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





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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-1<sup>st</sup> 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 McNerney. 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.



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### 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.

#### Now for some of my own memories...

My own personal remembrances of Memorial Day in the late 1940s and early 1950s are of helping out my grandparents and parents sell buddy poppies door to door and on street corners in my hometown of Glendale-Montrose area. My grandfather on Mom's side, Gilbert Salvage of Lubbock, Texas was a US Army WW1 vet. He was a PFC with the 41st Sunset Division and was assigned to the 116th Trench Mortar Battalion. Granddad was very active in the VFW and American Legion Post 288 in the Crescenta Valley. My father was a US Navy Seabee Carpenter's Mate First Class with the 38th Battalion and served in the Pacific theater including the Aleutians and Marianas campaigns. He also was very involved with the American Legion and VFW. So us kids were always around some kind of fundraiser involving these two organizations. Memorial Day was always a big holiday for us with observances at the local as well as the Westwood Veterans National Cemetery at Sawtelle. Then would come the local annual Memorial Day picnics, the speechifying, and overeating; and the memories of seeing tables groaning from the weight of the food. These are and always be my recollections of that special day honoring fallen veterans in late May.

This year as always SUVCW Camp 17 will be involved observing Memorial Day at Santa Ana Cemetery at 10AM on May 25th. Each and all are invited to attend if possible to start your own special memories of that special day. No matter where you select to be on May 25th, please do not forget that it was all started by our Civil War ancestors who gave all in the cause for preserving the Union at a very critical time in our history.

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#### Memorial Day Planning & Late News Delay Newsletter

Brothers, please accept my apologies for the late publication of your Newsletter. We have been fairly consumed by planning for Memorial Day, and we had some late breaking reports of the soldiers' reburial ceremonies in Arizona this past weekend that arrived yesterday evening. We felt it appropriate to get the photos of this inspiring event into the newsletter for your information.

Glen Roosevelt, Newsletter Co-Editor <u>Please submit all newsletter articles, photos, and comments to Glen Roosevelt via e-mail</u>

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2009 Camp Other Elected & Appointed Officers

<u>Camp Council:</u> James Blauer, Joe Hart, and Walter Davis (elected officers) 2009 Appointed Officers:

John Dodd as Counselor, James Blauer as Patriotic Instructor and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Dan Henry as Chaplain, Floyd Farrar as Historian, Glen Roosevelt as Newsletter Editor and Signals Officer, Charles Beal as Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, Don Hoffer as Guide, Peter Ignatius as the Color Bearer and Guard, Glen Roosevelt as GAR Highway officer.

CAMP & DEPT. WEBPAGES & other web links and information:

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website

<u>http://www.suvpac.org/camp17.html</u> Check out the updated webpage for event schedules, directions, and other information

(Thanks to Dept. Signals Officer Tad Campbell for his updates to the webpage)

Sons of Union Veterans Department of California & Pacific

http://www.suvpac.org

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Elizabeth Hill-Mills Tent #88 http://www.rootsweb.com/~caehmduv/

General W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 SUVCW & Auxiliary Websites

http://www.suvpac.org/camp2.html

http://www.suvpac.org/aux/aux2.html

The Auxiliary serves all of Southern California

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You can search the SUVCW National Graves Registration Database at:

#### http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/

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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>.

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<u>SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS</u>: 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 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 wish to attend local Civil War reenactments, a general reenactment schedule is at: <u>http://www.forttejon.org/</u> and click on the "Events" button on the left of the page.

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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 <a href="http://www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org">http://www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org</a>

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\*\*\*\*\* Veterans Graves Flag Placement for Memorial Day Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 8:00 AM Santa Ana Cemetery & other locations Contact Glen Roosevelt for info: 714-318-5723 or GLRoosevelt@roadrunner.com \*\*\*\*\* Santa Ana High School NJROTC **Awards Presentation & Pass In Review SUVCW Camp 17 JROTC Award** Wed., May 27, 6:00pm 520 W. Walnut St., Santa Ana 92701 \*\*\*\*\* **Civil War Re-enactment Weekend** Saturday & Sunday, May 30-31, 2009 Eldorado Regional Park – Long Beach, CA SUVCW Camp 2 & DUVCW Tent 88 Display Booth http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com/civilwar lb/civilwarpg lb.htm Contact: Camp 2 Cmdr. Tom Chumley tp chumley@hotmail.com \*\*\*\*\*

#### April - May 2009 Photo Highlights Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Dedication, May 3, 2009



Photos of the New Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Monument and Walk of Honor dedicated on Sunday, May 3, 3009. The monument replaces the old one that was located in old town Yorba Linda. Camp 17 helped with fund raising by dedicating a brick in the Walk of Honor in memory of onetime resident William B. Crandall, the Last Union Civil War Veteran in Orange County. *Photos by Charles Beal.* 





#### 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.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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SUVCW Life Member Stephen Siemsen of the Arizona At-Large Camp coordinated the efforts of the SUVCW and DUVCW to assist in the reburial of the remains of 58 U.S. soldiers stationed at the then Fort Lowell cemetery location near a downtown Tucson site, at Stone and Toole Avenues, that had been excavated to prepare for a new Pima County-Tucson Joint Courts Complex. The remains were exhumed and were reburied with full honors at the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista on May 16.

"Serving in the Western territories was a thankless job back then and I can't think of a better way to honor these soldiers," Joey Strickand, director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, said. There were adjoining civilian and military cemeteries downtown in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Army's Camp Lowell was then located in what is now the Armory Park area and was later moved east to near what is now the intersection of Glenn Street and Craycroft Road. State law required the county to hire an archaeological consultant to study the site before beginning construction of the courts complex. By comparing old cemetery maps and Army records, Veterans' Services officials were able to give names to at least five soldiers buried downtown. The soldiers' remains were buried in a specially constructed 19th-century-style cemetery near Fort Huachucha.

SUVCW members that participated in this inspiring event were: PDC Jerry Sayre and wife Kim, SVR Commander Dave Allyn, Department Graves Officer Don Hotchkiss, SVR POE Will Tisch, Department Chaplain Tom Helmantholer, Department Secretary Phil Caines, and Camp 2 SVC Loran Bures. DUVCW and ASUVCW members who made the trek to Arizona and also participated were; Dotty Wilson, Joann Knowles, Susan Sweet, Melinie Caines, and Tricia Bures.









**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 120<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 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
Invocation	John Whiteriver Commander Orange American Legion Post 132
Pledge of Allegiance	Daniel Martinez Eagle Scout Orange B.P.O. Elks Troop 1475
National Anthem	Orange 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 Hagmen60th Assembly District
One Great NationOrange 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 10694Lindsey Ungerman
Presentations of Wreaths
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 ForcesOrange 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
TapsBugler Daniel Schroeder Boy Scouts of America Orange B.P.O. Elks Troop 1475
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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 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.

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



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