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HAPPY EASTER

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Greetings from your newsletter editor !

Here are a few informative items I thought would be of interest:

Received from Dept Commander Thomas Graham PCC a list of the newly elected and appointed officers for the Dept. of Cal. & Pacific for 2015:

Elected:

Dept. Commander; Thomas Graham PCC
DSVC; Dean Enderlin PCC
DJVC; Rudy Velasco III PCC
Sec/Treas; Owen Stiles PCC
Council; Dan Earl PCC, Charles Mabie PDC,
Tim Reese PDC

Appointed:

Chaplain; Allen Davis
Patriotic Instructor; Frank Avila PCC
Counselor; Dan Earl PCC
Historian; David Davis PCC
Guide; Jamin Gjermin
Guard; Paul Lavrischeff
Signals Officer; CinC Tad Campbell PDC
Color Bearer; Garrett Hasslinger
Graves Reg. Officer; Kenneth Felton
Civil War Mem. Officer; Dean Enderlin PCC
GAR Highway Officer; Thomas Chumley PCC
Asst to GAR Highway Off.; Andrew Brown
Eagle Scout Cert. Coordntr; Tim Reese PDC
California Column Editor; Joe Marti PCC

Several Camp 21 Brothers and their wives and families were able to make it to the Vista reenactment on either Saturday or Sunday. Kim and Jerry Sayre were there both days with the Camp tent fly and display tables set up for passersby, of which there were not just a few ! A fine article was put in the SD Union-Tribune, of which a portion appears on Pg. 3. Photos from the event are on Pg. 6, thanks to Kim Sayre and Eileen Tisch for their photographic work !

On Pg. 5 I put in the 'meat' from a fine email sent to me from The Autry Museum. I hope to get up their way soon to visit this interesting facility that was begun by none other than Gene Autry himself ! When I do, I will put a report in *The General*.

Note: the Annual Blue-Gray Turkey Shoot postponed from last November has been canceled; our SVC 'Cousins' are now planning for this year's shooting match.

I would like to say again that I am more than willing to step down as your newsletter editor ! The job is not too difficult to learn and I would be more than glad to assist someone in taking over.

Needed:

your articles and photos for publishing !!

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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.

Improving the Mortar at Mt. Hope's "GAR Hill"



Will drilling a hole in the wood for the rails to go around the Mortar



The rails were set on top of stakes placed down in the ground at the four corners

Editor's Note: Photos by Eileen Tisch taken at the installation of the posts and chain surrounding the siege mortar atop "GAR Hill" at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Finally eye bolts are set in the top of the rails & the chain draped through them. This set up can be replaced if needed in the future. Looks a lot better than the orange cones that were placed around the mortar !!!!

Eileen & Security Guard Peter Rizzo admiring the mortar



Union-Tribune Article on Vista Civil War Reenactment *contributed by Kim Sayre*

It (the American Civil War) continues to inspire more history buffs to take up re-enactment than any wartime period, said Ed Mann, a Marine Corps veteran and Thousand Oaks resident who helps organize re-enactments across California with the Civil War Alliance. The Vista re-enactment was the alliance's second of five to be held this year. About 200 people participated in the event, with hundreds of spectators watching history unfold. Re-enactment groups are always looking for new recruits, Mann said. The pageantry of the Civil War is part of the draw, with soldiers marching toward each other in columns, flags and swords held high in a sort of "knightly combat," Mann said. It was one of the last "romantic wars," he said, and war movies like "Glory" and "Gettysburg" have continued to rally re-enactors behind the cause. For many, though, the Civil War is more than that. It's part of their identity. "The Civil War has an appeal that so many can relate to because they know their family history and often know what side they were on," said Mann, a Kentucky native who suits up for the Confederacy. "One side doesn't have to, as they see it, be the bad guys." The connection to the war is even more direct for **Jerry Sayre**, a Fallbrook resident and past commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who counts two Union soldiers among his ancestors, including Brevet Major Nathaniel George Clement, one of the white soldiers who led African-American soldiers who fought for the Union. ***"What our organization is about is keeping green the memory of the boys in blue," Sayre said. "It's important to know how we got here, and you need to know, mistakes and all. It's all our heritage, and it's important that we understand that."***

Photos of the Vista Reenactment are on pg 6

Editor's Note: this article was too long to reprint in it's entirety so it has been edited to fit this space.

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	11 APR 2015 Sat @ 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
* Memorial Day Ceremony, Pioneer Odd Fellows Cemetery, Alturas Street, Fallbrook, CA Lunch at Z Café at 11:30 AM	23 MAY 2015 Sat @ 10:30 AM Muster at 10:00 AM	CC Deane Poole Jerry Sayre PDC
* Memorial Day Ceremony, El Cajon Cemetery	24 MAY 2015 2:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
Memorial Day Ceremony, Vet's Assoc. of N. County, Oceanside	25 MAY 2015 Mon @ 10:00 AM	John May
* Memorial Day Ceremony, Mt. Hope Cemetery, San Diego	25 MAY 2015 Mon @ 1:30 PM	CC Deane Poole
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	13 JUN 2015 Sat @ 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
Camp Meeting, Coco's Rest. 5955 Balboa Ave. San Diego	8 AUG 2015 Sat @ 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
2015 Nat'l SUVCW & Allied Orders Encampment, Richmond VA. Omni Hotel, 100 S. 12th St. Richmond, VA. 23219	20-23 AUG 2015	CC Deane Poole
Civil War Days, Huntington Beach, Reenactment	5-6 SEP 2015 Sat 8 am-4 pm, Sun 9 pm-4 pm	Jerry Sayre PDC CC Deane Poole

Minutes of Meeting Held 21 Feb, 2015

Present: Brothers Dave Allyn, Michael Clover, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, John May, Anthony Moffitt, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Will Tisch, and guests Gay Allyn, Emily Allyn, Maria Moffitt, Kim Sayre and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Deane Poole at 3:15pm at Coco's Restaurant, Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by D. Allyn and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by T. Moffitt.

I. Honored Attendees
none

II. Announcements
For SUVCW to obtain 501C3 status, we need to file By-Laws with Dept. They will forward to National. Form 22 (Election of Officers) has been filed. Opportunity Drawing pistol has been awarded to Paul Peters.

III. New Members
John W. Gilman from Ewa Beach, HI, whose ancestor served in the 21st MEINF, has applied for membership. A motion (Sayre/Tisch) to accept his application was approved.

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting
Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Allyn).

V. Officers' Reports
Treas. J. May reported that the Camp has \$3,537.90 in the treasury of which \$1724.06 is in the Minter's Ranch Fund.

VI. Committee Reports
W. Tisch reported that the mortar at Mt. Hope Cemetery is installed. A re-dedication date is needed.

VII. S.V.R. Report
none

VIII. Upcoming Events

Dept. Encampment will be held in Sacramento in March.
Next Camp Meeting will be held on April 11, 2015.

IX. Old Business
P. Huelsenbeck has donated a collection of historical newspapers to the Camp. Discussion on how to raise money with them concluded that D. Allyn would try to sell a few on eBay.

X. New Business
1) Memorial Day in 2015 will be hosted by the Camp. Mt. Hope will charge \$110 for the use of chairs, stage, PA system, etc. A motion (Schooling/Helmantoler) to pay this fee was defeated.
2) J. Sayre noted that P. Huelsenbeck offered to host next December's meeting at his home in Fallbrook.
3) J. Sayre reported that our Memorial Day observance in Fallbrook will take place on the Saturday of that weekend. The Masonic Cemetery Association has been making improvements to the (former) Odd Fellows Cemetery.
4) D. Poole reported that El Cajon Elks would like us to participate in their Memorial Day observance on the Sunday of that weekend.
5) Date is needed for a re-dedication of the GAR mortar. D. Poole will research the original date of the gift to the Heintzelman Post to see if we might want to use that date.

XI. Members' Minutes
none

XII. Program
T. Helmantoler recounted how he obtained the Civil War service medal of his ancestor from the State of West Virginia.

The closing prayer was offered by D. Allyn and Cmdr. Poole adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

AUTRY NATIONAL CENTER OF THE AMERICAN WEST

Editor's Note: I received this information in the form of an email from Janet Jung of The Autry Center: I thought our Camp 21 Brothers might have an interest in this LA-area museum.

Empire and Liberty: The Civil War and the West

The Autry in Griffith Park: George Montgomery Gallery

April 25, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Empire and Liberty is the first major museum exhibition to illuminate the causes and legacies of the American Civil War from the vantage point of Westward expansion. Visitors are invited to explore the conflicts and connections of a growing nation through an astonishing array of more than 200 significant artifacts, including Texas slave sale documents, Andrés Pico's war drum, the battle flag carried by soldiers of the California Hundred, a Buffalo Soldier's revolver, and Cherokee General Stand Watie's bowie knife. This exhibition shows how the Civil War was more than a clash between the North and South; it was part of a history of debate over how America would expand, and who, within that expanding nation, might claim freedom.

Kim Stringfellow's Jackrabbit Homestead

On View Through August 23, 2015

Artist Kim Stringfellow connects history and ecology through past and present settlements of "Wonder Valley" in California's Mojave Desert. Through photography and audio interviews, she explores how the desire to flee the urban sprawl of Los Angeles and stake a claim in the fierce California desert resulted in both a collection of derelict cabins and the reclamation of the land for a burgeoning artistic community today. The exhibition also explores issues of land use and ecology that complicate the settlement of the arid West.

Western Frontiers: Stories of Fact and Fiction

Gamble Firearms Gallery Ongoing Exhibition

This exhibition illuminates the sweep of American Western history through its definitive artifact: the firearm. The examples featured—by iconic nineteenth century makers such as Remington, Colt, Smith & Wesson, and Winchester, among others—are some of the finest brought together in the United States, in terms of their historic value, provenance, and pure beauty. From the Colt and Winchester firearms Teddy Roosevelt used in the West, to Annie Oakley's matched set of gold-plated handguns with mother-of-pearl grips, to a Remington revolver once owned by Gettysburg hero General George Meade, this evolving display reflects the multiplicity of real, televised, and imagined stories that lie behind the people who owned those guns. Related accessories—including Winchester advertisement lithographs, colored-glass target spheres used in sharp-shooter demonstrations, and a gun belt once owned by actor Steve McQueen—put these guns within a rich cultural and historic context.

All programs are included in museum admission, except where noted. Group rates for parties of 10 or more are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors 60+, \$3 for children ages 3–12, and free for children age 2 and under, with complimentary admission for bus drivers and group tour leaders. General museum admission at Griffith Park is \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors 60+, \$4 for children ages 3–12, and free for Autry members, veterans, and children age 2 and under.

Hours

Museum and Autry Store: Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. / Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Crossroads West Café: Tuesday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. / Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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PITTENGER CAMP SCRAPBOOK





Welcome New Brother!

John W. Gilman
of
Ewa Beach, HI,
whose ancestor served
in the
21st ME INF

HUZZAH !!!

Civil War Slang

Bully - exclamation meaning, 'terrific!' or 'hurrah!'

Camp canard - tall tale circulating around camp as gossip

Deadbeat - useless person, malingeringer

Dog Collar - cravat issued with uniforms, usually discarded

Fit as a fiddle - in good shape

Grit - courage, toughness

Hanker - a strong wish or want

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

Friday, March 28 1862

GLORIETA GALLANTRY GETS GALLING

Little is talked about Civil War actions much west of the Mississippi River. Even less is known about battles in the Far West, but one such occurred today at La Glorieta Pass, in New Mexico Territory. This area was but sparsely settled by white folks, but they nonetheless found something to argue about. A Confederate commander under Col. W. R. Scurry was camped at Pigeon's Ranch. They were attacked head-on by Federals under command of Col. John P. Slough. The Federal attack, although valiant, was both outnumbered and unsuccessful and was slowly falling back. However, their comrades from Colorado had worked their way over mountains into the Confederate rear and swooped down on the supply trains left at Johnsons Ranch. Scurry, hearing about this, broke off the fight and left for Santa Fe.

Saturday March 28 1863

WESTERN WATERBORNE WARFARE WAGED

There were no large-scale battles conducted today, if you overlook the burning of Jacksonville, Fla. by the forces of Commander Duncan and the U.S.S. Norwich. This was a part of a campaign to reduce the efforts of the Floridians to continue to supply salt and beef and other supplies to the rest of the Confederacy. Elsewhere, the river war continued in the Western Theater at Pattersonville, LA. Southern land forces battled Union gunboats out in the river. The U.S.S. Diana was captured in the engagement.

Monday March 28 1864

CHARLESTON CONFEDERATES COMMIT CONFLICT

Possibly the only recorded Civil War battle to take place in Illinois occurred today in Charleston in the east-central part of the state. A number of Illinois regiments had been given leave to return home. When they got there they discovered that not all of their compatriots were as staunchly Unionist as they were, in fact they sided heavily with the secessionists. A street fight (or possibly a bar brawl, accounts differ) broke out which escalated quickly into a full-scale riot. "A Dreadful Affair Took Place In Our Town", the newspaper headline proclaimed the next day. Five persons were reported killed, and more than 20 wounded. Federal reinforcements moved in the next day and restored order.

Tuesday March 28 1865

CONCLUSIVE COMBAT CONSULTATION CONTINUES

City Point, Va., was the home of the decisive decisions of the end-phase of the War today. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Gen. William T. Sherman, Admiral D.D. Porter were met in consultation with President Abraham Lincoln aboard the USS River Queen. Lincoln showed little interest in the military details of what was obviously the conclusion of the conflict. Instead he spent the conference detailing how he wanted the South to be treated afterwards. Lincoln emphasized that there was to be as little loss of life as possible. He then went into his desire that a policy of leniency would be followed afterwards.

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 April 11, 2015 3:00 pm

SAT APR 11, 2015 3:00

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.

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Our Program

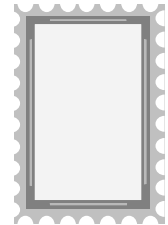
Join us for general discussion and planning for upcoming events with Member's Minutes, plan to stay for a meal and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people !

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