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HAPPY EASTER

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Earlier this month I sent out a comprehensive email to our membership informing of a disappointing decision at the Mt. Hope Cemetery to deny the Confederate descendant organizations participation in this years Memorial Day Celebration. The reasoning behind the Cemeteries decision had to do with current public disfavor with the displays of ante bellum South and Confederate symbols. Although the Cemetery admits that there has not been any threat or provocation, they remain concerned that any display of Confederate flags, uniforms or other symbols could be cause for confrontation. We, at Camp 21, had anticipated such a situation and, at our February Camp meeting, and discussed various reactions. We decided that we would support the Confederate organization, in that we would join them at another venue and continue our joint venture of the Memorial Day Celebration. This has been a very mutually beneficial endeavor for several years. Many of you answered my email with comments that were most encouraging and I have selected a sampling to share with all of you.

SUVCW Member Comments March 2018

"I see the recognition of the Confederate dead not as a celebration of their Rebellion, but rather as part of a great reconciliation following the bloodiest war in American history. It saddens me that this reconciliation seems to have an expiration date. It also saddens me that the SCV won't be allowed to decorate the graves of their ancestors who lie in Mt. Hope."

"The current discrimination against anything Confederate, including cemeteries prohibiting the decoration of Confederate graves on Memorial Day, is something I cannot abide. General Lee advised those who fought with him in the war to be good, patriotic Americans, and most

followed his lead."

"The veterans of the Civil War and their descendants have been able to peaceably and civilly come together in this city to remember the sacrifice and service of their comrades and ancestors for more than a century. It is a shame that this dignified tradition is being impeded by the City of San Diego."

Not all comments favored a continued collaboration with the Confederates, but most validated. Unfortunately, the SCV has not secured an alternate location and have not formulated plans for a Memorial Day celebration. We will need to proceed, then, without them. For this year, I will plan for a scaled back program but something that will honor our veterans at GAR Hill. I pray that the future will allow people to come to terms with their perceptions and understand the difference between those that honor their dead as opposed to those that spread hate.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John C. Finch

Editors Note: All photos this edition (except where noted) are courtesy of Kim Sayre

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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



Fallbrook Historical Society Movie Time

On Sunday, Feb. 25th, The Fallbrook Historical Society showed the movie, "The Great Locomotive Chase." In attendance were Camp 21 Brothers and Sisters, Jerry Sayre PDC, and Kim, Peter Huelsenbeck SVC and Joyce, and Dimas Lovato. The film was shown in the barn and there was a good attendance from the community for their very first movie. This event made for an enjoyable afternoon.

The article below is from the Fallbrook Village Newspaper. Note that the Fallbrook Historical Society has received a GAR Membership badge and a reproduction Union Uniform which has been placed for display in the Pittenger House living room.



Lynette Harmon-Canales, President of DUVCW Mary Jane Safford Tent 92, presented the GAR Membership Badge and Civil War reproduction Union uniform, Feb 25th to Curator Carolyn Ganoë, right of the Pittenger House in Fallbrook.



Jerry Sayre PDC reads a letter from Camp 21 Commander John Finch and presented a donation check from the Camp to the Fallbrook Historical Society as a "Thank You" for their efforts at opening, staffing and accommodating both Pittenger Camp 21 and the public for Remembrance Day 2017.

February Meeting/Installation of Officers for 2018



PCinC Tad Campbell installing CC John Finch



Camp Brothers and Sisters after the Feb 2018 meeting

Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month,Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	APR 14, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	JUN 9, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
137th Annual SUVCW National Encampment Framingham, MA. (details forthcoming)	AUG 9-12	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	AUG 11, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	OCT 13, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	DEC 8, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch

Minutes of Meeting Held February 10, 2018

Present: Brothers David Allyn, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Clay Hoffman, John Keenan, Dimas Lovato, Deane Poole, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, Dave Shaffer, and guests Tad Campbell, PCIC, Emelia Campbell, Kim Sayre, and Jan Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order by Commander John Finch at 10:10am 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 C. Hoffman.

I. Honored Attendees

Tad Campbell, PCIC, and his daughter Emelia were present.

II. Announcements

Welcome extended by Cmdr. J. Finch to Tad Campbell, PCIC, who drove down to attend our meeting and to install officers.

Br. Ernie Powell remains ill.

T. Helmantoler's wife, Sandy is having shoulder surgery.

P. Huelsenbeck is down with the flu.

Gay Allyn's surgery went well and she is awaiting results.

III. New Members

Richard Finnegan and Ernest Martinson have applied for membership. A motion (Sayre/Keenan) to accept their applications upon receipt of application forms and membership dues, was approved. Chris Kenally, from Camp 18, has applied to transfer to our Camp.

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

V. Officers' Reports

Sec. J. May reminded members that dues are currently being collected.

Treas. J. May stated that the treasury has \$5692.65. The annual audit has been conducted and the Council and Commander have approved. Eagle Scout Coordinator has been assumed by T. Helmantoler. Thanks expressed to him by Cmdr. Finch.

Newsletter Editor D. Allyn announced that the position is currently open.

VI. Committee Reports

None

VII. S.V.R. Report

T. Helmantoler announced that he will return as Commander. Please remit \$6.00 dues to him to become a current member.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Dept. Encampment, March 16-17 in Bakersfield. A motion (Sayre/Schooling) was passed electing any member who attends the Encampment as a delegate.

Next Camp meeting, April 14.

IX. Old Business

Discussion on how to use \$2500 donation. Suggestions include, 1) donation to Civil War Trust Scholarship Fund, 2) Starting a Civil War Library, 3) installing a plaque at the Pittenger House in Fallbrook, and 4) donation to the Pittenger church.

X. New Business

1. Jim Stevens of the SCV has informed Cmdr. Finch that there is a controversy over the participation of the SCV at Mt. Hope on Memorial Day. Discussion on our potential participation with or without the SCV and of the possibility of finding a different venue.

2. Election of officers for 2018. A motion (Sayre/Poole) to elect the following slate of officers by acclamation was passed:

Commander: John Finch

SVC: Peter Huelsenbeck

JVC: John Keenan

Sec./Treas.: John May

Council Member: Mike Schooling

Council Member: Deane Poole

Council Member: Jerry Sayre

3. Installation of Officers was performed by Tad Campbell, PCIC.

XI. Members' Minutes

none

XII. Program

none

The closing prayer was offered by D. Allyn and Cmdr. Finch adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

Department Encampment Photos



Left: L-R, DC Dean Enderlin, CinC Mark Day, Jerry Sayre PDC



Rt: DC Dean presents certificate of appreciation to Jerry Sayre for serving as an Aide to the Dept. Commander

Center, Delegates with CinC Mark Day and DC Dean Enderlin

Bottom, Jerry Sayre acting as Dept. Chaplain during the Encampment.



Pittenger Camp Scrapbook



PCinC Tad Campbell's daughter, Emelia with cookies for sale



PCinC Tad Campbell installs 2018 Pittenger Camp 21 Officers



PCinC Tad Campbell passing the gavel to CC John Finch



Welcome New Brothers!

Steven J. Crow whose ancestor served in the 1st TN Mounted Inf.

Christopher Kennelley whose ancestor served in the 46th IL Vol. Inf.

Ernest J. Mortenson whose ancestor served in the 21st CT Vol. Inf.

Dimas J. Lovato
Associate Member
HUZZAH !!!

Civil War Terms

Howitzer: A cannon which fired hollow projectiles and was generally lighter and shorter than its solid-shot cousins. Howitzer projectiles had a smaller powder charge. Also, canister projectiles contained more small balls than other types. Howitzers were useful in defending fortifications and causing disorder within an attacking force.

Indian Territory: The area that is now Oklahoma (except for the panhandle.)

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

President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the sixteenth President of the United States on March 4th, 1861. In his address, he appealed to the Southern states, encouraging them to come back into the Union by remarking “though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.” In closing, he hoped that “the better angels of our nature” would avoid the oncoming war. Exactly four years later, President Lincoln hummed a different tune at his second inaugural Address. In this speech, much shorter than his first, he looked forward to the future. “With malice toward none, with charity for all” he declared. Lincoln also affirmed that slavery was “somehow, the cause of the war.”

1862, Mar 3—Apr 8, Siege of New Madrid and Island No. 10, Missouri (Mississippi River).

On March 8th 1862, The Confederate Navy unleashed its new ironclad the *CSS Virginia* on the US Navy anchored at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The next day, The US Navy deployed its own ironclad, the *USS Monitor*, which fought the *Virginia* to a draw, ushering in a new age of naval warfare. That same month, the Confederate Ordnance Lab in Richmond, Virginia accidentally exploded, killing or injuring nearly 70 workers, most of whom were women.

1862, Mar 8, Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

Editor’s Note: Apparently March was not a favorable season for war as evidenced by the appalling lack of interesting items to be found in the records. On the other hand, April is full of events but space limits me so it will have to wait for another edition

Pittenger Camp Facebook Page by Editor Dave Allyn

Our Camp now has it’s own Facebook page! Thanks to my daughter, Emily Hope Allyn, who set it up and made it a reality. In Facebook (FB) protocol she made it a, “Club/closed group”; meaning you have to join it by submitting a “request.” If you have a Facebook page this is an easy process: from your FB page go to our page; **Sons of Union Veterans Pittenger Camp 21**, then locate the “JOIN” (this group) button, push it - which will send me a message to add you to our page. You will get a “request sent” response on your computer/tablet/smartphone, then after I add you to our group page you will get a notification. You **do** have to have a FB page to join but you don’t have to be on FB to view content on our page.

A word about internet security: many people have expressed concern and even some fear of social media (such as Facebook) and I respect those concerns. That is why our Camp has no requirement to join Facebook and we have no plans to use only Facebook to send our brothers news of interest, etc. The General will still continue to be our principal means of reporting with email as the main means of getting pressing news disseminated. I view our FB page as another means of getting the existence of our Camp before the general public. Millions are using FB daily to search for various organizations; it’s quite possible our FB page might attract somebody’s attention. Our Camp 21 Brothers are encouraged to join

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 Apr 14, 2018 10:00 AM

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DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

LOCATION

Mimi's Restaurant
10788 Westview Pkwy
San Diego, CA.

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

**For personalized directions go to
<http://mimiscafe.com>**

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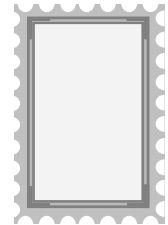
**SVC Peter
Huelsenbeck will
speak on "Admiral
Dahlgren's Navy"**

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