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Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Jeff Malone

Greetings,

The Civil War Sesquicentennial has arrived! As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the National Order has challenged all Departments and Camps to “name an event a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event. The primary purpose of the event will be to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all United States Military Forces between 1861 and 1865. Planning continues for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Turkey Shoot, and National Encampment. I invite everyone to attend and participate in these events as you are

able. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for giving of their time and talents to make this the excellent organization that it is. Please know that we all appreciate your participation and support of our various endeavors.



At the podium, SVC Bob Rainbolt presided over our February meeting

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Sesquicentennial to honor our Union ancestors and conduct ourselves with 'Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.'

Yours in Fraternity,
Charity and Loyalty,
Jeff Malone

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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.

More from Camp Commander *Jeff Malone*

Special Exhibit: Echoes of the War

From January 11, 2011 to May 13, 2011 there is a Special Exhibition located in Donor Hall at the San Diego State University (SDSU) Love Library. This exhibit includes materials from Special Collections and University Archives depicting the major issues of the Civil War era and to highlight experiences of those who lived through it. Themes included in the exhibit include the role of women and the home front, the lives of ordinary soldiers, the central roles of slavery and emancipation in the conflict, and the controversial processes of remembering and forgetting the nuances and contradictions of wartime. For more information, please call the SDSU Special Collections Department at (619) 594-6791.

Special Exhibit: Civil War Sesquicentennial

Our Camp, along with Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent No. 5, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Stonewall Jackson Chapter No. 476, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Father A. J. Ryan Camp No. 302, Sons of Confederate Veterans are planning our own Special Exhibit at the San Diego Public Library's Central Branch located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The Exhibit will run from April 17 through May 27, 2011. The Exhibit will comprise of six display cases covering the following themes: The Battles, The Generals (Lee and Grant), The Presidents (Lincoln and Davis), A Soldier's Life, Slavery/Colored Troops, The Various Civil War Lineage Organizations (i.e. SUVCW). The exhibits are currently in the planning stages and will be firmed up in the coming weeks. If you have something you would be willing to loan for the display, please contact Mrs. Barbara Mondt of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent at (619) 276-3687 or email at: byw@att.net .

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY INTERMENT PROJECT REACHES MILESTONE

As we have discussed in previous meetings, our Camp is engaged in a Sesquicentennial-inspired project to document all of the interments in the Grand Army of the Republic sections at Mount Hope Cemetery. As part of this process, we have been able to document each veteran and the units in which they served. We are also identifying veteran's graves that need to be marked. This process is now more than fifty percent completed with over 850 individuals documented. We are hopeful that we will be able to have this phase of the project completed by year end. You can keep up with our progress by visiting the "Virtual Cemetery" at:

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=vcsr&GSvcid=137659>

Department Encampment Report by Dave Allyn

Your newsletter Editor was pleased to be able to attend this year's Dept. of California and Pacific Encampment, held March 11-12 at Camp San Luis Obispo. I had the pleasure of being invited to ride with Brother Will Tisch, PCC and his lovely wife, Eileen. Needless to say this was a treat for me as I had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful countryside as we motored north. We also were able to conduct some SVR business enroute using amazing technology that allows Will and Eileen to make and receive cell phone calls through their car's sound system, totally hands-free ! (I've got to get one of those !). We had a nice stop in Santa Barbara for lunch Friday at Rusty's Pizzeria, which is housed in a magnificent old lighthouse and contains many artifacts from those days - a virtual museum inside a restaurant ! Once we arrived in SLO we checked in to our motel and proceeded to Camp SLO's NCO Club for the Camp-Fire evening of camaraderie and jovial fellowship with old friends and new. Our C-in-C, Brother Brad Schall, PDC of our very own Dept. and his always delightful wife, Patty, joined us and we spent some good moments, remembering that he and Bob Lowe had a plan that one day one or the other of them would be Commander In Chief. He remarked that Bob would be very pleased that their well-formed plan had born fruit. On Saturday, we had the meeting of the Dept. and all went very well as Dept. Cmdr. Charlie Mabie presided. The morning was taken up with the many reports by Camps

and Officers along with presentations of awards. We had a very nice luncheon and re-convened afterwards for the election of officers for 2011. Except for the office of Dept. JVC, all other elections were by acclamation and resulted in DSVC Glen Roosevelt of Camp 17 being sworn in as our new Dept. Commander with Bros. Tim Reese as DSVC and Tom Graham as DJVC. Bro. Phil Caines remained Dept. Secretary/Treasurer. Among the other officers, our own Jerry Sayre, PDC was re-elected to the Dept. Council and Tom Helmantoler, PCC was appointed as Dept. Chaplain. Following the installation of the officers by C-in-C Schall, we adjourned and re-assembled at the GAR section of the local cemetery for a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony. At the close of this moving tribute, Brother Will Tisch, PCC, played "Amazing Grace" beautifully on his bagpipes which was a most fitting end to the penultimate event of the day. After all had returned to Camp SLO's NCO Club, we closed the evening with a delicious Commander In Chief's meal and the raffles. This was especially interesting as many of our brothers and their spouses had obviously bought lots of tickets, as evidenced by the rather formidable 'library' Kim and Jerry Sayre ended up transporting home ! (see photo Pg.6) All of the prizes were quite good with a nice mix of civil war themes as well as others that were more generically patriotic, or simply useful. For Will, Eileen

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Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Month, Day, Year	Contact Persons
Regular Camp Meeting, DeGheri Center, USD, San Diego	4:30 PM, 16 Apr <i>Set-up at 4:00</i>	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	12:30 pm 23 Apr <i>12:00 muster</i>	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Armed Forces Day Parade, Torrance	1:30 PM, 21 May <i>muster at 1:00 PM</i>	Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch
* Memorial Day, Oddfellows cemetery, Fallbrook	11:00 AM, 30 May	Jeff Malone, Jerry Sayre
* Memorial Day, El Cajon cemetery, El Cajon	2:30 PM, 30 May with Elk's Lodge 1812	Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre
* Memorial Day, Mt Hope Cemetery, SD	1:30 PM, 30 May	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
Memorial Day, Oceanside Elk's Lodge, 444 Country Club Ln.	10:00 AM, 30 May	John May, Jerry Sayre
Memorial Day, Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, Pt. Loma	10:00 AM, 30 May	Jeff Malone, Will Tisch
Regular Camp Meeting, DeGheri Center, USD, San Diego	4:30 PM, 11 Jun <i>Set-up at 4:00</i>	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
130th Annual National Encampment, Reston, VA.	11-14 Aug	Jeff Malone, Jerry Sayre
Regular Camp Meeting, DeGheri Center, USD, San Diego	4:30 PM, 13 Aug <i>Set-up at 4:00</i>	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING February 12, 2011

Present: Brothers Dave Allyn, George Cavanaugh, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, John Howell, John May, Bob Rainbolt, Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch, and guests Kim Sayre and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by SVC Bob Rainbolt at 4:30pm at the Alumni Center Board Room, University of San Diego, San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by T. Helmantoler and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Finch.

I. Officers' Reports

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Helmantoler).
- 2) Treasurer J. May reported a balance of \$4569.24.
- 3) Secretary J. May reported correspondence from American Civil War Ancestors.com, who will do genealogical research and donate part of their fees to the SUVCW Charitable Fund.
- 4) J. May reported that there are currently 43 brothers who have renewed membership.

II. Committee Reports

- 1) J. Sayre reported for the Mt. Hope Restoration Committee that he has obtained plans for the carriage. These plans have been given to W. Tisch.
- 2) J. Howell reported that the next Eagle Scout presentation is in May.

III. Upcoming Events

- 1) Dept. Encampment to be held in SLO March 11-12. National Encampment is coming in August and will be in Reston, VA.
- 2) Vista Reenactment will be held March 5-6.
- 3) Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn on Feb. 20.

IV. Old Business

- 1) Sesquicentennial events to be planned with SCV, DUVCW, and UDC. T. Helmantoler will report on plans.
- 2) A motion (Sayre/Allyn) to elect any member interested in attending Department Encampment to be a delegate was approved. A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) to spend \$20 on an ad in the program was approved, as was a motion (Helmantoler/Sayre) to have the Camp buy donuts.

V. New Business

- 1) A new film, The Conspirator, is being released April 15. T. Helmantoler will coordinate arrangements for members to attend together.
- 2) Memorial Day events for the Camp this year will include a) Fallbrook, b) El Cajon, c) Oceanside, d) Ft. Rosecrans, and e) Mt. Hope. A meeting will be held to plan for the Mt. Hope event. A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) to donate \$100 to the Ft. Rosecrans Memorial Day Committee was approved.

VI. SVR Report

No SVR report.

VII. Members Minutes

No Members Minutes

VIII. Program

No program was scheduled.

The closing prayer was offered by T. Helmantoler and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

Native Americans in the Civil War by Donald L Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

"We boldly claim that we have done our duty, to the full extent of our power, as the friends and allies of the Federal Government. More than three fourths of the able bodied men of the loyal Cherokee, fought in the Federal army, which is a vastly larger proportion of men than any state in the Union has furnished for the war. We fought to the end of the war, and when the last rebel was whipped, we were honorably mustered out of the service.

The graves of eight hundred Cherokee warriors, fallen by our side in your service, testify that we have done our duty. Now, having done our whole duty to the Government, all we ask is that the Government do its duty to us -- that it fulfill its treaty obligations to us -- that it fulfill its solemn, reiterated pledges.

We ask no gifts, no charities, but simply our rights for which we have fought and bled in your armies, and for which so many of our noblest men have died. We make our earnest appeal to the President of the United States and to Congress. We entreat you to regard sacredly your past treaties with us, and to enact no law that shall sweep out of existence those most sacred rights which you have guaranteed to us forever."

The 1866 Cherokee Delegation: Smith Christie, James McDaniel, Thomas Pegg, White Catcher, Daniel Ross, John B. Jones, Samuel Benge

Native Americans were often overlooked in both armies. Perhaps because of the smaller numbers of them that served in the war effort. About 12,000 American Indians served in the army of the Confederacy and around 6,000 served in the Union army. Most of the Indians who served were members of the Five Civilized Tribes living outside of the Indian Territory.

Perhaps the best known of those in the Union Army was Colonel Ely Parker, who served as an aide to General U. S. Grant, and was present at Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. Statistics for the Confederacy are not reliably available, but most scholars of Native American involvement in the actual fighting of the war are very well acquainted with the major Southern figure among them: Brigadier General Chief Stand Watie, a three-quarter blood Cherokee who was born in December 1806 near what would become Rome, Georgia.

Stand Watie was one of the signers of a treaty that agreed to the removal of the Cherokee from their home in Georgia to what was then the Oklahoma territory; this split the tribes into two factions, and Stand Watie became the leader of the minority party. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the minority party gave its allegiance to the Confederacy, while the majority party went for the North. Watie organized a company, then a regiment known as the First Cherokee Mounted Rifles; the regiment fought at Wilson's Creek, Elkhorn, and in numerous smaller fights and skirmishes along the border with what was known as Indian Territory.

The warriors found curious the white man's strategy of standing still and allowing people to shoot at them, or lob artillery shells at them; the Cherokee tended to be spectacular at wildly brave mounted charges, but once the artillery began to fire, the warriors wanted nothing to do with it. Stand Watie was unreconstructed to the end; it is believed he never surrendered until June 23, 1865, well after other Confederate commanders had given up. He died in 1871 and is buried in the Old Ridge Cemetery in Delaware County, Oklahoma.

The Confederates would raise eleven regiments and seven battalions of Indian cavalry with a few more scattered throughout the ranks of white units. These Indians would go to battle with long hair, painted faces and their dress was mainly made up of their traditional Indian costumes. This included buck-skin

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PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



We celebrated Pres. Lincoln's Birthday with this beautiful and tasty cake at the February meeting.



2/5 Redlands BSA "Lincoln Pilgrimage" Co. G, Color Guard, Michael Hicks-17, Jerry Sayre-21, Ken Walker-2/18, Bill Leconte-2, Glen Roosevelt-17, Ryan O'Connell-Friend of 2



3/26, L-R, Camp 17 Glen Roosevelt DCmdr Camp 21 Jerry Sayre PDC, Camp 2 Phil Caines DSEC, at St. Catherine's Academy re-enactment



Above and right, 3 photos of the 2/20 SAR "Massing of The Colors" in Burbank's Forest Lawn Cemetry. Jerry Sayre-21, Glen Roosevelt-17, Ken Walker-2/18, Bill Leconte-2



2/26 VMMC Memorial Service, D. Allyn, J. Sayre, D. Poole, T. Helmantoler, W. Tisch



Above, at the 3/5-6 Vista Steam Engine Museum reenactment, Bros. Tom Helmantoler PCC, Jerry Sayre PDC, John Howell and Dave Allyn at our display



At right, Kim and Jerry Sayre with some of their raffles prizes at the Dept. Encampment C-in-C Dinner

At left; L-R, ASUVCW Dept. Pres. Melanie Caines, ASUVCW Natl Pres. Virginia Twist, SUVCW C-in-C Brad Schall, Dept. Commander Glen Roosevelt at GAR Memorial wreath laying ceremony





Native Americans in the Civil War (Cont)

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hunting shirt, dyed of almost any color, leggings, and moccasins. Many went into battle bareheaded and about half carried only bows and arrows, tomahawks and war clubs. The natives were often ill-treated and ignored by their superiors. This often led native soldiers to give a half-hearted effort to the war cause. All too often the natives would ignore army regulations and fight in their old traditional ways. But they certainly lent color to the troops of the Confederacy and Union.

Source: *The Civil War Society's "Encyclopedia of the Civil War."*

<http://dburgin.tripod.com/indians.html>

No New Members have been reported since our last edition. Please do all you can to assist the continuance of our Order by talking about it to relatives and friends.

We have a "Recruiting Newsletter" version of *The General* available to aid you in recruitment. Contact any officer for a copy - or several.

Department Encampment Report (Cont)

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and myself, we headed to our motel and got a good night's sleep, albeit short due to the change from PST to PDT. That loss of an hour gets more difficult each year, in my opinion ! Upon the morn, we roused ourselves out and dined at Margie's restaurant, where you still get a fine, large breakfast for a reasonable price. Then it was back on the 101 for the trip home. The weather coming home was even more bright and beautiful then on the Friday before and the miles seemed to slip by with swift ease. And before you could say, "Bob's your uncle !" we were back home. All-in-all, I would rate the 125th Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific a highly successful and most enjoyable experience ! Dates for next years Encampment, the 126th, will be March 9-10, 2012, the location is yet to be determined. I encourage all Camp 21 Brothers to put this on your calendar and into your schedule.

Humbly submitted, Dave Allyn, Editor.

"DECADERS"

Paul Champlin 04-01

Congratulations on attaining 10 years of membership in the SUVCW

Thank you Brothers 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



All Dept. of Cal & Pacific Brothers who are also SVR members assembled after the GAR cemetery memorial service at the conclusion of the 125th Annual Encampment

OUR NEXT MEETING: Sat. Apr. 16, 2011

April 16, 2011 4:00 PM

LOCATION

**Degheri Alumni Center
University of San Diego
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110**

Our Program

Everything you wanted
to know about
"The Sons of Veterans Reserve"
by 6th Military District Officers
of our Camp, Lt. Col. Dave Allyn,
Capt. Jerry Sayre, Capt. Will
Tisch, 2nd Lt. Tom Helmantoler

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

From the North: Use I-5 South, exit Sea World Dr. and Tecolote Rd. and proceed left at stoplight toward Morena Blvd. Turn right on Morena, left on Napa, and left on Linda Vista Rd. Travel to the second stoplight to USD's Main entrance, turn left and enter campus.

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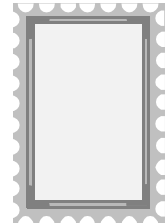


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