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Camp Brother Soars as an Eagle

On June 10th, it was a particular honor for our Camp and the SUVCW to honor one of our own on his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. **Brian Hughes** was presented a letter from Commdr. Sayre and a certificate of commendation from our Commander-in-Chief in a ceremony held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in San Diego. Among the presenters were Comdr. Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe and Will Tisch, who did "double duty" representing both the SUVCW and Sons of American Revolution. Brian's father George is also a proud mem-



ber of the Pittenger Camp. Together with Brian's mother, you couldn't have found more proud parents this day. The entire family was appreciative of our attendance and presentation. With the talent, personality, and dedication of the Hughes' family, I'm certain we will be hearing more of them in our Camp activities and projects. The Pittenger Camp 21 congratulates Brian and wishes him every success in his future endeavors. We're proud of you and your accomplishments. - Bob Lowe, PDC

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR



SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Be sure to wear your membership badge when attending any function that you deem appropriate. It let's people know that you are proud of your Order, your ancestors and the "boys in blue". If you do not yet have a badge, please consider ordering one. Until then, a Camp nametag may be obtained by contacting a Camp Officer.

ALLIED ORDERS

The Allied Orders consist of; the SUVCW, the Aux. to SUVCW, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the GAR and the Woman's Relief Corps.

Farewell Rev. Mark

Brother Mark Woolfington, currently serving as our Senior Vice Commander, has been a valuable member and active contributor to our Camp for several years. He has served the Department of California and Pacific as Chaplain for the past four years.

Instrumental in the formation of the new Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 of Orange County, we had expected that he would soon be leaving us and transferring to that Camp. But he would remain close and be "just up the road a piece", right? Not so. Mark, his wife Kathy and son Joshua will be moving to the Chicago area of Illinois to assume new ministerial duties. Mark is presently the pastor of the



Rev. Mark Woolfington

1st Advent Christian Church of Tustin. The "Woolfman's" gentlemanly manner, dedication and sound advice will be sorely missed in this Camp and our Department. We're certain that before long, we will be seeing his name appearing on the Camp and Department webpages of Illinois.

What more can be said, but "Thank You, Mark" for all you have done to make our Camp, Department and Order increasingly successful. We wish you every success and God speed. You will always be remembered and kept in our prayers. (See relate article on page 2)

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THE GENERAL is the official newsletter of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is published each odd-numbered month for Camp members. It is also available by newsletter exchange to other SUVCW or Allied Orders group. Such groups are welcome to reprint articles from *The General* with attribution. Brief articles are invited and should be sent to the Newsletter Editor listed above with the understanding that space limitations may require editing.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS should be mailed to Camp Secretary at the address listed above. Failure to notify the 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 Pittenger Camp Email Directory, send your permission and email address to Bob Lowe at Cavalry21@cox.net.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. You do not have to be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$5.00. Interested Brothers should contact the SVR Representative listed above.

The San Diego Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the John D. Spreckles Masonic Lodge, 3858 Front Street, San Diego and is open to the public. For further information contact President Dave Tooley at (858) 672 - 2593.

Camp Officers Meeting - June 25, 2003

The departure of SVC Mark Woolfington (see *article page 1*) created the need for a Camp Officers meeting held on June 25, 2003. Present were Comdr. Jerry Sayre, JVC Will Tisch, Camp Councilmen Tom Helmantoler & Larry Fillhard, Treasurer Gene Armistead PDC, Secretary Dave Allyn, Quartermaster Bob Lowe PDC.

Several urgent matters required immediate attention: the positions of SVC and JVC, Newsletter, Secretary and retention, comfort & involvement of new members.

Per SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, the Camp Council approved Dave Allyn as SVC upon transfer of Mark Woolfington. At his request, Bro. Will Tisch will remain JVC. PDC Gene Armistead was approved as Secretary by the Council. The above

elective positions are interim until normal Camp elections take place in December.

Increased job-related travel for the current newsletter editor made it difficult for publication deadlines to be met; Dave Allyn was subsequently appointed newsletter editor by Comdr. Sayre.

Discussion of means to improve the retention and involvement of new members resulted in other decisions. Among the decisions made were: conducting initiation ceremonies, Camp Guard and Guide acting as greeters and making newcomers welcome, seasoned members will sit with newcomers to explain unfamiliar proceedings. At each meeting where newcomers or first-time attendees are present, a brief explanation of the uniformed contingent (SVR) of our Order will be provided. *submitted by Dave Allyn, Secretary*

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Officers Installed

A hearty welcome to the newest Camp in the Dept. of Calif. & Pacific. The Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 will cover Orange County and was named for two GAR Posts of the area. Camp 17 follows on the heels of two other new Camps; the Col. Roderick Camp 16 of Cazadero, CA. and the Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Gardnerville, NV. Where, in 1994, there were only two Camps, the Department now numbers twelve.

Camp 17 holds a special place in the heart of the Pittenger Camp. As the Pittenger Camp "fathered" the formation of Rosecrans Camp 2 in 1999, members of the Rosecrans and Pittenger Camps supplied the core membership for Camp 17. We might expect that several more of our Orange County members may consider transferring to Camp 17.

The officers of Camp 17 were installed on July 17th at their meeting place, the First Advent Christian Church of Tustin. Led by Dept. Comdr. Brad Schall, DSVC Linn Hoadley of Camp 2 and PDC Bob Lowe of Camp 21 performed the Installation Ceremony. Among the Camp 21 members in attendance were Comdr. Jerry Sayre, SVC Dave Allyn and several of our Auxiliary Sisters. A gracious donation by Rosecrans Camp 2 of \$450 to purchase a Camp flag was met with hearty applause by the attendees. Comdr. Roosevelt expressed Camp 17's overwhelming gratitude & appreciation.

Our sincerest best wishes for success are extended to Commander Glen Roosevelt and the officers of Camp 17.

SVR News

Company Commander Capt. Dave Allyn makes the following changes to platoon leadership: 1st Sgt. Glen Roosevelt is promoted to 2nd Lt and assumes the position of Company Adjutant. Lt. Roosevelt will retain leadership of the 2nd platoon, Co. G. Sgt. Jerry Sayre is promoted to 1st Sgt. and 1st platoon leader. Cpl. Rudy Velasco, Company scribe/historian, is hereby promoted to

Sergeant. The Company expresses its gratitude for services rendered and sincere best wishes to Lt. Mark Woolfington, who is being "reassigned" to an SVR unit in Illinois, yet to be named. As the Company moves into its second year, Capt. Dave would like to express his thanks to all members for their continued support of 5th California Infantry, Company G.

National Encampment



NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of our Camp. We are delighted to have you among our ranks.

Brian Bingham of Encinitas, CA., whose ancestor served in the 5th Michigan Cavalry.

Charles Fankboner of La Mesa, CA., whose ancestor served in the 135th Illinois Infantry.

George Hughes and son **Brian Hughes** of San Diego, whose ancestor served in the 3rd New Jersey Cavalry.

Steve Simpson of Delaware, Ohio., whose ancestor (William Pittenger) served in the 2nd Ohio Infantry.

George Van Valkenberg of El Cajon, whose ancestor served in the 76th New York Infantry.

NATIONAL AIDE AWARD

When handing out applications to prospective members, be sure to place your name on the "recommended by" line of the application. This will assure that proper credit is given you for a new member, should he join. Recruiting three or more members in a given year (August-July) may qualify you for the Commander-in-Chief's National Aide Award.

When you arrive at our August Camp meeting, you may notice a few no-shows among our regular attendees. There is a good explanation for this. They will be serving as your delegates to the 122nd Allied Orders National Encampment in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, August 7-10, 2003. Ft. Mitchell is located across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

While there, your Department Delegates will be reviewing the accomplishments of the past year and determining the course and goals of our Order for the next 12 months. This year our Department will be sending twelve elected delegates, three of which are from the Pittenger Camp.

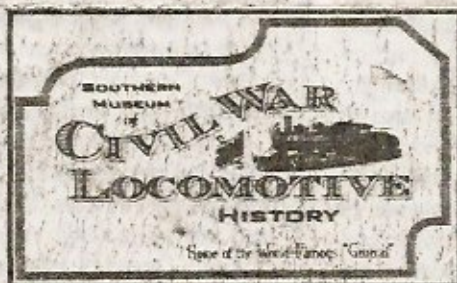
Beyond the business meetings, the delegates will attend a Joint Memorial Ser-

vice, visit Civil War Camp Dennison and its Museum in Ohio, attend a GAR traditional Campfire (although inside), attend a Memorial Ceremony at a nearby cemetery, and culminate the Encampment with the Allied Orders Banquet.

This experience also allows the delegates to converse informally with Brothers and Sisters from across the country - a great way to gain new ideas, discuss problems & successes of our local Camps and make new friends.

It takes great dedication and love of our Order to serve as Department Delegate to the National Encampment. We wish a safe trip and a productive, enjoyable Encampment to Secretary Dave Allyn, PDC Bob Lowe and Commander Jerry Sayre. The Camp awaits the sharing of your experiences upon your return.

Georgia Hears from the Pittenger Camp



MORE ABOUT MARCH 28th. As reported in the last issue of "The General", Brother Mark Radeleff represented the Pittenger Camp 21 at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History's Descendants Day event. Left photo is Bro. Radeleff in the new "Raiders Hall" honoring the Andrew's Raiders of 1862 (including William Pittenger whose photo is above Mark's left shoulder). Right photo is Bro. Radeleff presenting our Camp's Certificate of Appreciation and donation check to Museum Curator George Demming. - reported by Gene Armistead, PDC

Eagle Scout Certificate Program by Wayne Rogers

We have had unique Eagle Scout Courts of Honor presentations this year. One was for a brother and sister (Girl Scouts Gold Award equal to BSA Eagle rank), and another for two brothers. Both brothers went beyond the Eagle and supplemented it with palms (for additional merit badges and service time). Our latest court of honor, was for an Eagle Scout with 44 merit badges, which is more than double what is required for the highest Boy Scout award.

Our presentations have been well received and applauded. We often have people from the audience indicating how grateful they are that we have made our presentation. I sensed an aura of patriotism in the air. It has been an exciting and enthusiastic program and wonderful to see the response and participation of various members. Additionally, we have coordinated a couple of courts of honor presentations with uniformed personnel from our camp

along with a representative of the Sons of the American Revolution, a very picturesque ensemble.

Since January 2003, we have processed more than 60 Eagle Scout certificates. Out of those, nearly half (28) have been presented in person. Besides the Eagle Scout certificate, we also include a fine letter from our Camp Commander. Both are inserted in a presentation folder. The remainder were mailed to the Eagle Scouts. Because of my residence, I have been able to make presentations as far north as Temecula, California.

I wish to thank the entire presenter crew that has made our Eagle Scout Certificate Program such a success. Brothers interested in becoming uniformed or non-uniformed presenters are encouraged to contact me at (909) 302-3688 or by email at roger-wayne1@msn.com for details. We need your assistance to make this program grow. - Wayne Rogers, Eagle Scout Coordinator

San Diego's Last Union Veteran - by Tom Stinson

San Diego's last surviving Civil War veteran was Thomas Chapmen Shelly, who died Sept. 23, 1943 - 3 months short of his 100th birthday. Shelly was born on December 27, 1847 at Richmond, Ohio. When the War began, he joined the 17th Illinois Infantry and eventually rose to the rank of Captain. During the war, he participated in the Battle of Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg.

Captain Shelly came to California about 1874 and to San Diego about 1913, where he resided in the 4100 block of 54th Street. He was a member of the Datus E. Coon Post 172 of the GAR. He was an avid player of Chinese Checkers in his elder years. He died at home and was afterwards cremated with the disposition of his ashes unknown to the writer.

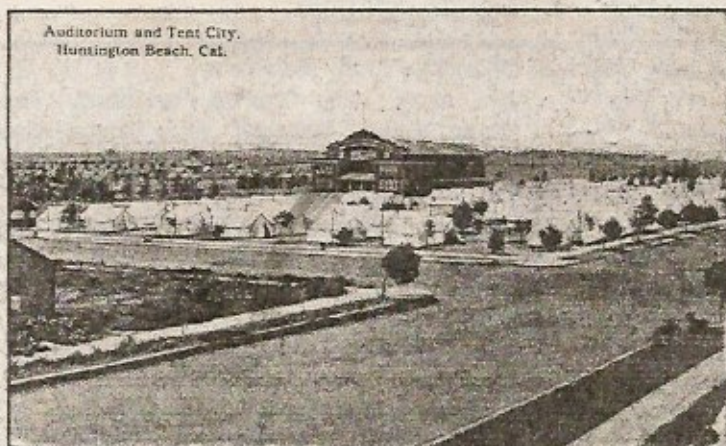
After Pearl Harbor began U.S. involvement in World

War II, he counseled depressed visitors at his subsequent birthday party not to worry, saying that "The United States has been in far greater danger. Surely, if we pulled the country through the horrors of a terrible Civil War, the younger Americans that we old soldiers have turned the country over to can bring it through the present crisis". He felt that the situation called for thought, work and action.

At the time of his death, Capt. Shelly and his family believed him to be the last known surviving Union Civil War officer. If true, then he would have also been the last surviving Civil War officer. The last Confederate officer, Captain Holland Bell of the 41st Alabama Infantry, had died five months earlier on April 13, 1943 in Fayette County Alabama.

Schedule of Coming Events/Activities	* denotes Co. G, 5th Calif. Infantry, SVR participation	Contact for details
Pittenger Camp Meeting - Escondido, CA.	August 9, 2003	Jerry Sayre, Mark Wolfington
Allied Orders National Encampment - Ft. Mitchell, KY.	August 7-10, 2003	Jerry Sayre
Huntington Beach Civil War Days - Central Park, HB	August 30-31, 2003	Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe
Multi-Camp Social/Picnic - Central Park, Huntington Beach, CA	August 31, 2003 (PM)	Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe, Dave Allyn
Pittenger Camp Meeting - Escondido, CA.	October 11, 2003	Jerry Sayre, Dave Allyn
*Veteran's Day Parade - San Diego, CA.	November 11, 2003	Dave Allyn
* Remembrance/Veteran's Day Ceremony - Fallbrook, CA.	November 16, 2003	Jerry Sayre, Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe
*Mother Goose Parade - El Cajon, CA	November 25, 2003	Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe
Camp Drum "Victorian Christmas" - Wilmington, CA.	December 6-7, 2003	Bob Lowe
Pittenger Camp Meeting & Elections (Important) - Escondido, CA.	December 13, 2003	Any Camp Officer

Huntington Beach - 1913

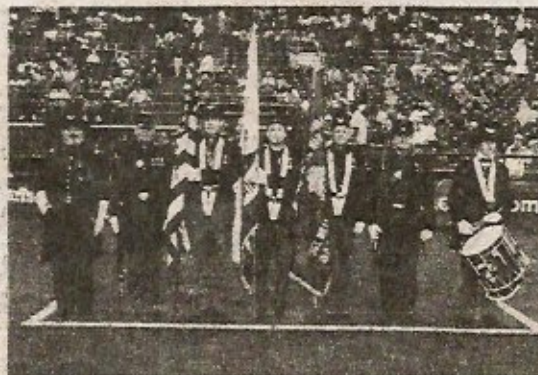


Auditorium and Tent City,
Huntington Beach, Cal.

The above depicts the 1913 Summer Encampment of the GAR at Huntington Beach. This was an annual event in Southern California from 1888 to 1937. Read the article below to find out how you can be part of re-establishing this 50-year tradition.

Co. G Presents Colors

SAN DIEGO PADRES



Color Guard - July 7th, 2003
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Color Guard

Co. G, 5th Calif. Infantry, SVR Color Guard (left to right) - Capt. Dave Allyn, Pvts. Larry Fillhard, Will Tisch, Mark Woolfington, Cpl. Bob Lowe, Pvts. AJ Hodges and Colin McKim ready to present colors at Padres/Dodgers game.

Multi-Camp Picnic at Huntington Beach Planned

"Civil War Days" at Huntington Beach's Central Park are scheduled for August 30-31, 2003. Two reenactment battles each day, sutlers, period music, living history demonstrations, food and visiting Union & Confederate Camps make for a wonderful day with family and friends.

Announcement of a multi-Camp picnic and a brief history of our ancestor's GAR summer events was received from Glen Roosevelt, Commander of the newly formed Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17.

Glen wrote, "From 1888 to at least 1937 the GAR and Allied Orders, under the auspices of The Southern California Veterans Association, held at least 50 annual outdoor tent camping encampments on the bluffs of Huntington Beach, on the beach at Coronado, the beach of Ventura, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Anaheim Landing, San Diego, Long Beach, and Pacific Palisades. These annual enclaves brought together all the GAR Posts in Southern California for meetings of fellowship (and womanship) and sharing that included the veterans' entire families.

The encampments of 1905 - 1923 were held in a tent camp surrounding the Methodist Auditorium in Huntington Beach (see photo above). Since a great number of us are already likely to be at the Central Park (a great location) reenactment at Huntington Beach on Labor Day

weekend, I recommend that we conduct the First Annual Modern SUVCW Family Picnic at the Camp 2/17/21 display set-up at Central Park on the afternoon of Sunday, August 31, 2003. The battles on Sunday tend to run and end a little earlier than on Saturday, and the crowd of spectators tends to thin out right after the afternoon battle...we could spend a nice afternoon of lingering sun to get together and fraternally commune with our Brothers. Then we have all day Monday to relax and recover from the weekend and from our journeys.

I further recommend that we rotate the annual family event in conjunction with such events as the Vista or Gaujome reenactments in San Diego County, and the Moorpark reenactment (or other event) up north.

As for this year, I humbly request that you present your Camps with the Huntington Beach proposal for a quick answer for this year's consideration. New Camp 17 will absolutely support a south or north rotated location for next year and the following."

At our June Camp meeting, nine Brothers indicated their intention to attend the Sunday picnic. It has not yet been decided whether it will be a "potluck" or "take-out" food will be provided at cost. You may obtain details, directions, etc. from Comdr. Jerry Sayre or Dave Allyn. Please consider taking part in re-establishing a tradition of the past and let us know how many will be attending.

Minutes of Camp Meeting - June 14, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by CC Jerry Sayre at Charlie's Family Restaurant, 210 N. Ivy St., Escondido, CA. In attendance were 15 brothers; Dave Allyn, Brian Bingham, Jerry Cady, Charles Fankboner, Tom Helmantoler, Bob Lowe, John May, Colin McKim, Ernie Powell, Richard Raver, Chuck Rothlauf, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Tom Stinson, and Mark Woolfington, with 11 guests; Gay Allyn, Clayton Bergman, Larry Clowers, Connie Clowers, Gustav Goetsch, John Helmantoler, Rosemary Lowe, Linda McKim, Marianne Raver, Kim Sayre, Jennifer Stinson. Camp Chaplain, Ernie Powell, delivered the opening prayer. Chuck Rothlauf led the Pledge of Allegiance and commented on "what is a flag?" in honor of Flag Day.

Treasurer's report: Bob Lowe reported for Gene Armistead; current balance is \$908.89. Newsletter bill is outstanding. Gene suggests no unnecessary spending until more dues arrive.

Motion (unknown/second by Bob Lowe) to approve the minutes of the April meeting be accepted as published in the May newsletter passed.

Bob Lowe reported on correspondence received: thank you card from Veterans Museum & Memorial Center, SD for the Civil War "cooking pot" donated by JVC Will Tisch. Rosemary Lowe, sent a thank you for the camp's donation to the National Patriotic Instructor's fund of ASUVCW. Dave Allyn reported that Bob Lowe has received recognition (for the 5th year in a row) for recruiting at least 3 new members in the past 12 months.

Dave Allyn reported for JVC Will Tisch on new members; Charles Fankboner of La Mesa, whose ancestor served in the 135th IL Inf, and Steven Simpson of Delaware, OH, whose ancestor (Wm. Pittenger) served in the 2nd OH Inf. He moved that they be considered initiated as of the dates their applications were received, second unknown; passed. Mike Schooling reported on the Memorial Day event at Mt. Hope Cemetery, SD.

CC Sayre commented on the success of our Camp's Eagle Scout award ceremonies, he encouraged as many members as possible to take part in this program. It is not necessary to be uniformed to help. Contact Wayne Rogers for more information.

Bob Lowe reported on slow progress on the "Military Tribute to Bob Hope." We need 50 donations of \$20 or more and to date we have only received 21 donations. Checks should be made out to, "Military Tribute to Bob Hope," and mailed to Bob Lowe at, 780 Paulsen Ave., El Cajon, CA. 92020-7346.

CC Sayre reported that our Signals Officer, Kirk Clapp, cannot continue. For the present the only Camp webpage is maintained by the Dept. Signals Officer.

Bob Lowe reminded us that we decided against holding a joint meeting with Camp 2; a suggestion has been made by members of Camp 2 that we hold a combined event, a picnic, on Sunday August 31, at the Huntington Beach reenactment. A show of hands indicated interest is good for this.

Bob Lowe reported that a new law was signed by Pres. Bush protecting federal veteran's monuments from vandalism, fines up to \$10,000 and prison terms are among the penalties. CA Assembly bill 207 (now being debated) would similarly protect monuments within the state.

SVC Mark Woolfington reported on the Memorial Battlefield Trees available for sale from a company advertising in Civil War Times Illustrated.

July 4th is the Huntington Beach annual parade at 10 AM. On May 17th SVR Co. G, 5th Calif, marched in the 44th annual Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance. 11 members were present.

Bob Lowe displayed our new blue/gold/white silk parade banner for the unit. The cost was \$150; contact Dave Allyn if interested in donating to defray the expense.

Members minutes: Tom Helmantoler is planning to visit his ancestor's battlefields. Colin McKim will celebrate his birthday tomorrow. Brian Bingham shared his copy of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade history. John May has done research on his G-G-G-father's unit. He has his ancestor's GAR badge but needs to have it re-ribboned. Chuck Rothlauf visited Brewer, Maine where they have recreated a small "Little Roundtop." There is a new monument to Joshua Chamberlain at Bowdoin College. Dave Allyn recalled his ancestor's service in "The Iron Brigade of the West." Ernie Powell is taking his granddaughter East to visit historic sites. Mike Schooling announced, he is now officially retired! (a round of applause followed) Kim Sayre shared her feelings about attending various Eagle Scout Courts of Honor; how outstanding it is to witness these ceremonies. Each is different and all are meaningful to attend. She highly commends members would all enjoy taking part in these events.

SVC Mark Woolfington conducted the book raffle, which earned \$48.

Our speaker was uniformed local Living Historian/Reenactor, Larry Clowers, who presented a talk on "The Army of the Tennessee from Gen. U. S. Grant." Connie Clowers, attired as Mrs. Julia Grant, supported her husband. A spirited Q & A discussion period followed his delivery.

Camp Chaplain Powell delivered the closing prayer. CC Sayre adjourned the meeting at 6:00

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Allyn, Camp Secretary.

Military Tribute to Bob Hope

by Bob Lowe, PDC

At the 2003 Department Encampment, a resolution was made by Pittenger Camp 21, which was unanimously approved by the assembled Delegates. It authorizes our Department's support of the "Military Tribute to Bob Hope". Also at the Encampment, I was designated the "collection point" for these tax-deductible donations. It is our hope that many Brothers of our Camp will consider a contribution to this worthy cause.

Not part of the resolution, but certainly an enticement to move forward the donations, was the following offer by publisher and fellow Camp member George Van Valkenberg. Any organization or entity thereof (such as our Department) that collects 50 or more donations of \$20 each will receive the following - a 5x7" plaque for each donor (\$20 or more) and one for the Department. A prototype of this plaque was shown at the Encampment. Each plaque will be inscribed with the name of the donor, the SUVCW Department emblem, a photo of Bob Hope and inscription of your contribution to this tribute (monument).

A couple of sites that may further inform you of this project are: <http://www.hopetribute.org/> and http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp

Brothers wishing to donate may send contributions to me at 780 Paulsen Avenue, El Cajon, CA. 92020-7346. Checks should be made payable to "Military Tribute to Bob Hope". Of course, any lesser contribution will be greatly appreciated, but those will not receive a plaque. All contributors will have their name placed in a time capsule within the monument. At this point, we are halfway to our goal of fifty donations. Please help us go over the top. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Dave Allyn or myself anytime. Let's show National what our Department can do. Our success in this matter will also be an indication of what can be done nationally, when this resolution is addressed at our National Encampment in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky this August.

BACKGROUND - Fifty-seven years have passed since Bob Hope first entertained our country's men and women in uniform. Whenever there was a need, Bob Hope was there. Thanks to him, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have had their spirits lifted.

The United States Congress has honored Bob five times. But, in October 1997, Bob received one of his greatest tributes when Resolution 75 was unanimously passed by members of both houses making him an Honorary Veteran - the first individual so honored in the history of the United States. He was feted in the US Capitol Rotunda by members of congress, military personnel and veterans.

One hundred years old and still making a difference. That's Bob Hope. Now it's our turn to make a difference in honoring this legendary man. Currently, **Taffy III** is raising funds to create a Military Tribute to Bob Hope in recognition of his efforts for all our country's servicemen and women.

Taffy III is a group of World War II Navy veterans who served on three ships that were sunk during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. ("Taffy III" was the code name of this task unit.) In recent years, these men have devoted their efforts toward raising money for monuments to preserve the history of this era. In the past several years they have successfully erected and dedicated four monuments, 3 of which are located at Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

The Port of San Diego has graciously donated .75 acres on the shoreline of San Diego Bay for this tribute. This property is worth approximately 5 million dollars.

One of the hardest obstacles to overcome was the agreement of Bob, his wife Delores and daughter Linda to erect this Military Tribute. After 14 months of communications and meetings, agreement was reached with certain conditions - money raised for this project would come from the Veterans themselves and the American people. It was further agreed that corporate money would not be solicited and neither his former corporate sponsors nor professional friends be approached for funds. Completion of this "tribute" requires the raising of 4.5 million additional dollars.

Honorary Board members include President Gerald Ford, Gen. Charles Krulak (USMC Commandant retired), Rev. Billy Graham, Rear Admiral Henry McKinn (USN retired), Senators Daniel Inouye (Hawaii) & John McCain (Arizona), Congressmen Duncan Hunter (California) & C. W. Young (Florida), Governor Jesse Ventura, John Gwizdak (VFW CinC) and entertainers Phyllis Diller, Johnny Grant, Francis Langford, Patti Thomas, Brooke Shields, and Connie Stevens.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

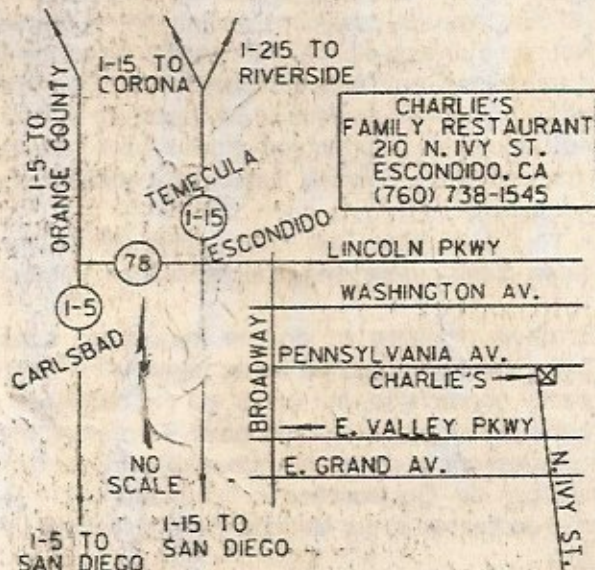
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OUR AUGUST PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR. PEDRO GARCIA, OF THE SAN DIEGO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE. BASED ON HIS ARTICLE IN A RECENT ISSUE OF *CIVIL WAR TIMES ILLUSTRATED*, PEDRO WILL EXPLAIN "THE BATTLE OF MOBILE BAY". DON'T MISS IT!

NOTICE

It has been requested by the management of Charlie's Restaurant that, when attending meetings, we use the Municipal Parking Lot behind the restaurant. Please comply.



The General



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