

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 from the Camp Commander

Greetings, Camp Brothers! I trust you have all enjoyed a festive Holiday Season and are looking forward to the New Year.

Our upcoming meeting next month will be an especially busy one and I am hoping as many of you who can attend will do so. Top on the agenda will be the initiation of three new members, making 2017 a banner year for new recruits for our camp. Brother Richard Burns has volunteered to bring eggs and sausage and I will bring the hash browns and coffee. Breakfast will commence at approximately 09:00, with the meeting starting at 10:00. We will, as usual, have the meeting in the American Legion Post in Corona, the address being 1024-B South Main Street. When I send out my email in February, kindly send us an RSVP so we can know how much food to bring.

Per email communication from Maria Carrillo, General George Stoneman, Jr. Camp 18 is once again invited to set up a display at the Redland's Lincoln Shrine and Smiley Library. The Open House this coming year will be on Saturday, February 10, 2018, and will be roughly from 10:00 until 15:00 hours. As in the past, Rudy and I will man the display, along with any other Brothers who can show up to support. As always, we hope that Brother Larry Duncan (aka "Dr. Malarkey") will be displaying his field hospital and entertaining and educating the crowd.

Thanks to all who have already sent in your annual dues. If you haven't already done so, or haven't received a notice from Rudy, please follow up on this

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Tentative Camp Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 10 – Camp display at the 46th Annual Lincoln Shrine and Open House, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

125 W. Vine St. Redlands CA. 92373

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

Friday & Saturday, March 16 -17 – SUVCW & ASUVCW Department Encampments at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield. More Information to follow shortly.

Saturday, April 21 – Camp meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona.

2018 Department Encampment

JUST a quick note. As mentioned above, the Encampment will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield on March 16 – 17, same place as last year.

The Registration forms etc. are available on the Department website under "Encampment" or at:

<http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>

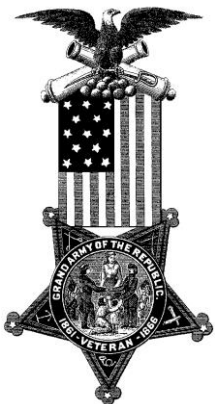
and for our Auxiliary Sisters at:

<http://www.suvpac.org/aux/encampment.html>

If you don't have internet and would like a copy of the encampment forms, contact me and I will mail copies to you.

Annual Dues

Thank you to all who of have mailed in their annual dues! We are waiting for 5 or 6 more Brothers to have 100% remitted. Membership cards will be mailed soon.



*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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ASAP so he can get our records tallied. He's got enough on his mind and I'm sure he would appreciate being able to get this out of the way.

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, & Loyalty,

Steve Doyle,
Camp Commander

Welcome New Brothers!

At the December Camp meeting, membership elected to accept two new members into our Camp 18 both having all their paperwork in good order.

David Swift of Riverside joins us, honoring the Civil War service of his Great-Great Grandfather Horace W. Swift, Private in Company B of the 84th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Brian Stephens of Riverside joins us, honoring the Civil War service of G-G-Great Grandfather Abraham Simmerly, Corporal in Company H, 2nd Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry.

Welcome Aboard!

Photo above, attending the December meeting are, from the left; Brothers Bob Gee, Rudy Velasco (seated), Jim Crowell, Camp Jr Vice Cmdr. Richard Burns, Camp Commander Steve Doyle (seated), new member David Swift & Camp Sr. Vice Cmdr. Mike Bullard.

S. Velasco Photo

General Order # 13

issued by

Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day

Brothers,

With sadness, I report the passing of Real Daughter Maggie Devane, of St. Paul, Minnesota on Friday, September 12, 2017 at the age of 111. She is survived by her son Gene Devane, three grandsons, and a niece Doris Bonds. Her husband, Junious Devane and a sister Inez Womack having preceded her in death. Maggie was born on November 17, 1905 to Henry Johnson and Nannie Bell Montgomery, his third wife. Her father was a former slave from Jackson Mississippi who fought in the Civil War as a USCT and was discharged in 1865 near Louisville, KY.

It is ordered that the National Website, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 13th day of December 2017.

Mark R. Day
Commander-in-Chief

December's Camp Meeting

December's Camp meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum was pretty typical as December Camp Election meetings go.

Brother Steve Doyle was elected to another year as Camp Commander. Junior Vice Commander Mike Bullard was elected to Senior Vice Commander and SVC Richard Burns was elected to Jr. Vice Commander. Brother Rudy Velasco III was again elected to Secretary/Treasurer. Camp Councilors remain the same with Brothers Michael Emmett, Rudolph Velasco IV and John Morris.

Appointed Officers remain the same and the Brother's names can be viewed on page 3.

See photo at left

What a journey in time, seeing all of the great war-birds in the different hangers. They really do bring back memories. The gift shop has some pretty cool souvenirs and knick-knacks also.



Above; November 10, 2017 - Camp Council Brother John Morris (center) directs volunteers to help place flags for Veterans Day at Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside. S. Doyle photo

Veterans Day set up at Evergreen Cemetery

On Friday, November 10th 2017, Brother John Morris assembled his group of about 50 volunteers and directed them on where to place the headstone flags for some of our country's veterans interred at Evergreen cemetery in Riverside. Brother Morris has been the lead in making sure these flags are placed for Memorial and Veterans days at this cemetery for a hand full of years after helping advance the project with Brother Michael Emmett, both U.S. Air Force Veterans.

Camp 18 Commander Steve Doyle was one of the volunteers on that Friday to help place the flags. *Continued on page 4, see FLAGS..*



Above; Camp 18 Commander Steve Doyle helps place flags for Veterans Day at Evergreen Cemetery. S. Doyle photo



General George Stoneman Jr.
Camp 18 Officers

Camp Commander,	Steve Doyle
Sr. Vice Cmdr,	Michael Bullard
Jr. Vice Cmdr,	Richard Burns
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



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FLAGS, continued,....

Commander Doyle reported that Brother Morris personally placed all the flags at Evergreen's Grand Army of the Republic Circle, for our Civil War Veterans, where Camp 18 usually holds their Memorial Day Services.

Commander Doyle also mentioned that he met a lady in his group of flag placers, Lori, who is passionate about the Civil War and the War of 1812. She is a history major and wants to teach American History. We are looking forward to maybe seeing Lori at our 2018 Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery.

Annual Graves Registration Report*from***Camp 18 Graves Registration Officer Michael Emmett**

I have the honor to report that I was successful in the submission of 630 graves during 2017. The breakdown is as follows:

- Texas 330 graves
- Montana 126 graves

Miscellaneous states 274 graves;

- 45 Confederate soldiers
- 585 Union soldiers

Of the 585 Union soldiers:

- 61 US Colored Troops (buried in San Antonio National)
- 49 Galvanized Yankees (buried in Custer National)
- 1 BG Charles Terrell
- 6 Medal of Honor recipients; John J. Given, Henry Falcott, James Fagen, John Howard, Simon Suhler, Alquilla Coonrod (CW or IW recipient)

Traveling to San Antonio, Texas, last spring I surveyed 6 cemeteries, the San Antonio National is an obscure cemetery buried amidst several other city cemeteries on the other side of the tracks in San Antonio. I was told that the Fort Sam Houston National has no Civil War burials, so I spent the majority of my times in San Antonio National and was richly rewarded. I am certain that I missed a number of soldiers, but records were scant on many of the soldiers. I did find an adjoining cemetery, a 40-acre plot donated to the Confederate veterans of the war. I photographed the stones, but as yet have not had time to attempt their stories. As well, I found two other cemeteries in the area that were rich with more Confederate burials. These I photographed as well, but have not done any research on them either.

Aside from my travels in Texas, I spent a month on the road documenting various cemeteries and burials along the way. I drove from Montana, through Utah and cross country to Spartanburg, South Carolina and back. My

greatest find, aside from sparse burial sites, was a Civil War Medal of Honor which I purchased and added to my collection of CW-GAR memorabilia. I might add that while in Texas I purchased two original Indian War kepis that were in very good condition, one had the original hat brass for the 5th US Infantry. I also picked up a medal from New York commemorating soldiers who had participated in the Battle of Gettysburg.

While back in Montana I decided to re-research the graves I had visited at Custer National when I researched and entered the members of the 7th Cavalry who had participated in the Civil War and have been rewarded further. I discovered the stones that simply stated "U.S. Vols" belonged to "galvanized Yankees" who enlisted in the 1 US Vol Infantry after taking the Oath of Allegiance at Point Lookout, Maryland. They were shipped West to fight Indians in the Montana and Dakota territories. Along with them I have located a number of others from various Union Army regiments who were sent West as well, but died, mostly in the Dakota territory, but later re-interred at Custer National. The work continues....

In other news, I participated in a Veteran's Day program at a local high school where I spoke to five classes of students regarding our veterans of several wars. Afterwards I was invited to march in the town's Veteran's Day parade. On Pearl Harbor day, I spoke to two different organizations concerning the sacrifices of all Americans during World War II.

I will be accompanying my son, Mike Jr, in February as he presents another Civil War paper to a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We plan to go to the site of the Glorietta Pass battlefield while we are there.

A Happy New Year to the Camp members and a wish for another wonderful year of talking to the dead.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mike Emmett

Recognition

Thank you Brother Bill Daley PCC for representing the SUVCW and Camp 18 at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ryan Smith by presenting him with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Commendation Certificate at the Elks Lodge in Redlands on 30 December 2017.