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Merry Christmas

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Does it seem that Thanksgiving comes early this year? If my math bears me out, the 22nd is the earliest date on which the 4th. Thursday of the month would fall. Can't get any earlier than that. Our take from this, is a long Holiday Season and I wish all of you a safe and secure time, throughout, for a grateful Thanksgiving, a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I expect that this will be my final entry for the newsletter as your Camp Commander. At our next meeting, 8 December, JVC John Keenan will relieve me and I could not ask for a finer person to step into this position of leadership. John brings a long association with our order and a sense of duty and command that promises continued success of our Camp. Please come to this Christmas Camp Meeting (Dec 8) and support our new Camp Commander. As my three year term concludes, I reflect on those instances of success and those of disappointment. My first order of business, way back then, was to increase Membership through retention and recruitment. Although we have added membership, it has not grown to the figures that I had hoped

for. As a PCC, I will work to fulfill this ambition. Then, there are times of immense satisfaction, those times when you knew things came together that elevate our sense of accomplishment. For myself, the revised agenda for Remembrance Day and our participation at La Vista Cemetery for Memorial Day were job satisfaction, plus!

I am indebted to several for their loyalty and assistance in the operation of our Camp. Notably, I want to thank Jerry and Kim Sayre, Dave Allyn, John May, Peter Huelsenbeck, Tom Helmantoler and a few others I shall leave unnamed. The success of any organization typically falls to a small percentage of that membership that volunteer their talents and their time to

insure that level of success. We could sure use more help.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

*Your Camp Commander
John C. Finch*

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



Remembrance Day, Nov. 17, Lynette Harmon-Canales, DUVCW President, CC J. Finch, PDC J. Sayre, Chaplain D. Allyn, JVC J. Keenan, Bro. Wes Scarborough

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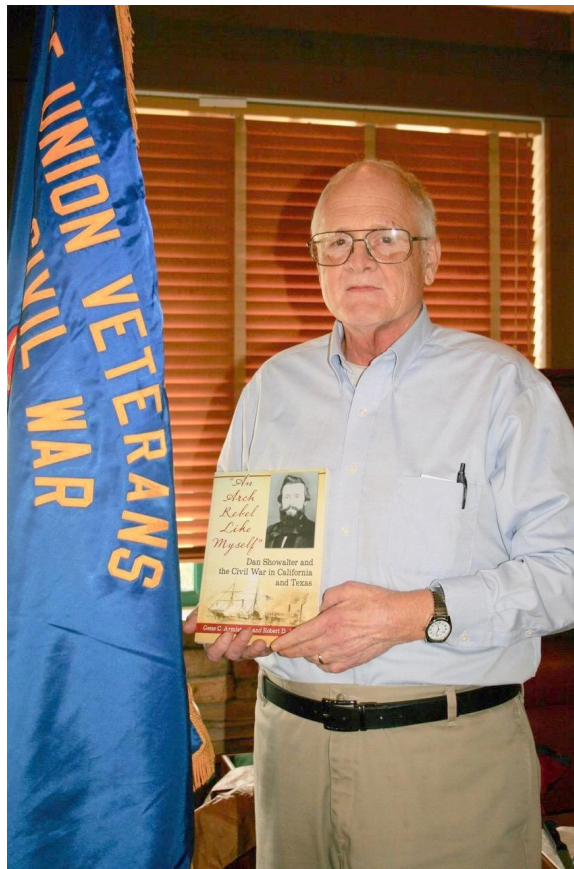
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE (SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUVCW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$6.00. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVR



Eagle Scout Twins



Tom Helmantoler presented SUVCW certificates to twin brothers Alec and Ian Navapanich Nov.23



Gene Armistead PDC holds a copy of his latest book, "An Arch Rebel Like Myself" from which he presented at our October meeting. The book tells the story of Dan Showalter, a Confederate in California who led a group of like-minded secessionists during the War.

Civil War Reenactment Vista Nov 3, 4



Left; PDC Jerry Sayre educating visitors to the Camp's Tent Fly on aspects of the mock battels they will see.

Below Center; President Lincoln interpreter gets a up-close instruction on the loading and firing of a Parrott Rifled field artillery piece.

Below Lower; Field Artillery piece is fired as others in the Battery load or recover.

Artillery displays are always among the top interest-generating aspects of any Civil War reenactment.



Camp Calendar: Event, Location (* = SVR participation)	Time, Day, Month, Year	Contact Person(s)
Camp Meeting, Officer Elections and Annual Christmas Party, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	DEC 8, 2018 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Finch
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	Feb 9, 2019 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Keenan
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	Apr 13, 2019 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Keenan
Camp Meeting, Mimi's Restaurant, 10788 Westview Pkwy. San Diego.	Jun 8, 2019 Sat @ 10:00 AM	CC John Keenan

Minutes of Meeting Held October 13, 2018

Present: Brothers David Allyn, Gene Armistead, Jack Bruzas, John Finch, Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck, John Keenan, John May, Jerry Sayre, Mike Schooling, and guests Darlene Armistead, 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 P. Huelsenbeck.

I. Honored Attendees

none

II. Announcements

T. Helmantoler noted that he just had a grandson born and that wife Sandy is suffering from neck pain.

III. New Members

Mark Helmantoler was accepted as a member (Keenan/Schooling)

IV. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

V. Officers' Reports

Sec. J. May reported no new correspondence.

Treas. J. May stated that the treasury has \$5176.39.

SVC P. Huelsenbeck reported that a yearly insurance policy can be purchased for about \$325. He will follow up with State Farm Ins. He also noted that the Southern Museum and Kennesaw Museum Foundation is the name of the organization that we used to support, as they have on display "The General". A motion (Sayre/Armistead) to donate \$100 to the museum was approved.

JVC J. Keenan reported that he has the membership application for Br. Kevin Leahy.

Chaplain D. Allyn reported that Barbara Mayberry, past National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, has died.

Newsletter Editor D. Allyn announced that the position as editor is currently open and if not filled, the November edition of the newsletter will be the last.

Eagle Scout Coordinator T. Helmantoler reported three awards have been presented, including those for twin boys.

VI. Committee Reports

J. Sayre reported that the Civil War Re-enactment at Huntington Beach was well-attended.

The annual Blue/Gray Black Powder Shoot was held on Oct. 6 and D. Allyn was the only Camp member in attendance.

VII. S.V.R. Report

T. Helmantoler reported that there are 13 members and the bank account has \$607.08. There is an interest in participating in the Fallbrook Christmas Parade.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Vista Civil War Re-enactment, Nov. 3-4 at the Vista Steam Engine Museum.

Remembrance Day, Nov. 17 at the Pittenger House, 1730 S. Hill, Fallbrook.

Next Camp meeting, Dec. 8, 10am at Mimi's Café, 10788 Westview Pkwy., San Diego.

IX. Old Business

CMDR Finch reported that the revised by-laws are in the process of getting approved.

CMDR Finch also noted that our use of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in Fallbrook is dependent on the Camp obtaining a liability insurance policy.

X. New Business

1. A new slate of officers for next year was approved. J. Keenan is nominated for Commander and J. Finch for JVC.

2. If you wish to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony, please contact J. Sayre.

3. M. Schooling noted that the membership certificate can be purchased for \$4.50 and that copies can be made for about \$3.00 each.

4. A motion (Schooling/Huelsenbeck) to purchase 100 personalized Pittenger Camp pens was approved.

XI. Members' Minutes

none

XII. Program

G. Armistead summarized his latest book, An Arch Rebel Like Myself, about the Civil War escapades of Dan Showalter.

The closing prayer was offered by D. Allyn and Cmdr. Finch adjourned the meeting at 11:17am.

Respectfully submitted,

John May, Secretary

More Vista Reenactment Photos by Kim Sayre



Above; Field Artillery in various stages of preparing and firing a volley.

Left; Union Army soldier's tent. A very fine and carefully assembled display of life in the Union Army for this Cavalry Sergeant.

Pittenger Camp Scrapbook

Remembrance Day, Pittenger House, Fallbrook Historical Society, Nov 17th



John Finch



Lynette Harmon-Canales



John Keenan



Left; Members of the Hawaii Civil War Roundtable decorated veteran graves on Oahu on 10 November. The camp has several members in Hawaii. Photo courtesy of Bro. Larry Dicks

Not part of this photo essay but it fits well with the Veterans-Remembrance Days events



L-R; Lynette Harmon-Canales, Pres. DUVCW, Mary Jane Safford Tent #92, CC J. Finch, PDC J. Sayre, Chaplain D. Allyn, JVC J. Keenan, Bro. Wes Scarborough, Steve Smith SCV Division Commander



Welcome New Brothers!

**Mark Helmantoler, son of
PCC Tom Helmantoler,
who resides in
Chile, South America**

HUZZAH !!!

Civil War Terms

Hardtack: Hardtack is a term used to describe the hard crackers often issued to soldiers of both sides during the Civil War. These crackers consisted of nothing more than flour, water, and salt. They were simple and inexpensive to make in very large quantities. However, these crackers became almost rock solid once they went stale.

Housewife: Small sewing kit soldiers used to repair their garments.

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

1861

- November 1 - George McClellan replaces Lieutenant General Winfield Scott as general-in-chief of the U.S. Army
- November 7 - Engagement at Belmont, Missouri
- November 8 - The Confederate emissaries to England and France are removed from the British vessel RMS Trent, initiating the "Trent Affair" and endangering the United States' relationship with Great Britain
- November 22 - Union begins bombardment of Fort McRee in Pensacola, Florida
- November 28 - Missouri admitted to the Confederacy despite never officially seceding from the Union

1862

- November 5 - Lincoln orders that Major General George McClellan be replaced with Ambrose Burnside as commander of the Army of the Potomac
- November 28 - Engagement at Cane Hill, Arkansas
- December 2 - Skirmish at Leed's Ferry on Virginia's Rappahannock River

1863

- December 2 - Skirmish at Leed's Ferry on Virginia's Rappahannock River
- November 7 - Battle of Rappahannock Station, Virginia
- November 17 - Battle of Campbell's Station, Tennessee
- November 18 - Longstreet lays siege to Knoxville, Tennessee
- November 19 - President Lincoln delivers the "Gettysburg Address"
- November 20 - Edward Everett sends complimentary letter to Lincoln on his address at Gettysburg
- November 24 - Battle of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
- November 25 - Battle of Missionary Ridge, Tennessee
- November 26 - Mine Run Campaign begins in Virginia
- November 27 - Engagement at Payne's Farm, Virginia
- November 29 - Assault on Fort Sanders, Tennessee
- November 30 - General Braxton Bragg resigns from command of the Army of Tennessee

1864

- November 8 - Abraham Lincoln is re-elected President of the United States
- November 11 - Battle of Bull's Gap, Tennessee
- November 15 - William T. Sherman departs Atlanta on the March to the Sea, leaving Atlanta in ruins
- November 25 - Confederates fail at attempt to set fire to New York City hotels and Barnum's Museum
- November 29 - Colonel J.M. Chivington leads Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado Territory
- November 29 - Battle of Spring Hill, Tennessee
- November 30 - Battle of Franklin, Tennessee

1865

- November 10 - War criminal Henry Wirz hanged

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<http://www.suvsac.org/camp21.html>

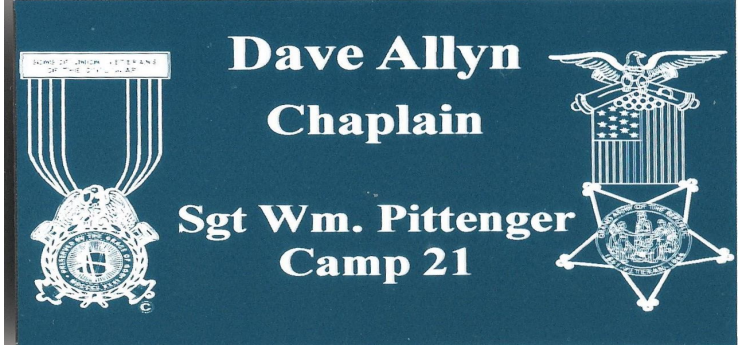
The American Battlefield Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War and Revolutionary War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 46,000 acres of battlefield land in 23 states. Learn more at <https://www.battlefields.org/>

NEXT MEETING: Sat Dec 8, 2018 10:00 AM

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Camp Badges Available

LOCATION
Mimi's Rest
10788 Westview Pkwy
San Diego, CA



Our Program

Annual Camp Christmas Celebration following Election and Installation of Officers for 2019

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.

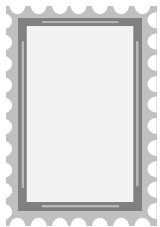
Make checks payable to **Fallbrook Awards**.

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