



Newsletter of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21

The General

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New Officers for 2024



Our new officers for 2024, L-R: John Finch, Junior Vice Commander - Stephen Doyle, Department Commander of CA & Pacific - Douglas Wright, Senior Vice Commander - Mark Goodman, Camp Commander - John May, Secretary/Treasure - Tom Helmantoler, Chaplain.

Congratulations Men! At our Christmas meeting of 2023 we had guests to congratulate our new officers, Commander Mark Goodman, Sr. Vice Commander Doug Wright, Jr. Vice Commander John C. Finch, PCC, and Secretary/Treasurer John A. May. Our guests included Department Commander of CA & Pacific Stephen Doyle presiding over the Installation of New Officers for 2024, and Past National Commander in Chief, Tad Campbell with his wife Tina



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First Meeting 2024

Our first meeting of 2024 was held at our new meeting place in Kerney Mesa VFW Hall. The Program was given by Barry Baron about his years in the Navy as a photographer on an Aircraft Carrier, followed by numerous interesting stories of his years as a photographer covering many topics. Mr. Baron also shared photos from the earliest pho-

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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.

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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
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tos ever taken in war and explained the different types of films used to capture the images. Excellent Program!!



Back Row: L-R
 Steve Unwin, Mike Schooling, Ron Sheehan - The General Editor, SVR Commander
 Fred Hall - Adjutant - Captain, Tim Sapanara, John May - Secretary/Treasure.
 Front Row:
 Tom Helmantoler - Chaplain, John Keenan PCC, Mark Goodman CC, Doug Wright SVC,
 Kevin Leahy, Jack Bruzas, John Finch JVC/PCC, Demis Lovato, Jerry Sayre PDC.



Barry Baron receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for his Program from Camp Commander Mark Goodman.

Pittenger Camp 21 Meetings 2024

Your meetings will be held at a new location and will start at 9:30.

VFW Hall
7785 Othello Avenue
San Diego, CA 92111

Meetings are held the Second Saturday of every even month.

February 10, 2024
April 13, 2024
June 8, 2024
August 10, 2024
October, 12, 2024 ****Officer Elections****
December 14, 2024 ****Officer Installations****

Camp Event Dates

Medal of Honor Day - Monday, March 25th - Sgt. William Pittenger's Gravesite - Time TBD

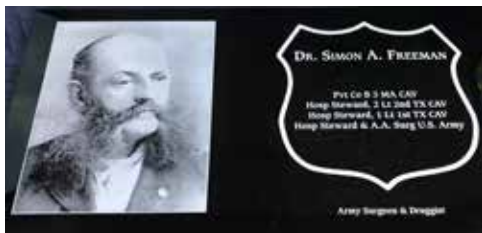
Memorial Day - Pittenger Camp Honors on Saturday, May 25th at the Fallbrook Oddfellows Pioneer Cemetery.

Remembrance Day - Saturday, November 16th - Fallbrook Historical Society, Pittenger House - 1:00.

*****Department Encampment Dates*****

Friday, April 5th & Saturday, April 6th. Laughlin, NV.
Details to follow.

Dr. Simon Freeman Marker

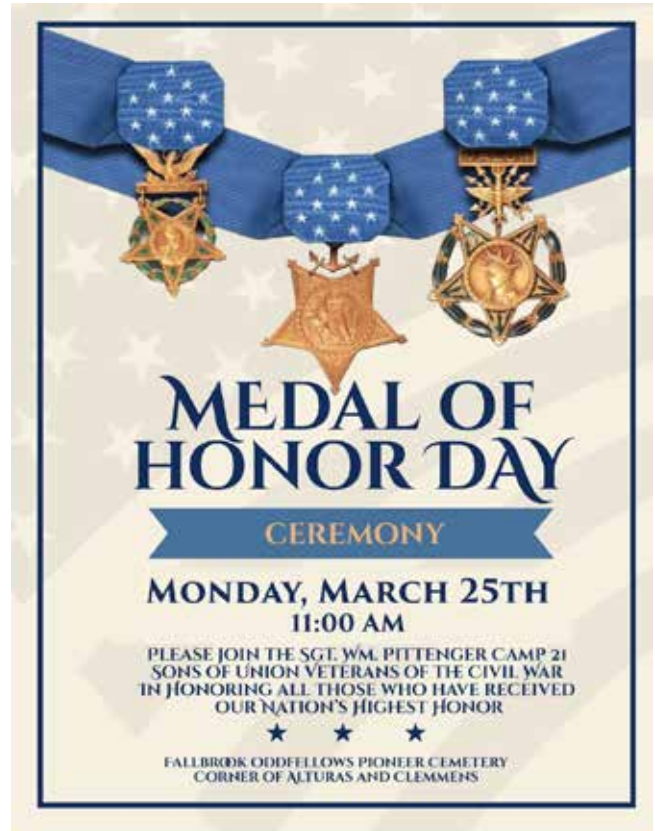


On February 27th, Jerry had a meeting out at the Fallbrook Oddfellows Pioneer Cemetery with Joe Janikowski to discuss final arrangements for placement of the Dr. Simon Freeman Marker. After a wonderful time trading Fallbrook stories, the final estimate was given by Joe to place the Marker, this including materials and labor.

The final total Joe quoted is \$0.00 Dollars!!

Jerry gave Joe the Marker and it will be placed in cement as soon as Joe is able to get to it sometime soon between jobs.

As a reminder, Pittenger Camp's Memorial Day Ceremony will be honoring Dr. Simon Freeman at his gravesite with the New Marker the Camp had made.



Medal of Honor Day 2024

Invite everyone you think will be interested, VFW halls, military etc. If you don't invite people, they will not come. If you do invite them, remember to remind them a few days before the event.

I will be placing this flyer for sure in the Fallbrook Village News, and I will see if the North County Times will also place it without cost.



Jerry came across this photo of Brother Jack Bruzas from Memorial Day 2005.

Brother Jack still attends Camp Meetings and Events at 94 1/2 years young!!

Brother Jack is one of a kind, always with a smile on his face and ready to participate in Camp activities.

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2024 at 9am

*April 13th, 2024
New location
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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 Jerry Sayre..

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