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Department News

Welcome to the sizzling summer edition of the
Department of the Southwest newsletter!



Last known Greenlee County Survivor of the Civil War

By Department Graves Registration Officer David
Jackson

Benjamin Franklin Wilson, late Private, Co. K,
5th Illinois Cavalry, has recently been identified as the
last known survivor of the Civil War buried in
Greenlee County, Arizona. He was born at
Hodgenville, Kentucky, May 12, 1825, and died at
Duncan, Greenlee County, April 6, 1913. At
enlistment December 21, 1863, his residence was
Liberty, Illinois.

Private Wilson mustered-in March 9, 1864 and was
mustered-out at Springfield, Illinois, October 27,
1865. The prior last known survivor was James
Almeron Richmond, late Private, Co. D, 103rd Ohio
Infantry.



Notes from the Department of the SW Secretary / Treasurer

I thought our Brothers might be interested in a
summary of the Department's Annual Report recently
submitted to SUVCW National.

Since our 2017 Annual report we had the following
seven gains:

4 new Brothers by application

Picacho Peak Camp #1: James Crosson and William
Munsil

Gen'l US Grant Camp #3: James Cates and John
Thorne

2 Brothers transferred in

Picacho Peak Camp #1: Barre Shepp

Gen'l R. H. G. Minty Camp #2: John Coulahan

61 additional dual status

Gen'l R. H. G. Minty Camp #2 David Jackson

9 total losses since the 2017 annuals:

2 deaths, 3 General Discharges, 2 Honorable
Discharges, 1 transfer out and 1 termination of dual
status.

As of the Report Date of 04/30/2018 the
Department stood at 97 Brothers in Good Standing for
which we remitted \$2047.00 to National for per capita
dues.

Note: Brother Ken Dusenberry transferred into the
General U. S. Grant Camp; however, the transfer
occurred after the 2018 annual report submission.

I personally was honored to have delivered some
brief remarks and the reading of Abraham Lincoln's
Gettysburg Address at the Memorial Day Observance
at the Prescott National Cemetery this year. [See the
General U. S. Grant Camp section of the newsletter for
info and photos]

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
dale e enlow
Department S/T



2018 Arizona SUVCW Department of the Southwest JROTC Awards

By Department JROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

School

Moon Valley —Recipient—Daniel Anaya—

Presenter—Dan Huskisson

Dysart—Recipient—Arturo Escalante—Presenter—

Dan Huskisson

Glendale—Recipient—Ivan Guzman—Presenter—Jan

Huber

Globe—Recipient—Justin Salcido—Presenter--mailed

Independence—Luis Gonzales—Presenter—cancelled

Agua Fria—Recipient—Ledyo Torres—Presenter—Dan Huskisson

Cortez—Recipient—Michael Salazar—Presenter—Dan Huskisson

Tolleson—Recipient—Kevin Mancía—Presenter—Allen Nash

Westview—Recipient—unknown—Presenter—cancelled

Deer Valley—Recipient—Grace Reed—Presenter—Dan Huskisson

Apollo—Recipient—Edgar Mora—Presenter—Dan Huskisson

Red Mountain—Recipient—Dane McCall—Presenter—Verna Griffith (Auxiliary)

Greenway—Recipient—Fousto Anaya—Presenter—Bob Archibald

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

Flowing Wells—Recipient—Luke Smith—Presenter—Bob Haley

Cienega—Recipient—Amblio Devbraux—Presenter—Bob Haley

Cholla Magnet—Recipient—Unknown—Presenter—mailed

Desert View—Recipient—Unknown—Presenter—mailed

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

Mohave—Recipient—Bryan Fankhauser—Presenter—Dale Enlow

Coconino—Recipient—Darian Putesoy—Presenter—mailed

Pinon—Recipient—Unknown—Presenter—mailed

Chinle—Recipient—Unknown—Presenter—mailed

NAU (Army)—Recipient—Unknown—Presenter—Rich Rice

NAU (Air Force)—Recipient—Andres Sepulveda—Presenter—Rich Rice

Embry-Riddle (Army)—Recipient—Robin Beauregard—Presenter—Tim Prater

Embry-Riddle (Air Force)—Recipient—Keis Verluer—Presenter—Tim Prater

Prescott—Recipient—Noah Pulido—Presenter—Tim Prater

Hopi—Recipient—Honkuyva Nutumya—Presenter—Mark Haynes

Santa Fe, NM—Recipient—Joab Gonzalez—Presenter—mailed

Tuba City—Recipient—Christopher Coleman—Presenter—David Swanson

Thanks to all of the presenters in participating in this worthwhile program.

Brother Bob Archibald
JROTC Program Coordinator



(L-R) Brother Dale Enlow and Cadet Second Lieutenant Bryan Fankhauser



(L-R) Cadet R. Beauregard and Brother Tim Prater



(L-R) Cadet Edgar Mora and Brother Dan Huskisson



(L-R) Brother David Swanson and Cadet Christopher Coleman

Memorial Day activities

This year marked the first time that all 5 Allied Orders participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies in Arizona! Congratulations!

More information can be found in the Camp & Auxiliary sections of the newsletter.

Memorial and Veterans Days are THE two days set aside to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our country and for all of those who have or are serving it in our armed forces.



General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 working to place a headstone on the unmarked grave of Civil War Veteran Howard E. Banes

Thanks to information presented at its May 2018 Camp meeting from Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson, the Camp is working on obtaining a government marker for Howard E. Banes. Specific information about the Camp activities can be found in the Grant Camp section of the newsletter but following is a biography of Banes prepared by Brother Jackson.

An Unmarked Grave Site of a Civil War Veteran Has Been Identified

The unmarked grave site of Howard Edward Banes has been identified by comparing information found on his Pension Application File card record to information found on his death certificate. That information was his name, date and place of death. An inquiry at the cemetery verified the burial site and confirmed his date of death. A search for Howard E. Banes grave site began when it was determined that he was a member of the James Scott Negley Post No. 1, Department of Arizona, Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized at Tucson. A search of online Arizona Voter Registration records verified that he was a long-time resident of Pima County, Arizona.

The Roster of members of the Department of Arizona, Grand Army of the Republic, shows that Howard E. Banes served in Company L, 3rd Colorado Cavalry (100 days, 1864). He enlisted August 18 at Nevada, Colorado Territory, and was mustered in at Camp Evans, Denver City, Colorado Territory, September 19, 1864. At his muster-in Howard stated that he was age 21 years and that he was born at Muskingum County, Ohio. He was described as 5 feet 11½ inches, with Hazel eyes, Sandy hair and Light complexion. Corporal Banes was mustered-out at Denver December 31, 1864.

Howard E. Banes filed from Arizona Territory for a pension October 9, 1899 and was enumerated, age 85 years, April 11, 1930, at Tucson. The enumeration shows that Howard was a widower, that his occupation

was a Miner and he was a veteran of the Civil War. His death certificate shows that he was born July 10, 1845 and died February 4, 1930.

General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 has raised funds for the installation of a Government headstone, which has been applied for by the cemetery, Evergreen Memorial Park located at Tucson. A time and date for a proceeding to mark the installation of a headstone marker for Howard E. Banes will be announced by Camp No. 2.



Westernmost Battle of the Civil War

Can you name the westernmost land battle of the Civil War? You will find the answer later in the newsletter and if you are thinking that it was Picacho Pass or Stanwix Station, you are . . .





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 or **Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom** (602) 955-3091; jerrybloom@q.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †

David A. Swanson 2003-2006

Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †

John R. Conrad 2008-2010

David A. Swanson 2010-2013

John R. Conrad 2013-2015

Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016

Jim Heller 2016-2017



May, 12, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The May 12, 2018, quarterly meeting was opened at noon by Camp Commander Jim Heller at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. We had 30 Brothers, Auxiliary Sisters and guests in attendance.

Commander Heller greeted everyone and Camp officers gave their reports.

Brother David Kampf was called upon to give an update of re-enacting programs going forward since they have been cancelled at Picacho Peak State Park. He feels that the Pioneer Village Living History Center on Pioneer Road in Phoenix is the best bet for future re-enactments and the Colorado State Historic Park in Yuma may see some but it is doubtful.

Tove White, Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 Vice President was introduced at the meeting. She is the wife of Picacho Peak Camp Junior Vice commander George White. Both are very active in their respective Orders.

Discussion about the upcoming Memorial Day activities ensued. The Camp will attend ceremonies at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Road and the Pioneer Memorial and Memorial Park in Phoenix. The Auxiliary and Camp members will lay wreaths at both locations. Three members will give speeches: David Swanson, Dan Huskisson and Bob Cox. Jan Huber will sound Taps on his bugle.

Speaker: Brother Ken Hooker gave a very interesting and well received speech about one of his relatives and that is Civil War Major General Joseph Hooker.

Thank you Ken for a great presentation!

Memorial Day 2018

Brothers from the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 attended the ceremony at the Pioneer & Military Park in Phoenix. Past Department—and Camp—Commander David Swanson read the Gettysburg Address along with observations of its relevancy today. Camp Commander Jim Heller escorted Sisters from the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 in a wreath laying ceremony and he and Brother Jerry Bloom set up a Camp information table. Other Brothers present were Jan Huber (who played Taps during the ceremony) Bob Cox, Dan Huskisson and David Jackson.

Picacho Peak Brother George White helped present a wreath on behalf of the Department and the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 (DUVCW) at the National Cemetery in Phoenix.

Upcoming Events

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at noon. Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your Brothers.

Our speaker will be Brother David Swanson who will talk about the pre-territorial history of Arizona.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

The Camp will meet on the following dates.

August 18

November 3

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 Bob Haley: 520-912-3019; chiefhaley@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2016

Randy McNally 2016-2017

July 14, 2018, Camp Meeting Information

There were 10 in attendance including the current Department commander, the past Department commander as well as two new members and 2 spouses.

Commander Haley opened the camp and a motion was made to approve the by-laws amendments drawn up by Brother Swanson to keep us in line with our National and Government requirements. After being seconded, the motion was passed.

Brother John Lyons gave a report on the Edward Howard Banes headstone project (see picture below of Mr. Bane's grave site.). The Government has approved the manufacture of the headstone. It should be delivered in about 8 weeks. After delivery the Cemetery will install it and we should be able to have our ceremony sometime in September. In reviewing the ceremony on the National website, we will need at least 5 brothers to participate. Brother McNally will contact one of the reenacting groups to see if we can have a uniformed rifle squad to fire a salute and possibly a bugler. More will come through E-mail as we get a date set.



Banes grave site

New Camp Brothers

Two new members were brought into Minty Camp, **Mark Clark** of Tucson and **Patrick Taber** of Greenwood, IN (Brother McNally's eldest Grandson). **Welcome Brothers Clark and Taber!**

Speaker:

A very interesting program was presented by Department Commander McCord about the different badges of the SUVCW, how they should be worn and how worn in conjunction with other social orders. He addressed membership badges, past honors badges, military badges and miniature badges. Commander McCord also presented an idea of creating a Department badge similar to the other departments based off of the Corps Badges used during the Civil War. He presented two ideas.

The Camp Meeting was closed by Commander Haley with the reminder that the next meeting will be 20 October, 1:00 PM at The Kettle Restaurant, 22nd and I10 Tucson.

Memorial Day 2018

Brothers from the General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 joined forces with members of the 1st New Mexico, Company B to lead the Memorial Day Parade as Color Guard at Tucson Estates, Tucson, AZ.



L-R Mena Mendoza (1st NM), Sally McNally (1st NM), Randy McNally (PCC & 1stNM), Scott Tyree (1stNM), Louis Caldera (1stNM), Camp Commander Robert Haley, Sr. Camp Commander Robert Irwin, Les Tyree (1st NM), Department Commander Robert McCord

Upcoming Events

Camp meeting:

The next meeting will take place in October 20, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.

2018 Camp Meeting Dates

Camp meetings for 2018 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.

The last 2018 meeting will take place on October 20, 2018. **We will elect officers for 2019 so please attend this very important meeting!**



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

Mark J. Haynes 2016-2017



July 14 2018, Camp Meeting Information

The July 14, 2018, quarterly meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 was opened at 1:00 p.m. by Commander Mark Haynes.

Commander Haynes welcomed all.

Officer reports: PCC Swanson, in the absence of Sec/Treasurer Jerry Bloom, gave a brief financial overview of the Camp.

Patriotic Instructors Report: Patriotic Instructor Jim Heller read a very nice poem about “Drummer Boys.”

Brothers who were at the Prescott National Cemetery for Memorial Day commented on what a **great job Brother Dale Enlow** did with his recitation of the Gettysburg address during the ceremony.

Discussions were held regarding Camp officers who will be elected during the October 13th meeting for the 2019 office. Commander Haynes will be contacting Brothers by phone to ensure that we have a full slate.

Speaker: Past Camp Commander David Swanson talked about the pre-territorial history of Arizona.

Arizona had a rich and colorful history along its path from being the Gadsden Purchase area of the Territory of New Mexico to statehood. Its pre-territorial days are also an integral part of the history of New Mexico since New Mexico achieved territorial status in 1850 and Arizona didn’t do so until 1863. Our hearty pioneers lived through lots of activity during this time—including fighting against Indians, lawless bandits, the U.S. Congress, and the invasion of Confederate forces from Texas; changes, in the form of pre-territorial boundaries and pre-territorial names such as Gadsden Purchase, Arizona—or Arizuma, the Confederate Territory of Arizona, and finally achieving *legal* territorial status as the U.S. Territory of Arizona in 1863.

A brief question and answer period followed his presentation and those present can answer this question: Did the “Territory of Arizona” really secede during the Civil War?”

In Memoriam

Brother Jack Van Deusen passed away on May 15, 2018, at Prescott, Arizona.

Brother Jack was the past Camp Chaplain and made a big difference to our Camp, the other Camps and the Department of the Southwest by making and then donating beautiful wooden bowls and plates for fundraising activities.

Jack was a proud Army veteran and was proud of his membership in the General U. S. Grant Camp and Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War.

Brother Jack will be missed—but not forgotten.

A private funeral service was held for our esteemed Brother.

Memorial Day 2018

Brothers from the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 joined the Memorial Day ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery. Department Secretary/Treasurer (and Camp JVC) Dale Enlow read the Gettysburg Address and presented some observations about it. Brother Enlow was joined by fellow Camp Brothers Tim Prater, Bill Smith and Jim Cates.



Department Secretary/Treasurer (and Camp Junior Vice Commander) Dale Enlow

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

Memorial Day 2018

Mother Nature seemed to know what a special day it was and gave us spectacular weather. This year marked the first time that all 5 Allied Orders participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery in Phoenix.

Picacho Peak Camp Junior Vice Commander George White joined the Auxiliary, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps and Margaret Warner Wood DUVCW so that all 5 Orders would be present.

There was 5,000 in attendance and over 90 organizations presented wreaths.

Master of Ceremonies, former Maricopa County Attorney and Purple Heart recipient, Rick Romley, ended the ceremony with a special tribute to the GAR, the Allied Orders and the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. He named each of the Allied Orders by name and shared that sadly today no one knows who we are. But we were all present today. I shook his hand after the ceremony and thanked him for mentioning us. He said that he had no idea and he'd learned something new today.

Veterans National Cemetery



(L-R) Camp Brothers Bill Smith, Jim Cates (also representing the Prescott SAR Chapter), Dale Enlow and Tim Prater

Camp meeting dates for 2018

The following is the Camp's remaining 2018 meeting date:

PLEASE NOTE: The next meeting is on Saturday, October 13, 2018, and not on the 14th as previously published.

Please mark your calendars

All meetings will continue to take place at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

The speaker for the October meeting will be announced. Officer elections will be held so please make a point to attend this important meeting!



(L-R) Barbara Metzger with the DUVCW wreath, Rachel Peak with the WRC, Verna Maleski with the LGAR and Dr Geri Morgan (Aux life member) with

Pioneer Military & Memorial Park--Phoenix



(L-R) Ginger Trokey, Margaret Warner Wood President. Bunny Reynolds, AUX and WRC member, Sunny McMahan (in rear) DUVCW & AUX member, Maura Mackowski, Aux member and Carol McMahan, DUVCW & Aux member

Auxiliary now has a Facebook page—check it out!
ASUVCW Picacho Peak Auxiliary #1

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on August 18, 2018, 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

A Short History of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

By David A. Swanson PDC

The following information was obtained from *History of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1881-1939*, by the Davis Star Camp, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The first sentence in parenthesis noting the “History of the Auxiliary” is contained as written in the book. The article continues with a listing of National Presidents and that information is not contained in this paper since it available on the Auxiliary website.

I first compiled the information when the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1 received its charter on August 23, 2014, and planned to present it—or at least publish it in the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 newsletter, but I used alternate information and if not for the recent inquiry of Picacho Peak Auxiliary President Verna Maleski it may have remained buried.

OUR AUXILIARY

(Note: Taken largely from the History of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as prepared by Past National President, Molly D. Hammer, and approved by the Auxiliary.)

The “Big Brother” of our organization (the Auxiliary) was Major A. P. Davis of Pittsburgh. Through his efforts and interest the first Ladies’ Aide Society was organized as an Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. This occurred at Philadelphia early in 1883, during the following year this Organization was recognized by the Sons of Veterans in the following resolution adopted at the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandry-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, August 28, 1884, held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Resolved, That the efforts of the Ladies’ Aide Societies are truly appreciated by this Commandry-in-Chief, and that their work be heartily endorsed, and recommended to the various Camps under this jurisdiction.”

The Ladies’ Aide Society flourished in several States and a National organization was effected in 1886, with Miss Laura Martin, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as National President, and was completed as a National body at the First National

Encampment of the Society held at Akron, Ohio, September 7-8, 1887, at which time eighteen delegates were present.

With the completion of the National body the Organization spread rapidly until it soon had Auxiliaries in practically all of the Divisions (as then called) of the Sons of Veterans.

The name Ladies' Aide Society was found not to be distinctive for its real purpose and working ideals and at the National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., in 1894, with the consent of the National body of Sons of Veterans, the name was changed to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and, later meeting the action of the Order of Sons of Veterans in its change of name, at the National Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1925, the name of the Auxiliary was changed to Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [The Sons of Veterans of the United States of America—also also known as the Sons of Veterans or Sons of Veterans U. S. A., was formed in 1881 and in 1923 its name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.] The first of its worthy principles and objects reads, "To assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in all its principles and objects." To this end, the Auxiliary has continuously and consistently worked and has been of real value to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, performing distinctively patriotic work that can best be done by women.

It was early recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as an allied order.

Its Annual Encampments have always been held at the same time and place as that of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Question:

Since the skirmish at Stanwix Station was the "westernmost skirmish of the Civil War" where does that leave the skirmish at Picacho Pass?



Westernmost Battle of the Civil War

By David A. Swanson PDC

The westernmost land battle of the Civil War, fought from February 20-21, 1862, occurred in the New Mexico Territory. Contrary to information contained in Wikipedia and other sources it was not the Battle of Picacho Pass (50 miles from Tucson) or the Battle of Stanwix Station (80 miles from Yuma). These were small skirmishes—especially Stanwix, that somehow, through a misinterpretation of the term "battle" (purposeful or not) became just that. I know; what a bummer! (Grief counselors are on standby.)

The name of the westernmost battle of the Civil War was the Battle of Valverde. And the battle nicknamed "Gettysburg of the West" was the Battle of Glorieta Pass fought a month later near Santa Fe. This battle was the "high-water mark" of the Confederate invasion of New Mexico and quickly put an end to its vision of Manifest Destiny.

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