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Memorial Day observances

“Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from his dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.”

—GAR General Order No. 11, May 5, 1868

All three Department Camps participated in various Memorial Day activities which are reported in their sections of the newsletter.

SUVCW Scholarship awarded to Brother Avery Frantz

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) awards two \$2,500 scholarships annually for high-school seniors and college students, contingent upon their enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university.

Grant Camp Brother Avery Frantz, a student at Northern Arizona State University in Flagstaff, was awarded one of the scholarships.

Congratulations Brother Avery!

General U.S. Grant Camp Announces JROTC Scholarship Program

Beginning in 2022, the General U.S. Grant Camp No.3 (USG3), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will award, annually, a \$500 scholarship to a high school JROTC senior. The USG3 sponsors twelve high school JROTC programs. The scholarship will be awarded to a JROTC Senior Cadet from one of those schools. This endowment will be contingent upon his/her enrollment in an accredited school of higher learning. This new program offers higher educational opportunities to those outstanding JROTC cadets who demonstrate qualities of leadership, commitment, responsibility, community service and

excellence in the pursuit of education. The applicant must meet the requirements established by the USG3 Scholarship Committee and provide evidence of having accomplished each. A three-member Scholarship Committee is responsible for application review, selection and announcement of the winner.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship fund should contact Brothers Bob Archibald barch2@mindspring.com 623.561.8261 or Tim Prater timprater86323@gmail.com 928.533.1478. As Department of the Southwest Brothers we have an incredible opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the future leaders of America.

JROTC/ROTC Program

As discussed earlier, for this past school year, the high school JROTC programs were in disarrangement. Some high schools were completely closed; others had a minimum amount of studies so not able to select a recipient; several were able to present awards by staff in a classroom setting, and a very few were able to hold award public ceremonies with presenters.

My sincere thanks to Brother Tim Prater for coordinating JROTC/ROTC in the Prescott and Flagstaff areas. Tim also was able to make presentations for Camp #3. Brother Dan Huskisson and DUVCW Sisters Verna Maleski and Ginger Trokey made presentations for Camp #1.

My thanks to all of the presenters and to those that were on standby.

CDR Bob Archibald, USNR (RET)
JROTC/ROTC Program Coordinator
SUVCW, Dept. of the Southwest

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1

High School/Univ—Recipient—Presenter
ALHAMBRA—None
APOLLO—Adelie Riveria—D. Huskisson
AQUA FRIA—Dylan Phillips---D Huskisson
CACTUS—Nathan Kajornkittpoon—D Huskisson
CORTEZ—None

DEER VALLEY—Zea Smith—JROTC Staff
DESERT RIDGE—Could not contact
DYSART—Antonio Benitez—JROTC staff
GLENDALE—None
GLOBE—Jahmal Valdez—JROTC staff
GREENWAY—Could not contact
INDEPENDENCE—None
MOON VALLEY—None
RED MOUNTAIN—Ryder McGhee—V. Maleski (DUVCW)
SKYLINE—Aiden Griffith—G. Trokey (DUVCW)
TOLLESON—None
THUNDERBIRD—None
WESTVIEW—Orlando Moreira—JROTC staff for 2020; Patrick Thompson—JROTC staff for 2021
WESTWOOD—Victor Tores—JROTC staff

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

High School/Univ—Recipient--Presenter
FLOWING WELLS—Could not contact
CIENEGA—Seth Zaspel—JROTC staff

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3

MOHAVE—Could not contact
PINON—Could not contact
CHINLE—Could not contact
HOPI—Could not contact
TUBA CITY—Could not contact
NAU (ARMY)--None
NAU (AIR FORCE)—Madison Young—Tim Prater
EMB-RID (ARMY)—George Semple—Tim Prater
EMB-RID (AIR FORCE)—Zane Truly—ROTC staff
BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN—Cody Remer—Tim Prater
COCONINO—Aldan Yoakum—JROTC staff
PRESCOTT—None
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—None
GALLUP, N.M.—Could not contact
LOS ALAMOS, N.M.—Seth Javrick—JROTC staff
SANTA FE, N.M.—Lily Hunter—JROTC staff

Eagle Scout Coordinator report

DSW Eagle Scout Coordinator Dennis Lamb reports that he just completed the National Eagle Scout annual report from July 2020—June 2021 for the Department and two certificates delivered.

Woman's Relief Corps badge donated

By Avery Frantz

On June 25, Avery Frantz, Dept Civil War Memorials Officer, donated a Woman's Relief Corps badge to Sharlot Hall Museum of Prescott, Arizona; home to Pauline O'Neill the famous WRC suffragette.

The Sharlot Hall Museum has the only known picture of a whole Corps in Arizona. The museum was

excited to show me the photo and hoped that maybe we could help identify some of the ladies. The history of their local Corps was also donated to further help members of the public understand the contributions of these ladies.



Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1 and the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award

This medal is of the highest order which is authorized by the SUVCW and can be presented to a female member of one of the Allied Orders in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to the SUVCW—and four Sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1 have received one from our Department.

- Past President Verna Maleski—2017
- Past President Barbara Metzger—2018
- Past President Maura Mackowski—2020
- President Ginger Trokey—2021

As pointed out by Sister Verna Maleski, the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No. 1 has received more of the awards than any other department or detached tent in the country!

That speaks volumes about the dedication of these Sisters and their outstanding actions for the SUVCW and the Department of the Southwest!



(L-R) Ginger Trokey, Verna Maleski and Maura Mackowski with their medals—Barbara Metzger (not pictured)



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 Ken Hooker** (480) 580-1612; hooker56@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
James M. Heller 2016-2018
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020

May 15, 2021, Camp meeting minutes

In person meeting (with optional Zoom component) was held at Denny's 7000 E. Mayo Blvd, Phoenix.

Commander Hooker welcomed back our camp members and guests to in-person meetings again.

Camp Chaplain Jim Heller held a moment of silence, and offered a prayer and biography of our recently passed brother, David Turner.

Camp Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom reported on the financial state of the camp, which is in a positive status

Monument update: Brother David Jackson distributed documents for the camp including the possible locations for plaques/memorials to Union Soldiers as an alternative to the larger monument we have been trying to install in Phoenix. It is thought that maybe multiple smaller memorials will be a better option.

Patriotic Instructor John Conrad gave a speech about SUVCW founder AP Davis.

Sister Verna Maleski spoke about the history of the Ladies Auxiliary and asked all present to help recruit for the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 Auxiliary. If no new members are able to enlist and hold leadership positions it may fold.

Commander Hooker mentioned Memorial Day activities for the Camp and three brothers volunteered to participate in activities at the Pioneer and Military Cemetery in Phoenix: Ken Hooker, John Conrad, and Bob Cox.

Commander Hooker presented a certificate of mourning to Verna Maleski, who was representing the family of David Turner (done so at the request of his grandson Brother Avery Frantz who was not present).

DC Conrad and CC Hooker gave wishes to the camp on the occasion of its 25th Birthday. Congrats to Camp Picacho Peak on reaching 25 years old!

Past Department commander Heller honored

DC Conrad presented the PDC badge and certificate to PDC Jim Heller and thanked him for his service as Commander of the Dept of the SW. (This was not done during the last Department Encampment since it was a Zoom meeting.)



(L-R) PDC Jim Heller & DC John Conrad

Brother Initiated

Brother Steve Miller was initiated into the Camp and the SUVCW.



(L-R) Brother Steve Miller and CC Ken Hooker

Featured Speaker: David Swanson, PCC, PDC gave a presentation about the first National Memorial Day on May 30, 1868, at Arlington Cemetery under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Brothers & Sisters present at meeting



New Brother

Keith Hugus of Chandler, AZ was approved for membership in the SUVCW and the Camp. Brother Hugus's Union CW ancestor is his great grandfather Pvt. Henry Koch Hugus, Co F, 103rd PA

Welcome Brother Keith!

Phoenix Veterans Home donation contributions

I want to thank everyone who gave donations to the Phoenix Veterans Home. We received from Margaret Warner Wood Tent #1 and Picacho Peak Camp #1 \$316.00 in cash and many donation items.

With the money, we bought t-shirts, shorts, socks, (male and female), and snack items.

I received donations of ball caps, near beer, soda, snacks, cups, and miscellaneous clothing items.

A big thank you to everyone who participated. We will be delivering the items after the July 4th weekend.

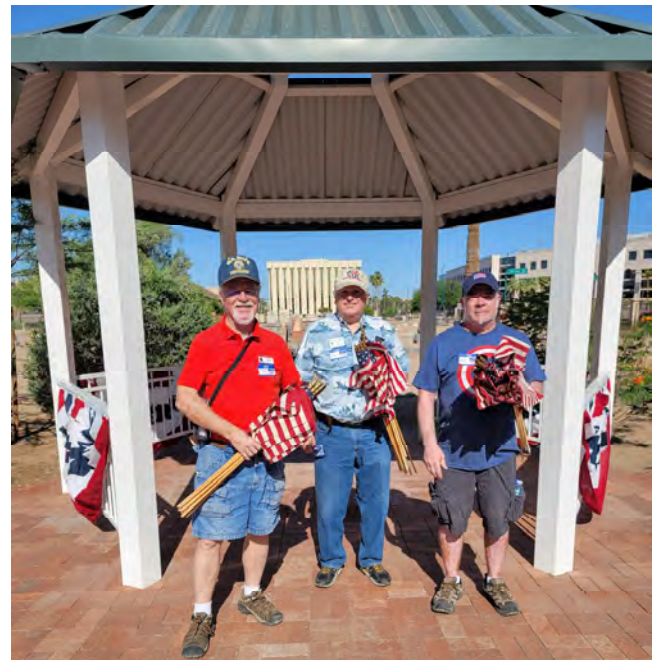
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Ginger Trokey, Tent President

In Memoriam

Picacho Peak Brother David Turner died on May 9, 2021. Brother Turner is the grandfather of Brother Avery Frantz.

The Camp sends its condolences to Brother Avery and the entire family.

Memorial Day event



(L-R) Picacho Peak Brothers Robert Cox, John Conrad DC, & Ken Hooker CC, setting flags at the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park in Phoenix on Memorial Day

Upcoming Events

2021 Camp meetings:

The next Camp meeting will take place on August 21, 2021, at Denny's Restaurant, 7000 E. Mayo Blvd, Phoenix, AZ:

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 Irwin; phone 520-743-9983; email: rbirwin@cox.net

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017

Randy McNally 2017-2018

Robert Haley 2018-2020

July 17, 2021, Camp meeting minutes

The Camp met at the Kettle Restaurant in Tucson with 14 in attendance, including past Department Commanders McCord and Bloom, and 4 guests. Commander Irwin opened the camp.

- April Meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Read and approved Treasurers report.
- National GOs 17-20 were reviewed. (may be reviewed on the National website suvew.org)

Prayer requests for Camp members and families:
Department Commander John Conrad – Achilles tendon injury.

Unfinished business:

The badges are available for those who ordered during last order and are in the hands of the S/T. (I have about 4)

Memorial Day: Camp members joined 1st New Mexico, Co. B members for Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates. We were even complimented by the SCV members in the parade. Camp members also placed Flags on graves at Evergreen Cemetery on May, 29th, at the GAR plot. (See summer edition of Banner for picture of Parade members; also on the following page.)

Minty Camp By-Laws issue has been determined to be a non-issue. No action taken.

Brothers McCord and McNally have been assigned, as a Department committee, to look into the forming of a SVR unit within the Department. Brother McCord explained the requirements needed and handed out applications to those who requested them to start the process. A communication will also be sent to the other Camps in the Department to gauge their interest. A Zoom meeting will most likely be heard to determine the Unit designation.

National Encampment will be August 4-9 at St. Louis, MO. Ron Hyer will be a delegate representing Minty Camp and the Department of the Southwest.

Commander Irwin encouraged Camp Members to get reactivated in the JROTC/ROTC medal program as things are starting to open up to do so.

Minty brothers were encouraged to submit biographies of their Civil War ancestor(s) to the Department Signal Officer for posting on the Department web site.

Department Signal Officer: Jeff Burgess:

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Commander Irwin gave an update on the Flag pole at the GAR plot, Evergreen Cemetery. Going slowly, but moving forward.

Members of the Margaret Warner Wood, Tent #1 joined us to initiate two new members.



L-R: Tent President Ginger Trokey; new members Paige Faire and Linda Keeler.

Program: Commander Irwin presented an interesting program on U.S. Aircraft Carriers; their size and other facts on this air branch of the US Navy.

Closing: Commander Irwin closed the Camp meeting at 2:00 PM

The Camp is in need of an assistant secretary/treasurer!

**Contact Brother McNally
(randydmcnally@aol.com)**

Next Camp Meeting—October 16, 2021

All meetings take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson.

Memorial Day event

On Memorial Day Minty Camp Brothers joined members of Company B, 1st New Mexico reenactors in marching in the Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates to honor the fallen.



(L/R) Robert McCord, PDC; Commander Robert Irwin; Robert Haley, PCC; Jr-Vice Commander Ron Hyer; S/T Randy McNally, PCC; Sally McNally; Donna Tyree; Les Tyree; Mike Cynecki; Daniel Johnson

(Right) Officers of General RHG Minty Camp No. 2, Department of the Southwest, spent Saturday morning placing flags on the graves of the GAR plot in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona. The GAR plot has soldiers from New Hampshire to California.

(L to R) S/T Randy D. McNally, PCC; Camp Commander Robert Irwin; Jr-Vice Commander Ron Hyer; Sr-Vice Commander Mark Clark.



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 Grand Canyon Brewery 1800 S. Milton, Flagstaff. Contact **Commander Bill Smith** (928) 301-7946; wcs813@aol.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



July 10, 2021, Camp Meeting Information

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 on July 10, 2021. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed prior to the official business meeting called to order at about 12:30 by Camp Commander William (Bill) Smith and Secretary / Treasurer Dale Enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with six (9 including dual positions) Officers reporting present. Camp Chaplain Eugene McCarthy invoked the Devine Blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Statement of the Principles of the Order, and recitation of the Americans Creed.

Nine (9) total SUVCW Brothers were present plus a new inductee Taylor Berry (grandson of Jack Berry). Also present were the following guests: Patty Palmero, Clyde Taylor, Michelle Brien, Rex and Pat Borra, Barbara Fox-Thomas and Mark Thomas, and Dick Melick. 18 total present.

Brothers In attendance: Jack Berry, Taylor Berry (NBM), Jerry Bloom PDC, Dale Enlow PCC, AS/T Keith Knotek, Chaplain Gene McCarthy, SVC Tim Prater, Commander Bill Smith, JVC Rick Stephens, and John Thorne. It was great to once again see our comrades.

New Brother initiated

Commander Smith presided over the initiation of new Brother Member, Taylor Berry. Brother Berry's qualifying ancestor is Pvt. Abraham Eades Chandler, 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry 12/23/1861 thru 1/31/1865.

Brother Jack Berry, Taylor's grandfather, had the honor of pinning on the member's rosette.



(L-R) Brothers Jack Berry, Taylor Berry & CC Bill Smith

Reports / Announcements / Business:

Secretary Treasurer Dale Enlow gave the treasurer's report.. USG3 membership now stands at 36 total / 32 Primary.

Brother Dale also announced that Brother Avery Frantz was the recipient of the 2021 SUVCW National Scholarship Award. Two awards of \$2500 each are selected from applicants nationwide by a 5-member committee. *Congratulations Brother Avery Frantz!!*

Old Business:

S/T Enlow gave a summary of the recent Department Officers' Meeting held via Zoom on May 1 of this year. Several committees were formed to investigate issues such as bonding of Officers, procedures for acceptance of new members, procedures for handling non-renewal of annual dues, creation of a Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) unit, and to explore alternate locations for a monument to Union Veterans 1861-1865 serving in the Arizona Territory. Brother Archibald, who could not attend, sent a summary of ROTC/JROTC activities to Commander Smith. He reported that 6 school JROTC programs are still closed due to COVID and that Brother Prater did present 4 awards in the USG3 area.

New business:

Commander Smith and SVC Prater gave a report of the very moving Grant Camp Memorial Day Ceremony at the Prescott Citizens Cemetery. It was well attended by Brothers, Allied Order Sisters, and representatives from Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), and Daughters of Confederate Veterans (DCV).

It was announced that our Camp will be included in the main Ceremony, in all future Memorial Day activities at the Citizens Cemetery, the final resting place of 50 Union Veterans!

Commander Smith indicated that one of the Butcher boys had just undergone surgery and requested prayers and well wishes for all Bothers in need.

Commander Smith advised that Officer elections would be held at our October meeting and he asked for volunteers to step forward to serve the Camp.

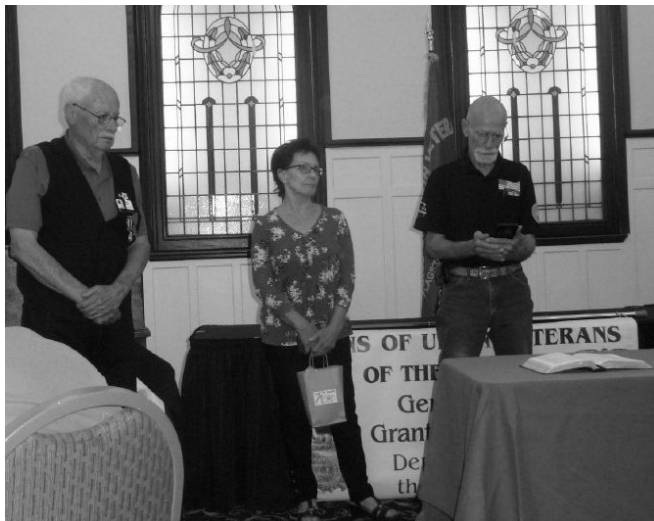
July August September Birthdays: Paul Halverson (7/14), Bill Smith (8/13), Jack Berry 8/31), Rick Stephens (9/13), Ken Morgan (9/17), and dale enlow (9/18)

Presentation:

Commander Smith gave a short presentation on Rock Island Armory and Civil War POW camp. The 12-acre POW compound held as many as 12,000 Confederate prisoners in weather as cold as 32 degrees below zero. There are 1964 Confederates buried in the cemetery there.

Featured speaker:

Commander Smith introduced our guest Speaker, Patty Palmero, N AZ Asst. State Coordinator, who gave an in-depth presentation on the Missing In America Project (MIAP). The mission of MIAP, which began in 2006, is to locate abandoned / unclaimed veteran cremains and to either return them to families or to give them a proper burial / resting place. To date they have interred more than 4,000 cremains that had been stored at funeral homes nationwide as unclaimed. US Grant Camp Brothers were invited to get involved and to attend their next ceremony, scheduled for October 7, 2021 at the Camp Navaho Veterans Cemetery.



(L-R) Cmdr Bill Smith, Patty Palermo, & Clyde Taylor

Announcements / Closing:

Commander Smith announced the date of the next Camp meeting as October 2, 2021, 12 noon (business meeting) at the Grand Canyon Brewing Co., 1800 S. Milton Rd., Flagstaff, AZ

Chaplain Gene McCarthy delivered the closing blessing. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.

New Brothers

David Minton of Lovington, New Mexico was approved for membership in the SUVCW and the Grant Camp. Brother Minton's Union Civil War ancestor is his GG Grandfather Private Jackson A. Applegate, Company H, 3rd Regiment, Indiana Cavalry.

Dennis J. DeAtley of Chandler, AZ was approved for membership in the SUVCW and the Grant Camp. Brother DeAtley's Union Civil War ancestor is his GGG Grandfather, Private James Henry DeAtley, Company C, 70th Ohio Infantry (injured at Shiloh, medical discharge 6/19/1862).

Daniel P. Mason of Albuquerque, NM, was approved for membership in the SUVCW and the Grant Camp. Brother Mason's Union Civil War ancestor is his GGG Grandfather Private James F. Pond Jr., Company C, 7th Regiment, Maine Infantry.

Welcome Brothers!

2021 Camp meeting dates

The next Camp meeting will take place October 2, 2021, at the Grand Canyon Brewing Co, 1800 S. Milton Rd, Flagstaff.

Please mark your calendars!

Memorial Day activities



Brother dale enlow placed a flag on the grave of Corporal Richard Cordon at the Hackberry, AZ Cemetery



General U. S. Grant's First Civil War Memorial Day Program

The Camp's first Memorial Day program—conducted for the Civil War Veterans buried in the Citizens Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona—was attended by Camp Brothers and guests from the DUVCW and the UDC. Twenty-five attendees paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery for what they did to save the United States of America.

The program was opened and conducted by Camp Commander William Smith and the sequence of speakers follows: Verna Maleski, DUVCW National Chaplain, invocation; Tim Prater SVC, gave a very nice talk about Union Civil War Veteran Joseph A. Bryant and his short life in Prescott then in the territory of Arizona after the Civil War in his "If the Graves of Citizen Cemetery Could Talk" presentation; dale enlow, S/T recited the Gettysburg Address and talked about its relevance today; Richard Stephens JVC, recited "The Unknown Dead"; Tributes were given by: President Ginger Trokey, Margaret Warner Detached Tent No. 1, DUVCW; Brother Avery Frantz for Past President Nadine Arney, Thunderbird Chapter, UDC; Lee T. Nelson, Charter President, Johnny Reb Chapter UDC; Verna Maleski, President Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1; Benediction poem by Sister Maleski; and David Swanson, PCC, PDC reading of "Taps, The Last Call.

Brother Tim Prater deserves special recognition for all of his efforts in arranging this great program!



CC Commander Bill Smith

Gen U.S. Grant Memorial Day (continued)



SVC Tim Prater

**Memorial Day 2022 Citizens Cemetery
Prescott, Arizona**

SVC Tim Prater contacted Harry B. Oberg, District 1, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors to request permission for Grant Camp to represent the SUVCW in the 2022 Citizens Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony. Supervisor Oberg gave approval for Grant Camp, beginning in 2022, to participate in all future Citizen Cemetery Memorial Day ceremonies. This is incredibly good news as Grant Camp will now be able to honor and pay tribute to the 50+ Civil War Union Veterans buried at Citizens Cemetery.

It is hoped that with adequate planning and advanced notice, we can have a large contingent of Grant Camp Brothers attend the ceremony next year. We can also invite DSW Brothers and Allied Order Sisters to walk with us during the procession.

For those who have not been to Citizens Cemetery, it was built in 1864, the last year of the Civil War. The ceremony is conducted as though being held some 100 years ago.



**Civil War ancestor information for the
newsletter**

If you have information about your Civil War ancestor that you would like to see printed in this newsletter (with its 4.6 million subscribers) please send it to the editor. Please limit it to one page.

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.

SUVCW Memorial University

Brothers, if you want to increase your knowledge of the SUVCW please see the following information about its Memorial University. This course and the information gained from taking it is well worth the time and effort.

Go to http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=1193 for information and to take the course. Be sure to read the directions at the top of the page! Upon the successful completion of all 12 sections you will receive a certificate of recognition from the National Patriotic Instructor—and you will be so intelligent that you won't be able to stand yourself.

Here is some information about it: "In 1900 the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) voted to establish Memorial University, a college located in Mason City, Iowa. Its purpose was not only to educate, but also to instill patriotism in its students, and prepare them for an active role in American society. The University was closed in 1910. This portion of the SUVCW website is intended to continue this noble cause and to encourage patriotism, good citizenship and provide a basic knowledge of the American Civil War.

"In 2008, an education course for Junior and Junior Associates of the SUVCW was developed by the SUVCW National Committee on Americanism and Education and made available through this web site. In 2009, the curriculum of Memorial University was expanded with the development of an Officer Training Course for members of the SUVCW."

Pierce, Arizona and the Pierce Cemetery

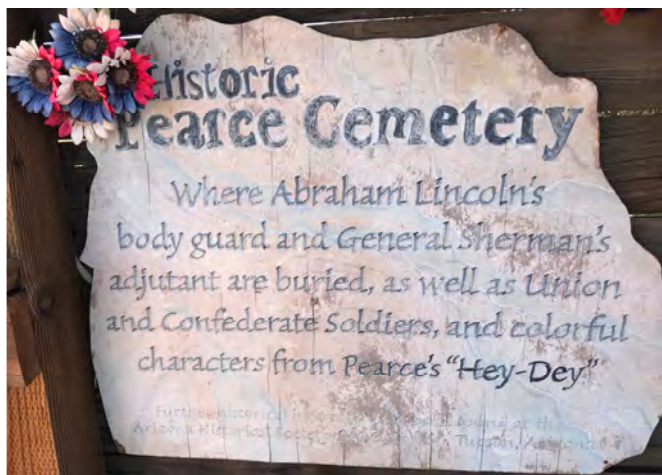
By David Swanson

Last December, on the way to the grocery store in Cave Creek, (and since it was on the way) I happened to drive by Pierce, Arizona. Pierce is south of Cochise which is all south of Wilcox on AZ 191. While there wasn't a whole lot going on in town its cemetery is an interesting exemption because it is here that "Abraham Lincoln's body guard and General Sherman's adjutant are buried as well as Union and Confederate soldiers and colorful characters from Pierce's 'Hey-Dey.'"

Here is a listing of the CW soldiers:

"John F. Johnson, 2nd & 3rd Colorado Cavalry; Thomas Lewis, Corp, 40th IA Inf; John Barlow Newbury, Mississippi Infantry—Confederate; George Platt, Quarter Master Sergeant, Ohio 7th Cav, Union Light Cavalry—Lincoln's Cavalry Escort; Alexander Wright, Lieut. Co E, 7th Minn Infantry; and James W. Wilson, Guard at Confederate storage warehouses at San Antonio, Texas, Confederate army."





And if you are interested, I forgot why I was going to the grocery store in the first place so this detour was no big deal but very informative!

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Robert D. McCord 2018-2019
Gerald N. Bloom 2019-2020
James M. Heller, 2020-2021



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