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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



### Camps 17 & 21 Receive Honors at August National Encampment

We congratulate PDC Bob Lowe of Camp 21 who received the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star at the St. Louis National Encampment in August. Bob serves as National Graves Registration Officer and is on other committees. All the members of Camp 17 can be proud of their efforts that allowed the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award to be presented to our Camp PCC-JVC Glen Roosevelt by C-in-C James Pahl.

PDC Brad Schall of the Wright Camp 22 was re-elected as a member of the National Council of Administration as well as being appointed as the National Patriotic Instructor, and serving on several National committees. Other California & Pacific Brothers serving included Department Commander Jerry Sayre who was appointed to the National Membership Committee, former Department member Gary Parrott was appointed National GAR Highway Officer, Kirby R. Morgan and Bob Lowe serve as National Aides to National Committee on Civil War Memorials, and Daniel R. Earl is serving as Chair for the National Committee on Legislation.



The National Officers elected were: Charles Kuhn, Jr. of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania as C-in-C, Dave Medert of Ohio as SVC, Leo Kennedy of Rhode Island as JVC, and Bob Petrovic of Missouri to the Council of Administration.

The Department of California & Pacific provided a formidable delegation as your representatives, and was the fifth largest voting body present. The members were: Jerry Sayre, Tad Campbell, Bob Lowe, Brad Schall, Dan Earl, Jay Wood, Dave Schleeter, Bob Kadlec, Tom Helmantholer, and Glen Roosevelt. Brothers Tad Campbell, Glen Roosevelt, and Tom Helmantholer also served as color guard members for the opening and closing ceremonies.

*Photos by Dan Earl.*



Top: C-in-C Pahl presents the Whitehouse Award to Glen Roosevelt.  
Bottom: PCC Robert Lowe receives his Meritorious Service Award.

***See page 3 for a preliminary announcement of the March 2008 Department Encampment***

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'd like to thank all of the Camp 17 Brothers who were able to help with the camp display at the Labor Day weekend re-enactment in Huntington Beach. The weather was incredible, in a hot way, but it was a very enjoyable experience to be able to interact with not only the spectators but also the Brothers there from so many other California camps. We had a very well-attended dinner on Saturday night and everyone enjoyed renewing the old friendships that make the Sons of Union Veterans such a special organization.

I'd like to take a minute and congratulate our Camp 17 Past Commander Glen Roosevelt for his receiving the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother Award at the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in St. Louis this summer. This award is given out every year to the most outstanding Brother in the Sons of Union Veterans. I can't think of a more deserving recipient. All of us are very proud of Glen and I personally hope he will continue to be recognized by our Order in the future for the outstanding work he has done and continues to do.

Our Unmarked Graves Project is making fine progress. We have received the military records for 16 Union veterans buried in the county, in unmarked graves. I'd like to thank Brothers Roosevelt and Beal for helping me with this project. We are currently completing the VA paperwork for markers and working with the various facilities to arrange for the installation of the markers when they arrive. Stay tuned for more updates on any ceremonies that the Camp will sponsor when the markers are finally in place.

Yours in Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,  
*Commander Paul Gillette*

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### Editor's Column

**Keep those articles and photos coming.**

I want to continue to encourage all members to submit items of interest on a regular basis. We need state and local historical articles, upcoming events, short stories, recipes, anecdotes, ideas, ancestor genealogy, and any other thoughts or suggestions. *Nothing will be refused.* Remember this is YOUR publication to keep in touch and inform the rest of the membership. We look forward to publishing YOUR item of interest to share with the rest of the membership. 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. Thanks to Brother Terry Shaw for his worthwhile and interesting submittals.

*Floyd Farrar, Newsletter Editor*



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**Useful web links and information:**

**Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website**  
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**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/>

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The **SUVCW Charitable Foundation Online Store** is up and running just in time for all those holiday gift giving ideas. Whether it is as a gift or as an award for an out going Camp officer you can browse our complete line of items for sale on our web page located at <http://suvchw-cf.org/merchandise.htm>.  
**Mention code 1007AD when ordering.** As an added bonus the SUVCW Foundation can now take your order directly online and you can use your credit card to pay for it. It is safe and secure, so check it out today!

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**SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS:** Are 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 aware of the difficulties 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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

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**A Civil War Christmas at Drum Barracks and a Victorian Christmas at Banning House**  
**Saturday & Sunday, December 1 & 2, 2007 from 11:00am to 3:00pm**  
**at the Banning Mansion Museum and Drum Barracks, Wilmington, CA**

The Drum Barracks is one of the only links we have in southern California to 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/>>**

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**The Orange County Civil War Roundtable**

For those who enjoy Civil War historical lectures on all aspects of the era...  
The Roundtable meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org/>>**

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**Sons of Union Veterans California & Pacific Department Encampment**  
**San Luis Obispo**  
**March 2008**

The 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific is being planned to take place on a Friday and Saturday in March 2008 at a TBD location in San Luis Obispo, California. *If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, please contact Department Junior Vice Commander, Glen Roosevelt at <[GLRoosevelt@roadrunner.com](mailto:GLRoosevelt@roadrunner.com)> or call him at (714) 318-5723.* Application flyers will be available soon from Camp Secretary Charles Beal.

**Delegates for the Department Encampment will be selected at the November 15 Camp elections.**

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## In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 8  
Series 2007-2008

### **PASSING OF BROTHER EDSON T. STROBRIDGE, JR.**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: On October 19, 2007, Brother Edson Turner "Ed" Strobridge, Jr. of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, passed away in San Luis Obispo, California, after a courageous and valiant battle with cancer. He was 80 years old.

Section 2: Brother Strobridge was a historian and a dedicated, long-time member of our Order. He was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the National Organization in recognition of his service and work in locating the graves of Civil War veterans, obtaining and installing grave markers, and preserving a cannon in the G.A.R. plot of the cemetery in San Luis Obispo, California. He is survived by his wife, June, five children, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 5: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Strobridge and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second, in the Town of Fallbrook, County of San Diego, State of California by Jerry R. Sayre, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ Jerry R. Sayre  
Department Commander  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:  
By: /s/ J. Thomas Smith  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

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### **Helen Marie Gillette – Mother of Camp 17 Commander Paul Gillette**

**Gillette, Helen**, 77, of Westminster, CA, passed away Oct 20, 2007 in Fountain Valley. Helen was born July 8, 1930 in Denver, Colorado. She is survived by her husband, Jesse; children, Susan Sutton, Stephen and Paul Gillette; 3 grandchildren, and sister, Barbara Kuhn. **Private family** graveside services were held on Thursday, October 24, 2007. Burial was at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove.

*A card of condolences was sent on behalf of the Camp.*



**Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Tustin, CA**  
**Minutes of Meeting - September 20, 2007**

The meeting was opened at 7:12 pm by Commander Paul Gillette. The Bible was opened with a prayer by Brother Walter Davis and the Pledge to the Flag was led by SVC Floyd Farrar.

Secretary Charles Beal called the roll. Those in attendance included; Floyd Farrar, Glen Roosevelt, Charles Beal, Walter Davis, Paul Gillette, Terry Shaw, John Heckman, Joseph Hart, Rich Ignatius, Bill Nelson, Fred Whitaker and Danny Cox. Don Hoffer made a brief appearance and had to leave. Future SUVCW member in attendance was Robert Harris whose ancestor served with the 153rd IL Infantry.

Treasurer Charles Beal reported a balance of \$1,370.32 in the Camp account. Brother Davis moved that treasurer's report be accepted and seconded by Brother Ignatius and the motion was passed.

JVC Glen Roosevelt reported that following individual bereavements:

1. Sister-President Marilyn Faletti of Santa Barbara Laura Belle Stoddard DUVCW Tent 22.
2. Rev. Clark Seum of Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp #24 passed away in late August, 2007.
3. Maureen Rivers (Huntington Beach Historical Society/Orange County Cemetery District) husband Bernard passed in early August, 2007. Their daughter, Kelly Rivers helps put on the annual H.B. Civil War reenactment.

New Members:

Applications for new members were announced: 1) Robert E. Harris is descended from Private Thomas J. Waddell of the 153<sup>rd</sup> IL Infantry. 2) Robin C. Bowers is descended from Private Davis Miles McCreary in the 15<sup>th</sup>, 129<sup>th</sup> and 174<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. It was moved by Brother Davis that we accept these two applicants and was seconded by Brother Roosevelt and passed unanimously.

Brother Updates:

Brother Davis told us that the VFW Posts in Orange County were not able to gain permission to use one of the two WWII Blimp Hangers owned by the County. VFW is looking at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base for a future museum site.

Brother Whitaker expressed his appreciation to the Camp for the sympathy card sent to him after the passing of his wife.

JVC Roosevelt reported the Patriot Hall in Los Angeles project is still progressing ahead. A move out date of October 5<sup>th</sup> is being planned for all the packaged artifacts. Roosevelt thanked the brothers who helped man the Camp booth at the Huntington Beach Civil War reenactment.

SVC Farrar said that the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) at Laguna Niguel now leases a building in City of Perris (Riverside County). JVC Roosevelt commented that some of the newer records are being stored at the Perris facility (Pacific Region) and the older genealogical records are still at Laguna Niguel facility.

Brother Hart related a story how SUVCW General George A. Custer Camp #1 in Wilmette, IL helped locate and photographed his Civil War ancestor's grave in Richmond, IL. Hart's ancestor was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. Commander Gillette will send a letter to the Camp showing our appreciation for their help in this matter.

Brother Heckman gave a short history of the "Corps" patches worn on the hats of the Civil War soldier. He created some Corps patches that his two ancestors would have worn during the war. He also brought in some Civil War books to loan out to the Camp members until the next meeting.

Commander Gillette made congratulatory mention of Brother Beal's cemetery project article that was in the Summer 2007 edition of the National SUVCW *Banner* magazine.

Secretary Beal reported a Blue-Gray luncheon on Oct. 6 in Torrance by the DUV Hannah Anderson Ropes Tent and UDC General Joe Wheeler Chapter and had handouts for the event. Five more Civil War Veteran graves have been located since last March. 1 unmarked Union Veteran grave was discovered at Holy Cross Cemetery in Anaheim. This would make the 10<sup>th</sup> local cemetery containing a Civil War Veteran in Orange County. A last Civil War soldier to die in Orange County was recently discovered for William Wallace G. Everett (age 99) who died at Huntington Beach in April, 1946. It appears that William is probably a Confederate Veteran and the local SCV is researching further. An Orange County Register reporter interviewed Brother Beal, JVC Roosevelt and Commander Gillette for a future graves article due to be published in mid-October. A spectator at the H.B. Civil War reenactment presented JVC Roosevelt a photograph of two Gordon Granger GAR Post 138 (City of Orange) ribbons along with a CalTrans GAR Highway Sign. The GAR Highway Sign was presented to Department GAR Highway Officer Thomas Chumley for further research of the location it came from.

#### Old Business:

JVC Roosevelt brought a display of souvenirs from the SUVCW National Encampment that was held at St. Louis, MO. 12 delegates attend from the Dept. of CA & NV. Roosevelt also brought in the "Cornelius F. Whitehouse" trophy he received for the SUVCW "Outstanding Brother" for the past year.

Commander Gillette reported that he had ordered and received 11 military records for the unmarked graves project in Orange County. Commander Gillette asked to be reimbursed by the Camp for \$187.00 (11 records at \$17.00 a record) he was authorized in the May meeting to do so. Brother Davis moved that \$187.00 be reimbursed and seconded by JVC Roosevelt and the motion was passed. Commander Gillette also said that some of the Veteran's units cannot be identified and no military records could be ordered at this time. He suggested as a future project that the Camp may have to provide private cemetery markers showing Civil War service for these veterans if further research cannot identify the regiment they served in. JVC Roosevelt also said that he would attend the next Orange County Cemetery District meeting in October to make some type of arrangement or waiver cost for the 7 monuments to be installed at Santa Ana and Anaheim cemeteries. Commander Gillette said that Fairhaven Memorial Park had waived the cost of installation of the 5 Civil War monuments, which 3 have already been ordered.

#### New Business:

Department Commander Jerry Sayre issued Department Order on September 10, 2007 for the passing of James Brazelton of U.S. Grant Camp #9.

JVC Roosevelt located a GAR Plaque at the rear of J. King Neptune's Restaurant in Sunset Beach. The plaque was dedicated to Russell C. Martin, Commander of the GAR by the Woman's Relief Corps Department of CA & Nevada on May 14, 1934. It appears the plaque was taken down during the renovation of downtown Long Beach and sent to the city scrap yard for storage. The plaque got away and was in some private hands for awhile and later placed at this location. Roosevelt will ask the owner to give the SUVCW the plaque so we can return it to the vicinity of Lincoln Park in Long Beach.

The Camp adjourned for a short recess at 8:30 pm for 10 minutes.

Brother Bill Nelson gave a Power Point presentation of a dedication ceremony for a new Civil War grave marker on August 4, 2007 for his ancestor, Private Jacob Jackson at Everbright Cemetery in Giles County, TN. SUVCW Private Richard Taylor Camp #53 out of Huntsville, AL (Department of TN) provided an honor detail for the ceremony.

Brother Davis read the closing prayer and closed the Bible, and we adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Beal, Secretary

## Camp 17 Brother Marks Grave of His Great-Grandfather

Brother Bill Nelson pulled together some long-range logistics to organize a ceremony and dedication for a new Civil War Grave Marker on August 4, 2007 for his ancestor, Private Jacob Jackson at Everbright Cemetery in Giles County, TN. Brother Nelson was joined by most of his family from across the country at the cemetery that was started by his family members and is still maintained through the family member owners of the plot. SUVCW Private Richard Taylor Camp #53 out of Huntsville, AL (Department of TN) provided an honor detail for the ceremony.



The new grave marker for Private Jacob Jackson at Everbright Cemetery.



Nelson family members gather at the dedication ceremony.



The Honor Guard of Camp 53 reads the SUVCW Grave Dedication Service. Bro. Bill Nelson with the Camp 53 Honor Guard after the service. *Photos courtesy of Bill Nelson*

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## National Archives News

### National Archives Raised Fees October 1

Civil War or pre-Civil War pension file fees increased sharply as of October 1. The steepest increase is for Civil War pension files, which jumped from the current \$37 for a “complete” file to \$75 for a file up to 100 pages plus \$.65 per additional page. The fee for reproduction of eight documents (called the Pension Documents Package) that contain genealogical information about the pension applicant, to the extent they are present in the file is \$25.00 (includes shipping & handling), up from \$17. Pre-Civil War pension files will cost \$50, and other records will be \$.75 per page. The Compiled Military Service File for Civil War soldiers is now \$25.00.

You can read more details online by scrolling down to “Older Military Personnel Files” at the bottom of the page at: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/research/genealogy.html>. From there click on the “Order Online” highlights to get to the ordering form (after a few more clicks to drill down).





*As published in the NARA Staff Bulletin, Jul-Aug 2007*

## **Civil War Re-enactors Visit Perris Records Center**

On July 18, the staff at the Federal Records Center (FRC) in Perris, CA was visited by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) for a barbecue lunch and a chance to learn more about the Civil War. Glen L. Roosevelt (second from right), a Civil War reenactor and historian, came by in full uniform, representing the U.S. Marine Corps Guard Company from Mare Island, CA. He brought vintage equipment and did a firearms demonstration. Above, from left, FRC staff Rodolfo Giles, Daniel Perez, and Michael Wharrle stand with Roosevelt under a replica tent. FRC Director Michael Kretch observed,

“The SUVCW was especially happy to give something back to NARA by spending the afternoon with staff, as NARA units from across the country have previously helped them find documents and photos on relatives, regiments, and equipment from the Civil War.” *Photo by Thomas Alaksin – NARA.*

## **National Archives and GSU to Digitize Some Civil War Records**

The following announcement was written by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration:

### **National Archives and the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) Announce Digitizing Partnership**

Washington, D.C. Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein and Wayne Metcalfe, vice president of the Genealogical Society of Utah, today announced a five-year partnership agreement to digitize case files of approved pension applications of widows of Civil War Union soldiers from the National Archives. GSU has many years of experience microfilming historical records at the National Archives and throughout the world and in recent years has moved to providing digital capture and publishing services. Digitization makes possible unprecedented access to the unique historic documents in the custody of the National Archives.

This partnership will begin with a pilot project to digitize, index, and make available the first 3,150 of the pension files. Upon successful completion of the pilot, GSU, doing business as FamilySearch, in conjunction with Footnote.com, intends to digitize and index all 1,280,000 Civil War and later widows' files in the series. These records, of great interest to genealogists and others, are currently available only at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. The widows' pension application files, a rich source of information about ordinary American citizens of the time, include supporting documents such as affidavits, depositions of witnesses, marriage certificates, birth records, death certificates, and pages from family bibles

For a number of years we have had a very productive relationship with FamilySearch," said Professor Allen Weinstein. "This agreement expands our relationship to enable online access to some of the most popular and voluminous records in our holdings. It is an exciting step forward for our institutions and for the American people," he added.

"There is an unbelievable treasure trove of genealogical information housed in the records of the National Archives; the vast majority of which genealogy enthusiasts have never seen," said Wayne Metcalfe. "The growing digital collection and indices that will stem from this relationship will be a priceless resource for countless family historians and researchers."

FamilySearch will make the digitized materials available for free through [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) and in 4500 family history centers worldwide, or on a subscription-based website operated by a third party, subject to National Archives approval. They will also be available at no charge in National Archives' research rooms in Washington, DC, and regional facilities across the country. In addition, FamilySearch will donate to the National Archives a copy of all the digital images and the associated indexes and other metadata that they create.

This agreement is one of a series of agreements that the National Archives has reached or will reach with partners to digitize portions of its holdings.

**Note:** Glen Roosevelt has a current *NARA Footnotes* subscription, and can perform digitized Pension Index Card look-ups.



## Summer Activity Highlight Photos



Torrance DUV Pres. Verda Chappell joins Camps 2, 17 & 21 Sons at Ft. Mac in July. JVC Roosevelt gears-up a student during a July program.



Drum Barracks, SUVCW & DUCW, and USMCHC tents at Huntington Beach. 14 of the 19 Sons who attended the SUVCW booth at H.B.



Ed Ord and John Heckman of Camp 17 passed good info to visitors. Members of the Marine Corps Historical Co. staffed their new booth. The 2007 Huntington Beach Reenactment Allied Orders display complex was one of the largest ever assembled in southern California. Members of the SUVCW, ASUVCW, DUCW & WRC were in attendance on both days; and five SUVCW Camps were represented. Display booths of the U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, Drum Barracks Museum, Orange County Civil War Roundtable, and Sons of Confederate Veterans rounded out our busy street of Civil War historical and hereditary displays.

*Photos courtesy of Verda Chappell, Joann Knowles, Floyd Farrar, Rosemary Lowe, and Glen Roosevelt.*



## Summer Activity Highlight Photos (Continued)



DUVCW Tent 88 Pres. Judy Weaver & Joann Knowles at H.B. booth.



Ladies of the ASUVCW & DUVCW at H.B. on Sunday in casual wear.



Reenactors and Sons with Drum Barracks Director Susan Ogle (center).



GAR display of Patriotic Hall Allied Orders artifacts at Drum Barracks. The display will remain on view through the Christmas event & Dec.



Camp 17 Commander Paul Gillette presents a membership certificate to Brother Robert E. Harris, Jr. at the September 20 meeting of the Camp. At right, Camp 17 Brothers Eric Reese and son Brandon of Huntington Beach stopped by to visit the Camp booth, and took in their first Civil War reenactment on Labor Day weekend. They were recruited by Bro. Timothy Reese.





## Confederate Sailor Laid to Rest

**The unidentified man died in the 1864 sinking of the Alabama off the coast of France.**

From the Associated Press – *Submitted to the Sentinel by Brother Terry Shaw*

July 29, 2007

MOBILE, ALA. — The remains of a Confederate sailor, recovered several years ago from a shipwreck at the bottom of the English Channel, were buried Saturday in a handmade wooden coffin pulled by a horse-drawn caisson.

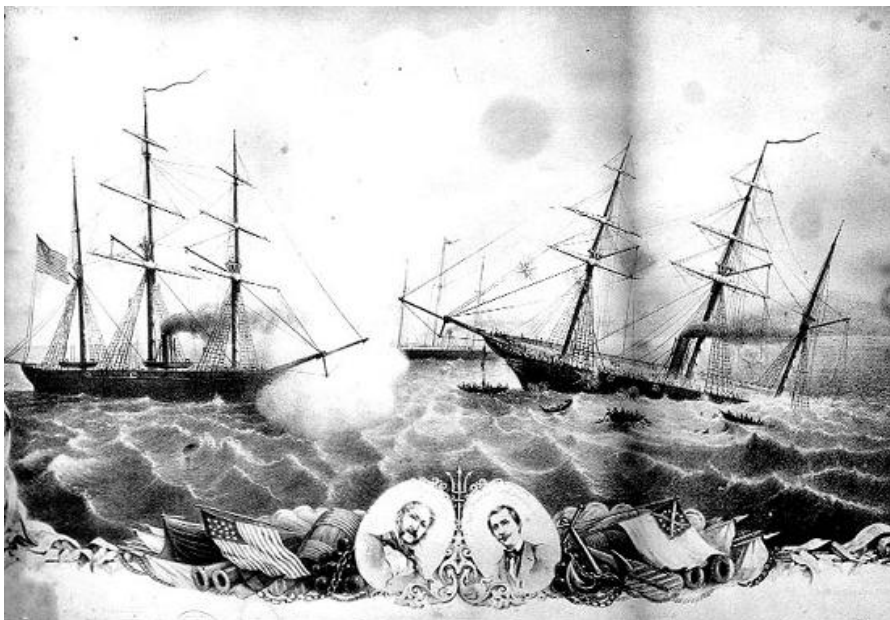
The unidentified sailor's skeletal remains were found on the underside of a cannon raised from the wreck of the Alabama in about 200 feet of water. Saturday's funeral procession began downtown at the statue of Adm. Raphael Semmes, commanding officer of the Alabama, and ended at Magnolia Cemetery, where the sailor was buried in conjunction with a national convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The convention was hosted by Raphael Semmes Camp 11 of the SCV, and burial was with full military honors. Semmes spent the last years of his life in Mobile and is buried in Mobile's Catholic Cemetery

The Confederate warship was sunk about seven miles off the coast of France on June 19, 1864, by the Union warship Kearsarge. The Alabama's commanding officer, Raphael Semmes, and about 40 of his men were plucked out of the channel by the British yacht Deerhound and taken to England. Others were picked up by the Kearsarge or by French boaters who were watching the battle. But about a dozen crew members drowned or were never heard from again, said Robert Edington, a Mobile lawyer and president of the CSS Alabama Assn. Edington said the Confederate warship had a crew of about 120.

More than 400 artifacts have been recovered from the site by American and French divers since a French naval mine hunter found the wreck on Oct. 30, 1984. The wreck lies in about 200 feet of water. The cannon was raised by American archaeologists during the summer of 2002 and sent to the Warren Lasch Conservation Laboratory in North Charleston, S.C., according to Shea McLean, the Museum of Mobile's curator of collections. The last dives on the wreck site occurred in 2005, and have not been resumed because of a lack of funding, Edington said.

McLean said he has worked at the lab as a staff archaeologist both on the CSS Alabama and the Confederate submarine CSS Hunley. "I found human remains sometime in 2003," McLean said. The remains were on the underside of the cannon, as if it had crushed the sailor. McLean said the remains were eventually sent to U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, which took DNA samples. He said there is no doubt that these are the remains of a Confederate sailor and he hopes to use the DNA to trace down the sailor's descendants, through a list of the crew.

"We are confident that this will be the last Confederate sailor to be buried," Edington said, noting a lack of other sites likely to hold any Confederate sailors' remains. No other human skeletal remains have been found at the Alabama's wreckage site.



### **Action between USS *Kearsarge* and CSS *Alabama*, 19 June 1864**

Print depicting the *Alabama* sinking at the close of the battle, with small portraits of the two ships' commanders, John A. Winslow (left) and Raphael Semmes.

Courtesy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1936.

**Photo #: NH 1169**

*U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.*

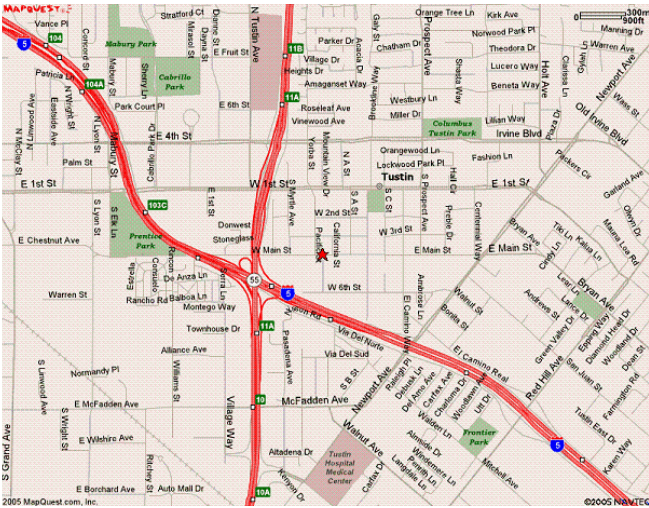


# Next SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

## Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007 at 7:00pm

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

## Main Topic: 2008 Officers Election



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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