



Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Old San Diego County
Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

THE GENERAL

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Camp Commander's Corner ♦ by Jerry R. Sayre, PDC

Brothers of Camp 21,

Let me first thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of the Camp for another year, and second, let me cordially invite you to attend this Saturday, Feb 11 at 4:00 PM at the Degheri Alumni Center Conference Rooms 112 & 113, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

I would like to see as many Brothers, as possible, attend to start off 2012 in the best way. I also want to get your input as to the direction of the Camp, both what we've done and where we are going.

It is also an opportunity to make new friends and see old ones. Please make the effort to come to the meeting to support the Camp and to honor the "Boys in Blue".

If you can attend, please wear your membership badge.

I remain your Obt Srvt in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Jerry Sayre PDC
Camp Commander

Camp ORDER No. 1 Series 2012 PASSING OF BROTHER Natoa "Nate" Dorn

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Sgt Wm Pittenger Camp 21, by the Camp Bylaws, Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a sad heart that I must inform the Camp that earlier this week, Brother Nate Dorn of the Sgt Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, passed away after suffering a heart at-

tack. Brother Dorn served his Camp, faithfully, from afar for six years.

Section 2: The Camp Charter is to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 3: All Camp Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: The Sgt Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Dorn and to the Brothers of this Camp.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth, in the Town of Fallbrook, County of San Diego, State of California by Jerry R. Sayre, Commander of the Sgt Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Camp SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Jerry R. Sayre PDC
Camp Commander

ATTEST:
By: /s/ John May Camp Secretary-Treasurer

Civil War Mortar at Mount Hope Cemetery

The Camp's project to restore the Civil War Mortar at Mount Hope Cemetery is progressing nicely.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS should be mailed to Camp Secretary at address above. Failure to notify Camp of change of address will result in missed issues of *The General* and *The Banner*.

CAMP EMAIL DIRECTORY. If you wish to be included in the Camp Email Directory, send your permission & email address to Dave Allyn at: svrsucvw@yahoo.com

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$6.00. Those interested should contact SVR Rep. Capt. Jerry Sayre, 760-728-1444 cod26ia@roadrunner.com

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William oWillö E. Tisch, PCC, is the Chairman of the Special Committee On Mortar Restoration. Both Will and fellow committee member, SVC Robert öBobö A. Rainbolt, were instrumental in planning and relocating the vandalized and neglected mortar tube to the San Diego Air & Space Museum's annex at Gillespie Field where it will undergo restoration.



Above, the two-thousand pound mortar tube is carefully hoisted by crane aboard its transportation to the restoration facility under the watchful eye of Will Tisch, PCC. G.A.R. Section 1, is in the background.



Above, the mortar tube arrives for a much needed restoration at the San Diego Air & Space Museum's annex at Gillespie Field.

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The mortar was manufactured at the Scott Foundry in Reading, Pennsylvania by Seyfert, McManus & Company. The mortar tube is that of a US Model 1861 10-inch Light Iron Siege Mortar. The mortar was inspected on January 30, 1865 by Brevet Lieutenant-colonel Stephen Carr Lyford, Ordnance Corps, US Army (1839-1885). The mortar weighs 1,938 pounds and was the 12th casting at Foundry 294.

The mortar in its deteriorated state at Mount Hope Cemetery can be seen below (left). At the right, another US Model 1861 10-inch Light Iron Siege Mortar is seen with its iron carriage intact. Below (right) is a computer model of the plans used in fabrication of a replica carriage to hold the mortar tube.



Events & Location	Date	Time
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, February 11, 2012	4:00 PM
Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 126th Annual Department Encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo 10 Sonoma Avenue, San Luis Obispo, California	Friday, March 9, 2012 Saturday, March 10, 2012	TBD TBD
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, April 14, 2012	4:00 PM
Elks Lodge No. 1812 Memorial Day at El Cajon Cemetery 2080 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, California	TBD	TBD
Fort Rosecrans Memorial Day Committee Memorial Day at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery 1880 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	10:00 AM
Veterans Association of North County Memorial Day at Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	10:00 AM
Stonewall Jackson Chapter No. 476, United Daughters of the Confederacy Memorial Day at Mount Hope Cemetery 3751 Market Street, San Diego, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	1:00 PM
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, June 9, 2012	4:00 PM
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 131st Annual National Encampment at Los Angeles Airport Marriott 5855 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California	Thursday, August 9, 2012 Friday, August 10, 2012 Saturday, August 11, 2012 Sunday, August 12, 2012	TBD TBD TBD TBD
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, August 11, 2012 (Date subject to change to August 4th or 18th)	4:00 PM
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, October 13, 2012 (Date subject to change to October 20th)	4:00 PM

MINUTES OF CAMP MEETING: Saturday, October 15, 2011

Present: Brothers Dave Allyn, Robert Dodge, Tom Helmantoler, John Howell, Jeff Malone, John May, John Pollard, Bob Rainbolt, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, Will Tisch, and guests Bryan Adair, Robyn Adair, Roy Adair, Gay Allyn, Hilda Dodge, Charmaine Malone, Phyllis Rainbolt, Janice Shaffer, Kim Sayre, and Eileen Tisch.

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Commander Jeff Malone at 4:40pm at the University of San Diego.

Present:

Brothers Kevin Forrester, Tom Helmantoler, Jeff Malone, John May, Deane Poole, Bob Rainbolt, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Will Tisch, and guests Bruce Carey, Dan McLaughlin, Kim Sayre, and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Jeff Malone at 4:30pm at the Alumni Center of the University of San Diego, San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain T. Helmantoler and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Sayre.

I. Honored Attendees

Bruce Carey, visiting from AZ, was introduced. Dan McLaughlin, applicant for membership, was also introduced.

II. Announcements

Br. Jerry Sayre has constructed a frame for the Camp Charter and a box to transport it.

Brothers in distress include W. Tisch who has an ill sister, T. Helmantoler with an ill sister, and B. Rainbolt who is recovering from an illness.

T. Helmantoler reported that he has talked to Ken Kramer about a forthcoming television spot on the Mintersø Ranch project.

III. New Members

The membership application of Daniel McLaughlin, whose ancestor served in the 37th NY National guard, was approved (May/Helmantoler). Br. McLaughlin was initiated into the order by W. Tisch with J. Sayre assisting.

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were not available as the newsletter was not published.

V. Officers' Reports

1) Treas. J. May reported that the Camp has \$3141.34 at present.

VI. Committee Reports

W. Tisch reported that the restoration of the carriage for the mortar is underway. A motion (May/Helmantoler) to reimburse Br. Tisch an amount not to exceed \$600 was passed.

VII. S.V.R. Report

No report was given.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Turkey Shoot, Oct. 29.

Next Camp meeting, Dec. 10.

IX. Old Business

1) Sesquicentennial coins have arrived and the Commander will present them as tokens of appreciation to those who have rendered a service to our Camp.

2) Br. Kevin Forrester was formally initiated into the order.

X. New Business

Cmdr. Malone asks that those who can make a presentation during one of our Camp meetings to please contact him.

A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) to donate \$1000 to the Department to help with hosting the 2012 National Encampment was approved.

XIII. Members' Minutes

No Members' Minutes.

XIV. Program

The program was presented by Br. Mike Schooling who spoke on the British warship, H.M.S. Warrior.

Closing:

The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain T. Helmantoler and Cmdr. Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

126th Annual Department of California and Pacific Encampment

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER
TIMOTHY P. REESE, PCC**

January 2, 2012

Dear Department Brothers,

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and Pacific is proud to announce the 126th Annual Department Encampment. To be held at the Non-Commissioned Officers ("NCO") Club (Parker Hall) in Camp San Luis Obispo on March 9th & 10th, 2012. Friday evening we will be having the "Campfire" gathering at the NCO Club. Pizza and beverages, cost will be \$15.00. Please note that the optional dinner is offered as a convenience to those in attendance, and is "not" mandatory for attendance or participation at the "campfire". On Saturday morning, we will have our business meeting at the nco club. The registration fee for the Encampment will be at \$31.50 – which includes: a deli-style buffet lunch, as well as the usual Accouterments of the day (lunch for guests is \$20.00.) After the completion of the Saturday business meeting, we will have a memorial dedication service at the graves of Union Civil War Veterans at the IOOF Cemetery off of Elks Lane (across from the Elks Lodge in the GAR plot & big bill cannon area – an estimated 7 miles – 11 minute drive, see separate map).

We will be honored, to be joined by SUVCW National Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer Jr. and his wife, who will be in attendance. The Saturday C-in-C dinner will be held at the NCO Club. The cost will be \$34.00. The menus for the three meals are provided with the registration/meal reservation form. During the encampment there will be three opportunities for delegates and guests to participate in fund raising for both the SUVCW and Auxiliary departments. Items donated by our various Camps will be available for bidding. Camp San Luis Obispo is "the original home of the California National Guard". Established in 1928 as a California Army National Guard training camp, it originally totaled 5,800 acres, and was known as "Camp Merriam". The link to the Camp San Luis Obispo website is:

< <http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/pages/default.aspx> >

Please note that Camp San Luis Obispo is an active military installation, and the California national guard requires that all drives must complete the attached vehicle registration application form prior to entering the facility. Please have the form completed and ready to hand to the sentry at the main gate. (The on-line form is available on the Departments events web page or accessible at the following website:

< <http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/Documents/Camp%20san%20luis%20obispo.htm> >

All info regarding RV facilities and housing availability will be handled through the CSLO Billeting representative at (805) 594-6500 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. All Encampment documents & forms are available at the Department Events webpage:

< www.suvcw.org/encampment.html >

Please respond as soon as possible, as we need to plan for meals, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Timothy P. Reese, - DSVC
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PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK: Election & Installation of Camp Officers, December 2011



Tad D. Campbell, PDC, and family visited with Camp 21 for the Election & Installation of Camp Officers.



Gay Allyn, Eileen Tisch, and Km Sayre were guests in attendance at the December Camp meeting!



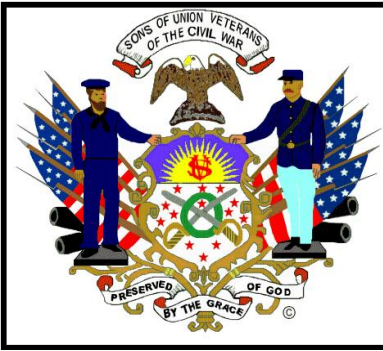
Congratulations to the new Camp Officers!



Tad D. Campbell, PDC, installs Jerry Sayre, PDC, as the new Camp Commander.



Kim Sayre pins on her husband Jerry Sayre's Camp Commander badge following his installation.



MORTAR FOR THE G. A. R.

The San Diego Union, Tuesday, December 14, 1897, Page 5

MORTAR FOR THE G. A. R.

Will Occupy a Prominent Place Near the Soldiers' Graves.

Heintzelman post, G. A. R., has received from the ordnance department at Mare island a ten-inch mortar and forty-two ten-inch shells, the weapon having been brought down on the steamer Santa Rosa Sunday night. It will be exhibited at the plaza for a few days, after which it will be taken to Mt. Hope and occupy a conspicuous place in the G. A. R. section of the cemetery, the shells being sufficient in number to form a pyramid near the mortar. The mortar was procured for the Heintzelman post through efforts of Maj. Smith of Company H, U. S. A., lately stationed here, and other gentleman.

The San Diego Civil War Round Table meets the Third Wednesday of each month, 7 PM at Palisades Presbyterian Church 6301 Birchwood Street, San Diego and is open to the public. For further information, contact President Dave Tooley 858-672-2593 or on the Web at www.sdcwrt.org

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Below is an image of Page 18 of *The Ordnance Manual for the Use of the Officers of the United States Army, Third Edition*, published in Philadelphia by J. P. Lippincott & Co., 1862

Principal Dimensions and Weights of Guns of pattern of 1861.

	COLUMBIADS.			RIFLED.		Siege Howitzer.	MORTARS.			
	Sea-Coast.			Siege.	Field.		Heavy.		Light.	
	15-in.	10-in.	8-in.	4½-in.	3-in.		8-in.	13-in.	10-in.	10-in.
Diameter of bore	Inches. 15.	Inches. 10.	Inches. 8.	Inches. 4.5	Inches. 3.0	Inches. 8.	Inches. 13.	Inches. 10.	Inches. 10.	Inches. 8.
True windage	0.13	0.13	0.13	.05	.05	.12	.13	.13	.13	.12
Length of bore	165.	120.	110.	120.	65.	46.5	35.	32.5	20.5	16.
Do. do. in diameter	11.	12.	13.75	26.66	21.66	5.81	2.69	3.25	2.05	2.0
Semi-axis of ellipse, bottom of bore	9.	7.5	6.	3.375	2.25	6.0	9.0	7.5	7.5	6.
Length from base-line to face of muzzle	170.	122.	111.5	121.	66.25	50.	33.	32.5	18.	14.
Whole length of piece	190.	136.66	119.475	133.	73.3	60.	54.5	47.5	28.	22.
Semi-diameter at base-line	25.65	15.63	12.5	7.8	4.71	8.75	21.5	15.	10.	8.
Semi-diameter at muzzle	12.5	8.1	6.6	4.5	3.0	7.5	21.5	15.	10.	8.
Distance between these semi-diameters	169.	121.	110.5	120.5	65.75	49.25	32.0	31.5	17.	13.
Distance from face of muzzle to axis of trunnions	118.7	86.	78.75	78.35	41.415	26.09	24.45	22.8	13.	10.
Distance between rimbases	48.1	32.1	25.7	15.0	9.5	18.0	43.4	30.4	20.4	16.4
Length of trunnions	6.5	3.25	3.25	4.0	2.8	5.0	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.5
Diameter of trunnions	15.	10.	8.	5.3	3.67	5.82	15.	12.	12.	10.
Maximum diameter	48.	32.	25.6	16.	9.7	17.5	43.	30.	20.	16.
Distance of the max. diameter from the face of muzzle	155.	110.	102.	110.	60.					
Weight	49,099	15,059	8,465	3,450	820	17,120	7,300	1,900	1,010
Preponderance	1,200	519	350	300	40					

NOTE.—The vent is .2 inch in diameter, in all guns.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 11, 2012

February 11, 2012 4:00 PM

LOCATION

**Conference Rooms 112 & 113
Degheri Alumni Center
University of San Diego
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110**

Our Program

TBD

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

From the North: Use I-5 South, exit Sea World Dr. & Tecolote Rd. and proceed left at stoplight toward Morena Blvd. Turn right on Morena, left on Napa, and left on Linda Vista Rd. Travel to the second stoplight to USD's Main entrance, turn left and enter campus.

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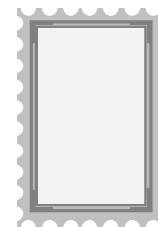
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*Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic
and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union
1861 - 1865*

Plan Ahead! Memorial Day: Monday, May 28, 2012