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## Badges of our Order

Each month we will feature a different badge of our Order to familiarize our members with their look and meaning.

This month we are highlighting the badge of Past Department Commander. This badge indicates that its wearer has successfully served at least one full term a Commander of a Department.

The Past Camp Commander rank is necessary to become a Department Commander.

Once achieved, the wearer is entitled to use the letters PDC after his name on business cards, letters, sta-

## 118th Department Encampment a Success

With over 65 in attendance, the 118th Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific was held at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo, California on March 19-20, 2004. Once again, the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 was well represented and the following Delegates are thanked for their dedication and contribution to the success of the Encampment: **Dave Allyn, Al Hodges, Bob Lowe, Ernie Powell, Jerry Sayre, Ed Strobridge** and **Will Tisch**. Representing the ASUVCW from our area were Sisters: Gay Allyn, Cindy Hodges, Rosemary Lowe and Eileen Tisch. We would also like to acknowledge the presence of wives Kathryn Powell and Camp 21 First Lady Kim Sayre.

During the proceedings, the following Camp 21 Brothers were either elected or appointed to Department positions for the year 2004-2005; **Jerry Sayre-DJVC, Ernie Powell-Chaplain, Dave Allyn-Counselor, and Bob Lowe-Graves Registration Officer.**

After two terms of exemplary service as Department Commander, Brad Schall was succeeded by PCC Linn Hoadley of the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2. The Pittenger Camp extends congratulations to Commander Hoadley and his administration and wishes "smooth sail-

ing" and continued success.

Other elected and appointed Department Officers include; DSVC Tad Campbell (4), Sect'y/Treas. Dan Earl (4), Councilmen Brad Schall PDC (24), Rudy Velasco (2) and Al Peterson PDC (12), Patriotic Instructor Charlie Mabie (24), Historian Robert L. Nelson (10), Guide Greg Tracy (25), Color Bearer Glen Roosevelt (17), Civil War Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan (22), Guard Chuck Gardali (22), Signals Officer Tad Campbell (4), GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott (25), Eagle Scout Coordinator Al Peterson PDC (12) and Newsletter Editor Dan Earl (4). Two fundraisers for the Department's benefit took place.

With items donated by Bob & Rosemary Lowe, the ASUVCW operated a table selling Civil War Button Earrings and CD's of 24 Civil War Songs by Tennessee Ernie Ford. All proceeds were presented to the Department for its Encampment Fund by Past President Rosemary Lowe on behalf of the ASUVCW (\$210) and Ladies of Pittenger Camp 21 (\$110).

The DSVC fundraiser offered over 25 prizes donated by the various Camps and individuals.

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Department First Lady Jean Hoadley pins Commander's Badge on husband Linn as CinC and Installing Officer Kent Armstrong looks on.

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**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

## Camp Meeting Location Report

The February Camp meeting was conducted at our new location, the Staff NCO Club, MCAS Miramar. Access to the Club through the Main Entrance Gate off Miramar Road was smooth and stress-free. Abundant parking was available and all attending found the meeting facility spacious and informal. The staff at the NCO Club was most accommodating - willing to meet our every need. There was finally space for our flags, altar and separate table for the Commander, Secretary and Senior Vice Commander. A varied menu offered several food items for the many Brothers, ASUVCW Sisters and guests who chose to

remain for after-meeting dinner and camaraderie. We have been offered use of BBQ facilities and outside meeting space should we decide to vary our meeting location during fair weather.

Although this is only the third meeting location since our Camp's formation in 1995 - all served our purposes at the time - this is by far the most accommodating and useful to our needs.

It is hoped that more Brothers and guests will attend future meetings and promote increased interest in the Pittenger Camp's operation. I think a great time awaits you! *Editor*

## Mt. Soledad Plaque Dedication

**Levi Fairchild** served in the 7th Illinois Cavalry as a private in company "D"

The 7th Illinois was mustered in November 1861 at Camp Butler Illinois and fought at the Capture of New Madrid, the Siege of Corinth in Miss, the Siege of Port Hudson in La., Forest's attack on Memphis, and the Battle of Nashville. **Levi** Mustered out in October 1865. Private Fairchild is the Civil War ancestor of Sister Phyllis McAlpin, member of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent 5, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

On March 27th, a plaque of honor will be dedicated to this great soldier of the Union at Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial Park in San Diego. The services will begin at 11:00 AM. Co. G, 5th California Infantry,

Sons of Veterans Reserve along with members of Co. G, 6th U.S. Reenactors will present the Colors. President Lincoln (Bill Peck) will recite the Gettysburg Address. A Bag Piper will be there and we will sing patriotic songs. Also our beautiful Ladies of the Auxiliary to SUVCW, in period attire, will present a Floral Tribute.

Please plan on being there, for this is the **FIRST CIVIL WAR PLAQUE** to be installed at Mount Soledad. Mount Soledad is located at 6905 La Jolla Scenic Dr S., La Jolla, CA 92037, phone: (858) 459-2314. Location and driving directions may be obtained at <http://www.soledadmemorial.com/>

by SVC Will Tisch

## Department Encampment (con't from page 1)

Seventeen Brothers were elected as National Encampment Delegates. From Camp 21, were **Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe, Jerry Sayre and Will Tisch.**

Honored guest, Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong was most gracious and highly impressed with the eleven Camps and the operation of the Department of California & Pacific. The Department was also pleased to have "National First Lady" Judy Armstrong accompany CinC Kent to our Encampment from Michigan Other dignitaries bringing

"greetings" to the Encampment were; ASUVCW National President Danielle Michaels, Representative of DUVCW National President Donna Vaughan, LGAR Past National President Kathy Stiffler and WRC Past National President Janiece Jelatis. This is the first time since 1954 that all five Allied Orders were present at our Encampment. Further details can be found on the Dept. website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~suvchw/deptca.html>.

submitted by Bob Lowe PDC

## Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade

On Saturday, Feb. 7th, nine Brothers from Co. G of the 5th Regiment of California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, gathered in the sleepy town of Redlands for the 65th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. The Volunteers assembled with flags and muskets to the ooohs and aaahs from the expected 800 Boy and Girl Scouts. The parade of about a mile started at 10:00 a.m. with the Mountain Fife and Drum Corp. leading and giving cadence followed by four of the ASUVCW, Sisters Rosemary Lowe, Eilleen Tisch, Kim Sayre and Gay Allyn carrying the Co. G banner. Major Dave Allyn lead the Color Guard of 1st Sgt. Jerry Sayre with the Rosecrans' National Colors, 2nd Sgt. Rudy Velasco with National Colors, Pvt. Mike Hicks with the Camp 2 Colors, Bvt. Pvt. Glen Roosevelt with the Camp 17 Colors, Pvt. Will Tisch with the Camp 21 Colors and Pvt. Bill Nelson, PCC with the California Flag. Following the Civil War Color Guard were President and Mary Todd Lincoln in a white, horse drawn carriage flanked by Co. G guards Cpl. Ken Walker and Cpl. Bob Lowe PDC. In the rear were all the Scouts wearing vests and badges, some waving small American flags



and others with "stove pipe hats".

The parade proceeded through the narrow downtown street lined with old brick buildings and shade trees with a moderate crowd waving, whistling and some saluting, to the Redland's Bowl for Lincoln and the Scouts to begin their program. After the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, Lincoln proceeded down the amphitheater followed by Co. G's Color Guard, escorting the President to the stage.

Following the presentation, Co. G and the ASUVCW relaxed at a local restaurant with lunch and refreshments. Something about a Saturday morning parade with uniforms, muskets, waving flags, fifes and drums, old buildings on narrow streets with a horse drawn

carriage that takes you to another time...the good old days.

*Submitted by Rudy Velasco, 2nd Sgt. of Co. G and Commander of Rosecrans Camp 2*

## SVR News

Sixth Military District Commander, Major Dave Allyn proudly announces the certification of two new Companies with his area of responsibility. Co. A, 24th Missouri Infantry is located in Stillwater, Oklahoma and is commanded by 1st Sgt. Gregory Stafford, while Co. B, 8th California Infantry is headquartered in Sacramento, California and is commanded by 2nd Lt. Mark Breckner. Major Allyn also announces, with regret, that Co. C, 76th Pennsylvania Infantry, has elected to temporarily disband.

Co. G, 5th California Infantry, 1st Platoon Leader, 1st Sgt. Jerry Sayre reminds Pittenger Camp Brothers that new recruits are actively being sought. It is not required that you currently own a uniform and dues are most reasonable at only \$6.00 annually. Please contact Sgt. Sayre with questions or enlistment forms.

### Schedule of Coming Events/Activities

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*Civil War Plaque Dedication - Mt. Soledad, San Diego - 11 AM	March 27, 2004	Will Tisch, Bob Lowe
Pittenger Camp Meeting - NCO Club, MCAS Miramar - 4 PM	April 10, 2004	Any Camp Officer
6th U.S. Infantry Spring Cotillion - El Cajon, CA - 7 PM.	April 24, 2004	Colin McKim, Bob Lowe
*Armed Forces Day Parade, Torrance, CA - 9AM	May 15, 2004	Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe
*Memorial Day Ceremony, El Cajon Cemetery - 5 PM	May 30, 2004	Will Tisch, Bob Lowe
*Memorial Day Ceremony, Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego, 1:30P	May 31, 2004	Mike Schooling, Bob Lowe
Pittenger Camp Meeting - NCO Club, MCAS Miramar - 4 PM	June 12, 2004	Any Camp Officer
Reenactment, Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista, CA	July 10-11, 2004	Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe
Allied Orders National Encampment, Cedar Rapids, IA.	August 11-15, 2004	Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe
Pittenger Camp Meeting - NCO Club, MCAS Miramar - 4 PM	August 14, 2004	Any Camp Officer



### NEW MEMBERS

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

**WILLIAM DALEY** of San Diego, whose ancestor, Pvt. Orin Squires, served the Union in the 59th New York Infantry. After being wounded at the Battle of Antietam and hospitalization, he was transferred to the Invalid Corps (later called the Veteran Reserve Corps).

**Ralph Henderson** of San Marcos, whose ancestor, Sergeant James C. Hughes, served the Union in the 1st Missouri State Militia Cavalry.

We have applications, recruiting newsletters, brochures and several other recruiting tools available to assist you in gaining our Order new members. These items can be obtained through Cmdr. Jerry Sayre, JVC Ernie Powell, Newsletter Editor Bob Lowe or any elected Camp Officer. You can help us grow in 2004.

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)

## Vista Civil War Reenactment

The weather couldn't have been better for the March 13-14, 2004 Civil War reenactment at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum in Vista. The Pittenger Camp provided recruiting/informational/display tables for both days of the event (see photos on page 5). This year we were situated next to Gen. Grant's Headquarters. Information and literature about the SUVCW, the Pittenger Camp and Auxiliary was available to the public, while several Camp Brothers and Auxiliary Sisters "fielded" questions regarding the Civil War and our Orders. Hard candy was offered to youngsters of all ages with our complements. The remaining table space was laden with Civil War weapons and musical instruments. Demonstrating and allowing "hands on" operation of the weapons and instruments kept our tables busy all day long.

The Camp thanks the following people of assisting the setup, breakdown and "manning" of our tables; Brothers **Will Tisch, Dave Allyn, Jerry Sayre, Bob Lowe**; Sisters Eileen Tisch, Gay Allyn, Rosemary Lowe and Camp First Lady Kim Sayre. Visiting to show their support and assist were Brothers **Ernie Powell, John May, Colin McKim, Brian Hughes, George Cavanaugh, Larry Fillhard, George Hughes** and new member **Ralph Henderson**. Visiting from the Auxiliary to SUVCW were Linda McKim and Jolie Scheib. We even had visits from Brothers Gerald Scheib (Camp 2), Richard Raver (Camp 17), Sedgewick-Granger Camp Secretary Floyd Farrar and a member of Keith Camp 12 of Las Vegas. At the conclusion, this event was deemed a great success and will hopefully lead to several new members.

*Submitted by Bob Lowe PDC*

### Auxiliary News



After three years without an active Auxiliary in our Department, the organization of a new Chapter is now complete. Based in San Jose, California, the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 was presented its charter by ASUVCW National President Danielle Michaels at the 118th Annual Department Encampment on March 20, 2004. Serving as the Auxiliary's first President is Rachelle M. Campbell, wife of Department Senior Vice Commander Tad Campbell.

Although attached to the Phil Sheridan Camp 4 of San Jose, its members will be assisting the SUVCW in all areas of the Department. Current Auxiliary members are encouraged to transfer from their member-at-large status to the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52. New members may also apply for initiation into the new Auxiliary. For information concerning the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52, please contact President Rachelle M. Campbell via email at brach4165@aol.com. Auxiliary information and applications are also available in Southern California through Rosemary M. Lowe at (619) 588 - 9148 or via email at Cavalry21@cox.net.

Remember Brothers, all your female family members are qualified for membership in the ASUVCW. For years, the Auxiliary has provided valuable service to every event, project and goal of our Order and the SUVCW. Consider the Allied Orders a "family affair" by encouraging your wives, mothers, daughters and sisters to join the ASUVCW.

The Pittenger Camp 21 and their ladies congratulate President Rachelle Campbell, the officers and members of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 and wishes them every success.

*Submitted by Rosemary M. Lowe, Auxiliary Past President*

# Pittenger Camp Scrapbook



Camp 21 Delegates to Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo with CinC Armstrong. (l to r) Ernie Powell, Jerry Sayre, Al Hodges, Will Tisch, CinC Kent Armstrong, Dave Allyn, Bob Lowe and Ed Strobridge.



Period attired ladies attending the Department Encampment. (l to r) Jolie Scheib, Patti Schall, Rosemary Lowe, Rachelle Campbell, Kim Sayre, Eileen Tisch, and Cindy Hodges.



Co. G, 5th California Infantry poses after "Massing of the Colors" at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Note Civil War Marine uniforms on flankers Velasco and Roosevelt.



CinC Armstrong and Major Allyn lead salute by the SVR and guests at Memorial Ceremony at Department Encampment.



SVC Will Tisch behind display table at Vista Reenactment

Major & Gay Allyn with their display of Civil War musical instruments.



Bro. Lowe & Comdr. Sayre talk Civil War weaponry and SUCW to visitors to the Camp shelter and display.

After the battle "Rebel" and Camp JVC Ernie Powell serenades Rosemary Lowe.



## Minutes of Camp Meeting - February 14, 2003

The regular meeting of the Camp was held at the Staff NCO Club of Marine Corps Air Station - Miramar, San Diego, CA on 14 Feb. 2004. The meeting was called to order by Comdr. Jerry Sayre with 16 Brothers (Dave Allyn, Gene Armistead, Jim Churchyard, John Costa, Tom Helmantoler, Al Hodges, Bob Lowe, John May, Monroe McBride, Colin McKim, John Pollard, Ernie Powell, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, Will Tisch), 2 visiting Brothers (Comdr. Glen Roosevelt - Cam- 17, Comdr. Rudy Velasco - Camp 2), and 15 Guests (Gay Allyn, Darlene Armistead, Ken Conover, Ann Fields, Mary Hinshaw, Philip Hinshaw, Cindy Hodges, Rosemary Lowe, Linda McKim, Ed Moser, Linda Perry, Richard Perry, Janice Shaffer, Eileen Tisch) for a total of 33 present. Following the 4:05 PM Call to Order, the Opening Prayer was offered by Chaplain Tom Helmantoler. Color Bearer Colin McKim then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion (Helmantoler/Allyn) to approve the minutes of the Dec. meeting as published in the Jan. newsletter passed unanimously. Sec/Tr Gene Armistead reported a balance of \$2,799.36 of which a large portion would be paid out in March when per capita dues are forwarded to Department and National. He reported that 72 Brothers have so far renewed their annual membership. The only correspondence was an inquiry by Bro. Paul Davis on a youth program and a "Thank You" note from Motoki Bandai, to whom the Camp had presented an Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate.

Guests were then introduced. Comdr. Sayre welcomed SAR Chapt. President Phil Hinshaw, Camp 2 Comdr. Rudy Velasco and Camp 17 Comdr. Glen Roosevelt. Dave Shaffer introduced Rich and Linda Parrish. John May introduced Ed Moser, whom he is trying to recruit. Camp 17 Comdr. Roosevelt then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rosemary Lowe and Auxiliary members for a donation to the new Camp and to Comdr. Sayre and Camp 21 for donation of a Seal/Embossed to Camp 17.

REPORTS. Bob Lowe reported on Camp participation along with Camps 2 & 17 in the 65th Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade on 7 Feb. in Redlands. Comdr. Sayre reported on the Chartering Ceremony for Camp 17. Dave Allyn reported that the SVR unit has 32 members. SVC Tisch requested volunteers to be presenters at future Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

OLD BUSINESS. A petition to restore Memorial Day to 30 May was again circulated and gathered 9 additional signatures, which will be forwarded to Bro. Peterson of Keith Camp 12 in Las Vegas.

NEW BUSINESS. Dept. Encampment to be held 19-20 March in San Luis Obispo: Comdr. Sayre advised availability of raffle tickets and reported on a myriad of Department By Law changes proposed by Camp 4. There was little sentiment expressed in support of some of the proposed By Law changes. Recruiting literature needs to be copied for use at Camp info tables at future events. A motion (Lowe/McBride) to appropriate \$20.00 for this purpose passed unanimously. Resolution that Jerry Sayre be nominated and endorsed for the office of Dept. JVC was read by Bob Lowe. A motion (Lowe/Hodges) that the Camp adopt the resolution passed unanimously.

FUTURE EVENTS. Sayre and Lowe reported the Camp will be at the Vista Reenactment on 13-14 March. Tisch advised the Camp is invited to dedication of a Civil War Plaques at Mt. Soledad at 11:00 AM on 27 March. Mike Schooling reported there would be a scaled-back service at Mt. Hope Cemetery on 31 May with future information to follow at the April meeting.

MEMBERS MINUTES. Bob Lowe is seeking the cities of El Cajon and La Mesa to issue proclamations on May 1st Loyalty Day. Tom Helmantoler is hoping to retire after this school year. Jim Churchyard told of erroneous information in genealogical society newsletters and in newspaper articles found on 1922 and 1930 GAR Encampments in Riverside. Glen Roosevelt had a USMC Civil War uniform at the meeting. Linda McKim invited members to the 6th U.S. Inf. Cotillion in El Cajon on 24 April - there is a \$15.00 cost and attendees must be in period attire. Ernie Powell read a letter he had written to newspaper editors.

SVC Tisch and JVC Powell conducted the Book Raffle which raised \$87.00 for the Camp. 1st winner Cindy Hodges received a copy of Shelby Foote's novel Shiloh. 2nd winner Ken Conover received a copy of Bruce Catton's Never Call Retreat. 3rd winner Rudy Velasco received a copy of Bruce Catton's Mr. Lincoln's Army. 4th winner received a copy of Bruce Catton's Terrible Swift Sword. 5th winner Ed Moser and 6th winner Richard Perry each received 3 back issues of Civil War Times Illustrated magazine.

SVC Tisch introduced the speaker, 1st Sgt. Ken Conover, USMC, who spoke on his experiences "Serving the United States in the Middle East". 1st Sgt. Conover enthralled all with relation of his experiences during last year's war in Iraq. Both in his address and in answering questions afterwards, 1st Sgt. Conover gave his personal impressions of conditions of life of the people of Iraq.

Chaplain Tom Helmantoler offered the Closing Prayer.  
Comdr. Jerry Sayre adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gene C. Armistead, PDC  
Secretary/ Treasurer*

## Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor is uniquely a Civil War creation. It was originally proposed by Lt. Col. Edward Davis Townsend to General Winfield Scott, who rejected the idea as being incompatible with American principles and too "European" (an interesting observation by "Old Fuss and Feathers" known for his fancy uniforms). However the Navy thought the idea worth pursuing and on December 9, 1861, Senator James W. Grimes of Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, proposed it. A bill passed both houses and on December 21, President Abraham Lincoln signed it, creating a Medal of Honor of the Navy. On July 12, 1862, another bill passed creating a Medal of Honor for the Army.

The Medal of Honor was originally to be awarded to enlisted men only, but on March 3, 1863, army officers were made eligible for the medal. Naval and Marine officers, however, were not made eligible for the Medal of Honor until 1915, which accounts for the fact that no Naval or Marine officers are listed among the recipients of the Medal of Honor for service during the Civil War. The only officers who received the medal while the war was in progress, received it as enlisted men who were later promoted. Largely though the efforts of General Arthur MacArthur, officers received the award for service during the Civil War retroactively, many not until 1890.

1,520 medals were awarded for service during the Civil War. In all, 3,459 Medal of Honor have been awarded to 3,440 recipients. There have been 19 double recipients (14 for separate actions and 5 for the same action). There were no Medals of Honor awarded for Afghanistan or Iraq. Initially there were more medals awarded than the 1,520 now on the roster, but in 1916, the U.S. Army Board of Correction of Records removed a number of names from the list that did not qualify as recipients for valor in combat with the enemy.

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## Massing of the Colors

Rain was coming down heavily as several members of Company G, the ASUVCW and ladies of the Southern California Camps made their way to Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Burbank, California on February 22, 2004. The occasion was the Twenty-Second Annual George Washington Commemorative "Massing of the Colors". Amazingly, the rain ceased as we arrived and remained so during the entire ceremony. This is the 5th year that there has been an SUVCW presence at the event and each participant will receive a handsome certificate of participation.

The Company G contingent consisted of Camp 21 Cmdr. **Jerry Sayre, Bros. Al Hodges & Bob Lowe**, Camp 2 Cmdr. Rudy Velasco & Bro. Jack Stewart and Camp 17 Cmdr. Glen Roosevelt (*see photo page 5*). Also participating, but in Reveloutionary uniform were Bros. **Will Tisch, Wayne Rogers** and Ken Walker (Camp 2).

After "forming up" with uniformed representatives of various organizations, we marched flags flying, to the statue of George Washington where a prayer, several speeches and a musket salute were produced. Proceeding unit by unit, we passed in review by a select contingent of active military representatives. After rendering and receiving a salute, all marched to the starting point for dismissal.

Marching behind our Company were members of the ASUVCW; Eileen Tisch (carrying a National Flag), Rosemary Lowe, Jolie Scheib and Camp First Lady Kim Sayre. As we found out later, this was to be a source of great pride to the Auxiliary, and by extention, to the SUVCW/SVR. The event coordinator stated, "Although we have had the presence of many ladies organizations at our commemoration, in my memory this is the first time in the 22-year history that a ladies heritage Order has ever actually marched in the 'Massing'". Way to go, Sisters!

At the conclusion of the ceremony, many of the men and ladies from Camps 2, 17 and 21 retired a restaurant for a late afternoon round of good food and wonderful conversation. The rain returning on the way home couldn't wet the spirit of a day well spent. *by Cpl. Bob Lowe, Co. G, 5th CVI, SVR*

## My Union Ancestor

You may have noticed that the popular column "My Union Ancestor" has been missing from the past few issues of our Camp newsletter. This is due to the fact that we have received no input from our members. If you have never had your ancestor memorialized in an article, please consider doing so. A helpful fact sheet that will assist in preparing an article is available from Camp Secretary **Gene Armistead PDC** or your Newsletter Editor. Those of you having multiple Union ancestors should consider submission of an article about those not already published. *Editor*

## NEXT CAMP MEETING

**April 10, 2004 - 4 PM**

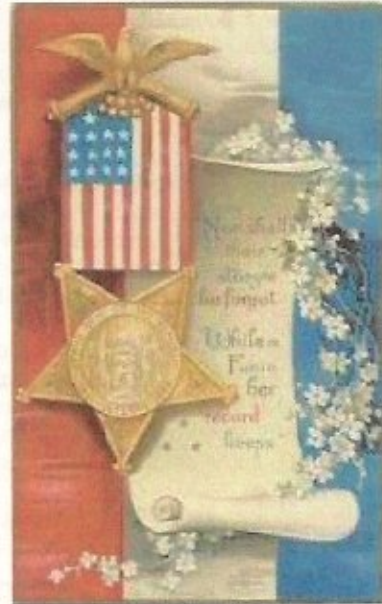
New Meeting Location

Staff NCO Club  
Anderson @ Bauer  
MCAS Miramar  
San Diego, CA.

### DIRECTIONS

From I-15 take Miramar Road west to Main Gate (Mitchner Way). Proceed on Mitchner Way to Bauer. Right on Bauer to Anderson.

*Be prepared to show Driver's License, Car Registration and Proof of Insurance to Sentry at Gate.*



1910 GAR Clapsaddle

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