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## 🌀 Department News 🌀

### Department of the Southwest 8th Annual Encampment

The 8th Annual DSW Encampment will be held on March 2, 2024, from 9am to 2pm in the Arizona Room, Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St., Prescott, AZ. Registration: 9-10am, Business Meeting/Lunch: 10am-2pm.

Special guests include SUVCW Past Commander-In-Chief Michael A. Paquette; DUVCW National President Verna Maleski, and Clyde Taylor, Vice President, Missing in America Project - Veteran Recovery Program.

Honored guests include: Sisters of Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 and Margaret Warner Wood Tent No.1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All SUVCW Brothers, spouses, special and honored guests are invited to attend. You do not have to be an officer or delegate to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to gather socially to celebrate our common ancestry and to acknowledge the efforts of our elected and appointed officers.

Meal costs: Individual: \$25 per person/Couple \$45 includes lunch, beverage and dessert. Hotel room accommodations: A limited number of guest rooms are available at Hassayampa Inn to attendees. Call the Reservation Desk at (928) 778.9434, state you are with SUVCW group and ask for the Preferred Rate.

An invitation to the Encampment is attached to this newsletter. Complete the form and mail it, with check/money order, to Dale Enlow, DSW/ ST *As Soon As Possible*. Additional details are included in the invitation.

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

Direct your questions/comments to DSW Senior Vice Commander Tim Prater, timprater86323@gmail.com or 928.533.1478.

### 133rd National DUVCW Phoenix convention—the Daughters need your help!

As most of you are aware of, the Arizona Daughters is hosting the 133rd National DUVCW convention at the Embassy Suites in Scottsdale. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> time a national convention has been hosted by a detached tent. Only Departments with 3 or more tents have been allowed to host until now. There are still some naysayers that anticipate we will do poorly because of our lack the experience. We have no doubt that we will show them differently. We have some “firsts” planned that have never been done at a National Convention before. Highlighting the fraternity between the Sons and Daughters of Arizona is one of them. We consider this a milestone for both of our organizations. But we need your help in putting together an unforgettable experience for our out- of- town guests.

Please visit the DUVCW website for general information, meal choices and reservations. ([duvcw.org](http://duvcw.org)) From the main page, access ‘About Us.’ On the next page you will see ‘National Convention.’ That page will give you everything you need. The “at a glance” page will give you the activities for all 4 days. You can choose your meals, tours and reserve a room if you wish to stay overnight. If you can only stay one night, I would suggest Saturday night. We have an excellent room rate of \$124 plus tax.

#### Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>

**This is Opening night** – This is the most important night of the convention! We need the SUVCW officers/members to be escorts for the National Officers and Posting of the Colors. Preferably in uniform or a portion thereof. There will be 30-35 officers that will need to be escorted to her seat or station. There will not be enough of you to go around so you will escort more than one officer.

On opening night, the Dept Commander should bring greetings on behalf of the Dept of the SW. The Mayor of Scottsdale will be in attendance & bring greetings.



This is our “dressy” night – the rest of the banquets are casual dress.

**The Presidents Reception** follows the opening night ceremony. It will be hosted by the Arizona Brothers and Sisters (the 1<sup>st</sup> time this has been done at a DUVCW convention). We will have finger type foods, cake, tea and coffee. The cake will say welcome from the Sons and Daughters of Arizona. There is no charge for the reception.

We are in business sessions all day Thursday and Saturday—Friday is half a day. We close the convention on Sunday afternoon. It is traditional that everyone goes out for Chinese on Sunday night but we have opted for Mexican instead. You are welcome to attend any of our business sessions.

#### **Thursday – August 1st**

9AM opening of the Convention – Posting of the colors again.

Camp Commanders should bring greetings on Thursday morning.

**Transportation on Thursday!** We need 2-3 Sons to be “hosts” and provide transportation 1-4PM for husbands to and from the Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park. I anticipate 6-8 for the tour.

**Thursday night banquet** - our speaker is David Swanson who is giving the program on the GAR. We would like as many of the Brothers to attend the banquet as possible! There is an auction following the banquet. Casual dress.

#### **Friday – August 2nd**

We need 2-3 Sons to provide transportation from 1-3PM for guests to and the Western Spirit Museum. We will utilize the hotel shuttle but it only holds 7. We are anticipating 40-50 for this tour. The Daughters will provide transportation too.

#### **Saturday – August 3rd**

**Saturday night banquet** – our speaker is John Conrad who is giving the program on the Civil War in Arizona. Casual dress. Departments and individual tents put on skits after the banquet – followed by another auction. This is our most “fun” night.

#### **Sunday – August 4th**

**Sunday morning** worship and memorial service followed by the Granddaughters breakfast.

If you must pick one night to stay at the hotel, Saturday would be it. It will be a fun night. Then you can join us in the morning for the worship and memorial service followed by the granddaughter breakfast. Even though the hotel has free breakfast we are having a breakfast to honor the granddaughters. Please contact our Convention Chairperson, MaryJane Forsythe to volunteer to help with transportation for the tours. We’ll also need your help in carrying and unpacking boxes for the hospitality suite and meeting room. Several of us will be there Monday afternoon to

begin setting up. MaryJane can be reached at [maryjanedon@cox.net](mailto:maryjanedon@cox.net) or 602-930-8937.

We really need the Department, Camps and Brothers to submit an ad for the Convention Ad Program booklet. You can use this forum to wish the Arizona daughters a successful convention or honor your Camp or ancestors. (See the order form attached to the newsletter.)

Thank you for your support!

Verna Maleski, National DUVCW President, 2023-2024

### **November 18, 2023, Gettysburg Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day is observed each November in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on the weekend closest to the anniversary of President Lincoln giving the Gettysburg Address—in 2023 it was on November 18th. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Verna Maleski was present and so was Department of the Southwest Graves Registration Officer Avery Frantz. Both marched with the Daughters and Brother Frantz carried the DUVCW flag. Pictured below (L-R) Both Avery and Verna (who was presenting the DUVCW wreath at the Albert Woolson Memorial).





## 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 Scott Martorano** (616) 250-2670; scottmartorano@gmail.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

*Brother Charles Fox* passed away into the Lord's presence on October 1, 2023. Brother Fox had been a member of Picacho Peak Camp since 2020.

*Long-time Camp Brother Reginald Parker* passed away into the Lord's presence in September 2023.

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#### November 18, 2023, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location:

Scottsdale City Library—Mustang room  
10101 No. 90th Street.  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Opening**—the meeting started at 1:30PM on November 18, 2023 with 16 Brothers in attendance, 6 Sisters and 2 guests, with Brothers Doug Krause a total of 23. A quorum was in attendance (6+) Members.

**Call to order**—Commander Hoffay welcomed Brothers, Sisters and guests to the meeting. CC Hoffay led the rituals of Principles, Chaplain Jim Heller the Divine Blessing, CC Hoffay the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by Commander Hoffay.

**S/T report**—Interim S/T Hooker made a motion to bypass reading the minutes since they were published

in the department newsletter. The motion passed. PPC1 bank account balance [was given] most of the quarterly expenses being office supplies, new member kits, and booking the Mustang room for future meetings. S/T Hooker mentioned some of the camp members have issued checks and sent in Zelle payments (preferred method of payment) for 2024 dues and that they will be processed soon and then encouraged all to send in dues as soon as possible. Currently 63 members in PPC1.

S/T Hooker suggested that members take a blank business card and try to recruit at least 1 new member in 2024. New applications are currently in process for supplemental ancestors but will be completed after today's S/T office is filled on a permanent basis.

**Officer Report**—Department Commander Hooker gave an update that our Department of the Southwest annual Encampment has been booked. It will be held on March 2nd, 2024, at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, Arizona starting at 9am. He encouraged all present to attend. There is a planning committee working to detail the event, but DC Hooker encouraged input from any and Department members that wish to participate. There will be a National Officer attending, this has been confirmed. DC Hooker shared that the DSW will be making a charitable contribution of \$350 to the Missing In America Project and presenting it at the Department Encampment to the 2nd Project's Vice President. The SUVCW has been involved in past activities with MIAP and several members shared past experiences we have held with them.

**DSW Signals Report**—Officer Jeff Burgess gave a report on his activities related to the Dept website. A new email address was purchased along with a process implemented to boost security, improve aesthetics of the site, create a more professional look, and help with spam. A few members shared their negative experiences with spam/spoofing and potential scams. Brother Burgess will be posting and sending out a survey to help with any suggested changes to the website, which may also help with membership recruiting.

**Old Business**—SUVCW bench placed in memory of the John W. Owen Post No. 5 GAR at the Pioneer & Military Park, Phoenix. Brother David Jackson reported that the bench is in the process of being installed, with the concrete base being poured very soon. The hope is that it can be installed early in 2024,

and that the SUVCW will hold a ceremony to dedicate the memorial bench. [See article further in the newsletter].

**New Business**—DUVCW National Meeting. PDC John Conrad mentioned the DUVCW National Meeting which will be held in Scottsdale in 2024 and encouraged all Brothers and Sisters to attend. The meetings will be held from July 30-August 4th, 2024. Opening night escorts from the SUVCW are needed. Brothers should please consider volunteering for this activity as 10-12 will be needed. Suit and tie or Civil War re-enactor uniforms are acceptable attire for escorts.

**Chaplain's report**—CC Hoffay asked Chaplain Heller to give a brief memorial to our passed Brother Charles Fox. Charles was not able to attend any meetings but expressed an interest in joining the SUVCW and leaving an appreciation of his family history as a legacy. RIP Brother Fox.

**Pearl Harbor commemoration**—DC Hooker explained the reluctance to join the Pearl Harbor proceedings this year. The Margaret Wood Tent of the DUVCW has already decided not to join as well. The camp agreed the event would not be something we officially want to support.

**Gift items by the DUVCW**—Margaret Warner Wood Tent Sisters Lee Nelson and Gretchen D'Andrea conducted a drawing to give away some seasonal gift items. Three Brothers went home with some holiday cheer! Both Sisters were recognized for this special drawing and bringing sandwiches, drinks, and chips to all meeting attendees. Thank you, Sisters Lee and Gretchen!!



(L-R) Sisters Lee Nelson & Gretchen D'Andrea (Tent Chaplain for Margret Warner wood Tent)

**Union Civil War soldier in Tempe Double Butte Cemetery**—CC Hoffay discussed potential grave dedication ceremony for a recently discovered Union Civil War soldier in Tempe Double Butte Cemetery;

more to come. Brother Avery Franz, our DSW Graves Registration Officer was the one who made the discovery. DC Hooker mentioned that Brother Avery is looking to move out of that role, but if any members have an interest, please reach out to DC Hooker.

**Massing of Colors**—CC Hoffay and PDC Heller discussed the Massing of the Colors event coming up in Sun City. PPC1 is planning to march in the event; we will be displaying Department and Camp flags at the march. Attendance is open to all. [See article in newsletter.]

**Oak Leaf Clusters**—CC Hoffay asked about the design of Oak Leaf Clusters indicating a Union Civil War ancestor and explored a possibility of displaying them in a better way. The 1907 Civil War Campaign Medal gives us a model for putting pins on separate ribbons vs. pinning onto the jacket.

**JVC Report**—Bother Mike Booth gave a presentation about his efforts to boost recruiting for the Camp. As PPC1 Junior Vice Commander, he will be instrumental in that capacity (and he looks great doing it in his bright blue CW Period Union uniform). He has some community outreach events already scheduled around the East Valley in that regard. We wish him luck in his new role. Excellent presentation with lots of photos of his ancestors, and props including medals, currency, and even an old drum and bugle, sure to get the attention of potential members!

#### **New Camp Brothers**

Two new Brothers sworn in by DC Hooker:

Keith R. Cannizzaro of Gilbert, AZ is now a Brother of our Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Keith's Union Civil War ancestor is his great-great grandfather Pvt. Salathiel E. Swiggart, Co. H, 6th IA Infantry.

William F. Smith of Mesa, AZ is now a Brother of our Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Bill's Union Civil War ancestor is his great-great-great grandfather Pvt. William James Ashworth, Co. D. 43 Reg't MO (Enrolled Missouri Militia).



(L-R) Brothers Cannizzaro & Smith with DC Ken Hooker

**Welcome to the Camp!!**

**Election and Installation of Camp Officers:**

CC Hoffay proposed his list of 2024 Camp Officers to for nomination and the names were presented to the camp. The officers were elected and approved. DC Hooker installed the slate of Officers of PPC1 and are as follows:

*Elected Officers*

- Camp Commander: Todd T. Hoffay
- Senior Vice Commander: Kenneth J. Hooker
- Junior Vice Commander: Michael R. Booth
- Secretary/Treasurer: Scott T. Martorano
- Assistant S/T: Kenneth J. Hooker
- Camp Council: Ken Hooker, Jeff Burgess and

Robert Cox

*Appointed Officers*

- Patriotic Instructor: Todd Hoffay
- Chaplain: Jim Heller
- Historian: David Swanson
- Guide & JROTC Coordinator: Dan Huskisson

**Picacho Peak Camp Officers 2023-2024**



(L-R) Scott T. Martorano, Dan Huskisson, Mike Booth, Jeff Burgess, Jim Heller, Todd Hoffay and Ken Hooker

**Closing**—There being no further business Chaplain Heller asked the blessing of our God on our deliberations. CC Hoffay brought the meeting to a close until our next meeting February 17th, 2023, at Mustang Library

*(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)*

**Bench placement—In Memory of the John W. Owen Post No. 5 GAR**

On December 12, 2023, the bench in memory of the John W. Owen Post No. 5 GAR of Phoenix was installed at the Pioneer & Military Park, 1313 W. Jefferson St, Phoenix—all through the efforts of Brother David Jackson. John W. Owen, for whom the Post was named, is buried in the cemetery. Both Brothers David Jackson and Bob Cox and two other

members of the Pioneers Cemetery Association attended the installation.

The bench plaque reads: In Memory of the John W. Owen Post No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, Dept of Southwest SUVCW 2023.

A formal dedication of the bench is pending



Brother David Jackson seated on the bench

**Margaret Warner Wood Tent meeting**

On January 10, 2023, Department Commander Ken Hooker and Picacho Peak Camp Commander Todd Hoffay along with Picacho Peak Camp Brother Doug Krause and former Brother Dennis Lamb attended the meeting of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent at the Red Devil Italian Restaurant, 3004 E. Bell.



Pictured left-right: DC Ken Hooker, President Carmen Wendt, and Picacho Peak CC Todd Hoffay. President Wendt was installed on November 30, 2023—

**Congratulations!**

**Barry M. Goldwater Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Holiday Party—and Picacho Peak Camp**

By David Swanson

On December 6, 2023, the Barry M. Goldwater (BMG) Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, held its annual Holiday Party, at Maggiano’s Little Italy Restaurant, 16405 N. Scottsdale Rd. Oh sure,

there were many SAR and DAR attendees along with state and national officers but we were pleased to have Picacho Peak Camp Commander Todd Hoffay as a guest as well! Commander Hoffay did a great job representing the Camp. Also present from our Camp were Brothers Chuck Stuller & David Swanson (who are also members of the SAR). BMG Chapter President Mark Seifert will be applying for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp.



(L-R) BMG Chapter President Mark Seifert, David Swanson, Todd Hoffay & Chuck Stuller

**Massing of the Colors & Service Remembrance**

The Military Order of World Wars West Valley AZ Chapter has invited the Camp to participate in its ceremony. Part of the “Purposes” of the SUVCW is to “cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war” and this will be a nice way to fulfill it!

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 1115 hrs.

Location: Palm Ridge Recreation Center, 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, AZ

Please join DC Ken Hooker and CC Todd Hoffay in this worthwhile event. For more information either can be contacted.

**Upcoming Events**

Next meeting: February 17, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mustang Library (Reading room), 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ. Food will not be provided; however, Brothers are certainly welcome to bring their own food and refreshments.



**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 David A. Swanson** phone (480)-599-9143; email: swanson1854@yahoo.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 2020-2022
- W. Mark Clark 2022-2024

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**In Memoriam**

Past Camp Commander Robert Irwin passed away into the Lord’s presence on October 5, 2023. Brother Irwin was experiencing serious health issues. He joined the SUVCW and the Camp in 2016, served as Camp Guide 2016-17, Senior Vice Commander from 2018-2020, Camp Commander from 2020-2022 and was a member of the Camp Council. He was a very active member and will certainly be missed.

**Beloved Brother Robert B. Irwin PCC**

**12/18/1945-10/05/2023**

**Rest in Peace**

**Camp Commander General R.H.G. Minty Camp No.2**

**2020 thru 2022**



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**January 13, 2024, Camp Meeting Minutes**

Location:

The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ, Saturday January 13, 2024, 1:00 – 2:30  
Attendees:

David Swanson CC, PDC; Robert McCord SVC, PDC; Scott Bouchard JVC; John Lyons S/T; Ronald Hyer, Member, Bill Sims Member, W. Mark Clark

PCC, Chaplain; Kenneth Hooker Dept. CDR; Bill Blissett New Member

Guests: Jan Swanson and Laura McCord  
Zoom: John Conrad, PDC & Tanner Guske

### **Opening**

Chaplain's Blessing, American's Creed, and Pledge of Allegiance—Brother Ronald Hyer was acting Chaplain.

**Approval of previous Camp minutes**—the minutes were distributed via email on 12 January 2024 to all brothers. Motion to approve the Minutes by Brother Hyer and seconded by Brother Bill Sims.

### **Reading and approval of Treasurer's report:**

[Checking, petty cash and savings balances were given.] Voted to reimburse S/T John Lyons for \$ 31.00 for Certificates and Challenge Coin bought from SUVCW Quartermaster. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Bill Sims and seconded by Ronald Hyer was passed.

**Report of Brothers/Families in distress**—we found out after the 7 October 2023 meeting that Brother Robert B. Irwin passed away on 5 October 2023. Commander Clark presented a history of Brother Irwin's time with SUVCW. He was Past Camp Commander, SVC, JVC and Chaplain for Minty Camp.

**Reading of General Orders**--a list of General Orders since our last meeting was distributed via email on 3 January 2024 to all members.

**Unfinished Business**—Commander Clark talked about the number of members we have in the Camp as of 13 January 2024. Brother Lyons, S/T, reported that we have 21 Members, 17 RHGMC2 brothers with 3 Dual members within the Department of the Southwest and 1 Dual member from Department of Indiana for a total of 21. Three brothers have not paid their dues.

Dept. CDR Hooker spoke about the new JVC for Picacho Peak Camp # 1. He stated that he is really motivated in recruiting and has some great ideas that we might be able to accomplish. He recommended that our JVC get in contact with him and see if we can implement some of his ideas.

CC Clark talked about the upcoming Department Encampment on 2 March 2024 in Prescott. Dept CDR Hooker spoke in detail about the Encampment. He stated that PCinC, Paquette, will be attending. The meeting is at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott and starts at 9:00 AM.

**Delegates to Encampment**—CDR Clark asked for delegates for the Encampment. *Brother Bouchard* stated he might be able to attend. *Brother Lyons* also volunteered as a delegate. Brother McCord made a

motion to have all brothers in Good Standing, to be listed as alternates for the Encampment. It was seconded by Brother Hyer.

**Recognition of Brother Hyer**, who is moving back to Indiana, was done by CDR Clark. He recognized him for bringing 5 new members into the Camp. He gave him a SUVCW Challenge Coin for his efforts. He was also recognized by Dept CDR Hooker for his efforts as JVC and SVC. He received a Certificate from the Department of the Southwest. He also received Certificates of Commendation from Minty Camp.



(L-R) CC Mark Clark, DC Ken Hooker & Brother Ron Hyer

CC Clark spoke about all the people who have helped him as Commander of Minty Camp over the last two years. CC Clark wants to get involved with the Eagle Scouts. He stated that he knows of a young woman who is becoming an Eagle Scout in March. We give out a patch and a certificate from the SUVCW. He also spoke about JROTC/ROTC needing a member to take over as coordinator.

### **Camp Officer installation for 2024-25**

Dept. CDR Hooker conducted the Installation of 2024-2025 Officers as follows

Commander: David Swanson, PDC  
Senior Vice Commander: Robert McCord, PDC  
Junior Vice Commander: Scott Bouchard  
Secretary/Treasurer: John W. Lyons  
Camp Council: W. Mark Clark, PCC; Robert McCord, PCC, PDC; John Conrad, PDC



Camp officers in above picture (L-R) John Lyons, S/T; Scott Bouchard, JVC; Ken Hooker, Department Commander; Robert McCord, PDC, PCC, Camp Council; David Swanson, PDC Camp Commander; W. Mark Clark, PCC, Camp Council & Chaplain



(L-R) CC David Swanson presenting the past camp commander badge to Mark Clark, PCC

**Closing:** Chaplain’s Benediction, Closing Charge adjournment at 2:30 PM.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for 20 April 2024. (Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)

**Flag Certificate presentation**

On November 1, 2023, Brother John Lyons presented an SUVCW Flag certificate to Ranch Estates of Tucson.



(L-R) Brother Lyons & Ranch Estates Manager Mike Soto

**New Camp Brother**

Brother William G. Blissett of Oro Valley was approved for membership in the SUVCW and our Camp. Brother Bill’s Union Civil War ancestor is his

great-great uncle Private William W. Blissett, who was mustered into service 11 February 1865 in the 50th Wisconsin Infantry and discharged on 12 June 1866.

**Welcome to the Camp Brother Blissett!**

**New Supplemental application**

Brother Tanner Guskey of Las Cruces, NM submitted a supplemental ancestor application for his 4th generation grandfather, Corporal Eliphalet Henry Ellsworth, who was mustered into service on 2 September 1863 in Company B, 10th Michigan Cavalry and discharged 11 November 1865.

**2024 Meeting Information**  
The Camp will meet at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson on April 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please arrive at noon to order food & drink



**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 6, 2024 meeting minutes**

**Call to Order** by Commander Richard Stephens—A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E Gurley St, Prescott AZ in person AND virtually via Zoom. The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Richard Stephens and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with nine Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Pat Horton and Lee Smith.

The Commander and Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain David Moore invoked the Devine Blessing. 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 Camp Council (zoom), Steven Bigelow Eagle Scout coordinator, S/T & Historian Dale Enlow PCC, Patriotic Instructor James Heller PDC (zoom), Department Commander Kenneth Hooker (zoom), JVC John Horton, Dick Melick, Chaplain David Moore, Counselor Tim Prater PCC, new Brother David Russell, SVC Lynn Scott (zoom), Camp Council William Smith PCC, Jeff Steadman, Commander Richard Stephens, David Swanson PDC, and David Williamson.

**Chaplain's report**—Chaplain Moore reported that Brother Gene McCarthy is recovering from his stay in the hospital and John Butcher SR has recently suffered a broken leg. Brother Prater indicated that Brothers Ken Morgan and Richard Rice are both having serious medical issues. We shall keep all our Brothers and their families in our prayers.

**Birthdays**—Brother Moore then announced the Jan/Feb/March birthdays: Steve Bigelow 1/1, David Moore 1/18, John Butcher SR 1/20, John (Van) Butcher JR 1/29, NBM David Russell 2/3, John Spencer 2/11, John Horton 2/13, and Richard (Dick) Melick 3/13. Happy Birthday, Brothers!

**October minutes**—S/T Enlow advised that the minutes of the October Camp meeting had been distributed to all Brothers and no additions or corrections had been received. A motion to approve as distributed was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** the Fourth Quarter and the 2023 Annual Treasurers report has been reviewed and approved by the Council. Checking account balance [given] and the JROTC Scholarship Fund stands at [given] total accounts: [total given]. Camp now stands at 39 total members / 35 Primary. Calendar Year 2023 we had 7 membership gains and 6 membership losses

**General Orders**—Reading and disposing of orders, communications: S/T Enlow advised there were 5 National General Orders, and no Department Orders issued since our last meeting. All orders have been forwarded to the membership. A summary of each was given.

**Commander: New Member Initiation –**

NMB David Russell was presented a member's badge, name tag, rosette, member's certificate, membership card, and ancestor certificate. Brother Russell's great great grandfather was Pvt. William Smith Russell, Co K, 2nd IA Cavalry. Welcome!



(L-R) Chaplain David Moore, CC Rick Stephens & Brother David Russell

**Reports:** Department Commander reported that plans were being made to march in an upcoming Parada del Sol parade in Scottsdale, AZ on February 3rd. He invited USG3 to participate. <https://scottsdaleparade.com/>

**Old Business**

**Phone Tree:** Brother Prater reported that he is still working to get the phone project up and running and was recruiting volunteers to assist.

**Last Soldier Markers:** Commander Stephens reported that he had delivered a plaque and photograph to Harriett Pruitt, granddaughter of the last Union Veteran buried in Coconino County. She was very appreciative for the ceremony and the plaque that she donated a crisp \$50 bill with a portrait of U.S. Grant to our Camp. Commander Stephens has acquired the marker for the LUV of Yavapai County to be installed later. We plan to work on markers, etc. for the remaining northern Arizona counties.

**2024 Renewals:** S/T Enlow reported that he has received 37 Camp renewals, only one member indicated he did not wish to renew. 2024 Membership cards were hand delivered to those Brothers in attendance. There are 2 members still outstanding and they are both seriously ill. ST Enlow proposed that he would personally match dollar for dollar any donations in order to pay the renewal fees for Brothers Morgan and Rice. A motion was presented, seconded and approved to keep those Brothers in good standing for 2024.

**New Business:**

**New USS Arizona ship's bell project:** Commander Stephens reported that there is a new Virginia class attack submarine being built SSN-803 and the American Legion is engaging in a project to collect brass grommets from retired American flags to melt down for the casting of the ship's bell. Retired Flags or just the grommets can be delivered to either:

American Legion Post 6, 202 S. Pleasant St.  
Prescott, AZ 86303 Phone: 928 778-6628—or

American Legion Post 27, 1018 S. Meridian Rd.  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120 Phone: 480 354-2571

**8th Annual Department of the SW Encampment:**  
Brother Tim Prater PCC gave an update on the planning for the March 2, 2024 Department Encampment, to be held here at the Hassayampa Inn, Arizona Room. As our Camp is the host Camp we encourage a great turnout of Camp Brothers and guests. RSVPs are being accepted by Department Sec./Treas. enlow. There are 3 meal choices and the cost is \$25 each or \$45 per couple. A silent auction is being planned and civil war related items are sought to be included. Brother David Moore volunteered to help coordinate the auction. Please contact him with items you may have.

**The election was held for 4 USG3 delegates** to the Encampment. John Horton, David Moore, Jeff Steadman, and David Williamson were elected and all Camp members in good standing as alternate delegates. These are in addition to all those Brothers who are automatically eligible as delegates.

**USG3 donated black powder rifle:** Brothers Swanson and Prater passed around the Thompson Center 50 cal rifle that had been donated to the Camp and discussion was held on how to best use this donation for the good of the order. Commander Stephens and Brothers Prater and Moore volunteered to form a committee to establish a value and a plan.

**USG3 JROTC Scholarship:** Brothers Prater and Archibald reported that it has become apparent that we were having a difficult time getting applicants for our \$500 scholarship award. A motion to increase the award to \$1000 was made, seconded, and approved.

**2024 Camp Officers Installation:** Past Department Commander David Swanson installed our 2024 officers:

Richard Stephens, Camp Commander,  
Lynn Scott, Senior Vice Cmdr,  
John Horton, Junior Vice Cmdr,  
Robert Archibald JR, Dennis DeAtley, and Avery Frantz, as Camp Council,  
dale enlow, Camp Sec/Treasurer.

**Staff appointments:** Reelected Commander Stephens named his staff appointments as:

Chaplain David Moore,  
Color Bearer Jeffery Steadman, Assist. S/T,  
Tim Prater, Counselor, and co-Eagle Scout coordinator & Steve Bigelow co-Eagle Scout coordinator,  
dale e. enlow, Historian,  
David Williamson, Guide,  
Avery Frantz, Memorial Officer,  
James Heller, Patriotic Instructor.



(L-R) Chaplain David Moore, S/T & Historian dale Enlow, JVC John Horton, CC Rick Stephens, Asst S/T Jeff Steadman, David Swanson PDC, Counselor & Co-Eagle Scout Coordinator Tim Prater, Co-Eagle Scout Coordinator Steve Bigelow, Guide, David Williamson. Not pictured but on Zoom: SVC Lynn Scott, Camp Council Robert Archibald Sr. & Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller



CC Rick Stephens receiving a wooden container with Gen Grant's picture for his service as Camp Commander from Tim Prater PCC

**Camp Organizer honored:** Following the Officer Installation, Commander Stephens presented Camp Organizer, Charter Camp member, and first Camp Commander David A. Swanson PDC a US Mint 1-ounce pure silver U.S. Grant Presidential medal coin in recognition of all he has done and continues to do for our Camp!



(L-R) Brother David Swanson and CC Rick Stephens

**“Good of the Order” comments:** Congratulations to Brother Dan Mason who played the pipes and marched in the Rose Parade!

**Supplemental ancestors:** Brother Enlow indicated that Brothers who wished to could name “Supplemental Ancestors” (SA) who honorably served the Union 1861-1865 by filling out a Form 3 with a \$5 fee. He himself had recently named his great granduncle, Abel Enlow Co.D, 49th IN Inf. as an SA. SVC Scott advised that he has to date identified 79 relatives who were in the Civil War!!! Dept. Commander Hooker indicated that several Brothers in Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 have submitted SA applications.

**Presentation:** Brother John Horton gave a lengthy presentation on the history of Lt. Col. George Drummond, who served in the Civil War and later battles against Native Americans. He lost his sword in the Fetterman Fight of 1866. The sword was recently rediscovered and auctioned. Horton is trying to raise funds to purchase the sword for display at Fort Phil Kearny.



JVC John Horton

**Closing:** Commander: Our next meeting will be on April 6th, 2024 at the Taverna Modern Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. Chaplain David Moore delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible.

*(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)*

### New Camp Brothers

**David N. Russell of Flagstaff** joined the SUVCW and our Camp effective January 1, 2024. Brother David’s Union Civil War ancestor is great-great grandfather Pvt. William Smith Russell, Co. K, 2nd IA Cavalry

**Robert N. Boyd of Gallup, NM** joined the SUVCW and our Camp effective January 1, 2024, as an Associate Brother. Brother Robert is a retired US Army LTC and is currently a JROTC Sr. Army Army instructor.

**Welcome Brothers Russell & Boyd to the Camp!**

### Wreaths Across America—Citizens Cemetery Prescott

Brother Tim Prater, General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 and Lee Nelson, Margaret Warner Wood Tent Detached No. 1, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, attended the first Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, AZ. Lee and Tim are pictured with wreath in hand standing in front of the *Citizens Cemetery Civil War Veterans* plaque which was erected and dedicated on August 27, 2022. More than 70 Veterans are buried at this cemetery. It is just and fitting that these Veterans were recognized and honored for this cemetery. It is just and fitting that these Veterans were recognized and honored for their service to country.



Sister Lee Nelson & Brother Tim Prater

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## ➤ General News and Information ➤

### Department of New Mexico Grand Army of the Republic

By David Swanson

As the Department's GAR Records Officer, I recently completed a book regarding the history of the Department of New Mexico Grand Army of the Republic (available for download on the Department website, [suvchw-southwest.org](http://suvchw-southwest.org)) which covers many of its activities from 1868 until 1929. I am pleased that the book is also now in the reference room collection of the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives at Santa Fe. Quite a few years ago I did the same for the Department of Arizona GAR and that book, and others, are in the reference library of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records in Phoenix.

Since we are the SUVCW Department of the Southwest, which comprises the two states, these books give us an idea of what our GAR "ancestors" accomplished during the territorial days and statehood days of both. I use the term "ancestors" since as most of us know, the SUVCW is the congressionally chartered successor organization of the GAR.

One of the long-time Comrades of the New Mexico Department was Smith H. Simpson who lived in Taos—about 70 miles northeast of Santa Fe. He died in 1916 and was an integral part of the Department having just been elected as its Medical Director in 1915. Below is information about Simpson, as contained in my history, that I thought would be of interest:

The following information is obtained from The Library of Congress: "Captain Simpson died April 3, 1916, being just a month less of eighty years of age. His funeral was held three days later and conducted by Bent Lodge No. 1 A. F. & A. M. of Taos and Carleton Post No. 3. G. A. R. of Santa Fe and by common consent all the stores closed and the whole town turned out for the funeral. He is buried in Kit Carson Cemetery near his old friend and comrade of Indian fighting days."

The *San Miguel County, New Mexico, Genealogy & History* website has this in part to say about Simpson:

. . . After leaving the military service he went to Las Vegas [New Mexico] and in the latter part of the same year he removed to Taos, which was his home for the remainder of his lifetime. From 1859 to 1861 Captain Simpson served as the confidential clerk of Kit Carson, who was, during that time, Indian agent at Taos. On November 28, 1863, he enlisted as captain of Company I, First New Mexico Volunteers, and served until September 26, 1866, when he was mustered out at Albuquerque and

returned to Taos. . . . In the spring of 1861, after the firing on Fort Sumter, Captain Simpson, Colonel Ceran St. Vrain, A. H. Pfeiffer, Jim Enos, Dave Wilkens, Tom Barnum, Solomon Beuthner, McPherson, Johnnie Whitesides, Van Hecklen, Fred Muller, and several other Americans raised the American flag in Taos plaza and nailed it to the flagstaff so that the Confederate sympathizers could not haul it down in the night time. And Captain Simpson saw to it that "Old Glory" has been kept flying in Taos, by day and by night, ever since. In the Civil War Captain Simpson saw much hard service, taking part in the fights at Arivipa Cañon, Penal, Salt River, Sauz, Ochava, Waterhole Cocotopi, Naposite, and San Carlos, in which last action he was again wounded.

For nearly two years he was in command at Fort Goodwin, near the present town of Globe, Arizona.

In 1867, Captain Simpson married Miss Josefa Valdez, daughter of Juan Valdez, of Taos, who died about six years ago. Captain Simpson was the intimate friend and confidant of Kit Carson, and they were together in numerous fights with the hostile Indians. Almost the last wish expressed by Carson before his death was, "Tell Simpson and Tom Boggs that I want to be buried at Taos"—and the wish was carried out. It was largely through the efforts of Captain Simpson that a monument was erected over the grave of Kit Carson by Carleton Post No. 3, G. A. R., and an iron fence built around the grave plat by the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of New Mexico. He was an ardent and faithful member of the G. A. R. of New Mexico, and served as its senior vice-commander and also for many years as its medical director. . . .

Fearlessly as he had faced the many dangers encountered in his fourteen years of military service, so fearlessly he faced the approach of death. He had lived his life, he had finished his work, he was ready to go, and calmly he awaited the end. Interment was made in the American cemetery in Taos on April 6th. The G. A. R. burial service was read at the grave by Comrade Jacob Weltmer of Santa Fe. [Source: *Old Santa Fe* (July 1916) Vol. 3; No. 11; transcribed by Richard Ramos] (<https://genealogytrails.com/newmex/sanmiguel/obits.html>)

## Department of the Southwest— Officers 2023-2024



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Department of the Southwest  
Arizona & New Mexico



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Issues a special Invitation for attendance to its  
Eighth Annual Department Encampment  
to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Location: **Hassayampa Inn**  
122 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301

All SUVCW Brothers and their guests are invited along with the Allied Sisters.  
Our National guest for the Encampment will be:  
Michael Paquette, Past Commander-in-Chief ,SUVCW.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person / \$45 per couple which includes lunch, beverages & dessert.  
Your encampment reservation form (below) along with your check,  
must be received as soon as possible .... but in no case later than Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>!

There will be a limited number of guest rooms available. Call the Reservation Desk at (928)778-9434. State you are with SUVCW group. Ask for Preferred Rate at this beautiful Historic Inn

Please detach and mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Department of the Southwest SUVCW and mail to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

**There are 3 meal choices please advise your preference(s):**

**Meal A:** Croissant Club sandwich **Meal B:** Southwest Chicken Ceasar salad **Meal C:** Chef's Special: Salmon Beurre Blanc

(Use reverse side if needed)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865  
2024 National Convention  
July 31-August 4, 2024 - Scottsdale, AZ

Please support the 2024 DUVCW National Convention by purchasing an AD in the Convention AD Program Booklet. Your support helps to ensure that the Site Committee will be able to provide a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.



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