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Memorial Day Fallbrook Oddfellows Cemetery

After placing 65 flags on the graves of Veterans at the Fallbrook Oddfellows Pioneer Cemetery, Jerry Sayre PDC brought a flag and placed it on Samuel Fair's grave site at the Masonic Cemetery to remember the "Boys in Blue". For some reason, his grave gets overlooked by the cemetery each year.



Commander Mark Goodman

Brothers, Family, Friends, and Supporters,

To those of you who worked on planning and organizing and setting things up, to those who spoke and participated, and to those who were able to attend, a huge thank you for making our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recent Memorial Day ceremony in Poway meaningful and successful. For those of you who were unable to attend, I know that you were with us in spirit.

In case you missed it, we had a beautiful setting and fantastic weather in which to conduct the ceremony. Those who spoke provided us with heartfelt and inspiring words. After the event, many of us were able to enjoy fellowship and a good meal together in Poway's historic district.

And I know I speak for all of us when I say THANK

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SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE(SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a re-enactor to join. Annual dues are \$10.00. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVP Rep Fred Hall
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YOU to Kim Sayre for all that she does and for taking a sharing photos and videos. Kim, the photos and videos are great, and we appreciate them. (By the way, in case you didn't know, the wreath that appears in some of the photos was made by Kim and it is incredible.)

Memorial Day is an important holiday for our Order and our Country. While many Americans may not fully understand the meaning of the day, we do. And while the Union soldier we honored last Saturday did not die on the battlefield, I am proud that as a Camp we were able to meet the charge and obligation passed on to us by the G.A.R. to never forget all those who wore the blue in defense of the Union. Let us continue to do so.

Mark A. Goodman
Camp Commander

The ladies played a big part in the Ceremony that took place to day.

First off, PCC/Chaplain Deane Poole's wife Brenda Boucher was in town from their home in West Virginia and not only came to the Memorial Day Ceremony, but also participated by reading the Ladies Floral Tribute.



Mrs. Boon Goodman, Mrs. Suzette Eder, and Mrs. Anne Hoffman.

Member Birthdays

Jack Bruzas	June-12
Douglas Wright	June-21
Deane I Poole	July-1
Frank Hollingshead	July-4
Michael Karp	July-8
Tommy M Anderson	July-16
Frederick G Hall	July-21
Dimas J Lovato	July-22

Reverend John Wesley Adams

A cousin of the two U.S. Presidents who shared his surname, John Wesley Adams was born in Massachusetts in 1832 and was an Original Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. As a young man, he taught music in the schools of Lawrence, Massachusetts, before entering the New Hampshire Methodist-Episcopal Conference in 1858.

Following his ordination, he served as a pastor at multiple New Hampshire churches, and was commissioned as a chaplain in the 2nd New Hampshire Infantry Regiment on December 5, 1863. When he first joined his regiment, they were guarding the Rebel Prison Camp at Point Lookout, Maryland. Known for the kindness he provided to his soldiers, Reverend Adams kept a personal diary, which was later published chronicling his service at Point of Rocks, Swift Creek, Proctor's Creek, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, the Second Fair Oaks, and the Siege of Petersburg, before entering Richmond.

Following the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Reverend Adams preached a memorial sermon to his regiment, invoking the words "struck down but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:9), emphasizing that adversity can be overcome with the help of God. In July 1865, he inaugurated a school for African-American children at Fredericksburg, Virginia, before his military service ended in December of that year.

After the Civil War, Reverend Adams was in demand to speak at Memorial Day services and other patriotic events on his experiences as an Army Chaplain, and in 1885 he was an invited speaker at the dedication of the 2nd New Hampshire monument at the Gettysburg Battlefield. In 1890, he embarked on a five-month international tour, visiting the British Isles, Greece, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 100 (Colonel William B Greene) in Methuen, Massachusetts, and served a term as its Commander.

In all, Reverend John Wesley Adams completed over a dozen successful pastorates at churches throughout New England. He died on May 25, 1915 at age 83 and was buried at Bellevue Cemetery in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

(By Clay Hoffman)

Camp Calendar for rest of 2025

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 am

Bennington Memorial, Fort Rosecrans.
1700 Cabrillo Memorial Drive
San Diego, CA 92106

August, 7-10

144th National Encampment
Huston, Texas.

Saturday, August 9, 9:30 am

Camp Meeting
VFW Hall
7785 Othello Avenue, S.D., CA 92111

Sunday, Aug 24, 2025 (11:30am-3:30pm)

Coronado Blue / Grey BBQ
LOCATION : Admiral Baker Picnic Park area (Cabana #15)
Address: 2400 Admiral Baker Rd, San Diego, CA 92120
- From I-15, exit Friars RD, head east on Friars Rd
- Turn left on Santo Rd, then first right turn onto Admiral Baker Rd
- Turn Right at the Picnic Area Park entrance

Saturday, August 30th - Sunday, August 31st

Huntington Beach Civil War Days - Re-enactment
Free to the Public.
Huntington Beach Central Park

September... (no event)

October 11, 9:30 am

Camp Meeting
Officer Elections
VFW Hall
7785 Othello Avenue, S.D., CA 92111

November 16 - 1:00 pm

Remembrance Day
Fallbrook Historical Society, Pittenger House.
1730 Hill Avenue
Fallbrook, CA 92028

December 6, 1:00pm

Camp Meeting
Officer Installations
La Cucina Trattoria
1415 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028

December 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Fallbrook Christmas Parade

Sons Of Union Veterans JROTC Awards Presentations 2025

Every year our camp presents selected members of our local high school JROTC program with a certificate and a medal. They are selected by their JROTC commanders.



Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 SVC Fred Hall presenting a SUV CW Certificate to Cadet Kiernan Maunaury-Young Mission Bay High School, U S Coast Guard JROTC, San Diego, California. May 15, 2025. Lt. Commander John Bannon, in command.

so this award was presented at his Platoon Meeting, May 28th, 2025.



Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, SVC Fred Hall presenting a SUV CW certificate to Cadet Munoz. May 16, 2025. San Diego High School, U S Army JROTC, CSM J, Garcia



SVR Captain Fred Hall awarding a Certificate of Appreciation to Cadet K.P. Mar Vista High School U S Navy JROTC, San Diego, CA. CWO5 Eric Collins, in command. Cadet K.P. is a Junior and was not eligible to participate in the Senior Class awards ceremony,



Point Loma High School, San Diego, CA. May 20th, 2025. Wm Pittenger Camp 21, SVC Fred Hall awarding the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, certificate to U S NJROTC Cadet Petty Officer, 3rd class, L.C. JROTC Officer in Charge, Senior Chief Petty Officer, Andy Lista.

National Patriotic Instruction

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

July 2025

Revenue Cutter Service

Among the ancestors that qualify one for hereditary membership in the SUVCW, are those that served in the Revenue Cutter Service. This forgotten branch of the military served an important role during the Civil War. The following information comes from articles by William H. Thiesen, PhD, Atlantic Area Historian, United States Coast Guard:

The Revenue Cutter Service was established by Congress on August 4, 1790 as the Revenue-Marine. It was initially created to serve as an armed customs enforcement service. Over time, however, the service gradually gained missions either voluntarily or by legislation, including those of a military nature. It was generally referred to as the Revenue-Marine until July 31, 1894, when it was officially renamed the Revenue Cutter Service. On January 28, 1915, the service was merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form the U.S. Coast Guard. Similar to the Navy, the Revenue Cutter Service's fleet greatly expanded during the war and changed from sailing ships to primarily steam-powered vessels. In 1865, the fleet included 35 ships stationed in ports throughout the Great Lakes and along the Eastern Seaboard and the Gulf Coast and two cutters in the Pacific. In that year, two-thirds of the cutters were powered by steam, compared to the 1861 wartime low of 18 cutters, only one of which had steam power.

On April 12th, 1861, the Revenue Cutter Service made history in what turned out to be the Civil War's first naval combat mission. The Service's finest revenue cutter was paired with the Service's most distinguished captain. Named for the niece of unmarried President James Buchanan,

Harriet Lane, who served as First Lady, cutter Harriet Lane represented one of the most technologically advanced steamships in Federal service.

The cutter's captain, John Faunce, had served as an officer since 1841 and served as a captain since 1855.

Faunce had won national acclaim serving as a member of the U.S. Navy's 1858 South American expedition against the military regime in Paraguay.

In April 1861 President Abraham Lincoln authorized a Federal expedition to relieve Fort Sumter at Charleston, South Carolina. The expedition consisted of transports with 500 troops and an armed escort including Harriet Lane. During the voyage south, a severe storm separated the cutter from the convoy, so she arrived on April 11th, before the other ships. News of the cutter's arrival spread quickly in Charleston. In the early morning of April 12th, Confederate cannons at Fort Moultrie opened fire on Fort Sumter to prevent the fortress' reinforcement with Federal troops. These were the first artillery shots fired in the Civil War.

Later that morning, elements of the expedition found Harriet Lane at a pre-arranged rendezvous point and the revenue cutter tried to escort them to beleaguered Fort Sumter. As the ships neared the fort, artillery fire grew so heavy that the expedition had to turn back. Harriet Lane returned to her station guarding the harbor entrance and, later that morning, the cutter observed the approach of a steamer flying no colors. The cutter ordered the vessel to heave to and show her colors. The unidentified vessel ignored these signals and steamed on toward Charleston. Faunce ordered a 32-pound cannon shot fired across the ship's bow, which turned out to be the South Carolina steamship Nashville. Historians consider the shot across Nashville's bow the first naval shot of the Civil War. Nashville finally raised an American flag and Faunce allowed her to pass into Charleston Harbor; however, the Nashville later served as an infamous blockade-runner and Confederate cruiser. With a fusillade of cannon fire raining down on Fort Sumter, and no protection for the Federal ships, further relief efforts appeared futile. Federal forces within the fort finally raised a flag of truce and the relief expedition evacuated the garrison from the fort. Harriet Lane escorted the ships back to New York and continued to serve a vital role in Union naval operations until her capture in 1863 by an overwhelming Confederate force at Galveston, Texas.

After she served under the Confederate Marine Department of Texas, she was converted into a blockade runner and renamed Lavinia. She departed Galveston on April 30th, 1864 and sailed to Havana, where Cuban authorities interned her. In 1867, the cutter and former captain were reunited when Captain Faunce and a crew traveled to Havana to return Lavinia (ex-Harriet Lane) to the United States. The cutter was then converted to a bark rig, sold off to private owners and renamed Elliott Richie. In May 1884, after nearly thirty-five years of government and commercial service, she was finally abandoned in the waters off Pernambuco, Brazil.

The current U.S. Coast Guard cutter Harriet Lane (MEC-903) has been commissioned since 1984. Among other duties, she was involved in the search and recovery of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island and responded to the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. She is currently based in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Remember the Revenue Cutter Service — Semper Paratus!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
National Patriotic Instructor
Capt. John Faunce

New member in Hawaii,



We have a new member in Hawaii, Ben Herman.

This means we have FIVE Sons of Union Veterans who reside in Hawaii !!

You may live West of San Diego, but you are not forgotten.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Fred Hall

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Civil War Days

Wanted to let you all know that your Camp will have a Pop Up Tent at this Re-Enactment, just as we have had for the past 20+ years or so.

The table display that Jerry Sayre PDC sets up includes a number of different rifles, guns, cannon balls, and other items used during the Civil War. A big crowd attraction.

We will be asking for some Brothers who are available to attend, to help "Man the Booth". I will be sending out an e-mail to that effect as we get closer to the date.

For now, just be sure you have these dates on your Calendars: Saturday, August 30th and Sunday, August 31st.

Let the fun begin!! This event is Free to the Public and is at one of the most beautiful parks filled with lots of trees.

Bring your friends and family if you want to take a walk back in History, see the sights, smell the gunpowder from the rifles and cannons blasting off, and enjoy the camaraderie of your Brothers.

Just check out the Schedule below for both days and all that this event offers... I sure hope you will take the time to drive up and enjoy these special days.

CIVIL WAR DAYS!

★ *The HB Historical Society presents* ★



★ **A FREE LIVING HISTORY EVENT** ★

Saturday & Sunday

AUG. 30th & 31st

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL PARK
BEHIND THE LIBRARY OPENS 10AM DAILY
BATTLES

SATURDAY 130 & 4PM - SUNDAY 11AM & 2PM

★ **FOOD** ★ **MUSIC** ★ **SHOPS** ★ **TALKS** ★

HBHISTORY.ORG/CIVILWAR

SATURDAY

10AM - EVENT OPENS

11AM BATTLEFIELD CONCERT ×

FT. THE RICHMOND HOWITZERS BAND

1115AM INFANTRY DRILL & TACTICS ×

11:30AM - NATIVE AMERICANS :NATIVE VOICES IN THE WAR ★

NOON ENDING THE WAR: THE SIEGE OF PETERSBURG ***

12:30PM - COLORED TROOPS: African American Life & Service in the War ★

1PM - CITY POINT: LIFE AT HEADQUARTERS WITH GEN. GRANT ***

1:30 PM - FIRST BATTLE ×

1:30PM HISTORICAL WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION ×

2PM - PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ★

2:30PM - THE SURRENDER: LEE & GRANT AT APPOMATTOX

3PM - FAITH & UNION: A Conversation with Lincoln & Archbishop Hughes ★

3:30PM - CIVIL WAR LOGISTICS +

4 PM - SECOND BATTLE ×

4:30PM -LINCOLN'S AMENDMENT: A PROPOSED ABOLITION OF SLAVERY ★

5:30PM - TWILIGHT CONCERT - FT. THE ARMORY BAND ★

SUNDAY

9AM - CHURCH SERVICES ×

930AM -BATTLEFIELD CONCERT - FT. THE RICHMOND HOWITZERS BAND ×

10AM - NATIVE AMERICANS :NATIVE VOICES IN THE WAR ★

1015AM INFANTRY DRILL & TACTICS ×

10:30AM - CIVIL WAR LOGISTICS +

11 AM - FIRST BATTLE ×

HISTORICAL WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION TO FOLLOW ×

11:30 AM -PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ★

NOON - ENDING THE WAR: THE SIEGE OF PETERSBURG ***

12:30PM - THE SURRENDER: LEE & GRANT AT APPOMATTOX

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2 PM - SECOND BATTLE ×

230PM - PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ★

2:45PM - CALIFORNIA & THE CIVIL WAR ★



about Henry Metius, a Union Civil War Veteran, who lost his life a few days following the explosion in San Diego Bay on board the USS Bennington.

We have verified that a U S Navy Civil War Veteran was on board the USS Bennington when a boiler explosion happened while in San Diego Bay, July 21st, 1905.

The explosion killed 66 sailors who are now buried at Ft Rosecrans National Cemetery.

This is new information that a Civil War Veteran was on board.

For more information and directions, you can google the USS Bennington Monument, 1905, San Diego.

Photo# NH 56382 Officers and crew of U. S. S. Bennington, at San Diego, California, 3 March 1905

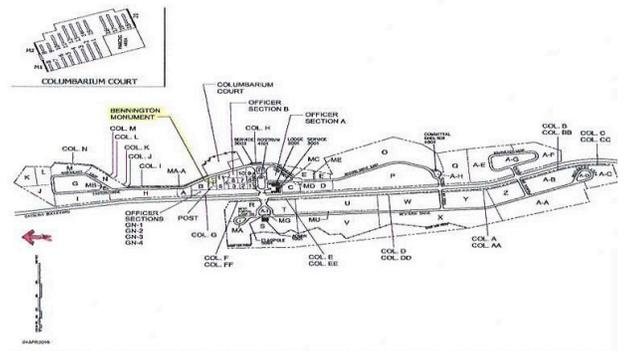


Pictured above are the Officers and Crew of the USS Bennington. I have placed a red line on Henry Metius.

Map of Fort Rosecrans Cemetery and highlighted where the event will take place.

This Ceremony takes place on beautiful grounds overlooking the San Diego Bay and Ocean.

Looking forward to a great Pittenger Camp 21 turnout to honor Henry Metius, Civil War Union Veteran.



MAP LAYOUT OF FT. ROSECRANS NATIONAL CEMETERY

Enemies?

Woodlawn Cemetery Las Vegas, with Private William Boone Keith (right side, Union Veteran), and Private Joseph Moore Graham (left side, Confederate Veteran). As usual, my Memorial Day message is ... if these two guys who might have been shooting at each other or shooting at the family members or friends of the other guy could resolve their differences, then why can't we today? Why do so many people look at their fellow Americans as "enemies"?

Both Veterans moved to Vegas long after the war, and when they met became fast friends. The Union Vet bought the plot where they're both buried, along with the Confederate Vet's wife.

Brother John Gilman of Las Vegas

USS Bennington Ceremony.

We have a solid commitment for Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 to participate on Saturday, July 19th @ 10:00 at Fort Rosecrans to participate in the USS Bennington Ceremony.



Last year, JVC Fred Hall, PDC Jerry Sayre, and SVC Doug Wright participated in this ceremony.

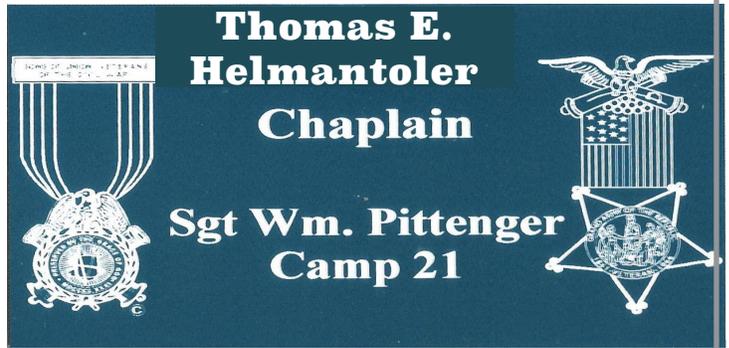
Plans are coming together right now for this event and we know that Camp Historian Clay Hoffman will be speaking

NEXT MEETING: August 9, at 9:30am
VFW Hall 7785 Othello Avenue, San Diego 92111

Membership Badge

If you have not yet ordered your SUVCW Membership Badge, now is a good time to do so if you are able.

This Membership Badge along with your Camp Name Tag, are encouraged for All to wear at every Camp Meeting and all Camp Events.



Name Tag

If you would like to order a Pittenger Camp 21 Name Badge, please email Jerry Sayre PDC at: cod26ia@icloud.com with the following information:

- 1) Your Name as you would like it engraved.
 - 2) Camp Office title added if you are holding an Office Position and would like that on your Name Badge. (This could change from year to year).
 - 3) Specify if you prefer a Pin Clasp or Magnet on the back.
- Once this information is received, you will get a return e-mail with information on where to mail your check for \$15.00.
Checks should be made out to Jerry Sayre.

The General



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Preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic & "The Boys in Blue" 1861-1865