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Department News

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Department of the Southwest Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War GENERAL ORDER 02 (SERIES 2019-2020) Department Per Capita

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of the Southwest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, the National policies, and the Department Bylaws, the following is ordered:

1. Per Department of the Southwest Bylaws, as amended, Article VIII Finances, Section 1; the per capita tax of the Department shall remain at the previous amount of \$8.00 per annum for the current year.
2. After consultation with and approvals from the Department Council and the Department Counselor, the following clarification of Department per capita collection from dual members is hereby ordered:
 - a) Department per capita is due from any dual Brothers whose Primary Camp is outside of the Department of the Southwest. This fee is ONLY collected once a year per individual.
 - b) Department per capita for dual Brothers, whose Primary Camp is within the Department of the Southwest, is due only from their Primary Camp. (this remains unchanged).
3. The Department Bylaws will reflect this clarification by means of a footnote added to **DSW Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1, Per Capita Tax from Camps** referring to this Department Order 02 Series 2019-2020.
4. The Department Secretary I Treasurer will prepare a new fee schedule table and instructions to assist the Camps in complying with this guidance.

Ordered this 20th day of May 2019

/s/ Gerald N. Bloom, Department Commander

ATTEST /s/ Dale E. Enlow, Department Secretary

2019 Arizona SUCVW Department of the Southwest JROTC Awards

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

School

- Cactus—Sean O'Brien—Presenter —Dan Huskisson
- Peoria—Recipient—George Castadina Jr.—Presenter--Mailed
- Moon Valley —Recipient—Julean Muniz—Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Dysart—Recipient—Loan Hillard—Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Glendale—Recipient—Luis Guzman—Presenter—Jan Huber
- Globe—Recipient—Daniel Varela—Presenter—mailed
- Independence—Abdul Salih—Presenter—Bob Archibald
- Agua Fria—Recipient—Hanby Sykes—Presenter—Mailed
- Cortez—Recipient—Zachery Lanier—Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Westview—Recipient—Emanuel Rodriguez —Presenter—Mailed
- Deer Valley—Recipient—Hayden Rice—Presenter—W. Keays
- Apollo—Recipient—Jeffrey Staples—Presenter—Dan Huskisson
- Red Mountain—Recipient—Cody King—Presenter—Verna Griffith (Auxiliary)
- Greenway—Recipient—Ben Chamberland—Presenter—Bob Archibald

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

- Flowing Wells—Recipient—Nicholas Grange—Presenter—Bob Haley
- Cienega—Recipient—Ryan Williams—Presenter—Bob Haley

University of Arizona Navy ROTC—Recipient—Midshipman Brianna Alden—Presenter—John Lyons

University of Arizona Army ROTC—Recipient Dylan Terrell—Presenter—John Lyons

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

Chinle—Recipient—Shania Nez—Presenter—Mailed

Coconino—Recipient—Beyouce Tsosie—Presenter—Jim Cates

Embry-Riddle (Army)—Recipient—Christopher Raatz—Presenter—Tim Prater

Embry-Riddle (Air Force)—Recipient—Ashton Serratos—Presenter—Tim Prater

NAU (Army)—Recipient—Dominic COUNKAN—Presenter—Jim Cates

NAU (Air Force)—Recipient—Mario Fernandez —Presenter—P. Sangster

Pinon—Recipient—Juan Begaye III—Presenter—mailed

Los Alamos NM—Recipient—Tommy Oldham—Presenter—mailed

Mohave—Recipient—Corin Panfill—Presenter—Dale Enlow

Prescott—Recipient—Ben Minkler—Presenter—Tim Prater

Hopi—Recipient—Warren Lamauwaima —Presenter—Mailed

Santa Fe, NM—Recipient—Benjamin Cordiva—Presenter—mailed

Tuba City—Recipient—Keith Davis—Presenter—David Swanson

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

CDR Bob Archibald, USNR (RET)

JROTC Program Coordinator



Coconino High School JROTC



Coconino High School JROTC

(L-R) Brother Jim Cates –in Revolutionary War uniform (with regulation Kepi!—Jim is also a member of the Prescott SAR), Cadet Beyonce Tsosie, and Dr. Bill Baran, Arizona SAR

Red Mountain High JROTC



(L-R) Sister Verna Griffith, Auxiliary and Cadet Cody King

University of Arizona ROTC



L-R Brother John Lyons and Cadet Dylan Terrell

Greenway High JROTC



(L-R) Cadet Ben Chamberland and Brother Bob Archibald

Cortez High School JROTC



(L-R) Cadet Zachery Lanier and Brother Dan Huskisson

Prescott High JROTC



(L-R) Brother Tim Prater and Cadet Ben Minkler

Flowing Wells High JROTC



(L-R) Brother Bob Haley and Cadet Nicholas Grange

University of Arizona Navy ROTC



(L-R) Brother John Lyons and Midshipman Brianna Alden

Tuba City High School



(L-R) Brother David Swanson and Cadet Keith Davis



Civil War reenactor clothing donated to the Pioneer Cemetery Association

Both Picacho Peak Camp Brother Jan Huber and Gen. U. S. Grant Camp Brother Jim Laursen donated articles of their CW reenactor clothing to the Pioneer Cemetery Association in Phoenix for use in a display inside the 1897 Smuthwaite House. The house is adjacent to the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park where some 125 CW soldiers and sailors from the Union and the Confederacy are buried.

Brother Huber donated a jersey, pants, pouch and cap and Brother Laursen a slouch hat.

Both Brothers received a vote of thanks for their generous donations from Judy Smith on behalf of the Pioneer Cemetery Association Board of Directors.





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 at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Rd, Phoenix. Contact: **Commander Jeff Burgess** (602) 819-0795; jeffreydavidburgess@gmail.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 2016-2018

The May 18, 2019, Camp meeting was opened at Noon by camp Commander Jeff Burgess.

Camp Business

Opening Comments

Verna Griffith (Camp Auxiliary) and Ginger Trokey (DUVCW) were recognized in attendance. Brother Al Harrica stood in as temporary Camp Chaplain due to the absence of Chaplain Jim Heller. Several guests of the new brothers Avery Frantz & Todd T. Hoffay were introduced. SUVCW brother John Kind, visiting from El Paso, TX, was also introduced.

Officer Reports

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported that the annual collection of dues had been successfully completed.

Department ROTC Coordinator Bob Archibald gave an update on the Department's robust ROTC program. He said he would appreciate any help offered to administer the program, as it involves covering a large geographic area.

Initiation of New Brothers

Department Commander Jerry Bloom conducted the initiation ceremony for two new brothers – Avery Frantz & Todd Hoffay.

Initiation of New Sisters into the Camp Auxiliary

Auxiliary President Verna Griffith conducted the initiation ceremony for new sister Deanna Lamb.



(L-R) Brother Al Harrica, Camp Commander Jeff Burgess, Brother Todd T. Hoffay, Brother Avery Frantz and Department Commander Jerry Bloom

Old Business

Brother John Conrad volunteered to serve as the Camp's Patriotic Instructor, replacing the late Allen Nash.

New Business

Camp Council Kenneth Hooker distributed prototypes of the business cards he had designed for the Department. They met with general approval and Dept. Commander Jerry Bloom said he would submit them for official approval.

Auxiliary President Verna Griffith asked for the Camp's participation in dedicating a new headstone, ordered by new brother Avery Frantz, for Union veteran Nathaniel M. Hudson at Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery. (The dedication date is dependent upon the date of delivery of the headstone.) It was agreed the Camp should participate and promote the event in the media.

Featured Speaker

Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson discussed the numerous research methods and resources he uses. The most recent products of his work have been posted to the Department's website at: <https://suvcw-southwest.org/arizona-gar/> They include the following files:

Prominent Arizona Union Soldiers of Arizona Union soldiers who served in Arizona and are mentioned in the Hayden Arizona pioneer biographical files and Members of the 1st Arizona Volunteer Infantry Regiment Who Died in U.S. Service and

(Prominent Arizona Union soldiers continued)
African American Union Volunteers in Arizona
Territory, 1865-1866.



Department Graves Registration Officer David Jackson

Brother Avery Frantz honored

Woman’s Relief Corps National Inspector General Verna Maleski officially recognized new Brother Avery David Frantz as an honorary member of Logan’s Brigade for his outstanding work in perpetuating the history and memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR.

Avery was praised for the overall, impressive work that he has been doing as it relates to a cemetery project he started in identifying unmarked Civil War soldier’s graves and obtaining tombstones for them.

Avery, who is very knowledgeable and dedicated to Civil war history, started his project at age 16.

(For a history of the Logan’s Brigade medal see page 10.)



(L-R) WRC Inspector General Verna Maleski and Brother Avery Frantz

Congratulations Brother Avery!



May 27, 2019, Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at the Pioneer & Military Park in Phoenix

Department Commander Jerry Bloom gave the annual Gettysburg Address to those present at the

celebration. Other Brothers present were Jim Heller, Jan Huber, David Kampf and Dan Huskisson.



Department Commander Jerry Bloom delivering the Gettysburg Address

Allied Orders also in attendance



(L-R) Sisters Maura Mackowski—Picacho Peak Auxiliary; Sunny McMahan—Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Bunny Reynolds—Suzie Taylor King #4, Woman’s Relief Corps; and Ginger Trokey—Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1, DUVCW

Upcoming Events

2019 Camp meetings:

All Camp meetings will take place at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 702 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix at noon on the third Saturday of the following months: November (16th).



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
Robert Haley 2017-2018

July 20, 2019, Camp Meeting Information

The Camp meeting was opened at 1:05 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant in Tucson by Camp Commander Robert Haley with a prayer, the American's Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 7 members and guests in attendance.

Members Present

Robert Haley – Commander
Robert McCord – PCC
John Lyons – Jr Vice Commander
Albert Niemeyer

Guests Present

Laura McCord
Kanta Pusey
Bruce Kent, Jr.

Treasurer's Report as of 6 July 2019 showed:

Flag Fund	\$161.96
General Fund	\$655.93
Total	\$817.89

The Minutes of the April 2019 Meeting were not read because of the excused absence of the Secretary. A mention was made about the passing of Brother Paul Washeleski. He was Commander of a Camp unfamiliar to us.

Brother Albert Niemeyer was initiated into the SUVCW.

No Old Business and New Business was discussed because of a lack of a quorum.

Under Good of the Order Commander Haley commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon on 20 July 1969 by displaying original newspapers from France, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States.

Also under Good of the Order Junior Vice Commander John Lyons stated that he will be going to the National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio, this August.

Under Patriotic Instruction Commander Haley explained how making round bullets for the Civil War was made more efficient by the invention of “shot towers” that used two free energy sources – gravity and air pressure.

Molten lead was poured through a sieve at the top of the tower. Gravity pulled the molten lead down and air pressure formed the molten lead into a sphere. At the base of the shot tower the now solid lead balls fell into a tank of water to cool them enough to be handled.

There were three shot towers that made most of the bullets used during the Civil War: Sparks Tower in Philadelphia made in 1808 is 140 feet tall; Phoenix Tower in Baltimore made in 1828 is 234 feet tall and was the tallest man-made structure in the United States until 1846; Dubuque Tower in Dubuque, Iowa, made in 1856 is 120 feet tall and could make 8 tons of lead bullets each day!

The meeting was closed by Commander Haley at 1:38 p.m.

P.S. Thanks to Laura McCord for being Acting Secretary and taking the Minutes.

Memorial Day activities

Memorial weekend was a busy time for General RHG Minty Camp #2 of the Department of The Southwest. Saturday morning saw members out early at the GAR section of the Evergreen Cemetery of Tucson placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans. Seven members attended to the flag placing: (L-R: PCC, Randy D. McNally; Mark Clark; David Jackson (Dept. graves Registration); Nicholes Jackson, chaplain; CC, Robert Haley; Andrew Whipple; JVC John Lyons.



The second event for the Camp was Monday morning at Tucson Estates for the Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our great country. Minty Camp was also joined by members of the 1st New Mexico, Company B in marching in the parade to honor our Civil War ancestors.



L-R: Randy D. McNally, PCC & 1st NM; Les Tyree, 1st NM; Nicholes Farmer, chaplain & 1st NM; Louis Caldera, Camp #2 & 1st NM; Robert Haley, CC; Robert McCord, PCC, PDC; John Lyons, JVC

Upcoming Events

Remaining 2019 Camp Meeting Dates

The remaining Camp meeting for 2019 will take place on October 12, 2019. All meetings 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 Dale Enlow (928) 715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com or Secretary/Treasurer Tim Prater 928-533-1478; timprater86323@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

David A. Swanson 2015-2016
Mark J. Haynes 2016-2018



July 20, 2019, Camp Meeting Information

A meeting of the General U. S. Grant Camp #3 was held at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff, on July 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Camp Commander Dale Enlow and Brother Gene McCarthy invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, statement of principles of the Order, and recitation of The American’s Creed.

Nineteen (19) Brothers and guests were in attendance—a wonderful crowd!

In attendance: Bob and Margaret Archibald, new Brother Frank Baker, Department Commander Jerry Bloom, Jim and Celeste Cates, Camp Commander Dale Enlow, Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Brother Ken Hooker and wife Lynn, new Brother Keith Knotek, Jim Laursen, Gene and Jackie McCarthy, David Palmateer, Richard Rice, John Ruggles, new Brother Rick Stephens and wife Laura, and John Thorne.

Reports/Announcements/Business

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Prater is traveling to Colorado to be with his brother who is undergoing surgery;

Commander Enlow advised that Brother Paul Washeleski, Charter Member and first Commander of Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp #25, Dept of Ca/Pacific, recently passed away in Phoenix. He was also a member of the Battle Born Patriots, Nevada Sons of the American Revolution. Rest in Peace.

Brother Bob Archibald gave a report on the recent decision of the Air Force to forbid ROTC/JROTC cadets from wearing medals presented by “heritage or lineage” based societies such as the SUVCW, SAR, etc.. Department Commander Bloom indicated he would bring back developments of this from the upcoming National Encampment in Ohio.

New Brothers initiated

Frank Baker, Keith Knotek, and Richard (Rick) Stephens were initiated as new Brother members in US Grant Camp #3, by Commander Enlow and acting Chaplain Gene McCarthy. Each new Brother was presented their membership certificate, a rosette and a name tag.



Brother Frank Baker



Brother Keith Knotek



Brother Richard Stephens

Old Business

Commander Enlow reported that several Brothers participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at the Prescott National Cemetery and he read the Gettysburg Address. New Brother Rick Stephens and his wife Laura are Gold Star parents and also took part in the ceremonies there. Jerry Bloom indicated that he delivered the Gettysburg Address at the Pioneer & Military Park in Phoenix.

A new GAR flag holder and flag were placed on the grave of Corp. Richard Gordon, Co H, 2nd NY Vet Cavalry in the tiny Hackberry Cemetery on May 30th.

Details are still being worked out for the raffle of the .50 cal Hawken style rifle at the next Department Encampment. Dept. Commander Bloom advised it is tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2020, in Phoenix.

New Business

Brothers were reminded that next year’s Camp Officers must be elected at the October meeting. Enlow encouraged everyone to consider serving the Camp in an elected/appointed position. Volunteers should contact the commander so that a slate of candidates can be prepared.

Presentation

Brother Ken Hooker of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 was introduced and gave a very comprehensive, enlightening, and entertaining of General Joseph “Fighting Joe” Hooker, his command of the Army of the Potomac, and the Battle of Chancellorsville.



Brother Ken Hooker

Closing

Camp Commander Enlow announced that the next will be October 5, 2019, with a planned presentation about the Allied Orders, by Verna Maleski.

As a special note, all of our meetings take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

May 27, 2019, Memorial Day activity

Brothers from the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 joined the Memorial Day ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery. Camp Commander Dale Enlow read the Gettysburg Address and presented some observations about it. Brother Enlow was joined by fellow Camp Brothers Tim Prater and Jim Laursen.



Camp Commander Dale Enlow

(Memorial Day continued)



Brother Jim Laursen

The following items are needed and will be delivered to the State Veterans Home in December:

- Elastic waist sweatpants (sizes large to 3XL)
- Sweatshirts and zip up hoodies (large to 3XL)
- Long sleeved t-shirts (large to 3XL)
- Slippers (various sizes)
- Soda
- Snack bags of chips
- Soft cookies
- NA beer
- Tote bags for backs of wheelchairs
- Cup holders for wheelchairs
- Insulated travel mugs



Camp meeting dates for 2019

The following are the 2019 Camp meeting dates:
October 5, 2019.

Please mark your calendars

All meetings will continue to take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 3540 E. Historic Route 66 in Flagstaff.

The speaker for the October 5th 2019, meeting will be Woman's Relief Corps National Inspector General Verna Maleski who will talk about the GAR Allied Orders



Arizona State Veterans Home Donation Program 2019

Department Brothers—your assistance is needed to assist the Margaret Warner Wood, AZ Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW, with its collection drive for the Arizona State Veterans Home. While this was originally directed to the Picacho Peak Camp, if any others can assist as well that would be outstanding.

Please deliver your donations to the Picacho Peak Camp during its November 16th Camp meeting.



General News and Information

History of the General John A Logan Medal & Logan's Brigade

By Woman's Relief Corps National Inspector General Verna Maleski

The Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. was recognized at the 1883 Denver G.A.R. National Encampment as the only auxiliary to the GAR. They quickly grew into largest women's organization in the world with over 166,000 members, second to only the GAR. Sadly their membership has dwindled to around 500 members today. Under new leadership they are making a comeback in several states, including Arizona.

In the 1960's the Corps created the General John A. Logan Medal to award men or women for their exemplary work in perpetuating the history of the GAR. It is their highest and most prestigious award. On February 22, 1985, National WRC President, Lurene Wentworth presented the medal to President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office in recognition for his work in veterans affairs. Reagan later signed Public Law 100-527, known as the Department of Veterans Affairs Act, and elevated the Veterans Administration to the 15th Cabinet-level department in the federal government. Something many veterans groups including the WRC had been pushing for.

The ladies also wanted a way to show their appreciation of the men that worked behind the scenes to help us with our duties. Early on they'd began calling these helpful men "Logan's Brigade." At 1980 Convention the women voted Logan's Brigade as an official title to honor to the men. Only women in the WRC can bestow the honor and only to the men assisting the WRC gals.

The tie is new concept and the outward symbol of the title Logan's Brigade. Currently only 2 people have been presented with one. The first is Howard Streeter, SUVCW member and spouse of the National WRC President, Lucille Streeter. Avery is the second. It was awarded by the Woman's Relief Corps National Treasurer and PNP, Lurene Wentworth and National Secretary Kathy Bower, for his outstanding work in perpetuating the history of the GAR and WRC in Arizona.

What happens to some Civil War era cannons?

By David Swanson

Well, we know that some Confederate cannons were melted down to produce early GAR badges and other cannons adorned the fronts of many GAR posts but as my wife Jan and I were traveling in Wyoming (actually attending a Lincoln Highway Association

conference) in June we entered the small town of Sinclair. Now if Sinclair sounds familiar it should since Sinclair gas stations are quite numerous and this particular town of 400 + people was the home of a Sinclair refinery (opened in 1924) and of course the Lincoln Highway ran through it.



Anyway, the town has a very nice park which contains a beautiful fountain and two Civil War era cannons on display. I went over to look at them and quickly found out that they had a use to the refinery that was interesting.



Here is what the sign on the front reads: "This cannon of Civil War vintage was for many years an essential part of oil field tank farm equipment. It was used in making holes in a tank of oil when it caught fire to let the oil flow into the surrounding dyke before it boiled over from the heat or before it exploded and cause more serious damage to the immediate area."

Never heard of the Lincoln Highway? It was this nation's first "improved" transcontinental road for automobiles in the United States, dedicated nationwide on October 31, 1913. It was named after our 16th president (you know, the one who kept our Union together) and was the first national monument to him predating the Lincoln Memorial by nine years.

Here is some information from Wikipedia:

The *Lincoln Highway Association*, originally established in 1913 to plan, promote, and sign the highway, was re-formed in 1992 and is now dedicated to promoting and preserving the road.

In preparation for the October 31 dedication ceremonies, the LHA [Lincoln Highway Association] asked clergy across the United States to discuss Abraham Lincoln in their sermons on November 2, the Sunday nearest the dedication. The LHA then distributed copies of many of the sermons, such as one

by Cardinal Gibbons who, with the dedication fresh in mind, had written that “such a highway will be a most fitting and useful monument to the memory of Lincoln.”

One of the greater contributions to highway development was a well-publicized and promoted U.S. Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy in 1919. The convoy left the White House in Washington, D.C., on July 7, 1919, and met the Lincoln Highway route at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. After two months of travel, the convoy reached San Francisco on September 6, 1919. Though bridges failed, vehicles broke and were sometimes stuck in mud, the convoy was greeted in communities across the country. The LHA used the convoy's difficulties to show the need for better main highways, building popular support for both local and federal funding. The convoy led to the passage of many county bond issues supporting highway construction.

One of the participants in the convoy was a young Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower, and it was so memorable that he devoted a chapter to it ("Through Darkest America With Truck and Tank") in his 1967 book *At Ease: Stories I Tell to Friends*. That 1919 experience, and his exposure to the Autobahn network in Germany in the 1940s, found expression in 1954 when he announced his "Grand Plan" for highways. The resulting 1956 legislation created the Highway Trust Fund that accelerated construction of the Interstate Highway System.

Well, I encourage you to check out the Lincoln Highway and the LHA. One can travel the entire route from Times Square in New York City (the eastern terminus) to Lincoln Park in San Francisco (the western terminus) and almost all of it is on the original highway and its 1920s alignments (Jan and I did and it was a blast)!

<https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/>



A statue to be proud of

The following information authored by Brandon Oconnor (April 29, 2019) is contained in:

https://www.army.mil/article/221066/west_point_unveils_statue_of_ulysses_s_grant

WEST POINT, N.Y. — A seven-and-half foot bronze statue of Ulysses S. Grant now stands at the U.S. Military Academy.

The statue of the 18th U.S. president was dedicated this week, not far from statues of Grant's fellow West Point graduates Douglas MacArthur, George Patton and Dwight Eisenhower.

Grant graduated West Point in 1843 and was the first alum to become a U.S. president.



WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Eye to eye across The Plain the two members of the Long Gray Line to serve as President of the United States will now stand as permanent inspiration to current and future cadets.

Thirty-six years after a statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower, USMA Class of 1915, was added to the perimeter of The Plain, a statue of Ulysses S. Grant, USMA Class of 1843, was dedicated during a ceremony Thursday.

Cast in bronze, the statue of Grant stands 7 feet 6 inches tall and stands on a 4 feet 6 inch granite podium. Grant is depicted in his four-star Union Army uniform with riding gauntlets representing his reputation as an expert horseman in one hand and a sword in the other.

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