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**Happy New Year—Happy Valentine's Day**

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## **Programs are Back !** *By Tom Helmantoler PCC, SVC*

Brothers, Sisters & Friends:

### **Programs are back!!**

As your new (again) SVC of Camp 21, I have decided to re-institute having programs at our meetings. As attendance at meetings has fallen off, it seems a good idea to have Programs in order to give Brothers and Sisters another reason to attend—along with the usual activities of the Camp.

Our next meeting will be on Feb, 8 at Coco's restaurant on Balboa Ave. at 3:00 PM. Please try to attend.

As you may have read in the U-T, a ceremony was held on Dec 30 to re-inter PVT Edwin Ware of the 2nd CA CAV at Miramar National Cemetery. Several members of Camp 21 attended and the Camp participated in it.

Ware's gr-granddaughter, Sandra Ellis, has agreed to travel from Irvine to present to us what her family went through for generations to get to that day. it was not an easy journey as she will show us. It included not knowing where Ware was buried - due to having been shunned by his family for marrying a Native American woman- to the usual court and bureaucratic road-blocks. It must have been quite a journey!

Please plan to attend and make Ms. Ellis' time worthwhile.

AND, if you simply haven't been to a meeting in a while, we'd love to see you again!



Best regards.  
In F, C, & L,  
Tom Helmantoler  
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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 and 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.

**\$8.9M ALLOCATED FOR FED GRANTS TO PROTECT CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS**

**The Civil War Trust applauds lawmakers for their support of a program that has helped protect more than 19,000 acres of hallowed ground throughout the nation**

Fri, Jan 17, 2014 (Washington, D.C.) - The Civil War Trust today applauded the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives for including \$8.9 million for the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The program, which provides federal matching grants to protect historically significant battlefield land outside National Park Service boundaries, has been used to protect more than 19,000 acres of hallowed ground in 16 states.

"This is tremendous news that could not come at a more critical time," remarked Civil War Trust president James Lighthizer. "Over the past decade, development pressure on unprotected but historically significant battlefield land has only increased. These grants will be matched with private sector donations to preserve thousands of acres of historic land that would otherwise be lost forever." Since Congress first authorized it in 2002, the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program has enjoyed broad, bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. The program is considered a model for cooperative partnerships between the National Park Service (NPS), state and local governments, and the private sector. Its matching grants formula encourages nonprofit groups to invest in acquisition of battlefield lands from willing sellers. Grants from the program are awarded by the American Battlefield Protection Program, an arm of NPS. Among the sites saved as a result of this innovative grants program are historic properties at Antietam and South Mountain, Md.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Vicksburg and Champion Hill, Miss.; Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Manassas, Va.; Shiloh, Chattanooga and Fort Donelson, Tenn.; Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; and other battlefields. In addition to funding for the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, the FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act includes \$5.5 million for acquiring inholdings at Civil War battlefield national parks. Inholdings result from private ownership of lands prior to the designation of the protected park, which then end up grandfathered within the legally designated boundary. Thousands of acres of inholdings exist at Civil War battlefields maintained within the National Park System.

Numerous members of the House and Senate have played important roles in ensuring the program's continued success, but the following individuals provided pivotal support in securing this year's federal commitment to battlefield preservation: Sens. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., Jack Reed, D-R.I. and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska; as well as U.S. Reps. Ken Calvert, D-R.I., Jim Moran, D-Va., and Hal Rogers, R-Ky.

"Preserved Civil War battlefields are living monuments - not just to the men in blue and gray who fought there - but to all of America's veterans," Lighthizer said. "They serve as outdoor classrooms, teaching young and old alike about the sacrifices made to forge the nation we are today."

The FY2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act was passed earlier this week by healthy majorities in both the House and Senate. President Barack Obama is expected to sign the bill into law over the weekend.

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*Ed. Note: above article courtesy of the Civil War Philadelphia automatic digest system*

## 128th Department Encampment Announcement

### 2014 Department Encampments October 26, 2013

Department Brothers and Sisters:

The survey results are in! The California and Pacific Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are pleased to announce their 128<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> respective annual Department Encampments.

The Encampments will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 321 Bercut Drive in Sacramento, California. Some of the great perks of this hotel include: free airport shuttle; full breakfast; free parking; free banquet room to store our auction items; large space with tables and seating for visiting; easy access to I-5; and about a mile and a half from Old Town Sacramento.

On Friday evening, instead of the “campfire” gathering, dinner is on your own followed by a private tour of the California Military Museum from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The Museum is in Old Town and car pools will be arranged for transportation.

On Saturday morning we will start with the SUVVCW/ASUVVCW Memorial Service, then conduct the business meeting portions of the Encampments. There will be a break for lunch in the banquet room. Saturday night will be the VIP Banquet with our honored guests: Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley and wife Sue Freshley; National President Diane Mellor and Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and National Vice President Rachelle Campbell; and DUVCW National President Carole Morton.

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

**Please bring only Civil War related or Civil War period items to donate for the auction.**

During the Encampments there will be opportunities for attendees to participate in fund raising for both the Sons and Auxiliary Departments.

We have negotiated with the Hawthorn Suites for special room rates for our members. The room rates are: **King Bed = \$79.00 per night; Two Queens = \$89.00 per night (excluding taxes)**. To reserve a room, please contact the Hawthorn Suites directly at **(916) 441-1200**. Tell them you are with the “*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*”. We recommend reserving early to guarantee a room at the above rates.

All Encampment documents and forms are available at the Department Encampment web page:

[www.suvcw.org/encampment.html](http://www.suvcw.org/encampment.html)

Please respond by **JANUARY 15, 2014** as we need to plan for meals, transportation, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Thomas T. Graham, PCC

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	8 FEB 2014 Sat. 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
128th Annual Department Encampment, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA	March 7-8, 2014	CC Deane Poole/Jerry Sayre PDC
* Vista Civil War Reenactment, Antique Gas and Steam Museum, Vista, CA.—recruiting opportunity	March 8-9, 2014 10 AM—5 PM	CC Deane Poole/Jerry Sayre PDC
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	12 APR 2014 Sat. 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
2014 National SUVVCW and Allied Orders Encampment, Marietta, GA. Marietta Hilton, 500 Powder Springs St. 15 Miles NW of Atlanta	14-17 AUG 2014	Jerry Sayre PDC
* “XXI Huntington Beach Civil War Days,” Central Park, Huntington Bch, CA reenactment - recruiting opportunity	30-31 AUG 2014	Jerry Sayre PDC

## Minutes of Meeting held December 14, 2013

**Present:** Brothers Tom Helmantoler, John May, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, David Shaffer, and guests Robyn Adair, Roy Adair, Brenda Boucher, Nikki Huelsenbeck, Peter Huelsenbeck, and Kim Sayre.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Deane Poole at 3:25pm at Coco's Restaurant, Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by T. Helmantoler and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by D. Shaffer.

### I. Honored Attendees

Roy Adair, past Camp Commander of Fr. A.J. Ryan Camp 302, SCV and his wife Robyn were in attendance as well as Peter and Nikki Huelsenbeck from Fallbrook.

### II. Announcements

Br. G. Armistead PDC will present a program to the North County Sons of the American Revolution based on his new publication, Horses and Mules of the Civil War on Jan. 11, 2014.

The annual Blue/Gray Beach BBQ will be held in August.

Memorial Day at Mt. Hope will be hosted by the SCV. A planning meeting will take place in March.

### III. New Members

Peter Huelsenbeck, whose ancestor served in the U.S. Navy, was approved for membership. He was initiated into the SUVCW by Br. Jerry Sayre.

### IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Helmantoler).

### V. Officers' Reports

Sec. J. May reported correspondence from Dept. Graves Registration Officer wishing to know whom the Camp has selected to be GRO. Treas. J. May reported that the Camp has \$2,625.15 in the treasury of which \$1001 is in the Minter's Ranch Fund.

### VI. Committee Reports

D. Poole reported that more time is needed for the restoration of the mortar. W. Tisch would like to secure permission to retain the mortar for another year for educational purposes.

D. Poole reported that for the Minter's Ranch project, we are prepared to send the appropriate paperwork to Sacramento for approval. The amount of money needed is \$3800.

### VII. S.V.R. Report

No report was given.

### VIII. Upcoming Events

Dept. Encampment will be held in Sacramento in March.

### IX. Old Business

The pistol raffle has raised \$770 so far and 23 tickets remain to be sold.

### X. New Business

- 1) Dept. Encampment will be held in Sacramento in March. All those wishing to attend have already been elected a delegate by a motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) approved by the Camp.
- 2) Our Camp will organize next year's Turkey Shoot. A motion (Sayre/Helmantoler) was passed to again have it at the South Bay Rod and Gun Club. D. Poole will organize.

### XI. Members' Minutes

No Members' Minutes.

### XII. Program

None

### XIII. Elections

Elections were conducted by Installing Officer J. Sayre.

Nominated and elected by acclimation were:

CDR, Deane Poole (nominated by T. Helmantoler)

SVC, Tom Helmantoler (D. Poole)

JVC, David Shaffer (T. Helmantoler)

Sec./Treas., John May (T. Helmantoler)

Council Members, John Finch, David Allyn, and Jeff Malone (D. Poole)

Appointed by CDR D. Poole:

Patriotic Instructor, John Finch

Signals Officer, Jerry Sayre

Chaplain, David Allyn

Newsletter Editor, David Allyn

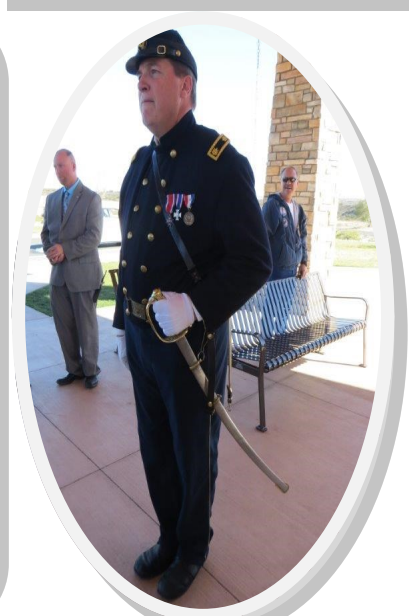
Civil War Memorials Officer, David Shaffer

Graves Registration Officer, John May

The closing prayer was offered by T. Helmantoler and Cmdr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
John May, Secretary

# Photos Of The Re-interment Ceremony For Pvt Edwin Ware



## PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



L. Peter Huelsenbeck's wife pins on his Son's membership pin

R. CC Deane Poole and Jerry Sayre congratulate our newest Brother, Peter and his wife



2014 Camp Officers take the oath

Our Officers for 2014



L-R, Dave Shafer, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, John May, Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck



**Welcome New Brothers!**

Peter Huelsenbeck,  
whose ancestor served  
in the U.S. Navy

**HUZZAH !!!**

**Civil War Slang**

**Somebody's Darling** - comment when observing a dead soldier

**Spondulix** - money

**Top Rail** - first class, top quality

**Vidette** - a sentry same as Picket but usually on horseback

**Wallpapered** - drunk

**Whipped** - beaten

**Zu Zu** - Zouaves, soldiers whose units wore colorful uniforms in a flamboyant French style with baggy trousers, known for bravery and valor

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)

**THIS DATE IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY**

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1862

**PIMLICO PUMMELING PAUSES**

The storm that had been battering the fleet off Cape Hatteras abated somewhat today, and efforts were redoubled to move the ships over the Hatteras sandbars into Pimlico Sound. The work was purely physical, as opposed to military, as there was insufficient Confederate manpower on either land or sea to seriously threaten the project.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 1863

**BURNSIDE BLASTS BLUNDERERS, BRINGS BOOT**

Gen. Burnside, his army back now in winter quarters after the disaster of the "Mud March", met today with Lincoln. He demanded the removal of several other generals, or else. He threatened to resign himself from a command he had never much wanted in the first place. Lincoln took him up on it, and appointed Gen. Hooker in his place as commander of the Army of the Potomac.

Monday, Jan. 25, 1864

**TREE TRINKETS TREASURED**

Cpl. Lucius W. Barber, member of Co. D of the 15th Illinois Vol. Inf., took advantage of a slow day in at Camp Cowan, Miss., to write a letter home. "A good many of the boys were engaged in making keepsakes out of "Pemberton Oak"...the wood being gotten out of the tree under which Pemberton and Grant sat when the final terms of the surrender of Vicksburg were agreed upon. There was not a root or branch remaining..."

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1865

**PORTER PREVARICATIONS PRODUCTIVE**

After the capture of Ft. Fisher, Admiral Porter had ordered that the "lighthouse" be left lit, as it had been the signal to blockade-runners that all was clear to enter Wilmington harbor. On this day, Acting Lt. Francis Green led a boarding party from the USS Tristram Shandy aboard the steamer Blenheim, just inside the sandbar at New Inlet, NC. This was the third ship captured in this slightly underhanded manner.

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, the Trust has preserved more than 38,500 acres of battlefield land in 20 states. Learn more at [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org), the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

**OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday February 8, 2014, 3:00 pm**

**Feb 8, 2014 3:00 PM**

***LOCATION***

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

***Our Program***

Sandra Ellis, PVT Edwin Ware's gr-granddaughter, will present an account of what his descendant's went thru to have their ancestor reburied at Miramar National Cemetery – We are hoping to pack out Coco's meeting room !

**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.

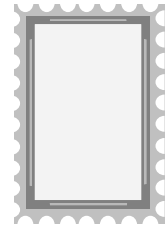
Fr E. Cnty CA 52: take CA 52 W to I-805 S, exit Mercury St./ Balboa Ave. Turn L on Mercury, then turn R on Balboa. Go W 1.6 mi, Coco's is on your left.

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