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## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony, December 7, 2022 81st Anniversary



### 81st Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

On December 7, 2022, the 81st 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 the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Wreaths were presented by all three Department Camps; John Conrad, PDC, SUVCW National Organization Expansion Officer for the SUVCW; and President Allison Pollitt, National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the ASUVCW. Wreaths were also presented by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW.

Attendees and others had a nice luncheon with 40 people in attendance at the Phoenix City Grille, 5816 N. 16th St, Phoenix.



Brother Ken Hooker, PCC Picacho Peak Camp



(L-R) President Allison Pollitt, National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War & Verna Maleski





Bill Smith, PCC, Grant Camp No. 1, & Lee Smith

### **2023 SUVCW Encampment information**

The Department of New Hampshire is proud to host the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, August 3 – 6, 2023, Nashua, New Hampshire. More information available in the near future (be sure to check the SUVCW website [suvchw.org](http://suvchw.org) for information as it becomes available.



Jerry Bloom, PDC, and Verna Maleski



### **Department of the Southwest Annual Encampment**

Save the date: Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd. (22nd Street), Tucson, AZ

More information will be sent as to the time, cost, etc., but save the date and plan on attending. This is a once a year event for all of our Brothers and wives from all the Camps!

The Daughters from the Allied Orders are also cordially invited as well.





## Camp News

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

Chartered on May 11, 1996, as the first Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November. Contact: **Commander Todd Hoffay** (480) 718-9753; toddthoffay@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer** Dennis Lamb (602-319-1831); dennislamb@msn.com

#### **Past Camp Commanders:**

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †  
David A. Swanson 2003-2006  
Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †  
John R. Conrad 2008-2010  
David A. Swanson 2010-2013  
John R. Conrad 2013-2015  
Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016  
James M. Heller 2016-2018  
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020  
Kenneth Hooker 2020-2022

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#### **In Memoriam**

Long-time **Brother Jan D. Huber** passed away on December 5, 2022. Brother Huber joined our Camp on May 5, 2007, and was very active. He was our Graves Registration Officer from 2008-2016 and our Camp Counselor from 2016-2021. His activities included finding and registering Civil War graves in the Pioneer & Military Park and the Greenwood Cemetery both in Phoenix. During many Memorial Day ceremonies at the Pioneer & Military Park he often played Taps.

Brother Jan will certainly be missed. He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie.



Brother Jan Huber

### **Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 November 19, 2022, Camp meeting information**

Location:  
Ofrenda Mexican Restaurant  
7100 Cave Creek Rd.  
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

#### **Opening**

The Meeting started at 11 a.m. on November 19, 2022 Commander Hooker presiding. Commander Hooker welcomed all to the meeting and led all in recital of our Principles. Chaplain Jim Heller invoked the Divine Blessing. Commander Hooker led recital of the American's Creed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Camp Brothers in attendance:** Dennis Lamb, David Jackson, Randy Owen, Jerry Hill, Doug Krause, Chuck Stuller, Mike Booth, Chad Newcomb, Jim Heller, Ken Hooker, and Todd Hoffay (11 total).

**Camp Brothers in attendance via Zoom:** Jeff Burgess, John Conrad, George White, Steven Senecal, Bob Cox, and Robert Schmidt (6 total)

**Total Brothers in attendance:** 17. A quorum (6) was declared.

**DUVCW in attendance:** Cyndee Krause and Picacho Peak Auxiliary Sister Deanna Lamb

Other guests: Barbara Booth, Christine Booth, Richard Booth, Diana Tuxhorn, Ty Tuxhorn, Liz Lucas, Al Lucas and Wendy Hayes.

Total guest in attendance: 10

Chaplain Jim Heller Invoked the Divine Blessing. Commander Hooker led recital of the American Creed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Hooker.

#### **Camp Officer's Meeting and Actions**

Commander Hooker discussed the Camp Officer's Meeting and Actions that took place by Zoom on November 12, 2022 as follows:

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to establish Gmail accounts for PPC1 Officers by Commander Hooker.

Commander Hooker will include a Dues Call along with the Officer Nominations prior to the Camp Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

S/T Lamb presented an idea for encouraging attendance and raising funds by Creating Ancestor Certificates for Brothers so desiring them. No action taken.

Xoom capability was discussed for the Camp meeting with Commander Hooker and SVC Hoffay.

JVC Heller discussed and will arrange registration for a Sun City Flag event sponsored by The Military Order of the World Wars to be held in February. JVC Heller will organize any PPC1 participation as the event draws near.

Brother Jackson had provided a proposal for a Bench with Plaque at Porter Cemetery. A motion was made by Commander Hooker, seconded, and unanimously approved to forward the proposal for the Dept Memorial Officer's endorsement and funding from the Dept fund.

Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Attendees: Commander Hooker is attending the wreath laying ceremony. Brother Lamb volunteered to join him.

S/T Lamb suggested that the updated Bylaws that were sent out in early October be sent along with the 2023 approved Form 22 be sent to the Dept Secretary ASAP after the Camp Meeting.

The Nominees for Elected and Appointed Officers were reviewed and agreed to (see election).

The induction of three new Members was discussed and attendance confirmed.

JVC Heller was chosen and agreed to be Installing Officer.

### ***Camp meeting continued***

Commander Hooker advised the Camp that the Dept JVCs at the National Level are working with Brother John Conrad for the purpose of reviewing and improving New Member recruitment.

### **Brother Lamb S/T provided the Secretary's Report:**

The reading of the August Camp minutes was omitted as they were included in the Dept Newsletter.

*Revised Camp bylaws:* A Bylaw update was sent out in Oct. The last page is the key to the Clarifying Update. The issue of "good standing" has been clarified by incorporating certain National Regulations into our Bylaws. Since National Bylaws are already included by reference no element of the update is new but it does eliminate a source of confusion in the determination of good standing. Simply, good standing is achieved when a Member is issued his Membership Card upon payment of dues for the period indicated. If a Brother desires a transfer or Honorable Discharge one can be issued prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. If dues for 2023 are not paid by that date a transfer or Honorable Discharge cannot be issued. A Brother is still a Member but lacks good standing.

If dues for 2023 [or in any subsequent year] are not paid before March 31<sup>st</sup> a Brother must be dropped with a General Discharge. Such an individual can still be reinstated but with a penalty.

*General Order No. 7:* CinC General Order G.O. #7 was discussed. (Rescinded by CinC on November 21, 2022.) The complications have been removed and we will return to our standard procedures for accepting and processing new member applications.

*Membership update:* Current Camp membership is 63. Twenty three have paid their 2023 so far.

### **Brother Lamb's Treasurer's Report:**

National Dues increased for 2023 by \$10. Dept and Camp Dues did not increase so the National increase raised our annual dues to \$54 from last year's \$44. Our finances are starting to show the impact of that increase as dues are coming in. However, the outflow in April when we pay the Dept and National portions will also be reflected. [Financial figures omitted from the newsletter.]

All financial activity flow in and out of our Camp Checking Account at Wells Fargo. We use the checking account statement along with a Shadow Quicken account to reconcile with more detail. These documents are available to any Brother upon request to me, Dennis Lamb [dennislamb@msn.com](mailto:dennislamb@msn.com).

Commander Hooker reiterated that the bylaw update does not change any regulation. He also mentioned the Pearl Harbor Day wreath laying event on Dec 7 and invited any Brothers to attend.

### ***Speaker***

The Camp was expecting a presentation from DUVCW National Sr. VP. However, she was unable to attend.

### **Porter Cemetery bench**

Brother David Jackson spoke to the Porter Cemetery Bench previously discussed and Commander Hooker advised that the project is in hand per the Officer's Meeting report. [The Porter Cemetery is in a section of the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, 1317 W. Jefferson, Phoenix.]

### **Initiation of New Brothers**

**Michael Booth** whose Union Civil Ancestor is John N Igel, Co. G 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota Inf.; **Douglas P. Krause**, whose Union Civil War ancestor is Samuel W. Kenney, Union Spy, and **Randy S. Owen**, whose Union Civil War ancestor is Joseph Henry Peeper, 96 IL Infantry/Vet Vol Engineers were initiated by JVC Jim Heller into the Camp and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Each new Brother was presented with his Certificate and Member's Badge (having been presented upon arrival with his name tag and rosette).

Each Brother then spoke about his ancestor's history in the Civil War.



New Brothers (L-R) being inducted by Jim Heller PDC, Randy Owens, Douglas Krause, and Michael Booth

***Election and Installation of Camp Officers for 2022-2023***

The following Brothers were elected and Past Department of the Southwest Commander Jim Heller then conducted their Installation:

Commander: Todd T. Hoffay

Sr. Vice Commander: Kenneth Hooker.

Jr Vice Commander: Chad Newcomb

S/T: Dennis W Lamb

Asst S/T: Jerry Bloom (in absentia)

Camp Council: Ken Hooker, John Conrad (Zoom), and Jeff Burgess (Zoom)

*Appointed Officers:*

Patriotic Instructor: John Conrad

Chaplain: Jim Heller

Historian: David Swanson (in absentia)

Guide and JROTC Coordinator: Dan Huskisson (in absentia).



(L-R) Ken Hooker, PCC, receiving his Camp officer plaque—for all of his excellent work—from Camp Commander Todd Hoffay

**Closing**

With no further business before the Camp the meeting was brought to a close with the Chaplain’s Blessing and the Commander’s declaration of closure until the **next meeting on February 18, 2023.**

**Upcoming Events**

Next meeting: February 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mustang Library (Reading room) , 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ



Jim Heller, PDC, initiating (L-R) Dennis Lamb S/T; Chad Newcomb, JVC; Todd Hoffay, Commander, and Ken Hooker PCC, SVC



## **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 John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: lyonsj5257@yahoo.com

### ***Past Camp Commanders:***

Robert McCord 2015-2017  
Randy McNally 2017-2018  
Robert Haley 2018-2020  
Robert Irwin 2020-2021



Below are the meeting minutes for both the October 8, 2022, and the January 14, 2023, meetings.

### **October 8, 2022, Camp Meeting Information**

Meeting Place: The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd. (22nd Street), Tucson, AZ  
Time: Saturday, 08 Oct 2022; 1:00 - 3:00 PM

#### ***Attendees:***

In Person: W. Mark Clark, CC, Ron Hyer, JVC, John Lyons, AT, John R. Agner, Ethan Lopez, Robert McCord, DC, PCC, Allen McCleod, Timothy M. Schanep, Robert Irwin, and Scott Bouchard

Guests: Melanie Higgley (Mother of Ethan Lopez) and Stacy Parish-Clark (Wife of Commander Clark)  
Members Via Zoom: Andrew R Whipple, CST

#### ***Agenda:***

##### ***Opening***

(Chaplain's blessing, American's Creed, Pledge of Allegiance) Meeting began at 1:03pm.

##### ***Reading and approval of minutes of 16 July 2022 camp meeting.***

In the interest of time, the minutes were not read. Prior to this meeting, the minutes were sent out to the membership for review and no comments or corrections were received. The minutes were approved without objection.

***Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report -*** (Whipple/Lyons). Bro. Lyons provided the following report: [banking information is not included in the newsletter] Report approved.

##### ***Report of sick brothers/ families in distress.***

Brother John Conrad had open heart surgery. He is recovering.

##### ***Reading/discussion of pertinent General Orders since last meeting.***

Brother Whipple indicated all General Orders since the last meeting were distributed via an email link to Brothers. Also, a summary sheet providing an overview of the Orders since the last meeting was

emailed to members. Brother Whipple suggested Brothers read the summary email and we would forgo reading the Orders at this meeting. Brother Whipple highlighted General Order 5 and General Order 7. These Orders identified changes in lineage documentation. See Orders for details.

##### ***Unfinished business by Commander Clark and camp membership***

Plan to have Minty Camp involved with JROTC/ROTC Awards for the upcoming academic year. Brother Irwin will contact people who received awards last year. The actual award and certificate need to be in ordered in January. They are presented in late April or early May. Brother Irwin indicated there were four schools last year and we would like to recruit one of two more schools for the upcoming year.

##### ***Report on informal efforts to form a New Mexico camp***

Commander Clark spoke with an individual from Las Cruces, NM and the Commander has not heard anything else. We will need national consent to go forward. There are more graves in New Mexico that we might want to investigate. Brother Swanson will need to be consulted as we consider moving forward.

##### ***Other topics needing discussion or action***

No other topics discussed.

##### ***New Business (Commander Clark and camp membership)***

Camp Annual Dues – [National] Dues were increased by \$10.00. Commander Clark discussed dues increase. Brother Lyons and Brother Whipple encouraged Brothers to submit their dues. The earlier dues are submitted the easier it is to manage the process. Dues are being sent to Brother Lyons. His address is on the form and also to be found on the email sent to Brothers.

##### ***81st Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Phoenix December 7th 2022.***

Brothers are encouraged to attend.

##### ***Memorial University***

Brothers are encouraged to take the online (at SUVCW.org) "Memorial University" course to increase their knowledge of the SUVCW. Commander Clark suggested Brothers avail themselves to this program as it is a great way to learn about the SUVCW.

##### ***Other topics needing discussion or action***

Brother Robert Irwin has Secretary files and archival information which he will turn over to Brother Lyons.

##### ***Slate of Candidates for Minty Camp Officers (for 2023)***

Commander: W. Mark Clark  
Senior Vice Commander: Ron Hyer  
Junior Vice Commander: Scott Bouchard

Secretary/Treasurer: John Lyons

Camp Council: Bob McCord (PCC/PDC - incumbent), Robert Haley (PCC - incumbent), Robert Irwin (PCC – Incumbent)

Brother Whipple made a motion for the camp to cast one vote for the whole slate. This was approved and a vote was taken. All candidates were duly elected for the coming year.

**Program (Patriotic Instruction):**

Commander Clark led a discussion of the 141st National Encampment. 167 Brothers attended the encampment. Women from the allied Orders also attended the meeting.

Closing (Chaplain Benediction, Closing Charge, Adjournment – 2:31pm).

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**January 21, 2023, Camp Meeting Information**

Meeting Place: The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd Tucson, AZ

Time: Saturday 21 January 2023; 1:00 – 3 :00 PM

**Attendees:**

In Person: W. Mark Clark CC; Ron Hyer, JVC; Scott Bouchard, Brother; John Lyons A/T; Ethan Lopez, Brother; John Agner, Brother; Robert Irwin, PCC, Chaplain; John Conrad PDC, Historian; Robert McCord DC, PDC, PCC; Guest: Laura McCord Wife of Robert McCord

Members Via Zoom: Andrew Whipple C/S/T; Dale Enlow, D/S/T; Richard Stephens, CC Grant Camp

**Agenda:**

*Opening* (Chaplain's Blessing, American's Creed, and Pledge of Allegiance). Meeting Began 1:05 pm.

*Reading and approval of 8 October 2022 camp meeting.* Minutes were distributed on 21 January 2023 via email to members. No comments or corrections were received. The minutes were not read. The minutes were approved without objection.

*Reading and approval of Treasurer's Report.* (Whipple): [banking information excluded from the newsletter.] Report approved.

*Report of sick Brothers/Families* in distress. None reported

*Reading of General Orders* since last meeting. Brother Whipple provided a summary of GOs to members. The GOs were distributed to members via email. Brother Whipple talked about GOs 5 and 7 being cancelled by National.

**Unfinished Business** by Commander Clark and Camp membership.

*Report on 81<sup>st</sup> Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* in Phoenix, 7 December 2022.

Brothers Hyer and Irwin attended and placed a wreath at the memorial. Some discussion about the process being confusing was noted.

*Memorial University:* Brothers were encouraged to sign up for the Memorial University by Commander Clark. PDC Conrad also encouraged members to sign up and provided the link to it. He provided; **[suvcwmu.org](http://suvcwmu.org)** as the way to access the course. He also mentioned that the courses were broken down by Camp, Department and National.

*ROTC actions by Brother Irwin.* He said he is working with 6 schools and that only 5 have responded. Brother Ron Hyer, volunteered to present the award at a school.

*Commander as signer on checking account:* Brother Whipple talked about getting the Commander on as a 2<sup>nd</sup> signature on the checking account. Commander Clark said this will be brought up in New Business.

**New Business by Commander Clark and Membership**

*Dues:* Brother Lyons stated that there were 2 people that have not paid yet and 2 people have decided to resign. Brother Hodge, a Life Member is one who wanted to resign. There was a motion on the floor to pay his \$21.00 dues for him. This is to keep in Good Standing with the Camp until 31 December 2023 and at that time we can issue him an Honorable Discharge. At that point, Brother Conrad came forward and paid the \$21.00 for him. This closed the discussion and Brother Hodge is paid for 2023. Motion was withdrawn by Brother Whipple.

*Department Encampment—Delegates* and alternates elected: The Department Encampment will be on 11 March 2023 as per DC Robert McCord. Time of event will be announced later. Delegates need to be elected for the Encampment. The following members were elected: Ronald Hyer, John Lyons, John Agner (Alt)

*Checking Account:* Commander Clark brought up Brother Whipple's recommendation that the Commander should be on the account at all times and should change whenever there is a new Commander. There was a motion to place Commander W. Mark Clark as a second person on the Hughes Checking account for the Camp. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Certificates of Commendation:* Commander Clark gave Certificates of Commendation to Brother Andrew Whipple for his work as Secretary/Treasurer in 2022 and one to Brother William Croke for his effort as Senior Vice Commander in 2022. The Certificates will be mailed to them.

**Installation of Camp Officers:** Department Commander Robert D. McCord PhD, PCC, PDC, was the Installing Officer. The following Brothers were installed in the following positions.

- W. Mark Clark, Commander
- Ronald Hyer, Senior Vice Commander
- Scott Bouchard, Junior Vice Commander
- John Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer
- Camp Council: Robert McCord, Robert Haley & Appointed Officers:
- Robert Irwin, Chaplain
- John Conrad, Historian
- Ethan Lopez, Guide

**Brother John Conrad and his work on National Committees:** Brother John Conrad, PDC gave informational talk about his work on National Committees. He was on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Membership Qualification Committee, and the Membership Committee. He spoke about how they meet as much as possible, due to the fact that just like the Camps and Departments are all volunteers. He spoke about opening membership to all relationships, like cousins. He meets monthly with the JVCs via Zoom. He spoke about gender issues and the general feeling is that once member always a member. If he joined as a male, he should be able to serve. The National Encampment is in Nashua, NH and the registration fee is only \$10.00.

**GAR Markers**—Flagstaff: Brother Dale Enlow of Grant Camp, brought up that they will be placing GAR flag holders on nine Civil War Veteran graves in Flagstaff on 1 April 2023.

**Closing** (Chaplain Benediction, Closing Charge, Adjournment 2:35 pm).

**April 2023 Meeting Information**

Tentative meeting date is 22 April at 1:00 p.m. This could include a field trip to Tubac, AZ at a Civil War hospital.



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

Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at various northern Arizona locations.

Contact **Commander Richard Stephens** (928) 772-1320; r@almsysinc.com or **Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale\_elnow@hotmail.com

**Past Camp Commanders:**

- David A. Swanson 2015-2017
- Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019
- Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021
- William C. Smith 2021-2022
- Timothy D. Prater 2022-2023



**General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 January 7, 2023, 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 at the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, AZ on January 7th, 2023. We set up a “hybrid” in person AND virtual (Zoom) meeting.

Sisters Lee Nelson and Verna Maleski read a poem “’Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone”

The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Timothy Prater and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with eight Officers reporting present.

Commander Prater welcomed several guests: Laura Stephens, Jack and Lee Nelson, Verna Maleski, Susan Burke, P. K. Horton, Melissa Ruffner, Jan Swanson, Steve Bigelow (prospective member), Ken Hooker, and new Brother for induction, Vern Lemke.

Commander Prater and the Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain David Moore invoked the Devine Blessing. A moment of silence and reflection was observed for the passing of Brother Kenneth Dusenberry and National Quartermaster and Past C-in-C Don Shaw. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of the American’s Creed.

Sixteen (16) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum). Brothers In attendance: Robert Archibald JR, Gerald Bloom PDC, dale enlow PCC, Mark Haynes PCC, James Heller PDC, Ken Hooker, John Horton, Vernon Lempke, Dick Melick, David Moore, Tim Prater, Lynn Scott, William Smith PCC, Richard Stephens, David Swanson PDC, and Mark Swanson.



Chaplain Moore announced the Jan-Feb-Mar birthdays: Frank Baker, John Butcher SR, John Butcher JR, John Spencer and John Horton.

First order of business was the initiation of New Brothers Vernon Lemke and John Horton. Brother Horton had been initiated via Zoom at an earlier date, but requested an in-person ceremony.

S/T enlow reported that the 2022 4th Quarter and the Annual Treasurer's reports had been submitted to the Council and Commander for approvals. Camp 2023 renewals currently stand at: 25 received out of 38 total, (5 indicated they will not renew). Will continue to follow up with those members still outstanding. Received "Round-Up" donations of \$560.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

**Old Business:**

- Approval of Minutes of 10/01/22 minutes
- 2022 December 7th Pearl Harbor Commemoration in Phoenix was well attended with 34 different groups represented, 14 of which were American Civil War related
- The GAR markers/flag holders for Union Veterans buried in Flagstaff Citizen's Cemetery have arrived and we plan to place them in conjunction with our April meeting.

**New Business:**

- New Form 3 Membership Application changes
- Brother Horton advised that Ancestry and Fold 3 are available for active/retired veterans.
- Proposal to include SUV CW emblems on the Flagstaff Welcome / Civic Groups signs: Tabled until further information as to costs are determined
- Last Union Soldier, Coconino County, AZ marker proposal: Pvt. John Landon Simpson, date of death: Aug. 4, 1938, Mountain View Cemetery, Williams, AZ. Moved, Seconded, and approved to spend no more than \$100 to secure and place a last soldier marker at his burial site.
- Brother Dick Melick reminder that we have several videos available on YouTube
- Discussion was held reference the Camp being able to receive funds (renewals, donations, etc.) electronically via Zelle: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to proceed.
- Delegates for the 7th Annual Department of the SW Encampment (date and location not yet determined) were elected. Elected are Brothers **David Moore** and **John Horton**. All other USG3 Brothers in good standing as alternates
- Automatic delegates to include Camp Commander, Past Camp Commanders, and those eligible at the Department level as

elected Department Officers and Past Dept. Commanders.

**Past Department Commander David Swanson was then called upon to conduct the installation of the 2023-24 USG3 Officers and appointees.**

- Commander: Richard A. Stephens
- Senior Vice Commander: Lynn J. Scott
- Junior Vice Commander: John B. Horton
- Camp Council: Robert E. Archibald, Jr, Dennis DeAtley and William Smith PCC
- Secretary/Treasurer: dale e. enlow (PCC)
- General U.S. Grant Camp Appointed Officers*
- Assistant S/T: Timothy D. Prater (PCC)
- Camp Chaplain: David C. Moore
- Color Bearer: William C. Smith (PCC)
- Counselor: Timothy D. Prater
- Guard: John F. Ruggles
- Guide: David R. Palmateer
- Historian: dale enlow (PCC)
- Memorials Officer: Avery D. Frantz
- Patriotic Instructor: James M. Heller (PDC)

**New Commander Richard A. Stephens** presented outgoing Commander Prater with his Past Camp Commander badge along with his thanks for his inspirational service.

**Close**

Commander Stephens then presided over the closing of the meeting and announced the next meeting would be Saturday April 1, 2023, in Flagstaff, AZ. Chaplain Moore then delivered the closing prayer.

**Camp officers 2023-2024**



(L-R) Tim Prater PCC, Assistant S/T & Camp Council; dale enlow, PCC, S/T & Historian; Bill Smith, PCC, Camp Council & Color Bearer; David Moore, Chaplain; John Horton, JVC; and Grant Camp Commander Richard Stephens



New Camp Commander Rick Stephens and Installing Officer David Swanson, PDC

### Gen'l U.S. Grant Camp YouTube Channel

Grant Camp No. 3 has a you tube channel that we are using for the videos taken during public events, such as Memorial Day, and for our quarterly Zoom meetings.

The direct link to this site

is <https://www.youtube.com/@usgcamp3>. One could also search within You Tube for "usgcamp3" and it will pop up as the first hit.



Camp Commander Rick Stephens receiving his Commander's badge from his wife Laura



#### 2023 Meeting information

The next meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April, 1, at the Taverna Modern Mediterranean Restaurant, 2420 South Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff, AZ.

*After the meeting, GAR markers will be placed at the grave sites of seven GAR Comrades at the Citizens Cemetery, 1300 S. San Francisco St, Flagstaff.*

*Don't miss this meeting!*

The July 8th, 2023, meeting will take place at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St, Prescott

## 🌀 General News and Information 🌀

### If you don't like beans, this was NOT the Washington's Birthday celebration for you!

The following article is found in the 6 February 1896 edition of the *Coconino Sun* newspaper in Flagstaff.

#### Washington's Birthday

The "Forum" will give an entertainment at the upper G. A. R. hall, on Friday night the 21st.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

Song "America . . . . . Chorus  
Recitation . . . . . Miss Daisy Danford  
Violin solo . . . . . Charles Edwards  
Song . . . . . Male Quartette  
Address . . . . . E. S. Clark  
Original Poem . . . . . J. A. Miller  
Essay, "Our Country" . . . Porter Fleming  
Recitation . . . . . Miss Margaret Wallace  
Song, "Star Spangled Banner" . . . Chorus  
Duet . . . . . F. C. Reid and J. C. Wasson  
Recitation . . . . . C. N. Stark  
Symposium, "Our Country"—

- (1) Its Past . . . . . Porter Fleming
- (2) Its Present . . . . . G. W. Glowner
- (3) Its Future . . . . . Dr. Roane Thorpe

After the entertainment Ransom Post, G. A. R., will give a bean supper in the lower hall. They will have for their guests Co I, N. G. A. [Arizona National Guard] and the Coconino brass band and the members of the "Forum." The annual bean supper is a special feature of Ransom Post and everyone who attends must eat beans.

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### Black soldiers in the Confederate Army

By David A. Swanson

Approximately 200,000 African Americans ultimately served as soldiers and sailors in the US Army and Navy during the Civil War but what about the Confederacy?

Thousands upon thousands of enslaved and free African Americans were used by the Confederate army throughout the Civil War for manual labor serving as cooks, gravediggers, laborers, etc., and the March 1863 Impressment Act allowed the government to impress slave labor as needed; but none these people were soldiers—they were not mustered into the various regiments as soldiers, they were simply camp slaves.

In February 1864 President Davis signed a bill titled: "an act to increase the efficiency of the army by the employment of free Negroes and slaves." This was the first step in authorizing their use in a military way—but not as soldiers.

The issue of arming slaves was first broached by Gen. Patrick Cleburne in January 1864 (because of the army's thinning ranks) but it wasn't until "AN ACT to increase the military force of the Confederate States" signed by Confederate President Jefferson Davis on March 13, 1865, that authorized Davis to "ask for and accept from the owners of slaves, the services of such number of able-bodied negro men as he may deem expedient, for and during the war, to perform *military service* (emphasis added) in whatever capacity he may direct. . . ." Additionally, "nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize a change in the relation which the said slaves shall bear toward their owners, except by consent of the owners and of the States in which they may reside, and in pursuance of the laws thereof."

But even this did not allow for all slaves (with the permission of their owners) to join the army as active military personnel: "Provided, that not more than twenty-five per cent of the male slaves between the ages of eighteen and forty five, in any State, shall be called for under the provisions of this act."

It was only at this time—a little over three weeks before the end of the Civil War—that slaves could lawfully be armed and used as soldiers.

Here is a link to the military order:  
<http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/csenlist.htm>

The National Archives recently completed the task of digitizing Confederate Slave Payrolls. "During the U.S. Civil War, the Confederate Army required enslavers to loan their enslaved people to the military. Throughout the Confederacy from Florida to Virginia, these enslaved people served as cooks and laundresses, labored in deadly conditions to mine potassium nitrate to create gunpowder, worked in ordnance factories, and dug the extensive defensive trench networks that defended cities such as Petersburg, Virginia.

"To track this extensive network of thousands of enslaved people and the pay their enslavers received for their lease, the Confederate Quartermaster Department created the record series now called the 'Confederate Slave Payrolls'.

"This series is fully digitized and available to view in the National Archives Catalog."  
<https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog> and  
<https://prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2021/08/11/confederate-slave-payrolls/>

African Americans comprised roughly 10 percent of Union soldiers by the end of the Civil War but, because of the war's very nature, comprised very little, if any (except as previously noted), of Confederate soldiers.

This is an interesting subject; even more so when we realize that African Americans were not U.S. citizens until the 14th Amendment was passed in 1868.

Now, before we get on our moral high horse, keep in mind that Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued as a military war measure to assist the Union in gaining control over the states in rebellion—and "Union" was the paramount goal throughout the Civil War. I think historian Gary Gallagher said it best: "The loyal American citizenry fought a war for Union that also killed slavery."

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### **The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Grand Army of the Republic**

VFW's link to Union veterans' prime organization, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), is direct. In 1919, VFW's National Council of Administration unanimously adopted the following resolution: "All members of the Grand Army of the Republic are hereby admitted as honorary members to the VFW. Presentation of their Grand Army identification card or button will entitle them to any meeting of any Post of the VFW and to a seat."

Then-Commander-in-Chief F. Warner Karling said, "In honoring the Grand Army of the Republic, we honor ourselves."

In subsequent years, VFW and GAR Posts would conduct Memorial Day ceremonies together and hold joint conventions in some states. In 1925, for example, VFW Post 728 in Danville, Ill., incorporated the entire GAR post from Kenesaw.

Ironically, it was the refusal of the GAR to admit Spanish-American War vets that gave birth to VFW. Though VFW adopted many of the GAR's rituals and organizational structures, it was committed to remaining "evergreen."

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### **Woodlawn Cemetery - Las Vegas, Nevada**

By Avery Frantz

William Boone Keith was a Union Soldier in the Civil War. He is buried next to his friend Joseph Moore Graham who was a Confederate Soldier. At the time that the Civil War broke out William Keith was a 21 year old farm boy who enlisted with Co. K., 12th Iowa Infantry. 5 months later into the campaign he would be captured at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee during the Battle of Shiloh. There he was sent to prison where according to a family bible owned by his Great Niece Donna Courtney, it stated that he was fed meat infested with maggots. Keith was later released in a prisoner exchange.

A few years after the Civil War ended, William Keith and Joseph Graham moved to Las Vegas, NV, leaving their families behind and became good friends who shared a similar path.

When Confederate Soldier Graham who was with the Virginia Cavalry and at the Surrender at Appomattox died,

Keith purchased a plot (plot 140 & 141) for both himself & Graham. There a small stone obelisk without any names was erected between the graves reading, "Civil War Veterans 1861-1865. Arrayed in the Conflict, in strife and dismay / One wore the blue, the other the gray / time brought its changes, the men came to know/ The joy which true friendship, in life can bestow."

Union veteran William Keith also made sure to have Graham's wife's ashes sent to Las Vegas to be buried next to her husband. In 1997 the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War with help of the mortuary was able to get headstones for both veterans which mimicked that of Veteran headstones since it was stated that there were too many ropes to go through with the Veterans' Administration. The Daughters of Union Veterans then had the base poured for the two markers and a little square in the middle stating their dedication. Later in 2007 the Las Vegas, United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter was named after Joseph Moore and joint services with the DUVCW was done. The grave of Keith and Graham is one of a kind, and truly is "where the blue and gray sleep side by side".



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