

# Stoneman Dispatch

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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## Happy New Year 2020

### Notices

**Annual Dues** – Camp Annual dues are now due. If you have not yet mailed in your dues, please do so before January 31, 2020. Return in previously supplied, already addressed envelopes. You can contact the Editor with any questions.

There are still tickets available for the **Southwest Civil War Symposium 2020**, scheduled for Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the **Esri Café**, 278 New York Street, Redlands, CA. 92373.

If you have some time, you could support Event Coordinator and Camp 18 Brother Bodie Crowder by attending. Jr. Member Brother Bodie will be one of the 6 scheduled speakers. Camp 18 will be supplying a small Civil War Arms display to support the lectures for the day. We hope to see you there.

For more information visit:

<https://www.southwestcivilwar.com>

### Congratulations are in Order!

by Brother Steve Doyle, PCC, DJVC

Sometimes, when you engage in superficial conversation with a Brother, you never know what you're going to find out. Such was the case at our Camp meeting last October.

After our meeting, I had a quiet moment with Brother Burt Hogue and

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### Tentative Camp Calendar

**Saturday, Feb. 1** – Southwest Civil War Symposium at the **Esri Café** - 278 New York St. Redlands, CA. 92373. 8:30am – 4:30 pm.

**Saturday, Feb. 8** – Annual Camp Display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Open House in Redlands. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. 125 W. Vine St. Redlands, 92373.

**Saturday, Feb. 15** – Camp Meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona. 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, March 11** - Civil War Roundtable at Lincoln Memorial Shrine, Redlands, 6:30 pm. Camp 18 Brother Bodie Crowder may be a featured speaker.

**Friday – Saturday, March 20 & 21** – 134<sup>th</sup> annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department Encampment at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3625 Marriott Dr. Bakersfield, CA. 93308.

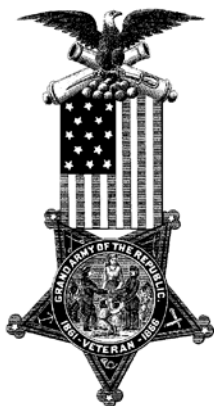
The Encampment will be held concurrently with the 109<sup>th</sup> annual Department Encampment of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

More information and encampment forms can be found online at:

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

or contact the Editor.

**Saturday, April 18** – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona. 10:00 am.



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*Dedicated to Preserving the Memory  
of the Grand Army of the Republic  
And the soldiers who Fought to Save the Union 1861 - 1865*

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## Congratulations continued

just casually mentioned that I thought he would be turning 75 on his next birthday. To which, he corrected me, saying he would be turning 80 next year. After I had expressed my early congratulations, and without batting an eye, Burt casually mentioned that he had just gotten married a couple of weeks previously. Naturally I was stunned at this unexpected revelation. Once again, but with more emphasis this time, I again congratulated him.



**Brother Burt Hogue**

With this surprising revelation, I was surprised to learn that no other Brothers knew about this News Flash! After contacting Brother Hogue by email, and obtaining his permission, I am honored to report the following particulars: Burt and his new wife, Sharon, were married on September 30th at The *Gate Church of the High Desert* in Victorville, with Burt's older sister, Janet, as a witness. He reported that, as a child, Janet remembers their Civil War veteran great grandfather. How cool is that!

Brother Burt has never had any children of his own, but now is the proud step-father of three wonderful step-children and several step-grandchildren. Can I now hear a resounding three Huzzahs?

***Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!***

Congratulations Brother Burt Hogue!

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor

by Brother Steve Doyle PCC, DJVC

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, a chilly winter Saturday, I attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Greenspot Scout House in Mentone and was honored to present the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Commendation Awards to not one, not two, but three new Eagle Scouts.

The three recipients of Redlands, CA. were Conner Neely, and twin brothers Derek and Patrick Cranfill.

Conner, age 17, designed and installed a garden for the kindergarten students at Simpson Elementary School in Rialto. He planted an orange tree, drought resistant plants and put together a concrete picnic table. He also installed privacy slats on the surrounding fence.

Derek, age 17, completed his Eagle Scout project

of locating all of the Veteran's grave sites in Hillside Memorial Park in Redlands. This was done by walking the cemetery and identifying headstones. GPS coordinates, headstone picture, and relevant information about each veteran were collected on the spot and directly input into a database at the City of Redlands. This project took a year to complete.

Patrick, age 17, completed his Eagle Scout project of refurbishing trash can receptacles at a local city park by replacing rotten wood frames and old hardware with new Trex-like wood planks and new hardware. Two new receptacles were also installed.

These new Eagle Scouts showed the highest example of the Principles of our own Order: Patriotism; Honoring the Flag; and, especially, Civic Duty. Congratulations to them (and their parents) for jobs well done.



***Department Jr Vice Commander Steve Doyle PCC (right) with Eagle Scouts Conner Neely, Conner and Patrick Cranfill.***

Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America have contributed to the moral and physical character of our communities by offering opportunities where young men

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can experience fun and adventure while learning the skills necessary for good citizenship and leadership.

The Eagle Court of Honor observes a very proud tradition that our organization is pleased to recognize in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Comprised of over 400,000 Union Veterans of the American Civil War of 1861-1865, the GAR was a living symbol of patriotism when the Boy Scouts of America was formed in 1910. Before the passing of their last member (on 2 August 1956) the GAR officially recognized the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) as their Legal Heir. As such, it is our honor to maintain the many traditions of the GAR. These include the promotion of good citizenship by teaching patriotism, civic duties, and the love & honor of our flag – concepts that are “near and dear” to the Boy Scouts of America.



**General George Stoneman Jr.  
Camp 18 Officers**

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| Camp Commander, | Michael Bullard    |
| Sr. Vice Cmdr,  | Brian Stephens     |
| Jr. Vice Cmdr,  | Matt Crowder       |
| Sec/Treas,      | Rudy Velasco III   |
| Camp Council #1 | Michael Emmett     |
| Camp Council #2 | Rudolph Velasco IV |
| Camp Council #3 | John Morris        |

**Appointed**

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| Camp Chaplain                      | Bill Daley PCC   |
| Camp Historian                     | Burt Hogue       |
| Camp Guide                         | Bodie Crowder    |
| Camp Guard                         | Steve Doyle PCC  |
| Graves Registration                | Michael Emmett   |
| Newsletter Editor                  | Rudy Velasco III |
| Patriotic Instructor               | Vacant           |
| Eagle Scout &<br>JROTC Coordinator | Rudy Velasco III |

*If* you have something of interest that you would like to add to this newsletter, something that our **Brothers** might enjoy like an article, a photo or a Civil War event, contact the Editor, Rudy Velasco for placement. [rev03@dc.rr.com](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com)



**In Memoriam  
Brother David E. Allyn  
May 2, 1945 – December 14, 2019**



Brother Allyn entered the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honoring the service of his Civil War Ancestor Pvt. Charles Allyn, Co. G, 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

Brother Allyn’s Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Shadow Mountain Church – 2100 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon, CA. 92019.

Mrs. Gay Allyn has requested that anybody who has a civil war uniform to please wear it. At the END of the service, she would like the Colors to be brought in and posted by the SVR. (No muskets in the Color Guard.) Then she would like everyone sing “God Bless America” to end the Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in memory of David Allyn to: [www.gideons.org/sendtheword](http://www.gideons.org/sendtheword)

The Gideons send Bibles and New Testaments around the globe at no cost to hotels, schools, hospitals, prisons and more.





*Wreaths adorn the headstones at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Circle in Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

## Wreaths Across America

Evergreen Memorial Park and Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery again, jointly hosted the second annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony for 2019.

The local community joined with the Memorial Park and Historical Cemetery in an united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America in remembrance and honor of our fallen veterans.

Camp 18 Brother and Iraq War Veteran John Morris, Colonel U.S. Air Force (Ret.) is a member of the Board of Directors for the Riverside Evergreen Memorial Park and Historical Cemetery and the project officer for the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

There are 1012 veterans, including one Medal of Honor recipient interred at Evergreen cemetery representing American veterans of the Civil War period through the Iraq wars, all of whom deserve the recognition year round.

The Medal of Honor recipient interred at Evergreen is Colonel Cornelius C. Smith who received the Medal of Honor for his participation during the Sioux Indian Wars of the 1890's with the 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Col. Smith also participated



*Wreath placed at the POW/MIA flag near the GAR Circle at the cemetery*

in the Spanish – American War, Philippine Insurrection and World War I.

Other veterans included at the Evergreen Wreaths ceremony are a Union Civil War Black Infantry Soldier and 3 Confederate Soldiers.

## The Wreath Ceremony

by Steve Doyle PCC, DJVC

On Saturday, December 14, 2019, our camp participated in our second Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery in Riverside. To co-inside with the same ceremonies occurring throughout the nation, the events started at exactly 12:00 p.m. on the East Coast and 09:00 a.m. on the West Coast. Brother John Morris, USAF Colonel (Retired) organized the entire event and was the Master of Ceremony.

After a moment of Silence and the Presentation of Colors by the Blue Eagles Color Guard, Kaylee Harris sang the National Anthem. This was followed by an Invocation from Bishop John Harris and opening remarks by Brother Morris. After three guest speakers gave brief speeches, Brothers Rudy Velasco III, Matt Crowder, Steve Doyle, and Mike Bullard escorted the current military wreath carriers from the five Branches of the Military for the laying of the wreaths at the foot of the various service branch flag poles.

A wreath was also placed at the POW/MIA flag pole as well, shown in photo at left.

Brother Morris than gave Closing Remarks.

The Camp 18 musket squad consisting of Department Commander Rudy Velasco III, Camp 18 Commander Mike Bullard, Department Jr Vice Commander Steve Doyle and Camp 18 Jr Vice Commander Matt Crowder fired a three x three musket volley. This was followed by Kasey Borders playing a live rendition of Taps.

Members and guests were then asked to volunteer and help place wreaths on veterans' grave sites that didn't already have them. Besides the actual 17 participants, it was estimated that approximately 60 guests attended the ceremony.

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**Photo above & from the left; Camp 18 musket squad are Department Commander Rudy Velasco III, Camp 18 Commander Mike Bullard, Department Jr Vice Commander Steve Doyle, Camp 18 Jr Vice Commander Matt Crowder and Jr Member Brother Bodie Crowder.  
... JJ Cadkin photo**

A special Honorable Mention needs to be given to Brother Morris for his organizing this event as it required many intricate parts to come together to make it happen. We are so fortunate to have a Brother with such passion for remembering our Veterans and his contacts and organizational skills to make this event a success.

Docent tours were also available after the ceremony to explain the history interred there.

There is so much to be discovered and revered at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery.

### Camp Officer Elections

At the Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Camp Election meeting held at the American Legion Hall in Corona the Camp Officer elections were held. There were no other candidates running for any of the Camp Offices so all of the incumbents are still the same and can be seen on page three of this newsletter.

Should you ever decide that you may want to participate as an Officer in the Camp, which can be fun, please let us know.

We also had a new member candidate attend the Camp meeting, Mr. Jason Valencia of the Riverside who was an acquaintance of Brother Richard Burns PCC and has an interest in the SUVCW but has yet to return his membership application.

Mr. Valencia would like to honor the Civil War Service of his G-Great Grandfather Union Officer Hezekiah Harrison of the New Mexico Scouts. Hopefully we will hear from Mr. Valencia again soon.

### Stars and Stripes Symbol of the Complete Union

by Bruce Edward Hall @ Atlas Editions

As the United States split apart in early 1861, the U.S. flag was in danger of splitting as well. Thirty-three stars represented the states then in the Union. Still, even as a 34<sup>th</sup> star was added with the admission of Kansas on July 4, 1861, there were increasing calls for the removal of 11 stars for the 11 seceding states. Some radicals actually produced 23 star flags, while others even omitted the stars which stood for the border states. There were even those who cut down the number stripes to nine – removing stripes for the four Southern states from the original 13.

Samuel F.B. Morse, artist, inventor of the telegraph and the president of the American Society for the Promotion of the National Union, suggested cutting the “Stars and Stripes” diagonally from the upper left to the lower right. The resulting triangular design would contain 23 stars and six and a half stripes, filled out to a rectangular shape with a field of white.

President Abraham Lincoln, however, would entertain no such ideas. He felt that creating a national symbol that completely excluded the Confederate states would grant *de facto* recognition to those states. Since the states had seceded illegally, he reasoned, they were still technically part of the Union and must be represented on the flag. So the 34 star flag continued to fly until July 4, 1863, when West Virginia was admitted. The addition of Nevada on October 31, 1864 made it a 36 star flag.

It was during the Civil War that reverence for the American flag took on an almost religious intensity. The Stars and Stripes started appearing in Northern churches for the first time, while the U.S. flag that had flown over Fort Sumter was exhibited all over the North as a fundraiser. “When the stars and stripes went down at Sumter, they went up in every town...in the loyal states.... Its prose became poetry and there was seen in it a sacred value which it had never before possessed.”

### Fascinating Fact....

Most Union battle units never received the newer flags and continued to use the 34 star design.



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