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## Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Jeff Malone

Greetings,

### DON'T MISS OUT

My message for this Memorial Day is: **DON'T MISS OUT!** This is our Camp's opportunity to get out in our community and show our patriotism and honor the sacrifices of those who have served our nation in peace and war. I encourage everyone to attend (and participate in, if possible) one of several Memorial Day events in a community near you:

#### Saturday, May 28 at 10:00 AM.

Odd Fellows Community Cemetery, Corner of West Clemmens Ln and Alturas Street (map @ Rt) Fallbrook, California 92028

Lunch to follow ceremony at:  
*El Jardin Mexican Restaurant*  
1581 South Mission Road  
Fallbrook, CA 92028

#### Sunday, May 29 at 1:00 PM

El Cajon Cemetery  
2080 Dehesa Road  
El Cajon, CA 92019

#### Monday, May 30 at 10:00 AM

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery  
Cabrillo Memorial Drive  
San Diego, California 92166  
or,

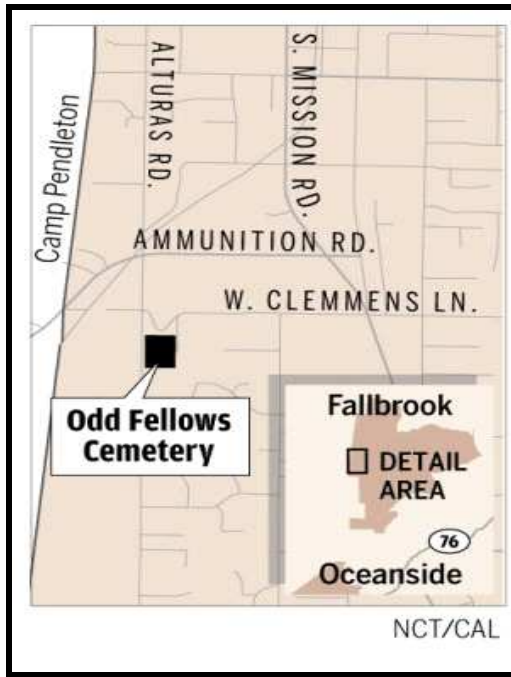
Veterans Association of North  
County Resource Center  
1617 Mission Avenue  
Oceanside, California 92051

and,

#### Monday, May 30 at 1:00 PM

Mt. Hope Cemetery  
3751 Market Street  
San Diego, California 92102

Thank you all for doing such an excellent job in making our Camp a truly great organization. Your efforts are very much appreciated. This Memorial Day, let us resolve to honor our Union ancestors and conduct ourselves with 'Fraternity, Charity and Loy-



alty.'

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*Jeff Malone*

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**CAMP EMAIL DIRECTORY.** If you wish to be included in the Camp Email Directory, send your permission & email address to Dave Allyn at:  
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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.

**Focus on Matthew Sherman, Heintzelman Post 33 G.A.R.**  
 contributed by Jeff Malone



**Matthew Sherman (1827-1898)**  
 Mayor, City of San Diego  
 U.S.S. *Independence*, United States Navy, Mexican War  
 Captain, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, California Infantry, Civil War

The following excerpt was taken from *San Diego County California: A record of Settlement, Organization, Progress and Achievement, Volume II*, The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, 1913.

“The life history of Captain Matthew Sherman, now deceased, was closely interwoven with the records of San Diego and the development and up-building of the Pacific coast country. In fact, no history of the city could be complete without extended reference to him and his business interests, for his labors constituted, at least in part, the foundation upon which the later development and prosperity of San Diego has been built. His birthplace was at Charlestown, Mass, his natal day, Oct. 11, 1827. It is a far reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, but it was farther still in the days when Captain Sherman came to the west, owing to the comparatively primitive methods of travel at the time. During the period the Mexican war was in progress he sailed around Cape Horn to San Francisco on the flagship *Independence*, Commodore Shubrick in command. He aided his country throughout the period of hostilities with Mexico and then returned to the Atlantic coast on the same ship. His next trip to California was made in 1848 or 1849, on the bark, *Congress*. He served through the Civil war on the Pacific coast as a member of Company F, Fourth Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry, joining the army as a first lieutenant but was subsequently serving as quartermaster and captain to the time he was honorably discharged at the close of the war in 1865. During the early period of his residence in California, Captain Sherman was engaged in merchandising in Auburn, Placer County. He took a deep and helpful interest in the many matters of public progress, was always interested in progressive citizenship and

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marched in the parade in San Francisco when California was admitted to statehood in 1850. He came to San Diego in 1861 and in 1868, at the corner of Nineteenth and J streets, built the first house in new San Diego outside of the government buildings. From that time forward until his death his interests centered largely here and his labors were a resultant element in bringing the city to its present condition of growth and prosperity. He was for four years collector of customs in San Diego and was otherwise connected with events of public importance. He built and conducted a grain warehouse and furthermore, was engaged in the real-estate business, his activities along both lines contributing to his success. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in the southeastern part of San Diego, which he laid out into town lots, originally known as the Sherman addition but now known as Sherman Heights. It would be almost impossible to enumerate the interests with which Captain Sherman was connected that bore directly or indirectly upon the welfare and up-building of the city. He at all times took an active interest in the affairs of the town and he gave the land on which now stands the Sherman school, so named in his honor. Through his efforts the San Diego cemetery was laid out. His political support was given to the Republican Party and in 1891-92 he was mayor of San Diego and was also, for a considerable period, a member of the board of trustees. He

belonged to Heintzleman Post, G.A.R., of which he was the first commander, and he was a member of the Pioneer Society of California, and the Episcopal Church. In 1867, in Wilmington, near Los Angeles, Captain Sherman was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Jane Barrett, a native of Maine, and to them were born three children: Fannie Barrett, who became the wife of Charles Sloan and died leaving a daughter, Augusta F.; Matthew Barrett, who married Lillian Moore; and Sarah Augusta, who passed away at the age of nineteen and a half month, in 1877. Mrs. Augusta Jane Sherman was born April 17, 1839, at Summer, Maine. When a young girl she moved to Boston, where she resided for some time. The stories of California, which she heard while living in the east, created a strong wish to visit the far-away country of the Pacific. In the early sixties her wish was granted, when she came to California by way of Panama. After a short residence in the northern part of the state she came to San Diego, becoming the third school teacher in the county. San Diego at the time was limited in what is now known as Old Town, the present site of the city being brush-covered hills. While teaching school she met Captain Matthew Sherman, who she married in Wilmington, near Los Angeles. Captain and Mrs. Sherman soon returned to San Diego to reside, erecting one of the first houses in the present city at Nineteenth and J streets. Here the three children of the couple were born. Four years

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Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Month, Day, Year	Contact Persons
* Armed Forces Day Parade, Torrance	1:30 PM, 21 May <i>muster at 1:00 PM</i>	Jerry Sayre, Tom Helmantoler
* Memorial Day, Oddfellows Cemetery, Fallbrook	Sat. 10:00 AM, 28 May <i>muster at 9:30 am</i>	Jeff Malone, Jerry Sayre
* Memorial Day, El Cajon Cemetery, El Cajon with Elk's Lodge 1812	Sun. 1:00 PM, 29 May <i>muster at 12:30 pm</i>	Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre
Memorial Day, VANC Hall, 1617 Mission Blvd. Oceanside	Mon. 10:00 AM, 30 May	John May, Jerry Sayre
Memorial Day, Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, Pt. Loma	Mon. 10:00 AM, 30 May	Jeff Malone, Will Tisch
* Memorial Day, Mt Hope Cemetery, SD	Mon. 1:30 PM, 30 May <i>muster at 1:00 pm</i>	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
Regular Camp Meeting, DeGheri Alumni Center, USD, San Diego	Sat. 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 Alumni Center, USD, San Diego	Sat. 4:30 PM, 13 Aug <i>Set-up at 4:00</i>	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING April 16, 2011**

**Present:** Brothers Dave Allyn, George Cavanagh, Michael Clover, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, John May, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Will Tisch, and guests Ira Lack, Kim Sayre and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by JVC Deane Poole 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 W. Tisch.

Announcements: Charmaine Malone has recently had surgery and is recovering. SVC Bob Rainbolt is also experiencing health problems. Ira Lack from the Fr. A.J. Ryan Camp 302 of SCV was present as a guest.

### **I. Officers' Reports**

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Finch).
- 2) Treasurer J. May reported a balance of \$5012.97.
- 3) Secretary J. May reported correspondence from Br. Gene Jumper who is resigning his membership.
- 4) J. May reported that there are 51 brothers who have renewed membership.
- 5) Chap. T. Helmantoler reported the death of Br. Kirby Morgan from Camp 24.

### **II. Committee Reports**

- 1) W. Tisch reported for the Mt. Hope Restoration Committee that the materials to build the carriage for the mortar are available and construction plans are underway. A motion (Tisch/Helmantoler) to move the mortar to the Aerospace Museum was approved.
- 2) Minter's Ranch project is still in the Camp's plans. No report, but it is thought that interest is growing due to the sesquicentennial celebration.

### **III. Upcoming Events**

- 1) Torrance Armed Services Day Parade will be on 5/21. See J. Sayre if you wish to participate.
- 2) Fallbrook Memorial Day at Odd Fellows Cemetery on 5/28 at 10am.
- 3) El Cajon Memorial Day at Dehesa Cemetery will be observed 5/29 at 1:00 pm.
- 4) Mt. Hope Memorial Day observation will be on 5/30 at 1:30pm.
- 5) Oceanside Memorial Day event will be at the

VANC Hall on Mission Blvd. on 5/30 at 10am.

### **IV. Old Business**

- 1) Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn was attended by J. Sayre. It was a Washington's Birthday observance.
- 2) The Vista Reenactment was well attended and the Camp got some good exposure and a few potential recruits.
- 3) The Department Encampment was a successful event. The new Dept. Cmdr. is Glen Roosevelt. In an effort to raise money for the Dept., an opportunity drawing is being held to win a replica pistol.
- 4) A reenactment at St. Catherine's Military School was attended by J. Sayre with wife, Kim Sayre.
- 5) The reenactment at Prado Park in Chino Hills was also attended by J. Sayre and wife, Kim.
- 6) D. Allyn and J. Sayre attended the dedication of the gravestone of CPL John Miller at Artesia Cemetery.
- 7) J. Sayre will look into the possibility of replacing a tree in the Sacramento City Cemetery that the Camp purchased in 1999.
- 8) A motion (May/Sayre) was passed to have the Camp purchase 5 additional JROTC awards. J. May to order.

### **V. New Business**

- 1) A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) was passed to have W. Tisch spend up to \$70 to print programs for the Mt. Hope Memorial Day event.
- 2) A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) was passed to have the Camp purchase 10 Sesquicentennial coins from the National Quartermaster. J. May will order.
- 3) M. Schooling spoke on some of the legal issues that the SCV is involved in.
- 4) The Conspirator is now showing. An attempt to find a common time to attend was unsuccessful.
- 5) The San Diego Central Library on E Street will have a Civil War Sesquicentennial display starting 4/17 with an opening ceremony.
- 6) J. Sayre will obtain a new frame for the Camp's charter.

### **VI. SVR Report**

D. Allyn gave a short history of the SVR and with

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residence with her family in El Cajon valley brought Mrs. Sherman the friendship of old residents of that valley. Returning to the city the present home at 563 Twenty-second street was erected, about twenty-five years ago. In 1898 occurred the death of her husband. During her widowhood she resided with her son and daughter in the family home. On the morning of July 19, 1911, she experienced the loss of her daughter. Mrs. Sherman lived but a year and a half longer, dying very suddenly Sunday morning, January 5, 1913. Mrs. Sherman was a member of the State of Maine and California Pioneer societies and was one of the old members of the Woman's Relief Corps. Among her friends she numbered the older residents of the city, those who, like her, saw San Diego grow to a city, and who formed during the city's growth the old, cherished friendships given to the pioneer. She gave the beautiful name of Mount Hope to the cemetery where she was buried. She was also a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and at one time was president of the Pioneer Society of California. She gave a bell for the Sherman school and always took an active and helpful interest in the many projects

relating to the public welfare. Captain Sherman had always been an interested witness to the growth and development of this section of the country for a half century and had borne an active and helpful part in the many movements relating to public progress. He could tell many an interesting tale of the early days and could speak authoritatively upon matters of public movement of which he had been an eye witness. His work was fraught with good results and far-reaching influences as that of his late wife, and their memories are honored and revered as those of pioneer settlers of San Diego County."



Mount Hope Cemetery, Division 3, Section 9, Lot 1, Grave 14



# PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



Left and above, in April 2LT T. Helmantoler was presented with his Commission and Cpl D. Poole was given his NCO Warrant by Capt. Sayre. LTC D. Allyn and Capt W. Tisch assisted.

Below, Jerry Sayre at the April Prado Park Re-enactment in Chino



Right; DC Glen Roosevelt, PDC Jerry Sayre, DSEC Phil Caines at Anaheim's St. Catherines Academy Re-enactment, 26 March



At Left; Jerry Sayre and Honor Guard from Camps 2, 17, and 18 render salute at Apr 9th headstone dedication ceremony for Cpl. John W. Miller in Cerritos' Artesia Cemetery. At Right; LTC Dave Allyn, CO, 6th Mil. Dist. SVR, presents the folded Flag to Mr. Everett Miller, G-Grandson of Cpl. Miller, who had not known he had a Civil War ancestor until contacted by Camp 2 CC Loran Bures



Below, letter and photo received by Bro. John May from the JROTC instructor who requested the SUVCW JROTC Award for Cadet Weston Souza, Waimea High School. Ms. Barbara Van Balen, DAR, presented the award on behalf of our Camp.

Mr. May,

Here is your organization's award being presented by Ms Van Balen to cadet Mark Abalos accepting for cadet Weston Souza who could not attend due to his visiting his grandmother who was very ill that night. Mr. Weston Souza did get the award later in the week. Thank you and your organization for once again supporting our cadets and our program.

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## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Con't)

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the help of J. Sayre and W. Tisch, conducted a Presentation Ceremony to present commission papers to 2LT T. Helmantoler and an NCO warrant to CPL D. Poole.

### 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 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John May, Secretary

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

## More from Camp Commander Jeff Malone

### LAST CALL

#### 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 currently showing a Special Exhibit at the San Diego Public Library's Central Brach located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. If you have not been to see it, time is running out! The exhibit started showing April 17 and runs through May 27, 2011. Don't miss out.

#### Mount Hope Cemetery Interment Project Update

The Camp's Sesquicentennial project to document all of the interments in the Grand Army of the Republic sections at Mount Hope Cemetery continues to make great progress. As of May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Camp has successfully documented a total of 1,115 individuals (Surnames beginning with "A" through "N"). Our goal is 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>

### "DECADERS"

**Paul Champlin 04-01**

**Will Tisch 12-01**

**Congratulations on  
attaining 10 years of  
membership in the  
SUCVW**

**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](http://www.sdcwrt.org)

### 150 Years Ago Today, May 21, 1861

- ◆ Missouri declares its neutrality in the Civil War.
- ◆ Confederate Congress votes to move its capital from Montgomery to Richmond.
- ◆ Sterling Price signs an agreement with William Harney, essentially handing Missouri over to federal forces.

**OUR NEXT MEETING: Sat. June 11, 2011**

**June 11, 2011 4:00 PM**

***LOCATION***

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

***Our Program***

Author, David Wall, will speak on his book, *“Always in The Middle of The Battle,”* the story of his Grandfather, Edward Kiniry’s unit, the 1st IL Vol. Lt. Art. Batt. D, from Ft. Henry to Atlanta. After, Mr. Wall will sign purchased copies

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From the South: Use I-5 North, exit Morena Blvd. (signs will say: Morena Blvd. use I-8 East) Stay to the right and follow the signs for Morena Blvd. Take the first right onto Linda Vista Rd. Travel to the third stoplight to USD's Main entrance, turn left and enter campus.

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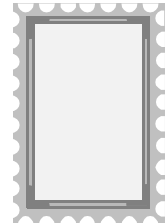


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*“One Nation Under God”*



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