



# JOURNAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST



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## Department News

### Message from the Department Commander

Greetings all! Hopefully, you are having a great summer.

I thank each of you for your membership in your respective Camps because of that membership you support the Department and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All of the Camps have set up quarterly meetings and I encourage you to attend these—not only yours but others as well. I also encourage you to get involved in your Camp—become an officer (either elected or appointed) or get involved (or start) activities. Active involvement increases your membership experience: you meet and work with more Brothers, you gain information about our grand Order, and by involving yourselves in community projects such as the Adopt-a-School program or even by issuing SUVCW flag certificates you encourage others to be good citizens and it gets the word out about our organization.

*Speaking about flag certificates*, I encourage each Camp to issue these to deserving individuals and companies. It would also be a good idea to also provide an information booklet about the SUVCW with the Camp JVC information on it. How about starting a Camp Flag Committee?

*New Mexico Camps*—several months ago I mailed about 30 letters to inactive SUVCW members throughout the state with information about the Department and the hopeful possibility of starting a Camp in Albuquerque but so far the response is not encouraging. As you may know, New Mexico does not have a Camp (and I am not sure it ever had one—at least not in recent history) but I will plug on and if you have any suggestions or contacts please let me know.

*The five Allied Orders in Arizona will come together*. For the first time in our history all five Allied Orders will come together at the Picacho Peak Camp meeting on August 12th. See information in the “General News & Information” section of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Sisters Barbara Metzger, Maura Mackowski and Verna Maleski for making this happen through their memberships!

*Department JROTC/ROTC Program*—as you will read in Bob Archibald’s report we need more presenters for this most worthwhile program. Please consider helping out next year.

—David Swanson, Dept Commander



### DEPARTMENT ORDERS

#### Department of the Southwest Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War GENERAL ORDER 02 (SERIES 2017-2018) Confederate Monuments and the Confederate Battle Flag

On June 6, 2017, General Order No. 2 was issued and, since it is quite lengthy, it is attached to the newsletter.



### Union Civil War Memorial project

Speaking of monuments, our Department’s Union Civil War Memorial project committee had its first meeting and its members are to be congratulated for the wide ranging plans of action—and for the action thus far taken. The goal is to have a monument to the Union soldiers who served the Arizona Territory during the Civil War placed at the Wesley Bolin Plaza which is across the street from the state capitol.

The committee is composed of Brother Jeff Burgess (chairman) and members John Conrad and George White.

Brother White is the principle designer of the memorial and *all Brothers are urged to vote on one of six designs on or before August 11<sup>th</sup>*.

To access the Union Army Memorial Project go to: <http://suvcw-southwest.org/az-memorial/>  
The password is azmemorial.

Additionally, the minutes of the committee’s June meeting can be found on the website as well.

**Department Graves Registration Officer Report—**

At the time that this report was prepared the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War database returned entries for 636 burials in Arizona and 731 burials in New Mexico. The database returned three entries for volunteers who served Arizona Territory and 360 entries for volunteers who served New Mexico Territory.

For the period from the last Encampment of the Department of the Southwest I have submitted 27 entries to the database.

Progress is continuing to construct PowerPoint slides of the Department of the Southwest member's ancestors. The slides will show the service and life timeline of the ancestor. Seventeen images of member's ancestors are included in the slides that have been constructed. Names of the member's ancestors are being added or edited in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War database as appropriate. The slides will be available for display at the Department of the Southwest's 2018 Encampment.

Progress is also ongoing to build a name index of members of the various Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic located in Arizona and New Mexico. Presently 342 names have been identified as being members of the Posts in Arizona.

—Prepared by David Jackson, DGRO



**Department ROTC report**

**2017 JROTC/ROTC Program Summary**

My thanks to all of the Presenters, with special recognition to Brothers Tim Prater and Dan Huskisson, who did the lion share of the presentations. A special thanks to Steve Monez, the Arizona State SAR President, for his support of our program. My appreciation to Tim Prater for taking on the coordination of Camp #3's presentation program at the last minute. We plan to review the past procedures used for this Camp.

As you can see, a very small percentage of our Department's membership participated in this program. Many of the presentations were made in conjunction with awards for other organizations. This program is the only Departmental Statewide Community Outreach program, and I encourage our members to consider volunteering and to commit to a 1-2 hour, once a year, presentation. These award ceremonies are in late April and early May.

I ask for your support to this worthwhile and rewarding program and to take it as an opportunity to represent our organization. In addition, there are a number of schools with JROTC programs in the Tucson area that could be added to this program when

presenters become available. I look forward to another successful year next Spring.

—Bob Archibald, JROTC/ROTC Program Coordinator, Department of the Southwest

**2017 – DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST, JROTC/ROTC PROGRAM**

**Picacho Peak Camp No. 1**

- School
- Glendale—Recipient—Alexis Silva  
Presenter—Jan Huber
- Globe—Recipient—C/ Isaiah Zorn  
Presenter—Mailed
- Westview—Recipient—C/Desiree Santana  
Presenter—Allen Nash
- Tolleson—Recipient—C/Christopher Jordan  
Presenter—Allen Nash
- Greenway—Recipient—MS/Chase Howard  
Presenter—Bob Archibald
- Independence—Recipient—MS/Taylor Walsh  
Presenter—Bob Archibald
- Cortez—Recipient—MS/Maxwell Agersea  
Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Deer Valley—Recipient--C/Kim Pitman  
Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Apollo—Recipient MS/Wayne Willmon  
Presenter—Dan Huskisson

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

- Cienega—Recipient—MS/Michael Brccarelli  
Presenter—Brian Estes

**General U. S. Grant, Camp No. 3**

- Santa Fe, NM—Recipient—C/Dalen Montoya  
Presenter--Mailed
- Mohave—Recipient—C/Eric Hall  
Presenter—Dale Enlow
- Pinion—Recipient—C/ Toby Bitsuie & C/Jessica Klah  
Presenter—Steve Monez
- Chinle—Recipient—C/Kori Chee  
Presenter--Mailed
- Hopi—Recipient—C/Kyle Secakuku  
Presenter—Mailed
- Prescott—Recipient—C/Tanner Cassidy  
Presenter—Steve Monez
- Coconino—Recipient—C /Austin Braatz  
Presenter—Tim Prater
- Tuba City—Recipient—C/Dylan Hardy  
Presenter—Mailed
- NAU (USA)—Recipient—C/Haycraft Mckee &  
C/Charles James  
Presenter—Tim Prater

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NAU (USAF)—Recipient—C/ Clint Stewart  
 Presenter--Mailed

Embry-Riddle AER0 (USA)—Recipient—C/Jared Johnson  
 Presenter—Tim Prater

Embry-Riddle AER0 (USAF)—Recipient—C/Joshua Vaughan  
 Presenter—Tim Prater



(L-R) Cadet Joshua Vaughan and Brother Tim Prater



(L-R) Cadet Jared Johnson and Brother Tim Prater

*Newsletter Editor’s note—several other Brothers sent in photos of their award presentations but for some reason they are not available—please accept my apologies.*

### Why we honor the cadets of the ROTC/JROTC

The following information is taken from the SUVCW website.

“The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Preamble reads:

‘We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865, have formed this patriotic and fraternal Order, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our fathers' deeds; to render loyal service to our Country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag.’

“By honoring deserving cadets, we help promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship because it will be these young people who will eventually serve in our Nation’s military, under the flag our forefathers fought to preserve.

“Our Purpose and Objects include:  
 ‘ . . . to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.’

“We believe it right to award those who have stepped forward to accept the challenge of leadership in defending our Nation’s flag, principles and freedoms. By honoring those who serve today, we show our respect for those who have served in all other wars in the past.”



### Winners of the Gen U.S. Grant Camp raffle

During the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Grant Camp meeting the drawing was held for the Department-wide raffle of the Thompson 50 Cal. Black powder rifle (donated by Brother Tim Prater) and a beautiful wooden jar made by and donated by Brother Jack Van Deusen.

**Brother Bob Cox** of Picacho Peak Camp won the rifle and **Brother Dale Enlow** of Grant Camp won the jar.

Twenty-one Brothers Department wide participated in the raffle and the total amount received is \$915.00!

Both the Grant Camp and the Department treasuries are now \$457.50 richer!

**A hearty thank you to all of the brothers who participated in the raffle!**



# Camp and Auxiliary 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 at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jim Heller** (623) 975-4300; [jmh7116@aol.com](mailto:jmh7116@aol.com) or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; [jerrybloom@q.com](mailto:jerrybloom@q.com)

### Past Camp Commanders:

- Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †
- David A. Swanson 2003-2006
- Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †
- John R. Conrad 2008-2010
- David A. Swanson 2010-2013
- John R. Conrad 2013-2015
- Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016



## May 13, 2017, Camp Meeting Information

On May 13, 2017, the regular quarterly meeting of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. The meeting was attended by Camp Brothers, Sisters of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary, and guests.

### Officer reports:

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom indicated that our finances are in good shape and that we may be losing Brothers this year because of nonpayment of 2017 dues.

Brother Bob Archibald (Department JROTC Officer) gave a rundown on the JROTC awards presented on behalf of the Camp.

Brother David Jackson (Department Graves Registration Officer) also gave a report on the graves registration. (Both of these Camp Brothers have a complete report which is contained further in the newsletter.)

Department Commander David Swanson talked briefly about the upcoming National Encampment to be held on August 10-13 and reminded the Brothers present that if they would like to attend as Department Delegates to contact him.

He also talked about Memorial Day and invited all Camp Brothers to attend the Memorial ceremonies and reminded them to fly their flags.

## New Camp Brother Initiated

**George White**, of Cave Creek, AZ whose Civil War ancestor is his Great-Great Grandfather Rev William Morgan Murray, Co D 8<sup>th</sup> Ill Infantry was initiated into the SUVCW and our Camp by Camp Commander Jim Heller.



(L-R) Camp Commander Jim Heller and Brother George White



## Camp Brothers receive certificates of commendation for meritorious service

Brothers Jan Huber, David Kampf, Jerry Bloom and Jeff Burgess received their well earned commendations from John Conrad PDC. The Brothers could not attend the March Department Encampment to receive the certificates from then Department Commander John Conrad.



(L-R) Jan Huber, David Kampf, Jerry Bloom, Jeff Burgess and John Conrad, PDC

**Speaker:**

We were very privileged to have Dennis Grau, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War as our speaker. Dennis enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 18, and after boot camp, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

His first tour was on the USS Belle Grove LSD off the coast of Da Nang, Vietnam for 9 months. His second tour was on supply boats on the rivers delivering supplies to Army and Marine Bases.

Dennis shared some of his experiences from when he was assigned to the boats taking supplies up and down the river. This assignment was most dangerous and many of his shipmates were shot and in some cases killed on a daily basis from snipers along the riverbanks. At the end of the year he was the only person, out of a 12 man crew, who survived.

Dennis is the Post Commander of a local VFW Post and talks to school children about Vietnam and his experiences there.



Dennis Grau



**New Brother**

Barrie Lee Shepp Sr., of Sun City West, Arizona transferred to the Picacho Peak Camp from the Capt E. M. Ruhl Camp No. 33 of York, Pa. His Civil War ancestor is his great-great grandfather Alexander Shepp, PVT Co., A, 166<sup>th</sup> PA Vol. Infantry.

**Welcome Brother Shepp!**



**Memorial Day activities at the Pioneer & Military Park in Phoenix**

Brothers attending: Department Commander David Swanson, Camp Commander Jim Heller and Brothers Jerry Bloom, George White, Dan Huskisson Mark Doolittle, Jan Huber, and David Kampf.

Brothers Bloom and Heller manned the information table along with Sisters from the Picacho Peak Auxiliary and the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW.

Department Commander Swanson read the Gettysburg Address and talked about its applicability to all of the men and women of today's Armed Forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defending this nation.

Brother Jan Huber played Taps at the end of the ceremony.



(L-R) Brothers Dan Huskisson, Jerry Bloom, Camp Commander Jim Heller, Picacho Peak Auxiliary Treasurer Rachael Peak, Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 President Vera Maleski, and Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW Maura Mackowski



Camp Commander Jim Heller marching in the procession



Department Commander David Swanson



Brother Jan Huber bugging Taps



Final Salute

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp meeting:**

**The next meeting** will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix.

This will be a joint meeting with the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW and of course the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1

**Speaker for the meeting:** A representative from the Arizona Wall Project (part of Operation Welcome Home Arizona) which is engaged in building a Vietnam Memorial tribute wall in Gilbert, AZ.

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the following months:

August 12, 2017

November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day)

All meetings will take place at noon, at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley, Road, Please mark your calendars!

**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 Randy D. McNally: 520-578-6366; randymcnally@aol.com or Secretary/Treasurer Brian Estes: 520-307-8096; brian.v.estes@gmail.com.*

***Past Camp Commanders:***

Robert McCord 2015-2016

**July 15, 2017, Camp Meeting Information**

The July 15, 2017, Camp meeting was opened by Camp Commander Randy McNally at 1:00 p.m.

Commander McNally presented Brother Robert McCord with a Picacho medal for his enduring the heat at this year's event to aid recruiting and one for his wife, who assisted him in the works.

Reduced size copies of the Camp charter suitable for framing will be available at the remaining meeting on Oct. 7, 2017 for \$5.00. Afterwards or by mail are \$10.00.

Camp elections will be held at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Brothers Bob Haley, Robert McCord and Randy McNally are to establish an election roster for this meeting.

Brother David Jackson gave a presentation on the data base he has created as Department Graves Registration Officer and is working on a slide show with ancestor information on as many Department members as he can.

He has also asked our help in gathering information on Arthur Murtagh Borton, buried in Holy Hope Cemetery, Block F here in Tucson. Borton was a member of the Negley Post of the GAR here in Tucson and served in Co. F of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry.

Anyone interested contact Commander McNally as Brother David left us with some more information.

Date for the next Picacho event is November 17 & 18, 2018.

The Silent auction wooden jar with Sons emblem: Brother John Conrad had the winning bid at \$100.00 but, per his instructions, he will send the monies to the camp and the jar will be sold to the next highest bidder which is Brother Robert Irwin at \$25.00.

**Thank you Brothers Conrad and Irwin!**

**Old business:**

Memorial Day parade at Tucson Estates was attend by members of the Camp and members of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Company B. Information was sent to the Banner as well as the Department news letter and should appear in the next issues.

**Speaker**—Commander McNally gave a presentation on the Corps of Topographical Engineers, 1838 – 1863.

The meeting was closed at 3:00 PM



**Memorial Day activities**

The General R.H.G. Minty, Camp #2, Department of The Southwest, joined forces with the 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico, Company B reenactors marching in the Tucson Estates Memorial Day Parade to honor those who gave their lives in service of our Country in Tucson, AZ.



(L-R) R.D. McNally, CC & 1stNM; R. Haley, SVC; Mrs. S. McNally, 1stNM; R. McCord, PCC; B. Taber; A. Taber, CC Grand Daughter; L. Caldera, 1st NM; L. Tyree, 1<sup>st</sup> NM; D. Tyree, 1<sup>st</sup> NM)



**Upcoming Events**

**Camp meeting:**

**The next meeting** will take place on Saturday,

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson

We will be electing our Camp officers for 2017-2018.

Our speaker has yet to be determined—but please come out and attend the meeting!

**2017 Camp Meeting Dates**

Camp meetings for 2017 will continue to be held during the months of January, April, July, and October with specific dates to be announced. All meetings will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.

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

*Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Contact Commander Mark Haynes (928) 755-3714; haynes9@frontiernet.net or Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom: 602-955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com.*

**Past Camp Commanders:**

David A. Swanson 2015-2016



**July 22, 2017, Camp Meeting Information**

The April 22, 2017, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Mark Haynes. We had 15 Brothers and guests in attendance.

**Officer reports:** Dept. JROTC Officer Bob Archibald gave an overview of the JROTC/ROTC activities and indicated that the Grant Camp presented medals (either by Brothers or by mail) to 12 schools. Several Brothers indicated that they would assist next year with school presentations.

Brother Jerry Bloom led the drawing of the Department-wide raffle for the Thompson rifle and the wooden jar. (See page 3 of the newsletter for more details.) The winning tickets were drawn by our speaker, Joe Meehan.

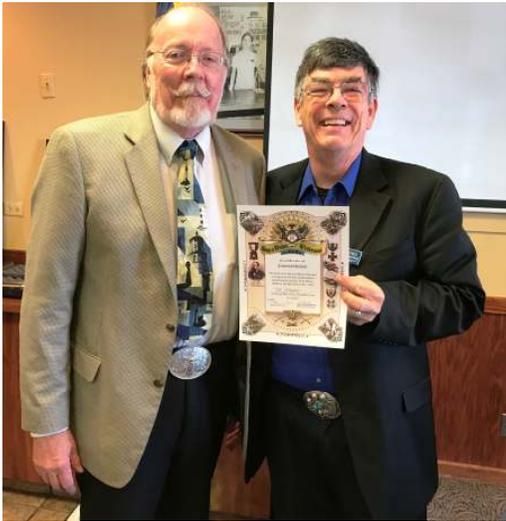
Camp Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller gave an informative overview of the founding of the SUVCW and discussed the Five Allied Orders of the GAR.

**Speaker:** We were honored to have Joe Meehan, Curator of the Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff give a PowerPoint presentation about Benjamin Doney who served as a landsman aboard the USS Benton during the Civil War. The USS Benton was the navy’s largest ironclad warship.

Doney was also a colorful Flagstaff pioneer who arrived in 1883 and settled east of town in the area now known as Doney Park. During his run for city council, he ran on the idea that there was too much tax on bawdy houses, gambling joints, and saloons. Doney held a number of jobs in the Flagstaff area such as ranching, farming, prospecting and pot hunting. He had a collection of ancient Indian pots that were donated to a museum—but nobody knows which museum or where.

Doney’s cabin is on the grounds of the Pioneer Museum, 2340 N. Fort Valley Rd as well as a large collection of GAR badges.

Doney was a member of the General Ransom GAR Post in Flagstaff and is buried in the Citizens Cemetery.



(L-R) Joe Meehan and Camp Commander Mark Haynes



### Memorial Day Activities



General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3 **Color Guard Officer, William Smith**, second from left, participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery on the grounds of old Fort Whipple. Brother Smith is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.

General U. S. Grant Junior Vice Commander and Historian, Dale Enlow, attended the memorial with his family from the Hackberry, AZ area. Brother Enlow met with the ceremony organizer, Prescott National Cemetery Technician, Rebekah Durocher, and offered future planning participation and support from the Gen'l U. S. Grant Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### Brother Tim Prater and Brothers of the General Fearing Camp of Marietta, Ohio

On Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Brother Tim Prater joined with Brothers of the General Fearing Camp No. 2 of Marietta, Ohio at the Smith Cemetery, Washington County, Ohio to pay tribute to Tim's Great Uncle Cyrenius B. Faires. Union Cavalryman Cyrenius died in 1863 during the Civil War. A new granite headstone was dedicated during the memorial service."



(L-R) Brothers of the General Fearing Camp No. 2 and Brother Tim Prater with flag



Brother Prater at the gravesite of Cyrenius B. Faires



### SUVCW Flag Certificate issued to Munds Park resident

On June 4, 2017, On behalf of the General U. S. Grant Camp, Department Commander David Swanson presented an SUVCW Flag Certificate to Stan Muchewicz a resident of Munds Park, Arizona.

Stan has conscientiously and proudly flown the U. S. flag for many years and, as an immigrant from Poland after World War II, takes his U. S. citizenship seriously.



(L-R) Stan Muchewicz and Dept. Commander David Swanson

**Upcoming Events**

**Camp Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. Location: Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66, Flagstaff. Our speaker has yet to be determined but come out to the meeting! We will be electing officers for 2017.



**Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 (Phoenix)**

*Chartered on August 23, 2014, is the first (and only) Auxiliary chartered in Arizona, it meets during the months of February, May, August, and November at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix Meetings are at the Deer Valley Restaurant Contact: President Verna Maleski at [vgriff2047@gmail.com](mailto:vgriff2047@gmail.com) or Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Metzger at: [blrmetezger@gmail.com](mailto:blrmetezger@gmail.com)*

I am happy to report that after a bit of reorganizing and sorting out of our membership, the Auxiliary to Camp Picacho Peak #1 is alive and well. The Officers are looking forward to a productive year of building a stronger relationship with the SUVCW and expanding our membership.

Auxiliary to Camp Picacho Peak officers for the remainder of 2017-2018:

- President: Verna Maleski
- Chaplain: Beverly Brooks
- Treasurer: Rachel Peak
- Patriot Instructor: Susan Burke
- Secretary: Barbara Metzger

We have some projects in the works that we are excited about. We're beginning a Girl Scout Gold Certificate program that will be headed up by Sisters Verna Maleski & Susan Burke. Sister Susan will work with the Arizona Cactus Pine Council in awarding certificates to next year's Gold recipients.

We'll also be working jointly with Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW in collecting items for the Arizona State Veterans Home, 4141 North S. Herrera Way, Phoenix. The home is providing us with a list of items the veterans need on an on-going basis. We'll ask members to bring needed supplies to each meeting that will be delivered to the home. Please bring a couple of pairs of white crew socks and a new or gently used baseball cap to the August 12th meeting to kick off the program. We hope Camp Picacho Peak will join us in this project.

**Our meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 as we have a lot of business to discuss.**

Verna Maleski, ASUVCW President

**Upcoming Events**

Our next meeting will take place on August 12, 2017, and will begin promptly at **10:30 a.m.** Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix.

*All Sisters of the Auxiliary are strongly encouraged to attend this and all of our meetings. Please mark your calendar!*



## ~ General News and Information ~

### Approaching the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Arizona Grand Army of the Republic

Starting with the October 2017 newsletter and throughout 2018 I will be posting information about the Department of Arizona GAR which was officially organized on January 17, 1888. Stay tuned!



#### *A First for Arizona*

For the first time in Arizona history members of all five Allied Orders will come together at the August 12, 2017 meeting of Picacho Peak Camp #1 and Margaret Warner Wood Tent #1.

DUVCW and ASUVCW members' Sisters Barbara Metzger, Maura Mackowski and Verna Maleski became Members at Large of the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR in June. Sisters Barbara and Verna are also members of the LGAR, belonging to the Lew Wallace Circle based in Columbus, IN.

Please join us at the Deer Valley Airport and take part in celebrating this momentous occasion!

Verna Maleski, President Picacho Peak AUX



#### Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

Just what are the Allied Orders of the GAR? Here is a little refresher:

During its existence the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was aided in its work by five organizations, which are now referred to as the Allied Orders of the GAR.

*The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* created in 1881—membership is open to men who have an ancestor who either belonged to or was eligible to join the GAR. Associate membership is also available to men who otherwise qualify for membership except for the existence of a Union Civil War ancestor.

*Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* created in 1887—membership is open to women with Union Civil War veterans as ancestors as well as to spouses and daughters of members of the SUVCW.

*Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War*—incorporated in 1885—membership is open to women with Civil War ancestors who either belonged to or was eligible to join the GAR.

*Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic*—organized in 1881, it is the United States oldest women's hereditary society. Membership is open to women who trace their ancestry to a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, Marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service.

*Women's Relief Corps*—organized in 1883, it is the official auxiliary of the GAR. Membership is open to all women, regardless of ancestry, who ascribe to the principles of the Order.



#### Henry Ward Beecher

We have all heard of Harriet Beecher Stowe—author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and most have heard of her brother Henry Ward Beecher, a very famous minister, social reformer, and abolitionist. In fact Henry was the minister of the Plymouth Church in New York City and because of him it “regularly had a packed house for its 3,000 seats and became a tourist attraction for people visiting New York City. Henry Ward Beecher was a full-out celebrity.”

<https://www.biography.com/people/henry-ward-beecher-9204662>



The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man and never fails to see a bad one. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness and blind to light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game. The cynic puts all human actions into two classes — openly bad and secretly bad.

—Henry Ward Beecher

#### **A Standing Invitation to Join the SUVCW**

Brothers, please help spread the word about the SUVCW and our Department! Male descendants, (son, grandson, great grandson, nephew, grand nephew, great grand nephew, etc.) aged 14 years or older, of a Union Civil War soldier, sailor, marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service who honorably served in the Civil War between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, are eligible for membership. A Junior membership for those aged 6-14 (meeting the above requirements) and an Associate membership are also available.

Please contact your respective JVC or the Department Junior Vice Commander for more details and assistance.

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## Department Orders

Department of the Southwest  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER 02 (SERIES 2017-2018)



### Confederate Monuments and the Confederate Battle Flag

Brothers,

Issues concerning the removal of Confederate monuments and the flying of the Confederate battle flag have been the focus of much public attention.

The policy of the Department of the Southwest regarding those issues is as follows:

The official position of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (and therefore the Department of the Southwest) is contained in the attached "Resolution of Support Battle Flag of the Confederacy."

Should a Brother be contacted about the Department's or the SUVCW's official policy regarding the removal of Confederate monuments or the flying of Confederate battle flags the requestor, if possible, should be referred to the respective Camp Commander or the Department Commander but in any case the information contained in the "Resolution of Support" will be presented.

This does not limit, nor is it intended to limit, the free and intelligent public or private discussion by a Brother regarding his opposition to or support of these or other issues simply because of his membership in the Department or the SUVCW (whether that membership is known by others inside or outside of the Order); however, if a Brother's expressed opinions or actions are in opposition to the official policy or position of the Department or the SUVCW he must not be acting in his capacity as a member of either.

Brothers are also reminded of General Order No. 19 issued 26 March 2017 by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin as follows:

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"General Order #19 SERIES 2016-2017

"Brothers, At least twice this year, Brothers have presented very controversial personal opinions under the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War name, emblem and included SUVCW Camp names. This is detrimental to the Order and punishable under our constitution and regulations.

"We all enjoy the right of freedom of expression and may present personal opinions and views counter to SUVCW regulation and policy.

"It is NOT permitted to express personal opinions and views counter to SUVCW regulation and policy in conjunction with any SUVCW trade-marked emblem, Camp or Department name, SUVCW title or anything that implies connection or affiliation with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

"This includes correspondence between Brothers. It is not applicable to Resolutions passed by a Camp or Department to be forwarded to National regarding changes to policy or the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. See the Constitution and Regulations concerning these issues."

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Ordered this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

/s/ David A. Swanson, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ Dale E. Enlow, Department Secretary

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY  
119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
LANSING, MICHIGAN AUGUST 19, 2000

A resolution in support of the display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the removal of ANY reminders of this nation's bloodiest war on the grounds of it being "politically correct," and

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers and sailors who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with the confederate veterans under both flags in those bonds of Fraternal Friendship, pledge our support and admiration for those gallant soldiers and of their respective flags:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

By Order of:  
Danny L. Wheeler  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Todd A. Shillington  
National Secretary