



*Newsletter of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21*

# *The General*

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## **159th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address**

Remembrance Day at the home of Sgt. William Pittenger, Medal of Honor Recipient, located at the Fallbrook Historical Society.



This photo is taken in the front yard of the home of Sgt. William Pittenger, Fallbrook, CA.

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Ron Sheehan, Jerry Sayre Past Department Commander, Mark Goodman 2nd Lt. SVR, Dimas Lovato, John Keenan Camp Commander, Gary Keenan, Fred Hall SVR Commander, John May Sec/Treas., Peter Huelsenbeck Camp Commander Elect.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 held ceremonies for Remembrance Day on Saturday, November 19th, 2022 to commemorate the 159th Anniversary of President Lincoln giving the Gettysburg Address. As descendants of soldiers and sailors of the Union Forces during the Civil War, we observe this event yearly in Gettysburg and elsewhere across the country. Ceremonies will began at 10:30 am at the William Pittenger Saturday November 19th, Pittenger Camp 21 observed

## **Brother Bill Peck**



Remembering Pittenger Camp 21's Brother Bill Peck, who portrayed President Abraham Lincoln at events all across the Country.

A true representation of the man, the character, and was always available for photos and to answer questions.

I remember how he always had a roll or two of pennies to hand out to the children at all the Reenactments.

Kim :)

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

## Annual Dues Due

A few weeks ago I sent out an e-mail for the 2023 Camp/Department/National Dues totaling \$38.00.

The following day, I received the letter below from a PDC letting me know that at the National Encampment this year, General Order #2 was processed to increase per capita dues to off set the printing and mailing of the "Banner", a \$10.00 increase.

After your Camp Officers discussed the increase at National, it was decided to have Camp Dues be a total of \$50.00, the same as some other Camps have done.

### The breakdown is as follows:

Camp - From \$12.00 to \$14.00. Department - \$3.00. National - From \$23.00 to \$33.00. The new total amount for Yearly Dues is \$50.00. \*\*\*A \$12.00 increase overall.\*\*\* \*\*\*\$10.00 to National\*\*\* \*\*\*\$2.00 to Pittenger Camp\*\*\*

For those of you who have already paid the \$38.00 either at the December Meeting or by mail, please send an additional check for the \$12.00 balance.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to send in your Camp Dues, please mail to your Secretary/Treasure:

John May  
2001 Lee Court  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Thank you all for your understanding, that I had not received any information on General Order #2 prior to sending out the first Dues notice. See below.  
Kim

## Meeting Dates for 2023

All Meetings will be held at the Post listed below unless otherwise stated.

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

Saturday, February 25th @ 9:00.

Saturday, April 22nd @ 9:00.

Saturday, June 24th @ 9:00.

Saturday, August 26th @ 9:00.

Saturday, October 28th @ 9:00.

Saturday, December - To Be Determined. (Most probably...December 2nd at a different time and location.)

\*\*\*\*\*Medal of Honor Day\*\*\*\*\*

Saturday, March 25th at 10:30.

Ceremony to be held at the grave of Sgt. William Pittenger, Odd Fellows Cemetery, Fallbrook. Corner of Clemmens & Alturas.

## Message from New Commander, Peter Huelsenbeck.

Hello Brother's and Sisters,

## Happy Holidays to all.

We had a wonderful December Meeting and Christmas Party, and boy, can we eat!! Everyone brought such a great variety of food and it was so tasty!!

Our get together was festive and warm. The conversations, friends, and laughter were so touching. Needless to say, everyone had a good time.

It was a wonderful occasion to hear the language used over a hundred years ago that describes the goals and traditions of our group. 19th Century prose is very powerful.

To our Brother Tom Helmantoler who was unable to attend due to Covid, we all wish you a speedy recovery. You were missed and so was Sandy.

Looking forward to Pittenger Camp 21 continuing to prosper and grow in numbers in 2023.

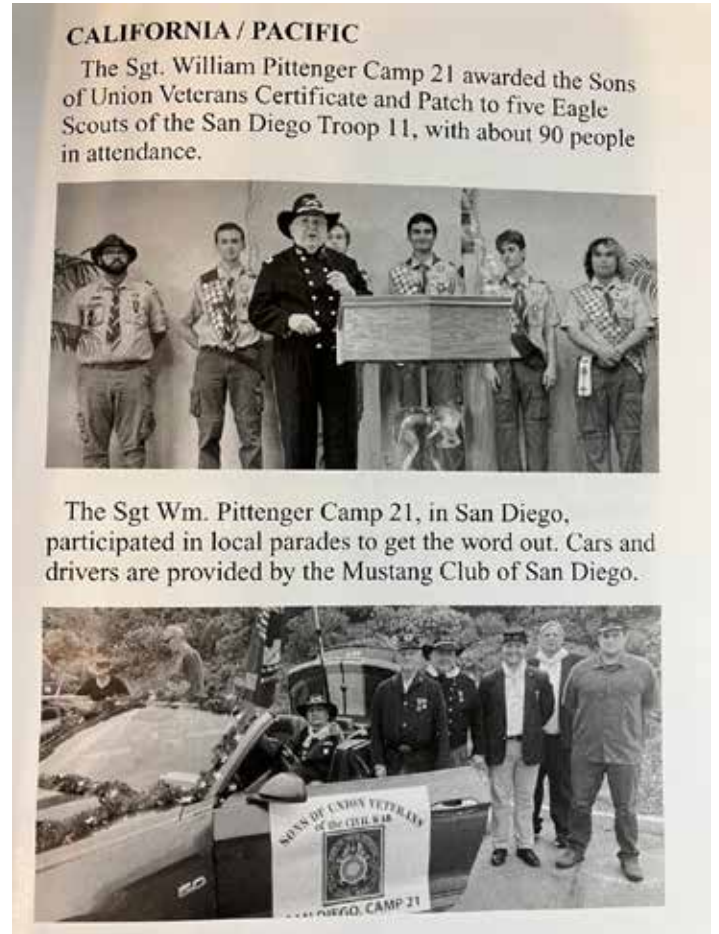


Christmas Party Meeting

## The Banner Newspaper

We awarded the Union Veterans Certificate and Patch to five Eagle Scouts of San Diego Troupe 11.

If you haven't already seen page 19 of The Banner, check it out!! Below is a photo from that page.



Commander Huelsenbeck with wife, Joyce.

Well done Men!!

## National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin

I wanted to share this photo with you of our very own Pittenger Camp 21 Brother, National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin and his beautiful wife, National Auxiliary Chaplain Rosemary Martin, Past Department President.

This photo was taken at the Gettysburg Civil War Ball. They look amazing!!



## SVR Dues for 2023

5th California Volunteer Infantry, Company G

Brothers,  
This is a request for 2023 dues to our membership.

During 2022, your SVR group participated in:

Medal of Honor day,  
Memorial Day,  
Boy Scout Court of Honor, (5 Eagle Scout awards),  
JROTC Cadet award ceremony,  
Four Parades;  
St Patrick's Day,

La Mesa Flag Day,  
Coronado 4th of July,  
La Jolla Christmas Parade.

Some of our photos have been published in the Banner!!!

We have been active, representing our Boys in Blue.

2023 will be even better! We are targeted for eight parades!

We get the word out to remember our Boys in Blue. You are all eligible to participate, uniform parts or not. It is more important that you are there, not what you wear. Your dues help SVR members with parade gear. Some parades have an entry fee, for which we remit.

2023 dues are still \$10.00. Please make checks out to SVR.

Sending this request by e-mail helps keep our cost down by not purchasing stamps & envelopes.

Please U S Mail to:

Fred Hall  
2208 – 44 River Run Drive  
San Diego, CA. 92108

## Remembrance Day at Fallbrook Historical Society



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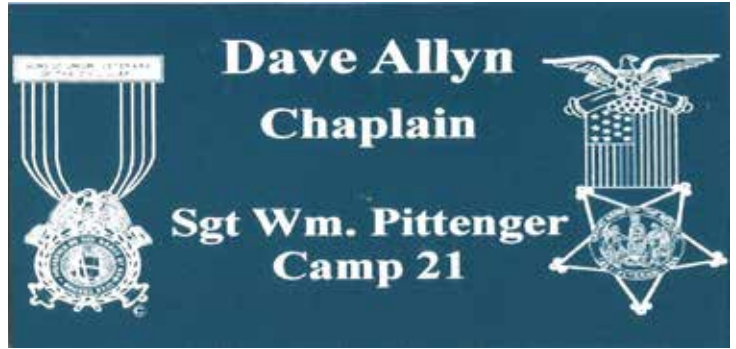
Peter Huelsenbeck Camp Commander Elect, Jerry Sayre Past Department Commander, Fred Hall SVR Commander, Dimas Lovato, John May Sec/Treas., John Keenan Camp Commander, Gary Keenan, Ron Sheehan Newsletter Editor, Mark Goodman 2nd Lt. SVR. Past Department Commander, Jerry Sayre, presents the Sgt.

William Pittenger memorabilia at the Fallbrook Historical Society that is now on permanent loan from the Phillip G. Arnold Estate. Included in this display, is Pittenger's sword, his hand written journal, and other family items. Pittenger Camp 21 is grateful to the family of our dear friend, Phillip G. Arnold.

## NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2023 at 2pm

First Meeting 2023  
February 25, 2023

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



### Our Program

*Franklin Blake's Lightning  
Brigade;  
17th Indiana Wilder's Brigade.*

If you would like to order a Pittenger Camp 21 Name Badge, please email Jerry Sayre PDC at: [cod26ia@icloud.com](mailto: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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Preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic & "The Boys in Blue" 1861-1865