

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 for the Camp Commander

Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I trust you are all doing well and are healthy. Please contact me if otherwise.

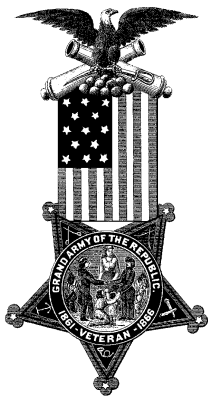
For those of you who were not present at our last meeting we received a Department General Order (No. 3) from our Department Commander, Dean Enderlin.

In it he reminded us that Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson organized the GAR on April 6, 1866, but then he went on to say that Major Thomas Jay Blakeney was granted the authority by the GAR, "to establish Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within the Department of California." He organized the first Post for the Department in San Francisco on April 22, 1867 with 32 charter members. On May 7, 1866, a Provisional GAR Department of California was organized until such time as a minimum of ten Posts could be mustered to qualify it for Permanent status. This occurred on February 21, 1868, when the Department of California held its first Encampment in Eureka Hall in San Francisco. Finally, the Department Order encouraged all camps to celebrate these Sesquicentennial dates, "through public events, interpretive displays, press releases and other related activities".

Once again we will be conducting our annual Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. The service will start at 12:00 and will be on Saturday, May 27th. If you are not able to participate in the Service itself, your attendance to support your Brothers would be greatly appreciated.

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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*



Tentative Camp Calendar

Saturday, May 27 – Camp 18 Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, 4414 14th St. Riverside, CA. 92501. The Service starts at noon.

Saturday, June 17 – Camp Meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona, 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00?

August 10 – 13 – 136th National Encampment of the SUVCW, in Lansing, Michigan. This should be a fun one. See the National website or "The Banner" for more details.

<http://suvcwmi.org/2017NatEncampment/2017Encampment.php>

No Camp meeting scheduled for August.

If anybody 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.

Memorial Service Plans

Brother John Morris will lead a group of volunteers who will be placing American Flags at the headstones of the Veterans interred at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery for Memorial Day. He plans to start placing the flags at the G.A.R. circle, where we hold our Memorial Service, on Friday afternoon, 26 May and will finish the rest of the cemetery Saturday morning.

The group will start placing the flags at 8:00 a.m. and should be done about 10:00 a.m. If you would like to join the group, they would love to have you.

For more information Email Brother John at: john.morris.6@us.af.mil



More Memorial Service plans,.....

Bring your lawn chairs! Folding chairs at the cemetery are few and may not be available for our Service which starts noon, so be advised, bring your “folders” or stand.

Also, the docent team at the cemetery is willing to give tours to any attendees after the Service. Thank You Docent team.

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Also, Brother John Morris and his cadre of volunteers will, once again, be placing American flags on all the veterans’ grave sites. They usually start around 08:00 a.m. and will appreciate any additional help.

The Department Encampment in March was held in Bakersfield this year and, speaking for myself, I thought it was a good choice. With only 35 Brothers total in attendance, our camp was well represented with 5 Brothers. Brother Rudy Velasco III was elected without opposition (who would be foolish enough to oppose him) to Department Senior Vice Commander and his son, Rudy IV, was made Department Guide. Yours truly and Bill Daley, PCC, were recognized for our work as Councilmen and will remain so for at least another year. Bill, along with several other Brothers, was also given a certificate of appreciation from the Department for his service in Vietnam. Finally, Brother Michael Emmett, once again, received the award for registering the most Civil War graves.

On a final note, we are happy to announce our newest Brother to our camp: 9 year old Bodie Crowder. He has already shown himself to be quite the historian on the Civil War and we are very glad that he has decided to join our fraternity.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Stephen E. Doyle
Camp Commander

Camp 18 Welcomes New Jr Member

The number of Camp 18 junior members has risen to four with the addition of Bodie J. Crowder of Redlands.

Bodie and his Dad, Matt, joined us at our April breakfast meeting, where Bodie was later initiated during the business portion of the meeting.

Bodie joins the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

honoring the Civil War service of his G-G-G-Grand Uncle James B. Walton, private in Company K, 124th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. Pvt. Walton survived the war.

After finding an extra Pension application certificate for Walton on the internet, it looks like he served 3 months with Company E, 9th Pennsylvania Infantry Reg. in 1861.

Welcome aboard, Bodie.



Above left to right; New Brother Bodie Crowder wearing his Jr Member badge stands next to dad Matt after an abbreviated initiation at the April 15th Camp meeting.

Graves Registration, the Search continues

A report from Brother Michael Emmett

On a recent visit to San Antonio, Texas, I spent my time examining six cemeteries in the area. Three were in nearby New Braunfels. Two of the sites produced a large number of Confederate soldiers whose gravestones I recorded for later documentation and submission to the SUVCW grave registration website. The third site hasn't opened any doors as of today. I went to Fort Sam Houston and explored the national cemetery there, a huge cemetery with a vast number of stones, but, alas to no avail. I am not completely sure that there are no veterans of the Civil War buried there, but found myself redirected by park authorities to the San Antonio National Cemetery, a small cemetery of 3287 headstones, many of which are wives, children, and civilian workers.

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Graves, continued,....

The two most interesting facts I noted here were that 14 Medal of Honor recipients are buried on site and large numbers of U.S. Colored Troops, many remaining in the Army to serve as “Buffalo Soldiers” with the 9th and 10th regiments are buried here.

I have registered a good number of Civil War veterans so far and I am only through “C” in the alphabet, much more work to do.

While driving back and forth from my hotel, I noticed that a Confederate battle flag flew in an adjoining cemetery and investigated. What I found was a twenty acre plot of land donated to the memory of Confederate soldiers from the area for burial. I documented about two hundred Confederate soldiers here, awaiting documentation and submission. By the time you read this newsletter, I will have successfully submitted about 200 soldiers’ names to the website for 2017.



Brother Michael Emett stands in front of the gates at the Shiloh cemetery in 2016



**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 Emett |
| Camp Council #2 | Rudolph Velasco IV |
| Camp Council #3 | John Morris |

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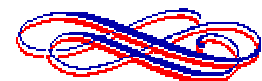
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| Camp Chaplain | Bill Daley |
| Camp Historian | Burt Hogue |
| Graves Registration | Michael Emett |
| Newsletter Editor | Rudy Velasco III |
| Patriotic Instructor | Richard Burns |
| JROTC & Eagle | Richard Burns & |
| Scout Coordinators | Rudy Velasco III |



Photo above; Camp 18 Delegates to the 131st annual SUVCW Department Encampment held at the 4 Points by Sheraton hotel in Bakersfield. Standing from the left is Camp 18 Commander Steve Doyle, Camp secretary Rudy Velasco, Camp Chaplain Bill Daley. Kneeling from the left are Camp Council Rudy Velasco IV and Brother Ken Walker.

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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



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Encampment highlights

The 4 Pints by Sheraton hotel in Bakersfield was a great place for our Department Encampment. Not too far of a drive for the Southern California camps to attend. There was plenty of parking, close to the rooms. The rooms were clean and spacious and the beds were comfortable. The meeting rooms and dining area were big, plenty of room to move around in and not feel crowded.

Breakfast was a typical limited small buffet but Saturday's lunches and dinners were fancier, more delicious than most offered at other encampments, the Editor's opinion.....

There were 35 Brothers attending the business meeting on Saturday. Eleven of the thirteen Camps of the Department were represented.

Newly elected Department Officers are; Department Commander Dean Enderlin PCC; Senior Vice Commander Rudy Velasco III PCC (camp 18); Junior Vice Commander Frank Avila PCC; Secretary/Treasurer Owen Stiles; Department Council – Steve Doyle (camp 18) & Dan Earl & Bill Daley (camp 18).

Appointed Officers can be found at the Dept. website: <http://www.suvpac.org/officers.html> but I will mention that camp 18 Brother Rudy Velasco IV was appointed to Department Guide.



In the photo above, from the left is Department Commander Dean Enderlin, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department President Cindy Eddy, unidentified woman portraying General Grant's wife and Edward Headington portraying General U.S. Grant.

The Encampment's Saturday evening dinner entertainment was General Grant (E. Headington) giving a first person account of his Civil War years.

I am already looking forward to next year's Encampment.



Photo above, Brother Will Gallagher (left) and Brother Bill Nelson (right) hold the recently found Camp 2 charter.

Missing Charter found

In the photo above, Brothers of General Rosecrans Camp 2, Los Angeles, gather around their Camp Charter at the Camp's March meeting.

The Charter had been missing for a number of years. It was taken to a Camp officer's home for safe keeping and to be brought back to the camp meetings. "Out of sight, out of mind" and the years passed.

While doing some Spring cleaning, the Charter was discovered and brought back home to the Camp's meetings. Well done!

Eagle Scout/JROTC update

Camp 18 has been crisscrossing Riverside County & the Inland Empire to help with presentations for some outstanding young adults.

Since the beginning of the year, we have issued 5 Eagle Scout Commendation Certificates and attended 4 of the Eagle Courts of Honor to help with the presentations. We have three more Eagle Courts on the calendar in the next few months.

Nine ROTC/JROTC award packages have been issued by the Camp and we have been able to attend 7 of the Award Ceremonies to help with the presentations.

One of the assistant JROTC Instructors at Vista Murrieta High School mentioned that he thought that the SUVCW award certificate was one of the nicest he had ever seen.

Thank you Brothers Richard Burns, Bill Daley, Burt Hogue, Steve Doyle and Rudy Velasco III for taking time to help with these presentations.



Join **General George Stoneman Jr, Camp 18**
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and
Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery
4414 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501
for a

Memorial Day Service

Saturday, 27 May 2017 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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