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❧ Department News ❧

The Department of the Southwest Congratulates our sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood detached Tent #1, as they will host the National DUVCW Convention at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 5001 North Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, AZ 85250 July 30, 2024-August 4, 2024


**TO THE ATTENDEES OF THE DUVCW
2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION
GREETINGS, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST,
SUVCW
ARIZONA / NEW MEXICO**



**Picacho Peak Camp No. 1
Chartered 09/01/1996**



**Gen'l. R.H.G. Minty Camp No. 2
Chartered 07/15/2015**



**Gen'l. U.S. Grant Camp No. 3
Chartered 09/11/2015**

Please consider attending some or all the proceedings. More details available here: <https://duvcw.org/index.php/about-us/national-convention>

Memorial Day activities by the DSW

Picacho Peak Camp #1

PPC1 participated in two events on Memorial Day at the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park in Phoenix. Early in the morning, Brothers Robert Cox, PDC Ken Hooker and PDC John Conrad placed flags on the graves of Union Soldiers. Later in the morning, PDC Hooker gave a short dedication ceremony for our commemorative bench that our Former Brother David Jackson had put forth so much effort bringing it to fruition over the last several years. The bench is a tribute to the GAR post named in honor of John W Owen, who is buried in the cemetery. The dedication was attended by ST Martorano, JVC Michael Booth, PDC Conrad, Guide Dan Huskisson along with a few folks from the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable and PCA. Great job David!



David Jackson, a man and his bench



PPC1 Council Member Bob Cox placing US flags



(L-R) S/T Scott Martorano, David Jackson (seated), Brothers Bob Cox and Dan Huskisson, PDCs Ken Hooker and John Conrad



Inscription: In memory of John W Owens post No. 5 Grand Army of the Republic. Dept of Southwest SUVCW 2023

RHG Minty Camp #2

Minty Camp brothers decorated the graves of Civil War and other veterans buried in the GAR plot at Evergreen Cemetery on Friday morning, May 24th. Brother Bill Blissett, SVC Scott Bouchard and PCC Mark Clark were honored to do the postings. In addition to the graves in the GAR plot, they also decorated the grave of former Territorial Governor Louis C. Hughes and the grave of Howard C. Banes, which had been unmarked for decades until the Department located it and arranged for a tombstone. A rededication ceremony was held.



(L-R) PCC Mark Clark, SVC Scott Bouchard
Minty Camp also had a small but noble Color Guard Detail
at the 2024 Tucson Estates Memorial Day Parade:



(L-R) former Associate Brother Louis Caldera (in uniform),
PDC Bob McCord, Brother Tanner Guske, and SVC Scott
Bouchard. Sec/Treasurer John Lyons brought up the rear
with his wagon in case of injury or exhaustion. PCC Mark
Clark led the detail.

US Grant Camp #3

General US Grant Camp No.3 participated in three
different ceremonies: Prescott Citizens Cemetery
procession and reading of the Gettysburg Address by
Tim Prater, Prescott National Cemetery where PCC
Dale Enlow read the Gettysburg Address, and Camp
Navajo Veterans Cemetery where David Swanson read
the Gettysburg Address.



DSW Department Commander Tim Prater reading the
Gettysburg Address



PDC, CC, PCC Swanson reading the Gettysburg address

2024 SUVCW DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST JROTC AWARD PROGRAM

Picacho Peak Camp # 1

HS/Unit M/D RECIPIENT PRESENTER/DATE
ALHAMBRA- USA 2/6- 7 Cadet Maj. Emma Ortegon
presented by Dan Huskisson 4/29/24



APOLLO- USN 2/6-7 Cadet David Harrington
presented by Dan Huskisson 5/6/24.

AGUA FRIA- USAF 2/6-7 Cadet Capt. Abraham
Guadarrama presented by Dan Huskisson 5/1/24



CACTUS-USAF 2/6-7 Cadet Ryder J. Marple
presented by Dan Huskisson 5/13/2024.



CORTEZ-USN 2/6-7 presented by STAFF 5/1/2024.

SCV Cadet Jeremy Steele Dan Huskisson 4/30/24

DYSART-USA 2/6-7 Cadet Jenna J. Linde Dan
Huskisson 4/19/24.

SCV Cadet Paloma M. Garcia Rodriguez Dan
Huskisson 4/19/24

DEER VALLEY-USAF 2/6-7 Cadet Josh Sargent
presented by Dan Huskisson 4/30/24



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

GILBERT HS-USAF 2/6-7 Cadet Dominic McDonald
Maura Mackowski 5/7/24.

GLENDALE-USN 2/6-8 Cadet CPO Anthony Wilkie
presented by David Kampf 4/19/24



GLOBE-USA 2/6 -8 presented by STAFF

GREENWAY-USN 2/6-7 Cadet PO Peyton Di Primo
presented by Dan Huskisson 5/15/24



TOLLESON-USMC 2/6-8 Cadet Staff Sergeant
Clayton Galvez presented by STAFF



5/9/24INDEPENDENCE-USN 2/6-7 Cadet Luis Soto
presented by Dan Huskisson 5/16/24



MOON VALLEY-USN 2/6-7 Cadet CPO Skyler Graf
presented by David Kampf 4/26/24



PEORIA HS-AFJROTC 2/6-7 Cadet Roberto
Colangelo presented by STAFF 4/15/24

RED MOUNTAIN-USA 2/6-7 Cadet Jackson Gemar
presented by Sister Ginger Trokey 4/26/24.

SKYLINE-USA 2/6-8 Cadet Avery Schreiber
presented by Sister Maura Mackowski 5/3/24.

THUNDERBIRD-USN 2/6-7 Cadet Theadore White
presented by Dan Huskisson 5/8/24

WESTVIEW-USMC 2/6-7 Cadet Delilah Madler
presented by Dan Huskisson 3/21/24

WESTWOOD-USA 2/6-7 Cadet Chalma Guevara
presented by Sister Maura Mackowski 5/2/24



**2024 SUVCW DEPARTMENT OF THE
SOUTHWEST JROTC AWARD PROGRAM
– cont.**

US Grant Camp # 2

School/Program: Gallup High School Army JROTC
(Gallup, NM)
Cadet: Elijah Ramos



Presenter: LTC Robert Boyd
Date: May 9, 2024



School/Program: Prescott High School Air Force
JROTC (Prescott, AZ)
Cadet: Grace Horn



Presenter: Commander Rick Stephens, General U.S.
Grant Camp
Date: Apr 24, 2024

School/Program: Bradshaw Mountain High School
Army JROTC (Prescott Valley, AZ)
Cadet: Kason Files
Presenter: Commander Rick Stephens, General U.S.
Grant Camp
Date: Apr 17, 2024

School/Program: Coconino High School Army JROTC
(Flagstaff, AZ)
Cadet: William Streatman



Presenter: Tim Prater, Commander, Department of the
Southwest
Date: Apr 10, 2024

School/Program: Mohave High School Air Force
JROTC (Bullhead City, AZ)
Cadet: Jake Corrin
Presenter: Major Earl Davis
Date: Apr 29, 2024

School/Program: Chinle High School Army JROTC
(Chinle, AZ)

Cadet: Dakota Begay
Presenter: First Sergeant Rufus Moore
Date: Apr 3, 2024

School/Program: Pinon High School Army JROTC
(Pinon, AZ)
Cadet: Dante Belinte-Woody
Presenter: First Sergeant Kathy Brown
Date: Apr 26, 2024

School/Program: Albuquerque High School Marine
Corps JROTC (Albuquerque, NM)
Cadet: Isaiah Lajeunesse
Presenter: Major Matthew Brennen
Date: May 1, 2024

School/Program: Santa Fe High School Navy JROTC
(Santa Fe, NM)
Cadet: Thomas Anderson
Presenter: Chief Patricia Schipp
Date: May 9, 2024

School/Program: Los Alamos High School Navy
JROTC (Los Alamos, NM)
Cadet Seaman: Jaden Kim
Presenter: Chief Aron Ayers
Date: Apr 19, 2024

School/Program: Hopi Senior High School, Navy
JROTC (Keams Canyon, AZ)
Cadet: Isaac Poleviyuma
Presenter: MSG Clifford Hightower
Date: Apr 19, 2024

School/Program: Embry Riddle Aeronautical
University Army ROTC (Prescott, AZ)
Cadet: Demetrius Tambakts



Presenter: Dennis DeAtley, General U.S. Grant Camp
No. 3 Date: Apr 16, 2024

School/Program: Northern Arizona University Army
ROTC (Flagstaff, AZ)
Cadet: Nick Pacione
Presenter: LTC James Battle
Date: May 2, 2024

School/Program: Northern Arizona University Air
Force ROTC (Flagstaff, AZ)
Cadet: Kile Driscoll
Presenter: Captain Sean Douglas
Date: May 2, 2024

School/Program: Embry Riddle Aeronautical
University Air Force ROTC (Prescott, AZ)

Cadet: Christian Colabella



Presenter: Dennis DeAtley, General U.S. Grant Camp
No. 3
Date: Apr 24, 2024

Additionally, On Apr 24, 2024, Commander Rick Stephens presented LTC (R) Bill DeKemper, Senior Military Instructor, Prescott High School JROTC Air Force Program with a SUVCW Certificate of Commendation. LTC DeKemper was recognized for his dedicated service to his JROTC cadets and his undivided support of General U.S. Grant Camp. Over the past three years LTC DeKemper and his cadets participated in the yearly Memorial Day clean-up project at Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, Arizona. Commander Stephens commended LTC Bill DeKemper for his unending superior dedication to his cadets, to the United States Air Force and our country.



(L-R) LTC (R) Bill DeKemper, Senior Military Instructor, Prescott High School JROTC Air Force Program, CC Rick Stephens

U.S. Grant Camp, Department of Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

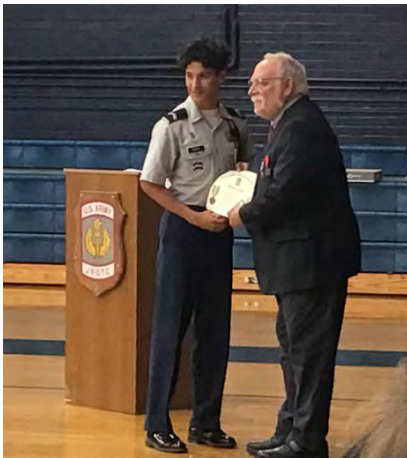


DC Tim Prater and CC Rick Stephens with members of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

2024 SUVCW DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTHWEST JROTC AWARD PROGRAM – cont

R.H.G. Minty Camp #3

School/Program: Flowing Wells Air Force ROTC (Flagstaff, AZ)
 Cadet: Kile Driscoll
 Presenter: Brother Scott Bouchard



Memorial Day Proclamation, Department of the Southwest

DSW Commander Tim Prater and General U.S. Grant Commander Rick Stephens attended the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 15, 2024, in Cottonwood, AZ. DC Prater proudly accepted the 2024 Yavapai County Memorial Day Proclamation on behalf of the citizens of Yavapai County- General

The Department of the Southwest would like to congratulate all the recipients of the J/ROTC awards as part of our 2024 Program.

In addition, DSW takes this opportunity to thank all our presenters who travel all over Arizona and New Mexico to make these presentations!

This is one of our most successful and important activities we do in our local communities to spread the word of the SUVCW and recognize deserving young men and women.



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

Secretary/Treasurer Scott Martorano 616-250-2670; scottmartorano@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 J. Hooker 2020-2022

May 18, 2024, Camp meeting information

Location:

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

PPC1 Brothers in attendance:

Scott Martorano, Mike Booth, Ken Hooker, Jim Heller, Jeff Burgess, Dan Huskisson, David Kampf, John Conrad, Bob Cox, John Rogers, Dominic Cuffel, Doug Krause, Bill Orr (Zoom),

Chuck Stuller (Zoom). A total of 15 Brothers present meeting quorum requirement of 6. Guests in attendance included Barbara Booth.

Opening:

Junior Vice Commander Booth opened the meeting at 11:35am and Chaplin Heller provided the Invocation followed by all reciting the American's Creed and Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commander Hooker (SVC): SVC Hooker along with Brother Conrad discussed the upcoming DUVCW national convention and the request for support PPC1 has received. The daughters have specifically asked that we provide 35 escorts for their ceremonies on July 31st at 7:00pm. The SUVCW volunteer escorts will escort the DUVCW National officers to their seat at the opening of the ceremony which should end at approximately 8:30pm. The following 15 DSW brothers have volunteered and additional PPC1 volunteers are needed. Brothers Cox, Hooker, Conrad, Stephens, Prater, Hoffay, Frantz, Krause, Swanson, Rogers, Cuffel, Huskisson, Kampf, Martorano, and Booth.

Secretary / Treasurer Martorano (ST): ST Martorano provided the quorum report announcing that 15 brothers were present, 13 in attendance and 2 via Zoom. ST Martorano made two motions. First, a motion to correct a type error in the February 2024 minutes. Second, a motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes from our last meeting as they were published in the department newsletter. Both motions were seconded and followed by a voice vote in favor of each motion.

ST Martorano detailed the Camp membership as 57 total members, 55 of those are regular members and two associate members. Also, within the camp there are six life members. The 2024 gain/loss report reflects 5 gains and 8 losses.

ST Martorano was pleased to report that the annual Form 27 had been completed in a timely manner and date as detailed in the Camp bylaws. The annual per capita expense has been submitted to the department. The payment was

made, and the current balance in the Camp checking account was reported.

Junior Vice Commander Booth (JVC): JVC Booth discussed his current membership outreach efforts including his recent trip to Picacho Peak State Park which resulted in a lively discussion. Several brothers contributed their previous experiences at the park and thoughts regarding future participation at events.

JROTC Coordinator Huskisson: Brother Huskisson provided an overview of this year's JROTC awards presentation and acknowledged the efforts of those brothers and sisters that assisted him. Specifically, Brother Huskisson thanked Brother David Kampf and Sisters Maura Mackowski, Verna Maleski, Caroly Harris, Ginger Trokey and Carmen Wendt for their participation. In all 24 awards were presented.

Department Signals Officer Burgess: Brother Burgess updated the Camp regarding the status of the Department website, email, host and other related issues. Additionally, Brother Burgess discussed some of the challenges with the host service providers and the transition. Brother Martorano asked if the Department calendar had been removed from the site and Brother Burgess informed the Camp that it was removed due to some technical challenges.

Old Business:

Brother Hooker provided the Camp with an overview of the March Department encampment with a brief description of the ceremonies and the overall success of the event. The feedback from the participants has been very positive and is the direct result of Department Commander Prater and all those who organized the event. Brother Hooker presented Brother David Kampf with a commendation from the Department in recognition of his 50 years of involvement in Civil War reenactments:



(L-R) PDC Hooker, Brother Dave Kampf, JVC Booth

Brother Huskisson was presented a commendation for his dedicated service to the JROTC awards program:



(photo, L) Brother Dan Huskisson. PDC Hooker

Brother Hooker also informed the Camp that he will be taking over responsibility for the Department newsletter from Brother David Swanson. Brother Swanson has produced the outstanding newsletter for many years and will relinquish those responsibilities for future editions.

The Camp engaged in a discussion regarding the upcoming bench dedication event to be held at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 27th. Former Brother David Jackson, who organized the bench

procurement and placement, will be in attendance and Camp brothers are welcome to attend. At 8am Brothers will place a small U.S. flag at the grave of each Union veteran and those of several other wars. This will be followed by the bench dedication at 10am. Attending brothers should dress for the weather and wear their SUVCW badge and CW hat if available. The Camp was reminded about the Brother John Kohl Book Donation. To date the Camp has received approximately \$100.00 from the program.

New Business

The Camp discussed the need for a Grave Registrations Officer and the possible Grave Dedication for Jared Ryker at the Temple Double Butte Cemetery. Brother Booth volunteered to accept this appointed position. Brother Booth was presented with his 15th supplemental ancestor certificate and was congratulated by the Camp for his efforts to honor his ancestors.



(L-R) PDC Ken Hooker, JVC Mike Booth

The Camp discussed placing an ad in the DUCWV National convention brochure and was informed that the cost is \$50.00. After a discussion the Camp verbalized its desire to place the ad. A motion to approve the expense was made, seconded and approved by the membership to authorize the expense. The members of the Camp Council, Brothers Hooker, Cox and Burgess being in attendance, provided the Council’s unanimous approval as

well. Brother Conrad volunteered to author the ad and present the final to the DUVCW for placement.

Brother Conrad provided the Camp with an overview of the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable organization and upcoming presentation. The members expressed an interest in future participation and possible membership outreach. Brother Conrad to provide additional information on upcoming meetings.

Presentations:

Brother Ken Hooker gave a presentation on several artifacts associated with his ancestor General Hooker. In his possession and circulated among the attendees was an original General Order 194 from 1863. Brother Hooker detailed how these orders were issued and transmitted. He also explained the content of the order and gave historical context to a significant Civil War event.

Brother Burgess showed two short videos of his trip to the Manassas Battlefield. The videos included an 8-minute recording of a park ranger at the Stonewall Jackson statue explaining the origin of the famous nickname “Stonewall”. Whether or not the description of Jackson as standing like a “stone wall” was a complement or not remains open to debate. Regardless, Jackson and his men certainly took pride in the descriptor and will be forever known as the “Stonewall Brigade”.

New Member Induction:

Brother Dominic Cuffel was formally inducted into Picacho Peak Camp 1 and gave a short presentation on his ancestor. Welcome Brother Dominic!



Closing:

Having no additional business Chaplain Heller asked the blessings of our God on our deliberations

PPCI Next Meeting

Next meeting: **August 17, 2024, 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. There is a vending machine for snacks.



**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 David Swanson** (480) 599-9143 email: swanson1854@yahoo.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 20, 2024, Camp Meeting Information

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

Time: 1:00 PM-2:30PM

Attendees:

- David Swanson CC, PDC
- Robert McCord SVC, PDC
- John Lyons S/T
- Bill Sims Member

W. Mark Clark PCC, Chaplain

John Agner Member

Bill Blissett Member

Guests:

Chantel Blissett

Laura McCord

ZOOM:

Scott Bouchard JVC

Tim Prater SW DC

Opening:

(Chaplain’s Blessing, American’s Creed, Pledge of Allegiance) The meeting began at 1:00.

Secretary/Treasury report:

Approval of 13 April 2024. The minutes were distributed via email on 19 July 2024 to all brothers. Motion to approve the Minutes by Brother Blissett and seconded by Brother Bill Sims.

Reading and approval of the Treasurer’s Report.

Reported:

Checking balance as of 19 July 2024

Total Expenditures

Checking Balance as of 20 July 2024

Petty Cash.

Savings.

Total assets.

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Bill Sims and seconded by John Agner

Report of sick Brothers/Families in distress:

No report given.

Reading of General Orders:

A list of General Orders since our last meeting was distributed via email on 19 July 2024 to all members. DSW General Order 3 was read by Brother Lyons.

Unfinished Business:

CC Swanson, spoke about upcoming events.

Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 2024, he wants

participation from the Camp. The National

Encampment will take place in Lexington KY

from August 1 - 4 2024. The following brothers

are going, Brothers Mark Clark and Scott Bouchard, in fact, Scott and his wife are taking an RV trip, and are headed that way as I speak. Our JROTC medal, were presented at Flowing Wells High School by brother Scott Bouchard.

General:

Brother Bill Bissett recently volunteered to take the position of JROTC / ROTC coordinator for the Camp. So due to his knowledge and enthusiasm we will be in a much better position to present many more certificates and medals deserving to cadets in Arizona and New Mexico.

There was an Eagle Scout ceremony on April 21st, 2024. During her Eagle Scout court of honor, Madelyn Grace Comstock, troop 247 G, Sahuarita, Arizona. Was presented with the General RHG Minty Camp Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate and patch, by brother Mark Clark.

Minty camp had a small but noble color guard detail at the 2024 Tucson Estate Memorial Day parade. The detail was anchored on the left by former Associate Brother Louis Caldera, in uniform, DC Robert McCord Brother Tanner Guskey, JVC Scott Bouchard and Secretary /treasurer, John Lyons brought up the rear with his wagon in case of injury or exhaustion PCC Mark Clark led the detail. *(photo in DSW Memorial Day section above)* Brother John Lyons issued five SUV flag certificates since April. Since January he has issued 16 *(see photos below)*. I asked if other brothers would do this in their area. It's a great way to acknowledge their patriotism and get the word out about the Camp and the SUVCW. The Commander thanked all who performed these activities.

DUVCW National Convention:

Another topic is the 133rd National Convention of the DUVCW taking place in Scottsdale AZ 21 July through August 4th at the Embassy Suites hotel Scottsdale Rd. We talked about this in April. CC Swanson will represent our camp during the various activities of the convention although it may too late for any dinner activities. This topic was covered in detail in the January 2024 newsletter. This is a huge feather in the cap

of the only DUVCW tent in Arizona. This would be like having an SUVCW camp-at-large hosting a National SUVCW Encampment, as opposed to a Department hosting one. This convention will highlight the fraternity between the Sons and Daughters in Arizona, which is another first. The Department is, in effect, Co-hosting the convention, so we do have representation there.

Wednesdays opening night ceremony reception, starts at 7:30 PM and there's still need for brothers for escorting the DUVCW officers.

New Business:

The Evergreen cemetery GAR plot. Commander Swanson remarked that he didn't know a lot about the GAR plot, its history, or number of GAR graves therein. I know in the last many years we have just decorated the various graves with flags, which I think is simply outstanding. A few years ago, the camp had a gravestone ceremony for Howard C. Baner, who had been buried in an unmarked grave. The flag and the GAR flagpole were repainted by the camp. We are looking to form a committee, for possibly a dedication plaque for the Evergreen Cemetery GAR plot. Two people voiced interest in doing this. John Lyons secretary/treasurer on the committee and Mark Clark. The Commander also wants to hear from members who want to give a talk on their Civil War Ancestors. He will help with the PowerPoint portion. We are looking for Officers for next year at this time. We must elect them at the October meeting.

Presentation:

Brother, Bill Blissett, gave a presentation about Death in the Civil War. The name of the book is, "This Republic of Suffering." There were about 620,000 deaths during the Civil War. He discussed how the country handled it. The Union had to take and inter the soldiers. They had to try and list each soldier and notify the families. During the mid-1800s there was something people called "a good death". Brother Blissett presented an outstanding program. It was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 13 October 2024 at noon.

Closing:

Chaplain's Benediction, Closing Charge
adjournment at 2:30 PM.

Patriotic Awards:

Minty Camp Brother & S/T John Lyons has done a phenomenal job of rewarding our neighbors and friends in the community with SUVCW Patriotic Award for properly flying our United States flag. Huzzah! to Brother Lyons for his activities. Remember that ANY member of the SUVCW can do this, don't miss another great opportunity to get our name out there! All awards in the following photos were presented by Brother Lyons.



2 awards were presented to Northwest Fire Department, #333 and 334



Johnson Primary School



Circ Apartments, Tucson



Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, Oro Valley AZ



Ward 3 Council Office



Golder Ranch Fire District #379



Golder Ranch Fire District Station #380

Good Citizenship Award:

RHGM2 ST Lyons presented another Award to a very deserving recipient. The SUVCW Good Citizenship Award was presented to Christine Murelatete. Christine has recently become a Naturalized US Citizen and is currently a caregiver in Memory Health Care.



Chase Bank on Oracle



Congratulations Christine!

RHGM2 Next Meeting

Next meeting: **October 13, 2024, at noon** at
The Kettle Restaurant, 748 W. Starr Pass Blvd,
Tucson, AZ



**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**
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Secretary/Treasurer dale enlow (928) 715-5109; dale_elnow@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 13, 2024, meeting minutes

Meeting Place: Marina Room, Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, AZ. in person AND virtually via Zoom
Time: 1:00 PM

Attendees: (15) total SUVCW Brothers were present (fulfilling a quorum):

Brothers:

Council Member Robert Archibald JR (zoom)
Eagle Scout Co-Ordinator Steve Bigelow
Chaplain Greg Bowers
Council Dennis DeAtley
S/T & Historian dale enlow PCC
Council & Memorials Officer Avery Frantz
Patriotic Instructor James Heller PDC (zoom)
JVC John Horton (zoom)
Dick Melick

Guard/recruiter David Moore
Department Commander Tim Prater
SVC Lynn Scott
William Smith PCC
new Brother Member Jackson Steadman
Color Bearer Jeff Steadman
Commander Richard Stephens
David Swanson PDC
Guide David Williamson

Memorial Ceremony:

The meeting started off with a solemn Memorial Ceremony for recently departed Camp Brother Eugene McCarthy.



(L-R) CC Rick Stephens, DC Tim Prater, Color Bearer Jeff Steadman

Rest in Peace Brother McCarthy

Opening:

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 fourteen Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Laura Stephens, Laura Moore, Barbara Fox-Thomas, Margaret Scott, Richard Staudt, Jon Larson, George Rist, Milt Hansen,

and Mark Brittle. The Commander and Brothers present stated the principles of our Order and Camp Chaplain Greg Bowers invoked the Devine Blessing. The assembled Brothers and guests offered the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with recitation of the Americans Creed.

Chaplain:

Chaplain Bowers reported no known ill Brothers. He then announced the July/ Aug/ Sept birthdays: William Butcher (9/27), Dale Enlow (9/18), Alan Fitch (7/12), Paul Halverson (7/14), Ken Morgan (9/17), William Smith (8/13), Jeff Steadman (9/10), Rick Stephens (9/13), and Mark Swanson (8/14). Happy Birthday, Brothers!

S/T Report:

Secretary report:

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:

The 2nd Quarter report has been reviewed and approved by the Council. Checking account balance, JROTC Scholarship Fund, and total accounts reported. Camp now stands at 41 total members / 36 Primary.

Reading and disposing of orders, communications:

S/T Enlow advised there were 13 National General Orders, 2 Department Orders, and 1 Camp Order issued since our last meeting. All orders have been forwarded to the membership. A summary of each was given.

New Member Initiation:

NBM Jackson Steadman was presented with a member's badge, name tag, rosette, members certificate, membership card, and ancestor certificate. Brother Steadman's qualifying ancestor was Musician John W. Chapman, Co K, 40th IL Infantry.... Welcome Brother!



Old Business:

Last Soldier Markers:

Commander Stephens reported that the marker for the Last Union Veteran buried in Yavapai County has been installed at Mountain View Cemetery in Prescott. The ceremony to dedicate the marker for William Cooper who enlisted at the age of 15 in Co I, 6th Kansas Cavalry, was held on Saturday May 4th with several descendants of William Cooper in attendance.



ROTC/JROTC and Eagle Scout Programs:

Brothers Prater and Bigelow gave updates on these worthy projects. They reported 18 Eagle Scout awards in the past year and that we have 3 SUVCW Brothers on the Eagle Scout board.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor:

On June 15, 2024, Robert V. Ponzo was presented with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate and patch

by his Mom, Jody (Ponzo). The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at the St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel, Tucson, AZ. Congratulations!



2024 Memorial / Decoration Day ceremonies:
General US Grant Camp No.3 participated in three different ceremonies: Prescott Citizens Cemetery procession and reading of the Gettysburg Address by Tim Prater, Prescott National Cemetery where PCC Dale Enlow read the Gettysburg Address, and Camp Navajo Veterans Cemetery where David Swanson read the Gettysburg Address.

New Business:

2025 Officer Nominations:

Commander Stephens reminded the Brothers that we are mandated to elect Camp Officers at our next meeting in October. The Camp Council is tasked with creating and vetting a slate of nominees for Camp Commander, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Jr Vice Cmdr., three Camp Council Members, and a Camp Secretary / Treasurer. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions or being appointed to one of the several appointed offices.

Upcoming Events:

143rd SUVCW National Encampment, Lexington, KY 08/1-4...Camp Brother Steve Bigelow will be attending as a Department Delegate.
Patriot Day Parade in Williams, AZ (09/14),

DUVCW National Convention 7/30-8/04 Scottsdale, AZ Several Camp

Brothers are slated to take part.

Family Discovery Day (genealogy fair) 9/28, Prescott, AZ

Veterans' Day Parade 11/11 Prescott, AZ Discussion was held concerning the Camp trying to participate in more parades and events.

Brother David Williamson suggested that the Camp consider having parade banners for vehicle mounting purchased. Inaugural 50/50 drawing: Brother David Moore conducted our first 50/50 drawing. Past Camp Commander Tim Prater split the \$114 raised and

it added \$57 to the Marion Prater Memorial Scholarship Fund! Thanks to all who participated.

General Discussion:

S/T Enlow spoke about the recent SUVCW General Order #21 approving the membership / gender amendments to the Constitution and Regulations. Our own Department of the Southwest soundly rejected these amendments at the March 2024 Department Encampment, however; 19 Departments approved (63.3%), 10 disapproved (33.3%), and 1 did not vote (as reported in GO #21).

Brother Enlow explained that the SUVCW Constitution only requires a majority (50%+1) of the Departments to ratify amendments. He pointed out that Article V of the US Constitution requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ super majority of the states to ratify amendments. Constitutions should properly be an enduring and seldom changed document with a very high standard for amendments. A simple majority approval by Departments invites dissent, division, polarization, and disenfranchisement within the organization. "If it ain't broke...don't fix it!"

Motion: "I move that our Camp draft a resolution detailing our support for a proposed amendment to the SUVCW Constitution changing the current simple majority of Departments to a $\frac{3}{4}$

ratification requirement. This draft shall be presented to the Camp at our October meeting, and if approved, sent to the Department of the Southwest Commander. Such proposed amendment could not be introduced until prior to the 2025 National Encampment.”
The motion was properly seconded and passed.

“Good of the Order” comments and discussion:

Tim Prater and Dick Melick introduced Barbara Fox-Thomas from the Yavapai County Board of Supervisor staff in recognition of her ongoing support for our Camp and in getting safety improvements installed at the Citizens Cemetery exit onto Sheldon Street (a convex mirror and “Right Turn ONLY” signage). Huzzah! Commander Stephens then advised that due to scheduling we would postpone the presentation by Brother DeAtley until the next meeting.

Commander: Our next meeting and officer election will be on October 5, 2024 at the Taverna Moderna Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd., Flagstaff AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting.

Closing:

Chaplain Greg Bowers then delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible.

USG3 Next Meeting:

Next meeting and officer election will be on **October 5, 2024** at the Taverna Moderna Mediterranean, 2420 S Woodlands Village Blvd., Flagstaff AZ. 11:00 am for lunch, 12:00 for meeting

FROM THE EDITOR:

First, I would like to thank PDC, CC, PCC David Swanson for his faithful service as editor of the camp & department newsletter for over 2 decades. His commitment to excellence, professionalism, and quality in producing this journal is a testament to what a great representative of the SUVCW he is. Not to mention his quick wit and subtle doses of humor that is always appreciated. In taking over this endeavor, I would hope I can muster a sliver of those qualities and gain some semblance of producing a quality product, as he always had.

I am humbled and honored to serve in this capacity and promise to always give my absolute best. Any feedback is welcome - especially if it's positive (I'm kidding!).

In closing, thanks to Brother David Swanson from the bottom of my heart, for his support and mentorship to me, for all he has done for this publication, and for his service to the Brothers of the Department of the Southwest of the SUVCW for many years. Enjoy your "time off" 😊. I quite literally have big shoes to fill!

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