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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**



### **Tri-City Memorial Day Ceremony**

### **Monday, May 29, 2017 at Santa Ana Cemetery GAR Plot & Monument**

Camp 17 again had a strong presence at the Santa Ana Cemetery Tri-City Veterans Memorial Day ceremony. The event theme highlighted the centennial of the United States involvement of troops in World War I in Europe. As in previous years the Master of Ceremonies was Camp 17 Chaplain Scott McKee of the Santa Ana VFW/American Legion. Camp colors and wreath presentations during the ceremony were given by Camp 17 Commander George Dore, and Secretary / Treasurer Terry Shaw; and Charles Beal once again acted as our press photographer. Also present with the SAR Color Guard was Camp 17 Brother James Blauer, who delivered an SAR President’s message. PCC-PDC Glen Roosevelt helped our good friend M/Sgt. “Jay” Jaenichen (USMC-Ret.) with the set-up and teardown of his “soldier crosses” before and after the ceremony. PCC Roosevelt participated in the American Legion ceremony at the GAR Monument in Corona Sunnyslope Cemetery at the same time as the Santa Ana ceremony took place. DUVCW Tent 88 Sisters June Lazich and Lynn Johsz gave key readings during the ceremony, and took part in the presentation of colors and wreaths.



**Left:** Camp 17 Secretary – Treasurer Terry Shaw presents the National Colors, while Camp Commander George Dore carries the Camp flag. **Right:** Commander Dore presents a memorial wreath along with DUVCW Tent 88 Treasurer Lynn Johsz. Photos courtesy of Charles Beal.

Sadly, it was reported to us by Dave Richman of the U.S. 1st Pennsylvania Battery that fires half of the cannon salutes at the event; that **Don Para**, who commanded the CSA Richmond Howitzers for the ceremonies, passed away one week after the Memorial Day event. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don’s family and friends. Don was a good man, and his presence at the ceremony will be missed.

**More Memorial Day photos on page 8 of the Newsletter.**

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

20 August 2017  
Camp 17 Brothers,

As you may have heard, I've become Camp Commander. As Camp Commander, I'm here to serve the members. I would like to increase attendance at our meetings. I'm open to suggestions. Feel free to contact me with your suggestions.

There has been a great deal of discussion on the events in Charlottesville and other locations around the country. A very good response is from the National Organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*"Under the Charter granted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the Order is strictly charged to remain non-partisan and non-sectarian in its actions. However, it does not preclude the organization from standing up for the values and principles for which our ancestors fought and died while preserving the Union and ending the subjugation of a people. Therefore, we as an organization denounce all purveyors of hate and violence no matter where or from whom it originates."*

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,  
George T Dore  
Camp Commander  
Camp 17 SUVCW

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#### 2016 Appointed Officers:

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

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

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

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

#### SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS:

Are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd-numbered months, at 7:00 pm

Orange County 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.



## August 2017 National Encampment by Dept. Senior Vice Commander Rudy Velasco III

### *“Thank God for Michigan!” A. Lincoln - May 16, 1861*

The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan on 10-13 August of this year. There were approximately 200 Delegates and Alternates for the Sons of Union Veterans registered to attend this year’s Encampment. Along with the “Sons” holding an Encampment, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were both holding their 131<sup>st</sup> Annual National Encampments at the Radisson Hotel. The Auxiliary met in Capitol Room #1 and the LGAR met in the Michigan II & III rooms. There were about 50 ladies attending those Encampments.

Here are some of the highlights of the Encampment. First, the weather could not have been any better; it was very pleasant to be outdoors. The daytime highs were in the low 80’s and the low temperatures were in the 60’s for the evenings.

One of the tours available to the Encampment guests on 10 August was to Michigan’s GAR Memorial Hall and Museum. Fifty of the Encampment’s sightseers loaded onto a bus for a 30-minute trip through the countryside to Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The museum, a two-storied red brick building located at 224 S. Main in Eaton Rapids, was built by the GAR in 1886 and now houses over 3000 GAR artifacts and records. The museum is the former home of the James Brainerd GAR Post #111, and is the only one of its type in the state that is solely dedicated to ensuring that the history and contributions of the GAR are not forgotten.

Beginning in 1886 the Brainerd Post 111 of Michigan’s GAR used the upstairs of the building as their Meeting Hall and rented out the lower portion to various mercantile shops. The Post disbanded in 1929.

The Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society and the local Sons of Union Veterans have recently restored the upper floor to its former glory as a GAR meeting hall paying great attention to every original detail, and the lower floor into a wonderful museum with Civil War items, Brainerd Post and other GAR artifacts.

You can visit the museum’s website at: <http://garmuseum.weebly.com>



Just to the east of the GAR Hall, located in the middle of the Grand River is an island park. At the request of the Brainerd GAR Post, the city agreed to change the name of the island to GAR Island Park in 1909. From 1909 to 1929 the park was used as the meeting place for the annual week-long encampments of the Eaton County Battalion of the GAR. The annual encampments continued until 1929 when there were too few Civil War Veterans to carry on, and the encampments were discontinued. Two Civil War era cannons (30 pound and 100 pound Parrett Rifles), which had been donated by the U.S. Government to the Brainerd Post, reside on the island as “Silent Sentinels” in tribute to those who served in the Civil War, along with a monument with the sentiment to, *“Our Fallen Heroes 1861 – 1865”* from the Women’s Relief Corps.



While we were visiting Brainerd Hall, we split into two groups of 25, so one group at a time could explore each floor without being over crowded. After I had seen both floors I walked out to the sidewalk to wait for the others to finish discovering all there was to see. One by one, more of the visitors walked out to the sidewalk to join me until there were about twenty of us looking at the exterior on the building. A young Eaton Rapids local was walking down the street on his way to lunch. As he passed the visiting tourists he stopped and walked back to me and asked, “What is going on?” He hadn’t seen so many people in one place, at the same time, on the main street in his little village of Eaton Rapids.

The Department of California and Pacific had 12 Delegates attend the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, with Department Senior Vice Commander Rudy Velasco being the sole representative from southern California. Other Delegates from the Department of California and Pacific were; Past Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, Cal/Pacific Department Commander Dean Enderlin, Cal/Pacific Department Junior Vice Commander Frank Avila, Cal/Pacific Department Secretary & Treasurer Owen Stiles, Brother Joe Marti – Wright Camp #22, Brother Jamin Gjerman – Commander Ellsworth Camp #23, Brother Mace Gjerman – Senior Vice Commander Ellsworth Camp #23, Brother Linn Malaznik – Sheridan Camp #4, Brother Jim Monteton – Commander Wright Camp #22, and Brother Kurt Dumphy – Junior Vice Commander Keith Camp #12. Although the Department California and Pacific had 12 voting Delegates at the Encampment, the Departments of Illinois, Michigan and Ohio had Delegates upwards of twentyish.



**The group photo is, from the left (in one straight line) Mace Gjerman (uniform); Linn Malaznik; Jamin Gjerman; Jim Monteton (kepi); Rudy Velasco III (Kepi front); Dean Enderlin; Owen Stiles; Brad Schall; Kurt Dumphy (glasses, Kepi behind Brad); Frank Avila; Tad Campbell and Joe Marti. Courtesy of Rudy Velasco III.**

The Encampment business meeting started Friday morning with the “Joint Opening” with the rest of the Allied Order attending. A Memorial Service followed, remembering our Brothers and Sisters that passed in the last year. Brother National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski offered the opening prayer, “and if you agree with me, say AMEN.”

The atmosphere for the Encampment meeting was a little laid back this year. Commander-in-Chief Don Martin opened business with Roll Call of the Departments, where the Department of Kentucky, the Department Maine, the Department North Carolina and the Department of Vermont were absent. The Commander-in-Chief opened the meeting with Recommendations and Resolutions which were debated and voted on; and although there was discussions and debates on all issues, most of the Brothers agreed with the issues and moved on to the next. With the help of the Commander-in-Chief’s limit to discussion time and number of Brothers commenting, the meeting moved on so quickly and easily and without argument that the Encampment stayed ahead of schedule; and we had to hold off before the voting for next year’s National Officers could be nominated and voted on.

Mentioned here are some of the issues that stood out; although there were a couple of Camps (sorry to say) that folded in the past year, there were 4 new Camps Chartered in the last 12 months, and a new application to form a new Camp has been received at National Headquarters.

Another interesting item; Council of Administration Brother Brian Pierson assisted the U. S. Embassy, Panama, per their request for a VA headstone and monument/marker for Julius H. Kroehl, a Civil War naval veteran and early submarine designer buried at Corazal U.S. Cemetery in Panama. Seems that Comrade Pierson had submarine ideas that the U. S. was not interested in so he took his designs to Panama.

A few years ago when the Department of the Olympia was being formed, the state of Idaho was moved to the Department already containing Alaska, Oregon and Washington State. The Department of Colorado/Wyoming contends that Idaho should not have been removed from their Department. The Encampment voted to cede Idaho back to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

And then of course the issue of Confederate statues/monuments and flags was reviewed. I believe I understand the consensus of the Encampment to be that Civil War statues, monuments and flags, Union and Confederate are to be protected as Civil War artifacts and should be saved for history to be displayed and the use of any of these items by any extreme groups is condemned. At least, that is the way this reporter received it and what I will stand behind.

The Saturday night Campfire was especially fun. The Encampment brought in a soft rock 1950's band to play some old rock and roll songs to get the attendees a little loose and happy, and it worked for me. Then Commander-in-Chief Don Martin came to sit in and hear comments from the visiting Departments. All showed great gratitude for the fantastic job Don Martin did as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Dept. of California & Pacific Commander Dean Enderlin of Camp 23 (center) and PC-in-C Tad Campbell of Camp 4 make a gift presentation to out-going C-in-C Don Martin at the Saturday night campfire. Courtesy of Rudy Velasco III.**



Saturday's business meeting brought us the new National Officers, and they are as follows: Brother Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake is our new Commander-in-Chief. Brother Donald Shaw, Department of Michigan is our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Brother Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts is our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Brother Mark Day is sworn in as our new Commander-in-Chief by PC-in-C Andrew Johnson. Courtesy Rudy Velasco III**

The Encampment came to a close after dinner with the Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin.

Some of the guests attending the dinner were Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief Thomas V. Strain Jr., Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National President Carolyn Agosto, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War National President Caren Cleaveland. There was also a representative from a group I have never heard of, The Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865. Not to be confused with the Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This is a different group.



The 2018 National Encampment will be held August 9 – 12 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, Framingham, Massachusetts.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Minutes of Meeting – May 18, 2017**  
**Orange County Church, Tustin, CA**

7:09 Call to order by SVC George Dore  
Opening prayer by Charles Beal  
Pledge of Allegiance by Clifford Hope

Roll call was taken. Brothers present: Charles Beal, Marcus Deemer, George Dore, Clifford Hope, Glen Roosevelt and Terry Shaw.

Minutes of meeting of 3-16-17 were submitted by Terry Shaw; motion by Charles Beal to approve, second by Marcus Deemer, motion carried.

**Treasurer report - by Terry Shaw:**

March - April, balance at 4/30/2017 was \$3,475.34, income for March - April was \$222.00 (dues and raffle) and expenses totaled \$723.59 (National and Dept. per capita dues, rent) for net loss of \$501.59. YTD income was \$1,072.00 and YTD expenses were \$768.59 for YTD net income of \$303.41. Motion to approve by Charles Beal, second by Glen Roosevelt, motion carried.

Membership applications – new member Clifford Hope was presented with his membership certificate. Glen Roosevelt applied for membership for his grandson Mitchell Sains. Charles Beal moved to accept for membership pending completion of application and documentation, second by Clifford Hope, motion carried. (Note - Sains application and documentation were subsequently received and met requirements).

Brothers in distress: Commander Greg Lutes submitted his resignation due to continuing health issues. Per Glen Roosevelt review of by-laws, the SVC and JVC each move up in office until the next elections are held; JVC is now open but may be filled by appointment at a later date.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

Department Encampment - Glen Roosevelt referred us to the April/May 2017 newsletter for a report. Camp 23 requested review of G.O. 26 concerning display of Confederate Battle Flag at the upcoming National Encampment in August.

Memorial Day - Charles Beal gave a status update for Santa Ana Cemetery ceremony, Lou Correa to speak.

Veterans Day - Charles Beal previously reported that the Orange County Cemetery District is discussing having re-enactors involved in this observance; he still waiting to hear further about the event.

**New Business:**

Glen Roosevelt reviewed General Order #5 regarding Memorial Day observance; see Newsletter.

George Dore and Glen Roosevelt talked about the JROTC awards they presented; refer to newsletter. They also drew our attention to the threat to the JROTC program at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles, and the anticipated closure of the program at Roosevelt High School, refer to newsletter.

George Dore commented on various events and referred to the newsletter.

7:54 closing prayer by Charles Beal

7:55 Adjourn to September 21, 2017 meeting by (Acting) Commander George Dore

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

## NEW MEMBER OF CAMP 17

New member Clifford Hope was presented with his membership certificate at the May 18 meeting. Cliff's great-grandfather Harvey Smith Root served as a Private in Company K, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry from June 27, 1861 to June 20, 1864 when he was discharged for disability.

Cliff was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin nearby where his ancestor enlisted from, and he lives in Santa Ana. He is a contract archeologist who works for the U.S. Forest Service, and gets to spend a lot of time on assignments in the Sierra Nevada. Unfortunately, that means that he may not be able to make many meetings or events. Nonetheless, Cliff is heartily welcomed aboard.  
**(Editor's note: "Go Badgers!")**

**Camp Commander George Dore presents a membership certificate to Clifford Hope.** Photo by G. Roosevelt



## More Memorial Day Photos



**Top Left: DUVCW Tent 18 Sisters make a great showing. Top Right: The speakers' stand with Fallen Soldier Crosses, organization flags, and presentation wreaths at the GAR Monument To The Fallen. Bottom Left: The wreaths with the POW/MIA chair to the left of the monument. Bottom Center: Camp 17 Brothers James Blauer (SAR Color Guard) and Terry Shaw. Bottom Right: Camp 17 PCC Charles Beal and Cmdr. George Dore. Photos courtesy of Charles Beal.**



## Camp 17 at Huntington Beach Central Park Civil War Reenactment

Camp 17 set up a display booth on Saturday and Sunday, September 2 & 3, 2017 at Central Park in Huntington Beach. The display was arranged and commanded by Camp 17 Commander George Dore; and Camp Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw, PCC Glen Roosevelt, Camp Chaplain Scott McKee, and Camp 2 Brother Dean Smith helped staff the booth. Camp 2 Commander Andrew Brown participated in the reenactment as a Civil War sailor landsman with a combined Navy – Marine Corps Landing Party. A display booth was also put up by our Sisters from Rosecrans Auxiliary 2 (who is “Our Auxiliary too”) from Los Angeles. It was great to have our Sisters in attendance. The weather was very much on the warm and humid side, but the location in the middle of Central Park provided an excellent venue. The display featured information on the Huntington Beach GAR Encampments from 1905-1923. The display booths of the Orange County Civil War Roundtable and Drum Barracks Museum were close at hand. The Sons of Confederate Veterans did not have a booth this year due to the current controversy over Confederate monuments and the Confederate battle flag. Huntington Beach Police were prominent on duty in the park to ward off any protests or other disturbances.

Local City of Orange amateur historian and videographer Norman Baker stopped by the booth to share updated information about Captain Andrew H. Bibber who lived in Orange in the early 1900’s. Bibber was the first Commander of the Granger GAR Post in Orange, and Norman has done some extensive research on the Bibber family and their homes in Orange. Mr. Baker made an informal proposal of a living history scenario to more distinctly honor the GAR Encampments held in Huntington Beach from 1905 to 1923. Norman may attend the September 21 meeting to further discuss his vision for the 2018 Central Park event.



**Top Left:** CC George Dore, Terry Shaw & Glen Roosevelt at booth on Sat. **Top Right:** Roosevelt, Shaw, and Scott McKee sweating it out on Sun. **Bottom Left:** Sisters of the Rosecrans Aux. **Bottom Right:** PCC Roosevelt (right) with the Navy – Marine Landing Party members. Roosevelt loaned his Civil War Marine flag to the group for the event. *Photos courtesy of Terry Shaw.*

# SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting

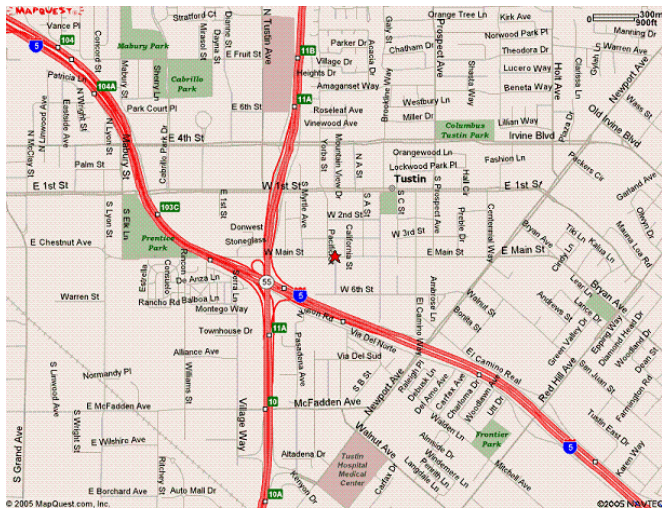
**Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017 at 7:00pm**

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

**Tentative Presentation: by Norman Baker**

**2018 Huntington Beach GAR Encampment Scenario**

**“Honoring the GAR Encampments of 1905-1923”**



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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Newsletter Editor / Publisher**

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**Camp 17 Fund-Raising Raffle Resumes at May 18 Meeting!**

