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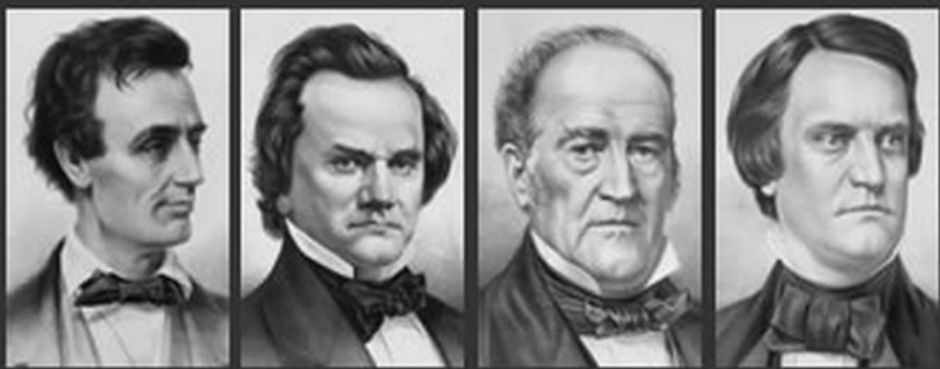


Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

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AUTUMN IS BACK

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The 1860 candidates: Lincoln, Douglas, Bell and Breckinridge

1972 we get Watergate. Jimmy Carter, "Peanut Mafia Takes Over." Did anybody actually run against Ronald Reagan? Sure enough, I voted for John Anderson, American Independent Party. I didn't get to vote in the 1984 election; a long story for another time. Had I voted I would have chosen Reagan. Honestly now, an actor! Next we get George Bush Sr. and, about this time, Ross Perot got into the act. It doesn't get any better with Bill Clinton and his scandals, or the "hanging chad" incident that disrupted George Bush Jr.

Brothers,

The Election Season is upon us. In any other given election process, I would urge all of you to get out the vote, exercise your hard wrought privilege as an American citizen and vote your favorite candidate. Trouble is, in the current election, there may not be a 'favorite' candidate. Certainly these are not typical candidates and then, just to confound the situation, we here in the state of California, will be deciding on beaucoup propositions. There are a total of 18 State measures, addressing everything from repeal of the death penalty to revision of death penalty procedures. 18 propositions are a burden for the electorates' power of reasoning.

I first voted in the campaign of 1964, and preferred Lyndon B. Johnson to Barry Goldwater. I liked Lyndon's stand on Civil Rights much better than Barry's. I wonder, sometimes, if Johnson's win wasn't a sympathy victory for the murder of then President, John F. Kennedy. Remember his debates with Richard Nixon? To a young college student, at that time, those debates were so very cool. But the pundits warned that GOP would be changed from 'Grand Old Party' to 'Genuflect or Perish.' Kennedy was our first Catholic President. The 1968 Election was worse. There was the assassination of Democratic contender Bobby Kennedy and then the Chicago convention that turned ugly. For

and Al Gore. Kinda gives a whole new meaning to the ballot process. It's been boring these last 8 years but the jury is still out on Barack Obama's term. That may be a reason the current field is just so crazy.

This election may seem like it's over the top, and it may well be, we Americans have been exposed to nothing less than farcical choices in the past but we have prevailed. When our nation was created, there was no example of a democratic republic on which to model. We were born an experiment and we remain an experiment, fine-tuning our nation to accomplish our goals.

Please get out the vote, despite it all, get out that vote.

Yours in F, C & L,

John C. Finch

**P.S. NOTE MEETING START TIME,
10:00 AM**

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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.



Commander-in-Chief (2016 – 2017)

The 135th National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Donald L. Martin of Chillicothe, Ohio as their 135th Commander-in-Chief on 13 August 2016. He is the 4th Commander in Chief from Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73.



Don, the son of Jack and Della Martin, grew up north of Dayton in Pleasant Hill, Ohio, in a family of carpenters and began learning the trade during the summers of High School and College. He graduated from Miami University where he played on the Miami Lacrosse Club.

In 1983 he began 9 years of service in the United States Air Force. He flew as a Loadmaster on the C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft and later worked in administration. Missions took him to various locations worldwide and to many of the early warning radar sites in Alaska. Stationed in Arkansas and Alaska he was Honorably Discharged in 1992.

Following his Air Force service, Commander Martin worked in the construction industry in Ohio and as a carpenter for the Department of Defense in North Carolina. There he completed coursework to receive a teaching certification in Science and Social Studies. Employed by Waverly City Schools since 1998, he has taught 9th grade World Studies, General Science, Environmental Science and has returned to US History this school year. Upon completing his Master's Degree from the University of Rio Grande, Commander Martin was hired as a University mentor and part time instructor in their graduate program. He traveled in 2005 with a team of teachers to China's University of Bao Ji to conduct an education work shop.

The Transatlantic Outreach Program of Germany and The Korean Foundation both chose Commander Martin in 2008 to participate in their educator programs. Each lasting about two-weeks, the first sponsored a study tour of Germany and the second, a study tour of South Korea and brief entrance into North Korea while touring the DMZ. Chosen a Fulbright Scholar in 2010, he participated in the 26 day Seminar Abroad Program in Brazil. Selected as a National Endowment of the Humanities Scholar in 2015 and 2014, Commander Martin attended 8 day workshops in Montana and Colorado.

Commander in Chief Martin joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1998. He served as Camp Commander for 4 years and is still the Camp Patriotic Instructor. For the Department of Ohio he served as Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected Department Commander in 2011.

At the National level Commander Martin has served as Guide (2009); National Patriotic Instructor (2009-11); Counsel of Administration (2011-14); Life Membership Committee (2011-12); Civil War Memorial Grant Committee (2012-14) (Chair 2013-14); Regulation Committee Aide (2013-14); Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2014-15); Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2015-16); Programs and Policies Committee Chair (2015-16); National Military Affairs Committee (2011-present); and on the Constitution and Regulation Committee (2013-2016).

His membership in the SUVCW is based on his Great, Great, Great, Grandfathers Private Daniel Mote of Company B, 110th OVVI and Englishman Captain James Sowry. Captain Sowry, a Veteran of the British Army's Seventh Regiment, English Grenadiers and the Mexican War, served in Company E, of the 48th OVVI and his brother, Corporal William Sowry served in Company E, 118th OVVI.

Wife Sherry, a native of Los Angeles, and Commander Martin were married while both served on active duty at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, in 1984. Daughter Jennifer lives in Chillicothe with her children, Allison, William, and Alyssa. Son Brother Dustin resides in Boston, Massachusetts.

News and Camp Calendar



From the Editor: I found a great website with pics and notes about Stalag Luft 1 at this URL:

<http://www.merkki.com/photo.htm>

Thank you, Kim for sharing this photo and information about your American WWII USAAF Aviator Ancestor.

Hi Guys,

At the last Pittenger meeting I mentioned that just recently I found out who my Mother’s biological father was and this was one shot in a million because my Mother was adopted... a bit of a long story, but here is a photo of him. Flight crew of my new found Grandfather, John Jacob Jones Jr., standing in front of their B-24 Liberator. My Grandfather—John—is the good looking one in the bunch! :) John piloted this plane and two others until July 1944 when his third plane was shot down over occupied Belgium and he was held prisoner at Stalag Luft 1 until the end of the war. He is in the top row, 4th from the left.

Kim Sayre

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month,Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Mimi’s Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	OCT 8, 2016 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Annual Blue Grey “Turkey Shoot,” South Bay Rod and Gun Club, 1020 Marron Valley Rd. Dulzura (Ref: Pg. 7)	NOV 5, 2016 Sat @ 0800-1300	CC John Finch, SVC Tom Helmantoler
* Veterans Service, SVR Color Guard, San Diego Veterans Memorial Museum, 2115 Park Blvd	NOV 26, 2016 Sat @ 1130	1st LT Tom Helmantoler
Camp Meeting and Annual Christmas Party, Pete and Nikki Huelsenbeck’s home,	DEC 17, 2016 Sat @ 2:00 PM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi’s Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	FEB 11, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC (TBD)
131st Dept. Encampment (Date and Place to be announced soon)	MAR 2017	CC (TBD)
Camp Meeting, Mimi’s Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	APR 8, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC (TBD)
Camp Meeting, Mimi’s Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	JUN 10, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC (TBD)
Camp Meeting, Mimi’s Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	AUG 12, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC (TBD)
National SUVCW Encampment (Date and Place to be announced)	AUG, 2017	CC (TBD)

Minutes of Meeting Held August 13, 2016

Present: Brothers David Allyn, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck, John May, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, and guests Nicki Huelsenbeck, John Keenan, and Kim Sayre.

The meeting was called to order by Commander John Finch at 10:00am 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

Col. John Keenan, USMC (Ret), a member of the Irish Brigade Camp #4 of Fredericksburg, VA, was present.

II. Announcements

Br. Will Tisch is recovering from knee replacement surgery

The charter is draped in black in honor of Real Son Harold Becker of Grand Rapids, MI

III. New Members

none

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

V. Officers' Reports

1) Sec. J. May reported that Br. J. Gillman sent an email thanking the Camp for purchasing his SU-VCW War Medal. Treas. J. May reported a Camp balance of \$3051.84, of which \$1013 is in the Minter's Ranch fund.

2) SVC T. Helmantoler needs presenters for our upcoming meetings. Please see him with ideas.

VI. Committee Reports

No progress has been made on the Minters Ranch project.

The Mortar at Mt. Hope Cemetery is in need of a plaque.

VII. S.V.R. Report

T. Helmantoler reported that 11 members have paid dues. Input is requested as to participation at the VMCC as a color guard.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Blue Gray Picnic, Aug. 27 at the Amphibious Base at Coronado, 10am-3pm.

Huntington Beach re-enactment, Sept. 3-4 at Central Park in Huntington Beach.

Camp Meeting, Oct. 8, 10am.

IX. Old Business

Camp presence on Craig's List has not been established yet.

Eagle Scout Coordinator still needed.

ROTC paperwork needs to be submitted.

X. New Business

1. Eagle Scout ceremony in Vista coming up. J. Finch will mail a certificate.
2. P Huelsenbeck offered his home as a place for the December meeting with a Christmas party included. Planning should occur at the October meeting. Tentative date has been set as Dec. 17 at 2:00pm.

XI. Members' Minutes

John Keenan, from Stafford, VA, spoke of his ancestor who served in the 88th NY INF, a part of the Irish Brigade.

J. Sayre described how he found Kim Sayre's previously unknown grandfather.

T. Helmantoler mentioned that a body from Bunker Hill has been identified by dental work which was done by Paul Revere.

M. Schooling shared a short Civil War in the West lesson, including a skirmish in Arizona and the occupation of Tucson by confederate troops.

XII. Program

none.

The closing prayer was offered by D. Allyn and Cmdr. Finch adjourned the meeting at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

Huntington Beach Civil War Weekend 2016



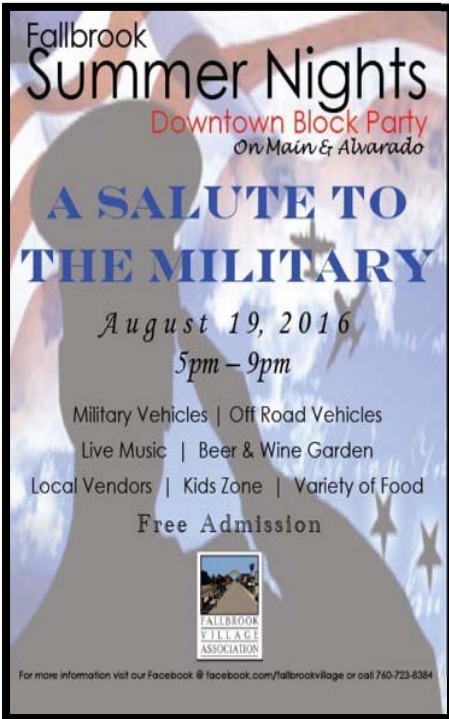
Jerry Sayre PDC at Huntington Beach Civil War Re-Enactment, Sat/Sun, Sept. 3/4. On far right is Pittenger's new/duel member Col. John A. Keenan, USMC (Ret) with wife and daughter. Photo by Glen Roosevelt PDC.



America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

Pittenger Camp Scrapbook



Poster from Fallbrook event



Jerry Sayre PDC and Peter Huelsenbeck JVC participated in Fallbrook's Summer Nights Downtown Block Party, "A Salute to the Military" on Friday, August 19. They set up two pop-up 10 x 10 covers and had tables with display items and information. Photos by Kim Sayre.

Marines from Camp Pendleton lined the street with many vehicles. The Marine in this photo is explaining about the weapon he is holding.





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. Unless you ask you'll likely not discover who may be descended from a Union Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Revenue Cutter Veteran of the American Civil War. There are millions out there !

Civil War Slang

Contraband - escaped slaves who sought refuge behind Union lines

Copperhead - Northern person with Southern, anti-Union sympathies

Essence of Coffee - early instant coffee, found in paste form

Forage - to hunt for food, live off the land; also came to mean plundering enemy property for sustenance

Hard Case - tough guy

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

On This Day

September 24/25, 1862

While blocking the Texas coast, the U. S. Navy encounters a Rebel regiment at Sabine Pass. After a Union shelling Rebels withdraw.

September 24, 1862

14 governors declare their support for the President and emancipation from a conference in Altoona, Pennsylvania

September 24, 1863

President Lincoln wires Gen. Rosecrans in Chattanooga, telling him 40,000 to 60,000 troops are on their way. Within a week a corps arrives at Stevenson, Alabama

September 24, 1869

Black Friday. Rampant speculation in the gold market is countered by the sale of U. S. gold. The price falls dramatically, resulting in panic in the financial markets. *Editor's Note: although this occurred post-war, it was likely a result of the monetary/fiscal difficulties brought on by the War*

From Our 'Cousins In Gray'

Via email from SCV Camp 302 Commander Jim Stephens

Ladies and Gentlemen - It's that time of year again. Plans have been made for this year's annual Musket shoot at South Bay Rod & Gun Club, 1020 Marron Valley Road, Dulzura, 91917-2115. The date is Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 0800 to 1300. We will be on range #2. Cost will be \$20.00 entry fee per shooter. All shooters will have five shots from a Black-Powder .58 Caliber musket. There will be a prize to the top shooter. Once again we will have Joanne Frazier and Dave Boyle providing their superb support and valuable advice to us during this event. As usual, we will have a pot luck luncheon during the competition. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks and drinks for all to enjoy. **No alcohol please!** Additional details for this event will be worked out during the next couple of camp meetings. Everyone! Please mark your calendars. Let's have a great turn-out this year. we had a good one in 2015. Thanks again to all those who attended then.

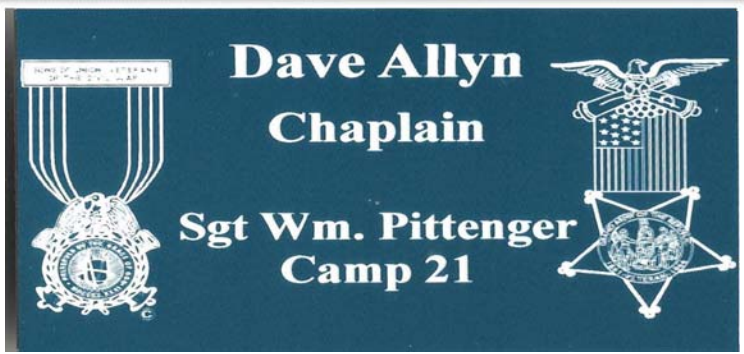
The Civil War Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 38,500 acres of battlefield land in 20 states. Learn more at www.civilwar.org, the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

NEXT MEETING: Sat October 8, 2016 NOTE Time Change 10:00AM

SAT 8 OCT, 2016 10:00AM

Camp Badges Available

LOCATION
Mimi's Café Restaurant
10788 WESTVIEW PKWY.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92126



Our Program

At press time we aren't certain of a 'program' so come and be part of our discussion (around lunch) in a roundtable of "Member's Minutes," sharing Civil War related information and stories !

If you would like to order a Pittenger Camp 21 Name Badge, please mail a check for \$10.00 to Jerry Sayre along with the following information:

Your Name as you would like it engraved and Camp Office title if you like. (This could change year to year).

Specify if you prefer a Pin Clasp or Magnet on the back.

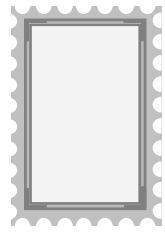
Make checks payable to Fallbrook Awards.

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