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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp No. 17, Santa Ana Orange County, California Vol. 2012-No. 4: Sep.-Nov. 2012



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

The 2013 officers for Camp 17 will be elected at the November 15, 2012 meeting. The nominations for elected offices will be for Commander, Senior Vice-Commander, Junior Vice-Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Camp Council members. Please be prepared to present any officer nominations from the floor of the meeting. The following Brothers are hereby announced as candidates; Charles Beal as Commander, Joe Hart as SVC, "Doc" Lutes as JVC, and Terry Shaw as Secretary-Treasurer. The Camp Council is currently made up of James Blauer, Don Hoffer, and Dan Henry; and these offices are up for reelection also.

The 2012 appointed officers have been; John Dodd as Counselor, James Blauer as Patriotic Instructor and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Scott McKee as Chaplain, Charles Beal as Historian, Glen Roosevelt as Newsletter Editor and Signals Officer, Charles Beal as Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, Don Hoffer as the Guide, Peter Ignatius as the Color Bearer and Guard, and the GAR Highway Officer has been Glen Roosevelt. The newly elected 2013 Camp Commander will select the appointed officers for 2013, and they will be announced at the January 17, 2013 Officer Installation meeting.



Please attend the November 15th meeting and help elect our 2013 officers



VETERANS DAY GIVES THANKS TO ALL OUR VETERANS

Camp 17 Brothers participated in various Veterans Day events throughout the County on November 10-12. PCC Dan Henry attended the Old Town Yorba Linda Fiesta and Veterans Day observance, ran off to his SAR meeting, and then came back to staff at booth in Yorba Linda. "Doc" Lutes did real Veterans Day duty by helping out with activities at the Long Beach VA Hospital. No doubt many other of our Brothers helped to honor our veterans (and their own) service over the weekend. The City of Anaheim ceremony included the Marine Corps birthday celebration along with a salute to our veterans



A wreath is laid at a veterans memorial on the Center Street Promenade Saturday during Anaheim's Veterans Day Ceremony. ROD VEAL, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

The Color Guard of Sons of the American Revolution led off the 23rd annual Veterans Day event at El Toro Memorial Park. ANA VENEGAS, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

In late September I met with Tim Deutsch of the Orange County Cemetery District (OCCD) regarding the Soldiers' Monument at Santa Ana Cemetery. Tim said that the OCCD would take the lead in restoring the Soldiers' Monument that was damaged earlier this year by vandals. We extend many thanks to the OCCD for their help in restoring this Monument that is over 97 years old.

Recently the OCCD put me in touch with a descendant of a Confederate Civil War Veteran buried at Santa Ana Cemetery in an unmarked grave. With the help of Margaret Alley (DCV) we are assisting this descendant to honor his Civil War ancestor who died here while visiting in Santa Ana in June 1905.

OCCD has also posted a video for Memorial Day 2012 clips taken at Anaheim Cemetery, El Toro Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery at: <u>http://youtu.be/q2k109URpT0</u>. Included in the video at Santa

Ana Cemetery location is Joann Knowles (DUVCW) and me carrying a Memorial Day wreath, and our Camp Brothers in their SAR uniforms are also included in this 10-1/2 minute video. I will bring copies of the video on DVD disk to our Camp meeting to pass out.

Remembrance Day is coming up this month at Drum Barracks in the City of Wilmington on November 17th (Saturday) at 2:00 pm. This event is sponsored by General W.S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2.

I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting at 7:00 PM Thursday, November 15th.



In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Charles Beal, Camp Commander

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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 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

A general Civil War reenactment schedule is at:

http://www.forttejon.org/ Click on the "Events" button on the left of the page.

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 <u>http://www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org</u>*

Wreaths Across America

The Orange County Chapter SAR is participating in a nation-wide wreath laying ceremony along with representatives from the 5 military branches and other hereditary groups on Saturday, December 15th at the Brea Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 455 West Central Avenue, Brea, CA 92821 (Telephone: <u>562.694.6571</u>). The SAR will be laying wreaths at the foot of the Veterans Monument at 9am PST. Hundreds of ceremonies will be occurring simultaneously across the country. We would love to have you participate with us in honoring the memory of our veterans. The Orange County Chapter SAR Lee's Legion Color Guard will be presenting the colors and also sponsoring a wreath. Other color/honor guard units are welcome and encouraged to participate. The ceremony will include presenting the colors, invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and a few words spoken by a dignitary. Wreaths will then be presented by each group at the foot of the veterans' memorial. Please be encouraged to wear military uniforms and society attire with decorations, if possible. Included below is the link to the Wreaths Across America website if you would like to learn more about it and / or sponsor a wreath for the occasion. <u>http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/</u>

Wreaths are \$15 each and will be delivered and waiting for you at the cemetery the morning of the 15th. Sponsoring a wreath is not a requirement for participation. However, if you would like to sponsor a wreath, you may contact the WWA Location Leader for the Brea Cemetery, Jim Tucker. Jim can be reached at <u>Realtorjim@gmail.com</u> or by telephone at <u>714.222.0417</u>, and provide you with the information needed. The final day for ordering is November 26th. Camp 17 Brother Jim Fosdyck is leader of the SAR Color Guard.

Camp 2 SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Event Civil War in California – September 1862 Drum Barracks Anniversary Day & Museum Birthday USMC Guard Co.-SVR Naval Landing Party Display

A combined Camp effort of Camps 2, 17, 18, and 21 helped to make the Camp 2 and Auxiliary Sesquicentennial Signature Event at Drum Barracks Civil War Museum a hit on September 22, 2012. The event was developed and coordinated by Camp 2 Commander Loran Bures and Auxiliary No. 2 along with the Drum Barracks Museum staff. The event featured many activities, programs, demonstrations and information focusing on California's participation in the Civil War of that era. Blacksmith Ken Kurtz returned and hammered out some impressive hardware. A special display of California memorabilia was provided by Michael Sorenson and Earl Robinson. Milliners from the Rosecrans Auxiliary provided hat making information and material, and allowed young ladies to make their own hat for a small fee. Camp 2 Commander Bures assisted with locating visitor's surnames in genealogical sites on his computer to find out about their own Civil War history.

SVR members from Camps 2, 17, 18, and 21 represented the Army, Navy and Marines to explain their participation in the California events of 1862.



Left: (L to R) Camp 18 Commander Rich Burns, DC Roosevelt, Marine Guard C.O. Rudy Velasco, Camp 17 JVC "Doc" Lutes, and Camp 2 Brother Andrew Brown at the Naval Landing Party display. "Doc" Lutes and Landsman Brown signed up for the Marine SVR unit at the event. Right: The Marine-Navy Guard along with Camp 21 Commander Jerry Sayre retire after raising the colors.

A Postcard from the Past

Commander Beal been has successful in bidding on another old postcard from Santa Ana. The postcard was mailed on May 4, 1908 from Santa Ana to Mr. Emmett Daly in Martinez, CA. It is from the period that the 41st Annual Department of California & Nevada GAR Encampment along with Allied Orders was held in Santa Ana from April 8-10, 1908. The patriotic postcard was taken in front of the Parke S. Roper Book Store located at 210 W. Fourth Street in Santa Ana.



Charles Beal Acquires Rare Southern California Veterans Association Badge

Camp Commander Beal has acquired a rare Southern California Veterans' Association (SCVA) badge to add to his collection. The SCVA was originated by the Grand Army of the Republic Camps in southern California in August 1888. The first annual encampment was held at Anaheim Landing (near modern Seal Beach) on August 8-18, 1888; and was financed largely by the members of the Dan Bidwell GAR Post 140 of Norwalk, California. It was known as "The Seventh Inspection District Encampment of California", and continued to exist under that name until the Sixth Annual Encampment held at Santa Barbara in 1893, when

it was changed to the Southern California Veterans' Association. The badge of the Association was adopted at the 1893 Encampment.

The SCVA gave its membership criteria as. "All honorably discharged Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Civil War, Spanish War, Mexican War, or of the regular army, their sons and grandsons are eligible to membership."

During the 13th Annual Encampment "Camp Fairchild" held at Long Beach in September 1900, the following resolution was adopted, "Defining the status of the Sons of Veterans; whereas, the Sons of



Veterans, as an organization, have never been recognized by the Southern

California Veterans' Association, and as our lineal descendants they are to fill our places and perpetuate our memory after we have answered the final roll call. Therefore be it resolved that hereafter the Sons of Veterans organization shall be recognized and adopted as a true and lawful auxiliary of our association and that they be accorded duties and prerogatives as follows: First, that the officer of the guard of this association shall be from their organization and elected by them; second, that under him shall be placed the active guard duty of the camp during our annual encampments, guards to be selected from the Sons of Veterans association; third, that they be given the left of the line in all marches and parades in which the parent organization participates and indulges.'

The SCVA held their encampments in August or September for ten days at various locations in Southern California from 1893 through 1937. SCVA Encampments were held at Huntington Beach, California from 1905 through 1923. The last fourteen encampments were conducted at Pacific Palisades.



The photo at the left is one in a collection of photos found by Charles Beal believed to be from the 1888 Encampment at Anaheim Landing. That was the first encampment of what became the SCVA Encampments.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Minutes of Meeting – Sept. 20, 2012 Tustin, CA

7:05 Call to order by Commander Charles Beal

Brothers present: DeLoy Baker, Charles Beal, James "Jim" Blauer, Walter Davis, Marcus Deemer, George Dore, Joe Hart, Donald Hoffer, Greg "Doc" Lutes, Scott McKee, Glen Roosevelt, and Terry Shaw.

Opening prayer by Chaplain Scott McKee.

Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Blauer.

Commander Beal referred to National General Order No. 4 in the newsletter, which amends the National Constitution preamble to include the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service as a result of a vote taken at the National Encampment in August 2012. The change must be ratified by all Departments.

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance).

Minutes of meeting of 5-17-12 submitted; motion by Joe Hart to approve, second by Scott McKee; motion carried. It was noted that a 7-19-12 informal meeting was conducted without Minutes taken.

Treasurer report - by Terry Shaw: balance at 8/31/2012 was \$1,964.87, income for May-August was \$100.00 (dues) and expenses totaled \$197.00 (various) for net expense of \$97.00. Year to date income was \$1,530.00 and expense was \$1,913.47 for net year-to-date expense of \$383.47. Motion by Joe Hart to approve, second by Greg Lutes, motion carried (refer to submitted spreadsheet for further detail).

Report on Brother's health/in distress:

John Heckman's passing and memorial service was referred to in the newsletter. Billy Hampton's current health status was not known.

Membership applications:

Dwayne McKnight (not present) submitted his application based on his third great grand uncle John D. Reasner. Motion to approve for membership by Glen Roosevelt, second by Joe Hart, motion carried. Brother George Dore was presented with his membership certificate.

Patriotic Hall update: Glen indicated construction may be finished by year end, they are determining allocation of space to potential users and they ran into issues with the parking lot.

Grave's registration: Charles is checking into potential new sites, he referred to the Commander's Corner in the newsletter regarding the recently acquired list of graves compiled by old Santa Ana Camp 12 Commander Roy Kelshner.

Civil War Memorials: no report.

Eagle Scout Certificates: Jim Blauer indicated it has been a slow year, due to his move mail was returned to sending parties and not forwarded to him and there has been personnel turnover at the Boy Scout Council.

Newsletter: articles on the National Encampment, upcoming events and JROTC awards were referred to.

SVR update: Glen indicated that Will Tisch is the new Commander of the Sixth District, replacing Dave

Allyn; Joe Marti is the new Public Information Officer; he further indicated that the SVR/Marine Corps Guard will participate at the Drum Barracks Anniversary Day and Museum Birthday on Sept. 22. Doc is signing up to be the SVR medic and Camp 2 PCC Tom Chumley's stepson Andrew Brown signed on as a Navy landsman.

Camp History: no report.

Old Business:

Santa Ana Cemetery GAR monument: Glen indicated that the Memorial Grant program window had been closed; suggested we contact cemetery regarding needed restoration.

28th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference was announced by Charles to be held November 2-4 in Costa Mesa at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Joe spoke highly of the event.

New Business: none.

Good of the order:

Walter Davis indicated that the 150th anniversary of Antietam and the 225th anniversary of the --U.S. Constitution were marked on Sept. 17. He also mentioned that the 1940 census was available on the internet. Joe indicated that we obtained contact information on eight persons of interest at the Huntington Beach Labor Day weekend reenactment, two of which looked like good prospects to join the Camp. Joann Knowles, of the DUVCW and Civil War Round Table, expounded on the West Coast Conference discussed earlier. The conference topic will be 1862.

Charles reviewed materials from the National Encampment. Glen indicated that next year's National Encampment will be held near Milwaukee, WI. Glen announced that he still has this year's Encampment medals and mugs available for sale.

Charles indicated he had purchased a SoCal Veterans Assoc. badge from an encampment in Huntington Beach and a 1908 postcard of a store front in Santa Ana with a GAR star displayed from Ebay. Jim Blauer suggested that an Angel game opening be looked into with him singing the National Anthem and the SVR Color Guard participating.

8:15 - closing prayer by Scott Mckee. Adjourn to November 15, 2012 meeting by Charles Beal

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

Brother George Dore Receives Member Certificate

Brother George Dore was presented with his membership certificate at the September 17 meeting. His ancestor was Private John Sommers, his great-grandfather. He served in the 3rd Maryland Cavalry, Co. K; and was mustered in Nov. 27, 1863 at age 18. He was mustered out Sept. 7, 1865 at Vicksburg, MS. Sommers was paid a \$25.00 bounty on muster-in.

Brother Dore was recruited by Chaplain Scott McKee at the Santa Ana VFW / American Legion. *Welcome aboard*!



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SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, First Advent Christian Church 555 W. Main St. (corner of Main & Pacific), Tustin, CA



2013 Camp Officer Elections





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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