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*Dedicated to the Memory of Grand Army of the Republic Veterans
and the G.A.R. Posts of Orange County*



Gen. John Sedgwick

Gen. Gordon Granger



Camp 17 Installs 2007 Officers at January 18 Meeting

Department Senior Vice Commander Jerry Sayre conducted the 2007 Camp 17 Officer installation at the January 18 meeting. Elected officers are: Paul Gillette as Commander, Floyd Farrar at Senior Vice-Commander, Glen Roosevelt as Junior Vice-Commander, in as Secretary and Treasurer is Charles Beal; and the Camp Council is made up of James Blauer, Mike Quigley, and Walter Davis.

The appointed (or voluntary) offices and positions changed somewhat from 2006 based on members' availability. The assignments are: John Dodd as Counselor, James Blauer as Patriotic Instructor and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Dan Henry in the role of Chaplain, Floyd Farrar is the Historian and Newsletter Editor, Charles Beal remains as Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, Don Hoffer is the Guide, Peter Ignatius is the Color Bearer, Richard Ignatius is the Guard, and the position of Signals Officer is unassigned.

The meeting also selected SVC Farrar and JVC Roosevelt as delegates to the Department Encampment that will be held at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24.



Dept. SVC Jerry Sayre installs new Camp Commander Paul Gillette in left photo, and 2007 Camp Officers are sworn in on the right. Officers l. to r: James Blauer, Glen Roosevelt, Paul Gillette, Floyd Farrar, Rich Ignatius, Don Hoffer, and Charles Beal & SVC Sayre.



121st Annual Department Encampment to be in San Luis Obispo, March 23 – 24

Department SVC Jerry Sayre has sent out notifications and registration instructions for the Department of California and Pacific Annual Encampment that will be held at the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24. At the January Camp meeting both SVC Floyd Farrar and JVC Glen Roosevelt volunteered to represent the Camp as delegates. Any other members desiring to attend should make it known to the Camp Secretary or other officer so we can make sure you have credentials as a delegate to allow you to vote. The Encampment opens with a "Campfire" social get-together on Friday evening, and the business meeting takes place on Saturday. Applications are available from the Camp Secretary.

Editor's Column

With this issue of "The Sentinel" a new editor and publisher takes over.

Before embarking upon the task ahead of doing a newsletter, permit me to make a point, this is the SUV Camp 17 newsletter and will only be as good as articles the membership submits.

Therefore, with that in mind, I want to encourage member input and receive items of interest from you all hopefully on a regular basis. We need state and local historical articles, upcoming events, short stories, recipes, anecdotes, ideas, ancestor genealogy, and ideas or suggestions. ***Nothing will be refused.*** It's YOUR publication to keep in touch and inform the rest of the membership. If YOU do not contribute, YOUR item of interest will not be heard! I hope to make it at least as good as past Commander Roosevelt and Charles Beal had done. However, if nothing is received, then all you will read is what I choose to include and that may not suit everyone. All members may contact me in three ways, which are; snail-mail, email, or telephone. Or you may submit items to any officer via e-mail, or snail-mail.

Floyd Farrar, Newsletter Editor



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<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvchw/sedgwickgranger17.html>

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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~caehmduv/>

SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS: Are 3rd Thursday of odd-numbered months, at 7:00 pm

Tustin First Advent Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall, 555 W. Main Street, Tustin, CA.

The Church was founded in 1881, and its congregation included members of the Gen. John

Sedgwick GAR Post 17 of Santa Ana.

The Camp elected officers and members encourage all who are able to try and attend the meetings. *A Camp is only as good as its active membership.* We are always aware of the difficulties some people have in attending because of physical ailments or other things. If you would like to go each month and are unable to drive for whatever reason please let us know and we will endeavor to find a way to get you a ride. We will strive to make the meeting informative, entertaining, and to include upcoming events, grave restoration projects, help with genealogy, features, and discussions on California, Orange County, and Civil War history.

2007 Per Capita Assessment Now Due

All right, now to Camp business at hand, as a friendly reminder, the annual per capita assessment is now due and payable. For only the small sum of **35 dollars** annually you will get the quarterly National SUVCW magazine "***The Banner***" plus all the benefits that go with being a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. We ask all members to please mail the dues to new Camp Secretary Charles Beal (address above) ***before March 1, 2007***, prior to the Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo.

Captain Levi T. Scofield's Sculpture at Patriotic Hall

Compiled & submitted by Floyd Farrar

The lobby of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall contains an incredibly detailed sculpture of a Coehorn Mortar battery and crew of the Civil War era. Exactly how this magnificent work of art wound up in BHPH is unknown to this writer, but on-going investigations of the collection accession records may reveal that answer. The base of the sculpture is identified with **"Levi T. Scofield, ARCH'T & SCUP'T"**.



That inscription led to the next obvious question, "Who was Levi T. Scofield?" Mr. Scofield attended the public schools in Cleveland, where he received his early education and where he first took up the study of engineering and architecture. In 1860, however, he went to Cincinnati to continue his studies in those branches. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Mr. Scofield returned to Cleveland and enlisted in the First Regiment, Ohio Light Artillery. Upon the expiration of his enlistment he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the 103d Ohio Infantry, from which rank he was promoted to First Lieutenant in February 1863, and was made a Captain in November 1864. During his infantry service his superior officers appreciated his engineering abilities, and he was frequently assigned to do engineering work. He participated in the pursuit of Kirby Smith in 1862 and of General Morgan in 1863. He was with General Burnside in his campaign over the Cumberland Mountains, and was also at the siege of Knoxville, as well as at the defeat of Longstreet. From June 1863, to June 1865, Captain Scofield's service was continuous as an engineering officer. He achieved his highest assignment in that position in the 23rd Army Corps on General J. D. Cox's Staff.

He was in the battles of the Atlanta campaign and the campaign of Nashville; took part in the pursuit of General Hood to the Tennessee River, and served in North Carolina early in 1865, being present at the capture of Raleigh, and the surrender of General Johnson.

At the close of the war he went to New York City, where he continued his work in architecture, but very shortly returned to Cleveland and has since resided in that city. Since 1865, Captain Scofield has engaged in his profession of architect and engineer. Many of the public buildings throughout Ohio are the result of his architectural genius. He built the Cleveland High School in 1878, the Athens, and Columbus Asylums for Insane in 1869; in 1871 he built the Soldier's and Sailors; Orphan's Home at Xenia, Ohio; the Raleigh Penitentiary in 1870, and the Cleveland House of Correction in 1867. In 1884 he built the Mansfield Reformatory, and in 1901 he erected the Scofield Building in Cleveland, of which he is both architect and owner. It is located on the corner of Euclid Avenue and Ninth Street, and is one of the handsomest office buildings in the Forest City.

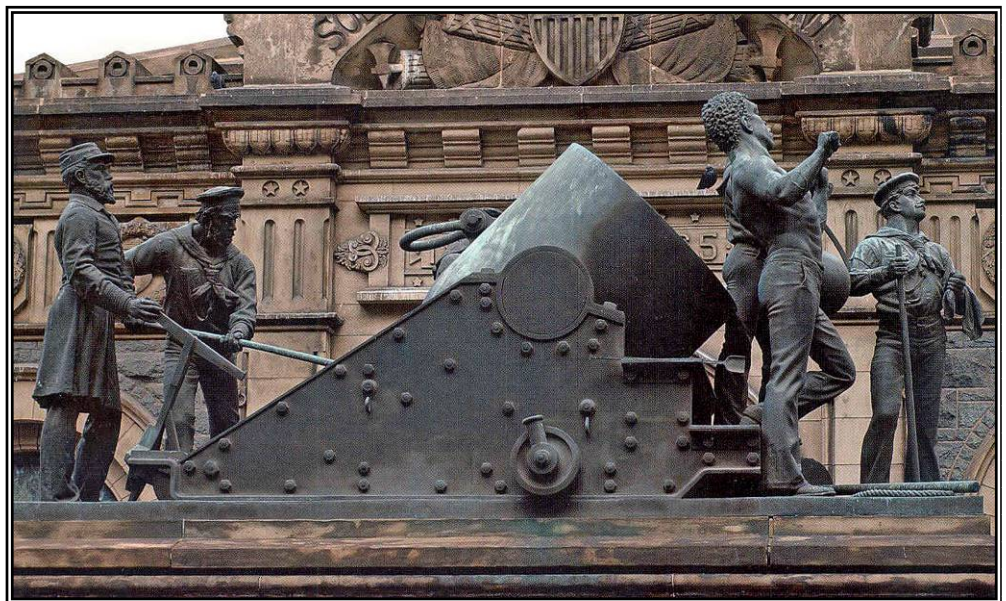
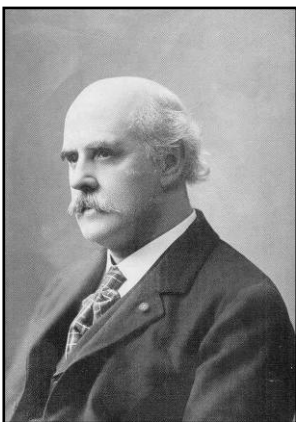
Perhaps the most celebrated work that Captain Scofield has designed is the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, which stands in the public square in Cleveland, and of which he was both architect and sculptor. This monument was built in 1894; when dedicated the principal address was delivered by William McKinley, at that time the Governor of Ohio. It is stated that the procession which formed the parade on that gala occasion, was the most impressive and largest ever seen on the streets of Cleveland.



The total cost of this monument was \$314,500.00, of which \$57,000.00 was contributed by Captain Scofield himself and the county paid \$257,000.00. The tax through which funds were raised to pay for the monument, was distributed over fourteen years, and amounted to one and nine-tenths mills on every hundred of the table value of the property throughout the county. The monument has an esplanade of one hundred feet square, a tablet room forty feet square. The total height to the top of the figure of Liberty is one hundred and twenty-five feet. The building is of black Quincy granite. The shaft is of the same material, highly polished, and [the] esplanade is of red Medina stone. There are one hundred tons of cast bronze in the statuary, doors, grills, etc., and the names of ten thousand soldiers are engraved on the marble tablets. The work was done under the supervision of a commission of twelve members, who were all veterans of the Civil War. The expenditure of this amount of money was contested in the courts, and it took two and a half years before work could formally begin. The commission was enjoined by both the common Pleas and the Circuit Courts, but the members of the commission carried the fight first to the Supreme Court of Ohio and then to the United States District and Appellate court, in both of which the decision of the lower courts was reversed.

Thus to-day Cleveland has, through the genius of Levi T. Scofield, and the never-say-die spirit of this body of twelve men, a fitting monument to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers who died in defense of their flag.

Captain Scofield devoted more than seven and a half years to the work of designing and building this monument, without compensation, and when the co-operation of the County Commissioners was refused, he sacrificed his private fortune in order to defray expenses. Captain Scofield is a member of the Military Orders of the Loyal Legion and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Captain Scofield could cease work today and rest well content with the laurels he has won during the many years he has spent in his native city of Cleveland.



This statue appears on one side of the **Soldiers & Sailor's Monument** sculpted by Levi Scofield in Cleveland, Ohio circa 1894. This portion entitled "**Mortar practice**" is a side view of the actual statue.

The three photos at the top of the article were taken at Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles July 1, 2006 by Floyd Farrar.

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Rev. Thomas Starr King Statue to be Removed from Statuary Hall

Compiled by Susan Sweet, Orange County Civil War Roundtable Program Chair

In 1913, the California State Legislature voted Thomas Starr King and Father Junipero Serra, the Catholic missionary, as California's two greatest heroes and appropriated funds for King's statue at the U.S. Capitol in Statuary Hall where President Ford recently lay in state after his death. In the 1960s, the state designated King's church and tomb as a historical monument

When Thomas Starr King first walked to the pulpit of the San Francisco Unitarian Church in 1860, the eyes of the congregation turned to this small, frail man. Many asked, "Could this youthful person with his beardless, boyish face be the celebrated preacher from Boston?" King laughed. "Though I weigh only 120 pounds," he said, "when I'm mad, I weigh a ton."

That fiery passion would be King's stock in trade during his years in California, from 1860 to 1864. Abraham Lincoln said he believed the Rev. Thomas Starr King was the person most responsible for keeping California in the Union during the early days of the Civil War.

California was headed into a crisis. At hand was a showdown between the free states of the Union and the slave states. California's governor and most members of the state legislature were sympathetic to the Confederacy. The only effective voice against slavery, Sen. David C. Broderick, had been killed in a duel the year before.

Southern states soon abandoned the Union. The crucial question on the minds of many Americans was: Would California join them and deliver the state's immense natural resources into the hands of Confederate President Jefferson Davis? Support for secession was strong in southern California, where the Confederate flag had flown over Los Angeles's main plaza on the Fourth of July.

At that time the U.S. Congress was so convinced of a secessionist plot that it required Easterners to secure passports for travel to California. Justifying Congress' fears was a secret paramilitary California secessionist organization of about 16,000 members, called the Knights of the Golden Circle.

On George Washington's birthday in 1861, King fired an opening salvo in support of his country. He spoke for two hours to over a thousand people about how they should remember Washington by preserving the Union.

"I pitched into Secession, Concession and (John C.) Calhoun (former U.S. vice president), right and left, and made the Southerners applaud," King recalled. "I pledged California to a Northern Republic and to a flag that should have no treacherous threads of cotton in its warp, and the audience came down in thunder. At the close it was announced that I would repeat it the next night, and they gave me three rounds of cheers."

Speaking up and down the state, King visited rugged mining camps and said he never knew the exhilaration of public oratory until he faced a front row of men armed with Bowie knives and revolvers. His friend, Edward Everett Hale, who made a similar contribution to saving the Union through his moving story, "The Man Without a Country," said, "Starr King was an orator no one could silence and no one could answer."



King covered his pulpit with an American flag and ended all his sermons with "God bless the president of the United States and all who serve with him the cause of a common country." At one mass rally in San Francisco, 40,000 turned out to hear him speak. A group of Americans living in Victoria, B.C., sent him \$1,000 for his work to preserve the Union. King was beginning to turn the tide.

In 1861, he threw himself into the gubernatorial campaign of his parishioner, Leland Stanford. King and author Bret Harte often accompanied Stanford on speaking tours. Stanford won an overwhelming victory and King sighed with relief.

Starr King immediately pitched in to help. Out of \$4.8 million the commission raised throughout the U.S., King raised \$1.25 million in California. About \$200,000 came from San Francisco, a figure all the more impressive because of a series of natural disasters in the state, including a massive flood that turned the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley into a vast lake and a drought that wiped out the wheat crop.

But King's Herculean efforts had taken a toll. Only devotion to what he considered God's will and "being mad" kept him going. On Feb. 28, 1864, he came down with diphtheria, then pneumonia. A few days later his doctor told him he had only a half-hour to live. King glanced at a calendar.

"Today is the fourth of March," he said. "Sad news will go over the wire today."

Across San Francisco, flags dropped to half-mast. The state legislature in Sacramento adjourned for three days of mourning after passing a resolution stating that King had been a "tower of strength to the cause of his country."

As King lay in state, wrapped in an American flag, a military honor guard stood by his casket. Twenty thousand people came to his church to pay tribute. Cannons boomed a memorial tribute and Bret Harte composed a eulogy, "Relieving Guard."

**A Star? There's nothing strange in that.
No, nothing; but above the thicket
Somehow it seemed to me that God
Somewhere had just relieved a picket.**

King's body was buried in the front lawn of his newly completed church, where it remains today.

Lawmakers in Sacramento passed a bill in September 2006 designating another great orator to take Starr King's place -- Ronald Reagan. The resolution, which received Governor Schwarzenegger's endorsement, was written by state Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta (Riverside County), who said he believes Reagan's distinguished career as governor of California and president should be honored at the hall. Hollingsworth said Starr King has an "abbreviated place in history." He said he proposed the statue swap because Starr King was not a native Californian and could not compete historically with "the great communicator," Ronald Reagan, or the well-known Junipero Serra.

David Sammons, who heads Berkeley's Starr King seminary, said he opposes the decision. "In California, the two people who were chosen (for inclusion in the hall) were both clergy," said Sammons. "Starr King is a stellar example of religion having a positive effect on the world." Sammons said Starr King's desire to create a "just and sustainable society" was the impetus for his efforts to keep California aligned with the Union. But Hollingsworth's proposal flew through the Legislature with little opposition. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, was the only Assembly member to speak in opposition, urging "a more inclusive, bipartisan discussion before we replace King with a political figure." Hancock abstained from the Assembly's 51-0 vote. **The swap of statues is currently expected for sometime in 2007.**

Camp 17 Brothers Honor Presidents Lincoln & Washington

Camp 17 members of the SVR combined with Brothers from Camps 2 and 21 to honor our two great Presidents on consecutive weekends this month. President Lincoln was honored on Saturday and Sunday, February 10th and 11th with the annual celebration of his birthday in Redlands. The Saturday event was the 68th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade that is sponsored by the California Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts. The main body of the parade was made up of hundreds of Scouts from troops throughout the San Bernardino and Riverside County area. A combined Civil War era color guard that included Camp members Michael Hicks and Glen Roosevelt was in the lead element of the parade, just behind the Mountain Fife & Drum Company that provided an excellent marching beat. The parade moved along Citrus Avenue from the Redlands High School to the Redlands Bowl adjacent to the Lincoln Shrine. There our Camp members of the color guard had the privilege of presenting the colors to open the patriotic program at the Bowl.



Sunday found the Camp members back at the Lincoln Shrine for the Annual Open House program. Despite the threatening weather conditions, the sun finally peeked through a bit in the afternoon, and our affiliated members were able to provide displays and interact with the guests both inside and outside the Shrine. Camp Brother Larry Duncan put on his excellent Dr. Malarkey display of Civil War medicine inside; and DUVCW Tent 88 Daughters Diane Ignatius and Lynn Johsz presented their impressions of the civilians attached to the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteer reenactors and the Women's Central Association of Relief. Outside in the brisk and damp winter air Camp Brothers Richard and Peter Ignatius along with Michael Hicks and Glen Roosevelt presented a small display of GAR memorabilia and answered questions by visitors about how to locate their Civil War ancestor's records.



Left to right: Peter Ignatius, Michael Hicks, Bill Peck as Abraham Lincoln, Glen Roosevelt, and Richard Ignatius at the Lincoln Shrine Open House. On the right above is the Massing of Colors at Forest Lawn in North Hollywood. Below is the combined Camps color guard of (l. to r.) Jerry Sayre, Glen Roosevelt, Dean Poole, Jack Stewart (hiding behind flag), and Bob Lowe after saluting George Washington's statue.



Sunday, February 18 found our combined color guard of Camps 2, 17, and 21 at Forest Lawn in North Hollywood for the 25th Annual George Washington Massing of Colors sponsored by The Sons of Liberty Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Besides the SVR color guard, several Brothers from both Camps participated in Revolutionary War era color guards of their SAR Chapters. Our own Camp 17 Patriotic Instructor James Blauer offered his usual outstanding rendition of The Star Spangled Banner to open the event.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Tustin, CA
Minutes of Meeting - January 18, 2007

The meeting was opened at 7:10 in the Fellowship Hall of Tustin First Advent Christian Church by Commander Glen Roosevelt. The Bible was opened by Chaplain Dan Henry and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Patriotic Instructor Jim Blauer. National General Order #7 was read regarding mourning for President Gerald Ford.

Secretary-Elect Charles Beal called the roll. Those in attendance included; Floyd Farrar, Glen Roosevelt, Charles Beal, Jim Blauer, Richard Ignatius, Don Hoffer, Walter Davis, Paul Gillette, Dan Henry, Terry Shaw, Richard Raver and James Weaver. Brother Beal reported that as of today we have 51 members.

Introductions of guests were conducted. 1) John Heckman of Huntington Beach, through his great grandfather, 2) Joe Hart of the Civil War Round Table, 3) Donald Hauser and 4) Vice-Commander for the District of California, Jerry Sayre and his wife Kim were introduced. He will be conducting the installation of new officers.

At the last meeting Richard Raver was placed by the Nominating Committee on the slate to be a Council Member. He has informed Commander Roosevelt he will not be able to serve. With nominations opened to the Floor, Commander Roosevelt nominated Brother Walter Davis. Brother Davis agreed to serve and was elected to fill the third seat on the Council.

Vice-Commander Sayre then conducted the installation of officers for 2007. They include:

Commander Paul Gillette, Sr. Vice-Commander Floyd Farrar, Jr. Vice-Commander Glen Roosevelt, Secretary/Treasurer Charles Beal, Council Members Jim Blauer, Mike Quigley and Walter Davis, Counselor John Dodd and Chaplain Dan Henry. First, Brother Paul Gillette was installed as the Commander of the Camp. Then the remainder of the officers were installed.

Both Commander Gillette and immediate Past Commander Roosevelt were presented badges.

At 7:35pm we took a break as Chaplain Henry closed the Bible. We reconvened at 8pm as Chaplain Henry opened the Bible.

The minutes from the November meeting were passed out. Brother Walter Davis moved that they be accepted as printed. This was seconded by Dan Henry and passed. Treasurer Beal reported we had \$1,267.71 as of November 16, 2006. Since that time \$205.00 in dues had been paid. There was \$340.75 in expenses, \$125 which went to the Anaheim Cemetery District. This left us with a total of \$1,131.96 in the treasury.

It was noted that Brother Danny Cox was not with us tonight as he had open heart surgery to replace a valve.

Brother Roosevelt reported on Patriotic Hall records and refurbishing by the county of Los Angeles. The records have all been boxed and inventoried. They are in storage at the Hall at this time. The county department in charge of the renovation of the building is moving slow as the American Legion Post 8 has not yet moved out. They cannot do anything on the remodel until the Legion leaves the building. They are still going forward with the project.

Applications for new members were announced: 1) Eric Scott Reese of Huntington Beach is descended from Private Isaac Robbins of the 26th Infantry Indiana Company K; 2) Brandon Reese of Huntington Beach also from Isaac Robbins; 3) Trey Terry descendant of Alfred Howe Terry of the 2nd Connecticut State and was a Major General in the Regular Army; 4) Joseph Hart is descended from Private Sanford Wakeman of Company A 36th Illinois Volunteers; and 5) John Heckman, descended from Private Peter Heckman of Company I of the 167th Pennsylvania. It was moved by Brother Walter Davis that we accept these applications pending any necessary paperwork. The motion was seconded by Brother Dan Henry and passed unanimously. It was reported that we had five new members whose certificates were going to be sent to them. They are 1) Larry Duncan, 2) Emory Lewis, 3) Eric Reese and, 4) Brandon Reese, 5) Daniel King.

Brother Charles Beal reported on the Last Soldier project. He noted there was an excellent crowd at the Anaheim Cemetery. Glen Roosevelt noted the Banner Editor was pleased with the Last Soldier article that we submitted. The Graves Registration group is working on 24 unmarked graves here in Orange County. Commander Paul Gillette reported his amazement to Brother Blauer's singing of the National Anthem at the ceremonies. It was requested that we solicit volunteer Brothers to help get headstones from the V.A. for the unmarked graves. Brother Richard Ignatius volunteered. Brother Beal noted we would be doing one cemetery at a time.

Brother Roosevelt reported he had a list of 20 or more Eagles, but he has to get the troop information on them before he can send them on the Brother Blauer for the calligraphy of the names on the certificates.

Brother Roosevelt also reported that he and Brother Floyd Farrar are working on the newsletter. It was also noted that some members are not receiving the Banner from National.

The Sons of Union Veterans Reserve are collecting dues for 2007. They are \$6.00. They have established a Marine Corps Guard Company, and have 2 new uniformed members since Jim Weaver and Quay Terry have signed up

A new Camp History Project is being put together by Brother Farrar. The idea is to get the various Camps to write up their history. Brother Farrar said he was going to do the old Santa Ana Camp 12 history and then add ours, Camp 17. Brother Walter Davis reported that Brother Larry Clowers and his wife Connie were now working out of their home back East. Brother Roosevelt reported that Brother Clowers was going to be out here in April for 4 or 5 school engagements. Walter Davis also reported that the Orange County Board of Supervisors did not support the veterans on the Blimp Hangar for the American Museum of Military History. The Vets are trying to work with IRG that won the contract to develop the Blimp Hangar and surrounding land. Moorlach was the only Supervisor to vote for the Veterans.

It was noted that the Casinos have been stopped from building near Gettysburg.

Brother Roosevelt passed out a proposed calendar of events for 2007.

He proposed that we work with Camp 2 to register the GAR buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles on Washington, and the Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights as a July outing.

At this point Brother Dan Henry as President of the Orange County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented Certificates of Distinguished Service to Brothers Charles Beal, Paul Gillette and Glen Roosevelt for their work on the Civil War Graves Project and the work at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. Brother Henry also made a Presentation of the Baron Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Medal to Compatriot/Brother Walter Davis, for his years of service as a member of the SAR doing Color Guard duties in Parades, Memorial Day Services and his presentations in Uniform for various groups. Walter is the first recipient of this medal to members of the Orange County Chapter SAR.

Commander Gillette awarded Glen Roosevelt a certificate of appreciation by the Department for his 3 year service as Camp Commander of Camp 17.

It was announced that the Department Encampment will be held on March 23-24 in San Luis Obispo. Raffle tickets for donated prizes are available at \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. You do not need to be present to win. Brothers Glen Roosevelt and Floyd Farrar volunteered to be delegates to the Department Encampment. Our Camp is allowed 4-5 delegates.

Brother Walter Davis showed off his 1863 Springfield rifle. It is a .48 caliber with Minnie ball.

Brother Jim Blauer noted his SAR Chapter's success in the Toys for Troops Drive for our military families and requested that the Camp consider this for next December.

With no further business, Chaplain Dan Henry read the closing prayer and closed the Bible. .

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

March 15, 2007

James F. Blauer, Patriotic Instructor



Left: Camp Chaplain and Orange County SAR Chapter President Dan Henry presents the Von Steuben Bronze Color Guard Award to Walter Davis; and (right) gives SAR Distinguished Service Awards to Brothers Paul Gillette, Charles Beal and Glen Roosevelt.

The Commander's Column

by Past Camp Commander Glen Roosevelt

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I finish my tenure as Camp 17 Commander, and turn over this column to new Camp 17 Commander Paul Gillette. The support and service of all our Camp Brothers throughout our first three years has been outstanding, and I sincerely thank all our members for making our Camp successful. Sincere thanks is also extended to our new key officers; Paul Gillette, Floyd Farrar, and Charles Beal for taking over the main responsibilities of the Camp. The assistance of all Camp members to the new cadre of officers will be greatly appreciated.

I now introduce this column to the thoughts of Commander Gillette by inserting below a copy of his summary report to the Department newsletter that describes the activities of Camp 17 during 2006, to wit:

Camp 17, Generals Sedgwick-Granger Activities for 2006

Camp 17 had an outstanding year in 2006. Brother Charles Beal initiated a program that involved determining the GPS coordinates for the graves of the Civil War veterans buried here in Orange County, as well as making a digital photo record of each grave. This was a very involved task, as there are over 780 Civil War veterans buried in the county, spread out among nine different facilities. Brother Beal put his expertise as a County Surveyor to good use, and his database of coordinates is being transcribed into the Find-A-Grave website, for use by historians and genealogists around the country.

Brother Beal, along with Commander Glen Roosevelt, took the lead in Camp 17's Last Soldier project. The last Union veteran to die in the county was determined to be Pvt. William Crandall of Company I, 52nd New York Volunteer Infantry. Private Crandall passed away in 1945, and had been in an unmarked grave at Anaheim Cemetery since that time. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Beal and Commander Roosevelt, a government marker for Private Crandall was obtained, as well as two new markers for veterans in the GAR plot who were also in unmarked graves. A dedication ceremony was held at the cemetery on November 19th, 2006, and was very well attended, thanks in part to a front page story about the event in our local paper, the Orange County Register.

Camp 17 members were actively involved in the inventory and storage of GAR artifacts at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, along with Brothers from Camp 2. . The Hall is undergoing a lengthy restoration, and Commander Roosevelt led the effort to catalogue all the GAR artifacts which had been haphazardly stored in various locations about the Hall, and to place them in a centralized and secure location until the renovation is complete. Many Camp 17 brothers donated their weekends to helping with this project, the first of its kind since the last GAR members passed away over 60 years ago.

In addition, Camp 17 Brothers participated in over 35 patriotic and instructional events in 2006, from encampments, to reenactments, award ceremonies, and Memorial Day ceremonies. In January of 2007 Commander Roosevelt finished his 3-year term as the Camp's first and only commander. I was honored to be chosen to take his place, and look forward to the continued growth and activism of Camp 17.

Paul Gillette, Commander, Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17

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Surgeon's Call

From Camp Chaplain Dan Henry: Just an update on Danny Cox who had open heart surgery 6 weeks ago. He was at our last SAR meeting, and is on the mend and doing fantastic, and looks great. I couldn't believe he was doing so well, as I know too many guys who were slow to recover. But after all, he does refer to himself as an "Accelerationist". I guess that means he's quick to recover too.

From JVC Glen Roosevelt: Brother Dan King had recently suffered a relapse in his battle with health issues. Dan was admitted to Anaheim Memorial Hospital for treatment two weeks ago, and we hope by now that he has returned home. We all wish and pray for Dan's continuing recover and a return to his normal activity.

Belated Notice: The Passing of Brother Malcolm Koerner

It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the passing of Camp 17 Brother Malcolm Koerner. We are additionally saddened by the fact that we learned of Brother Koerner's passing so long after he had gone. We were not as good as we could have been in communicating with Malcolm regularly, and he was not able to travel to our meetings. Our last communication with him was very early in 2006 at the time of our membership renewals. It wasn't until we sent out the 2007 renewals that his daughter Kathy informed us of his passing.

Malcolm was born May 10, 1923 at Brooklyn, New York. He was in the Army-Air Force as a B-24 Liberator pilot stationed at Muroc Army Air Field (later named Edwards Air Force Base) in California when WWII ended. Malcolm married Sadie on October 16, 1943. They had one daughter, Kathy. Malcolm was a "jack of all trades" and he always did a task to his best ability, being a perfectionist. He was a policeman for New York City Police Department. The family moved to California in 1955. Malcolm worked for the Los Angeles Water & Power Department and retired from that job. In retirement, Malcolm and Sadie enjoyed genealogy, spending time at the National Archives at Laguna Niguel. Malcolm's other hobby was building model airplanes and ships. He also helped out in yacht races as a navigator, and was a member of the "U.S. Power Squadron" for boating.

Malcolm joined SUVCW Camp #21 on 19 March 1998, and he transferred to Camp #17 on 27 July 2003. His grandfather was Albert Koerner, a Private in Company H of the 4th New York Infantry Regiment.

In February 2006 he was diagnosed with cancer and he died on April 21, 2006. He was buried at Eternal Hills Memorial Park in Oceanside.

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Orange County Civil War Veteran Graves Registration Update

by Charles Beal, Graves Registration Officer

The following is the current count of all known Union and Confederate Civil War veteran burials from Gordon Bricken's consolidated list for Orange County to which we have regularly contributed:

1. Anaheim Cemetery: 56 (William Crandall and Edward Sweeney were marked in November 2006)
2. El Toro Memorial Park: 1
3. Fairhaven Memorial Park: 276 (8 unmarked graves, Paul Gillette currently has 3 monuments ordered)
4. Good Shepard Cemetery: 13
5. Loma Vista Memorial Park: 55 (2 Monuments installed in December 2005)
6. Magnolia Cemetery: 16 (1 unmarked grave)
7. San Juan Capistrano Mission Cemetery: 2 (1 unmarked grave)
8. Santa Ana Cemetery: 346 (10 unmarked graves)
9. Westminster Memorial Park: 20

Our current inventory is 785 known Civil War veteran graves in Orange County.

Union Graves: 697 (24 graves were unmarked, of which 4 were marked with Civil War monuments in 2005 and 2006, leaving 20 unmarked graves currently and 1 cenotaph located)

CSA Graves: 88 (2 Unmarked graves)

The unmarked grave count just recently went up when I finished up at Fairhaven Memorial Park and discovered 5 new unmarked graves. I'm working with the Orange County Cemetery District to locate the final 8 unmarked graves that I haven't located at Santa Ana Cemetery and should be finished early this year.

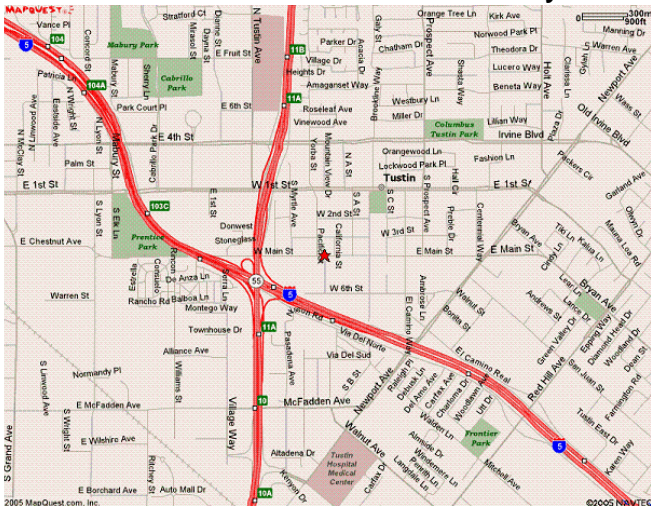
Next SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:00pm

**in the Fellowship Hall, First Advent Christian Church
555 W. Main St. (corner of Main & Pacific), Tustin, CA**

**Program: The Service & Life of Pvt. Jacob Jackson
of Battery A, 2nd U.S. Colored Light Artillery & 9th U.S.C. Heavy Artillery**

Presented by Camp 17 Brother William Nelson



The Church is located at the corner of Main Street and Pacific Street in "old" Tustin. The Fellowship Hall is located behind the Pastor's residence that is just east of the Church. Parking is in the small lot just east of the Pastor's residence. Entry to the Fellowship Hall is through the gate in the chain-link fence at the back (north) side of the parking lot. The meetings normally start at 7:00 pm, and the doors to the Hall are opened at 6:30.

From the 55 Freeway: exit 4th Street/Irvine Blvd, go east to Yorba, south across First St., south on Pacific to Main. From I-5: exit at Newport, north to Main, left on Main, west on Main to Pacific.



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