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Camp Commanders Corner ~ by Jeff Malone

Greetings,

It has been a challenging couple of weeks for the Camp. Two of our Brothers endured Heart Stent Procedures and are now on the road to recovery. Dr. Dan Nation had his procedure on June 28th. Senior Vice Commander Bob Rainbolt had his on July 14th. Please keep these Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Camp is continuing to make progress on the various Camp projects. Camp Councilmember, Tom Helmantoler, PCC, has been in touch with members of the Angel Family who are the present owners of the former Minter's Ranch and the site where the Confederates under the command of Dan Showalter were captured by Union Forces. Camp Councilmember, Will Tisch, PCC is working with the San Diego Aerospace Museum in performing much needed restoration work on the U.S. Model 1861 10-inch Siege Mortar. I am continuing to work with several volun-

teers to identify everyone who is interred within the Grand Army of the Republic Sections at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Blue/Gray Beach Party, Saturday, August 20, 2011 (12:00 Noon Until 5:00 PM). The 3rd Annual Turkey Shoot will be on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Plan ahead to be there and enjoy all of the fun!



Camp Cmdr Jeff Malone, SDCWRT Pres. Dave Tooley and honored persons at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony, 30 May

Thank you all for doing such an excellent job in making our Camp a truly great organization. All of your volunteer efforts are very much appreciated. Let's all do our part 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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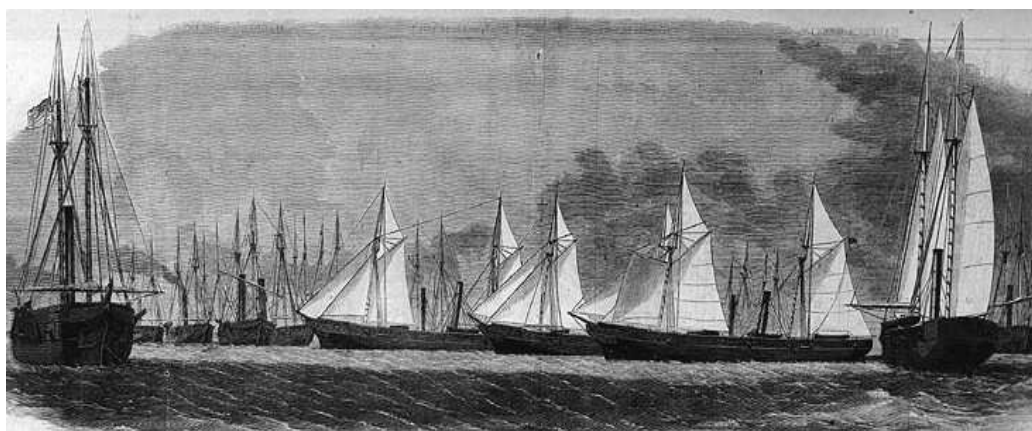
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SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$6.00. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVR Representative listed

Heintzleman Post No. 33, G.A.R. - Charter Member
contributed by Jeff Malone

James P. Jones
Second Class Fireman
United States Navy
1834-1913



Engraving published in "Harper's Weekly", July-December 1861 volume. It depicts ten of the "90-Day Gunboats" constructed for the U.S. Navy in 1861-62. Ships, as identified below the image bottom, are (from left, all U.S.S.): *Chippewa, Sciota, Itasca, Winona, Huron, Ottawa, Pembina, Seneca, Unadilla* and *Sagamore* (extreme right). U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

The following information has been excerpted from the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships <http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/>

James P. Jones was born in Madison, Somerset County, ME on Mar. 10, 1834. James P. Jones married Mary T. Blackman in a ceremony conducted by the Rev. E. B. Webb on June 20th, 1858 in Augusta, ME. Unemployed at the time, James P. Jones enlisted as a Second Class Fireman in the United States Navy on Nov. 8th, 1861 and reported aboard the receiving ship U.S.S. *Ohio* at the Boston Navy Yard. The *Ohio* was an old "74-Rate Ship-of-the-Line" that was originally launched in May 1820. James P. Jones only spent a couple of weeks aboard *Ohio* when he was transferred to the U.S.S. *Sagamore*. *Sagamore* is an American Indian term meaning "a lesser chief." The *Sagamore*, was a wooden, screw, steam gunboat of the *Unadilla*-class. Twenty-three *Unadilla*-class ships were ordered by the Navy for a total of \$2.17 million [equivalent to \$50 million today] and were better known as the "90-day Gunboats." *Sagamore* was built by the A. & G. T. Sampson and Atlantic Works, in Boston. The ship was launched in Sep. 1861 and commissioned on Dec. 7th, 1861, at the Boston Navy Yard with James P. Jones aboard as an original "Plankowner." The ship was 158 feet, 4 inches long with a beam of 28 feet and a draft of 9 feet, 6 inches. It had a displacement of 691 tons and could make 10 knots with its single screw propeller powered by a 2-cycle horizontal back-acting engine (30 inch bore

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with a 1 foot, 6 inch stroke). *Sagamore* had a 114-man crew complement and was armed with one 11 inch smooth bore, two 24 pounder smooth bores, and one 20 pounder muzzle-loading rifle. Upon commissioning, *Sagamore* was immediately ordered to report to Flag Officer William W. McKean for duty as part of the East Gulf Blockading Squadron which patrolled the waters off the coasts of Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Flag Officer McKean, in his sixties at the time, was a veteran of the War of 1812. *Sagamore's* first encounter with the enemy came at Apalachicola, FL. On April 3rd, 1862, armed boat crews from *Sagamore* and *Mercedita* captured the city without resistance. On Sep. 11th, 1862, a landing party from *Sagamore* destroyed the salt works, which could produce 200 bushels a day, at St. Andrews Bay, FL. *Sagamore* next captured the blockade-running

English schooner *By George* off Indian River, FL, on Dec. 1st, 1862, with a cargo of coffee and sugar. In the month of January 1863, *Sagamore* captured *Avenger, Julia*, and destroyed the sloop *Elizabeth*. Next she captured the sloop *Enterprise* on March 8th, 1863, and the sloop *New York* on April 26th, 1863. On July 28th, 1863, boats from *Sagamore* and *Para* attacked New Smyrna, FL. After shelling the town, Union Forces captured two schooners; caused the Confederate forces to destroy several other vessels, some of which were loaded with cotton and ready to sail; and burned large quantities of cotton on shore. Following the attack at New Smyrna, *Sagamore* returned to her coastal duties. On Aug. 8th, 1863, *Sagamore* captured the sloops *Clara Louise, Southern Rights, Shot*, and *Ann*. Ten days later, James P. Jones was transferred to the U.S.S. *Hendrick Hudson*. *Hendrick Hud-*

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Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Month, Day, Year	Contact Persons
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. Set-up at 4:00	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
Blue/Gray Beach Party, Gator Beach, Naval Amphib Base, Coronado	Sat. Noon-5 PM, 20 Aug.	Jeff Malone
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	Sat, 12:30 PM, 27 Aug. Muster at 12 Noon	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
* Large ACW Re-enactment, Central Park, Huntington Beach Info recruiting table with Camps 2, 4, 17, 18	Sat-Sun, 3-4 Sep.	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
Drum Barracks, Wilmington, "Civil War on the Home-front," **An SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event**	Sat-Sun, 24-25 Sep.	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
Regular Camp Meeting, DeGheri Alumni Center, USD, San Diego	Sat. 4:30 PM, 8 Oct. Set-up at 4:00	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt
Third Annual Turkey Shoot, Project 2000 Shooting Range, 2082 Willow Glen Dr, El Cajon	Sat. 9:45 AM, 29 Oct.	Jeff Malone/Bob Rainbolt
* MOWW "Massing of Colors," Balboa Park Organ Pavilion	Sat. 10:30 AM, 29 Oct.	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
* Veterans Day Parade, San Diego (<i>more info next edition</i>)	Fri. 11 Nov.	TBD
* Memorial Service, VMMC, San Diego	Sat, 12:30 PM, 26 Nov. Muster at 12 Noon	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
* Christmas Parade, downtown Fallbrook	Sat. 5 PM, 3 Dec. Muster at 4:30	Jerry Sayre/Tom Helmantoler
Annual Social & Officer Elections Meeting, DeGheri Alumni Center, USD, San Diego	Sat. 4:30 PM, 10 Dec. Set-up at 4:00	Jeff Malone, Bob Rainbolt

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING June 11, 2011

Present: Brothers George Cavanagh, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, John Howell, Jeff Malone, John May, Deane Poole, Bob Rainbolt, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, and guests Kim Sayre and David Wall.

The meeting was called to order by CMDR J. Malone 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. May.

I. Officers' Reports

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Helmantoler/Sayre).
- 2) Treasurer J. May reported a balance of \$3231.60 of which \$655 is in the Minter's Ranch Fund and \$100 in the Mt. Hope Restoration Fund.
- 3) Secretary J. May reported correspondence from Br. Gene Armistead and Br. Milt Irwin.
- 4) CMDR Malone described the efforts to list all CW veterans in the G.A.R. section of Mt. Hope Cemetery and to secure headstones for those without. J. Howell volunteered to cross-reference the work with the SUVCW Graves Registration data base.

II. Committee Reports

B. Rainbolt reported for the Mt. Hope Restoration Committee that the mortar is at Gillespie Field and is undergoing restoration. Construction of the carriage has also commenced. Both the U.S.S. Midway Museum and the VMMC are interested in the possibility of displaying the mortar as part of the CW Sesqui-centennial.

B. Rainbolt also reported for the Minter's Ranch Committee that information is being gathered for a possible publicity effort.

III. Upcoming Events

None reported. Please see the July edition of The General.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. SVR Report

No SVR report.

VII. Members Minutes

No Members Minutes

VIII. Program

David Wall spoke about the CW experiences of his grandfather with the Army of the Tennessee.

The closing prayer was offered by T. Helmantoler and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

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son was the ex-Confederate blockade runner *Florida* that had been captured by U.S.S. *Pursuit* while attempting to run the blockade at St. Andrew's Bay in April 1862. *Hendrick Hudson* steamed to Boston for repairs in late August 1863 and James P. Jones was again transferred back aboard the U.S.S. *Ohio* to await his discharge which came on Nov. 5th, 1863. James P. Jones was a Charter Member of Heintzleman Post No. 33, G.A.R. He died on Nov. 13th, 1913 and is interred in Mount Hope Cemetery's G.A.R. Section 1, Lot 59, Grave 6-A. At the time of his death, James P. Jones was a resident of 1054 20th Street in San Diego.

Right, Copy of Audit form from Treasury Department.

Below; Headstone, engraved, "JAS. P. JONES U. S. NAVY"



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OFFICE OF THE
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James P. Jones enlisted November 8, 1861, serving as follows to November 5, 1863, when discharged.

Second-Class Fireman.

OHIO.....to Nov. 23/61.
SAGAMORE..... " Aug. 18/63.
HENDRICK HUDSON Sep. 30/63.
OHIO..... " Nov. 5/63.

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James P. Jones.

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



19 May, Waimea, HI. High School, SUVCW JROTC Award presented by Ms Van Balen, DAR, to cadet Mark Abalos for cadet Weston Souza who could not attend due to family illness.



29 May, Memorial Day, El Cajon Cemetery with Elk's Lodge 1812. At Lt, Former Camp First Lady Rosemary Lowe presided over the ASUVCW Flower Tribute ceremony. At Rt. Camp Brothers and Sisters with members of our honored sailor, Bill Kloor's family



28 May, Memorial Day ceremony, Fallbrook's OddFellows Cemetery. Above, Camp 21 and Eagle Young Marines. Lft, Abraham Lincoln Interpreter and Camp 21 Brother, Bill Peck recites the "Gettysburg Address." After the event Bill offered advice to and took questions from the youngsters.



Above, 30 May, Memorial Day, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Camp 21 Brothers and Sisters at base of GAR Flagpole with descendant of Gen. Datus Coon, our honored soldier. Rt Ctr, SUV, SCV and Young Marines color guards march on. Far Rt, Combined SUV and SCV honor guard fires rifle salute.



At Right, 9 Jul, Time-Line Reenactment, Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, L to R; Rachele Campbell PDP, Tad Campbell PDC, Jerry Sayre PDC, Phil Caines PCC, Melinie Caines DP, Lauren Bures CC, Trish Bures DS. This fun event represented numerous eras such as the Roman Legion, Pirates, American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII and many more. (photo by Kim Sayre)



More from Camp Commander Jeff Malone

Mount Hope Cemetery Interment Project Update

The Camp's Sesquicentennial project to document those interred in the Grand Army of the Republic sections of Mount Hope Cemetery is nearing completion. As of July 15,th the Camp has successfully documented a total of 1,330 individuals (Surnames beginning with "A" through "R"). Our goal of having this phase of the project completed by years' end is on track. 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>

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Blue/Gray Beach Party
When: Sat. Aug. 20, 2011 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM
Where: Gator Beach, NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, CORONADO, CA
Why: For fun and fellowship with all our Civil War compatriots
What to bring: snacks or a side dish to share. Hot dogs, burgers, and soft drinks will be provided. Also, remember to bring camp chairs, your bathing suit and suntan lotion ! Beer is OK BUT NO GLASS BOTTLES, PLEASE.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caajrscv/page16.html>

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3RD ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT.

Come one, come all...time to put your shootin' jacket on, pick up yur musket and see if you can't win a good ole Thanksgiving turkey. Just head on down to the Project 2000 (P2K) Shooting Range on Sat, Oct. 29, 2011 for all the fun. The competition starts at 10:00 AM, so try to get there a little early. Bring \$20 to put in the kitty for your shootin' supplies and a little something to eat and share with others around about lunch time. Might not hurt to bring a chair to sit on when yur not up on the firin' line. Ifn you have any questions at all, please contact me at the following e-mail and I'll do my best to help you out. SEE Y'ALL THERE! My e-mail: roy-adair@att.net

Project 2000 (P2K) Shooting Range, 2082 Willow Glen Drive, El Cajon, CA.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caajrscv/page17.html>

No New Members have been reported since our last edition. Please do all you can to assure 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 copies.

"DECADERS"

Paul Champlin 04-01

Will Tisch 12-01

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

150 Years Ago Today,

- ◆ Tuesday July 23 1861
BULL RUN BRINGS BITTER BEWILDERMENT

The Battle of Manassas was a tremendous shock to both sides. While there had been the initial blast of the firing on Ft. Sumter, Bull Run was where American fought American hand to hand. Few had ever thought it would come to outright bloodshed, and even those that did, assumed there would be no more than one battle. Today the command changes started, with John Dix appointed to the Department of Maryland and W.S. Rosecrans getting the huge Department of Ohio.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday August 11, 2011

Aug. 11, 2011 4:00 PM

LOCATION

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

Our Program

Camp Commander Jeff Malone will present a program entitled, "***The Baltimore Plot,***" after which he will lead a forum to discuss this important early-war incident.

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.

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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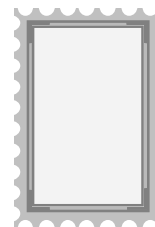


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