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HAPPY LABOR DAY

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CAMP COMMEMORATES MEMORIAL DAY 2014 By SVC Tom Helmantoler PCC

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Camp 21 participated in three different ceremonies, beginning on May 24, the Saturday before the holiday, with our annual program at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook, where the remains of Camp namesake, Sgt. William Pittenger and his wife, Winnie lie. As in the past, it was hosted by PDC Jerry Sayre and his wife Kim. The Union soldier we honored is PVT Alonzo Bell, and his biography was read by Camp Secretary/Treasurer John May. The ceremony was highlighted by PDC Jerry Sayre's reciting of GEN John A. Logan's Order No. 11 establishing Memorial Day, the floral presentation done by Brenda Boucher, Cheryl Reynolds, and Eileen Tisch, the singing of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Ernie Powell, and the bagpipe and bugle music of JVC Will Tisch PCC which included both "Amazing Grace" and "Taps." The ceremony was well presented and worthy of our Union ancestors! After the ceremony, most retired to the "Z Café" restaurant in Bonsall for fellowship, brotherhood, and a good meal. On Monday morning, 26 May—Memorial Day, Camp 21 was represented by Camp Secretary/Treasurer John May at the Veterans Association of North County ceremony in Oceanside. It was highlighted by the featured speaker, Ret. BG David Brahm, USMC, as well as historical displays presented by Linda Dudek, a retired history professor from Palomar Col-

lege. Mrs. Dudek specializes in doing memoirs of World War II veterans. Over 30 veterans organizations were represented, and the color guard was performed by the El Camino High School JROTC.

Later that day, the SUVCW and SCV held its annual combined Civil War Community/Allied Orders Memorial Day ceremony at Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego. This year, it was the SCV's year to host and it was MC'd by Commander Jim Stephens of A. J. Ryan Camp 302. The colors were presented by a combined SUVCW/SCV color guard and the

Pledge was led by Dave Tooley of the SDCWRT. The National Anthem was sung by Mrs. Rita Cartwright, a professional of the San Diego Opera. Jerry Sayre recited Gen. John A. Logan's Order No. 11, which established Memorial Day in the US. The winner of this year's Essay Contest, sponsored by DUVCW Tent No. 10, was Julia Vaz Gomes, who read her essay. The featured speaker was Sy Brenner, a WWII veteran and POW. The honored Civil War veteran, Col John



24 May, OddFellows Memorial Cemetery, Fallbrook, CA. Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 Brothers and Ladies commemorate Memorial Day

Collis Moore, CSA, had his life history presented by Robyn Adair of UDC Chapter 476. The entire ceremony was also highlighted by Brenda Boucher's rendition of "Dixie," Ernie Powell's singing of "Amazing Grace," as well as the bagpipe and bugle music of JVC Will Tisch PCC.

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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: 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.

Civil War Reenactment

The Huntington Beach Historical Society is proud to host the 21st annual Civil War Days Living History and Reenactment in Huntington Beach Central Park on the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States

Dates: August 30th & 31st, 2014

HB Central Park on Gothard between Slater and Talbert

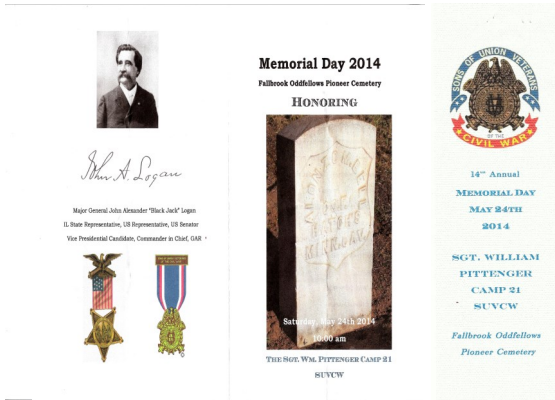
Camps open to the Public on Saturday and Sunday

Battle Times: Sat: 1:30 and 4 PM / Sun: 11 and 2 PM

Admission: Free to the Public!

Camp 21 Brothers and Ladies will be participating in this largest reenactment in Southern California. We will have our tent fly and interpretive tables set up alongside brothers from Camps 2, 17 and 18. Come and help us answer questions—enjoy the best of Civil War reenacting in our part of the country!

Starting here and continuing for most of the rest of this edition are some of the many photos I received from our Memorial Day and other events from Kim and Eileen





Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	9 AUG 2014 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
2014 Natl SUVCW & Allied Orders Encampment, Marietta, GA. Marietta Hilton, 500 Powder Springs St. 15 Miles NW of Atlanta	14-17 AUG 2014	Jerry Sayre PDC
* Co. G, 5th Cal Vol Inf Color Guard at VMMC, San Diego	23 AUG 2014 Sat. Muster at 1130 Hrs	T. Helmantoler PCC/W. Tisch PCC
* "XXI Huntington Beach Civil War Days," Central Park, Huntington Bch, CA reenactment - recruiting opportunity	30-31 AUG 2014	Jerry Sayre PDC
* Co. G, 5th Cal Vol Inf Color Guard at VMMC, San Diego	22 NOV 2014 Sat. Muster at 1130 Hrs	T. Helmantoler PCC/W. Tisch PCC
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	11 OCT 2014 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	13 DEC 2014 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole

Minutes of Meeting held June 14, 2014

Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2014, held at Coco's Bakery Restaurant, Balboa Ave. San Diego, CA.

Attendance: Members; Deane Poole, Dave Allyn, Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch, John C. Finch, Anthony Moffitt

Guests; Gay Allyn, Eileen Tisch, Brenda Poole, Kim Sayre
Meeting started at 3:26

Jerry Sayre reports he has a new member pending signature and dues

Motion to accept Minutes of last meeting made by Jerry Sayre, second Will Tisch – passed

Chaplain Dave Allyn reports no correspondence

Secretary/Treasurer John May absent – no Treasurer's report
CC Deane Poole reports checks totaling \$100 have been sent to the essay contest winner and Mrs. Rita Cartwright for their presentations at Mt. Hope, Memorial Day

Old Business:

Dave Allyn reports on the poster given to the Camp by Cindy Hodges (Seymour H. Hogle, Easel Monument Foundation, framed) as a possible fundraiser which the Camp originally commissioned Dave to locate descendants but he has not been able to find any. Dept. of Michigan's Keith Harrison PCinC is President of the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI and offered to take the poster to display same there. Dave suggests the Camp approve shipping the poster to this museum where it will be on display. Motion – Dave Allyn – in lieu of not finding descendants of Mr. Hogle, we donate the poster to the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI, Second – Jerry Sayre, passed.
CC Deane asked Will Tisch to make a certificate to give to the museum to recognize Camp 21 as the donor. Shipping is difficult so need to mail by UPS. Motion – Jerry Sayre – to authorize \$50 for costs up to \$75 for packaging/insurance by UPS, Second – Tony Moffitt, passed. Dave Allyn will put photo/info of the poster in newsletter.

Dave Allyn reported on Memorial Day events at Fallbrook, Mt. Hope and Kim Sayre shared Fallbrook newspaper article/photo – We looked great ! Also spoke about John May participating in the N. County Vets Association event in Oceanside and event at Ft. Rosecrans. Mt Hope was well represented by many organizations. SCV hosted the event. CC Deane declared Camp 21 did an outstanding job !

Jerry Sayre announced he is taking orders for the attractive plastic badges (Camp = blue, Dept = red) cost = \$12 interested brothers contact Jerry.

Will Tisch spoke about cleaning up the mortar again and repainting because of rust. Wants to put posts with thick chains around the mortar. Mortar is in good shape now – just needs to

be greased. Decision was for caulking the seal vs. grease. Motion to reimburse Will for supplies made by Jerry Sayre, second – Tony Moffitt, passed.

Jerry said on Memorial Day a gentleman came up and said that the Masons were the ones that restored the mortar – not SU-VCW; Jerry thinks we need to get a plaque stating Camp 21 restored the mortar. Will passed around photos of the mortar and chain. Will is going to speak to the Cemetery about putting up posts and a chain around the mortar. CC Deane Poole brought up the rumor that Mt. Hope Cemetery will not give us shade, podium or chairs for free and the Camp can provide our own if necessary.

Jerry Sayre announced a living history event at Ft. MacArthur, 12-13 July

Concluded business meeting at approximately 6:00 followed by a presentation by Bro. John Finch on "Using Genealogy to Identify your Civil War Ancestor."

Notes taken by Brenda and Deane Poole

Transcribed by Dave Allyn

MEMORIAL DAY

MT. HOPE CEMETERY, SAN DIEGO, CA MAY 26, 2014, 1:30 PM

HONORING
Col. John Collis Moore, CSA



BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE
SAN DIEGO CIVIL WAR COMMUNITY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, FATHER A.J. RYAN
CAMP 302- SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL
WAR, SGT. WM. PITTSINGER CAMP 21- UNITED
DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY, STONEMAN
JACKSON CHAPTER 476- DAUGHTERS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, NANCY HANKS
LINCOLN, TENT #5- WILL TISCH, BAGPiper- THE
MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY STAFF- AND THE SAN DIEGO
CIVIL WAR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN
PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

JIM AND THICHA STEPHENS, BOY AND ROBIN ADAR, STEVE
AND DEANNE SMITH, GEORGE FARMCLOTH, BERRY AND KIM
SAYRE, BARBARA MONDT, DEANNE AND GRENDA POOLE, WILL
AND EILEEN TISCH, TOM HELMANTOLEK, JANE ZICH



Photos on this page are all from Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego. Kim Sayre took these from various points during the event.



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

“**All In Three Years**”—said when something went wrong

“**Been through the mill**”—Bad day

“**Blue Jacket**”—Union sailor

“**Cabbaging**”—term for stealing

“**Chin music**”—term for conversation

“**Horse Collar**”—term for a soldier’s blanket roll

“**Pie eater**”—man from a rural area

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 The Civil War

Wednesday July 31 1861

MISSOURI MAKES MOMENTOUS MOVE

Missouri, as both a border state and a Western one, could have easily gone either way as a Confederate or Union ally. Legally elected Gov. Claiborne Jackson had endeavored to speed up the process by simply declaring the state for secession. Thanks to Gen. Nathaniel Lyon and Francis Blair Jr., Jackson was no longer governor but a refugee with Confederate forces in Arkansas. A new convention was hastily held and Hamilton R. Gamble was inaugurated as his replacement. He made a patriotic speech.

Thursday July 31 1862

POPE’S POLICY PROVOKES PETULANCE

Negotiations had been underway for some time to work out a formal agreement, or cartel, for the exchange of prisoners. Jefferson Davis wrote to Robert E. Lee that the agreement was in place: with one exception. Gen. John “One pinch of owl dung” Pope had recently issued orders punishing Virginia citizens for depredations committed by Confederate soldiers on his Army of Virginia, and threatening to shoot any civilians caught crossing the lines. Davis told Lee that any prisoners taken from Pope’s forces were to be treated as common criminals, not prisoners of war. Lee used this only rarely.

Friday July 31 1863

RAIDER RACES REACHING REPAIRS

The commerce raiders of the Confederacy, although capturing or sinking relatively little of the commerce directed at Northern ports, had one curious effect: by driving insurance rates so high that they caused owners to re-register their vessels under the flags of other countries, they reduced United States flag shipping to levels that were never restored to this day. One of the fiercest, CSS Florida, was now two days out of Bermuda on course for the repair yards of Brest, France. Her skipper, Commander Maffitt, was ill and had requested that a replacement be sent over.

Sunday July 31 1864

CONFEDERATE CAVALRY CONFLAGRATES CHAMBERSBURG

Gen. Jubal Early’s Confederate cavalry had been on an extended raid into the North, attempting to force Lincoln to pull forces away from Grant’s siege of Petersburg, Va. He had gone to the gates of Washington and been driven off. He had gone as far as Chambersburg in Pennsylvania, demanded a ransom, and when it was not paid, burned a good part of the city. Today he was suddenly under attack by Gen. Averel’s Federal cavalry and headed for Cumberland, Md.

The 2014 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic 14-17 August 2014, Marietta, Georgia. Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Siege of Atlanta, the 2014 National Encampment site will be in Marietta, a suburb of Atlanta and the site of Marietta National Cemetery and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This will be the first time a National Encampment of the Allied Orders will be held in Georgia. Encampment website: <http://www.2014nationalencampment.com/>

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, the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

OUR NEXT MEETING: Saturday Aug 9, 2014, 3:00 pm

9 AUG, 2014 3:00 PM

LOCATION

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

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.

Our Program

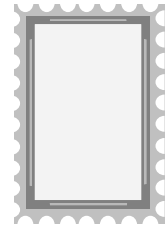
Come, join us for an open discussion of any element or topic of the American Civil War that strikes your interest – we hope you can make it!

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