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🌀 Department News 🌀

**The Department of the Southwest Congratulates Sister Verna Maleski, on her election as
National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865
During the National DUVCW Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 18, 2023-July 23, 2023**



(L-R) DUVCW National President Verna Maleski and National & State Convention Chairman MayryJane Forsythe

DUVCW—Continued

The Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 Arizona delegation:



(L-R) Marj Polay, Barbara Metzger, Ginger Trokey, Verna Maleski, MaryJane Forsythe, Maura Mackowski & Linda Vandenburg-White (lives in AR)

Margaret Warner Tent received an award for having the most members in attendance!

Documents stored on Department website are historically significant

By Jeff Burgess, Department Signals Officer

As the Department's Signals Officer, I am happy to inform you that the Arizona State Library has determined that public documents issued by our SUVCW Department of the Southwest are historically significant, and they have added them to their Arizona Memory Project website:

<https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/nodes/view/272118>

Their website is (rigidly) formatted so that each "Contributing Institution" has its own web page. In our case, that's the link I've provided above. The link at the bottom of that page takes you to the Department's records, the "Collection" that they've posted to their site. Or, you can follow this link to get there directly: <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/nodes/view/272119>

As you can see, they've posted copies of all of the newsletters that are on our website, along with copies of some Arizona GAR history and Arizona Union veteran documents that are on our site.

This permanent presence on a state government website should improve our group's reputation and raise its public profile, while also helping to steer more Internet traffic to our Department website.



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

1886

Grant Camp No. 1 (Flagstaff)

1891

Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 (Phoenix)

1901

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

1909

Kit Carson Camp No. 1 (Albuquerque)



**SONS OF VETERANS,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF
THE CIVIL WAR**

See the General Information page (16) for more information



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 Todd Hoffay (480) 718-9753;
toddthoffay@gmail.com or **Interim**

Secretary/Treasurer Ken Hooker 480-580-1612;
hooker56@gmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Larry Fuller 1995-2003 †
David A. Swanson 2003-2006
Robert Hannon 2006-2008 †
John R. Conrad 2008-2010
David A. Swanson 2010-2013
John R. Conrad 2013-2015
Gerald N. Bloom 2015-2016
James M. Heller 2016-2018
Jeffrey D. Burgess 2018-2020
Kenneth Hooker 2020-2022

May 20, 2023, Camp meeting information

Location:

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

Opening

The meeting started at 11:30am on May 20, 2023 with 15 Brothers in attendance, 3 Guests (all Sisters of the DUVCW), and JVC Chad Newcomb attending via Zoom.

A Quorum was in attendance (6+) Members.

Commander Hoffay welcomed Brothers and guests to the meeting.

CC Hoffay led the rituals of Principles, Chaplin Heller the Invocation, CC Hoffay the America's Creed, CC Hoffay the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Meeting was called to order by Commander Hoffay.

S/T Lamb [gave the treasurer's report]. Details can be obtained by reaching out to the Interim S/T Ken Hooker.

ROTC/JROTC Officer Dan Huskisson reported on the activities of the camp's efforts to recognize Cadets for outstanding service. Dan covered a lot of ground all

over the state in his capacities of the office covering 21 schools across AZ. He also thanked our Sisters of the DUVCW for assisting in these efforts.

Old Business:

Brother David Jackson gave an update on the Porter Cemetery bench that we will be installing at the Pioneer Cemetery in Phoenix. The bench has been received by the cemetery but has not yet been installed. More to come on this in the coming months.

CC Hoffay asked for donations to purchase books from the collection of deceased Brother John Kohl (donated by his wife Joye).

CC Hoffay mentioned the Camp Happy Hour; we will be planning to hold a social gathering sometime in the upcoming months.

CC Hoffay mentioned the upcoming Memorial Day festivities at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park on 29 May and Brother Bob Cox will be onsite helping coordinate activities and the procession.

New Business:

Brothers Booth and Martorano were presented with certificates and Oak Leaf Cluster pins for their Supplemental Ancestors. They spoke about their ancestor's service to the Union Civil War efforts.

CC Hoffay presented a War Service Medal to Brother Scott Martorano.

Brother Richard Uplinger was initiated into our camp as a dual member, he has recently moved to the Phoenix area.

Department Commander Hooker gave an update from the Last Union Soldier Committee. The committee determined that Soldier Frances Weddle was not a Federalized Union Soldier, and therefore could not be the Last Union Soldier in Arizona. Parker Gordon is retained as the Last Union Veteran in Maricopa County and in AZ. DC Hooker thanks the committee for their service to this matter. The camp was represented by S/T Lamb on the committee.

DC Hooker presented a motion to accept the Camp bylaws with wording already accepted previously by the camp (regarding "good standing" of members) and reviewed by then Department Counselor John Conrad and verified valid. Hard copies were given of the actual wording for the vote. Motion was seconded. During discussion, Brother Lamb presented an alternate motion, to repeal DC Hooker's motion and table the issue for later discussion and send it to Department

Counselor for further review. That motion was seconded but failed to pass. After discussion, the original motion was voted on and passed by the majority present. Electronic copies of this motion can be obtained by reaching out to CC Hoffay, or interim S/T Hooker.

PCC Brother Jeff Burgess gave a very interesting account of the Confederate Raid in Vermont, in and around Burlington. He described all the Civil War (and some American Revolution) history in and around that area of the country, with lots of detailed maps and photos in a riveting presentation.

There being no further business Chaplain Heller asked the blessing of our God on our deliberations.

CC Hoffay brought the meeting to a close until our next meeting **August 19th 2023, at Mustang Library. This will be our annual joint meeting with the DUVCW.**

Brother Kenneth Hooker, PDC, PCC is named Interim Secretary/Treasurer of Picacho Peak Camp
Camp Order No. 3 (in part) by CC Todd Hoffay

Having received notification of the desire and necessity of Brother Dennis Lamb to resign his position as Secretary/Treasurer of Picacho Peak Camp #1 effective by the end of June 2023 at the latest, the matter having been forwarded to and voted upon by the members of the Camp Council, the following is so ordered:

Brother Kenneth Hooker is named Interim Secretary/Treasurer of Picacho Peak Camp #1 until such time as a candidate is identified to relieve him of said interim position. Any replacement would be installed at the next scheduled camp meeting, and if desired, stand for election to the office at the next scheduled Officer

New Camp Brother

On April 22, 2023, Brother Richard Uplinger became a primary member of the Picacho Peak Camp and a Dual member of the D. L. Chamberlain Camp No. 20, Department of the Chesapeake.

Brother Uplinger's Civil War ancestor is Sgt. Matthew Hunter Luce, Co I, 2nd PA Cavalry.

Welcome Brother Uplinger!

Memorial Day at Pioneer Military & Memorial Park, Phoenix

By Brother Bob Cox

Several Brothers from Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 generously volunteered their time, attention and devotion to duty by participating in the "Memorial Day 2023 Remembrance" held on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, at Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, downtown Phoenix. The sponsor of the event was Pioneers'

Cemetery Association. SUVCW PPC#1 also wants to credit the Guest Speaker for the event, Steve Schumacher, Phoenix Mayor's Office Official Historian, for an effective and memorable presentation honoring our nation's fallen. Taps was played by military veteran James Witherspoon.

Camp Brothers placing flags at veterans graves and marching in the procession were Camp Commander Todd Hoffay, Department of the Southwest Commander Ken Hooker and Brothers David Kampf, Dan Huskisson, David Jackson and Bob Cox.



(L-R) DC Ken Hooker, Brother Bob Cox & CC Todd Hoffay



Brothers Hoffay & Hooker



Brothers David Jackson & Bob Cox

ROTC/JROTC Presentations

**Message from Brother Dan Huskisson,
ROTC/JROTC Camp Coordinator**

The JROTC award schedule is complete with 21 schools that received awards.

I wish to thank each of you presenters for representing the SUVCW at the schools at which you were present. I think that since the JROTC Staff at Cortez HS, Globe HS and Tuba City HS were the only HS that we did not present, our group did a fine job. I could not have done all of these schools without your time and assistance.

Thank you again for your support.

—Dan Huskisson

2023 SUVCW DEPARTMENT OF THE
SOUTHWEST JROTC PROGRAM

Picacho Peak Camp # 1

HS/University Date Recipient Presenter

- Alhambra 3/31 C/CPL Alex De Paz Dan Huskisson
- Agua Fria USAF 5/4 C/ Carlos Elezy Dan Huskisson
- Cactus USAF 5/9 C/ Chet Van Roekel Dan Huskisson
- Cortez USN 5/11 C/ Juan Carillo Staff
- Deer Valley USAF 4/21 C/TSGT Andrew Gordon
Dan Huskisson
- Dysart USA 5/5 C/Aiden Rain Dan Huskisson
- Gilbert USAF 5/3 C/ Christian Maura Mackowski
- Glendale USN 4/28 C/CPO Diego Guadalupe
Dan Huskisson
- Greenway USN 5/17 C/Seaman Espen Zink
Dan Huskisson
- Independence USN5/16 C/Benjamin Torres
Dan Huskisson
- Moon Valley USN 4/21 C/LTjg Elijah Garcia
David Kampf
- Peoria AFJROTC 4/17 C/ Daniel Stresing
Staff
- Red Mountain USA 4/28 C/ Kaleb L. Giesler
Carolyn Harris
- Skyline USA 5/5 C/ Ethan North Verna Maleski &
Maura Mackowski
- Tolleson USMC 5/11 C/Staff Sergeant Dylan
Rodriguez Dan Huskisson
- Thunderbird USN 5/10 C/Aiden Bill Dan Huskisson
- Tuba City USMC 5/10 C/Sergeant Kyra Joe Staff
- Westview USMC 4/14 C/Major Ramiro Felix Jr.
Dan Huskisson
- Westwood USA 5/9 C/Hector Gradillas Verna
Maleski & Maura Mackowski

Pictured below are some of the recipients from the various schools and the SUVCW/DUVCW presenters.

Alhambra High School



CPL Alex De Pas and Dan Huskisson

Glendale High School



Cadet/CPO Diego Guadalupe and Dan Huskisson

Apollo High School



Cadet Maxton Amos and Dan Huskisson

Agua Fria High School AFJROTC



Carlos Elezy and Dan Huskisson

Dysart High School



C/ Aiden Rain and Dan Huskisson

Skyline High School
DUVCW award went to Cadet
Alista Dellheim and the SUVCW
award to Ethan North.



(L-R) Verna Maleski, C/Alista
Dellheim, C/Ethan North and
Maura Mackowski

Red Mountain High School



Sister Carolyn Harris, DUVCW
and C/Kaleb Giesler

Gilbert High School



C/Col. Daniels & Maura
Mackowski

Independence High School .



C/ Benjamin Torres and Dan
Huskisson

Tolleson High School



C/Staff Sergeant Dylan
Rodriquez and Dan Huskisson

Thunderbird High School



C/Aiden Bill & Dan Huskisson

Westview High School



C/Ramiro Felix Jr. & Dan
Huskisson

Cactus High School



C/Chet Van Roekel & Dan
Huskisson

Eastwood High School



C/Hector Gradillas with Verna
Maleski & Maura Mackowski

Upcoming Events

Next meeting: **August 19, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.** at the Mustang Library (Reading room), 10101 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ. Food will not be provided; however, Brothers are certainly welcome to bring their own food and refreshments.



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 Mark Clark**; phone (520)-709-1945; email: w.markclark@gmail.com or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: lyonsj5257@yahoo.com

Past Camp Commanders:
Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020
Robert Irwin 2020-2021



July 22, 2023, Camp Meeting Information

Meeting Place: The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson, AZ

Time: Saturday 22 July 2023, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Attendees:

In Person: W. Mark Clark, CC; Ronald Hyer, SVC; Scott Bouchard, JVC; John Lyons, S/T and Robert McCord, PDC.

Guest: Laura McCord, wife of Robert McCord, PDC
No Zoom Meeting

Agenda:

Opening (Chaplain’s Blessing, American’s Creed, Pledge of Allegiance), Brother Robert McCord was acting Chaplain. Meeting began at 1:10 PM.

Reading and approval of 15 April 2023 Field Trip.

The notes were distributed to Brothers of the Camp on 15 July 2023. The notes were approved and seconded.

Reading and approval of the Treasurer’s Report.

Checking Balance [information given at meeting].
Report Approved and seconded.

Report of sick brothers/Families in distress;

Brother Robert Irwin has tumor in his shoulder. More tests are being done this week. Randy McNally’s oldest daughter is having significant health

problems back in Indiana, as reported by the New Mexico Reenactors—A Go Fund Me Page has been set up for her medical bills. Once we have the Fund me Page it will be forwarded to the Camp.

Reading of General Orders. A synopsis of the GOs was forwarded via email to all Camp Brothers. Brother Lyons read the report.

Unfinished Business by Commander Clark.

JROTC: Brothers Hyer, Irwin and Commander Clark presented Medals and Certificates to three JROTC Programs, Sahuarita, Flowing Wells and one other.

Flag certificates: Brother Lyons **distributed 12 Flag Certificates** to different businesses and schools.

Flags and cigars: The Camp bought some stick Flags from Anthony’s Cigar Emporium on Flag Day, 14 June 2023. If anyone bought a cigar they got a flag from the SUVCW.

Recruiting: Brother Bouchard discussed Recruiting importance to the Camp. If every member would bring in at least one new brother, we would double our membership. He stated what was written in the SUVCW Recruiting Manual: “Recruiting is everyone’s responsibility” He also had some brochures from National.

Miscellaneous: Green Valley Genealogy has an opportunity for a guest speaker. The Presidio Trust is opening the Ft Lowell Museum. They will be focused on the Indian Wars and are looking for volunteers.

Guest Speaker Homer Thiel talked about abandoned Cemeteries in Tucson. He is a native of Traverse City, Michigan. He has degrees from the University of Michigan and ASU. Thiel is the historical archaeologist for Desert Archaeology, Inc. since 1992. He has eight Civil War Union ancestors. He spoke about several gravesites in downtown Tucson that had to be relocated.

Future Meetings: 14 October 2023 and 13 January 2024.

Closing: (Chaplains Benediction, Closing Charge, Adjournment) at 2:30 PM.

Memorial Day activities

The Camp posted flags on all the graves in the GAR plot and on those of other veterans in other sections at Evergreen Cemetery on Oracle Road. Prior to the posting a brief ceremonial from our Ritual was conducted.

Camp Brothers also marched in the Memorial Day parade held at Tucson Estates. This year was the 50th anniversary of this parade.

JROTC presentations

1. On 19 April 2023, Flowing Wells High School held their annual JROTC Awards Ceremony. SVC Ron Hyer presented the SUVCW JROTC Award (certificate and medal) to Cadet Daniel Titzel.



2. On 20 April 2023, Cienega High School held their annual NJROTC Awards Ceremony. PCC Robert Irwin presented the SUVCW JROTC Award (certificate and medal) to Cadet Ethan Retting.



3. On 26 April 2023, Cholla High School held their annual JROTC Awards Ceremony. PCC Robert Irwin presented the SUVCW JROTC Award (certificate and medal) to Cadet/PFC Antonio F. Deharo.



SUVCW Flag Certificates

Brother John Lyon has presented 12 SUVCW Flag Certificates to Tucson organizations! Below are some of the presentations.

Another outstanding job Brother John!



Circle k



Desert Toyota



Jim Click Ford

Flag certificates--continued



Jethro's Café and Tavern

2023/24 Meeting Information

The Camp will meet at the Kettle Restaurant, 748 Starr Pass Blvd, Tucson on October 14, 2023 & January 13, 2024.



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

Chartered on September 11, 2015, as the third (and final) Camp-at-Large in Arizona, it meets during the months of January, April, July, and October at various northern Arizona locations.

Contact **Commander Richard Stephens** (928) 772-1320; r@almsysinc.com or **Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow** (928) 715-5109; dale_enlow@hotmail.com

Past Camp Commanders:

- David A. Swanson 2015-2017
- Mark J. Haynes 2017-2019
- Dale E. Enlow 2019-2021
- William C. Smith 2021-2022
- Timothy D. Prater 2022-2023



General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, July 8, 2023, meeting minutes

Location: Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley St, Prescott, AZ.

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, AZ in person AND virtual (Zoom).

The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Richard Stephens and Secretary / Treasurer dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with ten Officers reporting present.

Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Department Commander Ken Hooker (Zoom), Jan Swanson, Dan and Rebecca DeRocher, and Ginny Bigelow. The Commander and Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and acting Camp Chaplain Tim Prater invoked the Devine Blessing. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of The American's Creed. Seventeen (17) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum). Brothers In attendance: Robert Archibald JR (zoom), Camp Council Dennis DeAtley, S/T dale enlow PCC, Memorials Officer Avery Frantz (zoom), Mark Haynes PCC (zoom), James Heller PDC, Dept. Cmdr. Ken Hooker, JVC John Horton (zoom), Dick Melick, Counselor Tim Prater PCC, SVC Lynn Scott (zoom), Color Bearer William Smith PCC, Jeff Steadman, Commander Richard Stephens, and David Swanson PDC, plus new Brothers Steven Bigelow and Alan Fitch Jr.

Acting Chaplain Prater reported that no known illnesses or families in need. Brother Prater then announced the July/Aug/Sept. birthdays: William Butcher 09/27, Dale Enlow 09/18, Paul Halverson 07/14, Ken Morgan 09/17, William Smith 08/13, Jeffrey Steadman 09/10, Rick Stephens 09/13, and Mark Swanson 08/14.

S/T Enlow advised that the minutes of the April Camp meeting had been distributed to all Brothers and no additions or corrections had been received. A motion to approve as distributed was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report [given].

New Member Initiation – Steven Bigelow and Alan Fitch Jr. Each was presented a member's badge, name tag, rosette, member's certificate, membership card, and a current copy of the Camp roster. Both new Brothers indicated they had recently moved to the Prescott area. Welcome!



(L-R) Brothers Steven Bigelow, Alan Fitch Jr. & CC Richard Stephens

Reading and disposing of orders, communications

S/T Enlow advised there were six National General Orders, two Special Messages, and one Special Order. A summary of each was given and some discussion on the disputed GO 24 concerning weapons and searches

took place. Two Department Orders were also issued, concerning the Last Union Soldier Committee and the results of their investigation. Department Commander gave a brief synopsis of the Last Soldier report.

Reports:

Zoom meeting suggestions/improvements: Stephens / Enlow. Some discussion took place concerning improvements to our Zoom presentations and continuing the practice. The assembled Brothers indicated we should continue to offer that option to Brothers unable to attend in person.

Old Business

JROTC/ROTC Program: Tim Prater advised we had an active season of delivering ROTC/JROTC awards at 14 different venues across northern Arizona.

Phone Tree: Discussion of a phone tree program to maintain contact with Brothers. SVC Scott indicated he had difficulty with calls not being answered, blocked or hung up on. More preliminary outreach is necessary for the program to be effective.

Memorial Day:

Brothers participated in ceremonies at Prescott Citizens, Prescott National, and at Camp Navajo. Thanks to all who attended.

GAR Grave Markers/Flagstaff Citizens Cemetery:

A marker dedication event was held on June 17th. Turnout was not as hoped, but it was a beautiful day and well received by those who did attend.

Last Soldier Markers:

Brother Frantz installed the marker at the Williams, AZ cemetery for the last Union Veteran of Coconino County. Commander Stephens has acquired the marker for the LUV of Yavapai County to be installed at a later date.

Civic Entry Signs:

It was learned that the city of Flagstaff requires potential signs to be much larger than are available from the Quartermaster and would have to be produced locally. It was agreed to table this project until a later date.

New Business

Council to Provide 2024 Candidates: Commander Stephens reminded Brothers that the October Camp meeting will hold the Officer elections for 2024 Camp Commander, Senior Vice Cmdr., Junior Vice Cmdr., 3 Camp Council members, and Camp Sec. / Treasurer. The current Camp Council is required to seek volunteers to be nominated for each of these elected positions. The nomination slate of candidates shall be delivered to Camp Commander Stephens in time to be included in the October agenda. **Please consider stepping forward to serve our Camp.**

Upcoming Events:

9/11 parade in Williams. Need Brothers to march with our Camp banner. Brother Frantz advised there

will be a Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, Bucky O'Neil ceremony in Prescott in late August. Details forthcoming.

Certificate presentation

A Thank You certificate was presented to recently retired Prescott National Cemetery Program Support Assistant, Rebekah DuRocher by Commander Stephens. She has been very supportive of our Camp in participation at the Memorial Day ceremonies. Rebekah gave a short presentation on the National Cemetery and her continued volunteering in support of the PNC, the Wreaths Across America, and several other programs in support of woman veterans. Thank you, Rebekah!!



Commander Stephens & Rebekah DuRocher

“Good of the Order” comments

Brother Enlow advised that he had several “thin blue line” mourning bands available for anybody who needs one.

Patriotic Instructor presentation:

Brother James Heller, PDC gave a presentation on Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Bernard Taylor earned in the rescue of First Lieutenant Charles King, at the Battle of Sunset Pass. Commander:

Next Meeting information

Our **next meeting will be held on October 7th, 2023** at the Taverna Modern Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting.

Closing

Acting Chaplain Prater delivered the closing prayer:

New Camp Brothers

Brother Steven Bigelow of Prescott, AZ is a Brother in our Camp and the SUVCW. Brother Steve's Union Civil War ancestor is his g-g grandfather Pvt Cornelius Bigelow Co C, 2nd MI Inf.

Dual Brother Alan Fitch Jr, whose primary Camp is in Nevada.

Welcome Brothers!

ROTC/JROTC Presentations

HS/University	Date	Recipient	Presenter
Chinle HS USA	5/15 C/Eli Bia	Sgt Rufus J. Moore,	Senior Military Instructor
Pinon HS USA	5/11 C/Kirah Thomas	SFC Michael Jones,	Senior Military Instructor
Tuba City HS	USMC 5/10 C/Kyra Joe	LTC David Smith,	Senior Military Instructor
Albuquerque HS	USA 5/26 C/Rubin Ortiz	Major Matthew Brennan,	Senior Military Instructor
Coconino HS	USA 4/12 C/Peter Barnes	(not present)	dale enlow
Prescott HS	USAF 5/26 C/Evan Haberm	Dick Melnick	
Bradshaw HS	USA 5/13 C/Mark Hill	Rick Stephens	
ERAU USAF ROTC	5/26 C/Zachery Ramsey,	Rick Stephens	
ERAU USA ROTC	5/25 C/ Samuel Lebaron,	Dennis DeAtley	

Some photos follow:

ERAU USA ROTC 5/25 C/ Samuel Lebaron, Dennis DeAtley (left in photo)



NAU USA ROTC 5/27 C/Coy Monroe, LTC Battle Senior Military Instructor



Hiroshi Miyamura HS Gallup 5/21 C/ Edward Tayfoya Major Royal Atwood, Senior Military Instructor



Memorial Day Activities

US Grant Camp No. 3 marched at the Citizens' Cemetery Memorial Day procession in Prescott, Arizona. Brothers enjoyed their 2nd year of participating in the ceremony and received praise from the public.



(L-R) Brothers' dale enlow, Dennis DeAtley, Bill Smith & Rick Stephens



Brother Tim Prater, PCC delivering the Gettysburg Address at the Citizen's Cemetery in Prescott

Prescott National Cemetery



Brother Dale, PCC, delivering the Gettysburg Address

Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Camp Navajo, AZ



Brother David Swanson, PCC, talked about the Gettysburg Address and delivered it to about 100 in attendance

Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, Memorial Day "Eve" cleanup event and partial cleanup crew



Below is an email sent to the volunteers from Brother Tim Prater, PCC, who is most instrumental in the cleanup program

Dear Volunteers:

I received the above photo (taken Sun, May 28, 2023) from Barbara Fox-Thomas, Executive Assistant, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. "Please forward this email/picture to your organization's members and friends who participated in our first ever Prescott Citizens Cemetery Veteran Grave Clean Up."

Everyone that participated is not pictured...but this picture reflects the unity, happiness & pride, we as volunteers, experienced that day. Plus it was hard work!

Hoping I included all participating organizations in this email. If not please let me know.

- Sons of the American Revolution
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Daughters of the Confederacy
- Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts of America
- Prescott High School Air Force JROTC
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Prescott Citizens Cemetery Veteran Grave Clean Up: Sunday, May 26, 2024 (Day before Memorial Day).

I hope you will return next year & bring a friend!
In Gratitude, Tim

Last Union Veteran of Coconino County marker

By Brother Avery Frantz

Brother Avery Frantz of US Camp Grant #3 installed a Last Union Veteran of the County marker for John L. Simpson of Williams, Arizona whom is the Last Union veteran of Coconino county. John L. Simpson: "Served as a private in Co. H, 2nd New York Volunteer Cavalry, during the Civil War. He came out west to Arizona in the 1880s and ran a local tavern/hotel until his death. He was buried with full military honors." The Camp is excited to soon do last soldiers marker ceremony.



**Grand Army of the Republic Marker Ceremony
For Union Soldiers
Buried in Citizens Cemetery, Flagstaff, Arizona**

Conducted by
General US Grant Camp No. 3
Department of the Southwest
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023

The program consisted of welcome remarks by Camp Commander Richard Stephens; Posting of Colors, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1709 Honor Guard; Invocation, David Moore Camp Chaplain; Pledge of Allegiance; GAR information presentation, by Dale E. Enlow. Those in attendance and the Honor Guard then walked to each grave where Dale Enlow gave a short biography of the respective GAR Comrade and rifle salutes were given by the Marine Corps League, San Francisco Peaks Detachment #912 Honor Guard, Flagstaff.

After a moment of silence, David Moore, Camp Chaplain gave the benediction and the ceremony was closed.



(L-R) Dale Enlow, PCC and CC Richard Stephens



VFW Honor Guard and Marine Corps League

Graves marked

Cpl. Reuben J. Bly, Co. A, 9th NY Cav: a longtime rancher in the Flagstaff area. He passed away at Brannen Ranch located about 6 miles north of Flagstaff. According to the newspaper he was “liked by

all” but had no family. “Headstone was placed in the Veteran Section as a Cenotaph in the 2000’s”



Pvt. Leonidas Hill, Co. A, 23rd MO Inf: fought in the Battle of Shiloh and Missionary Ridge. He was then taken prisoner by the Confederacy and spent 13 months at Andersonville Prison. After the Civil War he moved to Arizona and began ranching. He was a member of the Ransom GAR post and was noted that “though his rough exterior, he had a kind heart.”



Sgt. Patrick K. Noonan, Co. G, 69th PA Inf: born in County Cork, Ireland, about 1832. His family immigrated to the United States in the 1840's and settled in Pennsylvania. During the Civil War he enlisted as a sergeant at Philadelphia on May 5, 1861, and was mustered into Company G, 69th Pennsylvania Infantry; Sergeant Noonan was wounded in action at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. While recovering from his wound, he enlisted as "Patrick Norton" and was mustered into Company G, 27th Pennsylvania Infantry, on August 17, 1863; he mustered out May 5, 1864. Patrick moved to the Arizona Territory in the 1870's and settled at Flagstaff. He was a member of Flagstaff's T. E. G. Ransom Post Grand Army of the

Republic, and was the first comrade to be buried by Ransom Post in the city's old Greenwood Cemetery. In 1914 his remains were transferred from Greenwood Cemetery to Citizens Cemetery.



Cpl. Lindsey Gibson, Co. G, 1st AR Inf: was born in Kentucky April 23, 1838. He joined the 1st Arkansas Infantry in 1863. His service was seen mostly in Arkansas fighting against Confederate General Sterling Price's troops. One notable conflict he was in was the Battle of Prairie D'Ane. In the 1870's he left Arkansas and moved to Texas where he was a laborer, later moving to Kingman, Arizona and then Flagstaff, Arizona where died from heart paralysis. He was a member of the GAR and his funeral was held at the Flagstaff GAR hall (located near the intersection of Beaver St. and Railroad Ave the site now occupied by Peace Surplus Outfitters.)



Sgt. Albert L. Giles, 32nd MA Inf.: served at Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Cold Harbor, Spotsylvania, and was present for the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House.



Lt. Oliver Payne Harding, Co K, 89th NY Inf.: came to Flagstaff in 1884 from PA. He is known for constructing some of the first stone buildings in Flagstaff. According to the newspaper, "he was a jovial, genial man who gave what little he had and was pleased to give it." He passed away at the family home in Oak Creek.



Pvt. Milton Jones, Co E, 45th MO Inf.: born in KY but then later moved to MO where he served in the Civil War. He defended Jefferson City from the attacks of Confederate General Sterling Price. He moved to Flagstaff in 1898 but was in ill health for quite a long time before he passed away.

(Photo on page 15)



Pvt. Joseph Hoffman, Co F, 21st NY Cav.: born abt. 1843 in NY. He took part in the Battle of Lynchburg in 1864. Not much is known about Hoffman but that he was an early pioneer to Flagstaff when it was still a part of Yavapai County in 1889.



Unnamed attendee



Marker ceremony history: On 04/29/2023 Commander Richard Stephens, Chaplain David Moore, volunteer helper Jeff Enlow, and dale enlow met at the Flagstaff Citizens cemetery. They located the markers

for the 8 Union veterans of the Civil War (listed above) that did not have flag-holders, placing new aluminum GAR Star flag-holders and flags at those locations.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor—Camden Sterling Fetty

On May 9, 2023, the General U.S. Grant Camp was well represented at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Prescott, AZ. Eagle Courts of Honor are fully developed celebrations recognizing Scouts who have attained Scouting’s highest rank.

Rick Stephens, Grant Commander and Dennis Lamb, DSW Eagle Scout Coordinator presented a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Certificate which read: “This Commendation is given to Camden Sterling Fetty on his attaining the rank of EAGLE SCOUT in the Boy Scouts of America.” Camden was also presented with an Eagle Scout patch. Brother Lamb read and presented a DSW congratulatory letter to Camden in recognition of this prestigious achievement.

This is the first Eagle Scout Court of Honor event that Grant Camp has been invited to and participated in since its inception in 2015. Grant Camp looks forward to continued participation with the Prescott area scouting programs.

Following oral remarks, Dennis Lamb, DSW Eagle Scout Coordinator, congratulates Camden on his outstanding achievement.



(L-R) Cmdr Rick Stephens & Camden Fetty

2023 Meeting information

Our next meeting will be held on **October 7th, 2023** at the Taverna Modern Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd, Flagstaff AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting

➤ General News and Information ➤

History of Sons of Veterans, United States of America Camps in Arizona & New Mexico

By David Swanson

Currently, as far as I know, not much is known about the Sons of Veterans, USA Camps in Arizona and New Mexico, so I started a project to find them. So far I can say with certainty (and it would surprise me if there were others at this point) that there were four Camps as follows:

- 1886
Grant Camp No. 1 (Flagstaff)
- 1891
Phil Sheridan Camp No. 2 (Phoenix)
- 1901
R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 11 (Tucson)
- 1909
Kit Carson Camp No. 1 (Albuquerque)

Why should this be of importance to our Department? The Sons of Veterans, United States of America, also called the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans, USA, is the history of the SUVCW. It all started in 1881 and in 1925 the Sons of Veterans had a name change to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This is why two of the three current Camps—General R. H. G Minty and General U. S. Grant received their names.

So, as Paul Harvey used to say, “Stay tuned for the rest of the story.”



Making Peace

The following was sent in by Brother Jim Cates Chickamauga, the name comes from a Cherokee word meaning “river of death,” was the second bloodiest battle of the American Civil War. Fought in northwestern Georgia, just across the Tennessee state line, from September 18-20, 1863, there were 34,624 casualties, 28% of the 125,000 belligerents. 26 years later in 1889, 10,000 veterans from both sides came together in peace for the first Blue Gray Barbeque. As a result of this reunion, Congress created the first Civil War Battlefield Park.



1889 Reunion

Today, there are nearly 500 monuments commemorating people, military engagements, and military units. Most of the larger monuments were erected to memorialize the men of various states. The Kentucky Monument is unique. Kentucky, a border state, remained in the Union, but her sons fought on both sides. While other monuments are devoted to one side or the other, Kentucky’s granite pillar honors her veterans from both sides. Rather than a Civil War soldier, the allegorical Bellona, goddess of war is atop a sphere resting on four cannons. An eagle spreads its wings over crossed Union and Confederate flags. Confederate and Union shields with laurel wreaths adorn the sides. The seal features two veterans shaking hands with the caption “UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.” The inscription reads “As we are united in life and they united in death, let one monument perpetuate their deeds, and one people forgetful of all asperities, forever hold in grateful remembrance all of the glories of the terrible conflict which made all men free and retained every star on the nation’s flag.” Almost by premonition, Kentucky’s Monument Committee placed all adornments high on the tower, out of reach of potential vandals.

The first reunion of Blue and Gray Veterans was on October 19, 1875, in Elizabeth, NJ. The last was the

Blue Gray Encampment at Gettysburg from June 29-July 6, 1938. Veterans came together as brothers of one nation. On August 2, 1956, Albert Woolson, the last surviving Civil War Veteran, passed away at the age of 109 years. On December 16, 2020, Helen Jackson, wife of Union Veteran James Bolin, the last surviving Civil War widow, died at 101. The last child of a Civil War Veteran to die was 90-year-old Irene Triplett on May 31, 2020. Ironically, her father, Mose Triplett, served in both armies. Mose Triplett enlisted in the 26th NC Infantry in 1862. He was hospitalized with a fever on the march toward Gettysburg, sparing him from the battle that resulted in 734 casualties in a regiment of 800. Mose ran away from the infirmary, joining the 3rd NC Union Mounted Infantry. He died in 1939.

Civil wars have been among the most brutal conflicts in history. United States Veterans of both sides made peace. After all these years, in the spirit of the Kentucky Monument, today's Americans can also make peace.



Brother Jim at Chickamauga



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