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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 this message is finding you and yours doing well and in good health. Please contact me if otherwise, so that our camp can offer our support.

Brothers Rudy Velasco III, Bill Daley, and I set up our display at the Lincoln Shrine during the Redlands Lincoln's Day celebration last month and Brother Larry Duncan, aka "Dr. Malarky", had a realistic display of a Civil War field hospital that drew a steady and mesmerized crowd.

It looks like our camp is going to have a good turnout for our Department Encampment this month on the 17th-19th. Seven of us are going to Bakersfield and three of our Brothers are even bringing their wives. We are especially proud of our camp Secretary/Treasurer and Department Junior Vice Commander, Brother Rudy Velasco III, and are anticipating his being elected to Department Senior Vice Commander during the Saturday business portion of the Encampment.

During our last camp meeting on February 25th, we started making preparations for our annual Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. It will be on Saturday, May 27th, so please mark your calendars. Brother John Morris and his devoted crew will, once again, be placing flags on all the veterans' grave sites and would be grateful for any volunteers who can help him with this noble task.

As always, my contact information is the same:

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Tentative Camp Calendar

March 17-18 – 131st annual SUVCW California & Pacific Department Encampment at the "Four Points" by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield, CA.

Saturday, April 15 – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall. Breakfast at 9:00 am, meeting at 10:00. Interested in breakfast?

Saturday, May 27 – Camp 18's Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Historical Cemetery, Riverside.

Saturday, June 17 – Camp meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona.

If anyone knows of an up-coming local Civil War event or reenactment where our Camp may have a display table, let us know. We are looking for a few more events for the year.

Did you know?

On March 9th 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

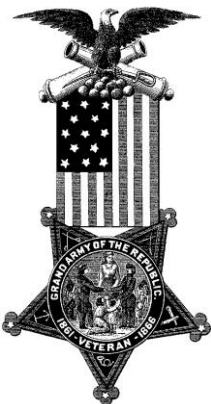
March 13th 1865 – Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing slaves to enlist in the Confederate Army with the promise they would be set free.

What was the worst one-day bloodbath of the Civil War?

How many generals were killed or wounded at Antietam in September 1862?

Answers on top of page 3....

***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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if you have any questions or comments about our activities.

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,

Steve Doyle,
Camp Commander.

Electoral College

The President-elect won the election with less than 40% of the popular vote but had the majority of electoral votes. The Republican Party had put forth a candidate to win several crucial states that could swing the Electoral College. The election was a bitter one with the Democratic Party fractured between two candidates.

The incoming President received so many death threats that he chose to arrive in Washington in secrecy. The security for the inauguration was the tightest ever with troops stationed on buildings throughout the day. This was an unprecedented amount of protection for any President-elect. Many members of Congress chose not to attend the ceremony.

Despite all this Abraham Lincoln was sworn in as our 16th president on March 4, 1861.

Camp 18's New Junior Member

At the February Camp meeting we unanimously voted to receive James Matthew Amori of San Bernardino into Camp 18 as a Junior Member.

7 year old James stays busy with Cub Scouts and youth sports.

James joins his Brother, Jr. Member Dominic and dad, Camp 18 Brother Matthew in honoring the memory and service of his 3rd Great Grand Uncle Archibald Scott Fuller, Private in Company B, 49th Kentucky Infantry.

Also at the meeting, we completed the list of who would be attending the Department Encampment in Bakersfield over the weekend of the March 18th – 19th. Camp 18 will have seven delegates attending. This will be the best showing yet, the biggest group of delegates that Camp 18 has put together in the 7 years since receiving our new camp charter.

As with most conventions, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and

Pacific Encampment continues to provide newly made friendships and comradery. A great experience if you haven't attended an Encampment before.

And a final comment about the February meeting, **Breakfast.....**



Photo above from the left; Camp JVC Mike Bullard, SVC Richard Burns and Camp Historian Burt Hogue enjoying breakfast.

Photo below from the left; Camp Commander Steve Doyle and Rudy Velasco finishing breakfast before the meeting.

Bullard photo....



Camp Commander Steve Doyle brought his Keurig coffee machine with two different coffee blends, Robust German and a Hawaiian blend which kept the get-together running at peak efficiency. There were no takers for the frozen waffles or instant oatmeal. The bacon and eggs were the preferred meal along with the "Pace Picante" sauce. Would anybody like a little eggs with your Picante sauce?

We really do have a good time at our breakfast meetings.



Trivia answers from page 1,.....

What was the worst one day blood bath of the war?

Answer: September 17, 1862, at Antietam. About 26,000 were killed, wounded or missing.

How many Generals were killed or wounded at Antietam in September 1862?

Answer: Eighteen; three were killed and six were wounded from each side.

Lincoln Shrine Display

We could not have asked for a better day for our Saturday, February 4th display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands. The weather was perfect and the public were enjoyable.



Photo from the left: Camp 18 Brother Richard Lutz, Chaplain Bill Daley, and Camp Cmdr. Steve Doyle at the Camp display at the Lincoln Shrine.



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

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

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

Camp Commander Steve Doyle arrived early along with Secretary Rudy Velasco III to set up the Camp display before the Shrine opened to the public at noon. Camp Chaplain Bill Daley PCC met us to help with the display well before the Shrine opened.

Brother Larry Duncan set up his field hospital display and became "Dr. Malarkey" for the day. Dr. Malarkey has a very good display showing how brutal war can be on the soldier and how primitive Civil War medicine was, but the public loves to see the display. Well done, Doc. See photo on page 4.

Brother Richard Lutz, along with his wife, traveled from Victorville to visit the Lincoln Shrine during the Open House and was visiting at our display for awhile.

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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



Photo below: Brother Larry Duncan/Dr. Malarkey explains a Civil War era medical instrument to the public. Notice President Lincoln in the background? Doyle photo



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The display also received a visit from Brother Matt Amori and sons, Jr. Members Dominic and James who had participated in the Lincoln parade with their Scout Troop earlier in the day.



Photo above from left Rudy Velasco PCC, Bill Daley PCC & Camp Cmdr. Steve Doyle at the Lincoln Shrine Display, 2/04/2017.

Von Lutz photo

2017 Eagle Scout and JROTC update

The Camp participated in one Eagle Scout Court of Honor last January in San Jacinto, presentation by SVC Richard Burns PCC and we have two more Courts of Honor scheduled for later this month.

We have attended one Army JROTC awards ceremony at Carter High School in Rialto with a presentation made by Brother Rudy Velasco PCC.

We have three more JROTC events scheduled for March and April but as we enter into the Spring months more schools will be announcing their awards ceremonies. The Camp participated in 11 ROTC/JROTC events in 2016 and we are anticipating an equal amount this year.

The Following Event information is not a Camp 18 or SUVCW event. We are only passing along information associated with our civil war related activities.

Gazette665's 2017 History Conference

June 3, 2017 Temecula, California

There is a 2017 Civil War Conference in Southern California! Gazette665 hopes you can join them.

Commemorating the 155 Anniversary of the second year of America's most costly conflict, seven historians and researchers join together with Gazette665 to present:

The American Civil War 1862: Searching for Victory.

Six Guest Speakers: David T. Dixon, Meg Groeling, Edward Headington, Michael L. Oddenino, Michael Shaffer & Sarah Kay Bierle. Civil War California Historical Display by Mark Schoenberger.

Saturday, June 3, 2017; 8:30 a.m. 'til 5:00 p.m. at the Temecula Conference Center, Temecula, California.

Early Bird registration is \$40.00 per person and ends April 9th. After April 9th regular pricing is \$50.00 person. Panera Bread lunch is included with all registrations. Lunch choices include "Café" Turkey sandwich or "Café" ham & swiss sandwich or "Café" Garden Salad.

All registration closes May 29, 2017.

For more information and Presentation Topics you can visit:

www.gazette665.com/2017-civil-war-conference

Online registration is available. If you don't have access to online registration and would like to register for the conference, contact your Editor and I will mail a registration form to you.

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Brothers,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson. Born on July 4, 1924, he resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania all his life. In 1938 he joined the Anna M. Ross Camp #1, SUVCW in Philadelphia and served as Commander-in-Chief from 1993 – 1994.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Bud enlisted in the Army, served 4 years in an armored unit in the European theatre and remained in the active Army Reserves for 20 additional years before retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major. In the early 1980's Bud founded the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and eventually rose to the rank of Colonel commanding the SVR 2nd Military District. He retired from this post in 1997 and began service as Inspector General of the SVR.

Employed as a professional firefighter by the city of Philadelphia, Bud retired after 24 years to become the manager of an air conditioning company. He subsequently worked as the Assistant Building Supervisor for a large insurance company. His final retirement was in 1986.

He assumed the presidency of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia in 1982, under his guidance; the Board was eventually able to open the museum to the public for tours and lectures. He served for ten years on the Board of Directors of the Frankford Historical Society of Philadelphia; was a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans; Life member of the National Rifle Association; and a member of the American Legion; Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and Pennsylvania Hunter Safety Instructor.

I hereby order that the SUVCW National Website and the Charters of all Departments and Camps be draped, and that all Brothers attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges. This shall remain so for a period of 30 days.

Ordered this 12th day of March 2017,

Donald L. Martin
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:
Jonathan Davis
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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