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## Camp Observes Remembrance Day - by Dave Allyn

On Sunday, November 16 the Camp assembled in Fallbrook's Odd Fellows Cemetery at the graveside of William and Winnie Pittenger, continuing our annual salute to Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day — the day (Nov. 19, 1863) Pres. A. Lincoln made his "few appropriate remarks," at the dedication of the National Cemetery, better known as his

"Gettysburg Address," in the little Pennsylvania town of the same name. This year, it was decided that we would make this a "Camp event," inviting the other Civil War organizations to attend but not expending great effort to publicize our observance. Commander Jerry Sayre spoke, as did PDC Gene Armistead (with help from his wife, Darlene). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. Wayne Rogers and Chaplain Ernie Powell delivered the opening & closing prayers, sang

"Amazing Grace," in addition to participating with the Color Guard. Also in the Color Guard were PDC Bob Lowe, JVC Will Tisch, Bro. Al Hodges, Bro. Jim Churchyard who played his fife, and SVC Dave Allyn. Present were Bro. Tom Helmantoler, as well as ASUVCW members Rosemary Lowe, Eileen Tisch, and Gay Allyn and Camp

21 First Lady, Kim Sayre. Eileen Tisch, Gay Allyn and Kim Sayre laid the red, white and blue flowers at the graves of William and Winnie Pittenger while Rosemary Lowe read the ritual of service. Also present were three Boy Scouts from Troop 700 and two of their Scoutmaster/parents. One of the Boy Scouts played Taps.



The day before, the cemetery was spruced up by Comdr. Sayre and looked in good condition even though there had been a good amount of rain, overnight. After the ceremony, many of the Brothers and Sisters enjoyed the camaraderie of dining at a local Mexican restaurant. Following lunch, Bros. Sayre, Lowe, Hodges and Allyn along with Kim Sayre, Rosemary Lowe and Gay Allyn, attended a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout David Swieg at the Carmel Mountain Country Club in Ran-

cho Bernardo — a fitting end to a very enjoyable day. This marks more than 43 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor this year, at which we have personally presented our Order's Commendation Certificate (photo by Gay Allyn)

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**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.

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEXT MEETING. ANY BROTHER MAY RUN FOR ANY OFFICE — YOU MAY NOMINATE YOURSELF AND A SECOND IS NOT REQUIRED TO RUN — JUST A WILLING ATTITUDE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOUR CAMP.**

## Two Real Sons Answer The Final Muster

It is our sad duty to report the passing of two Real Sons.

Brother Edward Blakley, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1, Dept. of Michigan, whom those of us who attended the 122nd National Encampment were privileged to meet and with whom we shook hands in Northern Kentucky. Brother Blakely was born December of 1903. His Father, Egbert Blakely, rode with the 10th Michigan Cavalry.

Brother Madison Waldon Gadberry, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Brother Gadberry was a member of Farragut Camp 6, Dept. of Tennessee and honored the memory of his father, Milton G. Gadberry who served in Co. H, 8th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

## Company G Leads Tustin Parade - by Dave Allyn

On October 4 our SVR unit, Company G, 5th California Infantry, led the Tustin "Tiller Days Parade" for the second straight year. Marching were Rudy Velasco of Camp 2, Glen Roosevelt of Camp 17 and Camp 21 members, Bob Lowe, Will Tisch, Ernie Powell, Al Hodges, and Dave Allyn. The Company Banner was carried by two Cub Scouts, grandsons of Glen Roosevelt, assisted by ASUVCW

members, Rosemary Lowe and Eileen Tisch. The day began cool and overcast, with threats of rain. As we took our spot at the parade start, we were sure that it would be "a good day for wearing the wool." As the parade commenced, the sky cleared and the

sun shone forth. It never rained and the sun warmed us so that we even broke a sweat by the time we rounded the second half. Unlike 2002, we set an "easy pace" and maintained good

spacing with the mounted color guard that came after ours. Weather effected the amount of spectators — the numbers were not as high as in the previous year. This marks the second time we have participated in this parade, which was our

inaugural event. Following the parade, those from Camp 21 enjoyed the added camaraderie of dining together, en route home to San Diego.

(photo by Eileen Tisch — who was marching ahead of the Color Guard)





Veteran's Day - 2003 - by Bob Lowe, PDC

The Pittenger Camp and SVR Co. G, 5<sup>th</sup> California Infantry, was well represented during the recent San Diego Veteran's Day Parade, which was sponsored by the Veteran's Museum and Memorial Center. This was the first time we have been in this parade. Our Color Guard consisted of Lt. Glen Roosevelt (Commander - Camp 17), Larry Fillhard, Tom Helmantoler and Bob Lowe. The always-present ladies of the ASUVCW supported our effort by Sisters Eileen Tisch and Rosemary Lowe wearing period attire and carrying the Company "G" banner. The sun was shining on the parade, which extended alongside beautiful San Diego Bay. Our contingent was met with applause and salutes



throughout the entire mile route. Beyond our presence in the annual parade, Brothers Will Tisch and Bob Lowe served on the Veteran's Day Parade Organizing Committee. Brother George Van Valkenburg provided over 60 plaques of appreciation and commendation that were presented to major supporters of the parade and also 41 candidates for San Diego County "Veteran of the Year". The Pittenger Camp appreciates and commends the dedication of the above named Brothers in their effort to honor

yesterday's and today's veterans.  
(Photo by Private/JVC Will Tisch)

Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) News - by Captain Dave Allyn

Our SVR unit, Co. G, 5th California Infantry, has been very busy of late. We led the Tustin "Tiller Days Parade" for the second year in a row, marched in the San Diego Veteran's Day Parade (see article and photo elsewhere in this issue) and will march in the El Cajon "Mother Goose Parade" on 23 November. Wrapping up our activities and heading into our second full year, I find it will be necessary for me to turn over much of the management and planning to my able Adjutant, Lt. Glen Roosevelt and our capable NCO's. This is due to a change in my career — I am in the process of becoming an "Over The Road" truck driver. This will entail extended periods of being away from home and unable to be "present for duty." I hope this will only be for as long as it takes to gain the experience to enable me to seek a local driving job — a period I believe will be for not more than a year. In the interim, I do plan to join the Company whenever I am able to be

in the area. As 6th Military District Commander, and accompanied by District Adjutant Captain Bob Lowe and Co. G, 5th California Private Tom Helmantoler, we took part in presenting the unit charter to newly formed SVR Company B, 1st Nevada Infantry at a ceremony held at The Old Mormon Fort in downtown Las Vegas on 25 October. Joining us were Rosemary Lowe and my wife, Gay Allyn. The members of Co. B made us feel welcome and we enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow SVR/SUV Brothers of Keith Camp 12 at a dinner, later that day. REMINDER: unit dues (\$6.00) are due and payable to Lt. Glen Roosevelt by the end of December. The \$1 increase is for District Dues, \$2 goes to National and \$3 is retained in the Company treasury. Thanks for re-upping in the SVR and Company G — You're the BEST group of guys a commander could hope to lead!!!

Schedule of Coming Events/Activities	* denotes Co. G, 5th Calif. Infantry, SVR participation	Contact for details
*Mother Goose Parade - El Cajon, CA	11:00 AM, November 23, 2003	Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe
Camp Drum "Victorian Christmas" - Wilmington, CA.	December 6-7, 2003	Bob Lowe
Pittenger Camp Meeting & Elections (Important) - Escondido, CA.	4:00 PM, December 13, 2003	Any Camp Officer
Pittenger Camp Meeting - Escondido, CA.	4:00 PM, February 14, 2004	Any Camp Officer
Reenactment, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum - Vista, CA	March 13 & 14	Dave Allyn
Department Encampment - San Luis Obispo, CA	March 19 & 20, 2004	Any Camp Officer
Pittenger Camp Meeting - Escondido, CA.	4:00 PM, April 10 2004	Any Camp Officer
Pittenger Camp Meeting - Escondido, CA.	4:00 PM, June 12, 2004	Any Camp Officer
Reenactment, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum - Vista, CA	July 10 & 11, 2004	Dave Allyn
National Encampment - Cedar Rapids, IA	August 11 - 15, 2004	Jerry Sayre



## My Union Ancestor - by Danny Redmond

My Great Great Granduncle, William Wilkinson, was born 6 March 1840 in Preston, Lancashire, England to the parents of William and Esther (Gerrard) Wilkinson. He spent his early life working in the cotton factories along with the rest of his family. William wanted more to life and set off for America, arriving in New York sometime around 1864.

On 14 March 1865 while living in Candor, Tioga County, New York, William Wilkinson enlisted in Brooklyn for the United States Navy for a term of two years. His Navy Rendezvous record listed his personal description as being 24 years old, 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall, with hazel eyes, auburn color hair, and a dark complexion. The record also shows William having a scar on his upper lip and his current occupation being a machinist. William was paid \$466.66 bounty for his service.

The Navy assigned William to the West Gulf Blockading Squadron operating in the Gulf of Mexico and based at Pensacola, Florida. Official Navy records show William assigned to the frigate *USS Potomac* on 05 June 1865, although William does not appear on any of the *USS Potomac's* rolls during his short Navy career. Eventually, William transferred to the steam-tug boat *USS Narcissus*, joining the crew of the *USS Narcissus* during the closing months of 1865.

Originally built as the steam screw-tug *Mary Cook*, the *USS Narcissus* launched from East Albany, New York in July 1863. The Department of Navy purchased the *Mary Cook* from James D. Stevenson at New York City on 23 September 1863 for \$20,500 and commissioned her as the *USS Narcissus* on 2 February 1864 at the New York Navy Yard. Her first commanding officers were Captain J. S. Brandbury and Acting Ensign William G. Jones.

The *USS Narcissus* was a fourth rate, wooden screw steamer tug weighing 101 tons with one furnace boiler. She was 81'6" in length with an 18'9" beam and 8' in depth. Her primary duties were towing chores and performing other varied services. On

30 June 1864, the *Narcissus* was armed a 20-pounder Parrott rifle cannon for her protection. Then in October, she was fitted with a "heavy 12-pounder" to add to the arsenal.

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, unneeded ships were to be decommissioned and sold, including the *USS Narcissus*. On 2 January 1866, William Wilkinson and his crew mates aboard the *USS Narcissus*, set off along with the *USS Althea* for New York City so that the two ships could be sold up North. On 4 January, the two ships were caught in a storm off Egmont Key in Tampa Bay, Florida. The *USS Narcissus* grounded on a sandbar and the crew of the *USS Althea* watched helplessly as the *USS Narcissus* broke up and sank into the ocean during the furious storm. All 26 sailors perished. Reportedly, this was the first time a Navy steam ship was lost with all hands.

By daybreak, the *USS Althea* searched desperately for survivors, but only found wreckage and the body of one sailor. The body is believed to have been one of the *USS Narcissus's* three firemen. William was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Fireman at the time of the sinking but it is unknown who the sailor was. The body was buried at the Egmont Key Lighthouse cemetery and in 1909, moved to St. Augustine National Cemetery in Florida along with the rest of the Egmont Key Lighthouse graves.

William's family was heart broken about the loss. On the family tombstone in the Preston Cemetery in Lancashire, England, the family inscribed:

...WILLIAM WILKINSON, SON OF THE  
ABOVE WHO WAS DROWNED IN THE  
SHIP "NARCISSUS" TAMPA BAY,  
FLORIDA, JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup> 1866, AGED 25  
YEARS. "IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE  
IN DEATH"

(Note: The sinking actually occurred on Jan. 4)



## Dues Notices - by Sec/Tr. Gene Armistead, PDC



### NEW MEMBERS

No new members were brought into the Camp during Oct/Nov

Remember: everyone is a "Recruiter" — think of friends who like history — ask, "Did you have an ancestor who served in the Union forces during the Civil War?" you'll be amazed how many say "Yes."

Over the past 1 & 1/2 years, we have converted our Camp's membership year to the Calendar year, in order to comply with SUVCW National Regulations. This means that the membership of all Brothers will expire on 31 December 2003. Additionally, in accordance with SUVCW National Regulations, any Brother who has not paid his annual dues by 1 March 2004 must be dropped from the rolls of membership.

These changes necessitate a change in the number of "Dues Notices" mailed. In the past, the Camp has provided a Dues Notice with 3 sequential newsletters. In the future, Dues Notices will be mailed only with the November (1st Notice) and January (Final Notice) newsletters. Your first dues notice for 2004 is attached to this, the November, newsletter.

Brothers who joined within the past year will receive a full year of membership and be billed only for that portion of 2004 that falls on or after their anniversary date. Brothers who became Life Members prior to 1 January 2001, will not be billed for any amount. Those who became Life Members after that date will be billed only for the Camp portion (\$12.00) of annual dues.

We hope that each Brother will be renewing their membership in the Most Outstanding Camp of the SUVCW!

### In Memorium

Brother Christopher P. Geiger of Captain Theodore Howell Camp 48, Dept. of Pennsylvania, died while on active military service to our Country. Brother Geiger was a Sergeant with the 213th Support Group of the National Guard, stationed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, Afghanistan. Let us remember this Brother and his family in our prayers.

CinC Kent Armstrong issued a General Order in honor of Brother Geiger, ordering the wearing of black mourning ribbons on membership badges and the draping of Camp Charters for 30 days.

### The California Column - by "Corky" Reed, of Camp 24

The California Volunteers became known as the "Column Men" or "California Boys." They consisted of around 2,350 men who crossed the Southwest. The Column Men spent most of their time guarding roads, fighting hostile Indians. Most California soldiers were common hard working Americans who were more interested in improving their future personal fortunes. Their duties were to carry dispatches to distant parts of the territory. Transport captured Navajos to Pecos Reservation, repair buildings, stables, corrals at the military posts and tend to company gardens. Soldiers normally found camp life very dull and monotonous and preferred to be on escort duty or scouting. The 1st Infantry Vols. Co. G was mustered in Aug. 1862 at Presidio San Francisco, and conducted Boot Camp at Camp Downey in Oakland, CA. The Cavalry Column conducted Boot Camp at Camp Merchant in Oakland, CA. The California veterans represented the first significant influx of Anglo settlers into New Mexico after the Mexican - American War. The Majority of California Column men when discharged, stayed in New Mexico and became part of the settling of New Mexico in various areas: business, law, politics, ranching, etc. A soldier of the Column Men wrote a eulogy for the California Volunteers, published in the Santa Fe Gazette. Col. Oscar M. Brown, who commanded an expedition to eliminate all Apaches between Ft. Graig New Mexico and Ft. Goodwin Arizona, wrote;

*We came from California With hopes bright and strong*

*To struggle for the nation Be she right or wrong.*

*We'll whip the Apache - We'll exterminate the race*

*Of thieves and assassins Who the human form disgrace*

*We'll travel over mountain All through the valley deep*

*We'll travel without eating We'll travel without sleep*

Sources: The California Column in New Mexico - Darlis A. Miller

The Civil War in the Western Territories - Ray C. Colton



## Minutes of Camp Meeting, 11 October 2003. by Sec/Trs Gene Armistead, PDC

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Commander Jerry Sayre at Charlie's Family Restaurant, Escondido, CA. with 14 Brothers (David Allyn, Gene Armistead, Jerry Cady, Jim Churchyard, Larry Fillhard, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Al Hodges, Bob Lowe, John May, Ernie Powell, Wayne Rogers, Jerry Sayre, & Will Tisch) and 6 guests (Kiyoko Fillhard, Cindy Hodges, Gay Allyn, Rosemary Lowe & Eileen Tisch) present.

The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Ernie Powell. The pledge of allegiance was led by SVC Dave Allyn. Secretary/Treasurer Gene Armistead reported little financial activity since the last meeting and a balance of \$1107.57. A motion (Armistead/Lowe) to approve minutes of the August meeting as published in the September newsletter, with one correction that Brother Simpson of Ohio is indeed a relative of Pittenger, was approved unanimously.

### REPORTS

SVC Allyn reported on the August National Encampment noting that the Camp had received the Lincoln trophy as the nation's "Most Outstanding Camp." The trophy, an accompanying certificate, and a streamer for the Camp flag were passed around for all to view. He reported that the Encampment went smoothly and the 2004 National Encampment will be held in Cedar Rapids, IA. Bob Lowe reported that at the Encampment's SVR Breakfast, Dave Allyn has been promoted to Major and Command of the SVR 6th Military District, which includes all states west of the Rocky Mountains.

Wayne Rogers reported on the Eagle Scout Program. He stated that since 1 January, 80 certificates have been awarded with an SUVCW Presenter participating 37 times. He said 7 award presentations are pending, one of which will be on the Naval Hospital Ship, USNS Mercy on 9 November.

PDC Bob Lowe reported on fundraising for the Bob Hope Memorial advising that 45 donations totaling \$975 have been received and that the Department's fund-raising for this will end on 31 October.

JVC Will Tisch reported on the Sept. Farewell sermon of Mark Woolfington at Tustin's First Advent Christian Church and showed photographs of the event. Many Brothers attended in uniform. PDC Lowe said that Camp 17 Commander Glen Roosevelt had presented Bro. Woolfington with a podium base having an eagle and flag on it. The presentation was made on behalf of both Camps 17 and 21. Cmdr. Roosevelt has declined any reimbursement. All present were in agreement that the Secretary should send Cmdr. Roosevelt the "Thanks of the Camp."

SVC Allyn reported on the 3-Camp Joint Picnic at Huntington Beach on 1 September. An SUVCW information table was staffed by members from all 3 camps and was perpetually busy with inquiries except during battle reenactments. The picnic afterwards was a catered event organized by Cmdr. Roosevelt of Camp 17 and included a serenade by the "Cottonwood Strings," afterwards.

Comdr. Sayre reported on the SUVCW presence at the Fresno Reenactment — the largest on the West Coast. The Dept. maintained an information table there and is trying to organize a Camp for the Central Valley. Dept. would like to make this an annual event for the Dept. Cmdr. Sayre mentioned that it was a 6-hour drive from Fallbrook.

SVC Allyn reported on the Tustin Tiller Days Parade last weekend. 7 uniformed Brothers plus Rosemary Lowe and Eileen Tisch in period attire marched. The SVR/SUVCW banner was carried by two Cub Scouts who are grandsons of Camp 17 Cmdr. Roosevelt. Again, as was the case last year, the SVR/SUVCW group was the lead unit in this parade.

The JVC reported that there were no new applicants to be voted upon. Cmdr. Sayre encouraged all Brothers to try to recruit 1 new member.

### OLD BUSINESS

JVC Tisch read a "Thank You," note from the family of one Eagle Scout Certificate recipient at whose Court of Honor our Camp had — at the last minute — provided a color guard. The family also made a \$25 donation to the Camp.

PDC Lowe brought up the matter of fund-raising bricks sold by the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, which had been included in correspondence at the August meeting. Brother Lee Olson of Auburn had written to him offering to pay for a brick in the Camp's name. PDC Lowe made a motion on behalf of Brother Olson that the Camp appropriate \$65 for the purpose. The motion was seconded by Tom Helmantoler and passed unanimously. The Secretary/Treasurer will submit the \$65 and the application for a brick to state (on 3 lines): "Wm. Pittenger / Camp 21, SUVCW / San Diego, CA."

PDC Sec/Tr. Armistead read the Bylaws Amendments that had been introduced at the August meeting. All of the changes related to bringing the bylaws into line with current SUVCW national regulations. A motion (Helmantoler/Lowe) to adopt them was passed unanimously. The amendments, along with a retyped Bylaws incorporating all amendments to date, will be sent by the Sec/Tr. to Dept. Cmdr. Schall for approval.

### NEW BUSINESS

Cmdr. Sayre, while in Fresno, attended a Dept. Officers meeting. He had been approached by the local Commander of the SCV expressing a desire for joint activities. Dept. Commander Schall had been similarly approached by the Commander of the SCV California Division. There had been some resistance to this relating to use of the "Battle Flag," of the Confederacy and some elements in the SCV (nationally — Cmdr. Sayre advised that all California SCV he's met were fine people). The Dept. has decided to take a "wait and see" position before any joint activities can be authorized. SUVCW and SCV can participate in the same events but as separate units (such as the Mother Goose Parade).



## Minutes of Camp Meeting, 11 October 2003 (Continued)

Cmdr. Sayre reminded members that elections for Camp Officers will be conducted at the December meeting. He called upon all members to become involved. He distributed job descriptions for Camp Officers.

PDC Lowe reported the death in Afghanistan of Pennsylvania SUVCW Brother, Christopher Geiger, upon which occasion the CinC has directed the wearing of a black band until 31 October on the ribbon of member badges. Rosemary Lowe had prepared appropriate ribbons which were distributed.

PDC Lowe advised of the need to purchase 2 flag carrying bags. A motion (Lowe/Allyn) to appropriate \$54.75 for this purpose was passed unanimously.

JVC Tisch has made and donated to the Camp a flagpole that will carry a CW period National Color. He requested permission to seek donations to purchase a period, 6' x 6.5' US Flag with 35 stars for use in parades. Cmdr. Sayre appointed Tisch to solicit voluntary donations for such purpose — over \$200 will be needed. Brothers and other present donated \$165.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Allyn: 25 Oct in Las Vegas he will present the charter to a new SVR unit: Co. B, 1st Nevada Infantry, which has been formed by the Las Vegas' Keith Camp 12 of the SUVCW.

Allyn: the SVR will participate in a "Massing of The Colors," in Balboa Park on 2 November.

Allyn: the SVR will participate in a Veteran's Day Parade in downtown San Diego.

Allyn: the SVR will participate in the 2-mile Mother Goose Parade in El Cajon on 23 November.

Lowe: advised of Victorian Days at Drum Barracks, Wilmington, during the 1st weekend of December.

Sayre: the Camp will host Remembrance Day at Pittenger's graveside in Fallbrook Odd Fellows Cemetery on Sunday 16 Nov. at 11:00 AM. It will be more of an "in house" activity. Lowe will notify local Civil War organizations by postcard inviting their presence.

### FALLBROOK ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY

Cmdr. Sayre reported on inquiries regarding the cemetery. The local Odd Fellows are defunct. He has been contacted by the Odd Fellows California organization. They are willing to "release" the cemetery to us at no cost provided the name of the cemetery not be changed. Cmdr. Sayre has concerns regarding liability. He said that SUVCW Nat'l Counselor Paul says there are no guidelines on this. Cmdr. Sayre is seeking advice from a Fallbrook attorney who is much interested in the cemetery.

The BOOK RAFFLE was conducted by Allyn and Tisch and raised \$44 for the Camp. 1st Winner Helmantoler and 2nd Winner Al Hodges both chose as their prizes sets of 3 back issues of Civil War magazines. 3rd Winner Jerry Cady chose a hardback copy of William Safire's Civil War novel Freedom. 4th Winner Wayne Rogers received a paperback copy of John Jake's novel North and South.

### MEMBERS MINUTES

Tom Helmantoler found out his CW ancestor's wife was born in Germany from the IL State Archives. Ernie Powell mentioned that November is the 140th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address and recent events have shown that "government of the people" is alive in California. John May spent time this past summer at a lake in New Hampshire which has 12 acres that was GAR property and is still maintained for veterans. Linda McKim advised that the 6th US Infantry reenactors will have a Spring Cotillion on 24 April. Jerry Cady has discovered that his CW G-Grandfather's family had many who had TB. Wayne Rogers showed a copy of a small book written by his CW ancestor. Bob Lowe obtained a GAR marker for his G-Grandfather's grave which was placed for him by the Rochester (NY) Camp of the SUVCW. Jerry Sayre reported that over the summer, he's located his CW Ancestor's grave in a cow pasture.

### PROGRAM

SVC Allyn announced that due to severe illness the announced speaker had to cancel out. A brief recruiting video produced by the ASUVCW, which JVC Tisch had brought, was shown.

Chaplain Powell offered the closing prayer.

Cmdr. Sayre adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene C. Armistead, PDC  
Secretary/Treasurer



# NEXT CAMP MEETING

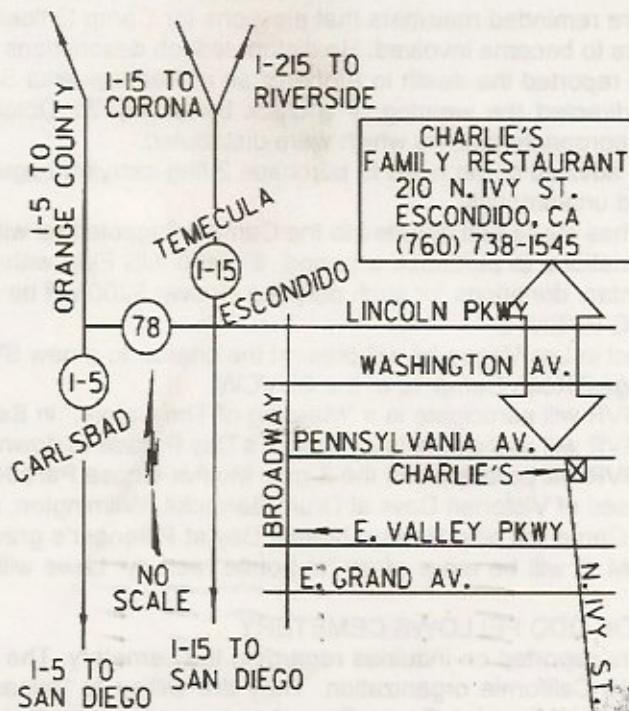
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CHARLIE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT  
210 NORTH IVY STREET

OUR DECEMBER PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY  
OUR OWN, LINDA POLLARD. ELECTION AND IN-  
STALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS FOR 2004 WILL  
PRECEDE LINDA'S PRESENTATION.  
THIS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF  
THE YEAR - PLEASE BE THERE TO CAST  
YOUR VOTE!!!

## NOTICE

It has been requested by the management  
of Charlie's Restaurant that, when attend-  
ing meetings, we use the Municipal Parking  
Lot behind and to the East of the restau-  
rant. Please comply.



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