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# A Photo Essay of the Apache Surrender

## Free Zoom Presentation by Historian Bill Cavaliere



C. S. Fly photo of the Geronimo-Naiche band at Canyon de los Embudos, March 1886; Geronimo stands in front of Naiche on horseback (Arizona Historical Society)

**Thursday June 15, 2023**  
**7 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Mountain Standard Time**  
(Same as Pacific Daylight Time)

This presentation is a combination of two of historian Bill Cavaliere's main interests: the Chiricahua Apaches, and comparing old photographs with current shots taken of the same scenes. It will cover early frontier photographers, with the emphasis on C. S. Fly, Ben Wittick, and A. Frank Randall.



C. S. Fly photo of Apache warriors, left to right: Yanosha, Chappo (Geronimo's son), Fun (or his brother, Tsisnah or some suggest Tissnolthtos), and Geronimo (Arizona Historical Society)

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## A Photo Essay . . .

Cavaliere traveled far and wide to locate the scenes where the 1800's shots were taken. As he will mention in the presentation, some were very easy to find, such as the photographs taken at Fort Bowie. But others were more difficult, such as the ones taken by Tombstone, Arizona, photographer C. S. Fly in Cañon de los Embudos, Sonora, Mexico. That search entailed modern-day driving on rough four-wheel-drive roads through remote areas controlled and disputed by rival drug cartels.

One particular photograph taken by Fly fascinated Cavaliere: the famous "Council Photo" that depicts Geronimo and other hostile Apaches negotiating peace terms with General George Crook and his soldiers, sitting semicircle in a mixed group. After asking other historians who also had visited the cañon if they had located the site, and found that none had, it became Cavaliere's obsession to find it. In his presentation he will tell whether he did.

This month's Third Thursday presenter Bill Cavaliere is an independent scholar who retired after a career of 28 years in law enforcement, during which time he was Sheriff of Hidalgo County, New Mexico. Prior to this he worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the Chiricahua Mountains. He is currently president of the Cochise County Historical Society, a position he has held for the past eight years, and sits on the board of the Southern Arizona History Connection.

Bill and his wife Jill live on a ranch near the Chiricahua Mountains where he raises Brangus cattle. He has written numerous articles for historical journals and magazines such as *Wild West*, and lectures on the Chiricahua Apaches for historical societies, colleges, and civic organizations.

He is the author of *The Chiricahua Apaches: A Concise History* and was a contributing author of *Cave Creek Canyon: Revealing the Heart of Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains*. He is currently working on a biography on Naiche, the last chief of the Chiricahua Apaches.

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C. S. Fly photo of the meeting between Geronimo (third from left) and General George Crook (second from right), Cañon de los Embudos, March 1886 (Arizona Historical Society)



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