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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 and Tent 88 Set for Memorial Day at Santa Ana GAR Plot

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 – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans”. 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 taken 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. Our Brothers and Sisters of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution will be well represented. Santa Ana High School NJROTC Cadet Commander Hector Mendez will recite President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

As in past years the ceremony will start at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 30 at the GAR plot near the Santa Clara Avenue entrance to the cemetery. Musical tributes will be provided by the Chamber Singers 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 Orange VFW Post will provide a rifle salute, and Civil War re-enactors of Battery B-1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery (Cooper’s Battery) and the Richmond Howitzers 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.

Some of the expected honored guests this year will be Congressman Ed Royce, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (or her representative), County Supervisor Janet Nguyen, City of Orange Mayor Carolyn Cevicch, and Tustin Mayor Jerry Amante. State Senator Lou Correa and Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido have also been invited. The keynote speaker will be Santa Ana VFW Post member Major Billy C. Hall (US Army-Ret.) who served as an enlisted Marine during WW2, and in the Army in Korea and Vietnam.

A special remembrance of appreciation will be extended to two Orange VFW Post veterans who were active participants in many of the past Memorial Day ceremonies. They are Louis Ochoa and John Whiteriver, who both passed away earlier this year.

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 28.

Camp 17 Brothers are expected to attend other Memorial Day ceremonies including; Fairhaven Memorial Park, Magnolia Memorial Park in Garden Grove, Harbor Lawn Cemetery in Costa Mesa, Anaheim Cemetery, and Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Editor's note: Commander Dan Henry was off on another road trip during publication of this edition, so we don't have his exact words to print. However, he did wish to express his sincere hope that all our Brothers will hold the memory of their Union ancestors close in their hearts on this upcoming Memorial Day; and that each of us would take the time to remember all the men and women who have given their last full measure of devotion in service to our Country.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Glen Roosevelt, *Newsletter Editor*

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Editor's Column

Thanks to Contributors for Newsletter Photos

We wish to express great thanks to Brother "Doc" Lutes, PCC Floyd Farrar, Sisters Kim Sayre and Yoli Scheib, and other contributors for all the excellent photos that they provided of our recent events. It is greatly appreciated that these folks are always there with camera in hand to help record the work we do to honor our veteran ancestors. We especially appreciate the letter and photo from Rev. Mark Woolfington in Illinois.

Glen Roosevelt, Newsletter Editor

Please submit all newsletter articles, photos, and comments to Glen Roosevelt via e-mail

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2011 Appointed Officers:

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

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website <http://www.suvpac.org/camp17.html>

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SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS:

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 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.

Greetings from the Land of Lincoln

Dear Brother Roosevelt,

Thank you very much for the Sedgwick-Granger Sentinel. I am always thrilled to hear that our Camp is thriving, and from the looks of things, the Camp is in good hands.

I am passing along a photo of my oldest son, Joshua, who is now in 5th grade at Highlands Elementary here in La Grange Highlands, IL. At the school's recent "Heritage Day", he portrayed one of his Union Ancestors, his great-great-great grandfather, Pvt. Solomon Murray, who served in Company G of the 71st Ohio Infantry. He saw action at Franklin and Nashville, and then went west with the 71st to San Antonio until November of 1865. He later joined the GAR in Indiana, and lived until 1931. At the time of his death, he received a monthly pension of \$72



Please include this photo in the next newsletter, along with my greetings from the Land of Lincoln to my Brothers in California. If time and the budget permit, I would love to join you for the 2012 National Encampment.

Keep up the good work for the Boys in Blue!

In F. C. and L.,

Mark Woolfington, Charter Member - Camp 17

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Southern California SVR Troops Participate in Artesia Camp 2 Civil War Veteran Headstone Dedication

SUVCW Brothers from Camps 2, 17, 18, and 21 representing SVR units Company G – 5th California Infantry and the U.S. Marine Corps Guard Company – Mare Island participated in the Camp 2 organized Civil War grave marker dedication at the grave of Corporal John W. Miller at the Artesia Cemetery on April 9, 2011. The SVR honor guard fired a three-round salute; and was made up of Brothers Jerry Sayre (Camp 21), Bill LeConte (Camp 2), DC Glen Roosevelt (Camp 17), Rudy Velasco (Camp 18), Thomas Chumley (Camp 2), Phil Caines (Camp 2), and Gerald Scheib (Camp 2). Camp 2 Brothers Bob Zaricor and Dave Oneslager served as gravesite guard and Officer of the Day respectively. Camp 2 Chaplain Gary Dickey served in that capacity as well as providing bagpipe music, and Camp 18 Commander Richard Burns performed bugle calls.

The General W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 and their Auxiliary led by Camp Commander Loran Bures and Auxiliary president Susan Sweet conducted the special Headstone Dedication Service on April 9 at 11:00 a.m. The date also marked the 146th anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox, Virginia and the end of the Civil War. The service included the rendering of Corporal Miller's military funeral honors. The Millikan High School Army JROTC provided the color guard, and members of the Mayfair High School Marching Corps played Taps.

Corporal John W. Miller, a Civil War Veteran of Company E, 118th Illinois Infantry died on March 29, 1909 at the Pacific Branch of the Soldier's Home in Sawtelle, California. Prior to his death his family had lived in Los Nietos, Downey and Artesia. After his death his body was transported to the Artesia Cemetery where it was buried in an unmarked grave. A headstone was never placed on his grave, and it remained unmarked for over 100 years. His grave is located next to that of his wife, whose grave did have a marker. Through the efforts of Margaret Alley of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, assisted by PCC Floyd Farrar of Camp 17, the cemetery received a headstone from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Artesia Camp 2 Civil War Veteran Headstone Dedication Photos

Courtesy of: Kim Sayre, Yoli Scheib, Floyd Farrar



Top: L; Corpl. Miller's grave marker. **R;** Camp 2 Brother Bob Zaricor as grave site guard.
Middle: L-R; Dickey, Bures, Sayre, Caines, Scheib, LeConte, Chumley, Velasco, Roosevelt
Bottom: L; Cmdr. Bures conducts a salute to all veterans present. **R;** Sisters of the DUVCW and Auxiliary.

Sunday, April 3, 2011 Prado Park Reenactment Photos

Courtesy of "Doc" Lutes

Camp 17 Brother "Doc" Lutes was up and about after some prolonged maladies, so he got out to the Prado Park reenactment in Chino on Sunday, April 3. Unfortunately he missed the display booth set-up of our Brothers from Camp 18 by one day. Richard Burns and Rudy Velasco were able to put out their display only on Saturday. That didn't prevent "Doc" from enjoying the day, and reporting back with some great photos from this excellent reenactment venue.



Courtesy of "Doc" Lutes

Top left: Gary Fradella's dismounted cavalry in a line of skirmishers.

Top right: Camp 2 Brother Dave Oneslager's green-clad Berdand Sharpshooters.

Middle left: Former Camp 17 – now Camp 18 Brother Larry Duncan performs another medical miracle as "Doc Malarky". Did "Doc" Lutes re-up to be his Corpsman?

Courtesy of Rudy Velasco

Middle right: Camp 18 Brothers Rich Burns & Rudy Velasco at the Camp display on Sat.

Bottom: Former Camp 17 – now Camp 18 Bro. Rich Raver and his wife Marianne, a former Tent 88 DUV.



Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – March 17, 2011 Tustin, CA

7:10 Call to order by Commander Dan Henry

Brothers present: Terry Shaw, Dan Henry, Don Hoffer, Walter Davis, Edward McKee, Marcus Deemer, Glen Roosevelt, Floyd Farrar, and John Heckman

Opening prayer by Don Hoffer

Pledge of Allegiance by Glen Roosevelt

Dept. Order 9 issued by Commander Charles Mabie, requesting support for a memorial to Canadians who fought for the Union in the Civil War, was mentioned.

Minutes of meeting of 1-20-11 submitted by Jim Blauer; motion to approve by Walter Davis, seconded by Floyd Farrar, approved by membership.

Treasurer report – by Terry Shaw: balance at 2/28/2011 was \$3,457.00, income for Jan/Feb was \$1,200.00 and expenses totaled \$80.61; the start-up donation to Camp 18 for \$300.00 was issued in March.

Report on health of Brothers – Cmdr. Henry reported his brother, Brad Henry, is on a ventilator recovering from pneumonia and faces months of recovery; Brothers Beal and Hart are recovering from knee surgery.

Dan Henry asked for new member applications: there were none.

Unfinished/old business: none.

New business:

Glen Roosevelt, newly elected Dept. Commander, gave a report on the 125th Department Encampment held at Camp San Luis Obispo, March 11 and 12. Glen passed out the program and commemorative medal for review. He indicated attendance was 31, down from 38, and that 15 of 17 Camps were represented. Glen, as retiring Sr. Vice Commander, presented retiring Commander Charlie Mabie an engraved sword. Charlie presented Glen with a replica Army Colt .44 pistol.

National Commander Brad Schall was present as well as the National President of the Auxiliary, for their Dept. Encampment.

Jerry Sayre is selling the Dept. medals for \$10.00, proceeds going to the 2012 National Encampment Fund.

There is also a raffle being conducted for an 1858 Remington .44 pistol replica for the 2012 fund.

Next year's Encampment is to be the second weekend in March, location to be announced.

For the good of the Order; Announcements & updates:

Floyd attended the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Encampment, also held March 11/12, at Miramar. Visits were made to the USS Midway and Mt. Soledad memorial; he will be attending Confederate grave marker dedication in Altadena on March 19.

John Heckman urged everyone to support the Civil War Property Preservation Trust for \$25.00 per year; cited Wal-Mart trying to buy the battlefield property of the Wilderness Battle and casinos encroaching on Gettysburg Battlefield.

Terry indicated Floyd attended the rededication of the Diego Sepulveda Adobe in Costa Mesa on March 5; announced the Third Battle of Costa Mesa at Fairview Park on April 15-17 put on by the ACWS.

Dan reviewed the announcements in the newsletter, including the St. Catherine's Reenactment on March 26 and 27

Glen presented a narrative on Walter's 1863 type 1 US Springfield musket, purchased 20 years ago in New Orleans, and discussed its features compared to the 1861 model. It is one of 15,000 made by Whitney Arms Co. with an original cost of \$19.00. Glen and Dan are going to research it further.

8:00 – Adjournment by Dan with closing prayer by Don

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Terry Shaw
Secretary-Treasurer

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**Department Order No. 2
Series 2011-2012**

PASSING OF BROTHER Kirby R. Morgan

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

Section 1: It is with heavy heart that we report that Brother Kirby R. Morgan of Arbuckle, California, a member of General George Wright Camp 22, and Department Civil War Memorials Officer passed away on Friday, March 29, 2011 at 12:12 AM.

Section 2: Services are pending for Brother Morgan and as details are forthcoming they will be promulgated to all Camps in the Department.

Section 3: The Department extends sincere condolences to Mrs. Carol Morgan and the Morgan family. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Carol Morgan, 7020 Friel Road, Arbuckle, CA 95912.

Section 4: Section 3: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

Section 5: 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 from the date of this Order.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fifth, in the City of Anaheim, County of Orange, State of California by Glen L. Roosevelt, Department Commander of the Department of California & Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Glen L. Roosevelt, PCC
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Phillip L. Caines, PCC
Department Secretary-Treasurer

Of course, spears and rifles are weapons, not crosses. The so-called Battlefield Cross is not a cross and not even used to mark an actual grave - it would be foolish to leave a weapon unattended. Rather, the inverted rifle is a simple memorial in honour of the soldier's ultimate sacrifice. Its makeshift appearance says there is not enough time in battle to prepare a nicely polished marble tombstone or cenotaph.

The inverted rifle contrasts with an upward pointing weapon in its ready-for-action mode. Burying corpses with their weapons goes back thousands of years. Hunters would be buried with their spears enabling them, according to their pagan religion, to look after themselves in their next life. After the collapse of Roman rule in Western Europe in around A.D. 400, pagan tribes buried their men with swords, knives and spears.

On Omaha Beach at the height of the battle for Normandy in WWII, Allied engineers were tasked with digging shallow graves for fallen comrades. Medics then carried dead soldiers to this makeshift graveyard for a temporary burial; and to mark the grave, the soldier's rifle was stuck into the ground.

The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross, Battlefield Cross or Battle Cross is a symbolic replacement of a cross on the battlefield or at the base camp for a soldier who has been killed. Made up of the soldier's rifle with bayonet attached stuck into the ground, helmet on top, dog tags sometimes hanging from the rifle and the boots of the fallen soldier next to it. Its purpose is to show honor and respect for the fallen at the battle site. The practice started during the American Civil War or maybe earlier as a means of identifying the bodies on the battleground before they were removed.

Today, it is an immediate means of showing respect for the fallen among the still living members of the troop. It might be seen in the field or base camp after the battle in Afghanistan or Iraq. Used less today as a means to identify the fallen but more as a private ceremony among those still living as a means to mourn, as attending the funeral is not always possible for soldiers still in the fight.

"Soldier, rest! Thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more.
Days of danger, nights of waking."
(from 'The Lady of the Lake' by Sir Walter Scott)

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The soldiers crosses for the Santa Ana Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony are provided by MSgt. “Jay” Jaenichen (USMC-Ret.) as a service by the United States Marine Corps Historical Company. An early war stack of arms representing the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War is provided by the SAR and SUVCW.

The eras and weapons used to represent them are: WW1 – 1903 Springfield, WW2 & Korea – M1 Garand, Vietnam – M14 or M16A1, Operation Desert Storm – M16A2, Iraq & Afghanistan – M14 Carbine.

Thanks to “Top” Jay and USMCHC for their support of the Memorial Day service.



SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00pm

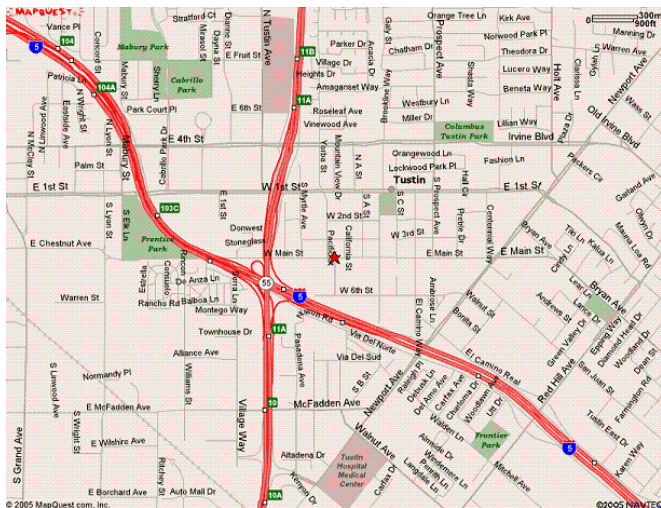
**in the Fellowship Hall, First Advent Christian Church
555 W. Main St. (corner of Main & Pacific), Tustin, CA**

Presentation Program:

Soldier's Crosses-Their Weapons & Equipment

Presented by MSgt. "Jay" Jaenichen (USMC-Ret.)

United States Marine Corps Historical Company



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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UPCOMING EVENT OF INTEREST

52nd Annual Armed Forces Day Observance & Parade

Fri.-Sat.-Sun., May 20 - 22, 2011

<http://www.torranceca.gov/14773.htm>

Military exhibits, band concerts

Del Amo Fashion Center, Torrance, CA

SUVCW-SVR Color Guard in Parade

Sat., May 21, 2011 at 1:30pm

Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw Blvd. & Madrona Ave.