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USS Bennington Ceremony



Fred Hall SVRC, Jerry Sayre PDC, Doug Wright SVC

A memorial Ceremony was held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego on Sunday July 21, 2024, honoring the crew of the USS Bennington.

This was the first year that we found out by documentation, that there was a Navy Union Civil War Soldier on board the USS Bennington named Henry Metius.

Fred Hall, Jerry sayre and Doug Wright were there to honor Henry Metius and the other Men on board the USS Bennington that went down in San Diego Bay after a Boiler Explosion.

Pittenger Camp 21 Meetings

Here is some updated information for the Camp Meetings

and Events for the second half of 2024.

This will come in especially handy for our New Camp Brothers.

Grab your calendars and save these dates for 2024!!

Your meetings will be held at 9:30.

VFW Hall

7785 Othello Avenue

San Diego, CA 92111

Meetings are held the Second Saturday of every even month, with the exception of the December Meeting, which is held on the First Saturday in December which is December 7th this year and will be held at La Cucina Trattoria at 1:00.

August 10, 2024

October, 12, 2024 ****Officer Elections****

December 7, 2024 ****Officer Installations**** ****Location:** La Cucina Trattoria - 1415 South Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028****** ****Meeting at 1:00****

Camp Event Dates

Remembrance Day - Saturday, November 16th - Fallbrook Historical Society, Pittenger House - 1:00.

*******National Encampment*******

Thursday, August 1, 2024 - Sunday, August 4, 2024. Lexington, Kentucky.

The Department of Kentucky is proud to host the 143rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders.

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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 and email address to John A. May
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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
(619) 890-4500 fghall4sd@hotmail.com

SVR Parades

Veteran's Day Parade - Monday, November 11, 2024. San Diego. Details to follow.

Camp Fun Dates

Blue/Grey Picnic - Private Beach, Coronado. Date in August 17th, 11AM.

Huntington Beach Civil War Days - HB Central Park. Saturday, August 31 - September 1, 2024. Details to follow.

There are some other dates I might add on this calendar as other events present themselves.

Getting ready for the 4th of July Parade



Pictured above (from Left) Ron Sheehan, Randy Randolpoh, SVC Doug Wright, SVR Fred Hall, Drew Limberg

National Patriotic Instruction

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

August 2024

As this month's patriotic instruction reaches our members, many will already be making their way to Lexington, Kentucky for our Order's annual National Encampment. Here are a few key facts about the National Encampment, taken from the National Charter, Constitution, and Regulations:

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT?

"The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be vested in the National Encampment. To this end, no form of government shall be considered as legally established unless the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the National Encampment." "The National Encampment shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting."

WHO CAN ATTEND? VOTING DELEGATES INCLUDE . . .

"one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five Brothers, or major fraction thereof in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the National Encampment." "All Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and present Department Commanders." "Its own elective officers."

"A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the rank of Past Department Commander

with its voting privileges at the National Encampment.”

In addition, any Brother in good standing may attend a National Encampment, whether a delegate or not, but only delegates may vote. So, why not help conduct the business of the national organization and meet Brothers from around the country? I count many of them among my best of friends. Come to the National Encampment and see what it's all about!

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

Camp Fundraiser

Win this gun!



Reproduction 1851
Colt Navy Revolver

.36 Caliber
Brass Frame & Steel Barrel
Brass Trigger Guard
Walnut Grip
A functional weapon!

Only 100 tickets will
be issued!
\$10 Donation

The Camp needs your help in selling these tickets so that the “Pittenger Funds” can be replenished from the money that has been spent on other Camp projects such as the Memorial Headstone that was purchased and dedicated on Memorial Day.

Have ALL 100 Tickets Sold By your August 10 Camp Meeting!! That gives the Camp 19 days to pull this off, and I know you can!!

Ask your friends if they would also like to get in on the drawing... this is how we can pull off this Goal. Get others excited and involved.

Not only is this possible... It can be achieved if everyone acts now...

Here is how to purchase your Tickets:

Mail us a envelope with the number of tickets you want and a check

1. State the number of tickets you are purchasing...

example: 5 tickets = check for \$50.00.

- a) For each ticket purchased, include the person's name, address, and phone number.
- b) That information will be placed on a Ticket and put in the drawing.
- c) The other half of the Ticket with corresponding Ticket Number, will be mailed to the person who purchased the Ticket/Tickets for their copy.

2. Make check or money order out to “Pittenger Camp 21”

3. Mail your check or money order to:
Jerry Sayre
540 West Fig Street
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Camp Name Tag

For anyone in the Camp or any of the New Brothers in the Camp who would like to place an order for your Camp Name Tag, I will be placing a Group Order in the near future...

All the information is below to place an order. Cost is \$15.00.

If you are interested, please let us know by Saturday, August 10th, which happens to be your Camp Meeting.

Here is how to place your order:

Please email the information below and mail us the \$15 check. The email should include:

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.

Include mailing address

Make a check for \$15.00 made out to:

Jerry Sayre.

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.

If you have not yet ordered your Membership Badge, simply click on this link here to order one. Membership Badges are \$25.00.

NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2024 at 9:30am
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https://suvchw-qm-store.square.site/product/membership-badge-camp-blue/632?cp=true&sa=false&sbp=false&q=false&category_id=2



**Thomas E.
Helmantoler
Chaplain**



**Sgt Wm. Pittenger
Camp 21**

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:

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 - 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).
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- 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.

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