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Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Will Tisch

Dear Brothers, We have a very busy schedule for Memorial Day in which to pay homage to the Boys in Blue. Our first function is on Sunday May 28th at 11:00 AM at Sgt. William Pittenger's grave in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook, located at the corner of Alturas Rd. & W. Clemmens Lane. We will honor Civil War Vets, Lt. Asa Heberd, USA and Sgt. James E. Tracy, USA. Lt. Heberd was with the 28th Wisconsin Infantry and lived on the same street as former Sergeant, then Pastor, William Pittenger, in the year 1900, only six doors down. He fought at Bayou Forche in the capture of Little Rock and the Siege of Spanish Fort and capture of Fort Blakely in Alabama. Sgt. Tracy was with the 179th N.Y. Infantry and fought at Cold Harbor, Petersburg, the Mine Run campaign, Hatcher's Run, Fort Stedman, and Appomattox Court House. *Brother Jerry Sayre* has worked untold hours cleaning and grooming this Cemetery -- unselfishly -- for this occasion. **Thank you Brother Jerry** on behalf of your grateful Camp!!! Our Second ceremony is on the same day at El Cajon Cemetery, 2:00 PM, located at 2080 Dehesa Rd, El Cajon, to honor a Korean War Veteran. This event is the annual

Memorial Day remembrance of Elks Lodge 1812 of El Cajon, of which our beloved Brother Bill Daley is the recently installed Exalted Ruler. The Sons of Veterans Reserve will present the Colors at this function. I Hope you can make this event, also. Our Grand Memorial for this Memorial Day weekend will be Monday, May 29th at 1:30 PM at Mount Hope Cemetery's "GAR Hill." Mt. Hope is located at 3751 Market Street in San Diego. We will have a combined Honor Guard with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This will be a prelude event to the Flagpole Dedication at the same site, July 3rd at 10:00 AM. Our Brothers and Ladies have worked hard to finalize these events, your attendance enhances our Ceremonies. Please write down these important times and dates in your calendar. I wish you all well and for those that are unable to attend this months meeting on **June 10th**, please know that we are working hard to properly remember the "Boys in Blue." On behalf of your fellow officers and brothers, I thank you for supporting us as we continue the good work of the Order.

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Abraham Lincoln Monument Rededication ~ by Bob Lowe

Downtown Long Beach, CA. was the site of a rededication ceremony for the Grand Army of the Republic, Abraham Lincoln Monument, on April 15, 2006. The ceremony, which took place in Lincoln Park and included observance of the anniversary of the passing of President Lincoln, was sponsored by the Gen. W. S Rosecrans Camp 2, conceived and organized by its Sr. Vice Comdr. Thomas Chumley. The monument was originally dedicated on July 3, 1915. In 1962 the sculpture was removed from its original site. It was taken to storage in 1973, and in 1977 was installed in front of the Library, without its pedestal. It was moved in its entirety to its current location in 1982 without benefit of rededication. This ceremony righted that omission. The SUVCW plans to mark this date as an annual solemn observance. From our Pittenger Camp 21, PCC Jerry Sayre and PDC Bob Lowe participated in the ceremony as color bearer and guard respectively. The Color Guard also included SVR Co. G, 5th CVI members, Glen Roosevelt, Mike Quigley and Peter Ignatius. Kim Sayre (DUVCW) and Rosemary Lowe (ASUVCW) participated in period attire as photographers. Others in the Honor Guard and ceremony were members of SUVCW and its Auxiliary, DUVCW, 5th NY Zouave and 116th PA Infantry Re-enactors, American Legion Posts 27 and 490, VFW, Drum Barracks, BSA Long Beach Council and City of Long Beach Officials. Brother Chumley officiated over the ceremony with Camp 2 Comdr. Philip Caines offering the Invocation and Benediction. The keynote speaker was Rear Admiral John Higginson, USN (Ret.). A beautiful wreath made by Melissa Caines was placed at the base of the monument. The ceremony was a fitting tribute to Pres. Lincoln, fulfilling the obligation of the SUVCW to the GAR. The Pittenger Camp 21 congratulates Rosecrans Camp 2 on its dedication to and completion of this project. (photo courtesy of PCC Jerry & wife, Kim Sayre)
 More photos are on Page 6.

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 groups. 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.

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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 \$6.00. Interested Brothers should contact the SVR Representative listed above.



FORT WORTH'S NEW TEXAS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM ~ *by Dan Nation*

The Texas Civil War Museum opened in a 15,000 sq. ft. facility on January 25, 2006 on the West Side of Fort Worth. The collection on display is a collaboration between the private collection of ray and Judy Richey and the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The collection features both Union and Confederate artifacts and includes displays for infantry, cavalry, artillery, the Navy, period flags, antebellum dresses and Texas Civil War organizations. The collection is outstanding, and one of its special features is that many of the artifacts have information about their owners. Not only do you get to view an excellent collection; you are connected to the original owners. An exhibit of medical supplies and tools even includes a bloodstained Bible. The owner survived his wounds, and his medical treatment. The museum auditorium features a 20-minute video on Texas involvement in the Civil War and two other videos in the exhibit area show visitors how to cook like a soldier in the field

bought for his daughter. The Texas area of the collection includes a very rare medal struck by the citizens of Galveston following the Confederate victory at the Battle of Sabine Pass. There were only 30 made. Billed as "the largest collection of Civil War artifacts west of the Mississippi River," the museum is definitely worth a long, leisurely visit. And, of course, they have a well-stocked gift shop, with something for everyone. On my last visit, I picked up a DVD copy of Walt Disney's, "The Great Locomotive Chase," starring Fess Parker. You might be familiar with that story (grin). The best part for me: it is less than two miles from my house!



Sign and Bldg. at 760 Jim Wright Fwy N, Fort Worth, TX, are easy to spot along I-820 at the Clifford St. Exit.

and how to load and fire an artillery piece. Other unique features of the museum include a display of 60 Union, Confederate and Texas flags, valued at more than \$3 million. A lock of Jefferson Davis' hair is displayed near a piano he

You can find out more about the museum at its web site:
www.texascivilwarmuseum.com

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students 7-12, and children under six are free with an adult.

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Schedule of Coming Events/Activities	* denotes Co. G, 5th Calif. Infantry, SVR participation	Contact for details
* Memorial Day, IOOF Cemetery, Fallbrook, CA.	11:00 AM, May 28, 2006	Will Tisch, Jerry Sayre
* Memorial Day, El Cajon Cemetery, El Cajon, CA.	2:00 PM, May 28, 2006	Will Tisch, Jerry Sayre
* Memorial Day, Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego, CA.	1:30 PM, May 29, 2006	Will Tisch, Jerry Sayre
Regular Camp meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, June 10, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego, CA.	11:00 AM, June 24, 2006	Will Tisch, Jerry Sayre
* Flag-Pole Dedication, Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego, CA.	1:30 PM, July 3, 2006	Will Tisch, Jerry Sayre
Regular Camp meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Aug. 12, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
SUVCW National Encampment, Harrisburg, PA	August 11 - 13, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
"Civil War Days," Huntington Beach, CA.	September 2 -3, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* "Tiller Days Parade," Tustin, CA.	9:00 AM, Oct. 7, 2006	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Oct. 14, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Veterans Day Parade, San Diego, CA.	11:00 AM, Nov. 11, 2006	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Remembrance Day, IOOF Cemetery, Fallbrook, CA.	1:00 PM, Nov. 18, 2006	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, February 4, 2006

Present: Brothers Dave Allyn, Jack Bruzas, George Cavanagh, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Bob Lowe, John May, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, Will Tisch, and guests Gay Allyn, Julie Atzen, Muriel Baron, Brenda Boucher, Mary Bruzas, Sue Fox, Rosemary Lowe, Judy Monahan, Kim Sayre, Jan Shaffer, and Eileen Tisch. The meeting was called to order by Commander Will Tisch at 4:45 at the Staff NCO Club, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain D. Poole and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patriotic Instructor J. Finch. Cmdr. W. Tisch reported the passing of Brother Charles Harber on Jan. 2, 2006. His ancestor served in the 40th KY Mounted Infantry. The obituary was read, and a letter of condolence has been sent to widow Nancy. The Camp charter and membership badges are to be draped in black for a period of thirty days. A motion (Lowe/Helmantoler) to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter was approved. JVC D. Allyn reported five new members; 1) Jeffrey Malone, whose ancestor served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Alligator, 2) Kevin Forrester, whose ancestor served in the 30th IL Infantry, 3) Brandon Chesney, whose ancestor served in the 78th IL Infantry, 4) Associate Member Riley Camp, and 5) Associate Member William Peck. A motion (Allyn/May) to approve these members' applications was passed unanimously. Recruitment and retention of members discussed. There is a need to expend greater effort in this area. All ideas should be forwarded to D. Allyn. Announcement by W. Tisch that we have presented our first ROTC award to Cadet Senior Airman Anita Weyer, Peoria High School, Peoria, AZ. A second award to a candidate from Mira Mesa High School is upcoming. Correspondence reported from Camp Chaplain D. Poole and Dept. Chaplain T. Helmantoler, both of whom sent condolences to the widow of Brother C. Harber. Sec. J. May read a letter from Gov. Schwarzenegger thanking the Camp for an invitation to the Flagpole dedication ceremony in July. Treas. J. May reported that expenditures since the last meeting have been \$1630.21 and income has been \$584.50. There is now a balance of \$3368.36, of which \$1894.50 is in our Flagpole Restoration Fund. W. Tisch reported on the Dept. Encampment. CinC Darby was in attendance, Camp 16 presented our Camp with a beautiful 5'x8' flag, and a good time was had by all. Thanks expressed to Dept. JVC J. Sayre for his role in organizing the activities. W. Tisch also reported on the Vista Reenactment where new prospective members were contacted. B. Lowe reported on the rededication of the Lincoln Monument in Lincoln Park, Long Beach. This event was sponsored by Rosecrans Camp 2 and was also attended by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. W. Tisch reported on Camp participation at the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Redlands and the Massing of the Colors at Forrest Lawn. T. Helmantoler reported on the very successful service, co-sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, dedicating the gravestones of Jerome Love as well

as of a Confederate veteran in Ramona. D. Allyn reported on his talk to the Sunrise Kiwanis Club in Vista and mentioned that these opportunities to speak to community groups are easy to do, well received, and help to promote our Camp. J. May reported on his attendance at the dedication of the North County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Carlsbad. Thanks were expressed to S. Berrey and D. Allyn for their continued service at Courts of Honor for Eagle Scouts. Upcoming Events include; 1) Armed Forces Day parade in Torrance on Sat., May 20, 2) Memorial Day Ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook on Sun., May 28 at 11:00, 3) Joint SUVCW and El Cajon Elks Memorial Service at El Cajon Cemetery on Sun., May 28 at 2:00, 4) Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego on Mon., May 29 at 1:30, 5) Memorial Day Service sponsored by the North County Combined Veterans' and Fraternal Organizations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside on Mon., May 29 at 10:00, 6) Camp meeting June 10 at the Staff NCO Club, MCAS Miramar. Old Business included a report on the Flagpole Project by J. May. The flagpole is erected and the bronze plaque has been received. D. Shaffer will affix the plaque to a stone and we will have it placed in front of the flagpole. Conti & Sons Monument Co. has offered to clean the existing G.A.R. Monument free of charge. A motion (May/Lowe) to send Conti & Sons \$100 upon completion of the cleaning was approved. W. Tisch has graciously agreed to organize the ceremony, scheduled for July 3, 2006 at 10:00. A report by J. Sayre on the status of the Odd Fellows Cemetery indicated that our Camp needs to seriously consider the consequences of taking over ownership of the cemetery. Support for the effort was expressed, but no action taken. More information will be obtained by J. Sayre regarding legal, insurance, and financial matters. New Business included an announcement by J. Sayre that the next Dept. Encampment could be hosted by any camp in the department. All camps are invited to submit a proposal. Eileen Tisch mentioned that the Ladies' Auxiliary is conducting a "no-bake" sale. Donations of \$10 are encouraged. A discussion of recruitment and retention of members took place. New members are to be referred to J. May and/or D. Allyn. A motion (Lowe/Allyn) to donate \$100 to the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History was approved as well as a motion (Lowe/Allyn) to spend a maximum of \$40 on an ad for the National Encampment program. Other passed motions included one (Lowe/Helmantoler) to spend \$25 toward the Mt. Hope Cemetery fee of \$65 for the Memorial Day service and another ((Lowe/Allyn) to reimburse B. Lowe for up to \$30 for the printing of recruitment material. J. May mentioned that there is a "National Moment of Remembrance" established by Presidential order that recognizes one minute at 3:00 local time for all Americans to pause and remember the sacrifices made by all those who have died in service to our country. By calling local radio stations, we can get more participation in this remembrance. The raffle was

Memorial Day

In 1865, Henry C. Welles, a druggist in the village of Waterloo, NY, mentioned at a social gathering that honor should be shown to the patriotic dead of the Civil War by decorating their graves. In the Spring of 1866, he again mentioned this subject to General John B. Murray, Seneca County Clerk. General Murray embraced the idea and a committee was formulated to plan a day devoted to honoring the dead. Townspeople adopted the idea wholeheartedly. Wreaths, crosses and bouquets were made for each veteran's grave. The village was decorated with flags at half staff and draped with evergreen boughs and mourning black streamers.

— On May 5, 1866, civic societies joined the procession to the three existing cemeteries and were led by veterans marching to martial music. At each cemetery there were impressive and lengthy services including speeches by General Murray and a local clergyman. The ceremonies were repeated on May 5, 1867. The first official recognition of Memorial Day as such was issued by General John A. Logan, first commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. This was General Order No. 11 establishing "Decoration Day" as it was then known. The date of the order was May 5, 1868, exactly two years after Waterloo's first observance. That year Waterloo joined other communities in the nation by having their ceremony on May 30.

— In 1965, a committee of community leaders started plans for the Centennial Celebration of Memorial Day. The committee consisted of VFW Commander James McCann, chairman, American Legion Commander Oliver J. McFall and Mayor Marion DeCicca, co-chairman, along with Village Trustees, M. Lewis Somerville, Roscoe Bartran, Richard Schreck, Tony DiPronio, and VFW Vice-Commander, Kenneth Mattoon. Their goals were: "to obtain national recognition of the fact that Waterloo is the birthplace of Memorial Day through Congressional action" and "to plan and execute a proper celebration for such centennial observance." In May of 1966, just in time for the Centennial, Waterloo was recognized as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day" by the United States Government. This recognition was long in coming and involved hours of painstaking research to prove the claim. While other communities may claim earlier observances of honoring the Civil War dead, none can claim to have been so well planned and complete, nor can they claim the continuity of observances that Waterloo can. The Centennial Celebration that year brought dignitaries from government, military, veteran's organizations and descendants of the original founders of Memorial Day. A once luxurious home on Waterloo's Main Street, built in 1850, was purchased from the county and restored. Now the Memorial Day Museum, it houses artifacts of the first Memorial Day and the Civil War era.

— Memorial Day is commemorated each year in Waterloo. The parade, speeches, and solemn observances keep the meaning of Memorial Day as it was originally intended to be.

Credit: Some of the information for this article was obtained from *Centennial Celebration*, souvenir edition of the *Geneva Times*, printed May 24, 1966.

NOTE: Other communities throughout the United States also lay claim to Memorial Day. While Waterloo, NY has been sanctioned by the U.S. Government as being the birthplace, other communities have interesting and touching stories concerning their first observance. Among these communities is Boalsburg, PA. (... But "That's another story" ~ Editor)

The above copied from the Internet at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/memorial.htm>

"No-Bake" Bake Sale

To the Ladies of Pittenger Camp 21, SUVCW,

It's that time - once a year - that we pitch in to help the 'Boys in Blue' raise money. I am asking for a \$10 donation for our 'Bake-No-Bake' sale. This is a great way to show support for your Husband/Partner. The funds collected will go where needed in the camp, e.g. Projects, Awards, Supplies, etc ...

Thank you for your help! ~ by Eileen Tisch, First Lady

Minutes of Last Meeting (Cont.)

held netting the Camp \$55. Winners included B. Lowe, J. Bruzas, Kim Sayre, and Sue Fox. T. Helmantoler mentioned that we are in need of raffle items. Please get them to him at the next Camp meeting. The program, on a trip taken by Muriel Baron following the trail of her Union veteran grandfather, was well presented. The program was well-received and appreciated by all in attendance. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Baron by T. Helmantoler. Members' Minutes included a display by D. Allyn of a painting by artist Gary Casteel of the Gettysburg monument to the 24th MI Infantry and by D. Poole of an antique flag from the 1900 G.A.R. National Encampment in Chicago. The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain D. Poole, then Cmdr. W. Tisch, after thanking the Ladies' Auxiliary for their support, adjourned the meeting at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,
John May, Secretary

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK

L to R, Cmdr. Will Tisch, Chaplain Deane Poole, PCC Jerry Sayre and PDC Bob Lowe at Prado Park reenactment.



Below, 13 May, PDC Bob Lowe, PCC Jerry Sayre, Cmdr Will Tisch and Bro. Wayne Rogers (not shown) cleaned the area around Winnie and William Pittenger's graves for Memorial Day.



Below, Rosemary Lowe at Combined Camps 2/17/21 information table at the Prado Park, Chino reenactment. Despite some rain, many came out to see the action.




Below, Brothers and Ladies at the Inaugural Ball for newly-installed Exalted Ruler of El Cajon Elk's Lodge 1812, our very own Pittenger Camp 21 Brother, Bill Daley (only one NOT in Period Attire/Uniform)



Left, SVR Color Guard and Camp 2 organizers at Long Beach rededication of Lincoln Monument. Including Camp 21 members, PCC Jerry Sayre (3 from left) and PDC Bob Lowe (2nd from right) Right, the cover of event program for the 15 April rededication. This is planned to be a regular annual event memorializing the passing of our Beloved President in 1865.

Rededication of the Grand Army of the Republic Abraham Lincoln Monument and Observance of the Anniversary of the Passing of Our Martyred President Abraham Lincoln



Saturday, April 15, 2006; 10:30 am
Lincoln Park, Long Beach, California
 Presented by the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 With the Permission of the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and the Office of Special Events and Filming

Photos from Fort Worth's Texas Civil War Museum ~ Dan Nation



Welcome New Brothers !

- Jeffrey Malone, whose ancestor served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Alligator.
- Associate Member William Peck who portrays Pres. A. Lincoln throughout S. California.
- Marc Stockwell-Moniz of Poway whose ancestor served in the 35MA Inf.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CAMP MEDALS

available from Sec. John May
Ten Bucks - US \$\$\$



The San Diego Civil War Roundtable meets the Third Wednesday of each month 7 PM at the John D. Spreckles Masonic Lodge, 3858 Front St, San Diego and is open to the public. For further information, contact President Dave Tooley at 858/672-2593 on the Web at sdcwrt.org



At Left, This piano was purchased by Confederate President Jefferson Davis for his daughter Helen. The display includes a lock of Davis' hair and one of his office chairs.



Below, 1860's period dresses. Several dozen gowns, hats and accessories are on display, covering the period from 1860 - 1900. Each mannequin was specially made to conform to the shape of the dress.



At Left, TX Civil War Veterans Badges. On display are artifacts from several Texas Veterans organizations, such as "Terry's Texas Rangers." This photo is of Encampment Badges.

Right, The exhibits include 60 flags from both sides, valued at more than \$3 Million.

Below, Union Uniforms: most are complete including information on their owners. One side of the room displays Union, the other, Confederate uniforms.



The Museum Gift Shop offers hand-crafted & commercial souvenirs, videos & books, including Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase"

*Thanks, Dan Nation, for submitting the article and fine photos!
If you've been to an interesting place, please share with your Brothers a brief description and photos like Dan has done*



OUR NEXT CAMP MEETING (Note Time)

June 10, 2006 - 4:30 PM

Meeting Location

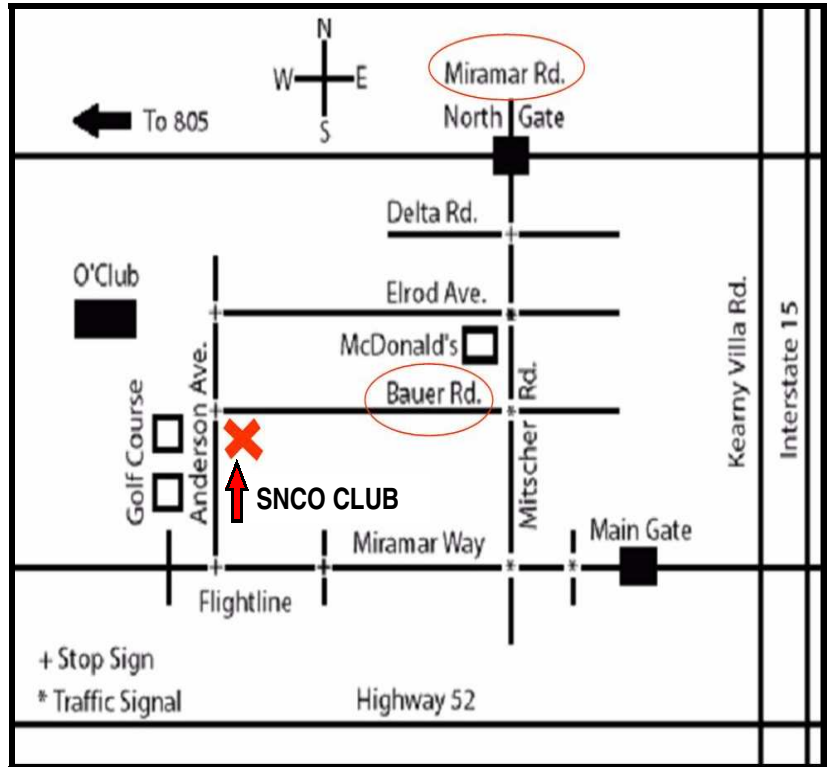
**Staff NCO Club
MCAS Miramar**

DIRECTIONS

From the 15 Freeway, enter the **Main Gate** (end of Miramar Way) or the **North Gate** (off Miramar Road). From the 805 Freeway, enter the **North Gate**. Have ID & Proof of Insurance ready - tell the Sentry you are attending the SUV CW meeting at the Staff NCO Club. Refer to Map at Right →

Our Speaker

Noted author, Mr. Pedro Garcia of the SDCWRT, who will discuss his new book, "Port Hudson: Last Bastion on the Mississippi."



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