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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 Observe Memorial Day with Graves Dedications at Santa Ana

The Sons of Camp 17 and Daughters of Tent 88 have again joined forces with the Santa Ana-Tustin-Orange Tri-City Veterans and Service Organizations to help sponsor and organize the Memorial Day observance at Santa Ana Cemetery. The theme for this year is "Lest We Forget". Veterans of the American Legion and VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries of the three cities along with Elks BPO, Emblem Club, and Lions Club have taking lead roles in the organization and presentation of the ceremony. Our southern cousins in the Sons of Confederate Veterans have also participating in both the planning and performance of the observance.

As in past years the ceremony will start at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 25 at the GAR plot near the Santa Clara Avenue entrance to the cemetery. Musical tributes will be provided by the band and chorus of Orange High School along with martial airs performed by Civil War era fifer-drummer Stephen Schmitt who is a longtime friend of the SUVCW. The color guard/honor guard of VFW District 2 and the Orange Post will provide a rifle salute, and Civil War re-enactors of Battery B-1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery (Cooper's Battery) will fire a cannon salute. All participating organizations will present their colors and a wreath to be lain at the Monument to the Unknown Dead of the Civil War in the GAR Plot.

The honored guests this year will be Congressman Ed Royce, State Assemblyman Curt Hagmen, County Supervisor Bill Campbell, City of Orange Mayor Carolyn Cevecch. The keynote speaker will be Superior Court Judge Daniel McNeerney. A special remembrance of appreciation will be extended to Florence Leach who had been the chair-person and organizer of the Memorial Day ceremony for the past several years. Florence passed away in April of this year.

The ceremony will include the dedication of eight V.A. grave markers for Civil War and Indian Wars veterans (six U.S. and two CSA) whose graves were previously unmarked. The markers were researched and ordered by Camp 17 Graves Registration Officer Charles Beal, and installed by the cemetery staff earlier this month. Family members of two of the veterans, Halsey Harthorn (GAR) and David McGowen (CSA), are expected to attend the service. Camp 17 PCC Glen Roosevelt will offer the dedication remarks.

The Orange County Cemetery District and Santa Ana Cemetery are providing gravesite flags for the veterans' graves at the cemetery, and Boy and Girl Scouts from the Orange County Council accompanied by volunteers will place the flags at the gravesites starting at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 23.

A Memorial Day ceremony will also be performed at Fairhaven Memorial Park starting at 10:30 AM on Monday. Camp 17 PCC Paul Gillette will participate at Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove, and Camp Treasurer Terry Shaw will be at the ceremonies at Harbor Lawn Cemetery in Costa Mesa. The name of Henry Dawson whose marker was installed at Loma Vista will be read at that service.



THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Commander's Dispatch



Memorial Day or Decoration Day

Greetings Brothers of Camp 17,

First a bit of history-taken from the History Channel Website

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lay in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day and depending on the state is usually celebrated in mid April thru mid May.

ACWS-Amvets Costa Mesa Civil War Re-enactment Weekend, May 9-10, 2009



Camp 17 Treasurer Terry Shaw arranged display booths of both the SUVCW-DUVCW and the Costa Mesa Historical Society at the Civil War Reenactment. Staffing the booth left to right are: Bill LeConte, Glen Roosevelt, Susan Sweet, Terry Shaw, and John Heckman. DUV members Joann Knowles & Dotty Wilson stopped to check on our well being.

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50th Annual Armed Forces Day Parade – SVR Color Guard Sat., May 16, 2009



SVR Color Guard members Bill LeConte, Gerald Scheib (Camp 2), Glen Roosevelt, and Jon Miller marched on behalf of the SUVCW in the Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 16.

This was the seventh year that the SVR has marched in the parade, and the crowd was the largest we have ever experienced. This parade is a great way for us and the southland residents to pay our respects and gratitude to the members of the Armed Forces.

Photos courtesy of Yolie Scheib.



Previous Page, Top Left: The remains await pallbearers to move them to their burial places. **Right:** One of the specially built containers to hold the remains, draped in a period flag. **Bottom Left:** PDC Jerry Sayre helps to read the Roll of Honor. **Right:** The uniformed pallbearers begin to move the remains to their final rest.

This Page, Top: Brothers Jerry Sayre and Don Hotchkiss carry and escort the remains to the burial site. **Bottom Left:** DUV Tent 88 Chaplain Joann Knowles receives one of the ceremonial flags as a token of the DUVCW participation. **Center:** Sister Knowles is captured by – or captures – two young Marines. **Right:** Brothers and Sisters who traveled to Arizona visited the GAR monument in the Tucson Cemetery. Left to right: Tom Helmantholer, Ron Hyde (Drum Barracks), Joann Knowles, Steve Siemsen, Susan Sweet, Dotty Wilson, Carol Collacott (Civil War Roundtable), Dave Allyn, and Will Tisch.

St. Catherine's Military Academy celebrated its 120th Anniversary with a Civil War history weekend on Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, and Camp 17 & set up a display booth to help. L-R: Dotty Wilson, Joe Hart, Floyd Farrar, Phil & Melinie Caines.

Photos courtesy of Kim Sayre and Joann Knowles.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – March 18, 2009 Tustin, CA

The meeting was opened by Commander Farrar at 7:00pm. Chaplain Dan Henry opened the Bible and gave the invocation. JVC Charles Beal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Richard Ignatius took the roll.

Those in attendance included; Danny Cox, Charles Beal, Robert Drennan, Floyd Farrar, Richard Ignatius, Terry Shaw, John Heckman, Dan Henry, Joe Hart, John Heckman, Donald Hoffer, Bill Nelson, and Fred Whitaker. New applicant Jim Fosdyck was a guest.

The Minutes having been past out, Joe Hart moved that we accept them as printed in the Newsletter. This was seconded by Charles Beale and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Terry Shaw. As of January 17 we had a balance of \$1,653.86. We had income of \$1,505.00 and expenses totaled \$62.00. This gave a balance of \$3,096.86. It was moved by Joe Hart and seconded by Charles Beale, subject to audit, that this report be approved. In reference to the November minutes, Loma Vista waived the \$25.00 installation fee for the Dawson grave marker. The motion passed. Currently, we have 45 members renewed, 2 transferring out, 4 dropped, and 12 pending.

It was reported on the passing of Harold C Smith, PDC and Lee Wolary.

There was no other Old Business

New Business:

There were no applications presented to the meeting.

Terry Shaw made a request to have a Camp 17 display booth at the new Costa Mesa Civil War Reenactment May 9 and 10. It was moved by Richard Ignatius and seconded for approval. The motion passed.

It was noted that the Lincoln Pilgrimage Boy Scout Parade in Redlands, February 7, was rained out. The ceremonies were held in the Redlands High School Gym.

Motion was made by Charles Beal to approve \$150.00 for the Orange County Cemetery District for Headstone placements at Santa Ana Cemetery, and seconded by John Heckman. The motion passed.

There will be a Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial dedication on May 3. Motion was made by Charles Beal for \$375.00 to add a pathway brick in honor of the last Orange County Civil War Union Soldier to the memorial. The motion was seconded by Robert Drennan. The motion passed.

Glen Roosevelt's report on the Department Encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo was reviewed from the newsletter. A collection of ribbons and buttons from the Encampment was made available to those who wanted them.

Glen Roosevelt printed an update on the renovation of Patriotic Hall at Figueroa and Washington in Los Angeles in the newsletter. Construction is expected to be completed now by 2011.

Charles Beale gave a presentation on the history of the GAR in Orange County.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Dan Henry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

May 19, 2008

Richard Ignatius, Camp 17 Secretary

Reviewed by and edited by PCC Glen Roosevelt-Newsletter Editor

The Annual Tri-City Memorial Day Observance



**A Tribute To Our Departed Comrades
“Lest We Forget”**

Dedication of Eight Civil War Era Monuments

10:00 A.M. Monday, May 25, 2009

At

**The Monument to the Unknown Dead of the Civil War
Grand Army of the Republic Plot
Santa Ana Cemetery
1919 E. Santa Clara Ave.
Santa Ana, California**

Welcome:Scott F. McKee Commander Santa Ana VFW Post 10694

Present the Colors..... Tustin American Legion Post 227 Color Guard

InvocationJohn Whiteriver Commander Orange American Legion Post 132

Pledge of Allegiance.....Daniel Martinez Eagle Scout Orange B.P.O. Elks Troop 1475

National AnthemOrange High Chamber Singers under the Direction of
Dean Anderson

Parade of Flags ...Veteran and Service Organizations Fife & Drum Music by Stephen Schmitt

Opening Remarks, Introduction of Dignitaries and GuestsScott McKee, M.C.

Mayor Carolyn CevecchCity of Orange

The Honorable Ed Royce..... House of Representatives 40th District

The Honorable Curt Hagmen.....60th Assembly District

One Great Nation.....Orange High School Chamber Singers
Under the Direction of Dean Anderson

Poem “Old Glory”Supervisor Bill Campbell 3rd District Orange County

VFW Patriot’s Pen District 2 (Orange County) WinnerSierra Ungerman

VFW Voice of Democracy Santa Ana Post 10694.....Lindsey Ungerman

Presentations of Wreaths.....Veterans & Service Organizations,
Fife and Drum Music by Stephen Schmitt

Memorial Day AddressCalifornia Superior Court Judge Daniel McNerney

Battle Hymn of the RepublicOrange High School Chamber Singers under the Direction of
Dean Anderson

Gettysburg Address..... Mitchell Vieyra, Eagle Scout Troop 606 Irvine

Civil War Monument DedicationsGlen Roosevelt Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Civil War Cannon Salute to honor the Civil War Dead..... Battery B, 1st Penn. Light Artillery &
Stephen Schmitt, Drummer

“Dixie”Orange High School Chamber Singers under the Direction of Dean Anderson

Salute to the Armed Forces.....Orange High School Chamber Singers under the Direction of Mike Short

“General Logan’s Orders & In Flanders Field”JoAnn Langlais President Santa Ana VFW Auxiliary

“God Bless America”.....Orange High School Chamber Singers under the direction of Dean Anderson

BenedictionJohn Whiteriver Commander American Legion Orange Post 132

Honor Firing SquadVFW District 2 & Orange Post 7452 Color Guard

Taps.....Bugler Daniel Schroeder Boy Scouts of America Orange B.P.O. Elks Troop 1475

SUVCW Camp 17 gratefully acknowledges the dedication of Roger Shortall and his grandchildren Nathan & Brooklyn Fobear who install the “GAR Stars” at the veteran’s graves, and flags and bunting at the GAR Plot.

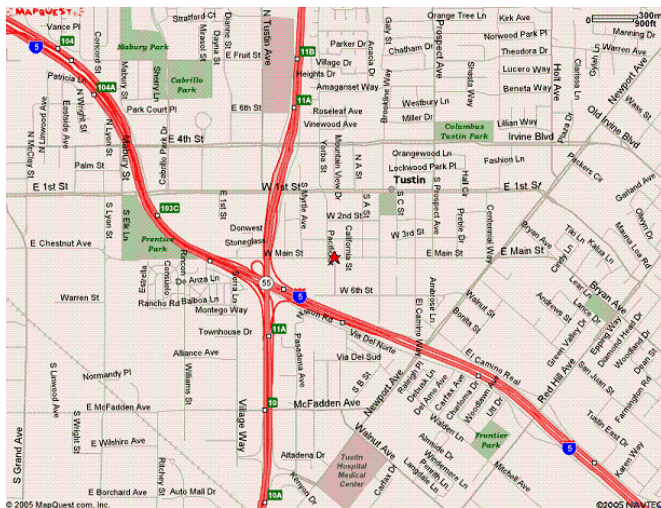
SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7:00pm

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

Tentative Presentation Program: The Sedgwick Family Tree

Or an Alternative Presentation depending on availability



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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