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Brother Martin Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

JROTC Cadet Award



News travels fast across the Country when one of our own Pittenger Brothers attending the National Encampment in Michigan, just minutes ago was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Elect, until his installation later today!!

On June 6, 2022, Brother Fred Hall presented the outstanding JROTC Cadet Award to c/PO Ryan Thomas at Westview High School. The JROTC unit is commanded by Capt. Thomas Adams USN (Ret).

Who is this you might ask???

None other than Brother Kevin Martin of Frederick, MD!! He is also a member of Pittenger Camp 21 and we could not be happier for his great success!!

From SVR commander ...

Our Roster has grown this year, 8 new members; Tommy Anderson, Jerry Cook, Mark Goodman, Troy Goodman, Ernie Mortensen, Tim Sapanara and Ron Sheehan.

Congratulations Kevin... So proud of you!!!!

This brings our group to 22

You are simply the BEST!!

I sincerely appreciate everyone's participation in making the Boys in Blue prominent in our San Diego community!!
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Fred Hall, Commander 5th California Volunteer Infantry, Company G

Kim & Jerry 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: svrsuvcw@yahoo.com

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE(SVR) is the uniformed contingent of the SUCVW. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. You need not be a reenactor to join. Annual dues are \$10.00. Interested SUCVW Brothers should contact the SVP Rep Fred Hall (619) 890-4500 fghall4sd@hotmail.com

Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course - Oct 15

Course Title: NRA-NMLRA Basic Muzzleloading Shooting Course

Start Date Time: Saturday, October 15, 2022 8:00 AM

End Date Time: Saturday, October 15, 2022 8:00 PM

Cost: \$175.00

Initial Deposit: \$50.00

Address: EFGA

16525 Guejito Rd.

Escondido, CA 92027

US

INSTRUCTOR:

Name: DAVID PREMETZ

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Comments (if any):

Bring a muzzleloader rifle or pistol, black powder in correct grain for your firearm, 10 patches and 10 round balls in correct size for your firearm, and cleaning supplies for your muzzleloader. Bring eye and ear protection. Bring a lunch or dine from the Lake Wohlford Cafe two minutes away from the site. Send a \$50 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit in cash or check payable to David Premetz 1410 Gary Lane Escondido CA 92026 to reserve your seat. Remainder of course fee can be paid at start of course. Cards or e-payments are not accepted.

Members at our last meeting



Mike Schooling, Tom Helmantoler PCC/Chaplain, Dimas Lovato, Deane Pool PCC, John May Sec./Treas., Jack Bruzas, Fred Hall SVR Commander, Peter Huelsenbeck, Harry Jackson, Kevin Leahey, Jerry Sayre PDC.

Happy Birthday Jack!



The Camp surprised your “Youngest Brother At Heart” Jack Bruzas, with a Birthday Cake to celebrate his 93rd Birthday!!

4th of July Parade in Coronado



Co. G, 5th California Infantry, San Diego, CA

We had a fun time participating in the 2022 Coronado July 4th Parade

Left to right:

Dimas Lovato, Fred Hall, Deano Poole, Jerry Cook, Mike Schooling and Brenda Bouchee (looking down)

We had 4 Mustangs to ride in provided by Mustang Club of San Diego

Very appreciative crowds, many stood for us as we slowly drove by

Fred Hall, Commander

Frederick L Thayer Diary Donated

I knew that my namesake great grandfather, Frederick L Thayer, on my mother’s side, had kept a diary during his Union Infantry tour of duty in 1862, Co C, 22nd Mass Regt Vols. It came to be that my older brother had it. After finally retrieving the diary, my family decided to dedicate it to the GAR Museum in Aurora Illinois, where he had been Camp Commander in 1891. The plan was to drive to Aurora on a ‘road-trip’ to dedicate it. Plans changed. All travel was cancelled. I did arrange to send the diary to a camp commander in Aurora who made the dedication in our name. This is a photo of a SUVCW member dedication it to the GAR Museum. It is unique as that it was handwritten in 1862, the original.

The diary was transcribed in 2016, by my cousin and is available in paperback through Pelican Press, enter; Frederick L Thayer, War of the Rebellion.

Frederick Thayer is buried in Aurora and every Memorial and Veterans Day I have a bouquet of red-white-blue flowers placed on his grave.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Frederick Hall



Displaying the 1862 soldier’s diary of Frederick L Thayer, Past Commander of Aurora Post 20, Grand Army of the Republic, as a donation to the Post 20 GAR Memorial Hall and Museum on behalf of the descendants of Commander Thayer, especially his great grandson Frederick Hall of California.

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2022 at 9 AM

MEETING LOCATION

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

Saturday, August 27, 2022 @ 9:00 am



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.

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