

Stoneman Dispatch

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July 4, Happy Birthday America

Message from the Camp Commander

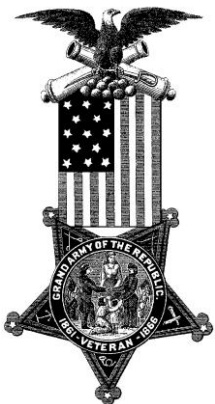
Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I hope you are all enjoying your summer, staying out of the heat, and all of you and yours are healthy.

Once again, I would like to thank all the Brothers who participated in our annual Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. I cannot be a "Commander" if I don't have "Followers" to lead. But in our camp I am privileged to have many "Leaders" who do not need any "instructions from above". In years past we have all met at the cemetery a day or two before the service to make sure we knew what we were doing. But now we all just show up and, "do our duty". Once again, "Thank you, Brothers!" As always, I am proud to be your Commander.

At our Memorial Day Service I enjoyed presenting the exploits of the California Column and how they contributed to preventing General Sibley's Confederate Texans from gaining valuable territory in the Southwest United States. As General in Chief, Henry W. Hallek wrote on October 13, 1862, regarding the California Column's 900 mile desert trek from Fort Drum, Los Angeles to El Paso, "(it was) one of the most creditable marches on record. I only wish our Army here had the mobility and endurance of the California troops." Although their casualties and engagements were few, they were still Veterans of the Civil War and deserve our recognition and appreciation. For more information on this and other interesting

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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*



4th of July Message from Sons of Veterans Reserve Commanding General Robert E. Grim

Brothers, I thought about the importance of this day as dawn came on this 4th of July 2017.

I believe that James Gillespie Blaine, Speaker of the House 1868 – 1875 said it best with these words;

"The United States is the only country with a known birthday. All the rest began, they know not when, and grew into power, they know not how... There is no "Republican, no "Democrat" on the Fourth of July - all are Americans."

Important then and even more now.

God Bless the United States of America.

Tentative Camp Calendar

August 10 – 13 – 136th National Encampment of the SUVCW in Lansing Michigan.

Saturday, October 21 - Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, 1024-B S. Main St, Corona at 10:00 a.m. breakfast at 9:00 ?

Saturday, December 16 – Camp meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Time and information to follow.

Stay Cool this Summer!



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reading regarding this topic I would encourage you to read Andrew E. Masich's book, "Civil War in the Southwest Borderland, 1861-1867".

As a reminder, the National Encampment will be in Lansing, Michigan, August 10-12th. As far as I know, only Brother Rudy Velasco III will be attending. We will await his report at our next camp meeting on October 21st at the American Legion Hall in Corona. We pray he has a safe and enjoyable trip.

Speaking of our next meeting, it is hard to believe that we started having our morning breakfasts a year ago this coming October. What started off as a, "let's try something different", has become something of a tradition now. For those new to the camp, we meet at 09:00 now, prepare and eat a hearty meal, all the while socializing in an informal atmosphere. Topics of interest or importance are brought up to discuss during the formal part of our meeting and this allows the meeting to progress more efficiently and smoothly. The meeting starts around 10:00, and we are usually done by 11:00. Hope to see more of you there. Our newest Camp Motto: "If you feed them they will come". We only ask that, if you plan on attending our meeting, just let us know so we can bring enough grub, Ok?

On a final note, I am happy to report that we have received an uptick in our Camp Membership. Please welcome the following camp Brothers: James Amori, Junior Member; Bowdie Crowder, Junior Member; Matthew Crowder, Associate Member; and David Green (to be initiated as a Member at our next meeting). Welcome to our Camp, Brothers!

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.

Did You know,.....

During the Civil War on July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

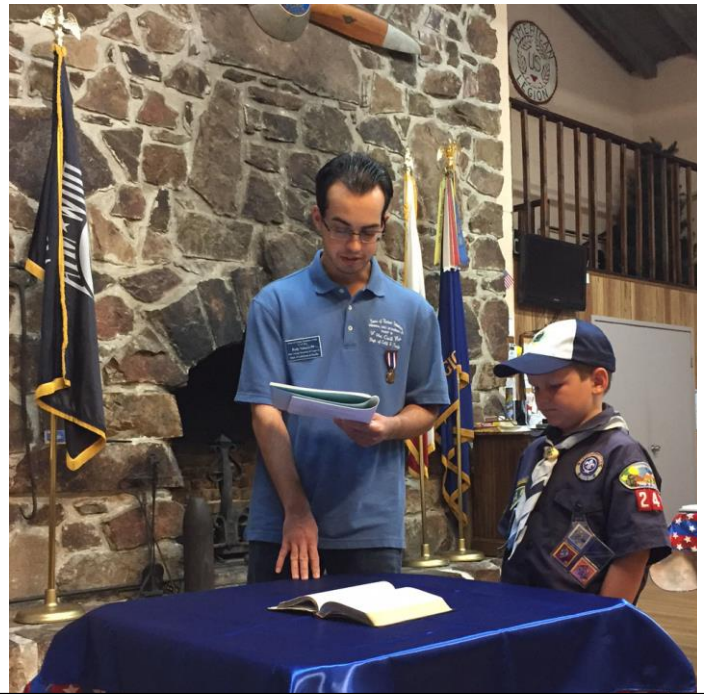


Photo above; acting Camp Chaplain Rudy Velasco IV prepares Junior Member James Amori, in his Scout uniform, for an abbreviated Initiation at the June meeting.

A few highlights of the last meeting

Camp 18's business meeting on June 17 was for the most part, a typical business meeting but sprinkled with a couple Highlights.

The comradery in the kitchen before the meeting was fantastic, the eggs and sausage breakfast was pretty good but what made it great was Brother Richard Burns bringing an electric warming dish to help keep the sausage warm while the eggs finished cooking. Welcome to the 21st century, a warming dish is a great idea.

Another highlight, as shown in the photo above, was Junior Member James Amori being initiated into General Stoneman Camp 18 and the SUVCW Fraternity.

And this next highlight is an enjoyable Camp 18 first; we had three of the Camp's four junior members attend the meeting. That is exciting.

The Junior Brothers attending were 10 year old Dominic Amori, 7 year old James Amori and 9 year old Bodie Crowder.

The Amori brothers join us, honoring the Civil War service of their 3rd Great Grand Uncle Archibald S Fuller, private in Co. B, 49th Kentucky Infantry Regiment.

Bodie Crowder joins us, honoring the Civil War service of his 3rd Great Grand Uncle James B. Walton, private in Co. K, 124th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment.

**Camp 18
Polo Shirts
& Name
Badges
Available**

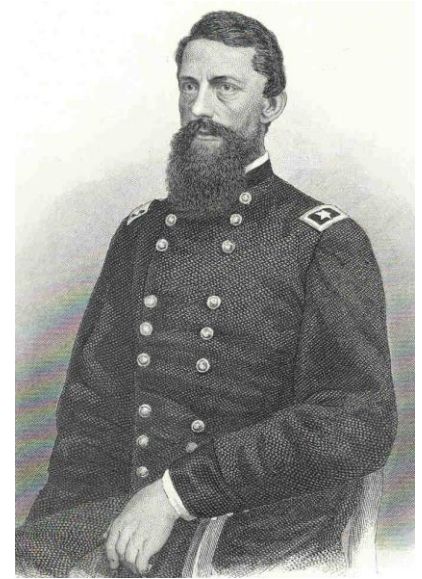


Several have asked recently about the blue polo shirts that Brothers wear at Camp meetings and other camp functions. Well,

they are Port Authority, 100% cotton polos with the “General Geo. Stoneman Camp 18” name along with “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” stitched on the left breast. We have a couple of Large size and (1) XL and (1) XXL. The polos cost \$25.00 each, plus postage if you want them mailed to you or you can pick them up at a camp meeting. We can also order other sizes.

Also available for order are the blue plastic name badges, see photo below. These badges measure 3 ½ x 2 inches and come with a magnetic attaching clasp on the back. We include a clear plastic holder with a tin clip attachment. They cost approximately \$10 depending on how many we order at one time.

Contact the Editor if you would like to order anything.



**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

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



Welcome to our New Brothers



Camp 18 welcomes two new Brothers to the Camp. Matt Crowder of Redlands joins his son Bodie who has been a Jr. member of the Camp for a short time. Both Matt and Bodie have been very active with the Camp recently.

David Green of Moreno Valley also joins the Camp, honoring the Civil War

service of his Great-Great Grandfather Charles D. White, private in Co. C, 2nd Michigan Infantry Regiment. White obtained the rank of sergeant before the end of his enlistment term.

Welcome Brothers, great to have you on board.

More about camp membership, Brother John Morris has updated membership from Associate to Descendant Member.

Brother Morris enrolled into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honoring the Civil War service of his Great-Great Grandfather's 1st cousin, Nelson W. Ward, Medal of Honor recipient.

While recently visiting his home town in Ohio and doing a little bit of research he found that his Great-Great Grandfather William M. Morris and his brother, G-G-Grand Uncle Francis Morris both served in the Civil War.

1st Sgt. Francis Morris was killed in action while serving with the 33rd Ohio Infantry Regiment at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky on 8 October 1862. He is buried at the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

Brother Morris' G-G-Grandfather William Morris served in Co. D, 194th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was mustered into service for the Civil War in March 1865 and mustered out in October 1865.

Thank you for the up-date and congratulations to all.

REPORT

Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery

On Saturday, 27 May, Camp 18 held their 8th annual Memorial Service at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery in Riverside. Our first service at this cemetery was held on 30 May 2010 when the Camp was known as Division #7, before we received our SUVCW Charter.

There were a few other groups involved in helping the Camp make this year's Memorial service a success, such as Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery Board Members and Docents, Rosecrans Auxiliary #2 - Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil, Amamda Stokes Tent #87 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and of course, the Brothers of General Stoneman Camp 18 and their families.



Photo above from the left; Camp Cmdr. Steve Doyle bows his head as Camp Chaplain Bill Daley delivers the Invocation.

The audience for this year's ceremony was on the small side, about 30, despite the advertising in the local "Press-Enterprise" newspaper, the poster board attached to the cemetery gate and on our Camp's and Cemetery's websites.

The service opened with greetings from Commander Doyle and the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Doyle also led the group in singing the National Anthem, which actually sounded pretty good.

Camp Senior Vice Commander Richard Burns continued the service with a reading of General Logan's General Order #11 which reminds us why and directs us to decorate the graves of our Civil War and all American veterans. If you have not read "General Order #11, please look it up on

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Internet. It is a very eloquent and poignant decree.

Commander Doyle carried on with the main theme of the ceremony, "The California Column, the Forgotten Civil War Soldiers."

The Commander described some of the hardships of the Civil War soldiers in the far, far western theatre, for example, the 900 mile march that the California Column made from Los Angeles through Arizona to El Paso, Texas and the skirmishes encountered with Confederate troops. Although these skirmishes were nowhere close to the size and scale of the eastern battles, they were still civil war soldiers willing to give all to preserve the Union.



Photo above, left to right; Rosecrans Auxiliary Sisters Susan Sweet and Melinie Prost-Caines in their "Widow's Weeds." Auxiliary Sisters Jeanette & Mary Ann Kilis seated behind in the 2nd row.

Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2 Sister Susan Sweet continued the program by reading "The Unknown Dead" poem written by Elizabeth Robbin Berry, Patriotic Instructor to the Women's Relief Corps 1909.

The wreath presentations began with Auxiliary Sisters Susan Sweet and Melinie Prost-Caines placing a wreath at the Women's Relief Corps monument in the Grand Army of the Republic circle of graves.

Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery Board members Nancy Cox and Judith Auth started the wreath placements to the military service branch flags and were escorted to the flags by Camp 18's uniformed musket detail.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Amanda Stokes Tent No. 87 President Cindy Allen also placed a wreath at the military service branch flags along

with Auxiliary Sisters Susan Sweet and Melinie Caines.

The final wreath presentation of the day was delivered by Jr Member Bodie Crowder and mom Jennifer.

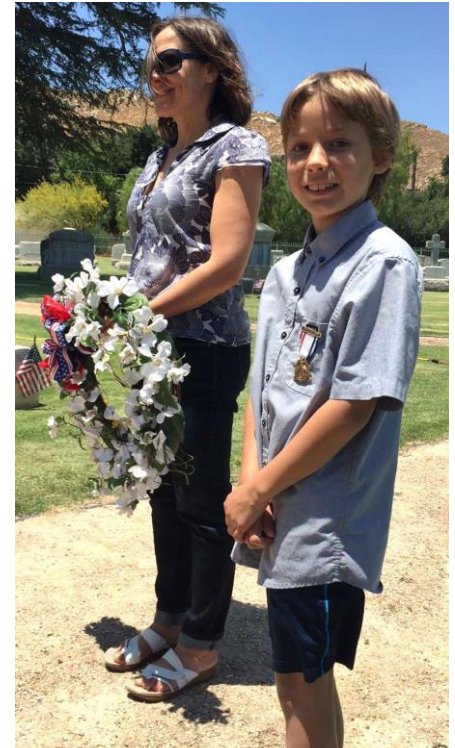
The ceremony moved towards closing with Chaplain Bill Daley giving the Closing Prayer followed by a musket salute from Camp 18 musket team of Michael Bullard, Rudolph Velasco IV and Rudy Velasco III.

Friend of Camp 18, Kasey Borders, Played "Taps" on

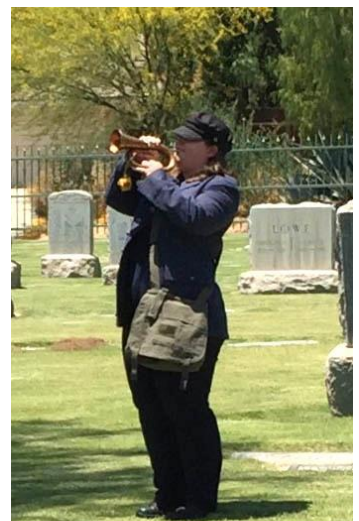
her bugle to put the finishing touches on the ceremony. Last call of the service was Commander Doyle inviting the audience to help spread flowers to decorate the soldiers' graves.

Thank you to all participants. Special Thanks to Angie Daley and Susan Velasco for their help with the program and to the Bullard family and Brother Burt Hogue for attending. Thank you to DUVCW Amanda Stokes Tent Sisters Cindy Allen and Judy Dillard for attending and participating along with

Auxiliary Sisters Susan Sweet, Melinie Caines, Jennette and Mary Ann Kilis and the Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery Board Members Nancy Cox and Judith Auth and docents. We won't forget Kasey Borders, Thank you.



Jr. Brother Bodie Crowder & Mom Jennifer ready to present a wreath to the POW/MIA flag.



Bugler Kasey Borders playing "Taps" to end our Service.





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