

and the G.A.R. Posts of Orange County (Formed in honor of Sedgwick Post 17 of Santa Ana & Granger Post 138 of Orange) \*\*\*\*\*

# Camp 17 Held 2020 Officer Installation at January 16 Meeting

The 2020 officers for Camp 17 were elected at the November 21, 2019 meeting; and installed by Department Commander Rudy Velasco III at the January 16, 2020 meeting.

The 2020 elected officers are Commander Steven Steinberg, Senior Vice-Commander Paul Sapp , Junior Vice-Commander Scott McKee, Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw, and the three Camp Council members Charles Beal, Glen Roosevelt, and George Dore.

The 2020 appointed officers are; Glen Roosevelt as Counselor and 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, and the GAR Highway Officer is Glen Roosevelt. The positions of Guide, Color Bearer and Guard are currently vacant for 2020.



Camp 17 at the Nov. 2019 Officer Election meeting (left) & the Jan. 2020 Officer Installation meeting (right). Nov. meeting (I to r): G. Dore, T. Shaw, H. Cardwell, S. Steinberg, P. Sapp, J. Blauer, C. Beal, L. Hansen & S. McKee. Jan. meeting (I to r.): J. Blauer, C. Beal, P. Sapp, Dept. Cmdr. Rudy Velasco III, S. Steinerg, T. Shaw, G. Dore, S. McKee, G. Roosevelt, L. Hansen. The Camp 17 Charter hangs high on the wall of the Veterans Hall. Additional photos from the January 2020 meeting are included on page 5 of the newsletter.

The March 19th Camp 17 meeting and March 20-21, 2020 Dept. Encampment were cancelled and postponed respectively

This newsletter has been revised & delayed due to breaking COVID-19 occurences

# Camp Commander's Message

Brothers,

It's an honor being elected Camp 17's Commander. I look forward to what we can accomplish this year; and serving all of you to the best of my ability.

In some respects, it feels like I'm taking the reins amidst some chaos with the Coronavirus. We've already seen our Department Encampment postponed and a canceled Camp meeting. No doubt, there will be other activities impacted that we are used to participating in.

That said, we remain an active and connected body through our friendships and communication. We also maintain a good relationship with the Daughters of Tent 88, other Camps, and our Department Officers. The state of our Camp is strong.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, and I wish you and your families the best in the meantime. Stay safe.

In FC&L, Steve Steinberg, Commander Generals Sedgwick – Granger Camp 17

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<u>Commander:</u> Steven Steinberg <u>Sr. Vice Cmdr</u>: Paul Sapp <u>Jr. Vice Cmdr</u>: Scott McKee <u>Secretary-Treasurer</u>: Terry Shaw; 420 Bernard St, Costa Mesa, CA 92627-2059 Phone: 949-548-3267, Email: tshaw\_007@yahoo.com <u>Newsletter Editor</u>: Glen Roosevelt, Tustin Ranch, CA Phone: 714-318-5723, Email: GLRoosevelt1943@gmail.com <u>Camp Council</u>: Charles Beal, Glen Roosevelt, George Dore. <u>2020 Appointed Officers</u>: Scott McKee - Chaplain, Glen Roosevelt – Counselor & Patriotic Instructor, James Blauer - Eagle Scout Coordinator, Charles Beal – Historian, Graves Registration and Memorials Officer, TBD -Guide, TBD – Color Bearer & Guard, Glen Roosevelt - Newsletter Editor - Signals Officer - GAR Highway Officer.

Department of California & Pacific Website <u>http://www.suvpac.org</u> Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Website <u>http://www.suvpac.org/camp17.html</u> https://www.facebook.com/GensSedgwickGrangerCamp17SUVCW/

SUVCW Camp 17 MEETINGS:

Are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd-numbered months, at 7:00 pm Santa Ana Veterans Hall, 1404 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month

at their new location: COCO'S, 2750 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa,CA at 7:00PM Web Site is http://www.cwrtorangecounty-ca.org

Tuesday, March 17, 2020—CWRT of Orange County monthly meeting WAS NOT HELD THIS MONTH. CHECK WEBSITE FOR NEWS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS.

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The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum will be closed to public tours until further notice.

Civil War Conference

Saturday – April. 4, 2020: 11am – 4pm

Temecula CA 90744

https://gazette665.com/2020-civil-war-history-conference/registration/ Saturday, April 4, 2020—Gazette665 5th Annual Civil War History Conference WAS

CANCELLED.

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The Orange County Cemetery District announced on April 7, 2020 that the Memorial Day Programs at the 3 District cemeteries have been cancelled.

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Camp 17 and Tent 88 Participate in Wreaths Across America

PCC Charles Beal and DUVCW Tent 88 PP Charline Grundmann participated in Wreaths Across America ceremonies at the Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Brea on December 14, 2019. The Orange County Chapter SAR Lee's Legion Color Guard was present during the ceremony. The Sonora High School JROTC presented the Colors, and their Sword team formed an arch under which wreath presenters passed before laying their wreath on the Soldier's Monument. Approximately 720 wreaths were delivered and placed on Veteran graves after the ceremony. The master of ceremony changed this year, with John Paine of the Sons of the American Legion, District 29 taking over the ceremony. Over 200 persons were in attendance.





Camp 17 PCC Charles Beal and Tent 88 Past President Charline Grundmann with two wreaths sponsored by Camp 17 and Tent 88, part of the 720 wreaths placed on veterans' graves at Memory Gardens Memorial Park.

PCC Charles Beal with the Camp 17 wreath at the Veterans' Monument at Memory Gardens Memorial Park.

# Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Minutes of Meeting – Jan. 16, 2020 Santa Ana, CA

Call to order by Commander George Dore at 7:23pm.

**Opening prayer** by Chaplain Scott McKee

#### Pledge of Allegiance by SVC Paul Sapp

**Roll call** was taken. Brothers present: Charles Beal, Jim Blauer, George Dore, David Kestenbaum, Scott McKee, Glen Roosevelt, Paul Sapp, Terry Shaw, Steven Steinberg, prospective member Larry Hansen, Department Commander Rudy Velasco, and guest Kara Pang (Steven's fiancee).

**Minutes of meeting** of 11/21/2019 were submitted by Terry Shaw; motion by Glen Roosevelt to approve, second by Steven Steinberg, motion carried.

#### Treasurer Report - submitted by Terry Shaw:

Nov. - Dec.: balance at 12/31/2019 was \$3,877.89, income for Nov.-Dec. was \$0.00, and expenses were \$0.00 for net income of \$0.00. YTD amounts were: income of \$1,175.00 and expenses of \$945.56 for YTD net income of \$229.44. Motion by Steven Steinberg to approve, second by Charles Beal, motion carried.

**Membership applications**, etc: Larry Hansen is working on his application; and there was an internet inquiry by Richard Snyder.

#### Brothers in distress, etc.:

Terry Shaw reported that his wife Marilyn continues with chemo treatment for lung cancer and is responding well.

#### **Old Business**:

Scott McKee gave an update on the previously discussed Lincoln dinner. Steven Steinberg moved we target Feb. 21 for the dinner, second by Scott McKee, motion carried.

#### New Business:

Charles Beal presented Scott McKee with a photo poster board of thanks commemorating the May 28, 2018 Memorial Day program.

George Dore informed us that the Sons of Confederate Veterans invited us to share a booth at a gun show. After discussion the consensus was there would be no official representation from the Camp, but members were free to attend on their own.

Glen Roosevelt mentioned upcoming events including the annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, the Lincoln Pilgrimage in Redlands, and the Civil War Conference in Temecula hosted by Sarah Kay Bierle (April 4).

George Dore announced that the Civil War Roundtable meeting would take place at Coco's in Costa Mesa on the upcoming Tuesday.

#### **Installation of officers:**

Commander Dore turned the meeting over to Department Commander Rudy Velasco.

DC Velasco conducted the swearing in and installation of officers for the coming year.

The meeting was turned over to Commander Steven Steinberg whose Camp Commander's badge was pinned on by Kara Pang.

#### For the Good of the Order:

Jim Blauer gave a report of his involvement with issuing Eagle Scout certificates, and proudly displayed the National Eagle Scout Association medal and certificate he was awarded for service to the Boy Scouts of America.

#### New Business Reopened:

Charles Beal moved we place an ad in the Department Encampment program booklet, second by Glen Roosevelt, motion carried.

Glen Roosevelt reminded us of the Department Encampment being held March 20 and 21. Those going as delegates were selected as Steven Steinberg, Glen Roosevelt, Terry Shaw, and Charles Beal.

#### Closing prayer by Scott McKee.

8:11pm - Adjourned to March 19, 2020 meeting by Commander Steven Steinberg.

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

# Additional Photos of Camp 17 2020 Officer Installation at January 16 Meeting



**L to R:** Dept. Cmdr. Rudy Velasco installs the Camp 17 Officers, Kara Pang pins on Camp Cmdr. Steinberg's badge, and Cmdr. Velasco hands off control of the Camp by passing the gavel to new Camp Cmdr. Steven Steinberg.

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#### Generals Sedgwick – Granger Camp 17 Camp Activity Report: March 22, 2019 – March 31, 2020 SUVCW Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment (March 20, 2020)

*(Editor's Note: This is an annual Camp Activity Report prepared for the Department Encampment)* The following is a brief recap of the meetings, events, and patriotic participation of Camp 17 Brothers during the period March 22, 2019 – March 31, 2020.

- The Camp held 4 meetings (May, Sept., Nov., Jan.) during the period, in conjunction with the meetings of DUVCW Tent 88. *The March 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns*.
- 4 Camp newsletters were published during the period.
- Since Apr. 1, 2019 the Camp added 2 members; and lost 3 members to non-renewal. The current membership is 26.

- Eagle Scout Co-ordinator Brother Jim Blauer has issued 16 Camp certificates this year for a total of 362 since 2003. He received a prestigious National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (second highest) from the NESA of BSA for his Eagle Scout Certificate activity within the SAR and SUVCW on Nov. 12, 2019.
- The Camp presented 4 High School JROTC awards and medals at Buena Park, Troy, Fullerton, and Santa Ana High Schools during the period. The Camp Patriotic Instructor attended 2 JROTC Annual Pass-in-Reviews.
- The Camp has continued to hold its meetings in the Santa Ana Veterans Hall. The Veterans Hall is the home of the local American Legion and VFW Posts that collaborate with Camp 17 and DUVCW Tent 88 on Memorial Day ceremonies. DUVCW Tent 88 likewise has moved their meetings to the Veterans Hall, and they conduct their meetings on the same night as Camp 17. The meetings are usually preceded by a dinner prepared by Camp JVC / Chaplain Scott McKee.

#### **Graves Registration Officer Charles Beal Summary:**

Charles Beal has expanded his graves registration activities to include Spanish-American War veterans, many of whom were Sons of Veterans (SOV forerunner to SUVCW).

He has ordered 7 VA markers for the Orange County Cemetery District for two of their cemeteries (Santa Ana and Anaheim) for 1 Mexican War, 4 Civil War and 2 Spanish American War Veterans buried in unmarked graves. 6 of the 7 VA markers ordered have arrived at Anaheim and Santa Ana Cemetery; and they are currently being installed. The seventh marker for Edwin Ambrose (Civil War) will be delivered within 4 - 6 weeks.



VA markers ordered by Charles Beal installed or being installed at Anaheim Cemetery and Santa Ana Cemetery.

The VA application for Abraham Markle (Civil War) was held back as the Orange County Cemetery District needs to further investigate if the VA bronze niche marker is acceptable in the historic community mausoleum.

A WWI replacement marker was ordered and installed at Anaheim Cemetery for a vandalized bronze WWI VA marker for Clarence Wittmer.

His Graves Registration statistics for 2019 were: 1. New Graves registered: 20

- 2. Number of edits: 41
- 3. Number of deletions: 4
- 4. Two 2019 Memorial Day Ceremonies for dedications of new VA Markers installed for unmarked graves.
- a. Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, Orange County, California (1 Civil War)

b. Fairhaven Memorial Park and Mortuary, Santa Ana, Orange County, California (8 Civil War and 2 Spanish American War) that were installed in December 2018.

A January 2019 ordered VA Marker for an unmarked grave for Civil War soldier Daniel Bolles (Private in Co E, 51st Illinois Infantry) buried at Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, Orange County, California was installed in March 2019.

A Civil War VA marker ordered for Michael B. Staunton (Private in Co A, California 1st Infantry) in 2018 was installed in March 2019 at Winnemucca Cemetery, Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada.

#### Dept. GAR Highway Officer Charles Beal

Charles Beal in October 2019 physically inventoried GAR Highway signs from State Route 395 in California to the Nevada – Utah state line. Also, in February 2020, he inventoried the plaque at the end of the GAR Highway in Long Beach. He has coordinated his efforts with Bro. Ronald Brown of Camp 2; and has submitted a Dept. GAR Highway Report on July 21, 2019. He completed an inventory of the GAR Highway signs and recorded GPS coordinates for their positions. In future years when GoogleEarth's photos are updated, he believes that we can use this as a way to track the GAR Highway signs in Nevada without driving it all the time. He also created an Excel database with current signs and missing signs per Gary Parrott, former GAR Highway officer for CA and NV. The Excel database is a record of some of the known locations for missing signs and an inventory of the current signs in California and Nevada. The database is a work in progress; and he will be updating it in the future. He will be able to approach CalTrans and see if they would replace the signs at the missing locations noted in the database.

He has posted his photos, historical newspaper articles, Excel Database, some of Camp 2 Ron Black's and Gary Parrott's data on his Dropbox account that all can access and download the information for their records in the folder titled "GAR Highway Officer": <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bl07cy2djd7zvop/LRwVet-2S3</u>

#### Patriotic, Instructional, or Informational Events

The Camp or Camp Brothers participated in at least 29 reported patriotic or instructional events as follows:

1. Dept. Encampment, Bakersfield – Mar. 22-23, 2019 (4 delegates)

2. National Park Day Clean-up with Camp 28 at Cienaguitos Cemetery Native California Cavalry Plot – Apr. 6, 2019.

3. Newport Harbor High School Memorial Day Service – May 27, 2019.

4. 4 Veteran Grave Flag Placements for Memorial Day: Santa Ana, Fairhaven, Anaheim and Corona-Sunnyslope – May 25, 2019.

- 5. Santa Ana Cemetery Tri-City Memorial Day at GAR Plot May 27, 2019
- 6. Sunnyslope Cemetery Corona Memorial Day at GAR Monument May 27, 2019

7 - 10. 4 ROTC Awards Presentations: Buena Park, Troy, Fullerton, and Santa Ana High Schools

- 11. Camp Patriotic Instructor attended 2 JROTC Annual Pass-in-Reviews May 2019
- 12. OC Veterans/GAR Display & Talk at Fountain Valley Historical Society May 26, 2019
- 13. D-Day 75th Anniversary Display & Event at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall June 6, 2019
- 14. Flag Day Retirement Ceremony with Corona American Legion & Corona Fire Dept. June 14, 2019.
- 15. Memorial Wreath Laying at Field of Honor at Castaways Park in Newport Beach July 2019
- 16. Corona Independence Day Parade July 4, 2019
- 17. Huntington Beach Parade July 4, 2019
- 18. Let Freedom Ring, City of Cerritos July 4, 2019

19. Huntington Beach Civil War Weekend Multi-Camp (2, 10, 17, 18, 21) Display Booth – Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, 2019

20. Hispanic Heritage Month Military History Display & Event at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall – Sept. 2019

21. Wreaths Across America - Brea Memorial Gardens Dec.14, 2019

22. Presentation by Geo. Dore at SCV Inland Empire on Civil War Sites - Jan. 12, 2020

23. Color Guard in Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade & Lincoln Shrine Display, Redlands, CA - Feb. 8, 2020

24. Presentation by Geo. Dore at Inland Empire SAR on Saratoga Campaign - February 2020

25. Black Military History display preparation and event at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall – Feb. 2020

26. Women's Military History display preparation and event at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall – Mar. 2020

27. Geo. Dore at Docent Training at Drum Barracks Civil War Site in Wilmington - Mar. 7 & 14, 2020

28. Jim Blauer in Color Guard for Patriots Day Parade in Laguna Beach – Mar. 7, 2020.

29. South Orange County SAR: Chas. Beal presentation on Civil War graves and the GAR in Orange County – Postponed until May 19, 2020.

30. Seal Beach Genealogy Society: Chas. Beal presentation on Select Biographies of Military Veterans from War of 1812 to Spanish American War Buried in Orange County. – Postponed until Aug. 26, 2020.
31. On-going inventory & cataloging of GAR Post & Allied Orders Records at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall – all the period Apr. 2019 through March 2020.

# • Includes hand-off to new Volunteer Curator, Beverly Macy – President Dept. of Cal. & Nev. LGAR

# News Coverage or Published News

Local cable news videos and on-line news blog coverage of Memorial Day and Lincoln Pilgrimage / Open House, and Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

## Camp 17 observed its 17th Anniversary at our January 2020 meeting.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Steven H. Steinberg – Steven H. Steinberg, Camp Commander \*\*\*\*\*\*

#### Camp 17 PCC Helps with Boy Scouts Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage Color Guard and Visits Camp 18 Display at Lincoln Shrine Open House

A combined Color Guard of Civil War U.S. Marines led by Captain James Villareal, and a U.S. sailor (Camp 2 PCC Andrew Brown) was coordinated by PCC Glen Roosevelt for the Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade in Redlands, CA on Feb. 8, 2020; and then Roosevelt spent time visiting with the Camp 18 display at the Lincoln Shrine Open House. The Camp 18 display was staffed by Dept. Commander Rudy Velasco III and

Dept. JVC Stephen Doyle. Nearby was the Civil War Hospital shebang of "Dr. Malarky" as portrayed by Camp 18's Larry Duncan. An artillery display and cannon firing was presented by Cooper's Battery B, 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Artillery led by Dave Richman. The Battery annually supports and takes part in the Tri-City

Veterans Memorial Day observance

at Santa Ana Cemetery.

CW Marine Capt. James Villareal marches behind Camp 2 PCC Andrew Brown as a US Sailor, and Rudy Aguilar carrying the replica 1863 USMC National Colors leading the CIEC 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade. (*Riverside Press Enterprise photo*)





#### Camp 18 Display at Lincoln Shrine Open House



Camp 17 PCC Roosevelt visited the Camp 18 display that was staffed by Dept. Commander Rudy Velasco III and Dept. JVC Stephen Doyle. Next door was a Civil War Marine Corps & Navy display manned by (I to r) Jayson Mallari, Rudy Aguilar, Captain James Villareal, and Camp 2 PCC Andrew Brown (shown in the Feb. 2019 display photo).

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#### National Patriotic Instruction Article National Medal of Honor Day

#### Brothers,

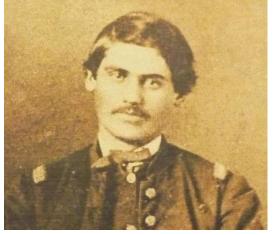
I wanted to take some time to write to you all today regarding National Medal of Honor day, which is the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. As many of you know this is the highest award for valor our country can bestow upon a member of the Armed Forces. The reason that 25 March was chosen as the day to commemorate these courageous acts of valor is because the first Medal of Honor was awarded on this day 157 years ago. On 25 March 1863 the

first member of the United States Armed Forces was honored, and it was **Private Jacob Parrott** (photo) of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Infantry. Pvt. Parrott was a member of Andrews Raiders, the group of men that went behind enemy lines in April of 1862 to disrupt enemy supply and rail lines in Northern Georgia, which led to the Great Locomotive Chase. He was one of six members of Andrews Raisers that were honored that day.

During the American Civil War 1522 members of the United States Armed Forces received the Medal of Honor, that is a staggering 43% of the 3508 members who have received the medal. Over the years, the tales of these brave 1521 men and 1 woman have struggled to be kept alive. It is our job to make sure that these

actions are never forgotten. I challenge each one of you over the next week or so to have some type of conversation with a friend or loved one about these acts of valor. Thankfully with today's technology, we can do this over the internet and social media in order to ensure we are not exposing ourselves to the health crisis currently ravaging the country. I appreciate all of your continued efforts to help preserve the memories of the Boys in Blue and promote patriotism not only in our order, but outside of it.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Br. Ben Frail, PDC National Patriotic Instructor



# SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting <u> Due to Health Warnings for Covid-19</u>



# Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm

# May 2020 Meeting TBD

# in the Veterans Hall, Santa Ana American Legion / VFW 1404 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA



Santa Ana Veterans Hall, 1404 N Grand Ave., Santa Ana

On Grand, block and a half north of I-5 or a block and a half south of 17th Street, on the west side of the street. Look for the service flags atop the building. Limited parking in the lot behind the building via the driveway on north side of the building. Additional parking in the neighborhood to the north on 15th Street.



General Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Newsletter Editor / Publisher

