Camp 17 Installs 2014 Officers in January, New Commander Joe Hart Presides Over March Meeting

Congratulations and thanks go out to our slate of new elected officers who were selected at the November 2013 meeting, and installed during the January 16, 2014 meeting. Our new Camp Commander is Joe Hart, SVC is Greg “Doc” Lutes, JVC is George Dore, and our returning Secretary-Treasurer is Terry Shaw. It is a great privilege to our Camp that our Brothers step up to assume these leadership roles, and help keep our Camp a viable entity as we enter our eleventh year of service as a Camp. Our thanks is also extended to outgoing Camp Commander Charles Beal for his outstanding administration of the Camp over the past two years.

Photos: Top Left; New CC Joe Hart is congratulated by PCC Charles Beal. Right; PDC Roosevelt prepares to install new officers. Bottom Left; Tent 88 DUV Lynn Johsz gives a presentation on the Santa Ana Monument to the Unknowns which was dedicated by the DUVCW in 1915. Right; Our Camp’s 10th Anniversary cake.

Photos by Jason Hart & Terry Shaw
COMMANDER’S CORNER

Camp 17 Brothers,

If you missed the last meeting, you missed one very good speaker and topic. Michael Oddenino spoke on the lesser known, but very important Battle of Balls Bluff. I’ve been there a couple of times (near Leesburg, Va.) but I’ll have to return with my new found facts and information. We hope to have Michael back for future talks. He is a member of Rosecrans Camp 2 in Los Angeles.

We had very good support for our “Battle of Costa Mesa” booth. A hearty thanks to Doc Lutes, Terry Shaw, and George Dore for helping with the set-up (along w/Ladies set-up); and further thanks to Floyd Farrar, Past Camp Commander, for swinging by and helping out. We were only there on Saturday. It was slow, but we did speak with a few possible interested gentlemen. Also, Bob Russell dropped by to pick up his Membership Certificate. (see photo) A special thanks to Charline of the DUV, who supplied Danish and cookies for the occasion.

In May, our speaker will be our own Glen Roosevelt, to talk about the Knights of Pythias, and their relationship to the Civil War. It should be very interesting, so please try to attend. If transportation is at issue (you need a ride), please call or email me, and I’ll try to arrange a ride for you.

As you know, we have no meeting in the Summer. I hope that you will all have a very safe and fun Summer. I’ll be visiting my daughter in Virginia in June, and will have a chance to spend a few days in the Richmond area, perhaps doing a side trip to Appomattox Courthouse.

If you have any ideas or suggestion for speakers for the Fall Meetings, let me know.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Joe....
Joseph L. Hart, Camp Commander

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2014 Appointed Officers:
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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
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.

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

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.cwtrangeorange.co.org

Santa Ana Cemetery Memorial Day Gravesite Flag Placement
Saturday - May 24, 2014 at 08:00 am

Memorial Day Ceremony at Santa Ana Cemetery GAR Plot
Monday - May 26, 2014 at 10:00 am
All members of the Allied Orders are encouraged to attend.

Other Camp 17 Events and Schedules will be posted at:
http://www.suvpac.org/camp17/schedule.html

Camp 17 at “Battle of Costa Mesa” ACWS Civil War Reenactment
Camp 17 set up a display booth on Saturday, May 3, 2014 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 Commander Joe Hart, SVC Greg “Doc” Lutes, JVC George Dore, and PCC Floyd Farrar 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. The highlight of the day was the presentation of his membership certificate to new Camp 17 member Robert Russell.

Photo: PCC Farrar, Terry Shaw, CC Hart & SVC Lutes man the CM booth.
Camp 17 at “Battle of Costa Mesa” – More Photos

Photos: Top left; Brothers Shaw, Hart, and Lutes present membership certificate to Robert Russell. Top right; Camp 17 Officers George Dore, Terry Shaw, Joe Hart, and Greg “Doc” Lutes. Bottom left; CC Hart and DUVCW Tent 88 President Charline xx seem to have that same gun pointing problem. Bottom right; Secretary-Treasurer Terry Shaw is “thanked” for a job well done by CC Hart (Terry “got the point”) Photos: F. Farrar

JROTC Awards Presented in April & May

Camp 17 has been requested to present five JROTC awards during this two-month period. The first award was presented on April 29 to Cadet Airman Dejanci Hinton at Buena Park High. The next presentation was made on May 1 at Fullerton High School to Army JROTC Cadet John Davis. The next evening on May 2 an award was given to Cadet CPO Angela Hou at Troy High School in Fullerton. Former Camp 17 Brother Jim Fosdyck was on hand to do the honors of the presentation of Sons of the American Revolution awards at all these same ceremonies. Another awards will be given out at the ceremony on Tuesday, May 21 at the Santa Ana High School Navy JROTC program; and PDC Glen Roosevelt will have the honor of making the last award of the season at the Theodore Roosevelt High School Army JROTC Awards Ceremony in Los Angeles on May 28. We salute all these young deserving recipients and their JROTC instructors. Cadet Hinton with PDC Roosevelt at Buena Park High School ceremony. Photo by An Hoi Fosdyck.
The SUVCW ROTC award consists of a medal, ribbon bar, and certificate. The award is requested by the ROTC instructor who recommends an awardee, and the Camp sponsors and presents the award. It is very gratifying to see these corps of young cadets learning discipline and leadership.

Camp 2 Brother Makes “Balls Bluff” Presentation at March 20, 2014 Meeting

The presentation at our March 20 Camp meeting was one of the best ever. Great thanks to CC Joe Hart for arranging our speaker, but most of all thanks to Camp 2 Brother Michael L. Oddenino of Camp 2 for his presentation on the Battle of Ball’s Bluff which occurred Oct. 21, 1861. Besides the details of the battle and the major participants involved, Michael left us with a series of connections from the battle down to events of today.

Camp 2 Brother Michael Oddenino during his Balls Bluff presentation at the Camp 17 March meeting. Photo by Terry Shaw.
7:10 Call to order by Commander Joe Hart

Brothers present: George Dore, Joe Hart, Donald Hoffer, Glen Roosevelt, Arthur Scully, Terry Shaw, guest speaker Michael Oddenino (also a brother of Camp 2), and guest Jason Hart (Joe’s son).

Opening prayer by George Dore

Pledge of Allegiance by Glen Roosevelt

Commander Joe Hart reviewed Natl. Special Order #2 and Genl. Order #12 incorporated herein by reference.

Roll call was taken (see above for attendance).

Minutes of meeting of 1-16-14 submitted; motion by Glen Roosevelt to approve, second by George Dore; motion carried.

Treasurer report - by Terry Shaw: although available, report was not presented; amounts for the record are: balance at 2/28/2014 was $3,264.36, income for Jan-Feb. was $897.00 ($850.00 for dues and $47.00 for Jan. raffle proceeds), and expenses totaled $91.00 for net income of $806.00. YTD amounts are the same.

Discussion took place concerning membership status of various brothers: Glen R. moved to grant honorable discharges to four brothers (D. Baker, D. Cox, P. Ignatius and B. Reese); second by George D.; motion carried.

Report on Brother’s health/in distress: Joe reported that Doc Lutes was in the VA hospital in San Diego; also Charles Beal’s mother passed away after a long illness.

Membership applications - none

Old and Ongoing Business: none

New Business:

Glen reported that Camp 2 was holding their first meeting at the newly rededicated Bob Hope Patriotic Hall on Sat. 5/17 at 10:00 AM and we would be welcome to attend.

George informed us of an article on BHPH that appeared in the American Legion magazine.

Glen indicated he was doing research on the Knight of Pythias, which originated during the Civil War, and their hall in Tustin. After discussion George moved that we hold our May 15 meeting there if KOP agrees; second by Art Scully; motion carried.

Joe reviewed various events coming up:

Battle of Costa Mesa to be held May 2-4; Glen moved to support, second by George, motion carried.

Prado Dam reenactment April 5, 6; Camps 2 and 18 will be present.

Fort MacArthur Days July 12, 13; Camp 2 to be present.

Huntington Beach reenactment Aug. 30, 31; Camp 17 will have usual display.
Drum Barracks Civil War Sesquicentennial event Sept 20: Hispanics in the Civil War.
Tom’s Farm Oct.; Camp 18 may be present.
Drum Barracks Remembrance Day; Nov. 15
Drum Barracks annual Christmas event Dec. 6-7.

For the good of the order:
Joe informed us his son, Jason, had been sworn into the Navy and will report to boot camp on Sept. 18.

8:00- closing prayer by George Dore.
Adjourn to May 15, 2014 meeting by Joe Hart.

Following the meeting, the Sisters of Elizabeth Hill Mills' Tent 88 joined us for refreshments and a raffle.

Following the break a presentation was given by Brother Michael L. Oddenino of Camp 2 on the Battle of Ball’s Bluff which occurred Oct. 21, 1861.

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

Camp 17 SVR Members Form Color Guard for Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage

Brothers Michael Hicks and Glen Roosevelt of the Camp 17 SVR contingent formed a color guard for the 75th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade in Redlands on February 8. The small guard was the lead element in the parade, and it preceded the much larger contingent of Boy Scouts from the California Inland Empire Council of BSA that was made up of color bearers from all the Troops participating. The event was once again well coordinated by Don Buchanan of the CIEC, and was well attended by hundreds of Scouts and their parents. The guests of honor were President Abraham Lincoln and his wife Mary as portrayed by Don Ancell (an associate member of Camp 28), and Jane De Beaumont of Victorville, a fifth-generation great-niece in the Todd family.

After the initial parade through downtown Redlands to the Redlands Bowl, the color guard provided an escort for Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln to the stage. Brother Hicks then assumed his role as docent at the Lincoln Shrine, and helped to guide visitors through the Shrine exhibits for the rest of the afternoon. On Sunday, Michael and his wife Janice returned to the Shrine to act as docents for the annual open house, and to join in the Civil War era dance performance.

Photos: Janice & Michael Hicks with Pres. Lincoln at Lincoln Shrine. PDC Roosevelt & Brother Hicks with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln on Saturday after the parade.
Camp 17 Commander and Past Commander Earn “Volunteer of Year” Awards from Los Angeles County for Their Work at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall

Camp Commander Joe Hart and PCC Dan Henry were honored by the County of Los Angeles as “Volunteers of the Year – Community Heroes” on April 7 for their efforts to help the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA) sort through and evaluate thousands of military artifacts from the collection of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall (BHPH).

The awards were presented at a “Volunteer” luncheon at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center. The luncheon was hosted by County Supervisors Gloria Molina, Don Knabe, and Zev Yaroslavsky. The awards were presented by County CEO William “Bill” Fujioka and Brigadier General (USAF-Ret.) Ruth Wong, Director of the DMVA. DMVA Volunteer Coordinator Josephine Richardson recommended Joe and Dan for the awards, and she completed all the administrative work necessary to make the awards luncheon a success.

Joe and Dan began their work for DMVA on July 15, 2013; and they compiled a total of more than 500 hours of volunteer work by the end of the project on December 31, 2013. They sorted through the thousands of military artifacts and photographs to help the professional curator contractors evaluate and select items that would be worthy of retention and display in the planned BHPH exhibit areas. The selected items were cataloged and packaged by the contractor for the future display.

Joe’s and Dan’s expertise in military history and military equipment contributed greatly to the completion of the project. Dan’s Marine Corps training in munitions and ordnance, and his connections with munitions disposal experts was crucial in resolving a potential problem with a multitude of suspect projectiles and munitions from the Civil War and World War I & II that were questionable as to their volatility or inertness. Dan helped to coordinate the resources to resolve this potential “explosive” situation, and it was resolved with the least possible impact to the project.

Thanks again to Joe and Dan for their extraordinary efforts to assess the artifacts and get the display worthy items back to BHPH. Thanks also to Camp 17 Brother Terry Shaw and Camp 2 Brother Dean Smith who volunteered some of their time and efforts to assist with the project.

Photo: (L to R) CEO Bill Fujioka, Dan Henry, Joe Hart & BGen. Ruth Wong (USAF Ret.) at award ceremony.
Camp 17 Patriotic Instructor James Blauer will present General Logan’s G.O. 11 during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Santa Ana GAR Plot on Monday, May 26, 2014.

All Camp 17 Brothers are encouraged to attend a Memorial Day service to honor those who have given their all to help preserve our nation.

General John A. Logan’s Memorial Day Order
General Order No. 11 - Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic

Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

General John A. Logan

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice of neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, -- the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By order of
JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander-in-Chief

[Photo and text courtesy Tom Bell, Director of Media Services & Telecommunications, John A. Logan College, Carterville, Illinois]
SUVCW Camp 17 Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall, First Advent Christian Church
555 W. Main St. (corner of Main & Pacific), Tustin, CA

Presentation:
PCC Glen Roosevelt presenting,
"The Knights of Pythias, Birth of a Civil War Era Fraternal Organization Dedicated to Peace and Healing"

The Knights of Pythias was formed in February 1864 by five clerks working in the US War Department as a fraternal organization dedicated to peace, care for wounded soldiers, and a reconciliation with the peoples of the South after the war. The KoP was the first Congressionally Chartered fraternal organization in the United States. After the end of the Civil War many members of the Grand Army of the Republic also held membership in the KoP. The KoP also formed a militia style training element called the Uniformed Rank Knights of Pythias (URKP). The Tustin Lodge #85 of the KoP was founded on March 21, 1908. The Meeting Hall of the Tustin KoP was built in 1925, and still stands at the corner of Main Street and El Camino Real, and is in regular use by the Tustin Lodge.

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
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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