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

Brothers of Camp 21,

For my current year as Commander, I would like to suggest that we begin thinking about ways to preserve our history. It has come to my attention that we have already lost some of our history in not archiving our minutes, copies of *The General*, and records of our events throughout the years. We need to try to retrieve any and all that we can before it is lost forever.

When I went through Bob Lowe's computer after he had passed, I found no archives from his time as editor of *The General*. I do not know if Gene Armistead kept such copies from his years as editor. We will need to comb through hard copies that we may have from those years. I know I used to keep them, but I will have to go through a lot of boxes to find what I saved.

I know that both Gene and Dave Allyn held the position of Secretary before John May. Do we have copies of their records?

I have recently appointed Mike Schooling as Camp Quartermaster with the monumental task of trying to find, inventory, and record as much of our history, artifacts, and possessions that can be tracked down. If you have any Camp items, please notify Mike or myself as soon as possible.

For future safety we should send a copy of *The General* to Department Webmaster, Tad Campbell both to post it online and to serve as an archive for future use. Usually the Camp Meeting Minutes are published in *The General*, so it will serve a dual purpose.

We do have many records saved in various places, with

various Officers both past and present, but I feel we need to begin to assemble them in a concise manner.

Recently, 20+ years of minutes and other camp records from Camp 4, San Jose were found in a local historical society in San Bernadino County. Through the efforts of Camp 18 Commander, Richard Burns and Camp Sec/Tres Rudy Velasco, these were returned to Camp 4. A few years ago, the Department needed to buy back our banners and original Charter that had been lost because it was in the trunk of a car of a Brother who died and the car was sold to someone in Reno, NV.

This can happen all too easily, we must begin this effort now.

Jerry Sayre PDC
Commander, Camp 21

From Fallbrook Village News, Thursday, March 29, 2012:

Historic Pittenger House dedication on March 31 By Cecelia Njust, Special to the Village News

The Fallbrook Historical Society (FHS) will host the Monserate Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) dedication ceremony of Civil War hero William Pittenger's restored farmhouse at the FHS museum on Saturday, March 31. A plaque will be placed on the building during the event, opening with the uniformed Color Guard of the Sgt. Pittenger Camp, Sons of the Union Army.

DAR chapter Regent Beverlee Stuart-Borok will introduce

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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 SUVCV. 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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the dignitaries including Dr. Bradley Resare, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Fallbrook. Pittenger had been an early minister of the Fallbrook Methodist-Episcopal Church, which was located at the time on East Elder Street at South Mission. Across Elder to the north is the house that was the Pittenger home in town.

The exacting process of naming the Fallbrook site as historically significant has taken more than a year of DAR chapter work for Washington D.C. NSDAR's approval. Built in 1895 by Pittenger, the provenance from that time to the present had to be thorough and presented with the reason for the site selection.

Sgt. Pittenger took part in the Andrews raid into Georgia to destroy train tracks that allowed Confederate supplies into the border states and beyond. The raid was not a success although it became famous in books and movies. Some of the captured men survived and were awarded with a Medal of Honor authorized by Congress. President Abraham Lincoln presented the men with swords, one of which is part of a private collection in Fallbrook. Pittenger's grave in the Fallbrook Pioneer Cemetery is marked by a Medal of Honor stone.

The plaque unveiling will start at 10 a.m. with refreshments to follow. Docents will welcome special guests and the public to the museum grounds and exhibits. For more information, call (760) 728-3271.



Above are members of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 visiting the Historic 1895 Pittenger House in May 2010. On March 31, 2012, members of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 participated in the dedication of an historical marker at the Pittenger House in Fallbrook. Sgt. William Pittenger served with Company G, 2d Ohio Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in Georgia, April 1862, where he participated in the "Andrews Raid". Pittenger authored "Daring and Suffering: A History of the Great Railroad Adventure", published in 1887. Hollywood adapted the book twice, with "The General" in 1927 (Buster Keaton) and "The Great Locomotive Chase" in 1956 (Walt Disney).



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

SONS TO ESCORT FATHERS TODAY IN G. A. R. PARADE

U. S. Grant Camp of San Diego to Be in Line Just After Grand Marshal.

The Sons of U. S. Veterans, 50 or more strong, will be the official escort to their fathers today in the big parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is to be the feature of the encampment being held in San Diego this week.

Led by U. S. Grant Smith, commander of the local chapter, U. S. Grant Camp No. 37, the sons will be in line just after the grand marshal and his aides and just preceding the veterans. At the stadium they will take position at one side of the Grand Army men for the review.

G. A. R. SUCCESSORS

The Sons of Veterans are destined to be the successors of the G. A. R. and carry on the work of patriotic teaching and love of flag and nation that their fathers fought for. They are entitled to sit in the sessions of the Grand Army.

Although small in size compared with some of the organizations allied with the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans at this encampment have devoted themselves seriously to business and are holding long and strenuous sessions. Tonight a class of five or more San Diegans who have just joined the order will be initiated at a meeting in Masonic Temple by the drill team of the Past Commanders' club of Southern California. Among the candidates are C. H. Terwilliger, Leslie G. Zeigler, Harvey N. Jackson, James S. Gipson and Frank L. Cramer.

ONLY ONE CANDIDATE

C. O. Eoynton of Long Beach, who was elected yesterday as division commander to succeed W. A. Thayer of Santa Barbara, was the only candidate for the post. Death eliminated one candidate in Fred C. Martin of Los Angeles, who died a few weeks ago.

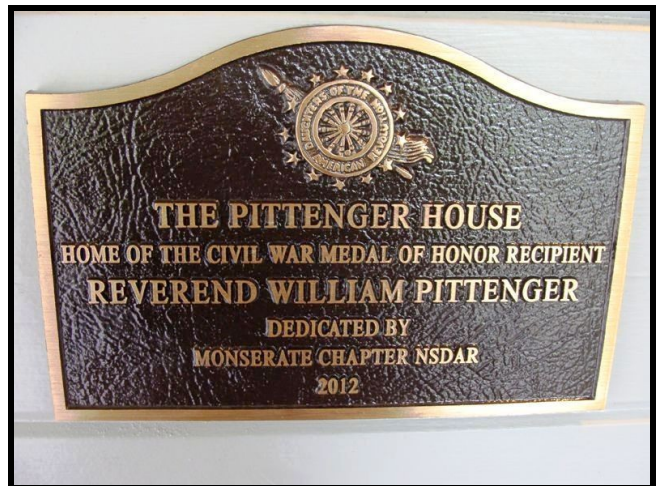
In this connection an affecting scene happened yesterday when Martin's father, who was one of the delegation which brought greeting to the Sons from the G. A. R., attempted to address the meeting and was so affected by grief that he broke down. L. A. Ludwig of Santa Ana, division counsellor, was another prominent member called by death recently.

At its session yesterday, Mrs. Beth Wanda of Sawtelle, affectionately known among the Sons as "Mother" Wanda, because of the interest she has taken in their order, addressed the meeting and was given an ovation.

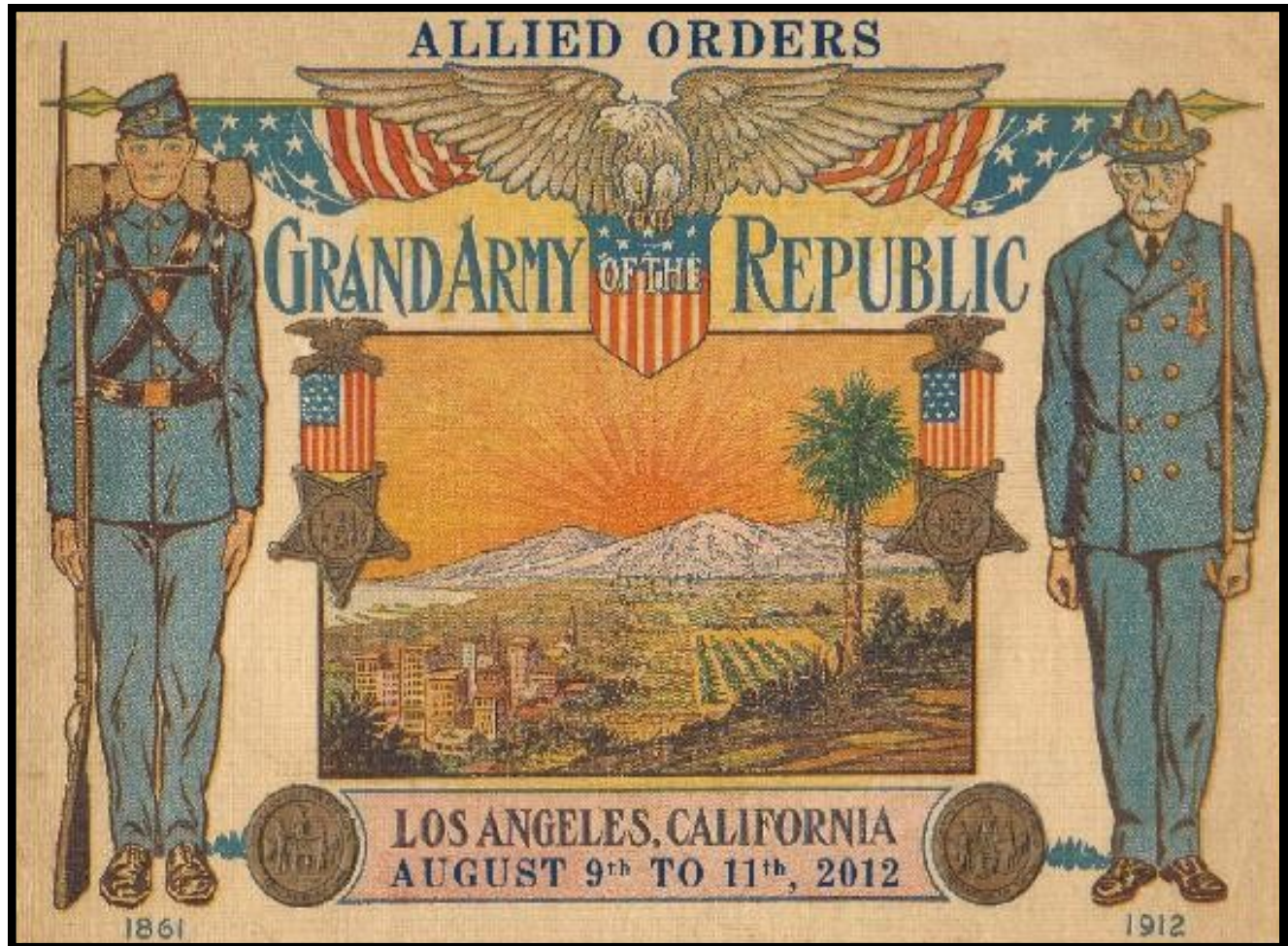
The Sons will end their convention tomorrow.

The above article was "clipped" from Page 5 of the San Diego Union of May 24, 1924.

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK: The Pittenger House Marker Dedication, March 2012



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

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Complimentary shuttle to and from LAX Airport

Use Group Code "suvsvva" or tell them you are with the

"Allied Orders of the G.A.R."

For forms and more details, visit:

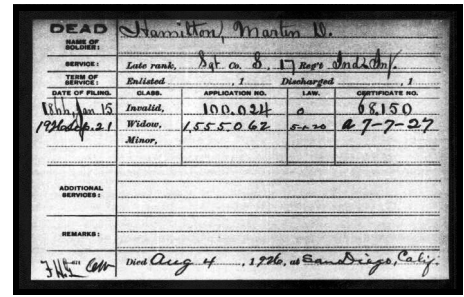
<http://www.suvsuva.org/2012.html>

Charter Member of Heintzleman Post No. 33, Grand Army of the Republic



Martin Douglas Hamilton
 Apr. 28, 1843 - Aug. 4, 1926
 1st Sergeant, Company G
 17th Regiment, Indiana Infantry

**Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery,
 Grand Army of the Republic,
 Section 1, Lot 2, Grave 6-B**



From the Evening Tribune, San Diego Ca., Thursday, August 5, 1926, Page 5:
 PIONEER CITIZEN OF S. D. SUCCUMBS

Following an illness that had lasted some time, M. D. Hamilton, a pioneer resident of San Diego, died last night at the navy hospital.

Hamilton, who at one time was active in the civic affairs of the city, leaves a widow, one son, Hugh Hamilton, and two daughters, Mrs. Maud Spencer and Mrs. Ole Lemon, all of San Diego. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. The body is at Bradley-Woolman undertaking establishment.

From the San Diego Union, Ca., Saturday, August 7, 1926, Page 5:

HAMILTON – In this city Aug. 4, 1926, M. D. Hamilton, husband of Mrs. M. D. Hamilton, father of Hugo Hamilton, Mrs. Ole Lemon and Mrs. Maud Spencer, all of San Diego.

Friends and members of the G. A. R. are invited to attend funeral services at Bradley & Woolman's chapel, C street, corner of Seventh, Saturday, Aug. 7, 1926, at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of Heintzleman Post No. 33 G. A. R. Interment Mt. Hope cemetery.

Events & Location	Date	Time
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

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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

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Below is a photograph of a marker located on the "Sunken Road" at Shiloh, Tennessee. The inscription reads:

**IOWA
IN MEMORY OF HER
8TH INFANTRY,
SWEENEY'S (3D) BRIGADE,
W.H.L. WALLACE'S
(2D) DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE**



Peter Hardman Babcock was born in 1841, in Salem Township Shelby County, Ohio, to Deacon John Babcock and Elizabeth Hardman Babcock. He was the younger brother to my Great Great Grandmother, Margaret Babcock Sayre. Little is known of his childhood other than he moved from Ohio, to Iowa, with my Great Great Great Grandparents.

At twenty years old, on 05 September of 1861, he mustered into Co A, 8th Iowa Infantry Volunteers for a term of 3 years, during which he served as a Private. In March of 1862, the 8th moved from Sedalia to St Louis; then to Pittsburg Landing and the battle of Shiloh. During the battle in April of 1862, the 8th Iowa was positioned to defend an Artillery Battery. The Battery got away, but most of the regiment was captured. The enlisted of the regiment were confined at Macon, GA, until October of 1862 when he was paroled and officially exchanged on November 10th.

December of '62 regiment was reorganized at Davenport, IA, and stayed there until January of 1863. They served in Rolla, MO until April of '63, when the regiment was ordered to Young's Point, LA as part of the Vicksburg Campaign. It was at this time that Peter became ill, and died of his disease on the 8th of May, 1863 at Duckport, LA.

Duckport, LA is not on any current map of the US, as the Mississippi moved and consumed it after the war. All that remains today, is a depression where Union troops tried to dig a canal to bypass Vicksburg during the spring and summer of '63, called Duckport Canal.



OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday, June 9, 2012

June 9, 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. & 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.

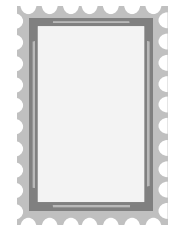
From the East: Use I-8 West, exit at Morena Blvd., go right onto Linda Vista Rd. and travel to the third stoplight to USD's Main entrance, turn left and enter campus.

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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