



Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Old San Diego County  
Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

# THE GENERAL

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## Camp Commander's Corner ♦ by Jerry R. Sayre, PDC

Brothers of Camp 21,

It is with a heavy heart that I bring the news of the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief, Allen R. Loomis. He died peacefully in his sleep in his own bed at home, early [Monday] morning, March 19, 2012.

Those who were privileged to meet him, knew him as a graceful, "Classy" man who was a friend to all he met. He was My first Commander-in-Chief when I joined in 1996.

I will leave the call for mourning to the National Organization. I just wanted to inform the Camp of our Loss.

I remain your Obt. Srvt. in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Jerry Sayre, PDC  
Commander, Camp 21



Alan R. Loomis, Past Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

NWI Times (Munster, IN), Wednesday, March 21, 2012

### Area deaths for Wednesday, March 21, 2012 ALAN R. LOOMIS

VALPARAISO, IN Alan R. Loomis, 77, of Valparaiso, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2012. He was born in Ottawa, IL on September 16, 1934 to Clifford and Winifred (Latimer) Loomis. Preceded in death by an older brother, Richard; and his parents. Alan attended the elementary school in Ottawa and graduated from Ottawa Township High School in 1952. He received an undergraduate degree from Millikin University, Decatur, IL, a Master's Degree in Geography from Northern Illinois University, and a Master's Degree in Earth Science from the University of Notre Dame. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. Following his Army service, he taught Junior High School in Dundee, IL, for seven years. Alan married Gretchen Miller of Valparaiso, IN on June 16, 1963. In 1966 they moved to Valparaiso, IN, where he taught science in the Middle School of Chesterton, IN and Merrillville, IN. He retired from the Merrillville School Corporation in 1994. Mr. Loomis was a member of the SUVCW Organization following his retirement. In 1995-1997 he served as Commander-in-chief of the SUVCW. In addition he was chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Cemetery, Springfield, IL. Surviving is his wife, Gretchen of Valparaiso; a son, Dale Loomis; and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 23, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Bartholomew Funeral Home, 102 Monroe Street, Valparaiso with Pastor Denver Ayres officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM at Bartholomew Funeral Home. To sign a guestbook for Alan, please visit: [bartholomewnewhard.com](http://bartholomewnewhard.com)

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** should be mailed to Camp Secretary at address above. Failure to notify Camp of change of address will result in missed issues of *The General* and *The Banner*.

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

**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. Those interested should contact SVR Rep. Capt. Jerry Sayre, 760-728-1444 cod26ia@roadrunner.com

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**General Order No. 17, SERIES 2011-2012, 21 March 2012**

I have the sad duty of reporting the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis. He passed away on 19 March at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer.

PCinC Loomis was a long time member of David D. Porter Camp, No. 116 in Valparaiso, IN. He served two terms as Camp Commander and three terms as Indiana Department Commander. He was elected Commander-in-Chief on 11 August 1996 at the 115th National Encampment in Columbus, OH.

PCinC Loomis was a friend and mentor to many in the SUVCW and will be remembered for his significant accomplishments in support of our Order.

Notable accomplishments include his work to restore the GAR Highway to prominence, the establishment of the Iron Brigade Highway and service as chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Program Committee.

I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the National website be draped in black until 21 April 2012 in remembrance of PCinC Loomis.

Brothers wishing to express condolences may sign the electronic guest book established at Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso, IN. The guest book and sympathy card options may be accessed at [www.bartholomewnewhard.com](http://www.bartholomewnewhard.com).

Ordered this 21st Day of March 2012.

Donald D. Palmer Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest:

Eugene Mortorff  
Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Fallbrook Village News, Thursday, March , 22, 2012

**Pittenger House to be designated DAR National Historic Site**  
By Nathalie Taylor, Special to the Fallbrook Village News

The year was 1890 and a man named William Pittenger purchased 20 acres of land in Fallbrook for \$60 an acre. In 1895 he built a Victorian-style home on the land. Fast forward to the year 2012 when this same structure will be designated a National Historic Site by the Monserate Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It is not that the building itself is extraordinary, but the combination of the age of the home – 117 years – and the fact that its builder William Pittenger (1840-1904) is a Medal of Honor

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recipient, lends a certain historical value to the wooden structure.

Pittenger, a sergeant in 2nd Ohio Infantry during the American Civil War was presented the Medal of Honor for penetrating nearly 200 miles into Confederate territory and capturing a railroad train in Georgia. Following his military service, Pittenger became an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as a minister at the Fallbrook church, and according to Julie Steen at Fallbrook United Methodist Church, he was the fifth minister of that church (as listed in a commemorative program).

Pittenger died in 1904, and his widow sold the house in 1910. The Fallbrook Historical Society (FHS) purchased the house in 1981. Cecelia Njust and her husband Carroll have been involved with the house since the FHS purchase. Carroll still conducts tours of the property.

According to Cecelia Njust, "Russ Elam and Helen Barker located the parcel, believing it a suitable site for a museum." She said that the two "could see potential that totally escaped me." Njust mentioned that on her first visit to the house before it was restored she was "shocked to nearly fall through the living room floor."

But they began work on the house "with the hope of a place to display some of the items we were storing in our homes." Today the Pittenger House is fully furnished with furniture and antiques that were not actually in the Victorian era house at the time the Pittengers owned it, but are mostly from the same time period.

Work is still going on at the historic building; and Njust commented, "The Live Oak Questers recently have spent many hours improving the interior of the house."

Beverlee Stuart-Borok, DAR Monserate Chapter regent, said that there are two reasons that the Pittenger House dedication is significant – it will bring attention to Pittenger (and his wartime service) and also take note of a "well preserved house that has been lovingly restored."

This is the first historic marker that the Monserate Chapter has dedicated in about 26 years; another marker was placed at the Reche School House in the 1980s.

Stuart-Borok mentioned that it is quite a lengthy process to obtain this designation – it took eight months. A great deal of paperwork and documents were requested by the DAR National Headquarters. Stuart-Borok commented that they needed, "At least two letters from historical experts who could confirm that all facts asserted were true." Pittenger House as a historical site is significant to the citizens of Fallbrook because it will "create awareness of the historical building and bring attention to the treasure Fallbrook has in its own backyard." She also noted that, "The Fallbrook Historical Society has done a wonderful job of preserving the past – they deserve to be recognized by the residents of Fallbrook."

The Monserate Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold the dedication ceremony and plaque installation on Saturday, March

31 at 10 a.m. The Pittenger House is located at 260 Rocky Crest Road in Fallbrook.

**Monserate Chapter  
Cordially Invites You  
To Attend The  
Dedication Of An  
Historical Marker**

**The Pittenger House,  
Home of Reverend William Pittenger,  
Civil War Hero and  
Recipient of the Medal of Honor.**

**Saturday, March 31  
10:00 a.m.**

**260 Rocky Crest Road  
Fallbrook, CA**

**Refreshments to Follow**



William Pittenger was the fifth person in history to receive the Medal of Honor. His Medal of Honor was issued on March 25, 1863 for his actions while serving as a Sergeant, Company G, 2d Ohio Infantry, in Georgia, April 1862.

**PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK: 126th Annual Department Encampment, March 2012**



Above, Department Commander Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC, flanked by members of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW.



Above, Will Tisch, PCC, enjoying the Encampment.



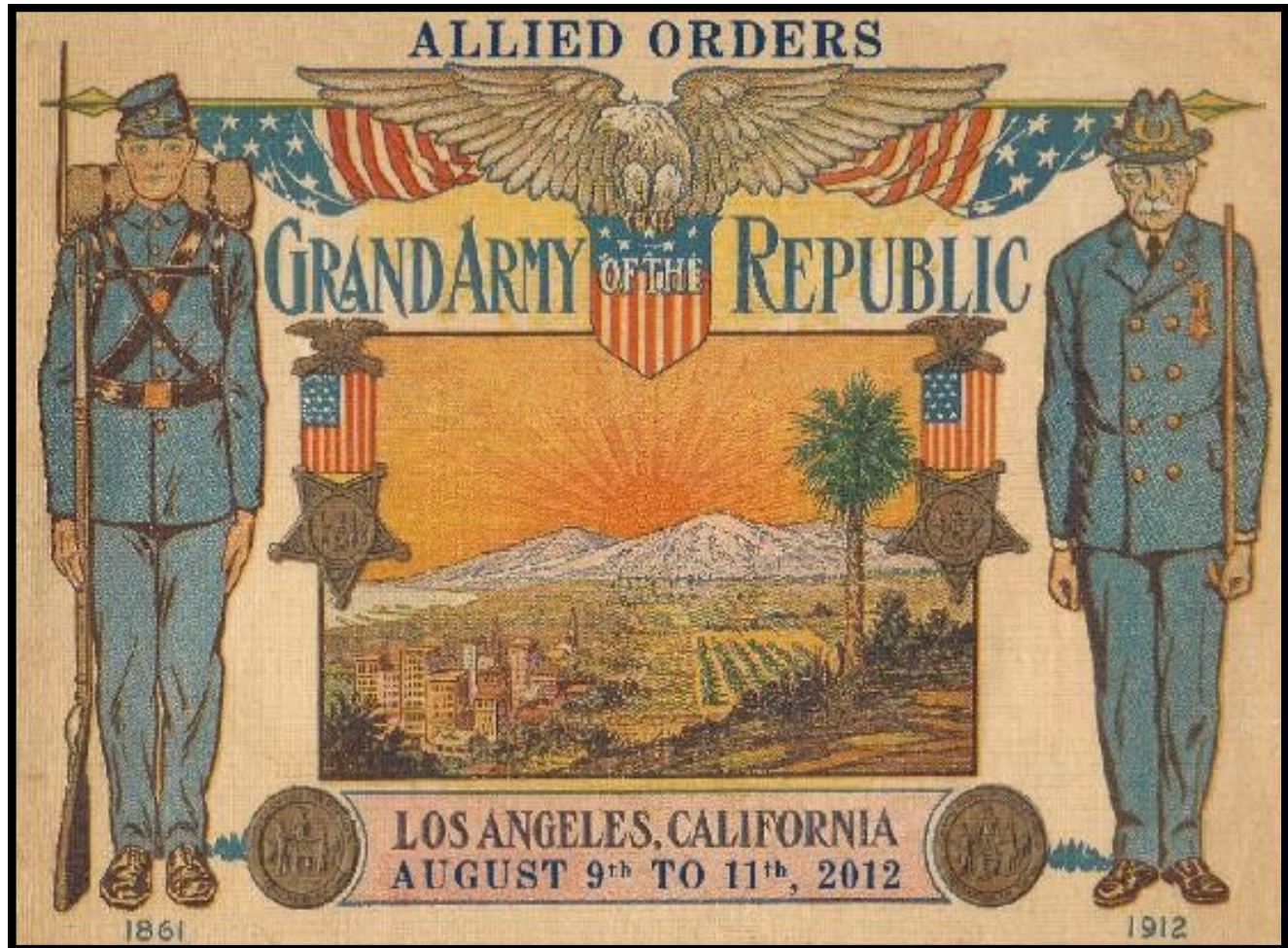
Left, Department Councilman & Color Bearer Jerry Sayre, PDC, stands ready with the Colors.



Below and right, Department Chaplain Tom Helmantoler, PCC, performs his duties.



**131st Annual National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



***DON'T MISS OUT, MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!***

***2012 National Encampment***

*August 9, 10 & 11, 2012*

*Los Angeles Airport Marriott*

*5855 West Century Boulevard*

*Los Angeles, CA 90045*

*Call Marriott Toll-free: 1-800-228-9290*

*Special Room Rate of \$99 (plus tax)*

*Reduced Self-Parking Fee of \$10 per day (plus tax - regularly \$27.50)*

*Complimentary shuttle to and from LAX Airport*

*Use Group Code "suvsuva" or tell them you are with the*

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*For forms and more details, visit:*

*<http://www.suvsuva.org/2012.html>*

HISTORICAL NEWS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC & ALLIED ORDERS

# Union Vets' Group Opens Convention

The Sons of Union Veterans is paying a visit to the convention of the department of California and Pacific. The Sons of Union Veterans is a patriotic group organized in 1889.

About 100 direct descendants of Union Army veterans were expected for memorial ceremonies last night, business sessions today and elections tomorrow.

San Diego's Brig. Gen. Daniel McCoy Camp No. 27 is host for the session.

Joseph S. Rippey of Rochester, N. Y., commander-in-chief of the organization.

"We promote patriotic observances, memorialize outstanding figures of the Civil War on the Union side, and sponsor placing of flags on graves of all veterans," said Rippey.

Members must be male descendants of Union veterans. There are more than 9,000 men in the national organization, Rippey said.

From the San Diego Union, Saturday, April 18, 1964, Page A-18.

## MORTAR AND SHELLS

Condemned Ordnance Received by Heintzelman Post

The ten-inch mortar and twenty-two ten-inch shells which the war department has turned over to Heintzelman Post, G. A. R., arrived last night on the Queen from San Francisco. Tomorrow morning the mortar and shells will be placed on exhibition on the plaza for several days. Adjutant Soby will explain the operation of the mortar.

From the Front Page of the Evening Tribune (San Diego, California), Monday, December 13, 1897.

Events & Location	Date	Time
Monserate Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Historical Marker Dedication at the Pittenger House 260 Rocky Crest Road, Fallbrook, California	Saturday, March 31, 2012	10:00 AM
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, April 14, 2012	4:00 PM
Elks Lodge No. 1812 Memorial Day at El Cajon Cemetery 2080 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, California	TBD	TBD
Fort Rosecrans Memorial Day Committee Memorial Day at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery 1880 Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	10:00 AM
Veterans Association of North County Memorial Day at Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 444 Country Club Lane, Oceanside, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	10:00 AM
Stonewall Jackson Chapter No. 476, United Daughters of the Confederacy Memorial Day at Mount Hope Cemetery 3751 Market Street, San Diego, California	Monday, May 28, 2012	1:00 PM
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, June 9, 2012	4:00 PM
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 131st Annual National Encampment at Los Angeles Airport Marriott 5855 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California	Thursday, August 9, 2012 Friday, August 10, 2012 Saturday, August 11, 2012 Sunday, August 12, 2012	TBD TBD TBD TBD
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, August 11, 2012 (Date subject to change to August 4th or 18th)	4:00 PM
Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp Meeting at University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, California	Saturday, October 13, 2012 (Date subject to change to October 20th)	4:00 PM



# My Union Ancestor

**My Union Ancestor**  
by Jerry Sayre, PDC

The San Diego Civil War Round Table meets the Third Wednesday of each month, 7 PM at Palisades Presbyterian Church 6301 Birchwood Street, San Diego and is open to the public. For further information, contact President Dave Tooley 858-672-2593 or on the Web at [www.sdcwrt.org](http://www.sdcwrt.org)

SDCWRT  
c/o David Tooley  
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San Diego, CA 92129-1116

I thought I'd start with the Ancestor I know the least about. James Bailey Furrow was born in March of 1845, in Logan County, Ohio, to Deacon William Simpkins and Elizabeth Maxson Furrow. He was the younger brother to my Great Grandmother, and later was married to the younger sister of my Great Grandfather. They were a close family. Little is known of his childhood other than he moved from Ohio, to Iowa, to Nebraska Territory with my Great Great Grandparents.

At eighteen and seven months, in November of 1864, he joined Co F, 1st Nebraska Territorial Cavalry for a term of 1 year. During which he served as a Private, scouting the Plains of the North Platte chasing Sioux, Pawnee and Kiowa. He never saw a Confederate, but spent his time protecting the new Railroads.

From the records of the Archives, he was 5 Ft 9, Hazel eyes, Brown hair and Dark complexion. Dr William Mc Clelland said he was fit for duty in Captain Gillette's Company. And so this boy from Nebraska Territory went to War. He served until November of 1865, when according to his discharge he was mustered out with his regiment. He was charged \$5.00 (\$3.00 for his saddle, and \$2.00 for his blanket) and \$8.00 for his Remington Pistol and his accoutrements. He was still on the rolls until March 1866 because he was not near a Mustering Post until then (Fort Kearney).

The Regiment was paid infrequently, if at all. In June of 1865, he was still due pay from enlistment. His \$100.00 Enlistment Bounty was credited to the town of Little Blue Station, Nebraska.

He came home to Nebraska to marry Mary Ann Hurley in April of 1866 in Richardson County. They were married 10 years until his early death in 1876, at 31 years old. The marriage produced 5 children, 4 boys and a girl.

1 Cav. Neb.

*James B. Furrow*

Co. F, 1 Reg't Nebraska Infantry.\*

Appears on

**Company Descriptive Book**

of the organization named above.

**DESCRIPTION.**

Age 18 years; height 5 feet 9 inches.

Complexion dark

Eyes Hazel; hair Brown

Where born Logan Co. Ohio

Occupation Soldier

**ENLISTMENT.**

When Nov 19, 1864

Where Little Blue

By whom Capt. Gillett; term 1 y'ry.

Remarks: Discharged Nov 24/65  
by reason of expiration  
of term of service

\* This organization became Co. F, 1 Reg't, Nebraska Cavalry.

*Andrew*

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<b>DEAD</b>				
NAME OF SOLDIER:		<i>Furrow, James B.</i>		
SERVICE:		<i>Late rank, Co. F, 1 Reg't Neb Cav</i>		
TERM OF SERVICE:		<i>Enlisted Nov. 19, 1864 Discharged Nov. 24, 1865</i>		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
	<i>Invalid,</i>			
<i>1890, July 24</i>	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>454-118</i>	<i>a, s 0</i>	
	<i>Minor,</i>			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
<i>MM 1/11/19</i>				
REMARKS:				
<i>See No. 575918 (See N.O. 910, 522 - C.C. 653, 901 + J.C. 610, 283)</i> <i>Charles Furrow 225 Ohio St. 1238 (Ohio) A 14 + 899 Ill. J.</i>				
<i>Died Jan. 21, 1877, at Humboldt, Neb.</i>				

National Archives Index Card for Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900

**OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**April 14, 2012 4:00 PM**

***LOCATION***

**Conference Rooms 112 & 113  
Degheri Alumni Center  
University of San Diego  
5998 Alcalá Park  
San Diego, CA 92110**

*Our Program*

TBD

**DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:**

From the North: Use I-5 South, exit Sea World Dr. & Te-colote 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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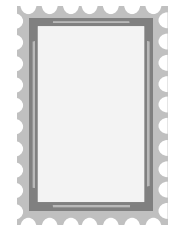
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*Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic  
and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union  
1861 - 1865*

***Plan Ahead! Memorial Day: Monday, May 28, 2012***