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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



National Encampment Held August 9-11, 2012 at Los Angeles Airport Marriott Camp 17 & Department Sends Their Largest Delegations Ever

The 131st Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW was hosted by the Department of California and Pacific and was held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel on Thursday August 9 through Saturday August 11, 2012. Camp 17 provided its largest delegation ever as it was represented by Camp Commander Charles Beal, SVC Joe Hart, JVC Greg "Doc" Lutes, Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw, Brother George Dore, and PCC Glen Roosevelt. The Department had about 50 Brothers in attendance (42 are shown in the photo below), and had an actual voting block of 22 which was the largest at any National Encampment that any of our members could recall. There were 99 credentialed Brothers on the floor when doors were closed for voting.

Outgoing National C-in-C Donald Palmer had set the Allied Orders tone of the joint Encampment by his close workings with the other four Allied Orders during the past year. The Auxiliary, LGAR, and DUVCW held their Encampments or convention concurrently at the Marriott, and only the WRC was unable to schedule their convention at the same time.

The 2013 elected National officers are: **C-in-C Perley Mellor** of New Hampshire (Dept. of MA), **Senior Vice Commander Ken Freshly** of Ohio, and our own **Junior Vice Commander PDC Tad Campbell** of Camp 4, **Secretary Eugene Mortorff** of PA, **Treasurer Richard Orr** of PA, C of A member **William**

Vieira of RI, C of A member **Robert Petrovic** of MO, C of A member **Donald Shaw** of MI, C of A member **Steve Hammond** of MD, C of A member **Donald Martin** of OH. **Patriotic Instructor is John W. Bates III** of MA, and **Chaplain is Jerome Kowalski** of IL. **CC/PDC Jerry Sayre** of Camp 21 was named as a National Aide-de-Camp. **PCC Dean Enderlin** of Camp 23 is the National GAR Records Officer, **PCC Dan Earl** of Camp
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National Encampment (Continued)

4 is the Chair of the National Committee on Legislation, NJVC Tad Campbell and PC-in-C Brad Schall also serve on two other National Committees.

The business side of the meeting yielded several points of interest. The following highlights of the SUVCW business sessions were compiled by James B. Pahl, PCinC and reprinted here courtesy of the Camp 4 *Sheridan's Dispatch*:

- A new Life Member Program was adopted, creating five brackets. There is no payout to the Camps. However, the plan allows for interest and principal payments to National's General fund of \$23.00 per year. The breakdown is as follows:
Age under 40 = \$1,000.00 Age 61 to 70 = \$300.00
Age 41 to 50 = \$700.00 Age 71+ = \$200.00
Age 51 to 60 = \$500.00
- The Ritual was amended to allow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to render a hand salute rather than removing the hat or cap during the playing of the National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.
- A special committee was formed for the purpose of examining the proposed fundraising plan submitted by Glenn Knight PDC, consider other options and recommend a plan at the 132nd National Encampment.
- The Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to develop a visual/audio program for Camps and Departments was approved. Memorial University is to be redesigned to a simpler, more user-friendly format.
- The National Civil War Memorials Committee is almost ready to place their new database online.
- The National Organization relinquished any claim they might have upon the published works of the Grand Army of the Republic contained in the HathiTrust Digital Library and requested the HathiTrust Digital Library open said works up for access by the general public.
- A proposal to waive National Per Capita dues for a dual member for other than his primary Camp was resoundly defeated.
- A new GAR Records Project Plan was adopted, which includes: consolidating information into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, expanding the spreadsheets to allow for additional information, converting those spreadsheets into a web-ready format, placing this data into a separate internet domain specifically for the GAR Records Project, launching a new GAR Records Project information web site and standardizing forms for public use in submitting information on the whereabouts of GAR records.
- Approved the purchase of a commercial pop-up tent to be donated to the Lincoln Monument Association, for use during ceremonies at the Lincoln tomb during inclement weather.
- The delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to:

We, the descendants of soldiers, sailors, or marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of American during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

This change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861-1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and our organization, per Article III of the C&R, as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces. This change will need ratification by all Departments in accordance with G.O. 4 which is attached later in this newsletter.

- The delegates voted in favor of National continuing to pursue 501(c)3 non-profit status.

The official Encampment activities started on Thursday with two bus tours. One tour visited Civil War and GAR sites like the Drum Barracks Museum, and the other tour centered on Hollywood and the Autry Center of Western Heritage. The Friday evening "Campfire" featured a presentation on "Taps" by Dr. Gary Scott of the Band of the



California Battalion. The Band came back for an encore during the Saturday evening banquet to provide dinner music and some rousing Civil War era tunes. After the entertainment portion of the “Campfire”, the various delegations of the Departments presented outgoing C-in-C Palmer and Auxiliary President Anne Sosnowski with verbal tributes and gifts of remembrance. The California & Pacific delegations dressed in their customary “Aloha” style for the occasion.

Besides conducting their own business, the Sisters of the Department Auxiliary helped tremendously with the set-up of the administration stations, conducted the arrangements for shirt sales, coordinated the vendor displays, and prepared and set out the banquet table decorations on behalf of the Department Host Committee. Great thanks are extended to all the ladies of the Auxiliary for their outstanding efforts.

All the members of the Host Committee and other delegates pitched in to work tirelessly to make the Encampment a success, and none worked harder than Brother Frank Avila who was the “floor boss” and was constantly on the go dealing with any problem that came up. The uniformed troopers of the 6th Military District-SVR provided the Provost and Honor Guards under the direction of Captains Will Tisch and Joe Marti.

PC-in-C Palmer gave his thanks to the Department and Host Committee for an outstanding Encampment, and proclaimed it to be one of the best ever. Many other delegates also expressed that it was the best hotel and best Encampment that they had ever attended. We also pass on kudos to the LAX Marriott Hotel management and event catering staff for providing an outstanding venue and great food service.



Top: Cal-Pac delegation in “Aloha” gear feat C-in-C Palmer & Pres. Sosnowski. **Middle:** SVR uniformed troops with new C-in-C Perley Mellor. **Bottom left:** The banquet and band. **Bottom right:** Cal-Pac delegates listen intently to floor discussion.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope all of our Camp Brothers are doing well during the summer's heat spell.

Brother John Heckman passed away on July 28th. Brothers Terry Shaw, Floyd Farrar (Camp #2) and I attended the family private service.

DC Glen Roosevelt came into the possession of a new Civil War Veteran's burial list from Don Kelchner in July. Don's father Roy who was a "real son", and former commander of the SUVCW Santa Ana Camp #12 and the Department compiled the list in the 1940's. Over the years, Roy has passed on to Glen some of the former record books of the John Sedgwick GAR Post #17 (Santa Ana), and old SUVCW Camp #12. The burial list contains eleven pages of Civil War Veteran's buried mainly at Santa Ana Cemetery and Fairhaven Memorial Park and a few other local cemeteries and some burials outside of Orange County. It appears that we will be adding quite a few more names to our present list of burials in Orange County in the near future.

I attended the SUVCW 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California from August 9th to the 11th. Brothers Glen Roosevelt, Joe Hart, Doc Lutes, Terry Shaw, and George Dore also attended. I had a great time meeting other Brothers from around our nation (and Canada), and I got to experience the entire Encampment to see how it all works. I got to meet many of the ladies from the Allied Orders which were also in attendance for their Encampments. I was also a delegate, and I was honored to be able to vote on the issues at hand.

I invite all of our members and guests who are able to attend the upcoming SUVCW meeting this Thursday evening at 7:00 PM, September 20th.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Charles Beal, Camp Commander

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2012 Appointed Officers:

Scott McKee - Chaplain, 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, Charles Beal - Historian, Glen Roosevelt - Newsletter Editor - Signals Officer - GAR Highway Officer.

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

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

Brother John Hardie Heckman



John was born May 12th, 1927 in Portland, Oregon, a long time resident of Lakewood, California, who moved to Huntington Beach in 1998. He died Saturday, July 28th, 2012 in Long Beach from dementia and heart disease.

John was a WWII veteran, worked at General Motors South Gate until its closing, followed by Advance Mechanical, and then worked for Boeing.

He was a very organized person and loved to be "in charge". This was evident in his many volunteer activities like the Lakewood Spartans Girls Track Club, Indian Guides, City of Lakewood Planning Commission, Mayfair High School Band Boosters and his final duties as President of Tamarack Beach Resort Vacation Owners in Carlsbad, California.

He was a proud civil engineering graduate of USC and was a true Trojan. If the cardinal and gold were winning then it was a good day in the Heckman house!

John enjoyed puzzles, senior softball, blackjack, his beautiful roses and being a part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Most of all John loved his family and America. He was very patriotic.

John is survived by his wife, Phyllis of 58 years; daughter, Terry Heckman Leone, (Paul Leone); son, Pete Heckman, (Jennifer Roche Heckman); and 3 grandchildren, Danielle Leone, Nicholas Leone and Diane Heckman.

John's three favorite places were Bora Bora, Maui Hawaii, and Yuma, Arizona. He was lucky enough to have visited all three.

The family loves and misses you and know you are in Heaven on a balcony with a view of the ocean and a basket of fish and chips!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to the Civil War Trust.

Our Brother will be truly missed from our meetings and events.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

A general Civil War reenactment schedule is at:

<http://www.forttejon.org/> 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 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 <<http://www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org>>

Santa Ana High School JROTC Awards

Camp 17 Chaplain and American Legion/VFW member Scott McKee, and Camp Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw attended the Santa Ana High School Pass-In-Review and Awards Ceremony on May 23, 2012. The SUVCW Award recipient was Cadet/PO1 Jonathan Correa. Terry Shaw presented the SUVCW Award, and Scott McKee presented awards for both the American Legion and VFW.



Top left: Camp 17 Sect.-Treas. Terry Shaw presents SUVCW Award to Cadet/PO1 Jonathan Correa.

Top right: Camp 17 Chaplain Scott McKee assumes his role of VFW Commander to present a VFW Award.

Middle left: Camp 17 Chaplain Scott McKee assumes his other role of American Legion Commander to present two American Legion Awards along with SAHS Senior Military Science Instructor Commander Tom Osseck (USN-Ret.).

Bottom right: Camp 17 Award on behalf of the Department is presented at Edgren High School, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Other High School JROTC Awards

Camp 17 JVC Greg "Doc" Lutes expanded the scope of our Camp awards by presenting at Fullerton High School on May 24 to Army JROTC Cadet Carlos Wright. While there he also acted as presenter for the

Military Order of the Purple Heart of which he is a District Adjutant. Then on May 31, "Doc" attended the Troy High School Navy JROTC Awards program to present our SUVCW Award to Cadet Kyle Liang. Unfortunately, Cadet Liang was not able to make it to school that day, but the award was to be handed on later by Senior Military Science Instructor Allen Stubblefield.

Two other awards were coordinated by DC Glen Roosevelt on behalf of the Department. One went to Cadet/Command Sergeant Major Miguel Guerrero of Paramount High School Army JROTC under command of Colonel Robert Guild (US Army-Ret.). The other was a very far off request that came from MSgt. Joy C. L. Bryan, (USAF-Ret.), Aerospace Science Instructor at Edgren High School, Misawa AB, Japan. This award was presented by Lt. Col. Ted Ball to Cadet Airman First Class Natasha Weimer.



September 2012 Photo Highlights
Huntington Beach Civil War Weekend, Sept. 1-2, 2012



Photos:

Top left: Camp 17 Brothers Beal, Shaw, Hart, and Roosevelt at the Camp 17 display.

Top right: Our DUVCW Tent 88 Sisters were our neighbors.

Middle left: Brother John Heckman still occupied his usual seat in spirit "The Vacant Chair".

Middle right: Brother DeLoy Baker's children, Yasmine and Zakariya Baker check out the field artillery.

Bottom left: Zakariya and Yasmine meet President Lincoln (Camp 21 Associate member Bill Peck).

Bottom right: Brother DeLoy Baker captures the meaning of muzzle blast.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – May 17, 2012 Tustin, CA

7:15 Call to order by Commander Charles Beal.

Brothers present: Charles Beal, Danny Cox, Marcus Deemer, Greg “Doc” Lutes, Glen Roosevelt, Terry Shaw, guest Bob Deemer, and applicant George Dore.

Opening prayer by Greg Lutes.

Pledge of Allegiance by Glen Roosevelt.

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance).

Minutes of meeting of 3-15-12 submitted; motion by Greg Lutes to approve, second by Glen Roosevelt; motion carried (attendance was miss stated in the published minutes and were corrected as follows: DeLoy Baker, Charles Beal, Marcus Deemer, Joe Hart, Glen Roosevelt, and Terry Shaw).

Treasurer Report - by Terry Shaw: balance at 4/30/201 was \$2,061.87, income for March/April was \$470.00 (\$120.00 dues/\$350.00 National Encampment) and expenses totaled \$1,644.07 (including \$600.00 National Encampment - net donation from the Camp for the National Encampment was \$250.00/\$910.00 per capita to Dept. and National) for net expense of \$1,174.07. Year to date income was \$1,430.00, and expense was \$1,716.47 for net year to date expense of \$286.47. Motion by Glen Roosevelt to approve, second by Greg Lutes, motion carried (refer to spreadsheet for further detail).

Report on Brother’s health/in distress:

Glen Roosevelt and Danny Cox indicated that Billy Hampton was still having various health issues. Greg Lutes’ father-in-law was out of the hospital however his mother-in-law was in now. Joe Hart was down with a bad cold.

Membership applications:

George Dore submitted his application based on his great-grandfather John Sommers; motion to approve for membership by Glen Roosevelt, second by Terry Shaw, motion carried.

Patriotic Hall update: Glen indicated the target date for occupancy is sometime in September. He also said there was a possible pre-dedication ceremony planned in July due to Colonel Smith’s health.

Grave’s registration: no report.

Civil War Memorials: Charles will be resubmitting the reports previously sent to the Dept.

Eagle Scout Certificates: Jim Blauer absent, however it was reported that eight certificates have been issued.

Santa Ana Cemetery GAR Monument: Commander Beal reported that it had been vandalized. Glen suggested that the Memorial Grant program, which may provide \$1,000.00 for repairs, offered by National be looked into but that there was a short window for applying.

SVR update: no report.

Camp History: no report.

Old Business:

National Encampment ad: Terry Shaw moved that we submit a full page program ad (\$40.00), seconded by Greg Lutes, motion carried.

Tri-City Memorial Day: Glen Roosevelt reminded us that an online vote had been taken to allocate \$50.00 to the Tri-City Memorial Day Committee for Memorial Day expenses and was approved. (The check has since been issued.)

New Business:

Tax Status: Glen passed out "Opinion IV", handed down through National, which indicated that donations to the Department and local camps were not tax deductible however donations to National were still deductible.

Memorial Day wreath: Charles brought up discussion for funding for a wreath. Glen Roosevelt moved we spend \$62.50, seconded by Greg Lutes, motion carried. The total cost (\$125) will be shared by DUVCW.

Memorial Day Ceremonies, etc:

Charles announced that flag placement would take place at Santa Ana Cemetery on Saturday May 26 at 8:00 am.

Terry indicated he would be attend the ceremony at Harbor Lawn in Costa Mesa.

Glen indicated that PCC Paul Gillette may do a cemetery walk at Magnolia Cemetery in Garden Grove.

Danny spoke of his ancestor John Logan and the ceremonies at Murfeesboro Cemetery, IL.

Glen announced Armed Forces Day this weekend (May 19).

Glen encouraged all to go to Camp 2's website for upcoming events.

Charles reminded all about the Huntington Beach Civil War Days coming up Labor Day weekend.

Discussion took place on having a July 19 meeting due to the National Encampment coming up.

Good of the order:

Terry & Glen thanked those that helped out with the Camp booth at the "Battle of Costa Mesa" reenactment on April 15. Good event and weather. Glen, Greg and Terry attended and Charles and Greg loaned memorabilia for display.

George inquired about the SVR and Glen explained it function.

Glen visited the MCRD-San Diego treatment facility for injured Marines. It is named after Camp 18 Brother Ken Walker's son, Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker who was killed in action at Ramadi, Iraq in 2004.

Ft. MacArthur Days in San Pedro on July 7 & 8 was mentioned.

Glen announced that JROTC awards would take place Santa Ana High School on May 23, and Fullerton High School on May 24 and asked for volunteers to present our awards.

8:25 - closing prayer by Greg Lutes

Adjourn to possible July 19, 2012 meeting (otherwise Sept. 20) by Charles Beal.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Terry Shaw

Secretary-Treasurer

Note: The July 19, 2012 meeting was conducted informally at the Santa Ana Veterans Hall; and the only subject discussed was information about the upcoming National Encampment on August 9-11, 2012. No Minutes were recorded due to the informal nature of the meeting. Attendees were: Glen Roosevelt, Charles Beal, Joe Hart, Doc Lutes, Walter Davis, George Dore, Scott McKee, Terry Shaw, and John Roeder (potential member).



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General Order # 4 (Series 2012-2013)
18 September 2012

At the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Los Angeles 9-11 August, 2012, at which quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

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As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2013 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders (not later than November 30, 2012) on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

Ordered this 18th Day of September 2012

Perley E. Mellor
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest

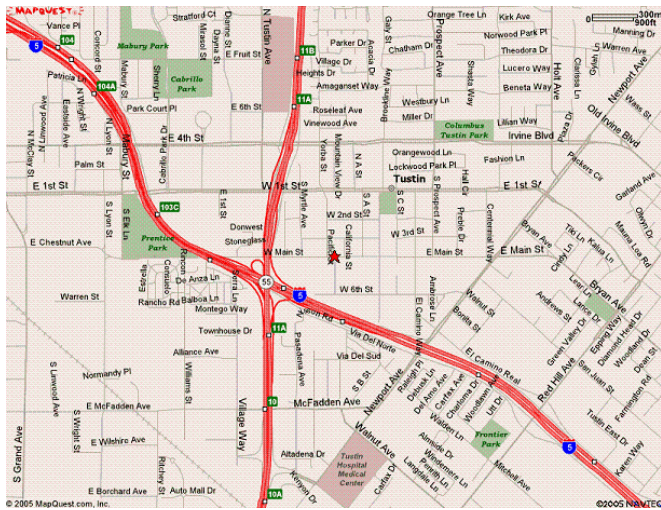
Eugene G. Mortorff
Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012 at 7:00pm

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

***Presentation Program:
Review of 2012 National Encampment
Presented by Glen Roosevelt – Dept. Commander***



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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