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Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Will Tisch

Brothers, I cannot express in words how proud I was to see our camp in action this past Memorial Day weekend. Our family went the full distance and then some in honoring our great heroes to the fullest extent. Brother John May spearheaded representation of our camp at the Combined North County Veterans & Fraternal Organizations Ceremony at San Luis Rey Mission and carried our Camp's Colors. *Way to Go John!!!* On Saturday Department Commander, Brother Jerry Sayre, who has perpetually cared for the grave of our Camp's namesake attended and participated in our Memorial Service in Fallbrook. *Supreme Effort Commander!!!* The help of Brother Dave Allyn handling our Color Guard and Chaplain Dean Poole handling prayers at Odd Fellows Cemetery on Saturday was superb!!! *Bring on the Guard and the Prayers of Our Lord!!!* Even Brother Nate Dorn from San Luis Obispo attended and carried our National Colors as a recent enlistee in the Son of Veterans Reserve at both Odd Fellows Cemetery and at our Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Monday. Thanks Brother Dorn!!! *No one could have done it better!!!* The combined service on Sunday at the El Cajon Cemetery with Elks Lodge 1812 was spearheaded by our fabulous Brother Bob Lowe in which we dedicated a new proper headstone for Airman James Zaleski, USAF. Last year, during our joint ceremony, the son of James Zaleski was distraught and seen hovering over his dad's grave and was upset his dad did not have a proper head stone. He was weeping solemnly by his father's grave when Kathy Monsees of the Elks saw this and went to comfort him and directed him to



Brother Bob Lowe who said a stone could be procured from the VA. A proper headstone was procured from the VA and then we volunteered to perform the honor ceremony for Airman Zaleski this year and we presented a Last-Rights Flag to the family. A military funeral at the time of death was unattainable financially for the family. The family was eternally grateful and emotionally moved. Bob, this was the deepest commitment of compassion for the family of Airman Zaleski a SUVCW Brother could offer by getting the Sons involved. *You are the Best!!!* Brother Jeff Malone hand-polished and groomed the Grave of Pvt. James Granville Thompson, Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, so it would be presentable for our service at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Monday Afternoon. He did this on his hands and knees without hesitation. He was first to arrive and last to leave that day. For a Brother who has served Our Country to the utmost during his active duty years, he continues to dedicate himself to our great military through volunteer work by passing on his learned knowledge to help teach our military. Cleaning Pvt. Thompson's grave was the deepest showing of commitment to our Country's Veterans and a symbolic link of dedication from a great living Veteran to a great non-living Veteran. Although Brother Malone will consider it normal commitment, to us - his Brothers - we see a truly sacred and special Dedication of Honor. *Well Done Brother Jeff!!!* One of the most emotionally moving events that occurred this weekend was the placing of flowers on the grave of Sgt. William Pittenger by a young lady of the Eagle Young Marines. (Cont. on Pg. 5)

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The First Decoration Day by John May

The historical origins of Memorial Day have been largely obscured. Waterloo, New York is given official recognition as the "Birthplace of Memorial Day," but we know that there were in fact memorial activities in both the North and the South that occurred before the May 5, 1866 date that is credited to the town of Waterloo. First-hand accounts at the time of these first observances, however, were often either inaccurate or non-existent. Contemporary newspapers were perhaps unaware of a planned activity or were unwilling to publish an account. Additionally, in the South, many newspapers were having a difficult time just staying in business. Paper may have been in short supply and printing equipment may have been damaged or disabled. Many years later, participants were interviewed about their participation in these early events. Memory, though, is often clouded by the passage of time; details from the past are difficult to recall in an unbiased fashion. Claims to be the 'first' Memorial Day have been examined by historians for more than a hundred years. What we do know is that Decoration Day, as it was originally called, was officially proclaimed by General John Logan, Commander-In-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic on May 5, 1868. In the following years, the observance of Decoration Day grew dramatically throughout the United States. By 1890, it was an official holiday in every northern state of the Union. During this time, Memorial Day observances developed to the point where they typically consisted of a parade of some sort, the decorating of veterans' graves, and the delivery of speeches. By the 1880's, these events were often planned by local governments and various civic groups. Local citizens of all ages were encouraged to participate. If these are the conditions that define a memorial event, then the first Decoration Day probably took place in Charleston, South Carolina, and the circumstances surrounding the event tell an interesting tale. ¹ In the first months of 1865, much of the city of Charleston lay in ruins. The strongholds guarding the city, including Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, and Castle Pinckney, had put up a stubborn defense, but constant bombardment by Union naval forces had destroyed many buildings and forced the evacuation of many citizens. Fires burned constantly, ignited by the stores of cotton bales left standing in streets, parks, and public buildings. The city is situated on a peninsula jutting into Charleston Harbor, and at this time, the "lower" town, from the tip of the peninsula north to Calhoun Street was given over to desolation and anarchy. One citizen called the area "a city of the dead." Most of the white residents had fled into the "upper" town or had vacated the city completely. Upon this scene came a series of events that culminated in the very first Decoration Day. The first of these events was the surrender of the city to the Union army and the arrival of occupation troops. One of the first contingents of the army to march into Charleston was the 23rd U.S. Colored Infantry. The local black citizens, most of whom were newly freed slaves, stood in amazement and jubilation to see black soldiers wearing the Union blue entering their city. On April 14, a second momentous event occurred. A celebration took place at Fort Sumter, where former Major Robert Anderson, now General Anderson, returned to raise the Flag over the walls of the bastion he had been forced to lower four years previously. As the Flag reached the apex of the staff, cannon salutes reverberated around the harbor and the assembled crowd cheered wildly. Over three thousand black residents, along with white Unionists and workers from the Freedmen Aid Societies, were present to hear the featured speaker, Henry Ward Beecher. Also in attendance were President Lincoln's secretary, John Nicolay and famed newspaper editor, William Lloyd Garrison. On the same afternoon as President Abraham Lincoln was being murdered, the crowd listened attentively as Reverend Beecher praised the government and the Union forces for eliminating the stain of slavery from the Nation. On the following day, when the news from Washington, D.C. reached the area, African-Americans and their white abolitionist allies in the city fell into shock and deep mourning for the martyred Emancipator. The great sense of loss, coupled with gratitude towards the liberating forces, led several leading blacks to recognize the need to both commemorate the eradication of slavery and to glorify the sacrifice of the Union dead. During the last year of the war, Confederate officials had converted the Charleston Race Course into a prisoner-of-war camp for captured Union soldiers. This former showplace of the Southern plantation owners' wealth and privilege had become a cramped, disease-ridden ghetto where prisoners lacked adequate food, clean water and even tents or blankets to shelter themselves from the elements. Thousands of prisoners were crammed into the infield area of the Race Course and at least 257 had died of disease and exposure. The dead had been hastily buried in unmarked graves. ² Many of Charleston's blacks had witnessed the suffering of these prisoners and, after the fall of the city, expressed a desire to see the dead treated with proper ceremony and respect. To this end, the missionaries and teachers of the freedmen's relief associations that were at work in the city, got together to plan a May Day ceremony that, according to the New York Tribune was, "a procession of friends and mourners as South Carolina and the United States never saw before." A

The First Decoration Day by John May Continued

group of 28 men from a local church immediately went to work on the abandoned racetrack graveyard, building a fence to enclose the area and landscaping the grounds to make it look like a suitable cemetery. In the course of ten days they had the fence painted, arranged the graves into neat rows, and erected an archway over the entrance. The sign above the archway identified the area as the final resting place of the "Martyrs of the Race Course."³ On the morning of May 1st the procession to the graveyard began. Three thousand black school children, newly enrolled in schools established by the Freedmens Bureau, were led by their teachers around the Race Course. They carried armloads of spring blossoms and sang, "John Brown's Body" as they marched. The children were followed by about three hundred black women, members of the Patriotic Association, who carried baskets of flowers, garlands and crosses into the graveyard. The Mutual Aid Society, a charitable organization of black men, paraded behind the women and large crowds of citizens made up the rest of the procession. Upon entering the Race Course cemetery, participants dropped their flowers on the newly landscaped graves and the newspaper reporting the event noted that "...the holy mounds---the tops, the sides and spaces between them---were one mass of flowers, not a speck of earth could be seen." After the performance of patriotic songs---"America," "We'll Rally 'Round the Flag," and "The Star-Spangled Banner"---the official dedication ceremony took place, presided over by the Reverend James Redpath, director of freedmen's education in the coastal region. More than thirty speeches were delivered, enough to try the patience of even the most devout of today's Memorial Day observers. Ministers, Union officers, officials of the occupation government, and abolitionist missionaries all took their turn at the podium. At the conclusion of the speeches, participants strolled the grounds and ate picnic lunches among the graves. In the afternoon, Union troops marched

on to the Race Course and held drill on the infield. Participating were the famed Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry and the 35th and 104th U.S. Colored Infantry regiments. This celebration marked the beginning of an American tradition, the Decoration Day observance. Why then, has it been almost forgotten? Was it because it took place in a southern state? Was it because the majority of the organizers and participants were black? Perhaps some citizens of Charleston did not wish to take credit for what soon became a "Yankee" holiday. In 1916, the president of the Ladies Memorial Association of Charleston received an inquiry from a United Daughters of the Confederacy official wanting to know if it was true that local whites had joined with blacks in a memorial display in May of 1865. The president, Mrs. Beckwith, responded, "I was unable to gather any official information." For whatever reason, this first Decoration Day was almost lost to history. The words of the correspondent for the New York Tribune, however, have been preserved and he caught the flavor of the event dramatically when he reported that, "There were few eyes among those who knew the meaning of the ceremony that were not dim with tears of joy."

¹ Further details of this first Decoration Day can be found in David Blight's, Race and Reunion, The Belknap Press, 2001. Additional sources include Robert Rosen's Confederate Charleston, University of South Carolina Press, 1994, and "The Origin of Memorial Day," New England Magazine 32, June, 1905.

² After the war, the Union dead were moved to the Beaufort National Cemetery where a marble tablet now stands to memorialize their sacrifice.

³ The Library of Congress has photos of both the Race Course and the Union graves in their Prints and Photographs On-Line Collection.

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* Denotes SVR participation)	Time, Month, Day, Year	Contact Persons
Regular Camp Meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Jun. 9, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Honor Guard, Memorial Service, VMMC, Balboa Park	11:00 AM, Jun. 23, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Reenactment, Antique Tractor & Steam Engine Museum, Vista	8:00-4:00, Jul 14 & 15, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
126th Annual National Encampment, St. Louis, MO.	Aug. 9 - 12, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
Regular Camp Meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Aug. 11, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Honor Guard, Memorial Service, VMMC, Balboa Park	11:00 AM, Aug. 25, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Civil War Cotillion, Resurrection Catholic Church, Escondido	5:00 - 10:00 PM, Aug. 25, 2007	Bob Lowe, Will Tisch
* Color Guard, Padre's Game, Petco Park, San Diego	7:00 PM, Sep. 15, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Oct. 13, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Honor Guard, Memorial Service, VMMC, Balboa Park	11:00 AM, Oct. 27, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Massing of Colors, Order of the World Wars, Balboa Park	10:30 AM, Nov. 4, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Veterans Day Parade, San Diego	10:30 AM, Nov. 11, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* "Mother Goose Parade" El Cajon, CA	9:00 AM, Nov. 18, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Christmas Parade, Fallbrook, CA	5:00 PM, Dec. 1, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, SNCO Club, MCAS Miramar	4:30 PM, Dec. 8, 2007	Will Tisch, Tom Helmantoler
* Honor Guard, Memorial Service, VMMC, Balboa Park	11:00 AM, Dec. 22, 2007	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, April 14, 2006

Present: Brothers Dave Allyn, George Cavanagh, Bill Daley, Tom Helmantoler, John Howell, Harry Jackson, Bob Lowe, John May, Monroe McBride, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, Terry Shrock, Will Tisch, and guests Julie Atzen, Gay Allyn, Angie Daley, Barbara Hemmingsen, Cindy Hodges, Brenda Poole-Boucher, Kim Sayre, Janice Shaffer, and Eileen Tisch. The meeting was called to order by Commander Will Tisch at 4:30pm at the Staff NCO Club, Miramar MCAS, San Diego, California. B. Daley led the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer was offered by Chaplain D. Poole. **I. Honored Attendees:** Dept. Cmdr. Jerry Sayre introduced as the newly-elected Commander of the Dept. of California and Pacific. Dept. First Lady Kim Sayre also introduced. New member Terry Shrock welcomed. Guest Barbara Hemmingsen and husband Edward also welcomed. **II. Announcements:** 1) Br. Danny Redmond has returned home from Afghanistan. The Camp express their appreciation for his service to our country. 2) Br. John Finch is recovering from an operation. Best wishes go out to him and a birthday card was circulated for members to sign. 3) Br. Ed Strobridge in San Luis Obispo with health problems. A get-well card was circulated for him. 4) Thanks expressed to Bob and Rosemary Lowe on behalf of the Camp for their efforts in presenting several Eagle Scout awards, Girl Scout Gold awards and Cadet Girl Scout Silver Awards. 5) Dept. Encampment was enjoyable for all who attended. C-in-C Pahl was in attendance and stressed more cooperation with all members of the Civil War community. 6) Both Cindy Hodges and John Costa have donated books to the Camp for use in our raffle. 7) Noted historian and preservationist Ed Bearss will speak Monday night at the Glendale Public Library. 8) The National Quartermaster has many new items for sale. Check the website. 9) J. May has a few magazines with interesting Civil War-related articles that will be left for anyone interested. 10) Eileen Tisch has started a tradition of celebrating birthdays with a cake during the break at each meeting. **III. Committee Reports** 1) T. Helmantoler reported that the Last Soldier Project is progressing to honor Capt. Thomas Shelly, who died in 1943. 2) M. McBride reported that a speech contest is being planned. It will begin in Feb. of 2008. 3) D. Shaffer reported no new developments with the Minter's Ranch Project. 4) W. Tisch reported for J. Malone on the Memorial Day Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery. A draft of the program was distributed. 5) J. May reported on the Combined Veterans and Fraternal Orders of North County. The Gold Star

Wives ask the support of each organization for AB 1485, granting property tax exemption for spouses of deceased members of the Armed Forces. A motion (Helmantoler/May) was passed to have the Sec. draft a letter to State Assembly members and to deliver them to Cmdr. Tisch to sign and mail. **IV. Upcoming Events:** 1) Veterans Memorial, Sat., April 28, 11:30 am, at VMMC in Balboa Park 2) Memorial Day Service, Sat., May 26, 11:00 am, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook 3) El Cajon Elks Memorial Day Service, Sun., May 27, 5:00 pm, at El Cajon Cemetery. 4) CVFONC Memorial Day Service, Mon., May 28, 10:30 am, at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. 5) Civil War-themed Memorial Day Service, Mon., May 28, 2:00 pm at Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego. **V. Minutes of Last Meeting:** A motion (Daley/Sayre) to approve the minutes of the last meeting, as published in The General, was passed. **VII. Officers' Reports:** 1) J. Sayre, for absent JVC J. Malone, inducted new member Terry Shrock and presented him with a membership pin. Br. Shrock shared a display of mementos from his great uncle, William Shrock. A new application for membership from Kevin Shrock, whose ancestor served in the 168th OH Vol. INF, was presented. A motion (Allyn/Sayre) to accept the application passed unanimously. 2) Chaplain D. Poole had no correspondence to report, but did note that today marks the 142nd anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. 3) Sec. J. May reported on correspondence from, a) the Civil War Preservation Trust citing the victory of the campaign to keep a casino from being built near the Gettysburg battlefield, and b) National SVC-in-C, accompanied by a CD containing two Public Service Announcements, urging the Camp to forward the CD to radio stations who would be willing to air the Public Service Announcement. This is an attempt to increase membership. 4) Treas. J. May reported that since the last meeting, the Camp has expenses of \$1393.72 and income of \$420.50. The balance is \$3154.88, of which \$1325.45 is in the Flagpole Replacement Fund. Additional income of \$80.00 was received from the sale of Pittenger 10th Anniversary medals at the Dept. Encampment. On looking into the possibility of putting some of our money into an interest-bearing account, it was found that the minimum amount needed for a Certificate of Deposit was \$5,000 and that a Business Savings Account would yield only 0.25% per year. It was decided to take no further action at this point. **VIII. Old Business:** Pros and cons of publishing a Camp Directory were discussed. It was decided to wait until the end of the year when we can ask

Camp Commanders Corner (Cont. from Pg. 1)

They willingly participated in force at our Fallbrook and Mt. Hope Ceremonies. They cleaned and groomed and placed flags on the graves of our Veterans and worked very diligently to prepare for the ceremonies by setting up chairs, helping in any task needed and with special pride honored our Nation's Veterans with reverence. I cannot say enough about the unyielding commitment of these fine Eagle Young Marines for their participation. They are the true inheritors and keepers of the future of our Country's freedom. *Oorah!!! To our fine Eagle Young Marines!!!* There is a very special group that supported our functions throughout the Memorial Day weekend but often go unrecognized. Not in the forefront of our activities, they never-the-less occupy a position of great importance in the operational aspect of our Camp. We certainly and absolutely could not function without their support and hard work. I speak of our beautiful ladies who stand right

next to us in every way. Without them, we would not be able to continue to accomplish our aims and objectives. Our Ladies are reflective of all the great women of the past and future who have stood next to and will stand next to our military to give them hope and the inspiration to persevere. Our ladies give 110% to every function and ceremony we are involved in and we appreciate all that you do for us. *Thank you for being Beautiful and Strong!!!* Please plan on attending our Meeting June 9th so we can speak to you personally of our Memorial Day events and future activities.

Yours in F, C, & L,
Commander Will Tisch



A member of the Eagle Young Marines lays flowers at Winnie & Wm. Pittenger's graves in Fallbrook



Bro. Bob Lowe, PDC, reminds the Mt. Hope audience of the history of Memorial Day and the need to return the date to May 30th



Dept. Cmdr. Jerry Sayre, reading Gen. Logan's Gen. Order #11, establishing May 30 as "Decoration Day"



SVR Co. "G" Color Guard advances while the Eagle Young Marine Color Guard stands at attention at Mt. Hope

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



Chaplain Deane Poole invokes the blessings of God on our Fallbrook ceremony



Above, Bro. Ernie Powell leads in singing the hymn, "Amazing Grace"



Our beautiful, gallant ladies without whom we could not properly accomplish our patriotic tasks as "Sons"



Left, Camp 21 Brothers at the Fallbrook OddFellows ceremony; Right, Eagle Young Marines of Camp Pendleton join Camp 21 Brothers in front of the graves of Winnie and William Pittenger

Below Left; Bro. Nate Dorn listens to the proceedings after having posted the National Colors. Nate came all the way from San Luis Obispo to be with his SUV Brothers for both the Fallbrook and Mt. Hope ceremonies. Center; Rosemary and Bob Lowe at Fallbrook's OddFellows cemetery. At Right, JVC Jeff Malone reads the citations and endorsements for the Medal Of Honor recipients, the Thompson Brothers, at the Mt. Hope ceremony. Jeff's wife Charmaine was one of three ladies in period attire who laid bouquets on the grave of Pvt. James Thompson, 4th New York Heavy Artillery.



MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, April 14, 2006 Cont.



Welcome New Brothers!

- Terry Shrock whose ancestor served in the 168th OH Infantry

Bake No-Bake Sale !

First Lady, Eileen Tisch announces our Auxiliary to the SUVCW is again having their annual fund-raising event called a "Bake, No-Bake Sale" in which donations are taken in lieu of buying, mixing, baking and selling of cakes, pies or pastries. Funds raised will be used in support of Camp projects. Any amount is gratefully accepted; the suggested donation is \$10. Please bring your donation to the meeting or you may mail a check to Eileen Tisch, 8505 Ellsworth Lane Santee, CA. 92071-4002

The San Diego Civil War Roundtable meets the Third Wednesday of each month, 7 PM at Palisades Presbyterian Church 6301 Birchwood 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

renewing members if we can publish their information. This directory will be for Camp use only. **IX. New Business:** J. Sayre reported that the Odd Fellows Cemetery has been cleared except for the area near the Pittenger gravesite. He has repaired some fencing since our Remembrance Day service there. More help is needed to get the area cleaned up prior to Memorial Day. The Masonic Lodge is considering taking on the responsibility for the cemetery, as the SUVCW National Organization has deemed it too risky for our Camp to assume the liability for maintaining it. Members interested in attending the National Encampment in St. Louis on Aug. 9-13 are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Additionally, Br. Leo F. Kennedy, PDC of the Dept. of Rhode Island, has asked for our support in his quest to become elected National JVC. **X. Members Minutes:** J. Sayre displayed the medals struck for the Dept. Encampment. They are replicas of the 1907 medal and are on sale for \$10. B. Lowe has a couple of brass "button polishers" that he gave to interested members. J. Sayre displayed an original Sons of Veterans sword that was presented to him by out-going Dept. Cmdr. Tad Campbell. D. Poole announced that Br. Glen Roosevelt will be speaking about the role of the U.S. Marines in the Civil War at the next San Diego Civil War Round Table meeting on May 16, at 7:30 pm. T. Helmantoler mentioned that San Diego State University will have a display of Civil War memorabilia at this Wednesday's SDCWRT meeting. Their website is: www.sdcwrt.org J. May recounted the efforts of Br. Glen Roosevelt in leading a field trip for 5th-graders in Pomona to decorate veterans' graves during this Memorial Day. **XI. Raffle:** The raffle netted \$80.00 for the Camp treasury. Winners included B. Daley, B. Lowe, D. Shaffer, T. Shrock, and Brenda Poole-Boucher. **XII. Program:** The program, entitled "Lincoln's Presidential Cabinet," was presented by Brs. T. Helmantoler and J. May. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to each by Cmdr. Tisch. The closing prayer was offered by D. Poole and Cmdr. Tisch adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John May, Secretary



Dept. Cmdr. Jerry Sayre and Pres. Abraham Lincoln, (aka Bill Peck) at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony on Pt. Loma. Bill is a member of our Camp and has been interpreting the 16th President at reenactments and living history events for quite a number of years, throughout San Diego County and Southern California

OUR NEXT CAMP MEETING (Note Time)

June 9, 2007 4:30pm

Meeting Location

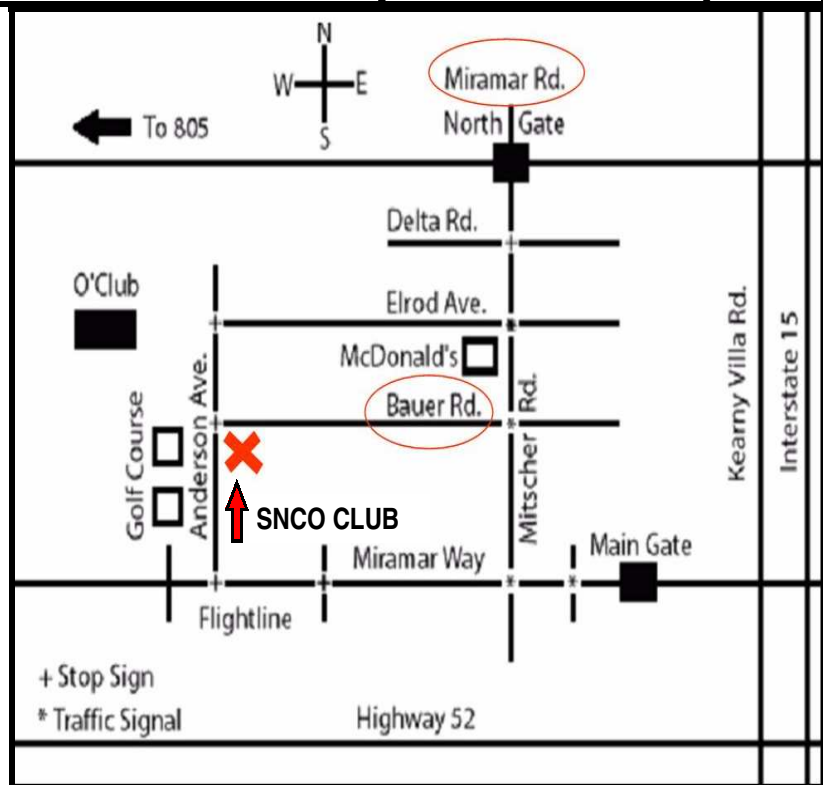
Staff NCO Club
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

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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 SUVCW meeting at the Staff NCO Club. Refer to Map at Right →

Our Speakers

Sandy Helmantoler & her brother, Dr. Mike Bailey, USN (Ret.) will present "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from The Civil War to Present" with a PowerPoint slide-show

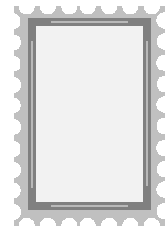


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