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Department News

Department of the Southwest 9th Annual Encampment

The 9th Annual DSW Encampment will be held on March 29, 2025, from 9am to 2pm in the Tempe Room, Phoenix/Tempe Doubletree Hotel, 2100 S Priest Dr., Tempe, AZ. Registration: 9-10am, Business Meeting/Lunch: 10am- 2pm.

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: \$30 per person/Couple \$50 includes lunch, beverage and dessert. Hotel room accommodations: A limited number of guest rooms are available at Doubletree Tempe to attendees; we will be sending an email with instructions to book at 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, former DSW/ ST *As Soon As Possible*. Additional details are included in the invitation. Please choose one of the 3 meals being offered at the bottom of 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 Ken Hooker, hooker56@gmail.com

December 7, 2024, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was attended by members of the DSW, DUVCW, National SUVCW, and National ASUVCW. Picacho Peak Camp #1, US Grant Camp #3, Department of the Southwest, Margeret Warner Wood DT#1, National SUVCW, and National ASUVCW all placed wreaths at the Remembrance, held at the Bolin Memorial Park in Phoenix. SUVCW Commander in Chief Kevin L Martin and (his wife) National ASUVCW President Rosemary S Martin attended and placed wreaths. The Sons and Daughters of the Allied Orders were happy to be back at the event!



(L-R) CC W. Mark Clark, PCC Todd Hoffay, C-in-C Kevin Martin, DC Tim Prater, PDC John Conrad



(L-R) ASUVCW NP Martin, CinC Martin, Past DUVCW NP Verna Maleski, DC Prater, sister Rachel Peak ,PTP Carmen Wendt, PTP Ginger Maleski





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 Mike Booth** (515) 689-6546; ppc1.jvc@gmail.com; or **Secretary/Treasurer Scott Martorano** (616)250-670; 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 J. Hooker 2020-2022



November 16, 2024, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location:

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

Opening: the meeting started at 11:30AM on November 16, 2024 with PPC1 Brothers in attendance: Scott Martorano, Todd Hoffay, Ken Hooker, Stephen Miller, Dan Huskisson, Joel Normand, Bob Cox, Jeff Burgess, Chuck Stuller, Randy Owen and Mike Booth. A total of 11 Brothers were present meeting the quorum requirement of 6.

Guests in attendance included Barbra Booth, Tristan Hoffay, Mark Stoler (Civil War Roundtable)

Call to order: Commander Hoffay welcomed Brothers, Sisters and guests to the meeting. CC Hoffay led the rituals of Principles, Standing Chaplain Jeff Burgess gave 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: ST Martorano provided the quorum report announcing that 11 brothers were present (11 in person and 0 via Zoom). He made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from our last meeting as they were published in the department newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote. He detailed the Camp's membership as 59 total members, with 57 regular members, 2 associate members, and 6 life members.

Additional announcements included an update on the 2025 dues with payments being received from 70% of the camp membership and the approval of two supplemental ancestors for Brother Robert Cox and one supplemental ancestor for brother Joel Normand. ST Martorano reported the Camp's current checking account balance.

Other Officer Reports: Senior Vice Commander Hooker (SVC):

SVC Hooker and Brother Burgess provided a report on the Camp officer email address and engaged the membership for discussion on the topic. The current structure of the DSW email was discussed along with the various Google tools that are available. The Camp also discussed various officer email addresses and the update requirements necessary after the new slate of Officers was inducted.

Brother Hooker discussed his role as DSW Newsletter editor and the challenges with keeping up with changes to the Department roster. Brothers Martorano and Burgess suggested ways of getting the latest roster through the Department Google account while also committing to providing Brother Hooker with up-to-date information. Meeting guest Mark Stoler with the Civil War Roundtable organization expressed a desire to collaborate with the SUVCW on future activities and Brother Hooker agreed with Mr. Stoler that each organizations newsletter would be shared going forward.

Concluding his report, Brother Hooker reminded the Camp that the 2025 Department Encampment is currently being planned and will be held in the Phoenix area on March 29th, 2025. A planning committee is being organized with more information to follow.

JROTC Coordinator Huskisson:

Brother Huskisson provided an overview of the plans for the Camp's 2025 JROTC awards in area high schools, with awards being presented in April and May of 2025. Volunteers to present the awards are welcome and should contact Brother Huskisson.

New Business: The camp membership expressed a desire to informally meet occasionally between meetings. Brother Cox graciously volunteered to organize the next informal get together. JVC Mike Booth updated the Camp regarding his new member outreach activities and announced an upcoming event at the Mesa Market Place Swap Meet where he had arranged for the Camp to have a booth. Several members agreed to attend in uniform and period dress to support this effort scheduled for January 25th, 2025, from 8 am- 4 pm. Commander Hoffay reminded the Camp about the Pearl Harbor ceremony on December 7th and the upcoming Massing of the Color event organized by Brother James Heller. The Camp discussed the 2024 Parada del Sol event in Scottsdale and committed to attending again in 2025, possibly in collaboration with the DUVCW.

Supplemental Ancestors:

Brother Robert Cox was presented with two supplemental ancestor certificates and Brothers Joel Normand and Ken Hooker were presented with one supplemental ancestor certificate each.

Military Service / War Service Medals:

The Camp was honored to present Military Service Medals to Brothers Robert Cox and Todd Hoffay in recognition of the military service for the United States of America.

**Election and Installation of
2024-2025 Camp Officers**

The following officers were elected and installed for 2024-2025:

(Installing Officer: PDC Kenneth J. Hooker)

- Commander: Michael R. Booth
- Senior Vice Commander: Todd T. Hoffay
- Junior Vice Commander: Robert L. Cox
- Council Member: Jeffrey D. Burgess
- Council Member: Robert L. Cox
- Council Member: Kenneth J. Hooker
- Secretary/ Treasurer: Scott T. Martorano
- Chaplain: James M. Heller
- Guide & JROTC Coordinator: Dan Huskisson
- Historian: David A. Swanson
- Patriotic Instructor: Todd T. Hoffay
- Graves Registration: Michael R. Booth

The Camp further appointed Brothers Martorano, Booth and Cox to the Camp "Committee of Three" for the review and approval of new member applications.

Congratulations to our PPC1 Camp Officers!!!!

Presentations:

Brother Bob Cox provided a well-done and moving presentation on his ancestor Private Fielding Rice who served in Company A of the 28th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Using his meticulous research and well documented source material, Brother Cox presented Private Rice's Civil War journey in the first person as Private Rice. This style of presentation brought history to life with the attached emotion being lost on no one. In addition to being extremely well received by the Camp, our guest from the Civil War Roundtable organization was equally moved and will work with brother Cox to have the presentation published in that organization's newsletter. Well done, Brother JVC Cox!

Picacho Peak Camp Officers 2024-2025



(L-R) Dan Huskisson, Jeff Burgess, ST Scott Martorano, CC Mike Booth, PCC Todd Hoffay, and PDC Ken Hooker

Closing—There being no further business acting Chaplain Burgess asked the blessing of our God on our deliberations. CC Booth brought the meeting to a close until our next meeting February 15th, 2025, at Mustang Library
(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)

PPC1 Next Meeting:

Next meeting: February 15, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mustang Library (Reading room), 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ. Food will not be provided; however, Brothers and guests are welcome to bring their own or choose items from the vending machine.



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

Chartered on July 15, 2015, as the second Camp-at- Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson. Contact: **Commander Robert McCord** phone (520) 982-5057; email: rdmcii@aol.com or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email:

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020
Robert Irwin 2020-2022
W. Mark Clark 2022-2023
David M. Swanson 2023-2024



January 11, 2024, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location: Golden Corral 6865 N Thornydale Rd
Tucson AZ Saturday January 11, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30

Attendance:

Robert D. McCord CC, PDC
Scott P. Bouchard, SVC
William Sisco, JVC
John Lyons, S/T
W. Mark Clark, PCC, Chaplain, Council
David Swanson PCC, PDC
Dennis P. Harvey, Guard
William Blissett, ROTC
John R. Conrad, PDC, Council
Charles B. Shotwell, Pending Applicant

Guests:

Jan Swanson
Shaunna Bouchard
Chantal Blissett
Laura McCord
Zoom:
Ronald Hyer, Dale Enlow

Opening:

(Chaplain's Blessing, American's Creed, Pledge of Allegiance) Meeting began at 10:30

Approval of previous Camp minutes: Approval of 12 October 2024 Minutes. The Minutes were distributed via email on 8 January 2025 to all Brothers. Motion to approve and seconded.

Reading and approval of Treasurer's report: All Brothers received the Report via email on 8 January 2025. Motion approved and seconded.

National General Orders:

A synopsis of C in C General Orders was distributed to all Brothers on 7 January 2025 Via Email

Report of Brothers/Families in distress: Chaplain W. Mark Clark mentioned the Passing of James Earl Carter and how it was important to remember him in our prayers. Dave Swanson said that Bill Sims is not feeling well and to keep him in our prayers. Chaplain Clark also mentioned the fires in California and how his sister lost her homes. We should keep the fire victims in our prayers.

Commander Clark presented a history of Brother Irwin's time with SUVCW. He was Past Camp Commander, SVC, JVC and Chaplain for Minty Camp.

Unfinished Business: The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony in Phoenix. 83rd Anniversary. Department CDR, CinC and wife were there. Mark Clark and John Conrad stated that the future Remembrance days will be on a Saturday regardless of the 7 December date. Placement of the wreaths was in disarray. Adrian Fuentes is in charge of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. They will start in April of 2025. W. Mark Clark mentioned that the Presidio will be celebrating the 250th birthday of Tucson. Department Encampment is on March 29th, 2025, at 10:00 am more details are coming. Two delegates were elected, John Lyons and Bill Blissett. The commander selected Bill Sisco to be the 3rd delegate for the Encampment.

Committees: Evergreen Cemetery Committee. No report on the placing of a plaque in the GAR plot. Brother William Blissett, ROTC is in the works for the coming season.

Camp Council: Council approved the new meeting location

Presentation: Brother Blissett Gave a presentation titled, The Civil War Origins of the 15th Infantry Regiment. The 15th Infantry Regiment was activated on 3 May 1861 as a parent regiment of the United States Regular Army. It has seen over 160 years of continuous service. Brother Blissett also displayed numerous memorabilia from his own service affiliation with the 15th Infantry at the beginning of his Army career in 1971-72.

New Business: The location and time for meetings will be 10:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month going forward. We

are looking for living relatives of the last Civil War veterans, Cdr McCord will be in contact with them.

Commendations: Robert McCord, John Lyons, Bill Blissett, W. Mark Clark, Scott Bouchard all received commendations. Bill Sims will receive his Certificate at the next meeting.

Camp Officer installation for 2025-26

PCC W. Mark Clark conducted the Installation of 2025-2026 Officers as follows:

Commander: DR Robert D. McCord PDC
SVC: Scott P. Bouchard
JVC: William M. Sisco
S/T: John W. Lyons
Council Member 1. W. Mark Clark, PCC
Council Member 2. Bill L. Sims
Council Member 3. John R. Conrad, PDC
Assistant Treasurer, Scott P Bouchard
Chaplain, W. Mark Clark, PCC
Guard, Dennis P. Harvey
Historian, John R. Conrad, PDC

Closing: Chaplain's Benediction, Closing Charge adjournment at 12:45 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 12 April 2025 at 10:30 (*Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.*)

Good Citizenship awards:

Brother John Lyons awarded a certificate of Good Citizenship for Augustine O. Niemeyer at a Naturalization Ceremony on November 15, 2024. Great Job Brother John!



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_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
Timothy D. Prater 2022-2023



General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, January 4, 2024 meeting minutes

Call to Order by Commander Rick 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, 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 thirteen Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Lee Nelson and Jan Swanson plus Hal Reniger (NBM for initiation). The Commander and Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain Greg Bowers invoked the Devine Blessing. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of the Americans Creed.

Sixteen (16) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum). Brothers In attendance: Eagle Scout Co-Ordinator Steve Bigelow, Chaplain Greg Bowers, Council member Dennis DeAtley, S/T & Historian dale enlow PCC, Past Camp Commander Mark Haynes (Zoom), Patriotic Instructor James Heller PDC (zoom), JVC John Horton (zoom), David McKee, Dick Melick, Department Commander Tim Prater, Hal Reniger, SVC Lynn Scott (zoom), Past Camp Commander William Smith, Commander Richard Stephens, Past Department and Camp Commander David Swanson, and Guide David Williamson.

Commander Stephens advised that Guard David Moore had

RHGM2 Next Meeting

The Camp will meet at Golden Corral 6865 N Thornydale Rd Tucson AZ on April 12, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

just undergone quadruple bypass surgery and was still hospitalized.

Chaplain's report: Chaplain Bowers reported Brother Richard Rice is in an assisted living facility and the father of Brothers Jeff and Jackson Steadman has recently suffered a heart attack. Get well cards were circulated along with a 100th birthday card for Real Son William

Pool. Chaplain Bowers then announced the Jan-Feb-Mar birthdays: Steve Bigelow 1/1, David Moore 1/18, John Butcher SR 1/20, Peter Reniger 1/23, John Butcher JR 1/29, David Russell 2/3, John Horton 2/13, Robert Cox 2/24, Dick Melick 3/13, and David McKee 3/24. Happy Birthday, Brothers!

Treasurer's Report: 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. the 4th Quarter report and the 2024 annual reports have been reviewed and signed by Camp Council and Commander Stephens. Checking account balance and the JROTC Scholarship Fund balances were shared. To date we have received 40 2025 renewals. Camp now stands at 43 total members / 38 Primary.

General Orders: S/T Enlow advised there were 6 National General Orders, 1 National Special message, 2 Department Orders, and no Camp Orders issued since our last meeting. All orders have been forwarded to the membership. A summary of each was given.

Commander: New Member Initiation

Henry (Hal) Reniger III



NBM Hal Reniger was presented a member's badge, name tag, rosette, members certificate, and membership card. Brother Reniger's qualifying ancestor was 3rd g-grandfather Pvt. Wilson Lorenzo Messenger, Co I, 171st OH Infantry the "Squirrel Hunters".... Hal is a member of the SAR and has gifted USG3

membership to his 2 adult sons Peter and Zachary. Welcome Brother Hal!

Officer Reports: JVC is working on an application from a prospective member in Albuquerque, NM

Old Business: Still working on Last Union Veteran markers for Mojave, Navajo, and Apache Counties, We have received the bronze markers and Brothers Horton and Haynes are working with the cemeteries in Winslow and Fort Defiance (Navajo Reservation) for marker placement. Brothers Prater, Stephens, and Williamson participated in the Prescott Veterans' Day Parade and we are contemplated a combined entry for next year with Sons

of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Spanish American War Veterans

7 Eagle Scout awards given this year

All 3 DEPSW Camps were represented at the Pearl Harbor Ceremony in Phoenix, AZ which was also attended by SUVCW C-in-C Kevin Martin

New Business:

Commander Stephens advised of the need for a marker for Union Veteran Pvt. William Green who was murdered for his pension check.

Department Commander Prater indicated that the 9th annual Department Encampment is scheduled for 03/29/2025 in Tempe, AZ. See Invitation at the end of the Newsletter.

Request for silent auction items.

Elected Camp delegates: Dennis DeAtley and Steve Bigelow with all USG3 members in good standing named as alternate delegates.

Donations were received to cover the 2025 membership renewal of Brother Richard Rice.



2025 Camp Officers Installation:

Past Department Commander David Swanson installed our 2025 officers:

Elected Officers:

Richard Stephens, Commander (3rd term)

Steve Bigelow, SVC

Lynn Scott, JVC

dale Enlow (PCC), Secretary/Treasurer nominee

Council: Robert Archibald, Dennis DeAtley, John Horton

Appointed Officers:

David McKee, Chaplain

David Moore, Guard

Jeffrey Steadman, Color Bearer

Tim Prater (PCC), Counselor, Eagle Scout Coordinator

Steven Bigelow, Eagle Scout Coordinator

dale enlow (PCC), Historian

David Williamson, Guide

Avery Frantz, Memorials Officer

James Heller (PDC), Patriotic Instructor

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2025 USG Officers!

Presentation: Brother Dennis DeAtley gave a very moving presentation of the March 23, 1775 speech by Patrick Henry to the Virginia Convention from memory! Huzzah Brother DeAtley!!!!



Good of the Order” comments: The camp will offer two \$1000 Marion Prater Memorial Scholarships this year .2025 Membership cards not hand delivered will be sent via USPS mail.

Sister Lee Nelson presented greetings from DUVCW

Closing: Commander: Our next meeting will be on April 5th, 2025 at Taverna Moderna, Flagstaff, AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. ZOOM will start at 11:45. Chaplain McKee then delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible.

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

USG3 Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on April 5th, 2025 at Taverna Moderna, Flagstaff, AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting. ZOOM will start at 11:45.



Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Camps in Arizona & New Mexico

1886

Grant Camp No. 1 (Flagstaff)

1891

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 (Phoenix)

1901

R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11 (Tucson)

1909

Kit Carson Camp No. 1 (Albuquerque)



SONS OF VETERANS,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF
THE CIVIL WAR

A Forgotten Veteran's Struggle: Remembering Joseph R. Rennard and the Duty to Care

By Avery Franz

The life and tragic death of Joseph R. Rennard, a Union veteran of the Civil War, reflects the trials faced by those who served and the enduring responsibility to care for veterans in need.

Born in 1847, Rennard joined Company I of the 47th New York Infantry at the age of 18. Enlisting in Brooklyn, New York, on February 27, 1865, his service carried him through the waning days of the Civil War. Mustered out at Goldsboro, North Carolina, on July 20, 1865, Joseph later attributed his lifelong struggle with rheumatism to his service in the humid Southern states. Seeking a new life after the war, Rennard headed west, working as a miner in the Arizona Territory. By 1886, he had settled in Bisbee and joined Kehoe Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Declining health and increasing hardship eventually brought him to the Soldiers Home in Sawtelle, California, in 1905. Despite the care offered there, Joseph left the home on furlough, finding himself increasingly reliant on makeshift accommodations.

By February 1913, Rennard was living in a dilapidated shack behind a house at 318 W. Madison Street in Phoenix. Sharing this meager space with another Civil War veteran, Joseph frequently voiced complaints of ill health and a deepening sense of despair. Friends and acquaintances urged him to return to the Soldiers Home for better care, but the weight of his struggles proved overwhelming.

On February 26, 1913, Rennard took his own life with a .38-caliber blue steel revolver. Alone in his room around midday, he shot himself in the head. Hours later, his roommate returned to find smoke pouring from the shack. A coal from the fireplace had ignited the mattress, further obscuring the tragic scene. The fire scorched the mattress, blistered Joseph's body, and partially burned his face. When the smoke cleared and water was poured on the flames, Joseph was found clutching the revolver in his hand.

Joseph R. Rennard was buried in an unmarked grave at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix. His final resting place remains a solemn testament to the overlooked struggles of many veterans in his time. Rennard's story underscores the challenges faced by aging veterans in an era when resources for mental health, physical rehabilitation, and elder care were severely lacking. His life, like that of many who wore the Union blue, reflects the deep sacrifices made during and after the war. While organizations like the Grand Army of the Republic worked to provide camaraderie and support, the systemic care veterans needed was too often unavailable.

Today, Joseph Rennard's life and death compel us to act. Veteran suicide and untreated mental health

conditions remain pressing issues. Just as important, we must ensure aging veterans receive the care and dignity they deserve. Efforts to mark graves like Rennard's are vital, not only to honor their service but to restore the humanity that may have been lost in life.

As members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we bear the legacy of our ancestors. Joseph Rennard's memory reminds us of the importance of ensuring no veteran feels forgotten or struggles alone. His story is a call to preserve their memory through action, advocacy, and care.

May we honor Private Joseph R. Rennard by committing ourselves to the well-being of all veterans, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten, and their dignity never neglected.

Lest we forget.

"Plant Marks Unmarked Grave" Photo below Courtesy : Barbara Digges, Jan 14, 2015.



Newspaper Article (below) - CLIPPED FROM
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Phoenix, Arizona
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FLAMES FOLLOW BULLET TO END VETERAN'S LIFE

Joseph R. Rennard, Pioneer of Arizona, Mason, Miner and Grand Army Man, Tires of Living and Suicides

**BODY LIES ON
BURNING BED**

Shoots Self Through Head and Mattress Catches Fire From Open Grate; Cremation is Narrowly Prevented

🌀 Around the Department of the Southwest 🌀

More photos of the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Phoenix



A good time was had by all!!

Department of the Southwest— Officers 2024-2025

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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
Ninth Annual Department Encampment
 to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
 2100 S Priest Dr, Tempe, AZ 85282
[\(480\) 967-1441](tel:4809671441)

All SUVCW Brothers and their guests are invited along with the Allied Sisters. The cost to attend is \$30 per person or / \$50 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 March 1

Please consider donating item for the Silent Auction

There will be a limited number of guest rooms available at the hotel. Call the Reservation Desk at: 480 967-1441. Or use this link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink?ctyhocn=PHXMPDT&groupCode=CDTDOS&arrivaldate=2025-03-29&departuredate=2025-03-30&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Please detach and mail _____

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

Dale Enlow S/T

Questions: 928-715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com

7723 E. Treeline

Hackberry, AZ 86411-2023

Name: _____

Camp or Organization: _____

Guest name: _____

There are 3 meal choices please advise

your preference: _____

guest preference: _____

Meal A: Tequila Lime Chicken Meal B: Chimichurri Flat Iron steak Meal C: Poblano Rellano (vegetarian/ gluten free)

(Use reverse side if needed) Total amount enclosed \$ _____