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From The Editor: A Report On Camp Memorial Day Activities by Dave Allyn

Greetings on behalf of Camp Commander Deane Poole from your Editor. Due to computer problems (and haven't we all had them!) I am filling in for Deane with a brief report on our Camp's activities over the Memorial Day Holiday. As we have in the past, we began our weekend, Saturday, at the historic Fallbrook Cemetery. A small but enthusiastic group of brothers, sisters and friends honored the memory of Pvt. Chamberlain and our Camp namesake, Sgt. Wm. Pittenger. Our commencement was early in order that CC Deane Poole and SVC Will Tisch, PCC could participate at the VMVC's Memorial Service in Balboa Park. Sunday, we continued a tradition begun by our beloved, late brother, Bob Lowe, providing a color guard and musket salute for the 1812 Elk's Lodge at the El Cajon Cemetery. As in the past, brothers enjoyed visiting with Rosemary Lowe following the ceremony. The management of the cemetery had very nice refreshments set up for all attendees. On Monday morning, brothers Tisch, Ernie Powell (in 'Gray') and Jerry Sayre, PDC participated in ceremonies at Rosecrans National Cemetery. In the afternoon we held our customary services at Mt. Hope's GAR Hill. Along with our "Confederate Cousins" of the SCV, and members of the DUCW, Auxiliary to SUVCW, UDC and SD Civil War Roundtable, what we have come to call the "San Diego Civil War Community," we conducted a service honoring Winfield Scott, Chaplain U.S.A. We were honored to present two National Flags to descendants of Chaplain Scott. Commander Deane MC'd the event admirably, SD Opera star, Rita Cartwright, sang beautifully as did our own, Ernie Powell. Barbara Mondt, DUCW, delivered a well-researched recap of Chaplain

Scott's service and life. We also heard from the two recipients of the award for best essay on "The Importance of Memorial Day." A special thanks to San Diego Mayor, Bob Filner and staff for his attendance and "a few appropriate remarks" on the need to attend to our veteran's often deplorable living conditions. Thanks go to the Miramar Young Marines for providing a color guard and handling the flag-folding honors. After completing our ceremonies, some of us enjoyed dinner at the Black Angus. Additionally, Bro John May, Sec/Treas had the honor to read Gen. Logan's Order #11 at the ceremony held in Oceanside at the Veterans Assoc. of North County. My apologies to any other brothers who may have participated in their own local Memorial Day events—about which I have not received word. It is our Order's highest calling to remember the "Boys in Blue" in annual ceremonies wherever we find ourselves. With another year of participation completed, we move on to the remainder of our schedule with the next regular meeting, 17 August, to be held at Coco's Bakery Restaurant commencing at 3:00 pm. The week before our meeting, the National Encampment will be conducted in Milwaukee, WI. 8-11 August. Any and all Brothers are welcome to attend as spectators.



Should your plans take you to Wisconsin, check the national webpages at www.suvcw.org for details. Be sure to bring your Camp membership card ! I hope to see many of you at our next meeting—until then, may you enjoy the best of health !

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General Order # 27 (SERIES 2012 -2013)
25 July 2013

1. The proposed Amendment to the SUVCW Constitution to Change the Preamble to Reflect Revenue Cutter Service as Eligibility for Membership has passed. The vote so far is 23 Department reporting with 494 Yeas, 18 Nays and 5 Abs. There were 19 Departments that voted unanimous for approval.

Ordered this 25th Day of July 2013

Perley E. Mellor
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest

Eugene G. Mortorff
Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

THE GENERAL is the official newsletter of Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It's published each odd-numbered month for Camp members. It's also available by newsletter exchange to other SUVCW or Allied Orders groups. Such groups are welcome to reprint articles from The General with attribution. Brief articles are invited: send to Newsletter Editor listed above: space limitations may require editing.

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 and 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. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVR Representative listed above.

Phil Caines, Camp 2, with Jerry & Kim Sayre participated in a Living History event, 13 July, at Ft. McArthur. Included were living history interpreters from our CW, also Romans, English Civil War, even a Crimean War Soldier. Here are several interesting photos from the event including a nice pic of Gen. McArthur, President Roosevelt and Gen Patton, sitting together.



Announcements from SCV Camp 302

BLUE/GRAY BEACH PARTY

Please join us on August 24, 2013 for our 6th annual Gray/Blue BBQ at Gator Beach, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado! Hot dogs and burgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and a folding chair. You may bring beer or soda, but no glass bottles allowed. From Coronado Island, proceed on Orange Blvd to Silver Strand Way. As you near the Amphibious Base, turn West at the Tarawa Road traffic light. If you do not have military ID, please RSVP with Roy Adair at roy-adair@att.net no later than August 16th so that he can put your name on the guest list at the gate. Please make sure all drivers & guests have proper ID. Driver must also provide proof of insurance and auto registration to sentry upon entry. After you pass through the guard gate, head straight toward the ocean, then turn right and drive until you reach the Cabanas. We will be in **Cabana #6**.

To see a map, enter this address into your web browser: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caajrscv/page16.html>

Black Powder Loadout

The Black Powder Loadout will be at Steve Smith's home at 283 Portia Ave, Vista, CA 92084, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We'll be making bullets and loading powder. Please bring something to drink and a side dish, snacks or chips to share.

5TH ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

It won't be long until you'll get another chance to win a good ole Thanksgiving turkey. This year we'll be having the competition at the South Bay Rod & Gun Club Shooting Range on Saturday, November 2, 2013. We plan to gather at 9:00 AM with the action to start soon after. Bring \$20 to put in the kitty for your shooting supplies and also bring a little something to eat and share with others around about lunch time. Also, it would be a good idea to bring a chair to sit on when you're not on the firing line. We'll be putting out more details as the time draws near, but we'll start right now by putting a map down below on how to get to the range. HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!

South Bay Rod & Gun Club, 1020 Marron Valley Rd., San Diego, CA 91917. <http://www.sbrgc.org/>

To see maps, enter this address into your web browser: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caajrscv/page17.html>

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Persons
National SUVCW Encampment, Milwaukee, WI.	8-11 AUG 2013	Jerry Sayre, PDC
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	Sat. 3:00 PM 17 AUG 2013	CC Deane Poole
Blue Gray BBQ, Gator Beach, Navy Amphibious Base, Coronado	Sat. 24 AUG 2013	Roy Adair SCV/Will Tisch
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	Sat. 3:00 PM 12 OCT 2013	CC Deane Poole
Black Powder Loadout, Prep for Turkey Shoot, Steve's Smith home	Sat. 19 OCT 2013	Steve Smith SCV/Deane Poole
"Turkey Shoot," South Bay Rod & Gun Club, 1020 Marron Valley Rd., San Diego	9:00 AM Sat. 2 NOV 2013	Deane Poole/Will Tisch
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	Sat. 3:00 PM 14 DEC 2013	CC Deane Poole

Minutes of Meeting held 8 JUN, 2013

MINUTES FROM SUVCW MEETING, JUNE 8, 2013

Members Attending:

Tom Helmantoler, Deane Poolee, Dave Allyn, Jerry Sayre, Tony Moffett, Will Tisch.

Guests Attending:

Gay Allyn, Kim Sayre, Eileen Tisch, Brenda Boucher, Stevie Harbaugh

The meeting was held at Coco's Restaurant and called to order at 3:15 by Commander Deane Poole.

Prayer was led by Chaplain Allyn, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Will Tisch

Minutes were unanimously approved from the past two meetings (Sayre, Tisch).

Chaplain Allyn reported on the death of Brother John Pollard's wife, Linda. He indicated that he and Brother Helmantoler would attend the funeral.

There were no communications. The treasury, as reported by Treasurer John May, was \$3137.17.

Reports:

The Fallbrook Memorial Day event was attended by seven Brothers and many others. PVT Chamberlain was honored, but there were no descendants attending.

SD Padres game color guard: Brothers Tisch, Poole and Helmantoler participated. We do it to attract new members, as well as to attend a game.

The VMMC color guard was manned by Brothers Tisch and Poole

The El Cajon Elks Memorial Day event color guard was performed by Brothers Helmantoler, Allyn and Sayre. There was not a large group attending. It included a musket fire.

Ft. Rosecrans Memorial Day event was attended by Brother Sayre who also fired a musket with the SAR group. Brothers Sayre and Ernie Powell were shown on KUSI News.

Mt. Hope Memorial Day: SUVCW hosted this year with special guest Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego, who gave a short speech about veterans. Barbara Mondt did her usual excellent job presenting the life of Winfield Scott, and presenting the winners of the essay contest. Chaplain Allyn presented flags to the descendants. Singing by both Rita Cartwright and Ernie Powell was excellent. Brother Sayre did an excellent job as well, leading the musket fire. The only problem was the Miramar Young Marines who had difficulty folding the flag correctly and it took much too long. Afterward, several couples enjoyed dinner at the Black Angus Restaurant in Mission Gorge. Mrs. Cartwright has been paid for her performance.

Mortar Renewal: It has taken two years, but is nearing completion. It is at the SD Aerospace Museum Restoration facility at Gillespie Field. The Camp agreed to allow Will Tisch to buy 60 bolts and nuts to finish it, and the Camp will reimburse him for them. Bro. Helmantoler informed Kim Mathis of the City of San Diego as to its progress and near completion.

Upcoming Events:

July 7 and 8: Old Ft. Mac Arthur Days

Aug. 8-11: National Encampment in Milwaukee

Old Business: Deane Poole will take over the Minter's Ranch project and contact corporations for support.

New Business: Brother Sayre did a report on a guy at Mt. Hope Cemetery, as well as his work at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook.

Brother Sayre moved we allot \$200 for purchase of supplies for the mortar. It was seconded by Brother Allyn and passed unanimously.

Brother Allyn mentioned he needs articles and pictures for the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35, and those who could stayed and had dinner at Coco's.

Respectfully submitted,

JVC Tom Helmantoler, PCC
Acting Secretary

Report of Activities by Tom Helmantoler, PCC

A busy spring was achieved by Brother Tom Helmantoler, PCC, being involved in five different activities to promote the activities of the Camp and furthering knowledge of the Civil War.

In May, he performed his program, showing his three replica Civil War uniforms, including infantry, cavalry and staff officer infantry uniforms, leather set, and great coat. No weapons were shown, but a few relic bullets and his gr-gr grandfather's medal from West Virginia were displayed. His ancestor served in the 18th Ohio Infantry and 2nd West Virginia Cavalry from April, 1861, to November 1864. He was one of President Lincoln's original 75,000 volunteers, having enlisted on April 17, 1861.

The uniform program was presented to Mrs. Renee Thomas' 8th grade US History classes at Marston Middle School in Clairemont and to Commander Rick Jordan's NJROTC classes at Westview High School in Carmel Valley.

On June 1, Tom presented a talk on, "Long and Short Term Results of the Civil War " to his former California State Military Reserve unit at the Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos, Orange County, CA. He served in that unit for five and one half years.

Also in June, Tom presented JROTC medals and certificates, on behalf of Camp 21, to cadets at the Air Force unit at Mira Mesa High School and the Navy unit at Westview High School. Both programs were very enjoyable and both are excellent units.

Thanks, Tom, for all you do for our Camp, our Country, and our State. *Dave Allyn, Editor/Chaplain*

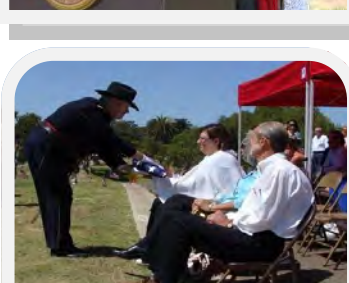


NJROTC Cadet Seaman
Giancarlo Gapuz.



AFJROTC Cadet Col
Carl Nazaire

PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK MEMORIAL DAY 2013 EVENTS





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.

Civil War Slang

Robber's Row - the place where sutlers set up to do business

Opening the Ball - starting the battle

Grab a Root - eat a meal, especially a potato

Forty Dead Men - a full cartridge box, which usually held forty rounds

Chicken Guts - gold braid used to denote officer ranks

Absquatulate - to take leave, to disappear

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

This Day In Civil War History

Saturday July 27 1861

MCCLELLAN MAKES MANASSAS MOVEMENT

George McClellan achieved the goal today for which he had struggled, connived and exerted every bit of political leverage he could muster. No, it had nothing to do with contact with the Confederates, the struggle was to get to the top of the military heap, which in these days was command of the Army of the Potomac. His commander in chief expanded on a memo he had written right after the debacle of the Battle of Manassas. Detailing the moves which should be made to put down the rebellion as quickly as possible, he suggested Union moves on Manassas Junction and Strasburg in Virginia, Memphis to be attacked from Cairo, Il., and a move from Cincinnati on east Tennessee. As the supposedly neutral Kentucky stood in the way of the latter, there would prove to be difficulties.

Sunday July 27 1862

TOONE'S TRIBULATIONS TROUBLE TENNESSEE

It was yet another day of minor skirmishes here and there, but no preparation for, recovery from, or conduct of major battles or operations. Some of these were in connection with what was known as "operations"--more than an exploration but less than a planned battle. One such proceeded from Rienzi to Ripley, Miss.; another one went for a couple of days between Woodville to Gunter'sville, Ala. One action big enough to be classified as at least a "skirmish" took place at Toone's Station (also known as Lower Post Ferry), Tennessee.

Monday July 27 1863

YANCEY YIELDS YANKEE YOKE

William Lowndes Yancey died this day in Montgomery, Alabama, a frustrated man. His history is interesting: he was Southern born. After his father died his mother remarried an avid abolitionist and the family moved to New York. Yancey lived there until he was a student at Williams College in Massachusetts when he abruptly dropped out and moved back South to read law under an old friend of his father. He was an orator of some note, and so devoted to the South that he was advocating secession years before the events of Ft. Sumter actually occurred. His ambition was always to be President of a Southern Confederacy, but he was too radical even for them and was passed over in favor of Jefferson Davis. He spent the war years in a "loyal opposition" working to restrain even what limited powers Davis had.

Wednesday July 27 1864

HOOKER, HUFFY, HASTENS HIBERNATION

It was a game of musical chairs at the headquarters of the Union Army of the Tennessee today. Gen. John "Black Jack" Logan, head of this force, had compiled a solid record for a man with no military training whatsoever, and was going to accompany William T. Sherman to Atlanta and beyond. This left the army command open and today this prize went to Oliver O. Howard, who was compiling a much better record in the West than he had with the 11th Corps of the Army of the Potomac in the East. The one with his nose most out of joint was Gen. Joseph "Fighting Joe" Hooker, who got his nickname from a newspaper typo rather than any battlefield accomplishment. Hooker, currently a corps commander, felt that since his commission predated Howard's, he should get the job. He was in fact in such a snit that he quit the army altogether.

The Civil War Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. To date, it has preserved more than 34,000 acres of battlefield land in 20 states, including nearly 18,400 in Virginia. Learn more at www.civilwar.org, the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday August 17, 2013, 3:00 pm

August 17, 2013 3:00 PM

LOCATION

**Coco's Bakery Restaurant
5955 Balboa Ave
San Diego
(858) 279-5363**

Our Program

No Speaker is planned. We will have members minutes on any topic relating to our Ancestors, Camp, or relevant affairs. We will have a meal together.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

Fr N. Cnty I-5: take I-5 S to I-805 S, exit Balboa Ave. Go W less than 1 mile, Coco's is on your left.

Fr N. Cnty I-15: take I-15 S to CA 163 S, exit Mercury St./ Balboa Ave. Turn L on Mercury, then R on Balboa. Go W 1.6 mi, Coco's is on your left.

Fr S. Cnty I-805: take I-805 N to Balboa Ave. exit, turn L (W) go less than 1 mile, Coco's is on your left.

Fr S. Cnty I-5: take I-5 N to CA 163 N to I-805 N to Balboa Ave. exit, turn L (W) go less than 1 mile, Coco's is on your left.

Fr E. Cnty I-8: take I-8 W to I-805 N to Balboa Ave. exit, turn L (W) go less than 1 mile, Coco's is on your left.

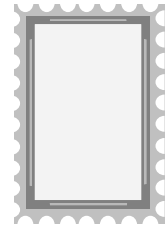
Fr E. Cnty CA 52: take CA 52 W to I-805 S, exit Mercury St./ Balboa Ave. Turn L on Mercury, then turn R on Balboa. Go W 1.6 mi, Coco's is on your left.

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