

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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2017 Happy New Year 2017

A Message from the Camp Commander

Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I hope this message finds you and yours healthy and in good spirits.

Looking back on 2016, I am very proud of our camp's achievements: especially our Rededication Ceremony for the San Bernardino 100th Anniversary of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in April. Once again, I wish to thank all the Brothers who participated in this event to make it our crowning achievement for the year.

Shortly after the Soldiers and Sailors Monument Ceremony, I set up a SUVCW camp 18 display at the Feldham Library, which is next to the monument. I had hoped it would generate some interest in referrals for membership, but it did not. It's like going fishing: you try one place, and if you don't catch anything, you try another one . . .

After keeping it there for 6 months, I decided to take it down in October. Hopefully, a few people stopped by it, and reflected on the sacrifices that we made to keep our Union whole. Please forward to me any ideas you have about promoting our camp's membership. Thanks.

On an unfortunate note, the Chino Re-enactment event was cancelled this year, and it does not look like it will return in the near future. But we have found out about another Re-enactment event in Cherry Valley that we may be able to participate in with a display. Stay tuned for further details as 2017 progresses . . .

As in past years, we will be having a camp display at the Lincoln Shrine at the Smiley Library in Redlands. We will

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Tentative Camp Calendar

Saturday, Feb 4 – Camp display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Set up at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18 – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona. Breakfast at 9:00, meeting at 10:00.

March 17 – 18 – 131st annual Cal/Pacific Department Encampment at the “Four Points” by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield, CA.

Saturday, April 15 – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona.

Department Encampment

This year's Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Cal/Pacific Department Encampment will be held on Friday & Saturday, March 17 & 18 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield.

Registration forms will soon be available on the Department website:

www.suvpac.org/encampment.html

If you do not have access to the website, and would like to have the Encampment forms, contact the Editor and I mail the forms to you when they are available.

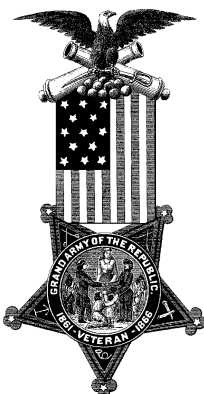
Let the secretary know if you plan to attend the Encampment so we can have “camp credentials” ready to present at the registration table.

Dues Reminder

Most all of our annual dues have

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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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be there on Saturday, February 4th, from about 08:00 until 16:00. Good time to make an annual "pilgrimage" to this shrine, to see the latest displays they have there. Also, it's always a pleasure to see Brother Larry Duncan (aka "Dr. Malarkey") explaining things to the kids at his "field hospital".

As a further reminder, the Department Encampment will be in Bakersfield this year and not in Sacramento, and will be on the third weekend in March: 17th-19th. If you are interested in attending or have any questions regarding the Encampment please contact me and I will be happy to coordinate hotel rooms, if necessary.

Our next camp meeting will be back at the American Legion building in Corona on Saturday, February 18th. Once again, we are going to meet early and have some bacon and eggs at 9:00, and start our meeting at 10:00. I will be supplying the grub this time, but I would appreciate it that, if you are planning to attend, if you would RSVP to me or Rudy, so I know how many pigs to slaughter.

I want to thank all of you who have already submitted your annual camp dues to Rudy as it really helps him to total things up so the money can be sent to the Department and to National in a timely manner. If you haven't been able to take care of this, or did not get a notice from him, please follow up at your earliest convenience.

As always, you can contact me at psychrn10@aol.com or by phone at: 909-862-7129. I would especially like to know about any Brothers or their family members who are ill or in distress.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Steve Doyle, Camp Commander.

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been received by the camp secretary but there are still a few waiting until the last minute.

You should have received a self-addressed envelope to mail your dues in or you can mail a check for \$40.00, made to "Camp 18 SUVCW" c/o Rudy Velasco 69586 Borrego Rd. Cathedral City, CA. 92234.

Please remit when possible or if there is some difficulty, let me know and I will adjust the paperwork accordingly.

Junior Member Application Received

At our February camp meeting we will be reviewing the Jr member application for Master James Matthew Amori, age 7 of San Bernardino.

James will be joining his older brother and Camp Jr member Dominic, age 9 and his dad Camp 18 Brother Matt Amori in honoring the civil war service of his 3rd Great Grand-Uncle Pvt. Archibald S. Fuller of Company B, 49th Kentucky Infantry.

Welcome aboard James.

December's Camp Meeting

Once again, Camp 18's December meeting was held at the Palm Springs Air Museum in the Major General Ken Miles Aviation Science Center. It is always fun to walk around the "war birds" housed at the museum as we walk to our meeting room.

Before the meeting, Camp Commander Steve Doyle had his photo taken while he was sitting in the cockpit of a WWII Vought F4U Corsair that is housed in the Pacific hanger. Nice photo. Call Pappy Boyington, there is another pilot available.

The meeting finished rather quickly as there was not a lot of business to conduct. The Officer elections were the main event and they remain the same as last year.

Returning Officers are Steve Doyle Camp Commander; Richard Burns Sr Vice Cmdr; Mike Bullard Jr Vice Cmdr; Rudy Velasco III Secretary/Treasurer & Camp Council are Michael Emett, Rudy Velasco IV and John Morris. Appointed Officers are listed on page 3.

Photo at left show Camp 18 Brothers attending the December meeting at the air museum. Back row from the left are Brothers Larry Duncan, Rudy Velasco III, James Crowell & Rudy Velasco IV. Front row kneeling are Brothers Michael Bullard and Steve Doyle.

Camp 18 Brother Makes Book Donation

Contributed by Brother Charles Monell, edited by Secretary Rudy Velasco

Camp 18 Brother Charles Monell of Rancho Mirage, California donated his entire Civil War book collection to the Rancho Mirage Public library. This Editor went to visit the library and view the donated collection of Brother Monell which is located next to the Gerald R. Ford collection, and counted over 130 volumes. I am sure that this is a collection accumulated over several decades.

I asked Charles what the reason for such a large donation was and in his own words is his reply, below.

“The Library has played a very important part in my life since coming to the desert full time about 25 years ago.



Photo Above: Shelves containing the books donated by Brother Charles Monell next to a bust of President Gerald R. Ford and his collection of personal books in the Special Collections room of the Rancho Mirage Public Library.

Initially we never planned to have a special collections but with the new larger building and with changes which decreased the need for shelving we opted to accept gifts of interest – made even more enjoyable by the alteration of a little used reference space into a Special Collections Room. My California History/Book Club Books were the first I added to the library. Now as I move along it seemed time to find a secure home for the books I had gathered over the years related to the Civil War; especially those

associated with my Great-Grandfather who was active over four years.

On a visit to Kansas relatives whom I had only recently met, I found some cousins had scattered material related to my relative, Noah Selmon Weddle. They had no real knowledge of what he had done during the war so I set out to correct that. Thru my affiliation as a Commissioner with the California State Library it was easy to get started.

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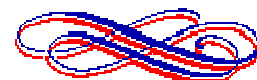
**General George Stoneman Jr.
Camp 18 Officers**

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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



LIBRARY continued,...

I found Noah had quite a career which I eventually pulled into a book, "Noah Selmon Weddle and the Civil War." A copy was given to the Camp but I don't know where it would have been kept.

As a byproduct of writing that book my general Civil War collection grew, especially heavy in items related to the western part of the war. Noah's regiment, the 140th Indiana Volunteer Regiment, was one of the four which formed "The Lightning Brigade," famous as the first mounted infantry to use a repeating rifle, the 7 shot Spencer. The "lightning" referred to their tremendous fire power which was lethal to the enemy.

So that is how the collection happened. I am sure the library would welcome significant additions to their history collection".

Thanks for your interest. As my life "downsizes" I am finding homes for many of the more valuable books and collections. I recently completed the transfer of my 70 year collection of books on the history of Stained Glass to the Huntington Library .

Thank you Brother Monell for this great addition to our newsletter!

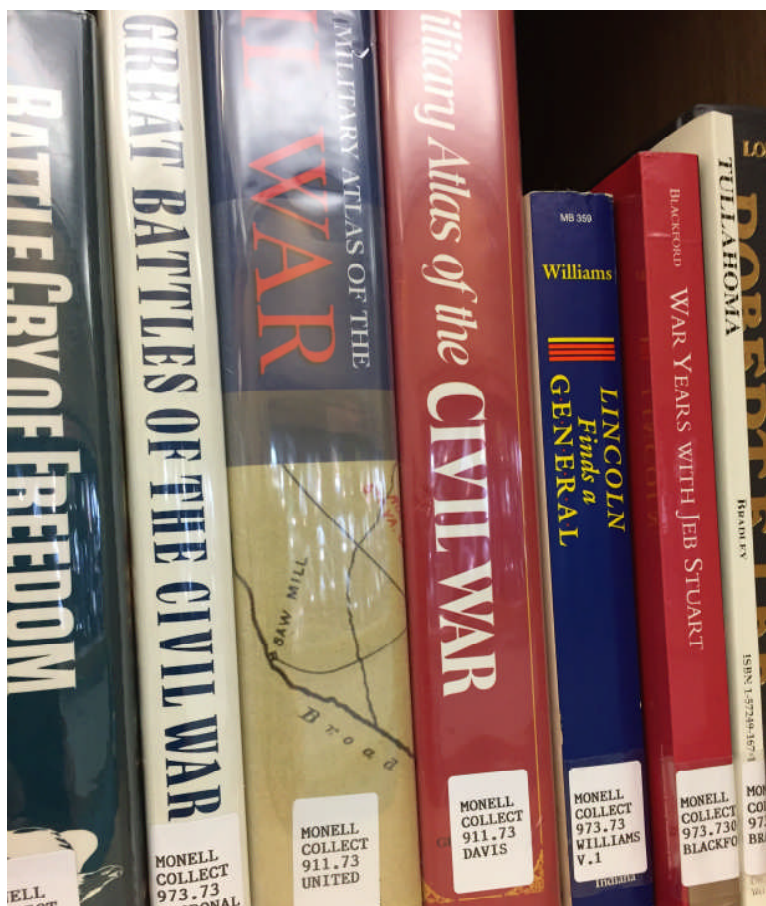


Photo above; a few of Brother Monell's book collection, displayed at the Rancho Mirage Library. Thank you Chuck!

Camp 18 Graves Registration Officer Michael Emmett Registers High Again; Graves Registration Annual Report

In his own words;

I worked 436 Civil War burial records; to wit, 48 records were corrections/additions that I made to already submitted records; 38 records were duplicates; no changes made.

350 new records added and accepted. 8 were U.S. Colored Troops, 46 were Confederate States Soldiers, including 1 General Officer.

Kudos to Camp Commander Steve Doyle who told me about the Fort Plain cemetery in New York State. There were 138 burial records found there, that needed to be registered with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Graves Registration Data Base.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, MEMORIAL DAY WILL SOON BE UPON US

Looks like Saturday, May 27 will be our Memorial Day ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. It's time to start thinking about what role you may fill, if any, with the Camp's Memorial Day service, in uniform or with musket or in a civilian speaking role or just support. Let the Editor know if you have intentions of helping put on the ceremony. Everybody welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR BROTHERS

Brother Robert Gee.....January 8

Brother David Runells.....January 9

Brother Richard Lutz.....January 10

Brother Bill Daley.....February 5

Jr Brother Dominic Amori.....February 18

