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Celebrating Brother Jerry Bloom, PDC in honor of his 90th birthday, June 26, 2025



From 2024, (L-R) PDC Ken Hooker, PDC Tim Prater, PDC Jerry Bloom, DC Todd Hoffay, JVC Rick Stephens

A Tribute to Brother Jerry Bloom, PDC

By David Swanson, PDC

I was honored when Department Commander Todd Hoffay asked me to write about Brother Jerry Bloom in celebration of his upcoming 90th birthday (in June) and the current 30th year of his membership in the SUVCW. While he is no longer able to attend meetings, it's a privilege to recognize someone whose dedication, genuine camaraderie, wit and humor continue to inspire those around him.

I first met Gerald Nigh Bloom—known to virtually everyone as Jerry—when I joined Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 in 1999, and we've been friends ever since.

What has Jerry done over the years? Let's start in 1996 with the chartering of Picacho Peak Camp No. 1—it's only fitting to start here as Jerry was a charter member and has remained dedicated to it ever since. But his involvement doesn't stop there as he is also a charter member of the General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2, the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 and the Department of the Southwest!

And here is another remarkable detail: he joined the SUVCW as a Member-at-Large in September 1995 before Arizona had any Camps! Jerry is the only Brother in the Department of Arizona who is a charter member of all three Camps and the Department! No other Brother holds that distinction.

Besides being a charter member of everything, what else has he done? Well, once again we start with Picacho Peak Camp: In 2003 he took over the Secretary/treasurer office until 2015 when he became the Camp Commander. I remember this because I took over the Secretary/Treasurer office and I was sure happy when he took that job over again in 2016! Jerry continued to hold this office until 2022.

On August 22, 2015, the General U.S. Grant Camp held its first organizational meeting and Jerry offered to take on the Secretary/Treasurer office. The Camp was officially chartered in September 2015 and Jerry remained in that office until 2020 (he was still the Secretary/Treasurer of the Picacho Peak Camp during this time as well).

Department of the Southwest offices: On December 3, 2015 the Department of the Southwest was officially chartered and during its Special Encampment in March 2016 Jerry was elected to the office of Department Council. In 2017 he was the JVC, in 2018 the SVC, and in 2019, two month shy of his 84th birthday, Jerry was elected Department Commander.

This is just a short recap of some Brother Jerry Bloom's service to our Order. It doesn't include the many activities both on a Camp and Department level that he engaged in year after year (there isn't sufficient space in this newsletter).

So join me in wishing Brother Jerry Bloom, PDC, a very Happy (though slightly belated), 90th Birthday!



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 Mike Booth** (515) 689-6546; ppc1.jvc@gmail.com; or **Secretary/Treasurer Scott Martorano** (616)250-670; 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
Todd T. Hoffay 2022-2024

May 17, 2025, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location:

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

Attendance: Officers and Brothers in attendance: Michael Booth- Commander, Todd Hoffay Department Commander, Robert Cox – Junior Vice Commander (JVC), Scott Martorano-Secretary / Treasurer (ST), Chuck Stuller, David Kampf, Richard Uplinger, Ken Bus, John Nichols. **Guests:** Cathy Durden- daughter of Brother Uplinger. Tristan Hoffay- son of Brother Hoffay. Barbara Booth – Commander Booth's spouse.

Opening: Commander Booth opened the meeting of the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1, SUV CW at 12:30pm and Chaplain James Heller being absent, SVC Hoffay provided the Invocation followed by all reciting the American's Creed and Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to order: Commander Booth declared the meeting officially open and welcomed all the members and guests.

S/T report:

ST Martorano provided the Quorum Report: In accordance with Article 7 (VII), Section 3 of the Picacho Peak Camp bylaws, Six Brothers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at a regular or special meeting of this Camp. A total of 9 Brothers were present meeting the quorum requirement of 6. ST Martorano offered a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes from our February meeting as they have been published in the Dept Newsletter. Commander Booth asked for a second and the second was received. Placing the motion to the membership, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's report: ST Martorano informed the Camp that: -Currently PPC1 has 55 members (53 Regular, 2 Associates). -seven of our members are Life Members. -Loss / Gains year over year are 6 losses and 2 gains. ST Martorano also informed the Camp that Brother Jay R. Simons passed away on April 12, 2025. Brother Simons joined the SUV CW on September 19, 2003, and was the descendant of Herman Simon who served as a SGT in Co. K of the 66th NY Inf. Vols from September 1st, 1861, to Jan 28, 1863, when he was discharged with a disability after the Battle of Fredericksburg which occurred December 11-15, 1862. The 66th went into Fredericksburg with 238 men and had 75 killed, wounded or missing. Just over 30% casualties. Sgt. Simons had previously served at the Seven Days' Battle at the Peach orchard and Antietam where the unit lost approximately 150 men. ST Martorano stated that on behalf of Picacho Peak Camp 1, had expressed condolence to Brother Simon's family, notified and spoke with Chaplain Heller who will be sending a sympathy card, and would also be issuing the proper condolence certificate from the Camp. The Camp expressed its gratitude for the comradery we were able to share with Brother Simon over the last 21 years, he will be missed.

Treasurers Report: ST Martorano was pleased to report the following: Our Camp finances remain strong, and the current balance of our checking account was reported. Our annual Form 27 has been filed with the Department of the Southwest to determine and report on our per capita dues, which were reported. The payment has been made and processed by the department. The Camp voted in February of this year to establish a memorial fund with donations to be dedicated to the

Civil War Union Veteran William Green Remembrance fund established by the DSW order # 5 in 2024. After our initial donations we received two additional donations. USG3 generously donated \$250.00 and the Silent auction at the Department encampment raised \$261.00. Our memorial fund now has a balance of \$701.00.

Junior Vice Commander:

JVC Cox reported on the new member recruitment activities since our February meeting and invited the membership to seek all opportunities to help identify potential members.

JROTC Coordinator:

Brother Huskisson not being present provided a report that was read by ST Martorano and included the following: - 20 awards were presented to JROTC students in the greater Phoenix area. Unfortunately, three potential awards could not be presented for various reasons. Brother Huskisson offered a special thank you to Brother Kampf, Brother Cox, Sister Maura Mackowski, Sister Verna Maleski and Sister Ginger Trokey for assisting with the award presentations.

New Members: Two new members joined the Camp, Brother Kenneth P. Bus and Brother John A. Nichols.

Supplemental Ancestors: No supplemental ancestors were approved during this period.

Old Business: none

New Business: Being present, Brother Charles W. Stuller was presented with a Continuous Membership Award for 10 years of membership in PPC1. ST Martorano informed the Camp that Memorial Day greeting cards were sent to the entire membership. Additionally, ST Martorano informed the Camp that 24 Continuous Membership Awards were issued to members not in attendance. Brother Gerald N. Bloom – 30 years (Certificate mailed), Brother Nathan G. Cups- 20 years (Certificate mailed), Brother Mark J. Haynes- 20 years (Certificate mailed)

Brother Robert J. Conrad- 20 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Don A. Thompson- 20 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Brice A. Heller- 15 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Dr. Daniel H Heller- 15 years (Certificate mailed) Brother John P. Munro- 15 years (Certificate mailed) Brother William C. Orr- 15 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Jeffrey D. Burgess, PCC- 10 years (Presented Dept. Encampment) Brother Robert L. Cox- 10 years (Presented Dept. Encampment) Brother Charles S. Albaugh- 10 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Daniel S. Dobler- 10 Years (Certificate mailed) Brother David B. Gray- 10 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Todd T. Hoffay, PCC- 5 years (Presented Dept. Encampment) Brother Kenneth J. Hooker, PDC, PCC- 5 years (Presented Dept. Encampment) Brother James K. Crosson- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother William E. Davidson – 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother John A. Kind- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Douglas F. Kydd- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Stephen J. Miller- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother John T. Rogers- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother Steven O. Senecal- 5 years (Certificate mailed) Brother George W. White- 5 Years (Certificate mailed)

-Congratulations to all the Brothers who received certificates!!!!

-Brother Robert Cox informed the Camp that a Memorial Day Ceremony was being held at the Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in Phoenix. Volunteers for attendance and flag placement were requested, and a follow-up email would be sent with more specific information.

Presentations: Two brothers conducted outstanding presentations. SVC Hoffay presentation covered a past trip to Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY. Being a native of the area, SVC Hoffay has an in-depth knowledge of the cemetery, its history, and the Civil War Soldier interred within. SVC Hoffay used photos to highlight the key historical significance and natural beauty of this unique landmark. JVC Robert Cox conducted a presentation on his recent trip to New Mexico and stop at the National Historic Park location of the Battle of Glorieta Pass. The presentation included an overview of the battle, participants and his overall visit and experience at the Battlefield. Brother Cox provided some very useful information and suggestions for brothers that may visit in the future.

Closing—Commander Booth announced the closing of the meeting and DC Hoffay provided the closing prayer. Next meeting will be on August 16, 2025, at Mustang Library.

(Note: These minutes are not official until approved at the next camp meeting.)



PPC1 Next Meeting

Our meeting on Saturday August 16, 2025, will be held from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The location will be the Mustang Library 10101 N. 90th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85258.



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 Golden Corral 4380 E 22nd Street Tucson AZ. Contact: **Commander Robert McCord** phone (520) 982-5057; email: rdmcii@aol.com or **Secretary/Treasurer John Lyons**; (520) 341-3914; email: lyonsj5267@yahoo.com

Past Camp Commanders:

Robert McCord 2015-2017
Randy McNally 2017-2018
Robert Haley 2018-2020
Robert Irwin 2020-2022
W. Mark Clark 2022-2023
David A. Swanson 2023-2024



July 12, 2025, Camp Meeting Minutes

Location: Golden Corral Thornydale Rd
Tucson AZ Saturday July 12, 2025, 1030 – 12:15

Attendance:

Robert D. McCord PDC, CC
Scott P. Bouchard SVC
John W. Lyons S/T
W. Mark Clark, Chaplain
Dennis P. Harvey, Guard
Bill Sims Camp Council
William G. Blissett JROTC
Denny Scanlan Member
Guests:
Shaunna Bouchard
Laura McCord
Ann Huber-Scanlan
Chantal Blissett
No Zoom

Opening: (Chaplain's Blessing, America's Creed, Pledge of Allegiance), Meeting began at 1030.

Approval of previous Camp minutes: Approval of 19 April 2025 Minutes. The minutes were emailed to all brothers on 8 July 2025, no changes noted. Motion to Approve and seconded with unanimous vote to approve.

Reading and approval of Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was emailed to all Brothers on 10 July 2025. Motion to approve and seconded.

National General Orders: A synopsis of the C in C General Orders was sent out on 10 July 2025 to all brothers. Chaplain Clark read the General Order about the Tragedy in Texas and recommended we should all keep them in our prayers.

Report of Brothers/Families in distress: none to report

Membership: Total 22 current members

Officer reports: SVC Bouchard, NTR, JVC Sisco not present

New Member induction: CDR McCord conducted the induction ceremony for Brother Dennis (Denny) P. Scanlan. He was presented with a Membership Certificate and a Membership Badge. Welcome Brother Scanlan!

Old Business: Memorial Day Parade, Chaplain Clark spoke about the number of Brothers in attendance. There were 5 Brothers present, barely enough for a Color Guard. Brother Lyons provided a Van in the parade. Brother Clark spoke about putting the flags on the GAR plot at Evergreen Cemetery. Brother Bouchard picked up the flags before 5 PM. Brother Blissett spoke about JROTC and how he did with the schools. There were 4 schools in our program. He spoke about how the National Assistant Quartermaster failed to send out the medals and certificates. He made several phone calls and has never received medals or certificates. The National Encampment is from 8-10th of August 2025. Brother Clark and Brother Bouchard will be attending in Houston Texas.

Presentation: CDR McCord did a presentation on Submarine Warfare in the Civil War. The first submarine was developed in 1775. Civil War had a resurgence was initiated by the enemy. The most famous was the David or Midge. In 1863 they encountered the Ironside and it wasn't successful. The Hunley is the most famous in the south. It sank three times, with no survivors. The North built submarines also. The builder was known as a con man and a brilliant engineer. He made three submarines. The USS Alligator was also mentioned. Built in 1862 made originally with oars. This design was rejected by the Navy. They redesigned it and put it into service. It was a very interesting talk, enjoyed by us all.

Good of the order: A Motion was made to get a new Checking account at US Bank by Brother Bouchard, it was seconded by Brother Clark. Motion to approve carried. The signatures for the Account will be Brother John Lyons, and the second signer is Brother Scott Bouchard.

Closing: Chaplain's Benediction, Closing Charge adjournment at 12:30 PM.



New member of RHGM2 Dennis Scanlan,
CC Robert McCord, PDC

RHGM2 Next Meeting

Next meeting is 11 October 2025 at the Golden Corral on Thornydale Road in Marana



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 12, 2025 meeting minutes

Call to Order by Commander Rick Stephens:

A meeting of General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at Augie's Restaurant, Prescott AZ. in person AND virtually via Zoom. The official business meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Camp Commander Richard Stephens and Secretary Treasurer Historian, dale enlow called the roll of Camp Officers with nine Officers reporting present. Commander Stephens welcomed guests: Jan Swanson, Laura Moore, Laura Stephens, Morgan Brady, Julia Pollard, Mike and Tammy Garcia, Phil Nordberg and Lee Klose plus Gregg Poehlmann and Jim Burleson (NBMs for initiation). 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 Americans Creed. Fourteen (14) total Brothers (4 via Zoom) were present, fulfilling a quorum. Brothers In attendance: Sr. Vice Cmdr. Eagle Scout Co-Ordinator Steve Bigelow, Robert Cox, S/T Historian dale enlow PCC, Jim Heller PDC (Zoom), Guard David Moore, Past Department Commander Tim Prater, JVC Lynn Scott (zoom), William Smith PCC (Zoom), Color Bearer Jeff Steadman, Commander Richard Stephens, Past Department Commander David Swanson, new members Gregg Poehlman (Associate) and Jim Burleson (from Santa Fe, NM via Zoom).

Commander Stephens advised that on March 1, 2025, a Charter Brother of General U. S. Grant Camp, Richard Rice passed away. He was a resident of the Verde Valley Assisted Living in Cottonwood, AZ. He was 77 years old and a 10-year member of Grant Camp. Brothers Prater, Swanson, and enlow shared some memories of Brother Rice and his passion for history and teaching. He will be sorely missed. A moment of silence and prayer for Brother Richard Rice was observed.

Acting Chaplain Prater then announced the birthdays (Jul-Aug-Sep): James Burleson 8/05, William Butcher 9/27, Dale Enlow 9/18, Alan Fitch 7/12, Paul Halverson 7/14, William Smith 8/13, Jeffrey Steadman 9/10, Rick Stephens 9/13, Mark Swanson 8/1. Happy Birthday, Brothers! Also wished Brother Jim Heller and his wife Anne a Happy 65th Anniversary!!!! Congratulations!



Secretary's Report: Commander Stephens 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 2025 2nd Quarter report has been completed and approved by the Camp Council and Commander Stephens. Current checking account balance was reported, and the JROTC Scholarship / General Fund stands at \$930.50. Two \$1000 scholarship awards have been delivered to Payton Tachenne NAU) and Brigid Enlow (St. Louis Univ.) Camp membership now stands at 45 total members / 40 Primary.

General Orders: S/T Enlow advised there were 5 National General Orders, and one Department Order, issued since our last meeting. All orders have been forwarded to the membership. A summary of each was given.

Commander: New Member Initiations- NBMs Poehlmann and Burleson were initiated into the Camp and presented a member's badges, name tags, rosettes, members certificates, and membership cards. Brother Burleson's qualifying ancestor was Pvt. Levi Crisson (Cresawn), Co M, 8th TN Cavalry. He indicated he has identified several more ancestors who were Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Welcome New Brothers!

Old Business:

Last Union Veteran marker ceremony in Winslow, AZ was held with several descendants of Lt. David Hart present. All gathered after the ceremony at the Turquoise Room in the historic La Posada Hotel for lunch, which the Camp provided to the family members. Plans are still underway for markers in Apache and Mohave Counties



Commander Stephens advised that there was no news on the project to secure and install a headstone and GAR marker on the unmarked pauper's grave of Pvt. William Green inn Phoenix. The Camp had donated \$250 to Picacho Peak Camp toward this project. PDC Prater and Brother Steve Bigelow gave updates on the 2025 ROTC / JROTC Awards presentations and advised of the current challenges due to National's centralizing the distribution of all certificates and medals. This resulted in several delays and embarrassing errors.

Commander Stephens advised that the Camp was active in 3 separate Memorial / Decoration Day Ceremonies at:

- Camp Navajo Veterans Cemetery, Bellmont, AZ where David Swanson PDC delivered the Gettysburg Address
- Prescott Citizens' Cemetery where PDC Tim Prater delivered the Gettysburg Address and several Camp Brothers participated in the parade procession.
- Prescott National Cemetery where S/T dale enlow delivered the Gettysburg Address and Commander Rick Stephens and his wife Laura presented the Gold Star Family wreath at the unknown soldier monument.



Commander Stephens gave an update on the National SUVCW Encampment in August. He, David Moore and Minty Camp Brother Mark Clark are attending as Department of the SW Delegates.

New Business:

Brothers Prater and Poehlmann advised we are getting much more involved with the Eagle Scout recognition program.

Of the 15 presentations this year, 11 were by Gen'l. US Grant Camp.

New Brother Gregg Poehlmann was named as the Camp Eagle Scout Coordinator replacing PDC Prater.

Commander Stephens reminded the Camp Council, that Camp officer elections will take place at our October Quarterly meeting and the Council is responsible to seek and present a slate of nominees for the 2026 elected positions in advance of that meeting.

Volunteers are needed to fill these positions

S/T and Historian Dale Enlow brought forth an idea to create a composite poster of the USG3 Past Commanders and current Officers and Brothers. The idea came from an historical GAR Post creation. He seeks head and shoulder portraits of all the Brothers displaying their SUVCW medals and any historical headwear.



The Camp agreed to place a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) marker near the flagpole at Prescott Citizens' Cemetery. Brother David Moore brought forward an offer from his niece to create a web store to sell USG3 logo merchandise at no cost to the Camp and we would receive a portion of the proceeds for our Scholarship / General Fund. Brothers Moore and Stephens will research proper licensing / permissions from National. The Camp should decide upon one or two logos to use.

PDC and Camp Organizer David Swanson gave some background on the formation of our Camp:

- December 8, 2014: received authorization from SUVCW to form a Camp
- 08/22/2015: first organizational meeting held
- 09/11/2015: General US Grant Camp No. 3 was officially chartered permitting the creation of the Department of the Southwest!

USG3 Next Meeting

October 4, 2025 at the Taverna Moderna Restaurant, Flagstaff, AZ starting at noon. ZOOM will start at 11:45.

Upcoming Events:

- Patriot Day Parade in Williams, AZ 09/06/2025
- Family Discovery Day in Prescott, AZ 09/27/25
- Veterans' Day Parade, Prescott, AZ

"Good of the Order" comments and discussion:

Brother Dave Moore offered to bring a cake to our next meeting in celebration of our Camp's 10th Anniversary.

Presentation: Brother Robert Cox gave a very interesting presentation on his connection to General and President Ulysses S. Grant and a visit to his cottage on Mount McGregor, Wilton, NY



Closing: Acting Chaplain Prater then delivered the closing prayer and closed the Bible. Commander Stephens announced the next meeting will be on October 4, 2025 at the Taverna Moderna Restaurant, Flagstaff, AZ starting at noon. ZOOM will start at 11:45



Around the Department of the Southwest Memorial Day 2025

All 3 camps participated in Memorial Day activities this year!
Great job Brothers !

Picacho Peak Camp #1



May 26th, 2025, Pioneer & Military Memorial Park, Phoenix, AZ
DSW DC Todd T. Hoffay gave the closing remarks:
Brothers of the Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War and
Honored guests here in attendance.
We now conclude our ceremony of remembrance here today.
As we return, once again, to the routine of our daily lives;
Let us keep in mind the memory of the courage shown, by our
forebears, in the service of the Union.
Let us seek to live with gratitude in our hearts, for the sacrifices
they made on our behalf.
Let us strive, to show our selves to be worthy of, and to further
honor, their legacy by our own continuing commitment to the
service to our great nation.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Todd T. Hoffay

Department Commander, Department of the Southwest, SUVCW

Video from the event: PPC1 JVC Bob Cox reading the Gettysburg
address, and Brother Ken Bus reading the Poem "the Unknown Dead"
by Elizabeth Robbins Berry (opens in YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvREIY9Lyws>



Todd T. Hoffay, Commander,
Department of the Southwest

Memorial Day 2025, cont. Robert H.G. Minty Camp #2

Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Camp Navajo, Bellemont, AZ
On Memorial Day, May 26th, Brother David Swanson PDC, gave a presentation about the Gettysburg Address (pictured below) and its relevance not only to our Union ancestors but those who recently gave their last full measure of devotion to our country.



Memorial Day 2025, cont. Ulysses S Grant Camp #3



The Gettysburg Address:

Delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, during the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This important speech was recited by four of our Brothers From the Department of the Southwest on Memorial Day, May 26th, 2025 in four different locations across the State of Arizona! Text of the speech:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

—Abraham Lincoln



Brother Avery Franz:

Camp U S Grant #3 fell in for the Memorial Day Procession at Citizens' Cemetery of Prescott. Those allowed to participate must be either the original group which partook at the first Memorial Day of 1909 or representing such veterans who partook at that day. PDC Tim Prater shared the Gettysburg Address for the crowd. Marching Brothers depicted (above, L-R) include: Jackson Steadman, David Moore, and Dale Enlow.

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