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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 *Dedicated to the Memory of Grand Army of the Republic Veterans* **Gen. Gordon Granger**
and the G.A.R. Posts of Orange County

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Camp Commander Beal Locates More Union Veteran Graves From Genealogical Society and Old Real Son's Lists

Camp 17 Commander Charles Beal has been working with the Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS) in locating more than 60 additional Civil War veteran graves in Orange County. The OCCGS is digging deeper into the 1910 U.S. Census records (a person stated what war they served in on the census) and other local records and Internet searches for GAR members in Orange County, and the OCCGS is coming up with additional graves. A burial list created by Real Son Roy Kelchner, last Commander of old SUVCW Camp #12 of Santa Ana, that was given to Glen Roosevelt last summer by Roy's son Don has also added many more additional graves. A link to biographies on the Civil War veterans buried in Orange County that the OCCGS is working on as a project (work in progress) is: http://ocgs.com/projects/civil_war/cw_index.html. Currently they are up to about the letter "D" of the last names.

Charles has been spending some of his weekends photographing and obtaining GPS coordinates on the new graves. He recently added another 2 new graves that he found on his wondering at Santa Ana Cemetery looking for other new graves. In addition, he is also helping OCCGS locate Spanish American War and WWI veteran graves for their future projects.

A new upright Civil War Monument was installed at Santa Ana Cemetery last month for Confederate Civil War veteran, George Taylor Stephenson. Charles helped assist the descendants who live in Texas to fulfill their dream of recognizing their Civil War ancestor who died in Santa Ana while visiting in 1905.



Photos: Left; The new marker installed for CSA veteran George Taylor Stephenson. **Right;** The marker of Thomas W. Rule (124th IL Inf. & 33rd US Inf.) was vandalized and broken in 2002, but has now been repaired. – C. Beal

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

It's been just over a year later since the Soldiers' Monument at Santa Ana Cemetery was vandalized, the 98-year old restored Soldiers' Monument is in place for Memorial Day 2013. There will be a place in the program regarding a few words about the Soldiers' Monument by the DUVCW. There will be Civil War cannons and a drum/fifer as part of the program. The ceremony starts at 10:00 am at Santa Ana Cemetery, Monday, May 27th.

Also, we help assist the Brownies & Girl Scouts in placing U.S. Flags on the veteran's graves on Saturday, May 25th. If you are interested to help out, we meet in front of the Santa Ana Cemetery office at 8:00 am, and it usually takes about 2 hours to decorate the graves with flags.

I invite all of our members and guests who are able to attend the upcoming Camp 17 meeting this Thursday evening, May 16th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss upcoming Memorial Day activities; and we have a guest speaker, Claire Kyllingstad, who will talk about her book that she published on the diary of her Civil War ancestor.

Don't forget to bring any items you wish to donate to the Camp raffle. The raffle in March netted the Camp around \$83.00. Thank you to Don Hoffer for helping to bring back the raffle!

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

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2013 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.

Department of California & Pacific Website <http://www.suvcw.org>

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

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

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.

Camp 17 at "Battle of Costa Mesa" ACWS Civil War Reenactment

Camp 17 set up a display booth on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa. The display was arranged and commanded by Camp 17 Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw who is also an officer in the Costa Mesa Historical Society. Camp 17 SVC Joe Hart and PCC-PDC Glen Roosevelt helped staff the booth. The weather was perfect, and the location on the bluffs overlooking the Santa Ana River provided an excellent venue. The display featured information on the Huntington Beach GAR Encampments from 1905-1923; and also information on Civil War veteran James Talbert who founded Fountain Valley (originally named Talbert) who is buried in nearby Good Shepherd Cemetery, and Charles Chappell who was the last Union Civil War veteran buried in Orange County at Westminster Cemetery. The display booths of the Orange County Civil War Roundtable and DUVCW Tent 88 were close at hand.



Photos: Top left; Brothers Roosevelt, Hart, and Shaw man the booth at Costa Mesa. Top right; PCC. Roosevelt tries to recruit Dennis Smith while President Abraham Lincoln (Brother Bill Peck of Camp 21) looks on. Bottom left; OCCWRT members chat with the world's tallest Zouave. Bottom right; Terry tried to recruit this little fellow over to the Blue side, but he was just fiddlin' around.

Photos -T. Shaw



JROTC Awards to be Presented in May

Camp 17 has been requested to present four JROTC awards during this month. The first award was already presented on May 7 to Cadet Airman Justice Smith at Edgren High School at Misawa Air Force Base in Japan. The next presentation will be on May 16 at Fullerton High School to Army JROTC Cadet Eric Garcia who is the Marksmanship Team Assistant Commander and a scholar-athlete. Former Camp 17 Brother Jim Fosdyck will do the honors of the presentation while the Camp is in meeting. Awards will be given out at two ceremonies on Tuesday, May 21 at the Santa Ana High School Navy JROTC program, and at the same time at the Buena Park High School Air Force JROTC Awards Ceremony. We salute all these young deserving recipients and their JROTC instructors.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – March 21, 2013 Tustin, CA

7:07 Call to order by Commander Charles Beal

Brothers present: Charles Beal, James “Jim” Blauer, Walter Davis, Marcus Deemer, Joe Hart, Donald Hoffer, Scott McKee, Glen Roosevelt, Terry Shaw, and guests: Art Scully (Camp 9), Steven Demory (Camp 2), and speaker Steve Lund.

Opening prayer by Scott McKee

Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Blauer

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance)

Minutes of meeting of 1-17-13 submitted; motion by Walter Davis to approve, second by Jim Blauer; motion carried .

Treasurer Report - by Terry Shaw: balance at 2/28/2013 was \$1,842.29, income for Jan-Feb. was none (however \$1,320.00 dues had been collected and were pending deposit), and expenses totaled \$79.20 for net expense of \$79.20. Year to date income was \$0.00 and expense was \$79.20 for net year-to-date expense of \$79.20. Motion by Joe Hart to approve, second by Glen Roosevelt, motion carried. (Refer to spreadsheet for further detail)

Commander Beal reviewed General Orders issued by National and Department and incorporated herein by reference.

Report on Brother’s health/in distress:

Marcus Deemer reported that his brother, Bob, passed away Jan. 17.

Charles reported that his family and Mother face on going issues as a result of her stroke.

Glen reported that Doc Lutes was suffering a respiratory infection and there was a death in the family.

Charles had recovered from a severe bout of flu.

Jim was present with us after continuing recovering from a heart attack.

Membership applications: Brother Art Scully of Camp 9, which is in the process of dissolving, recently moved to Orange County and was interested in transferring to Camp 17.

Old Business:

Battle of Costa Mesa reenactment would be held 4/20-21 and Terry requested help in manning a display booth on Sunday 4/21.

Memorial Day: Charles indicated it was a work in progress.

Civil War Memorials: Charles reported that the Eagle Monument restoration at Santa Ana Cemetery is finished.

Graves Registration: Charles reported that a headstone has been ordered for Confederate veteran George Stevenson at Santa Ana Cemetery.

Patriotic Hall: Glen reported that the L.A. Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs was scheduled to move in May. Contract with curator to sort and recommend display items from the artifacts collection is to start by May 1. Glen is to work on team.

Department Encampment: Glen reported that three from our Camp attended (Glen, Joe and Terry). Joe Hart presented the Camp report – see newsletter for more.

National Encampment: Glen reported that a final audit for the 2012 National Encampment was pending but preliminary numbers show an approximately \$8,000.00 surplus; operating income showed a loss of \$900.00 but fund-raiser items raised the income to \$1,300.00. Significant targeted donations created the surplus which may be returned to donors or otherwise directed by the Department Encampment.

Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage was attended by Camp 17 Brother Michael Hicks and Camp 18 Brother Ken Walker who acted as an honor guard.

George Washington Massing of the Colors: Glen was ill and could not attend, and there was no SVR representation. Also Jim Blauer was still recovering from his heart attack and did not attend to sing the National Anthem as he usually does.

St. Catherine's Civil War Weekend: three of us (Glen, Joe and Terry) manned a booth – see newsletter for additional information.

Website payment: Charles initiated discussion of payment for our website to the Dept. Walter moved that we pay \$25.00; seconded by Joe and passed.

Raffle: starts tonight, Don selling tickets. The proceeds were \$83.00.

New Business:

Tri-City Memorial Day Service: Charles and Scott said no donation is needed. The 150th anniversary of Gettysburg will be commemorated along with the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, and the Eagle Monument will be rededicated. Glen suggested that the Eagle Monument be rededicated in 2015 on its 100th anniversary, and current Iraq-Afghanistan veterans be acknowledged at this time.

For the good of the order:

Flag placement: Charles indicated flags will be placed on veterans' graves at 08:00 on Saturday May 25 at Santa Ana Cemetery.

May 16 Camp meeting program: Joe announced the speaker will be Tent 88 DUV Claire Winder Kyllingstad presenting her book "Out of Ricketts Battery...The Civil War Diary of Hiram Pidcoe".

Scott announced that his son, Brother Ed McKee, was now a PFC in the US Marines (Reserve) assigned to a artillery unit and was planning to apply to LAPD in 2014.

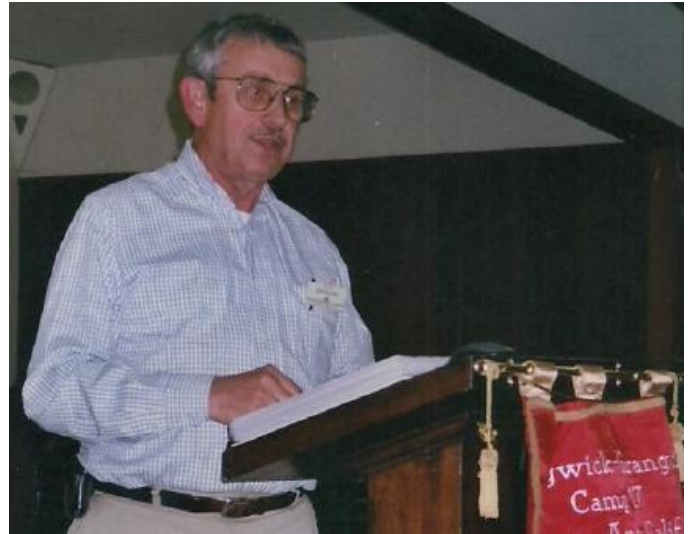
Upcoming events: all were encouraged to refer to the newsletter.

7:50 - closing prayer by Scott McKee.
Adjourn to May 16, 2013 meeting by Charles Beal.
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Terry Shaw, Secretary-Treasurer

Civil War Ironclad Presentation at March 21, 2013 Meeting

The presentation at our March 21 Camp meeting was one of the best ever. Great thanks to SVC Joe Hart for arranging our speaker, but most of all thanks to Mr. Steve Lund for his outstanding discussion and display of ironclad vessels from the Civil War. Steve explained how the innovations of the ironclads changed the nature of naval warfare throughout the world. Besides the obvious and famous designs and the battle of the Merrimac (CSS Virginia) and the Monitor, there were many more ironclads whose concepts led to the dreadnoughts of the future navies.

Mr. Lund also left us with the tempting information that the remains of the first Civil War ironclad on the west coast, the Camanche, lies within easy view in the shallow waters of Alameda Bay in northern California. Steve suggests that all is needed is some entity to step forward to spearhead a project to retrieve and preserve the remains of this historic vessel.



Photos: Top; Steve Lund starts his presentation. **Middle Left:** Three of Steve's amazing ironclad models. The Camanche is the model on the left with a photo of it in dry dock at Mare Island Navy Yard. **Middle Right;** A display board showing some of the comparisons between USN and CSN ironclads. **Bottom:** Steve points out the features of the innovative Erickson engine used in the USN ironclads. Photos-J. Blauer.

Tri-City Memorial Day Observance **at** **Santa Ana Cemetery**

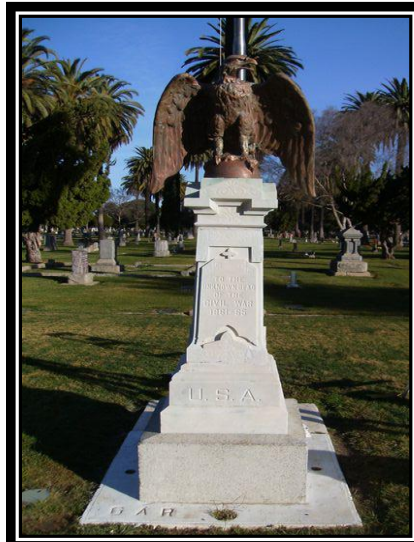
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Monday May 27, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

1919 Santa Clara Ave

Santa Ana, California 92701



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The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

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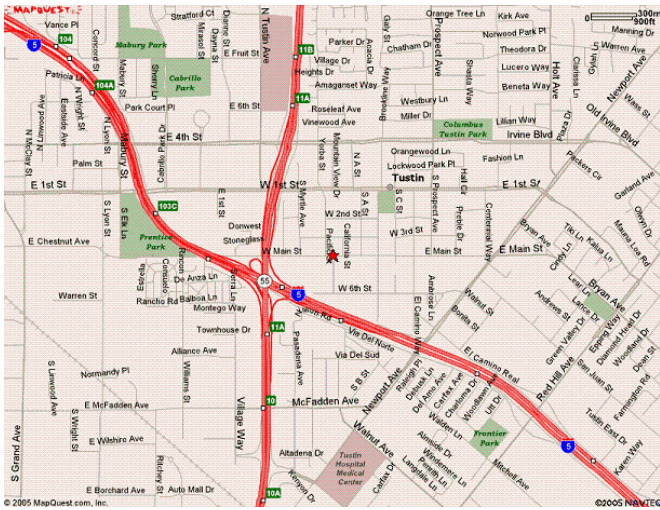
Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00pm

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

Presentation:

**Tent 88 DUV Claire Winder Kyllingstad presenting her book,
"Out of Ricketts Battery...The Civil War Diary of Hiram Pidcoe".**

This excellent self-published full-color illustrated book by Claire will be for sale at the meeting.



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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Camp 17 Fund-Raising Raffle Continues at May 16 Meeting!

