

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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A Message from the Camp Commander

Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I am hoping that you all are starting the New Year off well and are all in good health. Please contact me if otherwise, so that our camp can offer our support.

I will remind everyone that the Prado Regional Park annual Civil War reenactment and Camp display in early April has been canceled.

As most of you know, the annual Department of California and the Pacific Encampment is being held again in Sacramento from Friday, March 4th to Sunday, March 6th. Brothers Rudy Velasco III, Rudy Velasco IV, Bill Daley, and myself will be attending and hoping to avoid any El Nino rain drops. Brother Michael Emmett will meet us there. We are especially proud of Brother Rudy Velasco III, as this will be his first year sitting in the chair as the Department Junior Vice Commander. Besides this new responsibility, he is still our camp Secretary/Treasurer and "Command Center", making sure things get done correctly and on time.

As you may recall from my January message, the 100th Anniversary for the Rededication of the San Bernardino Soldiers and Sailors Monument is approaching soon and the final program is being worked out by the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society. As of this writing, the ceremony will start at 11:00 on Saturday, April 16, 2016, and will probably last a little over an hour. The monument is located in downtown San Bernardino at Pioneer Park, at the corner of 6th and E Streets. I am privileged to be the Main Speaker and will be speaking about the need to honor those who fought in the

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Notice, Notice, Notice!

Brothers, please note; April's Meeting Date has been Changed

To accommodate the San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society's Centennial Re-dedication of the Civil War Soldiers – Sailors Statue with the Camp's participation on April 16th, the Camp's business meeting has been changed to the 2nd weekend of the month instead of the 3rd. The next Camp 18 meeting will be held on April 9th.

We hope this change of dates doesn't interfere with your plans for participation.

Tentative Camp Calendar

March 4-5 – 130th annual Department Encampment of the SUVCW in Sacramento, CA.

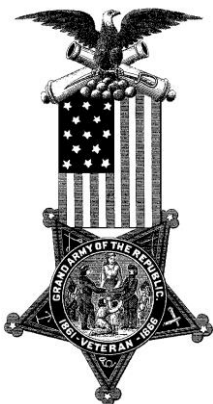
April 2 – 3 – Prado Park Civil War Reenactment has been **CANCELLED** due to contract disputes & more.

Saturday April 9 - Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, 1024 S. Main St. Corona. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 – Camp participation in the 100th year re-dedication of the Soldiers Monument at Pioneer Park, San Bernardino. 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 28 – Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Riverside. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18 – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, 1024 S. Main St. Corona, 12:00 p.m.



*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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Civil War, a brief history of the G.A.R. and how it transitioned into the SUVCW. We will have our usual display there and already have our various "Positions of Responsibility" assigned, so there is no need for any more "volunteers". I would only ask that as many of you as possible try to come to this momentous occasion to support our camp. This is an important tradition that we can only hope that future SUVCW Brothers will carry on in the future. Please mark this on your calendars and try to attend. If you have them, please wear your Camp 18 shirts and kepis, as I would especially like to get a Camp 18 Group Photo to have in our May newsletter . . .

Ok, I guess that's about it. As always, my contact information is the same: phone: (909)-862-7129 and email address: <psychrn10@aol.com>, if you have any questions or comments about our activities.

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,

Steve Doyle,
Camp Commander.

Camp meeting at the Lincoln Shrine

Camp 18's February meeting was held at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands and what a wonderful place it turned out to be for us. The setting with so many Lincoln and Civil War artifacts was very conducive to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The staff and docents were very accommodating and friendly. Everybody attending had a great time.

Congratulations to Camp Commander Steve Doyle as he successfully led his first Camp meeting.

Past Camp Cmdr. Richard Burns received a Certificate of Recognition for his years of service as Camp Commander from the Department of Calif. & Pacific, SUVCW, and issued by Commander Doyle.

A collection was taken to supplement the

camp's JROTC fund, which has now been doubled. We will have ample JROTC awards for several years at our average pace of 12 JROTC ceremonies per year.

Thank you Brothers Jim Crowell, Burt Hogue, JVC Mike Bullard, Rudy Velasco PCC, Bill Daley PCC and Commander Steve Doyle for your generous donations.

We are looking forward to having more Camp meetings at the Lincoln Shrine.

In Memoriam

It is sad to announce the passing of the following Brothers

Brother Mark Lowell Breckner of Elk Grove, CA; and a member of Gen. George Wright Camp 22, passed away on 12 December 2015.

Brother John A. Riggs, of Reno, NV; Viet Nam Veteran and Commander of Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 passed away on 12 January 2016.

Brother Jericho Alexander Mullen (aged 17) of San Juan Bautista, CA; a member of Abraham Lincoln Camp 10 passed away on 28 January 2016.

Brother Donald Braden Schall III of Everton, CO; a member of Gen. Pleasanton Camp 24 passed away on 3 February 2016.



Brother Richard Burns PCC receives Service Recognition Certificate from Camp CMDR. Steve Doyle at the Lincoln Shrine meeting.

JROTC Awards Season is about to Begin

Camp 18 has already received two JROTC Award applications and will be sending Camp representatives to each of these award ceremonies to help with the presentations to the Cadets.

Applications were received from Moreno Valley High School. Their AFJROTC ceremony will be held in the school gym on 22 April 2016 at 5:00 p.m.; and San Jacinto High School, who will hold their AFJROTC ceremony in the school gym on 9 May 2016 at 5:00 p.m.



Photo of Camp 18 display at the Lincoln Shrine Open House in Redlands on February 6th. Second & third from left is Rudy Velasco & Cmdr. Steve Doyle. Fifth from left is Bill Daley PCC and Richard Bruns PCC is seated at the far right.
 von Lutz photo



General George Stoneman Jr.
Camp 18 Officers

Camp Display at the Annual Lincoln Shrine Open House

In the early morning of Saturday, Feb 6th, while the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H and other Boys and Girl Clubs along with Civil War reenactors and mounted Cavalry, were getting ready for the 77th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade near the Redlands High School on Citrus Ave, Camp 18 Brothers Steve Doyle and Rudy Velasco were setting up the Camp Display at the Lincoln Shrine across from the Redlands Bowl and end of the parade route.

As the morning wore on, more displays popped up around the grassy areas in front of the Shrine, which included the Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and other Civil War related exhibits, with one Civil War Reenactors Artillery group that brought a field gun to display and fire. The crowd got a BIG kick watching the cannon discharge.

At noon the Shrine opened to the public just as the parade viewers and participants were filling the grassy lawns to view all the different displays.

Brother Richard Burns, Brother Bill and Angie Daley came to the Camp display to talk with the spectators who were interested in what the Sons of Union Veterans' had to exhibit and

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| Camp Commander, | Steve Doyle |
| Sr. Vice Cmdr, | Richard Burns |
| Jr. Vice Cmdr, | Michael Bullard |
| 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 |
| Camp Historian | Burt Hogue |
| Graves Registration | Michael Emmett |
| Newsletter Editor | Rudy Velasco III |
| Patriotic Instructor | Richard Burns |
| JROTC & Eagle | Richard Burns & |
| Scout Coordinators | 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



Display continued,

explained the soldier’s way of life in the 1860’s. There were a lot of people fascinated with the Civil war items on display and the Scouts always love finding out about the muskets.

Camp 18 Brother Larry Duncan was also at the Open House as Doctor Malarky with part of his Civil War Field Hospital display. The bone saws, clamps, crutches, medical tools and amputated limbs (rubber and plastic) always generate questions.

Brother Ken Walker arrived as the Open House festivities began. In his Civil War Marine uniform, he walked Guard Duty in front of the Shrine and stood sentry at the front entrance for most of the afternoon.

We also had a visit from Brother Richard Lutz and his wife, who regularly attend the Shrine’s Open House. Brother Lutz took the photograph of the display that is shown at the top of page 3.

A new addition to the Open House this year was food trucks. There were three or four trucks parked behind the Shrine serving Mexican, BBQ and sandwiches. They seemed to be a big attraction in the early afternoon and the Mac & cheese pulled pork sandwich was really, really good.

If you have never been to or haven’t visited the only Lincoln Shrine west of the Mississippi River in a while, treat yourself and take a trip to Redlands.

settle. His account was well received at the Daughter’s October business meeting.

In early winter 2015, Tent #92 asked Camp 18 Secretary Rudy Velasco PCC to be the guest speaker at their Officer Installation meeting. Of course the Camp Secretary agreed and offered the topic of “*Civil War Small Arms and Tactics*” which was agreeable to petitioner.

Giving further thought to the BROAD topic which was offered, a more condensed theme was actually given. Although tactics was the main point, it was narrowed down to moving regiments across open fields as a unit and how to drive the enemy from the contested turf. Bayonet uses and how to load and aim a musket in the heat of battle was also described. Accuracy with the Minnie and round musket ball were compared to close the dialogue.

A recess for lunch followed the Camp 18 speaker before the Daughters finished their Installation Meeting.



Camp Secretary Rudy Velasco receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Tent #92 President Elect Rosemary Minsky for being the guest speaker at their January meeting. Canales photo



Sr. Vice President Elect Lynette Harmon Canales of Mary Jane Safford Tent 92 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is shown being instructed on how to hold a Springfield musket by Brother Rudy Velasco. Canales photo

Camp Secretary Rudy Velasco is Speaker at DUVCW meeting

Last October, Brother Richard Burns PCC was honored to be the guest speaker at the Mary Jane Safford Tent #92 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Temecula, where he talked about Union Veterans after the war and why some made their way westward to

Drawing at right:

“About the Size of It”

In this optimistic and patriotic cartoon, the sun smiles down on the reunited United States, on Uncle Sam and on the flag.

Harper’s weekly, May 13, 1865





Join **General George Stoneman Jr, Camp 18**
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and

Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery
4414 14th Street, Riverside, Calif. 92501
for a

Memorial Day Service

Saturday, 28 May 2016 at noon
At the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) circle.



***You are invited to witness a service in the Civil War Veteran &
Grand Army of the Republic Tradition,***

with

ALL American Veterans in mind

Join Us

Help to Preserve the Memory & History of your Union Civil War Ancestor

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