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**Sons of Union Veterans
Of the Civil War**

**Camp No. 17, Santa Ana
Orange County, California**

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



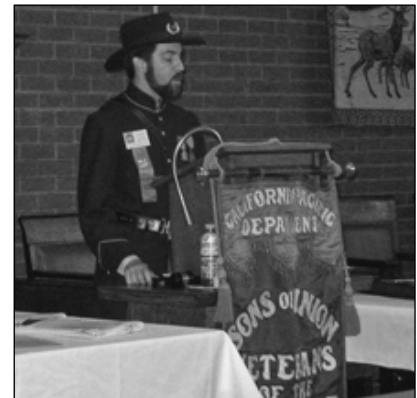
Gen. John Sedgwick

Gen. Gordon Granger

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State SUV Encampment in San Luis Obispo March 23-24, 2007 report:

SUVCW brothers and guests held the annual department encampment at the Elks Hall in San Luis Obispo March 23 & 24. It was an honor and pleasure to have the SUVCW National C-in-C Jim Pahl in attendance. The encampment was held in the Elks Lodge next to the Old Mission Cemetery. As usual we want to thank the Elks for their kind hospitality and a delicious Friday night dinner. That included some tasty and very thick pork chops.



Outgoing state commander Tad Campbell at right tells the gathering how much pleasure he had doing the task last year and how happy he is now to be passing the reins to Jerry Sayer of Pittenger Camp 21. Jerry Sayer of Pittenger Camp 21 in San Diego was elected as California State SUV commander and Glen was elected CA state Junior Vice commander at the encampment. This was the first time I have ever attended a state SUV event and I plan on doing it again. The fellowship and camaraderie were of the highest order. It was a pleasure to finally meet some people I only know via an email address.



Past Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Cmdr. Glen Roosevelt gave a report on the progress of GAR artifact preservation and the renovation at Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles.

After the end of the business meeting on Saturday, most of the attendees repaired

across the street to the cemetery for the honor guard photos in the GAR Section.



At right: Jerry Sayer, Floyd Farrar,

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Useful web links and information:

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website

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

Sons of Union Veterans Department of California & Pacific

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

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Elizabeth Hill-Mills Tent #88

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

One all encompassing link for living history events has just been found and is below:

<http://reivinghistory.net/index.php>

The above computer link even includes many photos from recent events and is worth a check

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.

Communication from Brother Mark Woolfington

I have some news to pass along. First, please greet the men of Camp 17 for me-I'm always glad to see the newsletter and to hear about the good work that's being done.

I've also been appointed Division Chaplain for the Illinois Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. While I've kept my SUVCW membership in Camp 17, I have also crossed the lines to join Camp 1507 of the SCV. One of my Confederate ancestors served in several Virginia Cavalry regiments that were consolidated and reorganized several times during the War. If anyone's interested they can check out www.camp-douglas-1507.org.

There are over 6000 Confederates buried in a mass grave at the former site of Camp Douglas, a prison camp on the south side of Chicago.

Thanks for keeping me in the loop!

In F. C. and L.,

Rev. Dr. Mark D. Woolfington

Charter Member, Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17

Division Chaplain, IL Division, SCV

I don't know how many of you caught this on the nightly news or if it was even in the newspapers out here in California but it bears repeating as a lot of our historical past is slowly slipping away via unscrupulous historical items dealers and people out for a fast buck.

“Civil War Documents Stolen”

March 16, 2007 (Computerworld)

A Philadelphia man stole 165 Civil War-era historical documents from the National Archives last year and sold them on eBay, federal prosecutors charged yesterday.

Denning McTague, 40, worked as a summer intern for the archives in 2006 and smuggled the documents -- including an 1865 order from the War Department announcing the death of President Lincoln to the troops and a letter from J.E.B. Stuart, the Confederate cavalry commander -- off the premises in a backpack.

“These are pieces of American history to be preserved, not sold to the highest bidder,” U.S. Attorney Pat Meehan said in a statement.

McTague sold the documents on eBay, where he enjoyed an excellent seller’s reputation. According to eBay, McTague’s feedback score of 364 was 100% positive. In other words, buyers had no complaints about his service or the items he sold.

As an intern, McTague’s responsibilities included arranging and organizing documents for the Civil War 2011-2015 sesquicentennial. Most of the documents he handled dealt with the ordering and sending of supplies and materials for the troops and munitions makers.

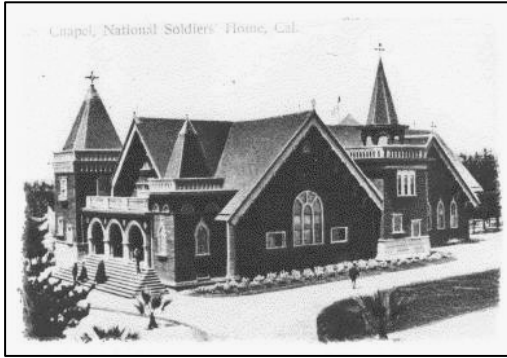
Such pilfering is very rare, said Susan Cooper, a spokeswoman for the National Archives in Washington D.C. Cooper would not put a price on the stolen documents. “Since we never sell our documents, and since they all unique, they are all extremely valuable.”

McTague’s Web site touts him as a dealer of antique books, maps and manuscripts. The site remains online, but no items are currently posted for sale.

According to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, McTague intends to plead guilty to one count of theft of government property. Federal sentencing guidelines indicate that he will likely face a year in prison.

The paper also reported that he helped the FBI and archive officials recover 161 of the 165 stolen documents. McTague was caught after a legitimate dealer found some of the pinched documents on eBay, and contacted the archives, said Cooper.

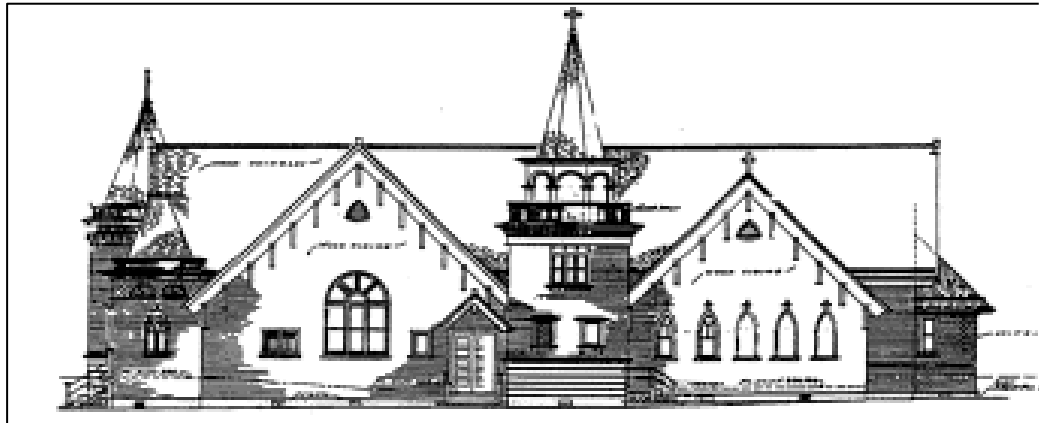
Local Los Angeles area Civil war history preservation help needed:



1902 and Architect J. Lee Burton designed this place of worship.

The chapel at right is the only principal structure remaining from the 19th century. The first residents of the newly constructed soldier's home arrived in 1889 after marching some 300 miles to get there. The century-old chapel building is a prominent representation of American turn-of-the-century Victorian architecture, giving the structure a major historical significance. The Wadsworth Chapel is truly one of a kind.

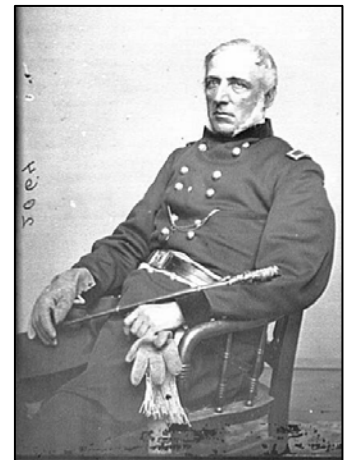
Because of earthquake damage, the chapel was declared unsafe, and has thus remained closed for more than 25 years. The Chapel has not been available to serve the needs of veterans, their families, and friends because it has not been repaired or maintained.



The Wadsworth Chapel Preservation Foundation has been established as a non-profit corporation with the stated purpose and mission being: *"to restore and preserve the Wadsworth Chapel located on the grounds of the Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Healthcare Center."*

The Foundation is now in need of help from interested and concerned people who are ready, willing, and able to devote their personal time, effort, talent, and expertise to the restoration and preservation of the magnificent Wadsworth Chapel in the Westwood area of West Los Angeles.

*A few photos of Gen. James S. Wadsworth
He was a personal friend of Lincoln, and the President trusted him and his judgment. The president was deeply saddened when he learned of his death.*



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A short Biography of Union Army General James S. Wadsworth:



At the left is General James Samuel Wadsworth (October 30, 1807–May 8, 1864) a philanthropist, politician, and a Union general in the American Civil War. He distinguished himself at Gettysburg on July 1st

Despite his complete lack of military experience, at the outbreak of the Civil War Wadsworth was commissioned a major general of the New York state militia. He served as a civilian volunteer aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell at the First Battle of Bull Run in July 1861. McDowell recommended him for command and, on August 9, 1861, James Wadsworth was commissioned a brigadier general of volunteers; in October, he received command of a brigade in McDowell's division of the Army of the Potomac.

From March to September 1862, Wadsworth commanded the Military District of Washington. During the preparations for Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign, Wadsworth complained to President Abraham Lincoln that he had insufficient troops to defend the capital due to McClellan's plan to take a large number of them with him to the Virginia Peninsula. Lincoln countermanded McClellan's plan and restored a full corps to the Washington defenses, generating ill feelings between McClellan and Wadsworth. Seeing no prospects for serving in McClellan's army, Wadsworth allowed his name to be put into nomination for governor of New York against antiwar Democrat Horatio Seymour, but he declined to leave active duty to campaign and lost the election.

After McClellan left the Army of the Potomac, and after the serious Union defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Wadsworth was appointed commander of the 1st Division, I Corps, replacing Maj. Gen. George G. Meade, who had been promoted to command the V Corps. He was a dashing division commander, trim and vigorous at 56 years old, snow white hair with large white mutton chop sideburns, brandishing an officer's saber from the American Revolutionary War. He was widely admired in his new division because he spent considerable effort looking after the welfare of his men; making sure that their rations and housing were adequate. They were also impressed that he was so devoted to the Union cause that he had given up a comfortable life to serve in the Army without drawing pay.

Wadsworth's division's first test in combat under his command was at the Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863. He made a faltering start in maneuvering his men across the Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg and they ended up being only lightly engaged during the battle. His performance at the Battle of Gettysburg was much more substantial. Arriving in the vanguard of John F. Reynolds's I Corps on July 1, 1863, Wadsworth's division bore much of the brunt of the overwhelming Confederate attack that morning and afternoon. They were able to hold out against attacks from both the west and north, giving the Army of the Potomac time to bring up sufficient forces to hold the high ground south of town and eventually win the battle. But by the time the division retreated back through town to Cemetery Hill that evening, it had suffered over 50% casualties. Despite these losses, on the second day of battle, Wadsworth sent two regiments to reinforce the defense of Culp's Hill.

I Corps had been so significantly damaged at Gettysburg that, when the Army of the Potomac was reorganized in March 1864, its surviving regiments were dispersed to other corps. After an eight-month leave of absence, Wadsworth was named commander of the 4th Division, V Corps. This speaks well for his performance at Gettysburg because a number of his contemporaries were left without assignments when the army reorganized. At the start of Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign, Wadsworth led his division at the Battle of the Wilderness. He was mortally wounded in the head on May 6, 1864, and captured by Confederate forces.

Wadsworth died two days later in a Confederate field hospital. He is buried in the Temple Hill Cemetery in Geneseo, New York. The day before he was wounded, he was promoted to major general of volunteers, but this appointment was withdrawn and he received instead a posthumous brevet promotion to major general as of May 6, 1864, for his service at Gettysburg and the Wilderness.

SUVCW Camp 17 was well represented at the annual event at St. Catherine's military academy in Anaheim on March 17 and 18.

The annual event was well attended on St Patrick's Day March the 17th and the crowds were down on Sunday but we persevered never the less.



Left: Glen Roosevelt and Jim Weaver at SUV table
Above right: Cmdr. Paul Gillette & Judy and Jim Weaver, Pictured at the SUV Sedgewick-Granger Camp table.

At left: 116th PA infantry survivor at St Catherine's



SUV camp 17 member Larry Duncan and civilian John Simmons and friend Dorothy Wondering if the battlefield patient will come thru? Quote: ***"Now where is that bullet?"***



The next reenacting event after St. Catherine's and the State Convention was the Annual Boy Scout Benefit

Civil War Reenactment at Prado Recreation area in Chino Hills on March 31 & April 1st. This event was again well attended with Cmdr



Gillette in attendance, but unlike last year there was no rain.



Camp 21 Brothers included L-R: Will Tish, Glen, Dean Poole, Floyd, & Bob Lowe

COMMANDERS CORNER

Camp 17 was well represented this month at both the St. Catherine's re-enactment in Anaheim and the Prado Park event in Chino. My thanks to both Brother Jim Weaver and Jr. Vice-Commander Glen Roosevelt for both the tent set-up at Prado and their time spent manning the booth. It was my first time at the St. Catherine's event, and I look forward to going back next year.

The St. Catherine's cadets were very enthusiastic about anything having to do with the military, and kept me on my toes with many interesting questions about the life of a soldier during the Civil War. The Prado Park event seems to be getting bigger every year, and this year's event had over 500 Boy Scouts as part of the encampment. On Saturday we had the pleasure of sharing our display tent with Department Commander Jerry Sayre, as well as some fine young ladies from the Daughters of Union Veterans. The Daughters also provided lunch for us hungry Brothers, which were much appreciated. On Sunday we shared the tent with P.D.C. Bob Lowe and Camp 21 Commander Will Tish. I would like to thank Senior Vice-Commander Floyd Farrar and Brother Joe Hart for both stopping by the tent and donating their time. Brothers, if you have never worked a Sons of Union Veterans booth at a Civil War re-enactment, I most heartily recommend that you do so. It is very rewarding (and sometimes entertaining!) to have the opportunity to interact with the young people who stop to look at our fine display.

It is with sadness that I must report the passing of Camp 17 Brother Jerry Lee Honeywell. Brother Honeywell passed away on February 27th of this year from pancreatic cancer. Brother Honeywell was born on January 28th, 1935 in Michigan. He joined our camp in January of 2004. His eligibility was based on the service of his great-grandfather, Corporal Hylond Honeywell of Company I, 2nd Michigan Cavalry. A condolence card has been sent to the family on behalf of Camp 17.

Make it a point to come to the next camp meeting in May, especially you Brothers who we don't get to see very often. On the agenda will be this year's Memorial Day events, and I would like to have all of Camp 17's Brothers participate in at least one event.

Yours in F, C, and L,
Paul Gillette

Sedgwick-Granger Camp #17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Tustin, CA
March 15, 2007
Minutes

Commander Paul Gillette opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Chaplain Dan Henry opened the Bible with a prayer and SVC Floyd Farrar led the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary Charles Beal called the roll. Those in attendance included; Floyd Farrar, Glen Roosevelt, Charles Beal, Richard Ignatius, Don Hoffer, Walter Davis, Paul Gillette, Dan Henry, Terry Shaw, John Heckman, Bill Nelson and James Weaver.

The minutes from the January meeting were passed out. Brother Walter Davis moved that they be accepted as printed. This motion was seconded Brother Dan Henry and passed.

Treasurer Charles Beal reported a balance of \$2, 337.96 in the Camp account. Brother Richard Ignatius moved that treasurer's report be accepted and seconded by Brother Dan Henry and passed.

Brother Dan Henry reports that Dan Cox was doing wheel from his heart surgery. Brother Glen Roosevelt reported that Dan King was out of the hospital and at home now. Commander Paul Gillette reported the death of Brother Jerry Honeywell on February 22, 2007.

Old Business:

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported the Patriot Hall in Los Angeles project is still moving ahead slowly and they were kicking around ideas on the future building usage.

Brother Charles Beal reported that he completed his local Civil War Graves project. 790 Civil War Veteran Graves were located in 9 local cemeteries. 701 of those graves are former Union soldiers of which 22 are unmarked. A GPS coordinate within 1.00 feet for each grave, a photograph of each grave and each grave was plotted on an aerial photograph. A DVD-Data disk is being distributed to the local cemeteries and local historical groups in Orange County and a master hard copy of the information is being stored at Santa Ana Public Library (History Room).

SVR News:

SVC Floyd Farrar reported on the camp history project reported he had 14 pages of John Sedgwick Post #17 member deaths.

New Business:

SVC Floyd Farrar reported he received a CD from National SUVCW to advertise a 30 to 60 second radio stations commercial for the SUVCW membership.

Brother Dan Henry said the Orange County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is working with the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace to install a SAR Marker by the home where the President was born and raised at in Yorba Linda.

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported a future rate increase at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Fee increase from \$17 to \$25 for Military Records and Pension Records would go from \$37 up to \$125. Brothers Walter Davis, Dan Henry and Jim Weaver have subscriptions to Ancestry.com and will try and locate military records (muster in and muster out rolls) for our 22 Union Veterans buried in unmarked graves to help save costs when our Camp starts to apply for Civil War Monuments as a future project.

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported that he would make a motion at the upcoming Department Encampment to hold the National Encampment at Los Angeles in 2012. This would be the 100th Anniversary when the National Encampment was held here in 1912.

JVC Glen Roosevelt made a motion for Brother Floyd Farrar to submit his name at the Department Encampment next week for JVC for Department of CA & Pacific. Brother Walter Davis moved to approve this motion was seconded Brother Dan Henry and passed.

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported that the original General Rosecrans Camp #2 Son's bible was located at Patriot Hall. The bible needs some repair work that will run around \$400 to \$450 to restore. Brother Roosevelt made a motion for Camp #17 to donate \$100.00 to Camp #2 to help restore the bible. Brother Walter Davis moved approval this motion and seconded by Brother Dan Henry and passed.

St. Catherine's Civil War Reenactment is this weekend. Camp #17 will have a booth.

Commander Paul Gillette mentioned that Brother Charles Beal received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, CA Department for his graves project.

Some Brothers recently received emails from Amin Eshaiker, Council Executive Assistant to Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Agran (City of Irvine) regarding a future veteran's monument for the Orange County Great Park. Amin is interested in involving local veteran groups and found Camp #17 on the Internet.

Brother Floyd Farrar says Los Alamitos is proposing a Veteran's Park.

Brother Terry Shaw said that Geisler Cemetery in Costa Mesa was doing something similar for a veteran's monument. Terry to send Glen more details.

Chaplain Dan Henry closed the Bible for a break: 8:12 pm

Chaplain Dan Henry opened the Bible for the meeting to continue at 8:22 pm.

Brother Bill Nelson made a power point presentation about his Civil War ancestor, Private Jacob Jackson (Black) of Company A, 9th Regiment, U.S. Color Volunteer Heavy Artillery and Company 2nd U.S. Colored Light Artillery.

Chaplain Dan Henry read the closing prayer closed the Bible and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Beal, Secretary*

Recommended Reading for Civil War History Buffs:

"Lincoln at Cooper Union" by Harold Holtzer,

The speech the made Abraham Lincoln president.

This book was highly rated by the Richard Rollins memorial book club at the Drum Barracks

And your editor found it to be easy and informative reading

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR THEME HISTORICAL EVENTS:

Sunday, April 22 2007

Banning Heritage Day, Banning Park in Wilmington CA Phone (310) 548-7777

The public is invited to celebrate the 1880's at Banning Heritage Day, a **FREE public day**.

- * Take a leisurely self-tour of the historic 1864 residence.
- * You can learn a Victorian Dance step, pan for gold on the back lawn, or create your own craft in the Stage Coach Barn.
- * Listen to live music from the era.
- * Lunch will also be available for purchase in our sunken patio.
- * Enjoy a horse-drawn trolley ride from Banning Residence Museum to Drum Barracks Civil War Museum where docents will be available for tours.
- *The Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum will be open for you to purchase Victorian style gifts, collectables and other springtime treasures.

Banning Heritage Day is a community event and is part of a weeklong educational program serving 4th and 5th grade students throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Banning Heritage Week is generously sponsored by a grant from The Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris Foundation.

South Gate Middle School

Civil War Living History

Thursday 4/27/2007, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Front Lawn of Administration Building

Joint us for the 8th annual Civil War Living History program at South Gate Middle School. Meet Confederates and Union soldiers, learn about Civil War music and food, discover the lives of women during the war, and how the Civil War effected Los Angeles

Bakersfield History of Hero's day

At the Kern County Museum:

3801 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield CA

Museum phone: (661) 852-5000

Saturday, April 28th 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

& Sunday, April 29th 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Internet link: <<http://www.historyofheroes.com>>

\$10 General Admission (per day), \$5 Children Admission Ages 3-12 (per day)

Children under 3 are free...

Jr. Vice Cmdr. Glen Roosevelt is scheduled to do a Civil War USMC lecture (presentation) at the Orange County Civil War Roundtable on May 15, 2007. The meeting starts at 7PM at Carrow's Restaurant in Fountain Valley, 405 and Magnolia Ave.

48th Annual Torrance CA Armed Forces Day Parade is scheduled for May 19th, 2007 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. There are other events honoring vets scheduled from May 18th thru May 20th in Torrance CA

Further info is at <http://www.ci.torrance.ca.us/326.htm>

There are numerous other Memorial Day celebrations in May at various cemeteries, just investigate and attend the observance of your choice...