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



Vol. 2015-No. 1: Dec. 2014-Jan. 2015

*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 Election for 2015 Officers Held November 20 – Installation on Jan. 17

The 2015 officers for Camp 17 were elected at the November 20, 2014 meeting. The nominations for elected offices were for the re-election of our 2014 officers; Joe Hart as Commander, “Doc” Lutes as SVC, George Dore as JVC, and Terry Shaw as Secretary-Treasurer. The Camp Council was elected as made up of Charles Beal, Dan Henry, and Glen Roosevelt who was appointed by Commander Hart later.

The 2015 appointed officers have also been reappointed with a couple changes by Commander Hart as; John Dodd as Counselor, Dan Henry as Patriotic Instructor, James Blauer as 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, Cole Zehnder as the Color Bearer and Guard, and the GAR Highway Officer is Glen Roosevelt. The newly elected 2015 Camp officers and the appointed officers will be installed at the January 17, 2015 multi-Camp Installation meeting at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. The meeting will be hosted by Camp 2; and will include installation of officers for Camps 2, 17, and 18. Department Commander Tim Reese from Lincoln Camp 10 in Monterey will preside over the Officer Installations.

***Please attend the Saturday, January 17th meeting at BHPH,
and help install our 2015 officers, and welcome Cmdr. Reese.***



Please bring your 2015 Dues to the meeting!

Greetings and Happy New Year Camp 17 Brothers:

This is your annual notice that your 2015 Camp 17 dues are now payable. They are \$40.00 per calendar year, *January thru December*. We kindly ask that you remit your dues payment back to me by January 31, 2015 so we can submit our required reports and roster to the Department by February 15, 2015. Please make your check payable to: *Sons of Union Veterans Camp 17*, and note that it is for the 2015 dues.

Due to the fact that we are not a standalone organization and that all changes in membership need to be reported to our Department and ultimately to National Headquarters within required deadlines, it is much appreciated if you respond to this in a timely manner.

Also, please send me any corrections to e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, change of address, etc. with your dues payment and throughout the year as they occur.

Many thanks in advance

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Terry Shaw - Secretary-Treasurer

Gen. Sedgwick-Granger, Camp #17

420 Bernard St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2059

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Happy Christmas & Holiday season.

2015's Officers' swearing in ceremony will be held, along with other SoCal Camps at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles on Saturday, January 17th at Noon. Tim Reese, Department Commander will preside over the ceremonies. Please bring/send in your 2015 dues.

We'll be celebrating the 11th Anniversary of our Camp 17 at our March meeting, with cake, cookies & beverages at our regular Tustin meeting place. We have many and varied activities for 2015, to include Memorial Day Ceremonies, Civil War Days, JROTC awards, and other Patriotic & Civic opportunities for you to participate in. The activities and events are educational & very rewarding- some would say FUN!

Civil War Trivia will continue with our March Newsletter.

*In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Joseph L. Hart, Camp Commander*

Editors Note: Unfortunately, Commander Hart will not be able to attend the January 17 meeting due to a family commitment. He sends his regrets to all our Camp Brothers.

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2015 Camp Officers' Addresses and Contact Information

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Jr. Vice Cmdr., George Dore: 2731 N. Berkeley, Orange, CA 92865

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Secretary-Treasurer, Terry Shaw: 420 Bernard St, Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2059

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Newsletter Editor, Glen Roosevelt: Tustin, CA

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Camp Council: Charles Beal, Dan Henry, and Glen Roosevelt

2015 Appointed Officers:

Scott McKee - Chaplain, John Dodd – Counselor, Dan Henry - Patriotic Instructor, James Blauer - Eagle Scout Coordinator, Charles Beal - Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, Don Hoffer - Guide, Cole Zehnder – Color Bearer, Charles Beal - Historian, Glen Roosevelt - Newsletter Editor - Signals Officer - GAR Highway Officer.

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

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

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

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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

Two general Civil War reenactment schedules are at:

<http://www.forttejon.org/> Click on the “Events” button on the left of the page.
and

<HTTP://WWW.ACWS.NET/SCHEDULE.HTM>

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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>

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Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage & Lincoln Shrine Open House

Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10:00AM & Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015 at 12:00 – 3:00PM

<http://www.bsa-ciec.org/event/lincoln-pilgrimage-2015/1650364>

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George Washington Massing of Colors at Forest Lawn – Hollywood Hills

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015 at 3:00PM

<http://www.sons-of-liberty-sar.org/index.php/events/massing-of-the-colors>

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★★★ 129th Annual SUVCW Department Encampment ★★★

Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7, 2015

at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95814

<http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>

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Wreaths Across America

Camp 17 Brothers from the Orange County Chapter SAR participated in Sixth Annual Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 15th at the Brea Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The SAR and Camp 17 members laid wreaths at the foot of the Veterans Monument at 9am PST. Hundreds of ceremonies were occurring simultaneously across the country. The California Society SAR Color Guard, led by former Camp 17 Brother Jim Fosdyck, presented the colors and also sponsored a wreath. The ceremony included presenting the colors, invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem sung by Camp 17 Brother Jim Blauer. Wreaths were also presented by Camp 17 Past Commander Charles Beal on behalf of the Camp, and by DUVCW Tent 88 by Tent President Charline Gunderman. Camp 17 Counselor John Dodd

on behalf of the SAR was the master of ceremonies. The guest speaker was Elaine Brittain, Saddleback Valley Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers. A 28-minute video of the ceremony may be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLpi55d133E> .



Top Left: Camp 17 Counselor John Dodd was the SAR Emcee for the event **Top Right:** Camp 17 Brother Jim Blauer sang the National Anthem. **Bottom Left:** Camp 17 Past Commander Charles Beal with wreath presentation. **Bottom Right:** Entire patriotic presentation group.



Son of Old Santa Ana SUVCW Camp 12 Passed Away in September 2014

Kelchner, Donald Edwin (1928-2014)

Don Kelchner, passed away on September 8, 2014. Born in Santa Ana, CA to Roy and Mae Kelchner, he grew up with one brother, Robert "Buck" Kelchner. Don's father Leroy Benjamin "Roy" Kelchner was the last Camp Commander of old Santa Ana SUVCW Camp 12, and SUVCW Department Commander in 1965. Roy, a Marine Corps veteran, passed away in 1968; and is buried in Fairview Memorial Park.

Don graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1945. In 1946 he joined the US Army and was honorably discharged as a Technician Fifth Grade in 1948. After the Army, Don attended Santa Ana College and then graduated from UCLA in 1955 with a BA in business. While attending UCLA he was a member of the California Delta chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was married to Rosemarie O'Banion from 1959 to 1981 and they resided in Villa Park, CA where they raised their two sons. Don retired from Rockwell International in 1988 and moved to Lake Havasu City, AZ. He enjoyed spending his last years between Lake Havasu and Carson City, NV. He is survived by son, Darren, wife Lori (Gabany) and their sons, Dalton and Austin of Scottsdale, AZ; son, Matthew, wife Marilyn (DeLuca) and their son Jake and daughter Joelle of Santee, CA. His burial was private at the Santa Ana Cemetery with a gathering of his family and friends. Don graciously provided old records of Camp 12 and Sedgwick GAR Post 17 to us in 2003 that had been saved by his father, and then by him for years in his garage in Havasu City.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – Nov. 20, 2014 Tustin, CA

7:05 Call to order by Commander Joseph Hart

Brothers present: Charles Beal, Joseph Boyer, George Dore, Joseph Hart, Donald Hoffer, Glen Roosevelt, Arthur Scully, Terry Shaw, and Cole Zehnder.

Opening prayer by JVC George Dore.

Pledge of Allegiance by Art Scully.

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance).

Minutes of meeting of 9-18-14 submitted by Glen Roosevelt; motion by Charles Beal to approve, second by George Dore; motion carried.

Treasurer Report - by Terry Shaw: balance at 10/31/2014 was \$2,766.06, income for Sept.-Oct. was \$0.00, and expenses totaled \$20.00 for net loss of \$20.00. YTD income was \$1,567.00 and expense was \$1,259.30 for YTD net income of \$307.70. Motion by Glen Roosevelt to approve, second by George Dore, motion carried.

Report on Brother's health/in distress:

Greg Lutes was visiting ill mother-in-law in Maine.

Charles reported his wife was visiting ill mother in Kingman, AZ.

Glen reported that Scott McKee's friend, Joanne Langlais from the Veterans Hall had passed away. Service to be held 11/26/14 at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Membership applications: none.

Old and Ongoing Business: none.

New Business:

Discussion took place about moving the January meeting to the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall on 1/17/15 for a joint installation ceremony with other southern California Camps. Motion make by George Dore to do so, and second by Charles Beal, motion carried.

Charles announced that Wreaths Across America would take place on 12/13/14 at Memorial Gardens Memorial Park in Brea at 9:00 AM.

Commander Hart conducted a Civil War trivia quiz, questions for which were included in the newsletter.

For the Good of the Order:

Glen noted the article in the newsletter submitted by Terry Shaw on Harry Brown, his great-great-grandfather, and encouraged others to submit similar narratives.

Charles announced he had obtained a Southern California Veterans Assoc. badge which he brought to share

with the meeting.

Election of Camp officers was conducted by PDC/PCC Glen Roosevelt:

Camp Commander – Joe Hart nominated by Terry Shaw, unanimously elected.

Sr. Vice Commander – Greg Lutes nominated by George Dore, unanimously elected.

Jr. Vice Commander – George Dore nominated by Joe Hart, unanimously elected.

Secretary-Treasurer – Terry Shaw nominated by George Dore, unanimously elected.

Camp Council – Charles Beal nominated by Joe Hart, and Daniel Henry nominated by George Dore; both unanimously elected. (See addendum at end of minutes).

Joe Hart reconvened the regular meeting.

Terry Shaw presented Eagle Scout Coordinator Jim Blauer’s report that 19 certificates had been issued year to date.

Glen Roosevelt reported he had located Joe and Jason Hart’s ancestor’s widow pension file online via Fold 3 research account.

Joe Hart indicated he would locate the podium banner for the next meeting.

8:00 closing prayer by JVC George Dore.

8:08 Adjourn to Jan. 17, 2015 meeting by Commander Joe Hart.

Following the meeting, a raffle was conducted by Don Hoffer and Joe Hart. A total of \$29.00 was collected.

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

Addendum:

The third council member opening has since been filled by Glen Roosevelt who volunteered for it on 1/13/15

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Camp 17 Recap for 2014

The following is a brief recap of the meetings, events, and patriotic participation of Camp 17 Brothers in 2014.

- The Camp held 5 meetings during the year.
- Five new Brothers joined the Camp by initiation.
- Eagle Scout Co-ordinator Brother Jim Blauer issued 23 certificates & PDC Roosevelt issued one.
- The Camp presented 5 High School JROTC awards and medals.
- Graves Registration Officer Charles Beal registered 290 new entries, and edited 60 more.
- GAR Highway Officer Glen Roosevelt resurveyed the Cal. 14 - US395 – US6 portion of the Highway from Los Angeles to Bishop.
- Four Camp newsletters were published during the year.
- Camp Commander Hart and JVC Dore made tours of eastern Civil War battlefields.
- The Camp or Camp Brothers participated in 20 reported patriotic or instructional events.

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2015 Dues payments are now payable. Please save the Camp time & expense by sending your \$40 to:

Treasurer Terry Shaw: 420 Bernard St, Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2059

Or bring your dues payments to the January 17 meeting.

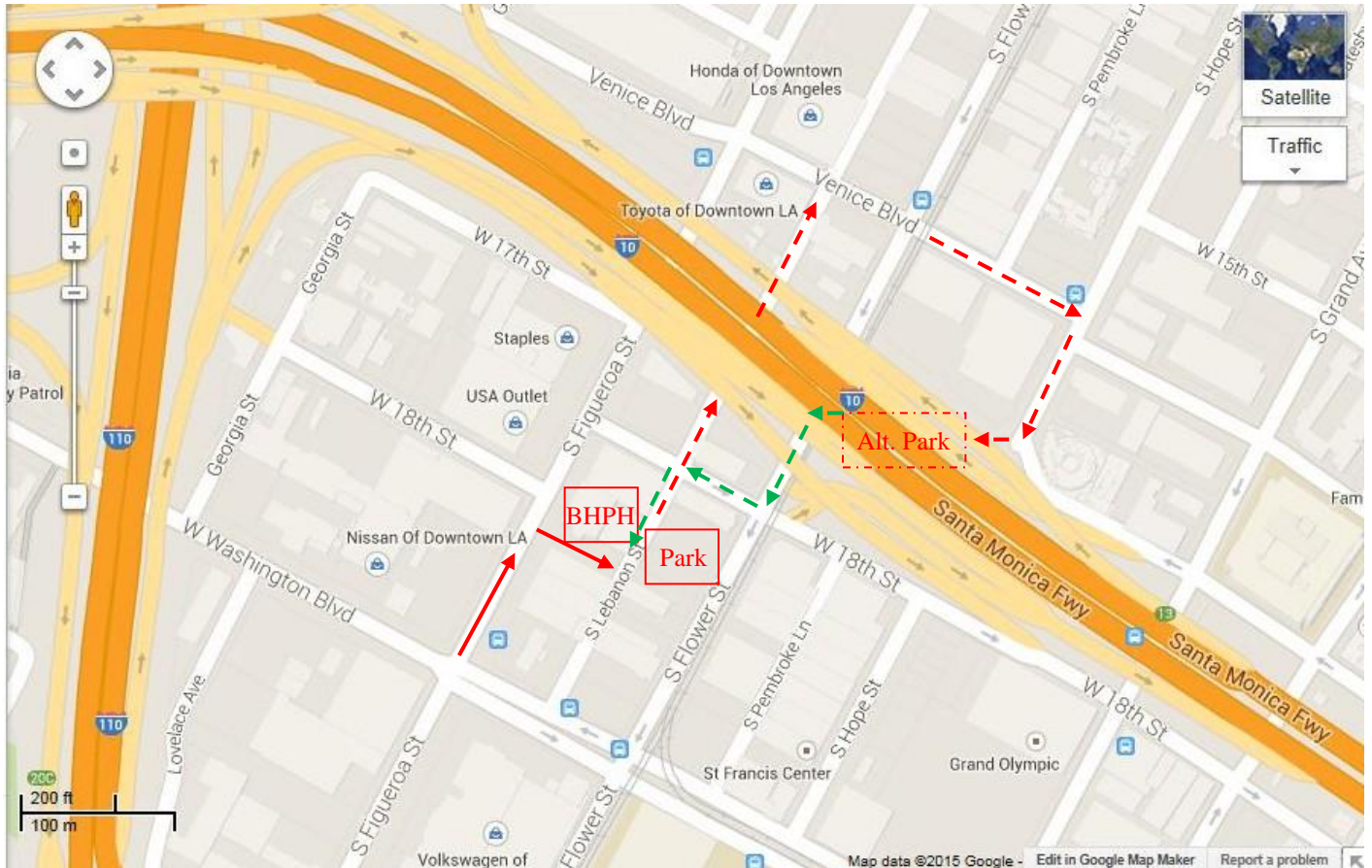
SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015 at 12:00-2:00pm

(Short tour of Patriotic Hall at 11:00)

**in the Lincoln Room (2nd Floor) of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall,
1816 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90015**

**2015 Multi-Camp (2, 17, 18) Officer Installation
By Department Commander Tim Reese**



PARKING DIRECTIONS: (Parking may be very full!)

1. Parking in lot behind BHPH. ———▶

Approach BHPH from the south, going north on Figueroa from Washington. Don't come from north. Turn right into small gated driveway on south side of BHPH. Continue thru small lot to east lot. East lot may be full, and you'll need to go to Alternate Parking, Step 2 below.

2. Alternate Parking in \$4 pay lot under I-10 Freeway. - - - - -▶

If East Lot is full, drive north on Lebonan Street (alley), under freeway 2 blocks to Venice Blvd. Turn right on Venice, 3 short blocks to Hope Street. Turn right, 1 short block to end of Hope St. Turn right into parking lot entrance closest to freeway (there is another just to the right). Try to park as far into the lot near Flower Street as possible. Put \$4 cash in white self-pay box back at entrance.

Walk out of lot at gate in northwest corner, and walk south on Flower Street to BHPH. - - - - -▶