

# Stoneman Dispatch

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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### For Veterans Day, Camp 18 Brother John

Morris will lead a team and accomplish the flag placements at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery in Riverside on Friday, 10 November 2017. Start time is 0800 at the cemetery and you are invited to participate.

Brother Morris will be retrieving the flags on Monday morning, 13 November and could probably use a few extra bodies to help.

If interested and have time to donate and help, email Brother John Morris at [john.morris.6@us.af.mil](mailto:john.morris.6@us.af.mil) or contact the Editor.

More American flags are needed for use during Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Evergreen cemetery. Please see *Flags* on page 2.

### Tentative Camp Calendar

**Saturday, October 21** – Camp Meeting at the American Legion Hall, 1024-B S. Main St, Corona. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting at 10:00. RSVP please.

**Friday, November 10** – Veterans Day Flag placement detail at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Riverside.

**Saturday, Dec. 16** – Camp Meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum. 11:00 a.m.? More information to follow.

**Saturday, February 3** – Camp Display at the Lincoln Shrine Open House, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. *We will confirm this date, stand by.*

**Saturday, Feb. 17** – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona.

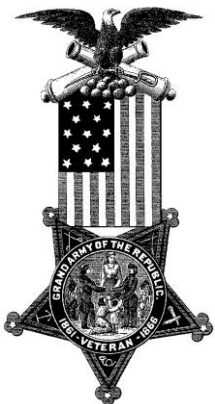
### Message from the Camp Commander

Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I hope this message finds you and yours healthy and in good spirits. I am sure we are glad that summer is finally over and that we are enjoying some cooler temperatures.

With sadness, I must bring to your attention our Department Commander's Special Order No. 1, announcing the Passing of Brother Thomas P. Chumley, PCC, on 9 September 2017. As ascribed in the Order, Brother Chumley was, a highly esteemed member of our Order, a capable Officer at both the Camp and Department levels, and

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*California Delegates to the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, 10 – 13 August 2017, from the left, Mase Gjerman, Linn Malaznik, Jamin Gjerman, Jim Monteton, Rudy Velasco, Dean Enderlin, Owen Stiles, Brad Schall(front), Kurt Dumphy (rear with kepi), Frank Avila, Tad Campbell and Joe Marti.*



*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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an articulate writer and speaker. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

At our next meeting in October we will be discussing our Commander-in-Chief's request for each camp to donate at least \$100 to the Department of Illinois' efforts to complete the memorial plaza at the grave of Dr. Stephenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. I will read the message at the meeting and it will be followed by a discussion and vote by the members present. If you are not able to attend the meeting and want further information on this subject please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email and I will relay your thoughts to those Brothers present at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 21st, and will start after we prepare and consume a hearty breakfast that we have all become accustomed to this past year. To simplify things, I will bring all the breakfast foodstuffs this time, but would like to ask for volunteers to do the same in the future. We only have four meetings a year at the American Legion in Corona (February, April, June, and October) as we do not meet in August and meet in Palm Springs Air Museum every December. Have a think about which month you would like to bring breakfast for the camp and we will set up a schedule at our next meeting. To further simplify things, I will always bring my Keurig coffee maker, the pods, bottled water, cream, and sugar . . .

As always, you can contact me at [psychrn10@aol.com](mailto:psychrn10@aol.com) or by phone at: 909-862-7129; especially if there is something you want to be brought up at our next meeting. 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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Brother Morris asked if Camp 18 would like to donate to the purchase of 300 new flags for the graves at Evergreen cemetery in Riverside. Brother Morris makes sure that our veterans buried at that cemetery are not forgotten on the Memorial Day and Veterans Day holidays each year by making sure the veterans' graves are decorated with American flags at the headstones.

These flags fade and become tattered over time and need to be replaced. So, shall we help replace them?

The last time the Camp donated to replace some of the cemetery's flags, we took donations at a Camp meeting. Whatever amount the Brothers chipped in, the Camp matched. This will probably be the way we do it again this year.

If you would prefer to donate directly to the cemetery, you can send a check for any amount made to: Evergreen Memorial Park, 4414 14<sup>th</sup> St. Riverside, CA. 92501. Attention: Justin Ruff. You can add "Veterans Fund" to the memo line.

Thank you to those that have already donated.

***In Memoriam***

*With a heavy heart, we report the passing of Brother Thomas P. Chumley, PCC, a member of General W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 of Los Angeles on Saturday, 9 September 2017.*

*Brother Chumley was very active with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at both the Camp and Department levels.*

*Brother Chumley derived his membership in our Order through the Civil War service of his Great-Grandfather PVT. Jackson Sidney Chumley, Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Infantry, USA.*

*The Department and all Camp Charters shall be draped in black and Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a mourning ribbon to their membership badges for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order No.1, of 13 September 2017.*

***"Thank God for Michigan!" A. Lincoln  
May 16, 1861***

The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan on 10-13 August of this year. There were approximately 200 Delegates and Alternates for the Sons of Union Veterans registered to attend this year's Encampment.

Along with the "Sons" holding an encampment, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were both holding their 131<sup>st</sup> Annual National Encampments at the Radisson Hotel. The Auxiliary met

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in Capitol Room #1 and the LGAR met in the Michigan II & III rooms. There were about 50 ladies attending those encampments.

Here are some of the highlights of the encampment. First, the weather could not have been any better; it was very pleasant to be out doors. The day time highs were in the low 80's and the low temperatures were in the 60's for the evenings.

One of the tours available to the encampment guests on 10 August was to Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum. Fifty of the encampment's sightseers loaded onto a bus for a 30 minute trip through the countryside to Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The museum, a two storied red brick building located at 224 S. Main in Eaton Rapids, was built by the GAR in 1886 and now houses over 3000 GAR artifacts and records. The museum is the former home of the James Brainerd GAR Post #111 and is the only one of its type in the state that is solely dedicated to ensuring that the history and contributions of the GAR are not forgotten.

Beginning in 1886, the Brainerd Post 111 of Michigan's GAR used the upstairs of the building for their Meeting Hall and rented out the lower portion to various mercantile shops. The Post disbanded in 1929.

The Eaton Rapids area Historical Society and the local Sons of Union Veterans have recently restored the upper floor to its former glory as a GAR meeting hall, paying great attention to every original detail and the lower floor into a wonderful museum with Civil war items, Brainerd Post and other GAR artifacts.

Just to the East of the GAR Hall, located in the Middle of the Grand River is an island park. At the request of the Brainerd GAR Post, the city agreed to change the name of the island to GAR Island Park in 1909. From 1909 to 1929 the park was used as the meeting place for the annual week long encampments of the Eaton County Battalion of the GAR. The annual encampments continued until 1929 when there were too few Civil War Veterans to carry on and



**Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum,  
224 S. Main, Eaton Rapids, MI. 48827.  
Phone: (517)694-9394  
Website: [garmuseum.weebly.com](http://garmuseum.weebly.com)**



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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](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com)



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the Encampments were discontinued.

Two Civil War era cannons (30 pound and 100 pound Parrett Rifles), which had been donated by the U.S. Government to the Brainerd Post, reside on the island as "Silent Sentinels" in tribute to those who served in the Civil War along with a monument with the sentiment to, "Our Fallen Heroes 1861 – 1865" from the Women's Relief Corps, pictured here at the right.

While we were visiting Brainerd Hall, we split into two groups of 25 so one group at a time could explore each floor without being over crowded. After I had seen both floors I walked out to the sidewalk to wait for the others to finish discovering all there was to see. One by one, more of the visitors walked out to the sidewalk to join me until there were about twenty of us looking at the exterior of the building. A young Eaton Rapids local was walking down the street on his way to lunch. As he passed the visiting tourists looking at the building, he stopped and walked back to me and asked, "what was going on?" He hadn't seen so many people in one place, at the same time, on the main street in his little village of Eaton Rapids before.

The Department of California and Pacific had 12 Delegates attend the National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, with Department Senior Vice Commander Rudy Velasco being the sole representative from southern California.

Other Delegates from the Department of California and Pacific were; Past Commander in Chief Brad Schall, Past Commander in Chief Tad Campbell, Cal/Pacific Department Commander Dean Enderlin, Cal/Pacific Department Junior Vice Commander Frank Avila, Cal/Pacific Department Secretary & Treasurer Owen Stiles, Brother Joe Marti – Wright Camp #22, Brother Jamin Gjerman – Commander Ellsworth Camp #23, Brother



Mace Gjerman – Senior Vice Commander Ellsworth Camp #23, Brother Linn Malaznik – Sheridan Camp #4, Brother Jim Monteton – Commander Wright Camp #22 and Brother Kurt Dumphy – Junior Vice Commander of Keith Camp #12.

Although the Department California and Pacific had 12 voting Delegates at the Encampment, the Departments of Illinois, Michigan and Ohio had Delegates upwards of twentyish.

The Encampment business meeting started Friday morning with the "Joint - Opening" with the rest of the Allied Orders attending. A Memorial Service followed, remembering our Brothers and Sisters that had passed in the last year. Brother National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski offered the opening prayer, "and if you agree with me, say AMEN."

The atmosphere for the Encampment was a little laid back this year. Commander-in-Chief Don Martin opened business with roll call of the Departments, where the Departments of Kentucky, Maine, North Carolina and Vermont were absent. The Commander-in-Chief continued the meeting with Recommendations and Resolutions which were debated and voted on and although there were discussions and debates on all issues, most of the Brothers agreed with the issues and moved on to the next. With the help of the Commander-in-Chief's limit to discussion time and number of Brothers commenting, the meeting moved on so quickly and easily and

without argument that the Encampment stayed ahead of schedule and we had to hold off before the nominations and voting for next year's National Officers could happen.

Mentioned here are some of the issues that stood out; Although there were a couple of Camps (sorry to say) that folded in the past year, there were 4 new Camps Chartered in the last 12 months and an application to form a new Camp has been received at National Headquarters.

Another interesting item; Council of Administration Brother Brian Pierson assisted the U. S. Embassy, Panama, per their request for a VA headstone and monument/marker for Julius H. Kroehl,

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a Civil War naval veteran and early submarine designer buried at Corazal U.S. Cemetery in Panama. Seems that Comrade Pierson had submarine ideas that the U. S. was not interested in so he took his designs to Panama.

A few years ago when the Department of the Olympia was being formed, the state of Idaho was moved to the Department already containing Alaska, Oregon and Washington State. The Department of Colorado/Wyoming contends that Idaho should not have been removed from their Department. The Encampment voted to cede Idaho back to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

And then of course the issue of Confederate statues/monuments and flags was reviewed. I believe I understand the consensus of the Encampment to be that Civil War statues, monuments and flags, Union and Confederate are to be protected as Civil War artifacts and should be saved for history and should be displayed as such but the use of any of these historical items by any extreme groups is condemned. At least, that is the way this reporter understands it and what I will stand behind.

The Saturday night Campfire was especially fun. The Encampment brought in a soft rock 1950's band to play some old rock and roll songs to get the attendees a little loose and happy, and it worked for me. Then Commander in Chief Don Martin came to sit in and hear comments from the visiting Departments. All showed great gratitude for the fantastic job Don Martin did as Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

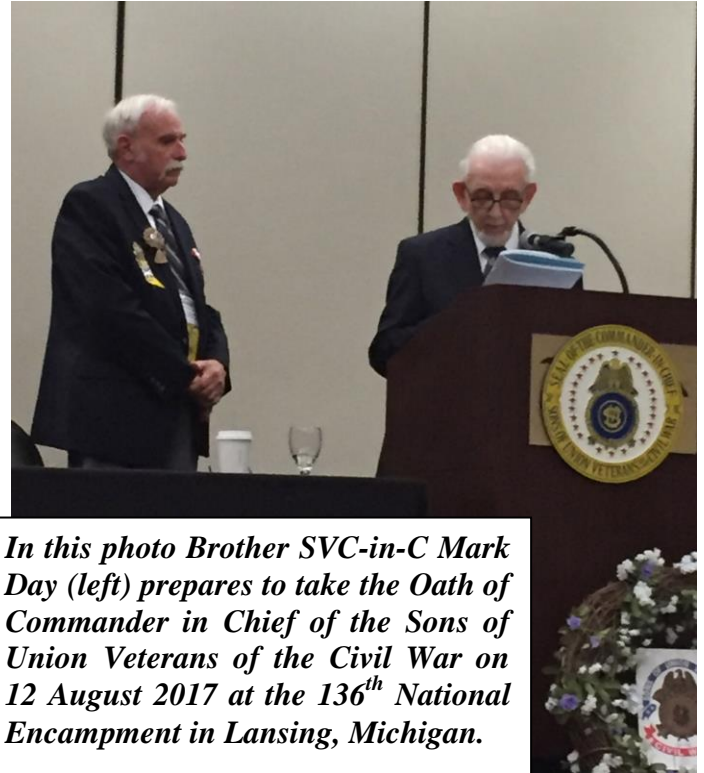
In the photo below out going Commander-in-Chief Don Martin (seated, left) listens to comments from California & Pacific Department Commander Dean Enderlin (center) and Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell (left). I think the gift of the bottle of Napa Valley wine made Brother PC-in-C Don Martin happy.



Saturday's business meeting brought us the new National Officers; and they are as follows: Brother Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake is our new Commander in Chief. Brother Donald Shaw, Department of Michigan is our Senior Vice Commander in Chief and Brother Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts is our Junior Vice Commander in Chief. Other elected and appointed National Officers can be found at this website:

[National Officers & Committees](#)

Or at [www.suvvw.org](http://www.suvvw.org) under "Governance & Forms."



*In this photo Brother SVC-in-C Mark Day (left) prepares to take the Oath of Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on 12 August 2017 at the 136<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan.*

The Encampment came to a close after dinner with the Past Commander in Chief Don Martin.

Some of the guests attending the C-in-C dinner were Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander in Chief Thomas V. Strain Jr, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National President Carolyn Agosto and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865 National President Caren Cleveland. There was even a representative from a group I have not heard of before: "The Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865." Not to be confused with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 – 1865. Different Group.

The 2018 National Encampment will be held August 9 – 12 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, Framingham, Massachusetts.



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