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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



Camp 17 and Tent 88 Honor Veterans on Memorial Day

SUVCW Camp 17 Brothers and DUVCW Tent 88 Sisters helped to honor our veterans of all wars and conflicts by taking part in several Memorial Day ceremonies throughout Orange County. Camp Commander Paul Gillette was a keynote speaker at the Magnolia Memorial Park services in Garden Grove, and he followed the ceremony with his very popular history walk of the Civil War veterans interred there. Paul was joined at Magnolia by Brother Charles Beal who video recorded Commander Gillette's presentation.

JVC Glen Roosevelt, Patriotic Instructor James Blauer, Mike Quigley, James Weaver, Walter Davis, Quay Terry, Dan King, and Joe Hart attended the Tri-City Veterans ceremony at the GAR Plot in Santa Ana Cemetery. Our Sisters of Elizabeth Hill-Mills DUVCW Tent 88 under direction of President Judy Weaver also participated in the colors presentation and wreath placement at the Santa Ana Unknown Soldiers Monument. Judy was joined by sisters Joanne Knowles, Patty Wilson, Dotty Wilson, Donna Cole, June Lazich (soon to be the State Governor, California Mayflower Society), Jane Coloroso and, Marcia Maloney. Ceremony keynote speaker and new Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen joined our group for a photo.



Camp 17 Brothers & Tent 88 Daughters gather around the Santa Ana Unknown Soldiers Monument and flagpole. Left to right: Jim Blauer, Patty Wilson, Glen Roosevelt, Dotty Wilson, Donna Cole, Dan King, June Lazich, Mike Quigley, James Weaver, Judy Weaver, Quay Terry, OC Supervisor Janet Nguyen, Jane Coloroso, Joe Hart, Joann Knowles, Marcia Maloney, event organizer Florence Leach, and a member of the Orange County Ebells. In the photo on right, James Weaver and Quay Terry prepare to escort the DUVCW colors for presentation. (Judy Weaver photos)



Camp 17 Brothers Rich Ignatius and Peter Ignatius participated in the ceremony at Pierce Brothers - Valhalla Cemetery in North Hollywood that was attended by a firing squad from the 116th PVI Company D re-enactors, which included a 21-gun salute that was rendered to all veterans. A wreath and carnations were placed on the Valhalla All Wars Memorial. Brother Peter Ignatius participated in this placement activity. (See pages 4-6 for more Memorial Day activities and photos)

Editor's Column

“The Sentinel” editor was on a Med’ Cruise – JVC Roosevelt fills in.

Newsletter Editor Floyd Farrar was able to spend a good deal of his time in late May on an enjoyable cruise in the Mediterranean, so this edition of the newsletter was put together by JVC Glen Roosevelt. However, no matter how far Floyd travels from our Camp and the battlefields of our Civil War, he always has a way of finding some connection to our Union ancestors and heroes. In the photos below our intrepid traveler mans a gun overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar and stumbles on a place in “The Rock” where General Ulysses S. Grant was hosted for a banquet in 1878. *Glen Roosevelt, Fill-in Newsletter Editor*



(Floyd Farrar photos)



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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/>

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.

NO MEETING IN JULY – SEE BELOW FOR THE FORT MACARTHUR EVENT

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Old Fort MacArthur Days Event
Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8, 2007 at The Fort MacArthur Museum
3601 S. Gaffey St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Phone 310-548-2631 for more details

<http://www.geocities.com/fortmacarthur/ftmacevent.html>

SUVCW Los Angeles – Rosecrans Camp 2 Display Booth (all Camp 17 Brothers invited)

Civil War Re-enacting Event Weekend July 14 & 15, 2007

Vista Gas & Steam Museum

2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.

Vista, California 92083

Phone: 760- 941-1791 for more details

<http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com/civilwar/civilwarpg.htm>

<http://www.agsem.com/civilwar.html>

(NO....SUVCW Camp 17 Display Booth)

Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment

Saint Louis, Missouri

August 9-12, 2007

The 126th Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW will take place on Thursday through Sunday, August 9-12, 2007 at the Hilton St. Louis – Frontenac, the official hotel for this Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri. If you have any suggestions or would like items referred to your Department delegates, please contact Camp delegate and Department Junior Vice Commander, Glen Roosevelt at <GLRoosevelt@roadrunner.com> or call him at (714) 318-5723.

Huntington Beach Civil War Re-enacting Event Weekend Sept. 1-2, 2007

Central Park, Huntington Beach, CA

Gothard Street between Slater and Talbert

http://www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/images/users/community_services/hcp-hcpmap.jpg

http://www.stockteam.com/hbcivil_war.html

SUVCW Combined Camps 17 & 21 Display Booth – DUVCW Tent 88 – USMC Historical Co.

Hispanics in the Civil War – LA County Hispanic Heritage Month

Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 11:00am to 4:00pm

at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Wilmington, CA

The Drum Barracks in Wilmington is the only link we in southern California have with the Civil War. For those members who have never visited the museum, it is a real treasure.

The Drum Barracks is located at 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington CA 90744

Call (310) 548-7509 for hours and days of operation

Web Site is, <<http://www.drumbarracks.org/>>

The Orange County Civil War Roundtable

For those who enjoy Civil War historical lectures on all aspects of the era...

The Roundtable meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month

at Carrow's Restaurant in Fountain Valley, CA on Magnolia & the 405 Freeway at 7:00PM

Web Site is <<http://www.cwrورانجcounty-ca.org>>

All Camp 17 Brothers are welcome and encouraged to help staff our display booths!

The Commander's Column

by Camp Commander Paul Gillette

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Camp 17 Brothers who were able to find the time to participate in some kind of service on Memorial Day last month. Many Brothers wrote to me and informed me of activities that they were involved in over the Memorial Day weekend. Many thanks to the Camp 17 Brothers who participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the GAR monument at Santa Ana Cemetery. I had the pleasure of speaking at the ceremony at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove, and to lead a tour of several Union veteran graves afterwards. This year I had decided to add two new veterans to my tour, after several years of accumulating material about those soldiers. As I was leaving one of those graves a very nice woman stopped me and thanked me for the presentation. The soldier, Private Charles Warner of the 12th Michigan Infantry, was her great-great Grandfather. A very special moment, indeed!

Camp 17 is currently in the process of ordering grave markers for 13 Orange County Union veterans who are in unmarked graves. Five other probable Union veterans in unmarked graves have been identified but more research is needed to determine what unit they served in during the Civil War. This is a very important function of the Sons of Union Veterans, to secure Government markers for those Civil War veterans who are so deserving of this service. None of this would be possible without the outstanding research of Brother Charles Beal in locating these long-forgotten Union veterans. The Unmarked Graves project will continue through the summer, and it is my hope that most of these Government markers will be in place before the year is over.

No Camp 17 meeting in July! But, if you are just looking for something to do....I would like to recommend Old Fort MacArthur Days on July 7th and 8th. This is a very large re-enactment that has been held for the last 21 years at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro. Camp 17 will not have our own booth there, but our Brothers to the north, General W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 from Los Angeles, will have a presentation there and all SUVCW members are invited to participate, or just stop by to visit. The Fort is located at 3601 S. Gaffey Street in San Pedro. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity,

Paul Gillette, Commander, Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17

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Memorial Day at Costa Mesa Harbor Lawn Cemetery

Submitted by Terry Shaw

Memorial Day in Harbor Lawn Cemetery was celebrated at the site of the planned new Memorial that will honor all the branches of the military with plaques and flags signifying the importance of all aspects of the military. It is a project that will be funded entirely by private contributions and corporate donations for the sole purpose of building this monument to all American veterans, from all wars and from all branches of the military. Following is the link to the memorial project with the memorial brick order form at the bottom of that page: <http://www.cm-fund.org/veteran-memorial-project.htm> .



Photo l to r: Bud Hohl, Past Commander of VFW Post 3536 and visionary for the veterans' memorial; Ted Marinos Past Commander of VFW Post 3536; State Assemblyman Van Tran; and Costa Mesa Mayor Allan Mansoor. At the left of the picture is new flag and base for memorial (still under construction).
(Terry Shaw photo)

Students and Scouts Help Honor Veterans on Memorial Day

Submitted by Glen Roosevelt

We witnessed several fine local examples of our younger generation helping to remember and honor our veterans over this past Memorial Day weekend. On Friday morning 5/25 about 90 students from Mrs. Jeanne Thompson's (sister of Camp 21 Brother John May) 5th grade history classes at Lexington Elementary School volunteered to place flags on veterans' graves at nearby Pomona Valley Cemetery. Jeanne asked the SUVCW to help locate the graves, and Cemetery General Manager Melody Baxter provided the flags for the students to set out. The students organized into "Companies" of 10 students each, and placed their flags on graves that were pre-assigned by Mrs. Thompson as "their soldier". After each student placed their individual flags, all the students filed by the grave of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Harry Clay Davis and paid their respects. The students completed a short written report on each veteran based on the information they gathered from the grave markers. The students honored the veterans within four plots of the Cemetery, and Boy Scouts completed marking the balance of the graves on Saturday under the direction of the local American Legion Post. On Tuesday 5/29 three of this reporter's grandchildren (Robby, Ryan, and Hannah Ackles) helped their Grandpa retrieve the flags that the students had placed.



Lexington Elementary School students arrive at Pomona Valley Cemetery to receive their flags, then place them at "their soldier's" grave while taking notes on the veteran's service. Later they visited the grave of MoH recipient Harry Clay Davis. The Ackles triplets gladly retrieved the flags on Tuesday.



Brother Charles Beal worked with Brownies and Boy Scouts and their parents and leaders at Santa Ana Cemetery and Fairhaven Memorial Park on Saturday 5/26 to place flags on our veterans' graves.
(Glen Roosevelt and Charles Beal photos)

More youthful service at Memorial Day and other event photos.....



The Tustin Young Marines provide a color guard and performed the Flag Folding Ceremony at Santa Ana Cemetery. The Orange High School Chamber Choir (seated at right) delivered stirring patriotic musical interludes.
(James Blauer & Walter Davis photos)



Camp JVC Glen Roosevelt pins the SUVCW JROTC Medal on Cadet Esperanza Jimenez of Santa Ana Navy JROTC while Sr. Instructor Navy Commander Tom Osseck reads the award. Camp 17 Brother Walter Davis also presented SAR and American Legion awards to honored students at the 5/30 Pass In Review event at Santa Ana High School.

.....and some older Patriots performed their duty.



Camp 17 Brothers James Blauer and Walter Davis prepare to present colors at the Santa Ana Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony in their SAR color guard uniforms. Both Patriots have recently received Von Steuben Awards for their years of dedicated color guard service. The Sons of Veterans Reserve Color Guard representing Camps 2, 17 & 21 made up of (l. to r.) Bill LaConte, Glen Roosevelt, Gerald Scheib, Jerry Sayre, and Ben Solis marched in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday 5/19/07.
(Judy Weaver and Kim Sayre photos)



Paul was again a speaker and he also conducted his traditional and renowned history walk while Charles made a video recording of the event. Pictured at the left are Charles, Gordon Bricken-SCV, and Roger Shortall.
(Glen Roosevelt and Charles Beal photos)

Remembering the Blue and the Gray....

Camp 17 Commander Paul Gillette and Secretary Charles Beal helped to honor veterans of both the Union and Confederacy with Paul and Charles serving as keynote speakers at the CSA Memorial Day service at Santa Ana Cemetery on 5/20. Then at Magnolia Memorial Park on Monday 5/28 where

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

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by Commander Paul Gillette. The Bible was opened with a prayer by Brother Don Hoffer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Brother Jim Blauer.

Secretary Charles Beal called the roll. Those in attendance included; Jim Blauer, Floyd Farrar , Glen Roosevelt , Charles Beal, Don Hoffer, Walter Davis , Paul Gillette , Dan Henry, Terry Shaw , John Heckman and Joseph Hart. Guest attendee and possible future member was Don Hauser. Brother Jim Weaver and Judy Weaver have moved to Visalia, and Brother Bill Nelson is in Washington, D.C. It was noted that Brother Mark Woolfington had marched in a parade in Illinois with his son's Cub Scout Pack 18.

The minutes from the March meeting were passed out. Brother Walter Davis moved that they be accepted as printed. This motion was seconded by JVC Glen Roosevelt and motion was passed

Treasurer Charles Beal reported a balance of \$1,242.82 in the Camp account. JVC Glen Roosevelt moved that treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit and seconded by Brother Joe Hart and the motion was passed.

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported that Dan King was going through additional cancer treatment.

Old Business:

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported the Patriot Hall in Los Angeles project is still on-going. The latest plans had been received two weeks ago, and the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs needs to provide feedback to Public Works. The schedule is for a recommendation should be sent to Board of Supervisors by the end of June. There were a number of obvious errors in the plans, and Glen and Colonel Smith edited blue lines to the report and sent it back the corrections. The overall schedule will take about 18 months for the detailed planning. The renovation should be done by the end of 2009.

There were no new members. Mr. Don Hauser is working on his application. He has four uncles that were in the same division and is waiting for the military records from the National Archives. Glen will work with him on the pension records of ancestors whose line Mr. Hauser will be applying on.

Brother Charles Beal reported his professional land surveying magazine, *Point of Beginning* published an article about his recently completed project on the Civil War Veteran Graves of Orange County, California in the May edition. The article is available on-line at:

http://www.pobonline.com/CDA/Articles/Features/BNP_GUID_9-5-2006_A_1000000000000095036

Guy Ball of The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society published Charles's graves data on-line at:

<http://www.santaanahistory.com/civil-war.html>

A link was also included on our home web page at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~suvchw/sedgwickgranger17.html>

Brother Charles Beal has placed the information on CD and passed out copies to several local libraries.

There have been no new graves found. 790 graves have been located, photographed, and documented. Unless more pop up this project is finished. Kudos was given to Charles on his work, which found some 50 unmarked graves of soldiers buried in Orange County.

Jim Blauer reported that he had not received the Eagle Scouts names (about 20) from Glen since they were presented last January. Glen said he would send them to Jim in order to update the overall list. There was one recently sent out by Charles to Jim for processing of the certificate.

It was noted that a great job had been done by Floyd on the Newsletter.

New Business:

JVC Glen Roosevelt mentioned that there is an ongoing on-line petition on the National SUVVCW web site <http://www.suvvcw.org/> to attempt to return Memorial Day to May 30th if you wish to participate in that effort.

Commander Paul Gillette suggested that our Camp order 15 military records for the Civil War Veteran unmarked graves in Orange County before the price increase being considered by The National Archives goes into affect. Commander Gillette said that he would start to order the military records and asked that he be reimbursed by the Camp for the cost of the records. Brother Walter Davis made a motion for Commander Gillette be reimbursed by Camp funds and Brother Jim Blauer seconded the motion, and the motion was passed. \$350 was authorized in this motion based on 20 records at \$17.00 each. There is a website on basic soldiers and sailors information of the Civil War at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss.

Due to Patriotic Instructor Jim Blauer's absence at the March meeting he passed around a copy of his annual Instructor's Report with supporting information about our Camp's activities in 2006. He thanked Glen for his assistance in putting information together for this report.

Department Commander Jerry Sayre issued a General Order that requests all Brothers to attend a Memorial Day service on May 28th.

Plans for Memorial Day events were noted. 10am at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery. Jim Blauer and Walter Davis will be there from their SAR Chapter, Glen Roosevelt and Mike Quigley will be in uniform for our Camp. Paul Gillette will be at the Magnolia Cemetery in Garden Grove, and Charles Beal will video the event. On Sunday at 3pm there will be a ceremony at the Old Santa Ana Cemetery for Confederates Memorial Day. Charles and Paul are going to be speakers there. Glen Roosevelt reported that on May 25th there is a school program of history classes to visit Pomona Valley Cemetery and the 5th grade students will place flags on 110 veteran's graves. Glen Roosevelt will help put out flags at Westwood Village Memorial Park and will place a wreath at the Anaheim Cemetery GAR Plot. Glen noted that the Anaheim American Legion Post 72 will be at the Anaheim Cemetery. Jim Blauer reported that he would be singing the National Anthem on Friday May 25th at Newport Harbor High School when they have their memorial service for the alumni who have died in service to our country. It was reported the DUVCW plans to attend the Santa Ana Cemetery ceremonies and the Elizabeth Mills Hill Camp will present their colors and place a wreath. Terry Shaw reported that Costa Mesa Memorial Day will be at Gisler's Harbor Lawn cemetery where they are planning a new memorial. Sea Cadets are expected to assist at Pacific View Memorial Park in Newport Beach. Some of the kids he works with will also be at Fairhaven in Santa Ana. Mr. Hauser reported that he would attend at Forest Lawn in Cypress.

Brother Walter Davis reported the Orange County Service is on May 30th (the original Memorial Day) at the Civic Center Walk of Honor in Santa Ana.

Brother Charles Beal noted that an article on the Graves Project may be in the Orange County Register around Memorial Day, but he did not have positive confirmation from the reporter.

Commander Paul Gillette and Brother Charles Beal have been invited by Sons of Confederate Veterans Captain James Iredell Waddell Camp 1770 to give speeches at Confederate Memorial Day service on May 20th at 3:00 pm at Santa Ana Cemetery. Reverend Lou Carlson and Camp Commander Gordon Bricken will host the event.

John Heckman spoke about the recording of Civil War Music in 1961 by Ernie Ford, and that it is now on CD. It has 24 songs, 12 for Union and 12 for Confederacy. It cost \$20 plus \$3.44 shipping for a total of \$23.44. It includes a songbook of lyrics.

Brother Walter Davis reported that he and Glen Roosevelt will be at Santa Ana High on May 30th for the JROTC Awards at 6pm.

Commander Gillette reported we might try and put together another field trip in July rather than have a meeting. Glen noted that Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles has a large GAR Plot that needs some graves registration work. The weekend of July 7-8 there will be an **Old Fort MacArthur Military Days** at Fort MacArthur. A workday at the church was also suggested. Any suggestions are welcome, and the conclusion will be noted in the next newsletter.

Next SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 at 7:00pm

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

NO meeting in July !!!!!

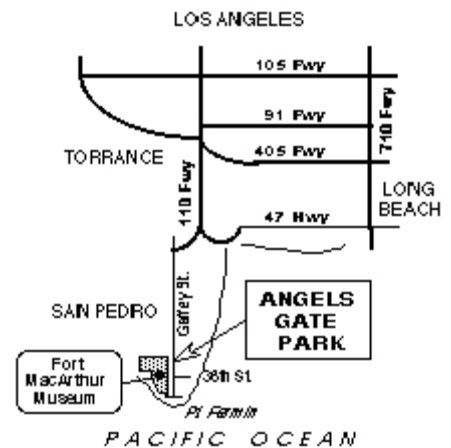
Instead, all Camp 17 Brothers are invited to attend the SUVCW Camp 2 Booth at Old Fort MacArthur Military Days on July 7 & 8, 2007

The Fort MacArthur Museum is located in Angels Gate Park, San Pedro.

From Los Angeles, take the 110 Freeway South to the Gaffey Street exit. Turn left onto Gaffey and continue through the city. When you reach the 25th Street signal, stay to your left and continue uphill towards the ocean. As you round the second hill, look for the 36th Street (Leavenworth Drive) entrance on the right. Follow the access road to the Museum's main gate.

To maintain traffic flow, and allow access for emergency vehicles, we ask that you do not park along the north fence of the Leavenworth Drive access road. Please follow the directions of the parking lot staff and arrive early for best parking.

Overflow parking is located at the corner of Gaffey and Paseo Del Mar Road, over the hill and close to the show's lower entrance gate along the ocean.



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