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HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY

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Greetings Camp Brothers, this is your Editor speaking to you from the newsletter HQ in Lakeside. I hope you are coming off of another summer of relaxation and recreation, getting fully back into your normal routine. As I look ahead to our next meeting I see we have planned for officer nominations to be done instead of waiting until December, as in years past. The reason for handling this in October is so that we can maximize the enjoyment of our annual end-of-year fellowship party to be held this year at the Fallbrook home of our Junior Vice Commander, Peter Huelsenbeck. In case you are not aware of the SUVCW Regulations for this procedure, let me explain that any brother in good standing may offer his name for any of the Camp's offices, including Camp Commander, and no second is needed. The Camp needs more brothers willing to step up and help out so please feel free to come to this meeting and get involved—we need you!

On Pg 3 there is an important announcement via email which is for the black powder musket shoot which was scratched this past year due to rain. This is a fund-raiser for both the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 302 and our Camp. If you've always wanted to shoot live rounds with a black powder Springfield or Enfield replica, this is the event for you! For a nominal cost (yet to be determined and based on how many persons sign up) you will fire 5

rounds at a paper target under close supervision by expert personnel. This is a really fun event and all may participate—you need not be a member of the SUVCW or SCV. This will take place on Saturday, November 7 at the South Bay Rod and Gun Club in Dulzura. Plan to come and help Camp 21

defeat the Rebs !!! The best score will take home a gift certificate for a turkey. On other pages of this edition you will see photos (Pg. 5) from the Huntington Beach Civil War Days reenactment which featured the Immediate Past SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Tad Campbell and his wife Rachelle who is the Immediate Past National President of the Auxiliary to The SUVCW. Kim and Jerry Sayre were honored to have them at our display table, assisting with meeting and greeting the many visitors who stopped by to learn more about the Union soldiers who preserved the country in 1861-1865, "The Boys in Blue." In addition there are photos (Pg. 2) provided by Kim and Jerry of the presentation of a donation from our Camp to the Fallbrook church once pastored by Camp namesake, William Pittenger, which is in need of a new roof. I hope you all will have a prosperous end of the

year as we move into the cooler days of Autumn and look forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays that are just around the corner.



Memorial Day 2015, Wm. Pittenger, Camp namesake's MOH grave marker, Fallbrook Odd Fellows Pioneer Cemetery

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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.

Wm. Pittenger's Old Fallbrook Church Needs Help To Fix Roof

Story Published: Mar 2, 2015 at 6:36 PM PDT from SD TV Channel 6 The CW

The bell that calls the faithful to service at the First Christian Church of Fallbrook has done so for 128 years; it's as old as the historic church itself. Pastor Dave Powers say the church was there when troops left to serve in World War I and when they returned from World War II. It's been there for countless Sunday services, weddings, baptisms and memorials. But so much history has taken a toll. Parishioners have been able to fix leaking pipes and electrical problems that have cropped up over the years. They have built new church buildings and installed new landscape. But the church's biggest problem now is its leaky roof. It's too steep for parishioners to fix themselves, and they can't afford the \$60,000 price tag to pay someone to fix it either. The 65 or so parishioners are mostly military or seniors on fixed incomes. "We do everything we know how to do. Everyone's willing to do as much as they can," said Patricia Roybal, who's been a parishioner for 30 years. The church has raised about \$10,000 so far and is having a bake sale and lemonade-stand fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday where they hope to raise more. They are also accepting donations. To donate or for more information go to the [church website here](#). Powers says he hopes the repairs will allow the congregation to stay in the historic building and continue serving the community for another 128 years.

From Kim Sayre: The first photo was taken on Sunday, August 23rd, 2015. Jerry Sayre presented a check donated by Pittenger Camp 21 to Pastor Dave Powers to help fund a new roof on the church building where Sgt. William Pittenger preached. Sgt. William Pittenger, Medal of Honor Recipient and Camp Namesake was Pastor in this building when it was the Methodist Church. This building is a historical landmark. The second photo is of the old roof (green tiles) with the new roofing supplies on top. It is at a very steep angle. The third photo shows new brown tiles that have been put on top of the green tiles on the right side. Currently, only ONE person is working on the new roof and the pace is very slow, not to mention how hot it has been.



Camp Announcements and Calendar

Hello Pittenger Camp 21,

I received the e-mail below and was asked to forward it on to Pittenger Camp 21.

Please reply to SCV Commander Jim Stephens at: jtstephens@cox.net

Thank you!

Kim :)

Ladies and Gentlemen – **The 2015 Musket Shoot – *formally called the Turkey Shoot*** – is just around the corner. It is scheduled for **November 7th, starting at 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM** at the South Bay Rod & Gun Club in Dulzura. Unlike previous years, there will be no official host camp. This will be a fun gathering and a **certificate for a turkey will be awarded to the top shooter**. The entrance fee will range from \$10.00 to \$20.00 depending on the number of entrants.

In order that we can lock-in the range, **please get back with me ASAP** so that we can have a good feel for those who would like to participate. Keep in mind that if you are not sure that you can come to the shoot, let me know that. We need to have a solid commitment to make this a worth while event.

The Rod & Gun Club will provide the range supervision. Also, we can plan to have our usual potluck for lunch.

More details at a later date.

Commander Jim — email: jtstephens@cox.net

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego. Election of Officers for 2016	10 OCT 2015 Sat @ 3:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
Musket Shoot , South Bay Rod & Gun Club, Dulzura <i>Details forthcoming</i>	7 NOV 2015 Sat 8:00 AM —1:00 PM	CC Deane Poole
* VMCM Memorial Service, SVR Color Guard, Co. G	Sat 28 NOV 2015 (muster 1130)	Tom Helmantoler/Will Tisch
Camp Meeting, at JVC Peter & Nikki Huelsenbeck's home, 1014 S. Ridge Dr. Fallbrook - Annual Camp Party	12 DEC 2015 Sat @ Time TBD	CC Deane Poole/JVC Huelsenbeck
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	FEB 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	APR 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	JUN 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	AUG 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	OCT 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	DEC 2016 Sat @ 3:00 PM	TBD

Minutes of Meeting Held August 15, 2015

Present: Brothers David Allyn, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck, John May, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Will Tisch and guests Gay Allyn, Nicki Huelsenbeck, Kim Sayre, and Eileen Tisch.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Deane Poole at 3:06pm at Mimi's Restaurant, 10787 Westview Pkwy., San Diego, California. The opening prayer was offered by D. Allyn and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Sayre.

I. Honored Attendees

none

II. Announcements

Brother Ernie Powell has been ill.

The Fallbrook Historical Society is thinking of sponsoring a "Pittenger Night" at the Pittenger home/museum. We have promised our support and participation.

III. New Members

A motion (May/Sayre) to accept the membership application of Bernard Greeson of Aiea, HI, whose ancestor served in the 2nd IA INF, was approved.

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Sayre/Helmantoler) with correction noting that Will Tisch was presented the Meritorious Service Award.

V. Officers' Reports

Sec. J. May reported correspondence from Dept. JVC Rudy Velasquez accompanied by a membership application for Bernard Greeson.

Treas. J. May reported a Camp balance of \$2862.48, of which \$1013 is in the Minter's Ranch fund.

J. Sayre reported that Camp's donation to the Fallbrook First Christian Church will be delivered by him to the Pastor.

T. Helmantoler gave a recap of the reburial of Sgt. Schrater at Miramar National Cemetery.

VI. Committee Reports

W. Tisch reported that the Minter's Ranch project needs to submit paperwork and to submit a check.

W. Tisch reported that a plaque is still needed to complete the G.A.R. Mortar project. He and J. Sayre will work on the text.

VII. S.V.R. Report

none

VIII. Upcoming Events

Huntington Beach Re-enactment, Sept. 5-6.
December meeting at P. Huelsenbeck home, Sat., Dec. 12, 2pm.

IX. Old Business

1. The date for the December Camp meeting at the Huelsenbeck home was set for Dec. 12 at 2pm.

X. New Business

1. A motion (Sayre/May) to make nominations for next year's Camp Officers at the October meeting instead of the December one was passed. Planning for the meeting/party will also take place at the October meeting.
2. It was suggested that the Camp participate in the Veterans Day Parade in San Diego. It was also suggested that we perhaps march with the SCV. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
3. The possibility of having a display of G.A.R. memorabilia at the Miramar National Cemetery was discussed.

XI. Members' Minutes

M. Schooling explained the viewpoint of the SCV on the recent events involving the removal of Confederate symbols, statues, memorials, etc.

J. Sayre mentioned that our participation at the Hot Summer Nights event in Fallbrook was graciously received by those in attendance.

P. Huelsenbeck spoke on his belief that Civil War artifacts are a sure way to get people interested in history in general and our organization in particular. An informational brochure would also be of help in bringing the SUVCW to the attention of the public.

XII. Program

Br. Tom Helmantoler spoke on the contributions of Major Jonathan Letterman to the reorganization of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Civil War.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

Huntington Beach Civil War Days



Past National Auxiliary President - Rachelle Campbell, Past C in C - Tad Campbell, Junior Auxiliary Sister - Emelia Campbell and PDC - Jerry Sayre

PDC Jerry Sayre explaining the 1861 Springfield Rifle.



Above: PDC Jerry Sayre.

Past C in C Tad Campbell and PDC Jerry Sayre.



Pittenger Camp Scrapbook

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 Section B

Honoring Fallbrook's military heritage



Fallbrook Village News clipping showing Tom Helmantoler interacting with a visitor to the Camp 21 tent fly at the "Summer Nights" event honoring our "Military Heritage" August 7. Also participating were Peter Huelsenbeck with Kim and Jerry Sayre

Tom Helmantoler of "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" talks about a pre-Civil War era rifle made in Norway to visitors at the Fallbrook Summer Nights event on Aug. 7. The theme of the event is "Salute to Our Military Heritage." This event was the last in the summer series, sponsored by the Fallbrook Village Association.



Above: Tom Helmantoler presenting program on Dr. Letterman's reorganization of Medical Corps.



Left: CC Deane Poole presides over the August meeting at Mimi's Restaurant

Lower Left: Close up of CC Deane Poole

Lower Right: Kim Sayre and Dave Allyn asking questions





Welcome New Brother!

**Bernard D. Greeson
Of Aiea, HI.
Whose ancestor
served in the 2nd Iowa
Infantry**

HUZZAH !!!

Civil War Slang

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

Bad Egg - bad person, good for nothing

Beat the Dutch - if that don't beat all

Been Through the Mill - been through a lot, seen it all

Bivouac - to camp without formal shelter or in temporary circumstances

Duds - clothing

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

Thursday Sept. 26 1861
HUMILIATION HOLIDAY HARDLY HELD

It is difficult to imagine in these later days when errors and misdeeds are atoned for by plea bargains and talk-show appearances, but attitudes were different in 19th century America. Today was observed, in the North, a “day of humiliation, fasting and prayer” by declaration of Abraham Lincoln. The Bible was a more prominent part of public life in those times, and it is mentioned many times in that book that the Lord will look with added favor on a nation which “humbles itself before Him.” However, it was not a day of rest in the Confederacy, which resulting in fights and skirmishes in Fort Thorn, New Mexico Territory; Hunter’s Farm, near Belmont, Missouri; and at the mouth of the Muddy River in Kentucky.

Friday Sept. 26, 1862
NAVAL NOVELTY NEATLY NOTED

Samuel duPont--yes, he was one of the Delaware duPont’s, of munitions-making and later chemical manufacturing fame--was no young puppy. In 40 years in the Navy he had risen recently to the rank of rear admiral--but he was no opponent of innovation as long-serving officers sometimes were. He proved this today by inventing a concept which would prove exceedingly useful in blockade operations: a floating fuel depot. He ordered a large “coal hulk” to be fitted with a hoist. When full, the ship would hold 1000 tons of coal. With the hoist, it was vastly easier for other ships to simply pull up to this vessel for refueling. The first of these ships went into service today off the coast of Charleston, S. C., greatly increasing efficiency for both the blockade and the several campaigns of attack on the harbor and town.

Saturday Sept. 26, 1863
KIRBY COUNSELS CONFEDERATE CONFLICT

The governors, not to mention the generals, of the Confederate states on the west side of the Mississippi River had long felt they were being treated like unwanted stepchildren by the government in Richmond. When they requested guns, supplies, or manpower, they were more likely to be asked to send these items East for the defense of the capital, rather than have them sent out for the defense of the hinterlands. Now that Vicksburg had fallen and the Mississippi River was in Union hands the situation was becoming grim in the extreme. Gen. E. Kirby Smith tried his hand at firebrand speechwriting today when he issued the following to the populace of the Trans-Mississippi: “Your homes are in peril...You should contest the advance of the enemy, thicket, gully and stream; harass his rear and cut off his supplies.” The inclination, not to mention ability, of civilian farmers to follow this advice was questionable.

Monday Sept. 26 1864
CREATIVE CANAL CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED

Richmond, Virginia, lies on the James River. This is a wide waterway, easily navigated in most seasons--a virtual highway to the heart of the Confederate government. This point did not escape the Union military, and several attempts to use the river for attack had reached at least the planning stage. This point was well known to the Confederates as well though, and they had taken the precaution of fortifying a number of bluffs to prevent such a naval assault. Today began an effort to bypass these defenses. Union military--primarily black refugees and freed slaves known as “contraband” making up the majority of the workforce--started work on a canal. The Confederates were sufficiently worried about this to consider using gunboats to drive off the canal diggers.

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 October 10, 2015 3:00 pm

SAT 10 OCT, 2015 3:00 PM

LOCATION

**Mimi's Restaurant
10788 Westview Pkwy.
San Diego, California.**

Our Program

**Nominations for 2016 Officers
and planning for the December
meeting will occupy most of the
meeting in addition to other old
and new business**

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

From the North: take I-15 South to Mira Mesa Blvd, turn right, take first left, Mimi's is visible from Mira Mesa Blvd.

From the South: take I-15 North to Mira Mesa Blvd, turn left go under freeway, Mimi's is visible from Mira Mesa Blvd.

From anywhere in San Diego County: take whatever road will get you to the Mira Mesa Blvd exits off I-15, then follow above directions.

Restaurant phone number: **858-566-6667**

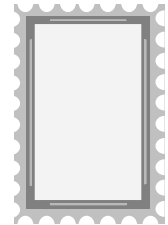
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Preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic & "The Boys in Blue," 1861 - 1865