

**National Patriotic Instruction
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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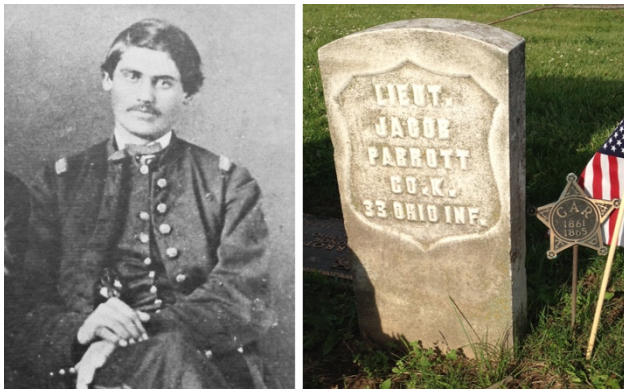
MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

The holiday was chosen to be celebrated on March 25 to honor the 23 men who participated in the Great Locomotive Chase and received Medals of Honor for it, particularly William Bensinger, Robert Buffum, Elihu H. Mason, Jacob Parrott, William Pittenger, and William H. H. Reddick, who received the first six Medals of Honor on March 25, 1863.

Did you know that we have two SUVCW Camps named for one of these first Medal of Honor recipients?

- **Jacob Parrott Camp No. 33, Department of Ohio**
- **Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Department of California and Pacific**

Both of these Camps are based in the area where their respective namesakes are buried.



Jacob Wilson Parrott (1843-1908)

After the war, Parrott returned to Kenton, Ohio where he was a cabinet maker and operated a stone quarry south of Kenton. He suffered a heart attack and died on December 22, 1908, while walking home from the county courthouse in Kenton. He is buried in Grove Cemetery.

William Pittenger (1840-1904)

Following his discharge from the Army, Pittenger became a Methodist Episcopal minister. In 1890 he moved with his family to Fallbrook, California and served as pastor there from 1893 to 1896 and from 1898 to 1899. He bought a home on a 20-acre property, which is now owned by the Fallbrook Historical Society. He is the author of the first account of the raid by a participant, *Daring and Suffering, a History of the Great Railroad Adventurers*. Pittenger died April 24, 1904 and is buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Fallbrook.



Does your Camp or Department participate in a Medal of Honor Day ceremony?

If not, then why not?

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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