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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** *(Formed in honor of Sedgwick Post 17 of Santa Ana & Granger Post 138 of Orange)* **Gen. Gordon Granger**



### **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 ex-officio 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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*





**UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

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**The Orange County Civil War Roundtable**

For those who enjoy Civil War historical lectures & discussions 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 south of the 405 Freeway at 7:00PM

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

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**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**

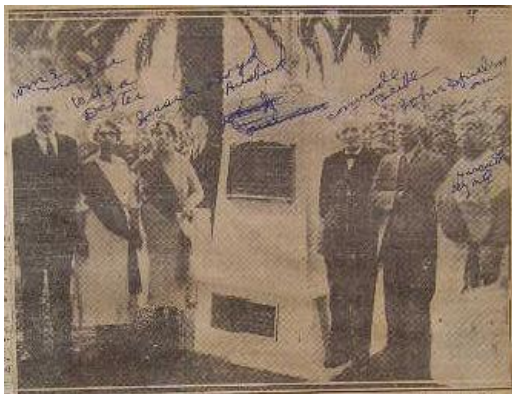
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**DUVCW TENT 88 – LONG BEACH TOUR PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**



**Then.....and.....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).*





**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.







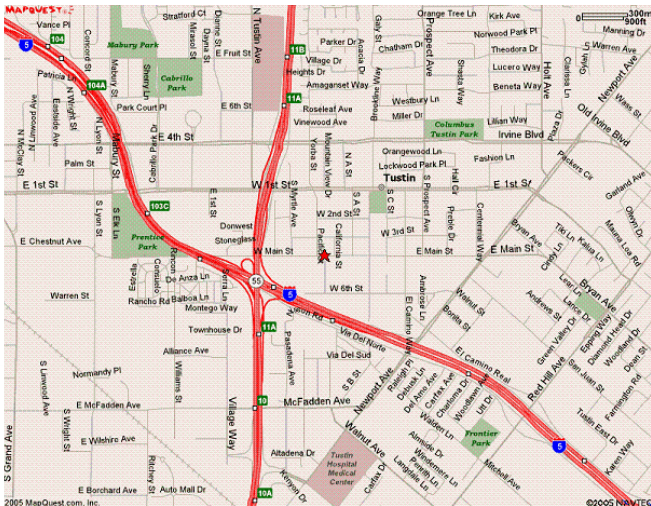
# SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

**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**



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