



Newsletter of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21

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Our New Officers for 2022

Officers elections were held at our November 2021 meeting. Below are our officers for 2022



Commander John Keenan



Frank Hollingshead SVC



John Finch JVC



John May Sec./Treas.

Comander John Keenan

Our Commander John Keenan suffered from a heart attack this February and will be unable to attend for several months. Frank Hollingshead will be leading the meetings as Senior Vice Commander until Commander Keenan is able to return..

Two Million Steps audio book

by Tommy Anderson

Promo 2021 On YouTube

My Civil War Historical Novel set around the history of

the Twenty Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment out of Vernon County, Wisconsin narrated for Audio Books by Nathan Agar and produced by Coyote Mountain Publications. Available in Kindle, Hard Cover, and Paperback a best seller on Amazon also available through Barnes and Noble.com If you want I wrote a best selling book about my Great Great Grandfather's regiment, 25th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

<https://youtu.be/nzDUnh-A9EE>

<https://www.amazon.com/Two-Million-St...>

National Encampment Patriotic Instruction

Camp Website - <http://www.suvpac.org/camp21.html>

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Historian Vacant

Quartermaster Vacant

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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 \$10.00. Interested SUVCW Brothers should contact the SVP Rep Fred Hall (619) 890-4500 fghall4sd@hotmail.com

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Brothers,

Another year has concluded, and we are gathered here to conduct our annual business. We join to pass or reject motions, here reports of what we action we have taken the past year, and to elect new officers for our Order. For many of us, it will be the first time we have gathered in a large crowd since before the Covid-19 Pandemic hit our shores in early 2020. Because of this, I wanted to take this time to remind you all that above all, we are a Fraternal organization, and as the discussions and deliberations get animated this weekend, please remember the duties that we inculcate, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

As an organization we have done our best to remember the Boys in Blue since our beginning. We have changed with the times when it was needed to best deliver this message. When our first Camps were formed, we worked with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to tell their stories. Then with the passing of Albert Woolson, the last member of the GAR, we had to work alone to tell their stories, we had to change our tactics. With the advancements in technology, it would behoove us not to take full and utter advantage of them.

These advancements could be new chemicals to help safely clean headstones and monuments. It could also be having the ability to develop easy to follow



presentations, lessons, or tests to help educate not only ourselves, but those outside of the order. We have also seen tremendous advancements in communications in recent years. Whether it be using email to coordinate an event and committee discussions or using Facebook to create events to drum up publicity, all of these are amazing tools that we must utilize to continue into the 21st Century. Now some of you maybe wondering, what does this have to do with Patriotism? Quite simply, finding the best and most effective way to educate about who the men of the GAR were, and what they did to help preserve this great country of ours, is a pillar of Patriotism, for if we cannot tell their story with out telling them about their love for Country.

We must do our best as an organization to get the word out about what we do to preserve the memories of the Boys in Blue. By doing this we ensure that their legacy is not forgotten, and we promote the order in a positive light. One of the new initiatives that the order has undergone is the creation of a QR Scan Code by the Signals Officer Br. Tim McCoy. You all should have received a card with this QR code on it, this code will send you to a landing page that has links to our Social Media Platforms; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as to our YouTube Channel and the National Website. These platforms are the future of getting information out to the masses and we must embrace them. I do hope you all have a great encampment and I look forward to seeing what this great order can accomplish in the next year.

In Fraternity Charity and Loyalty, Br. Ben Frail, PDC National Patriotic Instructor

Let's get this year started with some Meeting Dates to put on your Calendar.

There has been several ideas over the past few months on where to have a regular meeting place and now the Camp has one...

I would like to give a BIG Shout Out to Terry Moxley for not letting any grass grow under his feet when called, by securing the following location and time for Pittenger Camp 21's meetings. Additionally, another Thank You to Kevin Leahy who also answered my call. You both are great examples of how to take care of business!! Commander John Keenan can get his much needed rest knowing the Camp is working closely together until he returns and is able to take charge once again.

The Meetings have always been on the second Saturday of the even Months. This has now been changed due to necessity because of availability of Meeting places...so until further notice, Pittenger Camp 21 will have your Meetings on the FOURTH Weekend of every Even Month 9:00 - 11:00.

Meeting Location:

**American Legion Post 365/VFW Post 7041
1234 South Santa Fe Avenue, Vista, CA 92084**

Saturday, February 26, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Saturday, June 25, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Saturday, August 27, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Saturday, December (?) We will need to rethink this date as it falls on Christmas Eve.

On another quick note, just a reminder... please ask a friend or two who may have Union Civil War Ancestors to accompany you to the Meetings. If they are not quite sure if they do have an Ancestor and don't know how to find out, well there are plenty of Brothers who have started out the same way and can assist in how to go about it. Pittenger Camp 21 is strong and has accomplished many wonderful things. Bring in some guests and let's get this year started off by growing the Camp!! :) That's a good goal to have for sure.

Mustang Club Presentation

For any local parades, the Mustang Club of San Diego has offered Mustang convertibles and drivers, so we don't need to "walk" or march in these events. Please keep this in mind for volunteering for parades. Those who did participate had a great time!!

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander John Keenan, made a Certificate of Appreciation for the Mustang Club of San Diego.

The Mustang Club of San Diego volunteered con-

vertibles and drivers for the SUV Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21, at both the Coronado 4th of July and La Jolla Christmas Parades.



The presentation, made by SVR commander Fred Hall to Mustang Club of San Diego President Tom Venditti, at the January 26th, 2022 meeting of the Mustang Club."

Medal of Honor Ceremony

On Friday, March 25th, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 had a ceremony to honor all Medal of Honor Recipients at the gravesite of William Pittenger.

Senior Vice Commander Frank Hollingshead led the ceremony.



Pictured L-R: Dimas Lovato, Kevin Leahy, Ron Sheehan, Fallbrook Post Commander VFW 1924 Chris Ingraham and his dog Mattis, Jerry Sayre PDC, Fred Hall SVR Commander, John May Sec/Treas., John Keenan Camp Commander, Chaplin Tom Helmantoler, Peter Huelsenbeck, Frank Hollingshead SVC., and up front is Wanda Prosser DAR Honorary Regent of the Santa Margarita Chapter.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2022 at 9 AM

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Our Program

*New Officers
New Meeting Dates
Mustang Club Participation
in Parades
Medal of Honor Ceremony*

If you would like to order a Pittenger Camp 21 Name Badge, please email Jerry Sayre PDC at: cod26ia@icloud.com with the following information:

- 1) Your Name as you would like it engraved.
- 2) Camp Office title added if you are holding an Office Position and would like that on your Name Badge. (This could change from year to year).
- 3) Specify if you prefer a Pin Clasp or Magnet on the back.

Once this information is received, you will get a return e-mail with information on where to mail your check for \$15.00.
Checks should be made out to Fallbrook Awards.

The General



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