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Celebrating 29 Years as a Camp

October Meeting

To celebrate our anniversary we had a cake.



Congratulations Brothers on another successful Camp meeting! For those who were unable to attend today, you missed a great meeting and presentation, but we know you were there with us in spirit. A big thank you to all for your continued support and contributions to our Camp and cause.

While we still met at the VFW today, we were in a different location--outside on the patio, which we filled completely. I know that parking was tight today due to an event at the VFW but fortunately, the weather cooperated, we had minimal interruptions, and any outside noise that occurred now and then was manageable. I appreciate everyone's willingness to adapt to the conditions today.

Our elections were also held today so I would like to congratulate all those elected to positions for 2025 and appreciate the willingness of those who have agreed to serve this coming year in various appointed positions. All those running for election were unopposed. Your elected officers for 2025 are as follows:

- Camp Commander: Mark Goodman
- Senior Vice Commander: Fred Hall, SVR Commander
- Junior Vice Commander: Tim Sapanara
- Secretary: John May, PCC
- Treasurer: John May, PCC
- Councilman: Mike Schooling, Tom Helmantoler, PCC, and John Keenan, PCC

Our Opportunity Drawing and Auction were fun, and we finally found a permanent home for the Navy revolver! Thanks to all who participated in these activities. And finally, Happy 29th Birthday to Pittenger Camp—the cake was delicious (Thank You, Kim!)

It has been an honor to serve as your Commander this year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meeting in December up in Fallbrook on 07DEC2024. Please mark your calendars and come if you can for the meeting, great food and friendship at our venue (La Cucina Trattoria), and the installation of officers. Department Commander, Stephen Doyle will conduct the installation ceremony.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Mark A. Goodman, Camp Commander
Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21

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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

A program was given by SVR Commander Fred Hall, entitled:

Frederick L. Thayer's Diary.



HEADSTONE READS: THAYER
FREDERICK L 1826 - 1896
EMILY, HIS WIFE 1841 - 1901
JOHN, THEIR SON 1860 - 1885

SUVCW Brothers at Civil War Days, Huntington Beach



SUVCW Brothers at Civil War Days, Huntington Beach Central Park, Huntington Beach, California — August 31, 2024
L-R: Terry Shaw, PCC (Camp 17), Phil Calmes, PCC (Camp 2), Dean Smith, PCC (Camp 2), Rudy Wilasco, PCC (Camp 16), Charles Beal, PCC (Camp 17), Scott McKee, PCC (Camp 17), Ted Campbell, PCC (Camp 4), George Dore, PCC (Camp 17), Jerry Sayre, PCC (Camp 21), Glen Roosevelt, PCC (Camp 17)

Would you look at this great group of Men who were present at Huntington Beach Civil War Days today, and are all leaders in the SUVCW!! Go California!!



Click on photo to order the badge..



Doug Wright SVC, Speaking about his ancestor Cesar Jones in the Civil War with the USCT.

Parade Update

Brother SVR Members,

We have completed our commitment to ride in Parades. Coronado 4th of July was our last parade. We started the parade venture 4 years ago, the incentive was to find new members, expose ourselves to the community that we existed. While we rode Mustangs and waved flags, we were not able to add one new member to our Camp, from parades.

2025 will bring new ways to find people who have a Union Civil War ancestor.

Thank you for all you and being a support member of our Camp 21, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Fred

Membership Badges

Great news for all of you who have been patiently waiting for the Membership Badges to get back in stock, 100 just arrived today!!

This Badge should be worn to all Camp Meetings and Events.

Cost is just \$25.00. I have provided the link below to place your order.

Brothers across the Nation have all be waiting to place their orders, so get in and get yours now before they are all gone again.

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sgt. William Pittenger's House was attended by 11 Camp Brothers.

If I may say, your Ancestors would be proud of the Program you brought to honor the day.

Each one of you, whether in the Program or in the audience, showed great support for Pittenger Camp 21 and the "Boys in Blue".

Here are 5 photos from that day.





Mark Goodman, Commander



Tom Helmantoler, Chaplin/PCC



Doug Wright, SVC



Brother Jack Bruzas

2025 Calendar

February 8, 9:30 am

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

March 7 – 8

139th Department Encampment, Four Points by Sheraton Bakersfield
5101 California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309

March 25

Medal of Honor Day - Sgt. William Pittenger's Gravesite - Time TBD

April 12, 9:30 am

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

May 26

Memorial Day - Pittenger Camp Honors on Saturday, - Place TBD

June 14, 9:30 am

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

July 21, 11:00 am

Bennington Memorial, Fort Rosecrans,

August, 7 - 10

144th National Encampment, Huston Texas.

August 9, 9:30 am

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

August (TBD)

Coronado Blue / Grey BBQ

August 30 - 31

Huntington Beach Civil War Days, Saturday & Sunday. Free to the Public.

September... (no event)

October 11, 9:30 am

Officer Elections

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

November 16 - 1:00 pm

Remembrance Day, Fallbrook Historical Society, Pittenger House.

December 6, 1:00pm

Camp Meeting, **Officer Installations**

La Cucina Trattoria, 1415 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028

December Meeting

December 7th was the Camp Meeting and the Officers were Installed for 2025.

We had the honor of two very special guests, Department Commander Stephen Doyle and PCinC Tad Campbell.

Following the Meeting, we all enjoyed a wonderful meal together.



L-R: Jack Bruzas, Steve Unwin, PCC John Keenan, Doug Wright, CC Mark Goodman, PCC/Chaplain Tom Helmantoler, DC Stephen Doyle, PCinC Tad Campbell, PDC Jerry Sayre, SVR Fred Hall, Dimas Lovato.



CC Mark Goodman awarding SVC Fred Hall a Certificate of Commendation.



DC Mark Goodman gifting DC Stephen Doyle a gift basket.



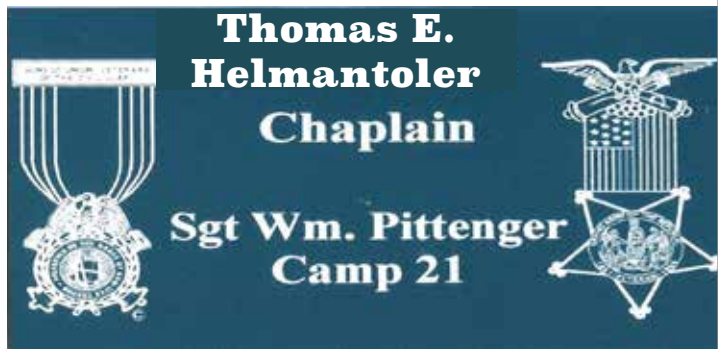
CC Mark Goodman gifting PCinC Tad Campbell a Gift Certificate.

**NEXT MEETING: February 8, 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