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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 Election for 2016 Officers to be Held November 19, 2015

The 2016 officers for Camp 17 will be elected at the November 19, 2015 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; Greg “Doc” Lutes as Commander, George Dore as SVC, and no candidate yet as JVC, and Terry Shaw as Secretary-Treasurer. The Camp Council is currently made up of Charles Beal, Glen Roosevelt, and Dan Henry; and these offices are up for re-election or replacement.

The 2015 appointed officers have been; 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 Zhender as the Color Bearer and Guard, and the GAR Highway Officer has been Glen Roosevelt. The newly elected 2016 Camp Commander will select the appointed officers for 2016, and they will be announced at the January 21, 2016 Officer Installation meeting.



***Please attend the November 19th meeting
and help elect our 2016 officers***



Passing of Camp 17 Brother Walter L. Davis

Davis, Walter Leonard, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2015. He was born on August 17, 1925 in McCune, Kansas. He was an Eagle Scout and joined the Navy in 1943 serving six years throughout the Pacific war areas, including duty at Pearl Harbor. In Hawaii, he met and married, Helen, his wife of 62 years. After discharge from the Navy in Hawaii, he began working for the Aetna Life and Casualty Company as an Insurance Adjuster, later advancing to Superintendent and Manager in Oakland and Orange County, California. After retirement in 1985, Walter became involved in various veteran and genealogy groups, serving as Commander of VFW and American Legion Posts in Santa Ana and President of the Orange County Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He has traced his family genealogy back ten generations. He is survived by his sister, Marvella Markley in Pittsburg, Kansas and his nieces and nephews. The visitation will be held at Fairhaven Memorial Park, mortuary building from 10-11 on Tuesday, October 6, followed by 12 noon services at Waverley Chapel on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.
www.fairhavenmemorial.com



See more photos on page 6.

CAMP OFFICER ELECTIONS AT THE 11/19/15 MEETING. COME OUT & VOTE!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

November already! Man, has this year flown by! This month's meeting on the 19th is going to be about electing our leaders for next year. If interested in running for any office, please contact any of your officers. One position particularly we have need for candidates, is Junior Vice Commander.

Last month, I had the honor and privilege, along with Glen Roosevelt, Dan Henry & Terry Shaw to serve as a pallbearer for Brother Walter Davis' Memorial Service, my first time in such a role. It was a wonderful and sensitive service, well done by everyone to include 3 Active Duty US Navy Personnel.

There will be no speaker this month because of the elections.

By the way, our Senior Vice Commander, Doc Lutes suffered a heart attack a few months' ago but seems to be doing fine- still could probably use some of your good thoughts & prayers.

See you on the 19th for Election Night!

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



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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 / Guard, Charles Beal - Historian, Glen Roosevelt - Newsletter Editor - Signals Officer - GAR Highway Officer.

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

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website <http://www.suvsac.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.

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.

Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Minutes of Meeting – Sept. 17, 2015
First Christian Advent Church, Tustin, CA

7:18 Call to order by Commander Joseph Hart

Brothers present: Charles Beal, George Dore, Joseph Hart, Donald Hoffer, Jim Hughes, Glen Roosevelt, Arthur Scully, Terry Shaw, guest speaker Sarah Kay Bierle and her father Shawn Bierle

Opening prayer by Charles Beal

Pledge of Allegiance by George Dore

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance)

Brothers in distress:

Joe – Greg “Doc” Lutes and family have been experiencing various health issues.

Glen – Walter Davis’ health continues to decline.

Minutes of meeting of 5-21-15 submitted; motion by Glen Roosevelt to approve, second by Don Hoffer, motion carried.

Treasurer report - by Terry Shaw: balance at 8/31/2015 was \$2,878.37, income for May-August was \$24.00 (raffle) and expenses totaled \$443.29 (\$362.50 for memorials and donations) for net loss of \$419.29. YTD income was \$1,450.00 and expense was \$1,377.29 for YTD net income of \$72.71. Motion by to approve by George Dore, second by Charles Beal, motion carried.

Ongoing Business:

Membership applications:

Douglas Batezel (not in attendance) application was presented for consideration, motion to accept by Glen, second by George, motion approved pending revision of dates to match documentation.

H. R. White (not in attendance) application presented for consideration, further documentation required.

Joe announced a list of upcoming events including the following:

Tom’s Farms reenactment Oct. 17, 18

Heritage Museum of Orange County Oct. 17, 18

Moorpark reenactment Nov. 7-9

Drum Barracks Museum “A Civil War Christmas” Dec. 5, 6

7:50 closing prayer by Charles Beal

7:52 Adjourn to Nov. 19, 2015 meeting by Commander Joe Hart

Following the meeting, a presentation was given by author/historian Sarah Kay Bierle on the practice and state of medicine during the Civil War.

Also, a raffle was conducted. A total of \$30.00 was collected.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Terry Shaw, Camp 17 Secretary-Treasurer

Sarah Kaye Bierle Presents, "Civil War Medicine?" at Sept. Meeting

Historical fiction writer **Sarah Kaye Bierle** returned to follow up her May meeting presentation with another outstanding program about the *facts* and fiction of Civil War medicine. Her entertaining presentation style was again a hit with both the Sons and Daughters. In thanks for her excellent presentations, Camp 17 Commander Joe Hart presented Sarah with a Certificate of Appreciation and an honorarium check.

Information about her books can be found at:

<http://gazette665.com/blue-gray-crimson/the-book/>

Photos courtesy of Terry Shaw.



Camp 17 Brother Jason Hart Visits & Cleans Ancestor's Grave Marker

Submitted by Camp Commander Joseph hart

"A Special Story of One of My Civil War Ancestors"

It was a very warm October day this year when I received a text message from my favorite Daughter in Law, Chloe (married to my son, Jason Hart, member of Camp 17), asking : "What town was your Great Uncle buried around here?" Note: They were on an apple picking trip to Southern Wisconsin, from Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois, where Jason was undergoing Advanced Electronics training for the Navy. I quickly texted back that it was in the township of Richmond Illinois. Chloe sent back that they had just passed the place, and would stop on the way back.

Shortly thereafter, (an hour or so), they were in Richmond asking me if I knew the name of the cemetery, I didn't know, and suggested they ask around for the oldest one in town. Note: Richmond has a population of 1200 people now, the same as in 1860! They quickly found the cemetery & the gravesite. The "Obelisk" which towered over the grave was very dirty and caked with lichens. Jason went to a local store for some safe cleaning products & a small brush. Jason & Chloe worked on the stone for an hour or so, ridding it of both dirt and lichens. They left a small American Flag & took several pictures- a couple as part of this article.

Their visit, on a personal note: I am very proud of my son Jason and his wife Chloe, for having the interest for this family hero, Captain Sanford H. Wakeman, who was killed at Chicamauga on September 20th 1863, by taking the time to visit his gravesite and clean it up while there.

Captain Sanford H. Wakeman – Hart Family Collection



Passing of Camp 21 Brother Bill Peck aka: Abraham Lincoln



William Truman Peck was born on 12/31/1929, and passed away on 11/03/2015. He was a resident of San Marcos, CA.

Bill Peck, who portrayed Abraham Lincoln for many years, passed away Nov. 3, 2015 after a long illness. our Camp was particularly familiar with his presence at the Huntington Beach reenactment every Labor Day weekend. He was a fine gentlemen and a friend to so many. His contributions to the reenacting community for decades with his excellent portrayal of Abraham Lincoln will be missed. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

The time and place of Bill Peck's Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 11AM, with a reception to follow at around noon. The location is:

The Clairement Christian Fellowship
4570 Mt. Herbert Avenue
San Diego, CA 92117

Deborah Peck has requested that all who are attending wear their Civil War uniforms. Civilians are requested to wear appropriate period clothing. (Just a note: please strive to have clean uniforms. As for the ladies, please do not wear any low cut dresses due to the nature of and respect for the ceremony).

Due to the nature of the ceremony, please RSVP to Bill Schurmann personally if you are attending, and if you will attend the reception. Due to Bill's status with the Union Army, Bill Schurmann has asked that each unit send at least one member to the service, possibly some one who lives in San Diego, Orange or Riverside County. As far as the Confederate army attendees, please RSVP to Bill also. Bill always had a soft spot for the Confederates, and his opinion was that if Lincoln had not been assassinated, things would have been very different in the Reconstruction Era. His Confederate friends are most welcome.

During the memorial ceremony, there will be time for comments for stories on Bill's life from the participants. There may be quite a few, so please limit yourself to one or two minutes. Bruce Carver will be there with his Armory Band to provide music.

With Best Regards,
Bill Schurmann
billschurmann@cox.net



"Now he belongs to the ages"

Address at the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

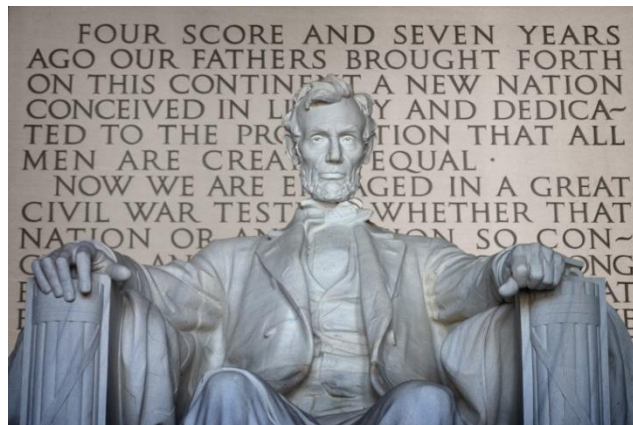
November 19, 1863



Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate — we can not consecrate — we can not hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.





Proclamation 118 - Thanksgiving Day, 1864

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

It has pleased Almighty God to prolong our national life another year, defending us with His guardian care against unfriendly designs from abroad and vouchsafing to us in His mercy many and signal victories over the enemy, who is of our own household. It has also pleased our Heavenly Father to favor as well our citizens in their homes as our soldiers in their camps and our sailors on the rivers and seas with unusual health. He has largely augmented our free population by emancipation and by immigration, while He has opened to us new sources of wealth and has crowned the labor of our workingmen in every department of industry with abundant rewards. Moreover, He has been pleased to animate and inspire our minds and hearts with fortitude, courage, and resolution sufficient for the great trial of civil war into which we have been brought by our adherence as a nation to the cause of freedom and humanity, and to afford to us reasonable hopes of an ultimate and happy deliverance from all our dangers and afflictions:

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 20th day of October, A.D. 1864, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,

Secretary of State .

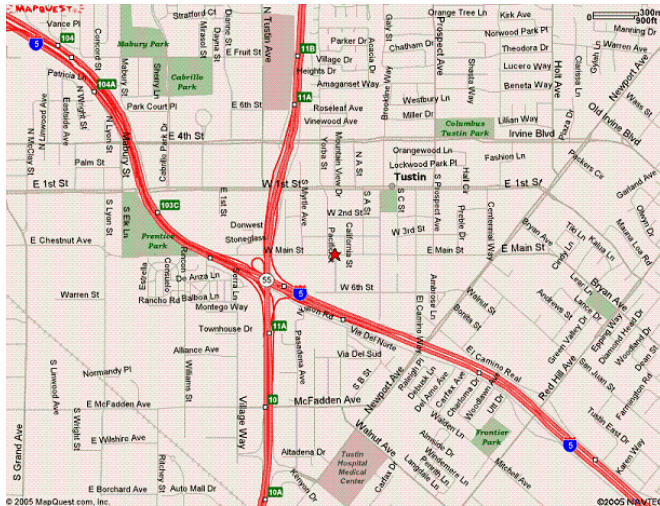
SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 at 7:00pm

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

Camp Officer Elections for 2016

Please come out and help select your 2016 Camp officers!



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.



**General Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17
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Camp 17 Fund-Raising Raffle Continues at Nov. Meeting!