

Newsletter of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21

The General

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AUTUMN IS BACK

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Brothers and Friends;

During this past summer a cultural element gained sufficient strength and public support to force the removal of statues and monuments honoring heroes of the Confederacy. The root of their protest seems to be a perceived perpetuation of racism stemming from the antebellum South and the institution of slavery. Unfortunately, the most vocal and aggressive opposition to this movement has been from groups that promote racism and a segregated society. Because of the heightened news coverage and exposure to this highly opinion-charged issue, our Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, promulgated a directive, advising members to adhere to the policies of the organization and refrain from public comments that would intensify an encounter. He suggested that we review SUVCW's position on Battle Flags and Monuments, found online in the national policy section of the governance page, and the recently released General Order #2. Let us review CinC Day's references.

First, Policy on the Confederate Battle Flags and Monuments, found at suvvw.org/?page_id=2259.

Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy As approved during the 136th National Encampment, Lansing, Michigan, August 2017

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines and revenue cutter servicemen who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War Veterans Monument or tablet, whether Union or confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and C.S.A. flags at our National Battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past.

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

Second, General Order #2 Forwarded to Camp #21 membership on 22 August and reprinted, in summary, here for your convenience:

General Order No. 2 issued August 21, 2017 directs that all departments, camps, and individual brothers refrain from acting as a Media spokesmen or agent for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to become involved in the pursuit of any civil actions (legal proceedings), on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regarding the removal of veteran's monuments, without first contacting the Commander-in-Chief and receiving authorization from him.

Editor's note: complete text of G.O.#2 found at <http://www.suvvw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/General-Order-No.-2.pdf>

Please review these policy guidelines that may be helpful in your understanding and appreciation of SUVCW resolve.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John C. Finch

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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 and most appreciated: 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: 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.



CinC's Corner: Latest Communication

As a promise to the Order, CinC Day stated that he would occasionally post details of his agenda and thinking that do not fall within the binding authority of General Orders. These thoughts and rationale are all presented for the Good of the Order, and CinC Day encourages and values the voice of every Brother on every issue.

Commander-in-Chief's message to the membership #2/2017-18

Brothers,

I have several purposes in mind as, I begin this message to you this evening. One is to provide information as to the effects the recent wildfires and hurricanes have had on our SUVCW family, a second item is to make you aware of a opportunity to support a very worthwhile project, which reflects the core values of our organization, and lastly to make several announcements. For the past two weeks, I like many of you have sat transfixed by the images coming from our nations Gulf Coast and Northwest. The events which have unfolded before our eyes, via the twenty-four hours news cycle, have been challenging for our nation and more especially for our SUVCW brothers in Oregon, Texas and Florida. Hurricane Harvey has brought disruption and havoc to the lives of at least two of our Brothers living in Houston, who lost their homes, and Hurricane Irma saw the need for our National Historian Robert Waltz (sic), who lives in Key West, to evacuate his home and workplace. Regrettably we must assume that many additional Brothers have had their lives disrupted and need our prayers and support. In the hope of identifying our Brothers in need, I have contacted the Department leadership in both Texas and Florida and asked them to provide the names of Brothers who need assistance to either myself or Chaplain Jerry. This will allow us to communicate the needs of our Brothers and Sisters to those of you who want to assist in their effort to recover from this most assuredly life changing experience. As information becomes available, we will disseminate it through our National Website and National Facebook page. I would ask that you periodically look at those sites for updates on our Brothers and Sisters who have been impacted by these natural disasters. I would also encourage you to consider contributing to the relief of the people in Oregon, Texas, and Florida through the charity of your choice to the extent you can do so without harming yourselves.

Now on to my second purpose. Many of you are aware of the Department of Illinois efforts to establish a memorial plaza at the grave of Dr. Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic in Petersburg, Ill. This past June my wife and I stopped by the grave site and had the chance to see the improvements that have been made. To say that the improvements were impressive would be an understatement. The beautiful Italian marble benches, each reflecting the emblems of one of the Allied Orders, are spectacular and the newly installed paving stones that will ultimately surround the obelisk, marking Dr. Stephenson's grave, give evidence to the beautiful setting that will be created; making the plaza a lasting and powerful testimony to the Allied Orders fulfillment of their joint goal to preserve and honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those who sacrificed so much to preserve our nation.

It is my [heartfelt](#) desire to see the memorial plaza completed and available for all to see and to provide a tangible symbol for educating the public about the Grand Army. To that end, I am asking that each camp and department consider donating to this project so that the memorial plaza can be completed in the coming year. The Department of Illinois has a plan to continue the work of installing the paving stones and two flag poles, but funding is necessary for its completion. Information on the project can be found on the Department of Illinois Website www.suvcwil.com and I encourage you to look it over. As an incentive, I will provide an appropriate [certificate](#) to any camp that donates at least \$100 and an appropriate streamer to any department that has at least 75% of its camps donate at least \$100.00.

Now to the last of my purposes; announcements.

1. Brother Eric Richhart has been elected by the Council of Administration to fill the role of National Expansion Officer.

CinC's Corner (Cont from Pg.2)

2. I have reappointed PCinC Grim and PCinC Darby for a term of two years on the Constitution and Regulations Committee said terms to expire in 2019.

3. The Listing of National Officers and Committee Assignments has been updated and I would ask that you review and familiarize yourself with it. These are the folks you will need to know if you have questions.

4. With the end of the year approaching we will soon be electing Camp Officers and preparing reports. I would ask that you be diligent in completing your reports and remind the Camp and Department Secretaries that we now have an official [membership card](#), which contains proprietary information, and is available from the [Quartermaster](#). Instructions for printing the cards can be found on the National Website under Forms on the Governance page.

5. Once again, the Sons Veterans Reserve is planning a fabulous weekend of events for Remembrance Day November 17-19. I hope that many of you will be able to make it to this very special event and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting and speaking with you.

6. I would like to make you aware of the efforts of the Brothers of the Department of Tennessee to preserve historic Fort Negley in Nashville from commercial development. If you would like more information, I am sure the Brothers in Tennessee would be happy to answer your questions.

7. I would encourage those Departments or individuals who would like me to attend their encampments or events; to contact the Chief of Staff, Brother Faron Taylor, theoverland-grouppllc@gmail.com so they can be placed on the schedule and

advised of my availability.

8. Recruiting new members is everyone's job. Those of you who were at the National Encampment in Lansing will remember that, I asked for each member to always carry an [application form](#) #3 in their pocket. You never know where the opportunity will arise to make a new Brother. Take advantage of the moment and let (Carpe Diem) be our by-word in recruiting. I would also ask that you be diligent with new members and process their applications expeditiously. Nothing is more damaging to our efforts than holding up the processing and initiation of new members, and once you have new members get them and yourselves involved in activities that promote our motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

It is my hope that these CinC messages help in keeping the membership aware of the activities of your national officers and the important events / projects that are being conducted by our Camps and Departments. I encourage each Camp and Department to keep me informed on their activities and needs by emailing me at CinC@suvcw.org or if it is something needing immediate attention calling me at the number listed on the National Website.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Mark R. Day
Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month,Year	Contact Person(s)
Annual Black Powder Musket Shoot, South Bay Rod and Gun Club, Dulzura CA. Cost = \$20 per shooter	OCT 7, 2017 Noon until Dark	Chaplain Dave Allyn
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	OCT 14, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting/Elections/Christmas Party, JVC Peter Huelsenbeck's home, 1014 S. Ridge Dr, Fallbrook, CA.	DEC 9, 2017 Sat @ (TBD)	JVC P. Huelsenbeck/CC John Finch (760) 728-3769
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	FEB, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	APR, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	JUN, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	AUG, 2017 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch

Minutes of Meeting Held August 12, 2017

Present: Brothers David Allyn, Ron Crow, John Finch, John Gilman, Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck, John Keenan, John May, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, , and guests Alicia Crow, Dimas Lovato, David Purchase, Kim Sayre, and Joyce Waterman.

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

Welcome was extended to guests Alicia Crow, Dimas Lovato, David Purchase, and Joyce Waterman.

II. Announcements

Stu Hoffman has died and his memorial service and funeral will be held August 21 and 22.

Dept. of California and Pacific Commander's Award was presented to CMDR Finch by J. Sayre for Camp 21 having the greatest membership increase.

III. New Members

none

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

V. Officers' Reports

Sec. J. May reported no correspondence since the last meeting.

Treas. J. May reported Camp balance of \$5511.65, which includes a recent anonymous donation of \$2,500.

JVC T. Helmantoler thanked Kim Sayre for arranging our meeting place. He announced that future programs are being planned.

SVC P. Huelsenbeck announced that the program today will be on the 1860-61 Model cutlass.

Chaplain D. Allyn reported that Br. Ernie Powell has moved into a care facility in Escondido where he is undergoing dialysis. We are urged to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Newsletter Editor D. Allyn is looking for a replacement. In the meantime, he would like to see more "My Union Ancestor" articles.

VI. Committee Reports

none

VII. S.V.R. Report

none

VIII. Upcoming Events

National Encampment currently taking place in Lansing, MI.

Huntington Beach re-enactment, Sept. 2-3.

Annual Black Powder Musket Shoot, South Bay Rod and Gun Club, Oct. 7, 12 noon.

Next Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10am.

IX. Old Business

1. The Federal Government has authorized an award, consisting of a Certificate of Recognition and a lapel pin to any service member on active duty during the Vietnam era (1954-75).

Awards were obtained through the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services and were presented to David Allyn, Bernard Greeson, John Keenan, Dimas Lovato, and Mike Schooling.

X. New Business

1. DUVCW is replacing the headstone of Henry N. Fletcher at Mt. Hope Cemetery.
2. Dimas Lovato thanked the Camp of behalf of the community for its continued educational and patriotic programs. He then expressed his gratitude to Kim and Jerry Sayre for helping him become active in helping others. He presented both with a gift.
3. A motion (Helmantoler/Sayre) to make Dimas Lovato an Associate Member of the Camp was passed.
4. December meeting will be held at the home of P. Huelsenbeck. Kim Sayre will organize if she receives some direction from the Camp.
5. J. May suggested that the raffle be reinstated at Camp meetings.

XI. Members' Minutes

T. Helmantoler announced that he has presented three Vietnam Service Awards and has plans to do another soon.

M. Schooling spoke on the removal of Confederate statues and unrest in Charlottesville, VA.

R. Crow related how he is battling skin cancer. He also mentioned a Jan. 20, 2018 event sponsored by the Department of POW and MIA Accounting Agency.

J. Keenan reported that his U.S. Naval Academy roommate was a POW.

J. Sayre reported on an 8-year-old boy who recognized him at work. It was inspiring to see that he has made a positive difference with young kids.

J. Gillman remarked, in relation to the Vietnam Service Awards, that it was political decisions that kept us from winning the war.

D. Allyn mentioned that he was glad to see such heart-felt emotion during these Member Minutes.

J. Finch reported that the movie, Dunkirk, is worth seeing.

XII. Program

P. Huelsenbeck talked about the Model 1860-61 cutlass and shared a couple of examples from his own collection.

The closing prayer was offered by D. Allyn and Cmdr. Finch adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

**Grand Spanish-American War Veteran's Reception
Oceanside Heritage Park Village Museum 30 September**



Jerry and Kim Sayre, Tom Helmantoler, Brian Bingham and Cheryl Reynolds participated in this event, providing a Color Guard and marching in the parade with members of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, San Diego's Buffalo Soldiers, as the Heritage Park Museum reenacted the return of Oceanside's Spanish-American War Veterans on a beautiful day. All photos courtesy of Kim Sayre



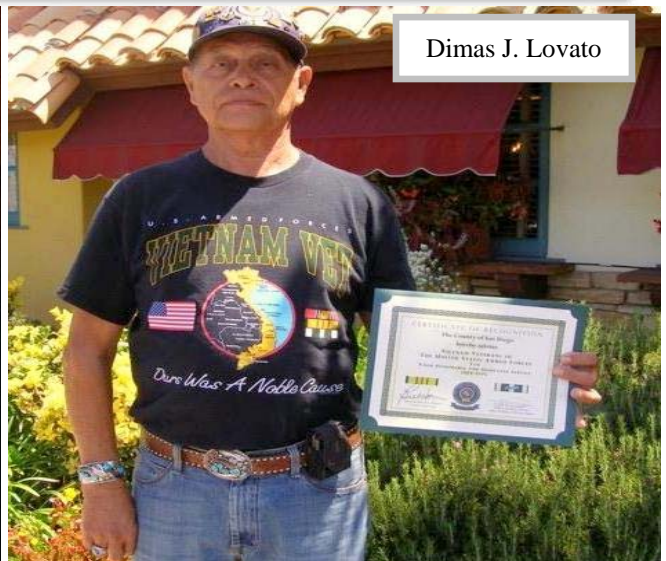
Pittenger Camp Scrapbook



Dep't Commander's Award



Dave Allyn Mike Schooling John Keenan Dimas Lovato John Finch



Dimas J. Lovato



Welcome New Brother!

Dimas J. Lovato
Associate Member
Camp 21
Vietnam Vet
USN (Ret.)

HUZZAH !!!

Civil War Terms

Feint: (pronounced *feynt*) To pretend to attack in one direction while the real attack is directed somewhere else.

Flank: Used as a noun, a "flank" is the end (or side) of a military position, also called a "wing." An unprotected flank is "in the air" while a protected flank is a "refused flank." Used as a verb, "to flank" is to move around and gain the side of an enemy position, avoiding a frontal assault.

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 Month in The Civil War

September 11,1861...the unauthorized proclamation of emancipation in Missouri by General John C. Fremont is rebuked and revoked by President Lincoln.

September 15,1862... **Capture of Harpers Ferry** . R.E. Lee divides his smaller army and outflanks McClellan gaining supplies and over 12,000 Union prisoners at Harpers Ferry, W. Virginia.

September 17,1862...**"BATTLE OF ANTIETAM"** (Battle of Sharpsburg, Md.) America's bloodiest day in history. Over 25,000 casualties with the outcome a draw disappointing President Lincoln who wants the Army of Northern Virginia destroyed. Historians felt "Little Mac" did not commit enough reserves into the battle. Only 2/3 of Federal units were engaged . However, he did stop Lee's army which now falls back to Virginia to regroup. McClellan considers Antietam a Union victory. Watching the U.S , the British and French hold back on their planned recognition of the Confederacy.

September 22,1862...President Lincoln issues the preliminary *Emancipation Proclamation* . Simply stating " .. on the first day of January all persons held in any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

September 19-20,1863...**"BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA"**...CSA General Braxton Bragg defeats Union General William Rosecrans on the Georgia-Tennessee border at Chickamauga Creek. The Union falls back to Chattanooga, but not before Union General George Thomas earns his nickname "Rock of Chickamauga" for holding his battlefield position after repeated Confederate attacks.

Accessed 25SEP2017 at <http://thecivil-war.com/civil-war-timeline/>

2017 Black Powder Musket Shoot

Ladies and Gentlemen - I want to announce Camp 302's Annual Musket Shoot to be held at the South Bay Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 12:00 Noon till Dark. As usual, bring snacks, side dishes and non-alcoholic drinks to refresh everyone during the shoot. If you wish to bring your own firearms to shoot, you may do so after the Musket competition is complete. The fee is \$20.00 per entrant. Each person gets 5 rounds and the person with the highest score wins a cash award. For those who do not have muskets, not to worry; there are enough to share during the shoot. We will be on Range #2. I've requested David Boyle and Joanne Frazier be our range masters again this year. These two are great and have a lot of experience to share. The location of the gun club is: 1020 Marron Valley Road, Dulzura, Ca 91917. Phone #: (619) 468-3070.

I'll publish any last minute info as we get closer to the event.

Commander Jim Stephens
Fr. AJ Ryan Camp 302
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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 46,000 acres of battlefield land in 23 states. Learn more at www.civilwar.org, the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

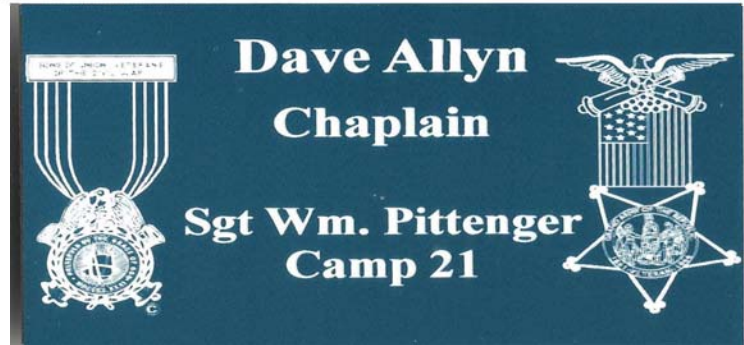
NEXT MEETING: Sat OCT 14, 2017 10:00 At Mimi's Rest.

SAT OCT 14, 2017 10:00AM

Camp Badges Available

LOCATION

Mimi's Rest
10788 Westview Pkwy
San Diego, CA



Our Program

SVC Tom Helmantoler PCC
will speak about his two
Civil War Union Ancestors

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.

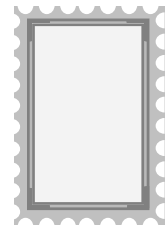
Make checks payable to **Fallbrook Awards**.

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