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Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Jeff Malone

Greetings, I would like to extend my best wishes to our members and their families for a Happy New Year! 2010 is shaping up to be an active year for Camp 21 with our six regularly scheduled meetings (2nd Sat. of even-numbered months), Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Turkey Shoot, Department and National Encampments. In addition, we are making steady progress with the Minter's Ranch Project and have recently embarked on a project that will hopefully lead

to the restoration of the Civil War Mortar located in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) section at Mt. Hope Cemetery. I hope you will all resolve to get involved in one or more aspect of the Camp's endeavors this year. Your active participation will be vital to our success. I want to express my thanks to everyone for their support in electing me to serve as your Camp Commander. I appreciate all of you who have been elected and appointed to serve with me as Camp Officers. I am confident that with your assistance, our Camp will suc-

ceed in honoring our Union anestors while conducting ourselves with 'Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.'

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Jeff Malone

PS - We plan to have an interactive presentation at our next meeting regarding the Civil War Mortar and Minter's Ranch

projects. Many of you possess extensive knowledge of these subjects and can add great value to the discussion. Please plan to attend and share your expertise. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with either the Civil War Mortar or the "Action" that occurred at Minter's Ranch, I have transcribed some period news articles for your convenience:

The San Diego Union, Tuesday, December 14, 1897,

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2009 "Brother of the Year," Will Tisch PCC, kneeling at left with 2010 Camp Officers - New Camp Commander, Jeff Malone is standing at center of rear row

MORTAR FOR THE G.A.R. Will Occupy a Prominent Place Near the Soldiers' Graves.

Heintzelman post, G.A.R., has received from the ordnance department at Mare island a teninch mortar and forty-two teninch shells, the weapon having been brought down on the steamer Santa Rosa Sunday night. It will be exhibited at the plaza for a few days, after which it will be taken to Mt. Hope and occupy a conspicuous place in the G.A.R. section of

the cemetery, the shells being sufficient in number to form a pyramid near the mortar. The mortar was procured for the Heintzelman post through efforts of Maj. Smith of Company H, U.S.A., lately stationed here, and other gentleman.

San Francisco Bulletin, Thursday, Dec. 5, 1861, Page 3 **BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.**

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SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$6.00. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVR Representative listed above.

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Despatch to the Bulletin. Arrest of Dan Showalter and 17 other California Traitors.

Los Angeles, December 5.

By an express which arrived here last night, I learn that Major Riggs, in command of Camp Wright, near Warner's Ranch, arrested Dan Showalter and seventeen others on their way to Texas. They are now held at Camp Wright. [See the summary of news from Southern counties, given elsewhere, for some account of the movements of Showalter and his band, that led to their arrest. - ED. BULLETIN.]

From the Southern Counties.

Southern Secessionists Bound for Texas - Their Arrest.

The Los Angeles News of the 27th November says: On the morning of the 23d instant, a party of men, who have for some time past been encamped in the Monte, left there on their way to Texas. There are various estimates as to the number of men in the party, but we have been informed, on what we consider reliable authority, that they numbered, all told, 44. Mr. Dickey, one of the party, called on us last Saturday, and informed us that the party was 175 strong; that they had organized themselves into three companies, by electing a captain to each, as follows: Capts. Dan Showalter, H. H. Dickey, and Wilson; that they were bound for Texas, not withstanding all that has been said to the contrary; that they were going home to their families and friends, and as to what they would do when they arrived was their own business. He informed us that he would not fight unless forced to. Dan Showalter was their commander-inchief. We have also been informed that these men were regularly enlisted soldiers in the Southern army, and were going with no other purpose than to join the forces now in arms in the seceded States. We understand that Mr. Dickey was left behind at the Monte, to ascertain if any movements were to be made to stop the party. The time will probably arrive, if it has not already, when parties of men on their way from this State to the States in arms against the Government, will be detained and the objects for which they are going inquired into. No person is allowed to go South from the loyal States, without a passport from the Government, but parties are continually leaving here for the Seceded States, without any such permission. However, their leaving this State may be considered a blessing, as they might create a disturbance here, on not being allowed "to go where 'glory' awaits them." [It will be seen from a telegraphic dispatch given in another column, that Dan Showalter and 17 others" have been arrested by Major Rigg, at Camp Wright, near Warner's Ranch. - ED. BULLETIN.]

> San Francisco Bulletin, Thursday, December 11, 1861 Official Account of the Showalter Arrest.

Following is the official account of the arrest of Showalter's gang of rebels, by Major Rigg, in the Southern part of the state:

> CAMP WRIGHT, Oak Grove, San Diego Co., November 30, 1861.

COLONEL. - I Take advantage of the departure of Señor Sepulva Ramon, Carillo's brother-inlaw, to inform you of the arrest of the Showalter party, Showalter with them. It consists of 16 men, each armed with rifles and a pair of revolvers. They gave us a hard chase, but we finally captured them. They parleyed, but finally concluded not to resist, although, against the advice of Showalter. The names of the party are T. A. Wilson, Tennessee; W. Woods, Missouri; Charles Pendroth, Kentucky; William Sands, Tennessee; T. L. Roberts, South Carolina; R. H.

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Wood, Mississippi; T. W. Woods, Virginia; J. W. Sampson, Kentucky; S. A. Rogers, Tennessee; J. Lawrence, Arkansas; William Edwards, Arkansas; Levi Rogers, Alabama; Henry Crowell, Pennsylvania; William Turner, Georgia; Dan Showalter, Pennsylvania; A. King, Tennessee. We took two of the party on the 27th, near the post, viz: E. B. Summers and F. V. Chum. They were the advance party, 18 in all. I am now examining them, and will send you by express, that will leave here tonight some time, full particulars. They now regret that they did not resist. If they had, they would have given us a hard fight. There is no doubt that every one of them is a Secessionist, and were on their way to lend aid and comfort to the enemy. I would like to know as soon as possible what to do with them. They have pack mules, and are well fitted out, and are a desperate set of men. I am under great obligations to Francisco Ocampo for my success. It is reported that some 80 men are getting ready and on the road. I will keep good watch for them.

Very respectfully, EDWIN A. RIGG

Major 1st Infantry, commanding Camp Wright. To Col. James H. Carleton, 1st Infantry C. V., Los Angeles, Cal.

P. S. - They were captured at daylight on the morning of the 29th, at John Winter's [Minter] ranch, near San Jose Valley.

Headquarters District of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal., December 3d, 1861. - A true copy.

BEN. C. CUTLER,

First Lieut. 1st Infantry, C. V., Acting Assistant Adj.-Gen.

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Month, Day, Year	Contact Persons
* 71st Lincoln Shrine "Pilgrimage," downtown Redlands muster at Redlands HS, Citrus and University Sts.	10:00 am 6 February muster by 9:30	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, O' Club, MCAS Miramar, San Diego GAR Hill Mortar Restoration Committee meets prior	4:30 pm 13 February 3:30 pm Mortar Committee	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
* "Massing of The Colors," Forest Lawn Cemetery, Burbank	3:00 pm 21 February	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	12:30 pm 27 February 12:00 muster	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Civil War Reenactment, Steam Engine Museum, Vista	6-7 March	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
124th Dept. Encampment, NCO Club, Camp SLO, San Luis Obispo more information on Pg. 5 in this edition	13-14 March	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
Regular Camp Meeting, O'Club, MCAS Miramar GAR Hill Mortar Restoration Committee meets prior	4:30 pm 10 April 3:30 pm Mortar Committee	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	12:30 pm 22 May 12:00 muster	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, O'Club, MCAS Miramar GAR Hill Mortar Restoration Committee meets prior	4:30 pm 12 June 3:30 pm Mortar Committee	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
129th SUVCW National Encampment, Overland Park, KS	12-15 August	Jeff Malone, Jerry Sayre
Regular Camp Meeting, O'Club, MCAS Miramar GAR Hill Mortar Restoration Committee meets prior	4:30 pm 14 August 3:30 pm Mortar Committee	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	12:30 pm 28 August 12:00 muster	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, O'Club, MCAS Miramar GAR Hill Mortar Restoration Committee meets prior	4:30 pm 9 October 3:30 pm Mortar Committee	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	12:30 pm 27 November 12:00 muster	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING December 13, 2009

Present: Brothers Brian Bingham, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Jeff Malone, John May, John Pollard, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, Will Tisch, and guests Julie Aitzen, Sandy Helmantoler, Rosemary Lowe, Charmaine Malone, Linda Pollard, Brenda Poole, Bob Rainbolt, Cheryl Reynolds, Janice Shaffer, Kim Sayre, and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Tom Helmantoler at 1:10pm at the home of Deane and Brenda Poole, San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by D. Poole and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Finch.

I. Honored Attendees

In attendance were PDC Jerry Sayre and wife Kim and Br. John Pollard who has recently moved back to the area.

II. Officers' Reports

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Schooling).
- 2) Treasurer J. May reported a balance of \$2715.50 and asked that the money in the Flagpole Restoration Fund be released into the General Fund. A motion (Bingham/Poole) was passed to move all but \$100 to the General Fund. A further motion (Sayre/Schooling) was passed to change the name of the Flagpole Restoration Fund to the Mt. Hope Restoration Fund.
- 3) Secretary J. May reported no correspondence of note. 4) J. May announced the reception of membership applications from a) Robert Rainbolt, whose ancestor served in the 1st MI Engineers and Mechanics, and b) Lee Ruiz, whose ancestor served in the 2nd MO Vol. INF. Both applications were approved unanimously.

III. Committee Reports

- 1) T. Helmantoler reported that the Last Soldier ceremony went well. It was a fitting tribute to Thomas Shelly as well as to deceased Br. Bob Lowe.
- 2) T. Helmantoler reported that we had no participation in the Veterans Day parade. J. May attended Veterans Day ceremony in Oceanside.
- 3) J. Sayre reported that the Mother Goose Parade was well-attended and 8 members marched.
- 4) D. Poole reported that our participation in the Fallbrook Christmas Parade was well received and that Br. Tom Payne took part in a mounted unit along with G. Roosevelt.

IV. Upcoming Events

- 1) VMMC Service, possible date coming up
- 2) Camp meeting; 2/13, TBA

V. Old Business

- 1) Thanks expressed by Charmaine Malone to those who took part in the Turkey Shoot.
- 2) The National Encampment will be held in Southern California in 2012.
- 3) Camp By-Laws needed to be changed to conform

to Department and National By-Laws in allowing Junior and Junior Associate members. A motion (Sayre/Finch) was passed to make the changes. B. Bingham will convert the Camp By-Laws into a Word document and J. May will make the changes (subject to approval by Camp Commander).

VI. New Business

- A committee (D. Shaffer, W. Tisch, J. Sayre, D. Poole, J. May) was formed to look into restoration of the mortar at Mt. Hope Cemetery. W. Tisch will chair the committee.
- 2) Our Camp will join the Fr. A.J. Ryan Camp, SCV, to present an award to Mt. Hope Cemetery Director Dave Lugo in appreciation for his efforts and cooperation in our many activities. The presentation is scheduled for Memorial Day, 2010.
- Those in attendance will send a Christmas greeting to Br. N. Dorn, who is experiencing difficult times.

VII. Raffle

No raffle was held.

VIII. SVR Report

No SVR report.

IX. Members Minutes

No Members Minutes

X. Awards

Cmdr. Helmantoler presented Certificates of Appreciation to, Julie Aitzen, Rosemary Lowe, Eileen Tisch, Sandy Helmantoler, Brenda Poole, and Kim Sayre. The Al Hodges Memorial Brother of the Year Award was presented to Br. Will Tisch. J. Malone presented Tom and Sandy Helmantoler with a gift as a token of his appreciation for all of the work put in during the Commander's term of office.

XI. Election of Officers

A motion (Poole/Sayre) was passed to have unopposed candidates declared elected by acclimation. J. Sayre nominated J. Malone for Commander (elected by acclimation). J. May nominated D. Shaffer for SVC (he declined). J. Malone nominated R. Rainbolt (elected by acclimation). J. Malone nominated D. Poole for JVC (elected by acclimation). J. Sayre nominated J. May for Sec./Treas. (elected by acclimation). J. Malone nominated W. Tisch for Camp Council (elected by acclimation). J. Sayre nominated himself for Camp Council (elected by acclimation). J. May nominated T. Helmantoler for Camp Council (elected by acclimation). Officers were formally installed by Jerry Sayre, PDC.

The closing prayer was offered by D. Poole and the meeting was adjourned by new Commander Jeff Malone

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Announcing The 124th Annual Dept of Cal and Pacific Encampment

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept of California & Pacific is proud to announce the 124th Annual Department Encampment, and the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Department Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held on March 12-13, 2010 in the NCO Club at Camp San Luis Obispo. On Fri. evening, we will have our traditional "Campfire" gathering at the NCO Club. A catered tri-tip and chicken BBQ dinner will be available for those who are interested. The cost of Friday's dinner is \$25 per person. Please note that the optional dinner is offered as a convenience to those in attendance, and is not mandatory for attendance or participation at the "Campfire." On Sat. morning, we will have our business meeting at the NCO Club. The registration fee for the Encampment remains the same as 2009 at \$30 per member, which includes a deli-style buffet lunch, as well as the usual accounterments of the day (lunch for guests is \$20). The Sat. lunch will include a cake celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Dept Auxiliary to the SUVCW. At the completion of the Sat. business meeting, we will have a memorial dedication service at the graves of Union Civil War veterans at a cemetery in SLO (7 miles, approximately 11 minutes travel time). We are honored to be joined by SUVCW National Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy and his wife, who will be in attendance. Also in attendance will be ASUVCW National President Nancy Hilton and her husband, and ASUVCW Aide Diane Mellor and her husband Perley Mellor, who is a member of the SUVCW National Council of Administration. The Saturday C-in-C dinner will be held at the NCO Club. There is a slight increase over last year's cost, and the dinner is now \$32 per attendee. The menus for the three meals are provided with the Registration/Meal Reservation Form. During the Encampment there will be three opportunities for delegates and guests to participate in fund-raising for both the SUVCW and Auxiliary Departments. Items donated by our various Camps will be available for bidding, there will be a 50-50 opportunity, and our Auxiliary sisters will have one or more handmade quilts available for your bidding. Camp San Luis Obispo is "the original home of the California National Guard." Established in 1928 as a California Army National Guard training camp, it originally totaled 5,800 acres, and was known as Camp Merriam. A link to the Camp San Luis Obispo website is: http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/Pages/default.aspx

PLEASE NOTE THAT CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO IS AN ACTIVE MILITARY INSTALLATION, AND THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD REQUIRES THAT ALL DRIVERS MUST COMPLETE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM (download at web URL below) PRIOR TO ENTERING THE FACILITY. PLEASE HAVE THE FORM COMPLETED AND READY TO HAND TO THE SENTRY AT THE MAIN GATE.

The on-line form may be accessed and completed at the following link.

http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/Documents/Camp%20San%20Luis%20Obispo.htm

Camp San Luis Obispo offers some limited rental housing (billeting) and RV facilities. A separate sheet is attached that gives the rental guidelines and contact information. You must make your own rental arrangements with the CSLO billeting representative. All applicable forms and maps have been attached to this packet for your convenience. All Encampment documents are also available on the Department website at:

http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html

Please respond as soon as possible, as we need to plan for meals, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Glen L. Roosevelt - SVC

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Editor's Note: All Camp 21 Brothers are heartily encouraged to attend this encampment ~ you will enjoy it!

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



"Mother Goose" Parade, Nov 2009, our Color Guard of Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre PDC, Brian Bingham, and Will Tisch PCC, at parade's end with award to them and our fine ladies for an excellent performance at the end of the 2-plus miles march through downtown El Cajon





Christmas Parade, Dec 2009, just prior to stepping off in Fallbrook with a mounted Cavalry unit in the rear of our Co. G, 5th Cal. Vol. SVR Color Guard, anchored by Marine Orderly Sgt. Glen Roosevelt from Orange County who is also Dept. Sr. Vice Commander



Below, PCC Tom Helmantoler presents roses to his wife and outgoing Camp 1st Lady, Sandy - PCC Will Tisch awards Tom a plaque for leadership - Tom presents the Al Hodges Brother of The Year Award to PCC Will - and at Right, is our new Sr. Vice Commander, Bob Rainbolt











Minutes of Last Meeting December 12 (Cont)

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Welcome New Brothers!

- Robert "Bob" Rainbolt of La Mesa whose ancestor served in the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. At the last meeting, Bob was elected to serve as our Senior Vice Commander.

- Lee Ruiz of Oceanside whose ancestor served in the 2nd Missouri Volunteer Infantry

"DECADERS"

Tom Helmantoler 03-00

Congratulations on attaining 10 years of membership in the SUVCW
Thank you Brother for your continued commitment to the objectives of our Order!

The San Diego Civil War Roundtable meets the Third Wednesday of each month, 7 PM at Palisades Presbyterian Church 6301 Birchwood St., San Diego & is open to the public. For further information, contact Pres. Dave Tooley 858-672-2593 or on the Web at www.sdcwrt.org

This Day in The Civil War

Friday, Jan 23 1863

"MUD MARCH" MAKING MEN MAD, MILITARY MISERABLE

As the Army of the Potomac continued to slog back to camp after what was even now becoming known as the "Mud March," U.S. Gen. Ambrose Burnside was quite depressed about the lack of successful conclusion to the project. He came up with a solution, though: he sent a request to Lincoln that Generals Joseph Hooker, William B. Franklin, W. F. Smith and others be fired, demoted, or transferred. Hooker - in particular - Burnside wanted removed from the service altogether. Lincoln quietly ignored the tirade and the orders were never acted upon. Although it was little consolation to either Burnside or his wet, exhausted and shivering troops, the movement had caused tremendous consternation among the Confederate commanders.

Saturday, Jan. 23, 1864

LINCOLN'S LABORS LAMENTABLY LANGUISH

President Lincoln announced today a plan which would allow slaveowners in Union territory to manumit their slaves, then re-hire them as free laborers to get plantations and farms back into production. He urged the military commanders of the various departments and territories to support the system and publicize it in their areas. This was just the latest in a succession of plans (what might today be called "trial balloons") which Lincoln proposed in an attempt to solve the "Negro problem." Lincoln, like nearly all whites including ardent abolitionists, found it inconceivable that black and white could ever live as equals. The buyout plan did not

Civil War Notable Quotes

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain-20th Maine-

(Dec. 13, 1862, At the end of the first day's fighting at Fredericksburg...)

But out of that silence rose new sounds more appalling still; a strange ventriloquism, of which you could not locate the source, a smothered moan, as if a thousand discords were flowing together into a key-note - weird, unearthly, terrible to hear and bear, yet startling with its nearness; the writhing concord broken by cries for help, some begging for a drop of water, some calling on God for pity; and some on friendly hands to finish what the enemy had so horribly begun; some with delirious, dreamy voices murmuring loved names, as if the dearest were bending over them; and underneath, all the time, the deep bass note from closed lips too hopeless, or too heroic, to articulate their agony...It seemed best to bestow myself between two dead men among the many left there by earlier assaults, and to draw another crosswise for a pillow out of the trampled, blood-soaked sod, pulling the flap of his coat over my face to fend off the chilling winds, and still more chilling, the deep, many voiced moan that overspread the field.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Sat. Feb. 13 2010 NOTE Location, Date & Time!

Feb 13 2010 4:30 PM

LOCATION

Officer's Club Bldg. 4472 Anderson Ave. MCAS Miramar

Our Program

An interactive discussion of ideas for the Minter's Ranch and GAR Hill Mortar Restoration plans.

Come prepared to contribute your thoughts on how best to proceed with these important Camp projects

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

If you do not have a DOD ID and/or a DOD sticker on your car, please allow 10 extra minutes and follow the new procedures to enter MCAS Miramar.

Exit MIRAMAR WAY off Hwy 15 and enter MCAS Miramar through the Main/East gate. Tell the sentry you need a "day pass" - be sure driver has his ID, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. When they ask what your business is on the base, simply tell the sentry that you have a meeting of Pittenegr Camp 21, SUVCW at the Officer's Club. Once on the base, drive West on Miramar Way and turn RIGHT at the 2nd stop light, onto Mitscher. Turn LEFT at Elrod Ave. (1st light, at McDonalds corner) drive to end of Elrod. Turn Right on Anderson Ave. The O Club will be on your left before the next intersection.

If you have DOD ID and/or DOD sticker on your car, please continue to use the North gate off Miramar Road, turn RIGHT at Elrod, go to end, RIGHT on Anderson, O Club is on Left before next intersection.

The General





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"One Nation Under God"



Preserving the memory of the G. A. R. & "The Boys in Blue"