 7th is always set aside in Arizona to remember the day and honor the lives that were lost during the sneak Japanese air attack on US Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickman Air Field on December 7, 1941—a day which truly lives in infamy. The USS Arizona (BB 39) suffered direct bomb strikes causing the battleship to explode and sink. The death toll on Arizona was 1,177. Total casualties to the United States were 2,343 killed, 960 missing and 1,272 wounded.

Some 75 organizations participated in this annual wreath-laying event including four of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those representing the National Orders were:

- Michael Paquette, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
- Norma Fiedler, President, DUVCW
- Verna Maleski, Junior Vice President, DUVCW
- Allison Pollitt, President, ASUVCW
- Wanda Langdon, PNP, ASUVCW

Locally, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was represented by Sister Maura Mackowski.

The Department of the Southwest and its Camps were also well represented along with Sisters from the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No 1, DUVCW and the Picacho Peak Camp No 1 Auxiliary.

After the ceremony an outstanding and well attended luncheon was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 1418 N. Central, for the participants from the various Orders.

Special recognition goes to Sister Verna Maleski, National Junior Vice President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for her wreath making ability and for coordinating the event with the Allied Orders. Sister Verna has done this for many years and it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you Verna!

General U.S. Grant Camp Commander Bill Smith's link to Pearl Harbor

By Bill Smith

I had two uncles serving in the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941: Joseph and Michael Giovenazzo.

The oldest, Joseph, had served on the USS Arizona but was promoted to Water Tender 1st Class and was now serving on the USS Vestal, a repair ship tied outboard of the Arizona. He had been in the Navy for

six years with an enlistment due to end on 16 Dec 1941. Michael was a Water Tender 2nd Class serving on the Arizona with an enlistment ending on 3 Jan 1942.

Joseph was living in married housing on base when Michael and a home town U. S. Marine friend visited with him on 6 Dec 1941. They could have spent the night with Joseph but decided to return to their ship/base that evening.

The Japanese attack on December 7th proved to be fatal to Michael and he is entombed in his ship—the USS Arizona (BB 39) at Pearl Harbor. Joseph survived the attack.

On 22 Dec 1941 the family received word that Michael was being reported as “Missing.” On Christmas Eve, they received a telegram from the Navy Dept. “he had been found alive.” On 16 February 1942 the family received a letter from the Navy Dept, stating that Michael was ‘officially listed as a Casualty’. The letter also stated that “the Giovenazzo reported safe on Christmas Eve was a brother, Joseph.” Joseph became a career Navy man, changed his last name to Givens and retired as a Chief Petty Officer.

My family of 10 will be at the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 2021. Also my San Diego cousin J.R. Givens (only son of Joseph Giovenazzo) will be there at the same time with 14 members of his family. Since 1986 (45th Anniversary), my wife and I have been attending the 7 Dec ceremony every five years and with 24 of us this will be the biggest family representation yet.



(L-R) Michael and Joseph Giovenazzo



Department Encampment—March 26, 2022

The Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of the Southwest will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Phoenix City Grille, 5816 N 16th St, Phoenix (just south of Bethany Home Road & 16th Street on the west side of the street).

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette will be in attendance.

Seating is limited to 40 people; elected and automatic delegates and the CinC will have first preference, but Sisters of the Allied Orders, non-delegate Brothers, and spouses/guests are encouraged to attend.

Please let Department Commander John Conrad (jrconrad55@gmail.com) and Department S/T Dale Enlow (dale_enlow@hotmail.com) know if you plan to attend so we have an accurate headcount.

Lunch will be served. There is no cost for lunch, but there will be a cash bar

Department Order 04 published 17 Jan 2022

Department Order 04 (Series 2021-2022) by Department Commander John Conrad has been published and distributed and a copy is attached to the newsletter.

It provides information on topics such as: the upcoming Department Encampment, standardizes procedures for processing new applicants, the general monuments fund, the Sons of Veterans Reserves, and other items.

Missing In America Project

By Brother Avery Frantz

Brother Avery Frantz, Dept CW Memorial Officer, Verna Maleski, DUVCW National Junior Vice President, and Sister Maura Mackowski, Past Tent President of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 SUVCW attended the Memorial Ceremony for Jerome Cranke, a Spanish American War Veteran, along with the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. Jerome Cranke, a member of the US Hospital Corp, enlisted in 1899 and was a chiropractor in Phoenix. Passing away in 1929, Jerome and his wife were cremated at the Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix but their ashes were never claimed. Thus he sat on the mortuaries shelf for 92 years until genealogists of the Missing In America Project were able to discover he was a veteran of the Spanish American War. His ashes, his wife's, and

Vietnam veterans were interred at this Dec 29th ceremony. After the ceremony a luncheon was held at Red Devil Pizza in Phoenix



Wreaths Across America

By Avery Frantz

"Sister Verna Maleski, National Junior Vice President of the DUVCW and Avery Frantz, Dept Civil War Memorials Officer participated in Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Rd. Specific grave requests were taken and it was made sure that all the requests were met. 14,000 wreaths were donated this year towards the cemetery, quite a larger amount than last year."



SUVCW National Encampment

The Department of Michigan will host the 141st Annual Encampment of our Order in Grand Rapids, Michigan from August 11-14, 2022. For more information:
<https://www.suvcwmi.org/2022NatEncampment/2022Encampment.php>

Union Civil War monument—update

Following a Dept Officers Meeting it was decided that the best place for monuments would be in cemeteries, to be most contextually correct. Citizens Cemetery in Prescott and Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson were contacted and both approved the idea. There are more than 50 Union Civil War soldiers buried in the Prescott cemetery and the Tucson cemetery has a GAR burial section.

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors approved the placement of a plaque at the Citizens Cemetery in Prescott to be provided by the DSW at no cost to the county (Yavapai County Facilities Department at the Citizens Cemetery will install it). Plans are to have a plaque installed in the spring of this year.

Wording on the plaque:

“CITIZENS CEMETERY, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA
CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Citizens Cemetery is the final resting place of more than fifty men who fought for the Union as Soldiers, Sailors and Marines during the American Civil War, 1861-65. In the years following the war, these Veterans relocated to Prescott (Yavapai County) to become early settlers and pioneers of the “Arizona Territory”. Their bravery and self sacrifice were instrumental in preserving our United States of America. Their migration to the “Arizona Territory” ultimately lead Arizona to Statehood in 1912. These brave and courageous men were ‘Victorious in Life - Immortal in Death.’”

Dedicated this ____ Day of ____ 2022 By
Department of the Southwest Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

**A very special “thank you” to Brother Tim
Prater for all of his work on this project**





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
Kenneth Hooker 2020-2021

Picacho Peak Camp Minutes November 20, 2021

In person meeting at Manuel's, 2820 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix

Commander Hooker welcomed back our camp members and guests. We had good turnout of about 15 members and guests at our meeting location and 4 online attendees. Considering all weekend there were Civil War re-enactments in Phoenix, we consider that well-attended.

- Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported on the financial state of the camp, which is in a positive status. Secretary Bloom announced to the group that this would be his last year serving in that office and asked for volunteers to look to move into that role. Commander Hooker and all present thanked Brother Bloom for his 25 years of service to the Camp.

- Patriotic Instructor John Conrad reminded the group that Sister Verna Maleski from the DUVCW was celebrating a birthday. We all sang Happy Birthday to her, Happy Birthday Verna!

- Commander Hooker reminded the Camp that the Pearl Harbor 80th Anniversary Remembrance Day would be coming up on December 7th. SVC Todd Hoffay committed to attending the event, in addition to all Brothers already decided on going. The Camp had very good representation at the event!

- One new member was inducted, Brother Chad Newcomb. Welcome, Brother Chad!

- **Featured Speaker:** Brother David Swanson PDC gave a very interesting speech regarding Veterans and Veterans Day.

Camp officers for 2021-2022 elected and installed

The following Camp officers for 2021-2022 were elected and then installed by Department Commander John Conrad:

Elected:

Camp Commander: Kenneth J. Hooker
Senior Vice Commander: Todd Hoffay
Junior Vice Commander: Jim Heller
Secretary/Treasurer: Jerry Bloom
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Ronald Gray
Camp Council: Jeff Burgess, John Conrad, and David Swanson

Appointed officers:

Patriotic Instructor: John Conrad
Chaplain: Jim Heller
Historian: David Swanson
Guide: Dan Huskisson

New Camp Brother Initiated

Brother Chad R. Newcomb of Phoenix was initiated into the SUVCW and Picacho Peak Camp by CC Ken Hooker. Brother Chad's Union CW ancestor is great-great grandfather PVT Francis Marion Nelson who served in Company K, of the 40th Iowa Infantry.

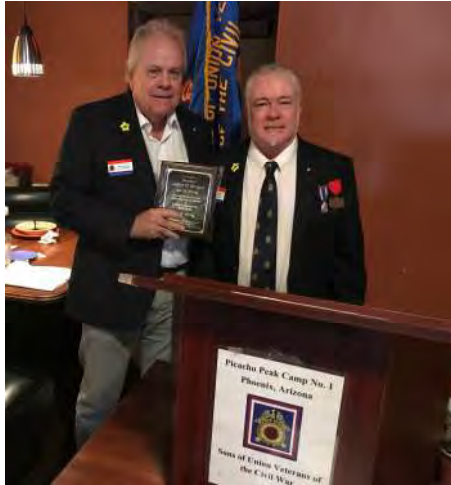


(L-R) Ken Hooker CC, Chad and his wife Christian

Past Camp Commander Jeff Burgess receives plaque

Well, call it a combination of COVID and travel but Past Camp Commander (2018-2020) Jeff Burgess finally received his well earned past camp commander plaque from Camp Commander Ken Hooker.

Thanks for all of your hardwork!



(L-R) Jeff Burgess & Ken Hooker

Closing: The meeting was closed by Camp Commander Ken Hooker

2022 Meeting information

Our next meeting will be on February 19th 2022. The location of the meeting has yet to be finalized, it was determined by the attendees that we would like a little more private meeting location than Manuel's on Indian School. We are currently researching locations and will post the new location once finalized.

New Camp Brother

Raymond E. Gross of Surprise, AZ was apporved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp on November 22, 2021. Brother Gross' CW ancestor is his great-great-great grandfather PVT George Wagner, Company K, 166th Pennsylvania Infantry. Welcome Brother Gross!

Upcoming Events

2022: Meeting will be on February 19, 2022, location to be determined.



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

*Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Contact: **Commander Mark Clark**; phone (520)-709-1945; email: w.markclark@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Whipple** (744) 722-1768; whipple.andrew@gmail.com*

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017

Randy McNally 2017-2018

Robert Haley 2018-2020

Robert Irwin 2020-2021



January 15, 2022, Camp meeting minutes

Meeting Place: The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd. (22nd Street), Tucson, AZ, Time: Saturday, 15 January 2022; 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Attendees:

Robert Irwin, CC; W. Mark Clark, SVC; John Conrad, DC; William Crooke; Tanner Guske; Ron Hyer, JVC John Lyons, Robert McCord, PDC, PCC; Andrew Whipple, David Raihala (John Lyon's grandson)

Guests:

John Agner, Laura McCord, Robert McCord's wife Phoebe Yoder, Tanner Guske's girlfriend.

Opening – At 1:00pm Commander Irwin opened the meeting.

- Reading & approval of minutes from last camp meeting (October 2021) In the interest of time, the minutes were not read. They were implicitly approved because they had been sent out to the membership subsequent to that meeting and no comments or corrections were received.
- Reading & Approval of Treasurer's Report {Brother Lyons}. Approved.
- Report of sick brothers or a brother's family in distress – Camp membership – Nothing mentioned.
- Reading/discussion of pertinent General Orders issued since last meeting. Skipped due to time. Copies were sent to membership previous to this meeting.

Unfinished business by Commander Irwin and camp membership

- Name badges available for those who have not picked theirs up. Three remaining.

- Status of flagpole (adjacent to GAR plot) refurbishment at Evergreen Cemetery discussed. Everything is completed with the exception of applying paint to base which is the responsibility of the camp. When the weather is warm a coat of paint will be applied by camp members.
- Update on status of forming a SVR unit within Department of the Southwest. Initiative took a loss with the departure of Bro. Randy. PDC McCord is pursuing the development of a SVR unit. It is unfolding slowly. Form 5A available. {PDC McCord}
- Plan to have Minty Camp involved with JROTC/ROTC Awards for the upcoming academic year. COVID shut down this activity in the previous two years. We aim to be involved this coming year. For this academic year, we have three Tucson-area high schools that plan to participate.
- Other topics needing discussion or action. Brother Andrew R. Whipple checked in via Zoom. Bro. John Lyons touched base with Bro. Andrew Whipple regarding their roles as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Bro. Andrew will work with Bro. John to get Bro. Andrew's name on the bank account.
- New business by Commander Irwin and camp membership
- Camp annual dues - Status {Brother Lyons} 23 Brothers have paid their dues so far. 6 Brothers have not paid their dues so far. End of March is the drop-dead date for submitting dues.
- 80th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at Wesley Bolin Plaza on 7 December 2021. Commander Irwin and JVC Ron Hyer attended and represented Minty Camp.
- 2022 Department Encampment (in-person meeting) to be held at the Phoenix City Grille on Saturday, 26 March 2022, 11:00am – 2:00pm. Additional details will be forthcoming.
- Possibility of DSW placing a monument/plaque honoring Union veterans of the ACW at Evergreen Cemetery. Commander Irwin contacted the cemetery to see if they would be interested in supporting a monument and/or plaque. They are interested. Department will follow up on this initiative. The DSW Memorials Committee has been made aware of this interest for use in their consideration of locations where monuments/plaques may be placed.

- Suggest camp participation in Wreaths Across America in the future. No objection to participating in this initiative.
- Other topics needing discussion or action. No other topics discussed.
- Initiation ceremony for new brother. Tanner Guske was initiated as a new brother.



Brother Tanner receiving his membership badge by his girlfriend Phoebe Yoder

Installation of Minty Camp officers 2022-2023

The following Camp officers for 2022-2023 were installed by Department Commander John Conrad

Elected:

Commander: Mark Clark
 Senior Vice Commander: William Crooke
 Junior Vice Commander: Ron Hyer (incumbent)
 Secretary/Treasurer: Andrew R. Whipple
 Camp Council: Bob McCord (PCC/PDC – incumbent;
 Council Chair) Robert Haley (PCC - incumbent),
 Robert Irwin (PCC)

Appointed Officers

Camp Chaplain: Robert Irwin
 Camp Historian: John Conrad (incumbent)
 Camp Asst. Treasurer: John Lyons

Delegates to the March 2022 Department Encampment
 Ron Hyer, Andrew R. Whipple, Tanner Guske, John Lyons, Alternate Delegate William Crooke.

All camp members in good standing are considered as next level of alternate delegates. {DC John Conrad

Installed in absentia: Andrew R. Whipple,
 Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Haley, Camp Council

- Program (Patriotic Instruction): Presentation on Gen. R.H.G. Minty by DC John Conrad. “Who Was Robert Horatio George Minty? And Why Was Our Camp Named After Him?”
- Closing: Camp was closed by Commander Clark at 2:30pm.
- (Post-closing) Appropriate 2022 camp officer signatures on Form 22 were secured.



Officers being installed (L-R) PDC Bob McCord, Camp Council Chairman; Robert Irwin, Camp Council; John Lyons, Assistant Treasurer; W. Mark Clark, Commander; Ron Hyer, JVC; DC John Conrad, Installing Officer; William Crooke, SVC

Upcoming Events

2022 Camp meeting:

The next Camp meeting will be April 16 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 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 Tim Prater** (928) 533-1478; timprater86323@gmail.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



January 15, 2022, Camp Meeting Information

Location: Zoom meeting

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 15, 2022. This was a first for S/T enlow to host a Zoom meeting and there was an understandable learning curve involved.

The official business meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Camp Commander William (Bill) Smith and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with eight Officers reporting present. The Brothers welcomed a guest and potential new member, David Moore. Commander Smith and the Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain Eugene McCarthy invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and recitation of the Americans Creed.

Thirteen (13) total SUVCW Brothers were present plus guest, David Moore. 14 total present. Brothers in attendance: Robert Archibald Jr, Dennis DeAtley, dale enlow PCC, Avery Frantz, Mark Haynes PCC, James Heller PDC, John Horton, Chaplain Gene McCarthy, Commander-elect Tim Prater, Lynn Scott, Commander Bill Smith, JVC Rick Stephens, and David Swanson PDC.

Commander Smith announced the upcoming Brothers' birthdays: Frank Baker, John Butcher SR, Keith Knotek, John Spencer, John Horton, and Ken Dusenberry.

Brothers who may be ill or in need? Avery Frantz is ill and quarantined. S/T enlow advised that correspondence sent to Brother Richard Rice was returned as undeliverable. It was since learned that he suffered a stroke last November and is still recovering.

Commander Smith again announced the need for a volunteer Department Newsletter- Editor to learn the ropes from Brother Swanson who has been doing a wonderful job at this task for many-many years.

Brother John Horton gave a short presentation on his Great Grandparents- Henry Baxtine served in the 55th Ohio Infantry and was wounded at the Chattanooga. Henry and his wife were active in the GAR and the Women's' Relief Corps after the war.

Historian's Topic "Abe Lincoln's Gingerbread Cookies" by S/T enlow was interrupted by a computer crash and reboot. He sent out the complete presentation via e-mail after the meeting

Reports:

Brother Archibald gave an update on the JROTC Certificate/Medal Program and the JROTC Scholarship Program Status. Several programs are still interested in participating. S/T enlow advised that the Scholarship Fund gained \$513 thru the dues Round-Up campaign. We now have a total of \$1170 in the fund.

Old Business:

Cmdr. Smith reported that 5 USG3 Brothers participated in the Oct 7th Missing in America Project at Camp Navajo for the internment of 22 unclaimed veterans' cremains plus one spouse.

Avery Frantz and Tim Prater gave an update on the progress in getting a plaque installed at the Prescott Citizens' Cemetery

New Business

S/T enlow gave a summary of the Jan. 8th DSW Officers Zoom Meeting

S/T enlow advised we had 35 2022 member renewals (one General Discharge). New membership cards have been mailed out.

S/T reported the USG3 4thQuarter and Annual Reconciliations have been completed and approved He gave the ending balance of our checking account and advised that we have \$1170 in the Scholarship Fund.

Election was held for the Camp delegates to the March 26 Department Encampment. Elected Delegates are: Bob Archibald, Dennis DeAtley, John Horton, and Lynn Scott. All other Camp Brothers in good standing were named as alternates. Bill Smith PCC, and Department officers Mark Haynes, dale enlow, Avery Frantz, Tim Prater, David Swanson PDC, and Jim Heller PDC are automatic.

Camp officers for 2022-2023 installed

The following officers were installed by Brother David Swanson PDC:

Elected:

Commander: Timothy D. Prater

Senior Vice Commander: Lynn J. Scott

Junior Vice Commander: Kenneth L. Morgan

Camp Council: Robert E. Archibald, Jr., Dennis J. DeAtley, Richard A. Stephens.

Secretary/Treasurer: dale e. enlow (PCC)

Appointed:

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Keith R. Knotek

Chaplain: Eugene V. McCarthy

Counselor: Dennis J. DeAtley

Guide: David R. Palmateer

Memorials Officer: Avery D. Frantz

Color Bearer: William C. Smith, PCC

Guard: John F. Ruggles

Historian: dale e. enlow, PCC

Patriotic Instructor: James M. Heller PDC



(L-R) Bill Smith, PCC & Tim Prater, CC

Closing

Commander Prater presided over the closing of the meeting.

Next meeting: 11am, 2 April 2022, **Location to be determined**

Upcoming Events

2022 Camp meetings:

Camp meetings will start at 11:00 a.m. and rotate between Flagstaff and Prescott as follows:

Prescott, Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St:

Dates: January 15 & July 9;



2022 Commander Prater had presented 2021 Commander Smith with his Past Camp Commander badge and a Smithsonian Civil War book earlier in the week.

❧ General News and Information ❧

GAR Comrades were honorary members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

During the GAR's 55th Annual Encampment in 1922, George S. Geis of the VFW addressed the Encampment. I copied the whole exchange from the Encampment Journal between him and Comrades of the GAR which was interesting, at times humorous:

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. The representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are here. May they be admitted, one man and only one to speak for them, and he not very long? May I admit them? [Cries of "Yes."] Let them come in.

THE OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the honor to present to you Comrade George S. Geis, past senior vice commander in chief Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sons of Veterans

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Commander, I am glad to meet you, and I am glad to show you the finest looking body of men you have ever had the opportunity to look upon.

Mr. George S. Geis, of Chicago Ill. Commander in Chief, I agree with you that it is not only the finest looking body of men, but it is the finest bunch of men that we have in our whole country. It has been my privilege to meet them many times, but to-day I have the distinguished honor of meeting them, for I bring to you from the national encampment at Detroit, Mich., which met last week, of the organization which represents foreign service, the organization that represents three or four million of boys like you were 50 years ago, of boys who will be like you are 50 years from now, 100 per cent Americans and trying to follow the principles which your organization in years past set up for us; I come to bring the greetings from the boys who served in the Philippines, in China, in France, in Germany, in Siberia, and who carried the flag on foreign soil. Every one of them has served in the Army in time of war on foreign soil. It is the organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

During the past year we have organized 26 departments. During the past year we have put in 600 new posts in many States and cities in the country.

During the past year the national council of administration admitted the Grand Army of the Republic as honorary members, so you boys, all of you, are honorary members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. [Applause.]

I shall not take your time. You have lots of work to do. I want to say that my father is a comrade of yours, a member of Lyon Post No. 11, of the Department of Nebraska, for many years. It has been my privilege to meet you in many national encampments. One year I

was senior vice commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans.

If I should ask you how many of you had relatives in the late war among our 4,000,000 young men, I will bet that over 90 per cent of you had relatives in that war. We are carrying on the work that you have begun. We wish you Godspeed, good luck, and good-by, and hope to meet all of you in Detroit. I thank you.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Comrade—I think I may say "comrade" to you, although you are a little bit young to carry that designation [earlier in the encampment the commander in chief announced that the average age of members in the GAR was 80]—I will ask on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, Col. Clarendon E. Adams, who served in many wars, and with distinction and honor wherever he served, and who as a private citizen, has earned the respect and honor of his neighbors, to respond to your welcome.

Past Commander in Chief Clarendon E. Adams. Commander in chief, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, I was very much impressed, commander in chief, with your introduction in representing to this young commander, this mighty host of men who answered the call of Lincoln and performed one of the mightiest historical events that have come to any people. Your ancestors were the men that did that great and valiant duty. You are the lineal descendants of those men. I was glad indeed, as was just stated—. I have just gone down the line of the record of the men that this young comrade represents. I find that 67 per cent of them were the lineal descendants of the Grand Army of the Republic. That is the record in Washington and they are among the noblest of our Nation to-day. Mr. Commander, will you take back with you the compliments and the greetings from the Grand army of the Republic and say to them that there is always a welcome for them at our meetings? You might say, sir, that the great implements that they used in their service which were so destructive were also used in our Army. We had flying machines, we had submarines, and we had smoke screens. Now, that flying machine proposition, every one of you was equipped with a Liberty motor. I was there and I know what I'm talking about. I flew. [laughter.] The command flew; the division flew; and we would be flying yet sir, if the Johnnies hadn't quit shooting at us. You had your smoke screen but you didn't know how to use it. You put it down in front of you and obscured your position. We put ours down, it was a dust screen, and we put our dust screen down in the rear of us, and we kept up a might good screen too! [Laughter.] I thank you.

Department of the Southwest— Officers 2021-2022

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Department Orders
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DEPARTMENTAL ORDER 04
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Department Encampment, Applicants

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, the National Policies, and the Department Bylaws, the following is ordered:

1. Brothers are reminded to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges through January 30 in memory of Real Son and Life Member John Wilson Oliver Jr., who died on November 15, 2021.
2. The 2022 Department Encampment will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Phoenix City Grille, 5816 N 16th St, Phoenix (just south of Bethany Home Road & 16th Street on the west side of the street). Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette will be in attendance. Seating is limited to 40 people; elected and automatic delegates and the CinC will have first preference, but Sisters of the Allied Orders, non-delegate Brothers, and spouses/guests are encouraged to attend. Please let me and S/T Dale Enlow know if you plan to attend so we have an accurate headcount. Lunch will be served. There is no cost for lunch, but there will be a cash bar.
3. In order to standardize actions throughout the Department and to comply with the regulations of the Order, the following procedure regarding applicants for membership shall be followed by each Camp, effective immediately:
 - A potential member is normally brought to our attention in one of the following ways:
 - Personal recommendation by an existing Brother in Good Standing, OR
 - Digital contact via National, Department, or Camp internet presence, OR
 - In person declaration of interest at public ceremonies, memorial, parades, etc.
 - The primary point of contact shall be either the recommending Brother or the Junior Vice Commander who shall evaluate the potential member as to moral character by communication and interaction with the interested party.
 - A Committee of Three shall consist of the Camp Senior Vice Commander, the Junior Vice Commander, and the Camp Secretary/Treasurer or any of their respective designees. This committee can utilize any resource they desire to assist in the determination of eligibility, such as the Department Junior Vice Commander, the Department Graves Registration Officer, the Camp or Department Historian(s), the recommending Brother, or a trusted genealogist. The committee shall review the SUVCW Dishonorable Discharge List to ascertain whether the potential member is on that list.
 - The senior ranking officer shall serve as the chair of the committee, and all deliberations and decisions may be made in person, by telephone, or by any electronic means (including teleconferencing or email exchange).
 - If the Committee of Three finds that the potential member is eligible for membership, the Camp Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer shall process a Form 30 and the signed / witnessed copy of the Form 3 membership application (along with proof of service for full membership) and forward such to the Department Sec. Treas. for his final review. The Forms 30 and 3 should be forwarded to the Department **prior** to the potential member's initiation ceremony **unless** this would cause an unreasonable delay. In the event that the committee does NOT recommend membership, the Junior Vice Commander shall communicate the concerns with the potential member and allow that person to respond and / or submit additional documentation.
 - Prior to the Camp Initiation Ceremony, the Camp Commander shall announce the name of the potential member and ask the Camp Brothers if anyone has an objection to the potential member's admittance as a Camp Brother.

- If there are no objections, the initiation shall proceed. However: If an objection is raised, the objection is then detailed, discussed, and ruled upon before proceeding to initiate the potential member.
4. The Camp Council has established a General Monuments Fund, into which all unrestricted monuments or memorials donations will be placed. If a person wishes to restrict a donation to a particular charitable purpose, that should be discussed with the Secretary/Treasurer
 5. Any Brothers interest in joining the Sons of Veterans Reserve should contact Brother Bob McCord.
 6. We still need a Newsletter assistant editor to assist David Swanson. Anyone with an interest in newsletters is welcome, no experience necessary! Reach out to Brother David if you can help.
 7. I encourage all Brothers to actively support their Department and Camps by attendance at Camp meetings, volunteering for programs, and serving in the various officer position opportunities.
 8. I encourage all Brothers to continue to observe CDC health and safety guidelines at Camp meetings and events.

Ordered this 17th day of January 2022.



John R. Conrad, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ *dale e enlow*, Department Secretary

