



Newsletter of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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On Saturday, 15 November, Brothers and Sisters of Camp 21 met at the Red Lobster in Oceanside to honor one of our own, Bill Peck, aka "Mr. Lincoln" at a luncheon for he and his wife, Deborah. Camp Commander, Deane Poole presented a commemorative plaque in celebration of Bill's 33 years presenting our country's 16th president at schools, Civil War reenactments and other venues. Bill

has had to retire from portraying Mr. Lincoln in stove pipe and cutaway due to illness. He was honored at the Huntington Beach Civil War Days reenactment earlier this year. On other pages in this edition are more photos from the day's event. All of us enjoyed hearing Bill recount highlights from his experiences interpreting The Great Emancipator. HUZAZH !!! HUZAZH !!! HUZAZH !!!



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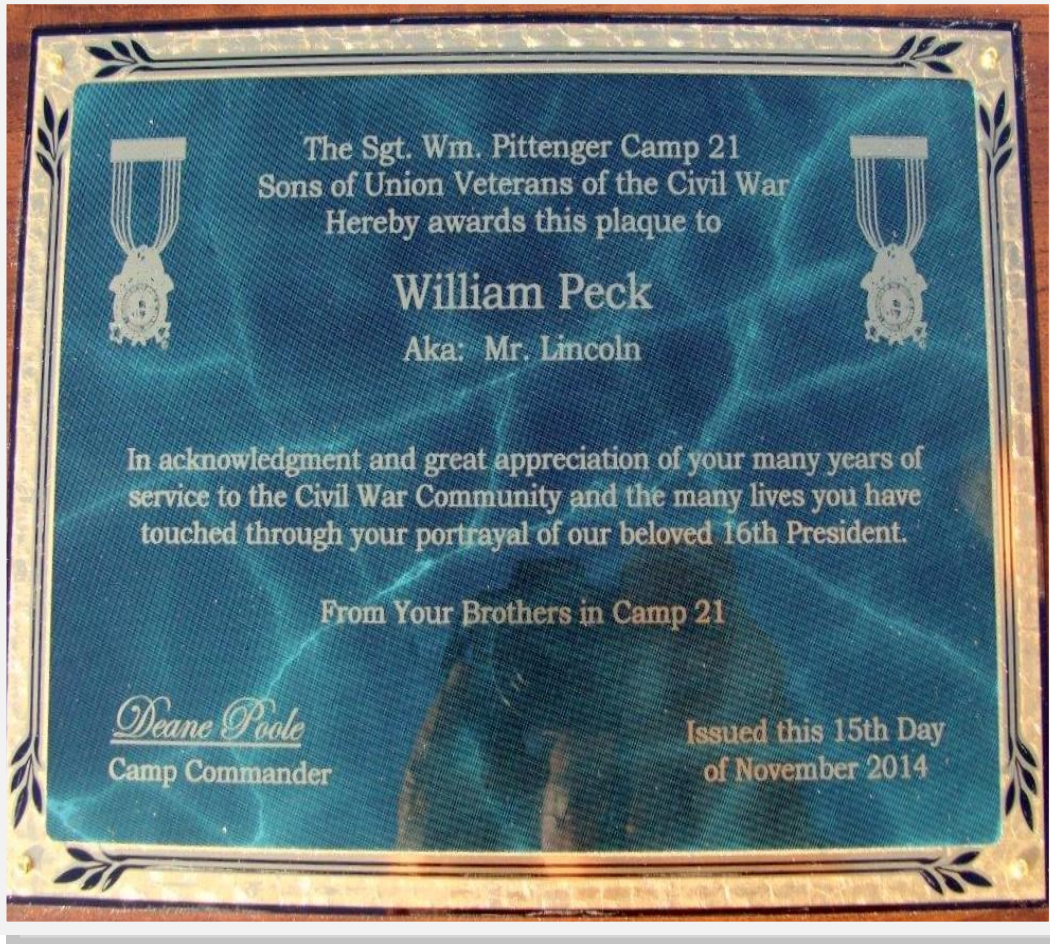
THE GENERAL is the official newsletter of Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It's published each odd-numbered month for Camp members. It's also available by newsletter exchange to other SUVCW or Allied Orders groups. Such groups are welcome to reprint articles from *The 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:
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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.

Below is the plaque Camp 21 presented to our own, "Mr. Lincoln," Bill Peck on 15 NOV at a luncheon held in his honor at the Red Lobster restaurant in Oceanside. Present were Bill's wife, Deborah and seven brothers and six sisters of our camp. On page 6 there are more photos of the plaque presentation as well as the group. All agreed that Kim Sayre did a great job arranging for the restaurant and the plaque was a beautiful and fitting tribute.



2014 Annual Blue-Gray Turkey Shoot Postponed

The annual Blue-Gray Turkey Shoot scheduled for 1 NOV had to be postponed due to rain. CC Deane Poole and the Officers of SCV Camp 302 will be announcing a new date for sometime in the Spring of 2015. This is the first time we have been rained out ! I always thought we didn't have to concern ourselves with rain in So-Cal but now I'm a believer !!

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Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego Election and installation of Officers for 2015, Annual Social	13 DEC 2014 Sat @ 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	14 FEB 2015 Sat @ 3:00 PM	Camp Commander/PDC Jerry Sayre
Dept. of Cal & Pacific Encampment, Hawthorn Suites by Windham, Sacramento, CA	6-7 MAR 2015	Camp Commander/PDC Jerry Sayre
SUVCW National Encampment, Richmond, VA.	20-23 AUG 2015	Camp Commander/PDC Jerry Sayre

Minutes of Meeting Oct 11, 2014

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
PITTENGER CAMP 21

MEETING MINUTES, October 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Commander Deane Poole at 3:17 PM.

Chaplain Dave Allyn offered opening prayer.

Members attending: D. Allyn, G. Armistead, J. Finch, T. Helmantoler, D. Poole, J. Sayre, M. Schooling, W. Tisch

Guests attending: Gay Allyn, Darlene Armistead, Kim Sayre

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting (Sayre/Schooling) was approved.

No Secretary or Treasurer Report.

All tickets for the pistol raffle have been sold. Drawing will be at the Turkey Shoot on Nov. 1.

A motion (Sayre/Armistead) to allocate \$125 for the purpose of having a Thank-You event for retiring Lincoln Presenter, Bill Peck, was passed.

W. Tisch reports that there is still some work to be done on the mortar.

E. Tisch will contact T. Helmantoler about the Mother Goose Parade and a determination will be made regarding the Camp's participation. Fallbrook Christmas Parade is coming up and we may also participate.

Turkey Shoot will be held Sat., Nov. 1 at the South Bay Rod and Gun Club. Participants are advised to arrive by 9am. Registration at 9:30 and competition begins at 10:00. Fee is \$20 for five rounds. D. Poole has acquired supplies and D. Shaffer has molded bullets. Expenses of up to \$200 have been authorized, but hopefully, entry fees will allow us to break even.

Elections are to be held at the next meeting, Dec. 13. Delegates to Dept. Encampment will also be elected.

A motion (Armistead/Sayre) to spend \$20 on the entry fee for the Fallbrook Christmas Parade and \$50 for the Mother Goose Parade was passed.

Program presented by G. Armistead on Horses and Mules in the Civil War followed adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Helmantoler
Acting Secretary

2015 Department Encampment Announcement Letter

Department Brothers and Sisters:

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 129th and 104th respective annual Department Encampments.

The Encampments will be held March 6th and 7th, 2015 and will once again return to the 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, there will be a traditional “campfire” gathering for socialization, with a no-host bar available. Dinner will be on your own.

On Saturday morning we will start with the SUVCW/ASUVCW 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 Tad Campbell and National President Rachelle Campbell. A special guest speaker will educate and entertain the banquet attendees.

*** * * 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.

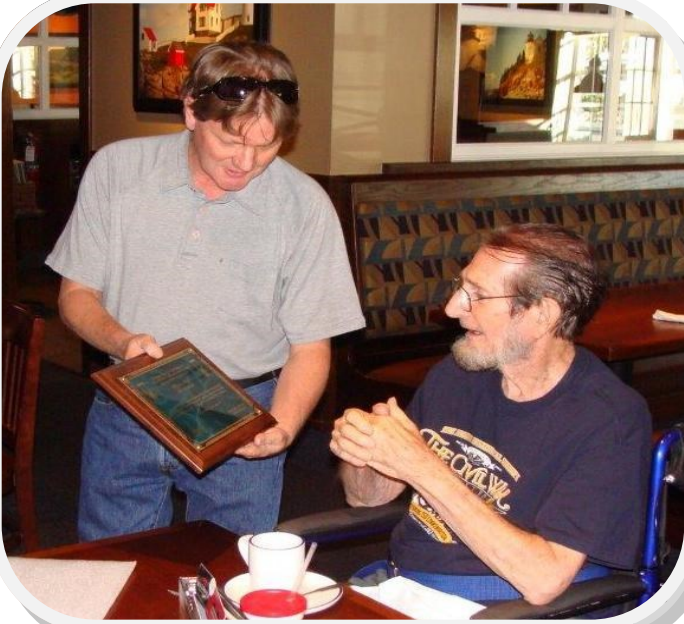
All Encampment documents and forms are available at the Department Encampment web page:

www.suvcw.org/encampment.html

Please respond by **JANUARY 15, 2015** as we need to plan for meals, transportation, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
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PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK





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Welcome New Brother!

HUZZAH !!!

**Thomas Johnson,
whose ancestor served
in the 138th IN INF.**

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Civil War Slang

Acknowledge the Corn - to admit the truth, to confess a lie, or acknowledge an obvious personal shortcoming

Arkansas Toothpick - a long, sharp knife

Bad Egg - bad person, good for nothing

Balderdash - nonsense

Bark Juice, Red Eye, O Be Joyful - liquor

Bellyache - complain

Bully for You - good for you

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

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 Dec 13, 2014, 3:00 pm

DEC 13, 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

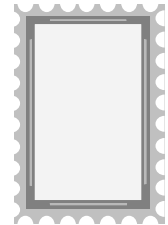
Annual Election and Installation of Officers and Camp Fellowship meeting. All Brothers and their Families/Friends are welcome !

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