

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp No. 17, Santa Ana Orange County, California

Camp 17 to Elect 2009 Officers

The 2009 officers for Camp 17 will be elected at the November 20, 2008 meeting. The nominations for elected offices so far are Floyd Farrar as Commander, Dan Henry as Senior Vice-Commander, Charles Beal as Junior Vice-Commander. There have been no nominations received yet for Secretary and Treasurer, and we sincerely need a conscientious Brother to step forward to fill this very important role for our Camp. The Camp Council is currently made up of James Blauer, Joe Hart, and Walter Davis; and these offices are up for re-election also. SVC Floyd Farrar will conduct the meeting in absence of Commander Paul Gillette who will be away on his two-month pre-nuptial vacation and wedding extravaganza tour.

The 2008 appointed officers have been; John Dodd as Counselor, James Blauer as Patriotic Instructor and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Dan Henry as Chaplain, Floyd Farrar as Historian and Newsletter Co-Editor along with Glen Roosevelt, Charles Beal as Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, Don Hoffer as the Guide, Peter Ignatius as the Color Bearer, and Richard Ignatius as the Guard. The GAR Highway officer exofficio has been Glen Roosevelt. The newly elected 2009 Camp Commander will select the appointed officers for 2009, and they will be announced at the January 15, 2009 Officer Installation meeting.

The January 2009 meeting will also be used to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the founding of Camp 17. Our Charter was signed by the National Headquarters on Dec. 31, 2003 with a date-of-rank from Dec. 17, 2003. So, we will celebrate the anniversary with a birthday cake and other snacks after the installation of our Officers on January 15, 2009. If so approved by the Camp Commander, the January meeting will also be our annual show-and-tell social, were we encourage members to bring their favorite artifacts of the Civil War and their Civil War ancestor(s) to be viewed and shared with rest of the Camp members.



Please attend the November 20th meeting and help elect our 2009 officers



Camp 21 & 17 Brothers March in San Diego Veterans Day Parade



Brothers from Camps 21 and 17 had the honor of representing the SUVCW in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade on November 11. Marching along with the Sons of Veterans Reserve color guard were our Sisters of the SUVCW Auxiliary of Camp 21. The parade was well trooped by several hundred active duty service members and veterans organizations, and an estimated crowd of over 20,000 spectators lined Pacific Highway to honor our veterans. Immediately after the parade, the group attended a DUVCW GAR memorial service at La Vista Cemetery in National City. Pictured left to right: Eileen Tisch, Sgt. Zack Forsythe-USMC, Glen Roosevelt, Tom Helmantoler-Commander Camp 21, Dean Poole, Helen Masso, Major Dave Allyn-Commander 6th Military District SVR, and Brenda Boucher. *Photo courtesy of Eileen Tisch*.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

With my sincere apologies for November, unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting. My fiancé has arrived in the U.S., and we are heading off to the Rockies at the end of the month for a well-deserved vacation together. I'm gone from Nov. 16 to the end of the month. Our wedding is set for mid-December. In December, I have a house full of guests from Europe, plus the wedding. We're going up to the Sierras on the 14th and won't be back till Christmas. So that whole month is pretty much shot for me as well. I've been saving my vacation time and I'm pretty much taking two months off during November and December; a month for travel, and another month for the wedding and tour guide duties.

I sincerely appreciate the confidence and support that you have provided me as Camp Commander for the past two years. It is all the cooperation and hard work of our Brothers who have made Camp 17 a success over these past two years. I have complete confidence that SVR Floyd Farrar can fill in for me to run the November meeting and perform the election duties. Your continued service and support of the 2009 officers will again lead to a successful year for our Camp.

In closing, I and the newsletter editors offer President Lincoln's last Thanksgiving Proclamation (below) as a thought for you upon entering the holiday season.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, *Paul Gillette - Camp Commander* *****

President Lincoln's Last Thanksgiving Proclamation BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

It has pleased Almighty God to prolong our national life another year, defending us with His guardian care against unfriendly designs from abroad and vouchsafing to us in His mercy many and signal victories over the enemy, who is of our own household. It has also pleased our Heavenly Father to favor as well our citizens in their homes as our soldiers in their camps and our sailors on the rivers and seas with unusual health. He has largely augmented our free population by emancipation and by immigration, while He has opened to us new sources of wealth and has crowned the labor of our workingmen in every department of industry with abundant rewards. Moreover, He has been pleased to animate and inspire our minds and hearts with fortitude, courage, and resolution sufficient for the great trial of civil war into which we have been brought by our adherence as a nation to the cause of freedom and humanity, and to afford to us reasonable hopes of an ultimate and happy deliverance from all our dangers and afflictions:

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 20th day of October, A.D. 1864, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth. By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State

Editor's Column

SUVCW Camp 2 Resumes Publication of the Rosecrans Report

Congratulations to Camp 2 and Brother Loran Bures for his outstanding efforts to resurrect the publication of the Camp 2 newsletter *Rosecrans Report*. Brother Bures published the October 2008 edition of the newsletter after a four-year absence of that vital Camp organ. The newsletter is outstanding, and it provides news of both the SUVCW and new Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2. If any of our Camp 17 members wish to receive a copy of the Camp 2 newsletter, we can forward it to you via e-mail in a .pdf format.

Your continued support of Camp events and submittals to the newsletter are greatly appreciated for letting our members know what activities are going on beyond the view of your editors.

Glen Roosevelt & Floyd Farrar, Newsletter Co-Editors

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Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website <u>http://www.suvpac.org/camp17.html</u> Sons of Union Veterans Department of California & Pacific <u>http://www.suvpac.org</u> Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Elizabeth Hill-Mills Tent #88 <u>http://www.rootsweb.com/~caehmduv/</u> General W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 SUVCW & Auxiliary Websites <u>http://www.suvpac.org/camp2.html</u> *NEW*.....<u>http://www.suvpac.org/aux/aux2.html</u> The Auxiliary serves all of Southern California

The **SUVCW Charitable Foundation Online Store** is up and running and ready to serve you. 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 <u>http://suvcw-cf.org/merchandise.htm</u>. Mention code 1007AD when ordering.

<u>SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS</u>: 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 aware of the difficulties people have in attending because of physical aliments 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

For those who enjoy Civil War historical lectures & discussions 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 south of the 405 Freeway at 7:00PM *Web Site is www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org*

Drum Barracks Civil War Christmas

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7, 2008

The eighth annual co-celebration of "A Civil War Christmas" at the Drum Barracks and "A Victorian Christmas" at the Banning Residence Museum

Drum Barracks Civil War Museum 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, CA 90744 (310) 548-7509 FAX (310) 548-2946

http://www.drumbarracks.org/Events.htm

DUVCW TENT 88 – LONG BEACH TOUR PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS









Then.....Now

Top left: Long Beach GAR, WRC & Anna Etheridge Tent 58 DUVs at monument dedication in 1934. **Top right:** Tent 88 DUVs Ann Evans, Dotty Wilson, Susan Sweet, Lynn Johsz, Laura Johsz & Joann Knowles visit the monument on November 1st. **Bottom Left;** Long Beach GAR, WRC & Anna Etheridge Tent 58 DUVs at Sunnyside Cemetery flagpole monument dedication in 1934. **Bottom right:** Tent 88 DUVs visit the monument on their November 1st Long Beach tour.

Photos courtesy of: Lynn Johsz and Floyd Farrar (from Long Beach Library GAR Collection).

San Diego DUVCW Tent 5 – La Vista Cemetery GAR Memorial

Seven Civil War veterans buried at La Vista Cemetery in National City were honored Tuesday, November 11 by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent No. 5 of San Diego County. At 1 p.m., a wreath was placed at the GAR monument at the cemetery and the seven graves were decorated with roses placed by National City high school students. Local Boy Scouts provided a color guard, and the event was well attended by American Legion and VFW veterans from National City Posts.

Dignitaries from National City were on hand along with the honor guard from Sons of Union Veterans, who came to the event directly from marching in the San Diego Veterans Day parade. Those buried at La Vista include: F.H. Rickel, 112th Illinois Infantry; John O. Darville, 11th Illinois Cavalry; Capt. J.W. Heath, 10th Minnesota Infantry; Julius N. McFarland, 17th Indiana Infantry; Capt. Francis Moore, 2nd Illinois Cavalry; Johnson Winters, 102nd Ohio Infantry; and Lt. Col. T.R. Palmer, Michigan Volunteers. Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent was founded in San Diego in 1909 and has 70 members.



Left: Guests honor the memory of the GAR veterans during the DUVCW ceremony. **Center:** WWII VFW veterans stand with the SUVCW honor guard, along with a SCV cousin from San Diego. **Right:** Camp 17 JVC Roosevelt views the GAR burials. *Photos courtesy of Eileen Tisch.*

Last July, I was reading a book titled *A Memorial of Alfred B. Soule, Late Major Soule of the Twenty-third Regiment, Maine Volunteers* by George Ward Nichols that was published in 1866. Jarvis Thayer Beal and Moses Goold Beal (my 2nd and 3rd great grandfathers) served with Major Soule in the 23rd Maine. He served from September 10, 1862, to July 25, 1863, when he was mustered out of the service; and he died on February 7, 1864. I wondered where Major Soule was laid to rest. The book only mentioned that his burial was at Manchester, New Hampshire. A day later with a little bit of research on the Internet, I discovered he was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, New Hampshire along with his family, all in unmarked graves. I ordered a bronze Civil War gravemarker through the Veterans Administration (VA) and it was placed at his grave on October 28, 2008, more than 144 years after his death. I myself also descend through Pilgrim George Soule, but through another family line. The VA was gracious enough to allow my request to

say "Descendant of Pilgrim George Soule" on the Civil War Monument.

Photographs of Major Alfred B. Soule and his gravemarker provided by the Veterans Administration at Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, New Hampshire. *Courtesy of Charles Beal.*



Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Minutes of Meeting – September 18, 2008 Tustin, CA

The meeting was called to order by Commander Paul Gillette at 7:12pm. The Bible was opened and Chaplain Dan Henry gave the invocation. Patriotic Instructor Jim Blauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were: Charles Beal, Jim Blauer, Bob Drennan., Floyd Farrar, Paul Gillette, Joe Hart, John Heckman, Don Hoffer, Greg Lutes, Darrel Rivers, Glen Roosevelt, Terry Shaw, Richard Ignatius and Dan Henry. Guests included; Maureen Rivers, Kelly Rivers, Ray Evans, Dan Dawes, and Don Kiernan.

Maureen Rivers gave a Cemetery District Report. There are approximately 344 Civil War veteran gravemarkers in the old Santa Ana Cemetery. The Cemetery District has begun restoration of the markers, and they still have 136 more to restore. The restored markers look very clean and are very legible. Maureen is also a member of the Huntington Beach Historical Society, and her daughter Kelly and grandson Camp 17 Brother Darrell Rivers are instrumental in the planning and direction of the Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment. The Camp's thanks were given to the Rivers family for their work with the Cemetery District and the Huntington Beach event.

The minutes from the May meeting were included in the newsletter that was handed out. It was moved by Joe Hart to accept the Minutes and seconded by Dan Henry. The motion passed to accept these Minutes.

Charles Beal gave the Treasurer's report. On May 15th we had \$1,588.84; with dues from new members we had \$1909.34; and expenses totaled \$152.50. That brings out current balance to \$1,756.84. It was moved to accept this report by Joe Hart and seconded by Dan Henry. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

It was reported by Jim Blauer that Brother Walter Davis had gone into the hospital the day before this meeting and had a hernia operation. Brother Blauer noted that Walter did not believe he would be in the hospital for more than a day or two. It was noted by Commander Gillette that Brother Charles Granger had passed away and our condolences were sent to his family.

We had four new members that were announced: Daniel and Tim Royer, Lance Morgan and Gregory Lutes. The above four applications were submitted and found to be in order. Brother Glen Roosevelt moved that they be accepted into membership. This was seconded by Dan Henry. They were accepted without dissent. Gregory Lutes who was in attendance reported that his ancestor was Samuel D. Parks of the 5th Illinois Cavalry, Co. I. He joined in September 1861, got sunstroke and was disabled out in 1862. He was mustered out as an invalid out in 1865, but in 1868 he was denied disability. He died in 1877. His wife put in for a pension and she received back pay to 1868. There were four new members who had been approved electronically via e-mail in July when there was no meeting. They are Bob Drennan, Vern Martin, James English, and Bill LaConte (Associate member). Bob Drennan and Greg Lutes were presented their Certificates of Membership by Commander Gillette.

Commander Gillette then read General Order #6 by Department Commander Jerry Sayre. It noted the passing of Bob Lowe on June 23, 2008. Bob served his local Camp, the Department and National organization. Our condolences were sent to his family, and Charles Beal and Glen Roosevelt attended Brother Lowe's memorial service in El Cajon in June.

The National Encampment was held from August 7-10 in Peabody, Massachusetts. Floyd and Glen attended. Floyd brought a copy of the program. Floyd noted that about 350 delegates were in attendance. The next one will be in Louisville, Kentucky in 2009.

A report was made by several brothers and prospective members who attended the Huntington Beach Encampment over the Labor Day weekend. Several members came by our booth on Saturday. Commander Gillette thanked all those who showed up to help with the set up and manning the booth. St. Catherine's will have their reenactment in March or April 2009.

It was announced that Brother Roosevelt had been named to serve as the 6th Military District Adjutant of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). Glen spoke about the structure the SVR, which is the military uniformed branch of the SUVCW. Locally based in San Diego it is Company G of the 5th California Infantry, and in our Camp area is also a part of the Marine Corps Guard Company of Mare Island, San Francisco.

It was announced that at our meeting on November 20th we will have elections for 2009 camp officers. These will include; Commander, Sr. Vice-Commander, Jr. Vice-Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Camp Council members. Other offices will be appointed by the new Commander.

John Heckman noted the terrific job done by Commander Gillette on his walking tour of Civil War graves after the Memorial Day Service last May at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove.

Terry Shaw attended the Memorial Day Service in Costa Mesa where they had a Sharpshooters group led by Camp 2 Brother Dave Onslager. Terry spoke about the Estancia Adobe event in Costa Mesa, and the new Lincoln Penny to come out in 2009.

Bob Drennan spoke about his relative who was in the 10th Illinois Cavalry and ended up in Texas. Bob has 13 Union ancestors and 7 Confederate ancestors.

Jim Blauer noted that he sang the National Anthem at his high school's (Newport Harbor) Memorial Day Service the Friday before Memorial Day. The following Wednesday his picture appeared in the local Daily Pilot Newspaper. He also attended the Santa Ana Cemetery ceremony where he acted as Color Guard from his SAR chapter and they laid a wreath at the GAR monument. He attended the Huntington Beach July 4th Parade, and on July 5th flew to Sacramento to attend the National Congress of the SAR. On July 19 he attended the Bennington Memorial Service in San Diego. On July 26 he attended the Orange County Chapter SAR barbecue.

Joe Hart noted his daughter had graduated.

Dan Henry reported that he was able to visit his ancestor's grave in Iowa.

Floyd Farrar spoke about the extensive Pension record file that was claimed against the government by his ancestor, and the wealth of information that it included. Floyd mentioned there will be a Drum Barracks yard sale on October 4th from 10am-4pm.

Darrell Rivers reported that he had just gotten back from Antietam where he performed as a color guard.

Richard Ignatius reported that he visited a client's home where he saw a gun collection that included an 1820 Harper's Ferry Musket worth \$25,000.

After a short recess we reconvened. Chaplain Dan Henry closed the Bible and gave the closing Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, James Blauer – Patriotic Instructor Reviewed by Charles Beal, Secretary-Treasurer

An application for one new member will be presented at the November 20 meeting.

Davis R. Winsor has applied for a Junior membership (age 7). His mother is Nicolle Winsor-DUVCW. His 4th great-grandfather was Private John F. Angle, Company C, Phelps Regiment Infantry, Missouri Volunteers. Angle served also in Co. A, 9th Missouri Cavalry and Co. A, Brown's Battalion of Missouri Cavalry.

We are pleased to announce the recent births of two brand new future members of our extended family of Civil War Union descendants, and to offer our congratulations to the families.

Scarlett Bernice Sundahl Terry: born on August 20, 2008 at 8:11 PM, weight 19 pounds, 21" long to Camp 17 Brother Quay Terry and wife Susanne Sundahl (candidate DUVCW) in Huntington Beach. Congratulations also to Dad for being promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant in the (real) U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (not the SVR).

Ellise Christine Mills: born on September 28, 2008 at 9:22 AM, weight 7 pounds, 7oz., 20" long to Danielle and Phillip Mills in Puyallup, WA. The very proud Grandpa is Camp 17 Brother Bob Drennan. We can see her name being shortened to Lissie Mills, and fitting in real well with Tent 88.



Future Member Photos

Left: **Scarlett Bernice Sundahl Terry** with mother Susanne Sundahl and father Quay Terry at her first Civil War reenactment in Huntington Beach just 10 days after her birth. Proxy Grandpa Glen Roosevelt welcomes her to the SUVCW tent.

Right: **Ellise Christine Mills** all bundled up and getting ready for a cold Washington State winter.

November 10, 2008 Brothers,

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Marion Spencer, the wife of Camp 16 Commander Jim Spencer. Cards can be sent to: James Spencer 101 Sunrise Mtn. Rd. Cazadero, CA 95421

I remain your Obedient Servant in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty Jerry Sayre Department Commander

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 8 Series 2008-2009

PASSING OF BROTHER Ormond Eckley

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: It is my sad duty to report: On October 31, 2008, Brother Ormond Eckley, of the Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24, passed away. Brother Eckley served this Order for many years, and had been very active in the Civil War community. He portrayed General Alfred Pleasanton for many years in the Livermore Valley and belonged to most of the Bay Area Civil War Round Tables. Brother Eckley was with friends and family when he slipped away quietly Friday evening. All that knew him know he leaves a void that can never be filled both in our Order and our lives.

Section 2: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

<u>Section 3</u>: 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.

<u>Section 4</u>: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Eckley and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight, 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/ Phillip Caines Department Secretary-Treasurer +

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition

"With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition" opens at the Library of Congress on Feb. 12, 2009, in celebration of the 200th birthday of America's 16th president, offering the public the opportunity to view rarely seen treasures from the Library's collections. After the exhibit closes in Washington, it will travel to The California Museum in Sacramento, Calif. from June 22 to August 22, 2009. Visit information about the exhibit at http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2008/08-199.html.

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SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, First Advent Christian Church 555 W. Main St. (corner of Main & Pacific), Tustin, CA



Main Topics: New Members & Elections for 2009 Officers





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.

DO NOT park between the two "No Parking" signs next to the driveway of the Pastor's garage....Thank You.



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