

# 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 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.

Brother Rudy Velasco III and I set up our display at the Lincoln Shrine during the Redlands Lincoln's Day celebration last month and Brothers Bill Daley and Richard Burns also assisted with the many visitors we had at the display. Once again, Brother Larry Duncan, aka "Dr. Malarky", had his Civil War surgical display set up and wowed the crowds.

Brother Rudy and I also went to the Department Encampment in Bakersfield on March 16-18th. For many unfortunate reasons no other Brothers from our camp could make it, but this was the same with many of the other 12 camps: bad weather; other engagements; and even a changed date for the Moorpark re-enactment. The Department Encampment usually has 35-40 attendees, but this year we were only able to muster 25. Hopefully next year will be better. Regarding the Encampment, Rudy was re-elected as Department Senior Vice Commander, as well as Bill Daley and myself continuing to be on the Department Council. Once again, Brother Michael S. Emmett received the Department's Graves Registration Award with over 600 graves being registered. I am also very happy to report that our camp won the Department Commander's Award for recruiting the most Brothers into a camp for the year. We had our

best year in a long time and had 5 new members join the camp, 3 Brothers & 2 Junior members, bearily beating out

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### Tentative Camp Calendar

**Saturday, April 21** – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona. Breakfast at 9:00 am and the meeting at 10:00.

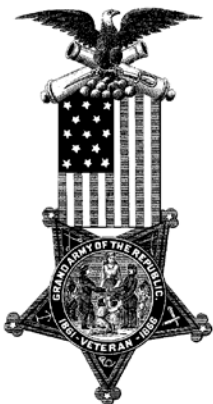
**Saturday, May 26** – Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery, 4414 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside. Noon.

**Saturday, June 16** – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona.

**Saturday, Oct. 20** – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona.



*Above; Camp 18 Commander Steve Doyle (right) receives the "Department Commander's Award" for growth in Camp membership for year 2017 from Department Commander Dean Enderlin.*



*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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another camp which had recruited 3. This is only a perpetual trophy, so I hope you all will continue to encourage others to join our camp so we can win it again next year.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend our next camp meeting on Saturday, April 21st. Our quite capable SVC, Mike Bullard, will run the meeting and he has promised to bring tamales for breakfast. The main agenda item will be to put the final touches on our Memorial Day Service on May 26th.

As always, my contact information is the same: phone: (909)-862-7129 and email address: <[psychrn10@aol.com](mailto:psychrn10@aol.com)>, if you have any questions or comments about our activities.

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,

Steve Doyle,  
Camp Commander.

**For Those Interested**

The American Civil War History Conferences in Temecula, California, continue.

On June 2, 2018, Gazette665's History Conferences will be commemorating the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of America's most costly conflict.

Six historians and researchers will join with Gazette665 to present "*The American Civil War – 1863: Battling for Freedom*" at the Temecula Conference Center. The Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. and will include a Panera Bread box lunch with registration.

**\$50.00** registration is open until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Online registration is available at: [www.gazette665.com](http://www.gazette665.com) and click on the "2018 Civil War History Conference" tab. If you don't have the internet, contact the Editor and I can send you a "mail in" registration form.

**Lincoln Shrine Display**

On Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Camp 18 set up a display of Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) items at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Open House in Redlands and as usual we had plenty of fun.

The Lincoln Shrine opened the doors just as the 79<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln Pilgrimage parade was finishing near by. The parade which includes mostly Girls and Boy



*Above left; Camp Chaplain Bill Daley talks to another Brother about up-coming events while Camp Cmdr. Doyle (right) explains the SUVCW display to the public.*

Scouts, Boys and Girls clubs and other youth agencies, marches through down town Redlands and concludes at the Lincoln Shrine where the young people can learn more about our 16<sup>th</sup> president.

After Mr. Lincoln's program at the Shrine, the youngsters as well as the adults filled the park looking at the civil war era displays.

A field gun (cannon) and crew demonstrated loading and firing the Civil War era cannon. Mounted Union Cavalry, who had escorted President Lincoln during the parade, patrolled the grounds of the Shrine for the public to view.

There were also displays from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and others related to Lincoln and the Civil War. Camp 18 Brother Larry Duncan shared his Field Hospital display which always attracts a lot of visitors.

Camp Commander Steve Doyle, Chaplain Bill Daley PCC, Brothers Rudy Velasco and Richard Burns PCC took turns entertaining the public at our display.

Thank you to Past Department Commander Glen Roosevelt and Camp 18 Brothers Bob Gee, Matt and Bodie Crowder along with Matt, Dominic and James Armori for visiting the Camp display and supporting the Lincoln Shrine.

**Welcome Again!**

At our December Camp Meeting, we added two new Brothers to our Camp 18. Let us "Welcome" again these new members, David Swift and Brian Stephens.

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**WELCOME, continued,**

At our February meeting, these two Brothers were initiated in to the Camp and the Order.

In the photo below, Camp Chaplain Bill Daley PCC (left) participates in the Initiation Ritual for Brothers Brian Stephens (center) and David Swift (right) while Junior Brother Bodie Crowder looks on.



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

Brian Stephens of Riverside joins us, honoring the Civil war service of his G-G Grandfather Abraham Simmerly, Corporal in Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry.

**Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!**

**More Adventures from Camp 18's Intrepid Adventurer & Graves Registration Officer Michael Emmett and Son, Brother Michael E.S. Emmett**

The Mikes Emmett (Jr. and Sr.) travelled to Albuquerque, New Mexico from February 7<sup>th</sup> thru February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 so Mike Jr. could attend the Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference and deliver his multimedia presentation on Abraham Lincoln and his portrayal in 20th century media. Young Mike's presentation was well received as he gave a serious accounting of the handling of the 16th President in everything from D.W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* thru *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*.

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

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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**

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



**ADVENTURE, continued,....**

As we were already in New Mexico with a couple of days to kill, we decided to see what there was to see of New Mexico's limited but important contribution to the American Civil War. Our first trip took us to the site of the Glorietta Pass battlefield. It is a small battlefield with a self-directed walking tour. There are no artifacts and only a handful of original sites to visit. It is a pleasant hike and gives a good accounting of the battle through signposts along the path. The key to visiting Glorietta Pass is to stop at the Pecos National Historical Park HQ. You can purchase a cheap but useful trail guide, get directions (more important), and a combination to the gate lock (most important!). It's worth the visit if you are travelling through Santa Fe, New Mexico. Also, stop at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. It has over 60,000 graves, a few hundred are Civil War veterans, both North and South, interred (many unknowns, however) in it. Among the veterans buried is Capt George Nicholas Bascom who died at Val Verde, but was later removed to this cemetery, again unknown. George Bascom is the man most responsible for the Apache wars with Cochise in Arizona.

We took another day to travel to find the site of the Val Verde battlefield, a Confederate victory, not decisive, but set up the later battle as Glorietta Pass which *was* decisive. It is almost impossible to find the battlefield. . It is on private land mostly, and the rest has been washed away by the river flooding over the years. There is a marker set up by the Daughters of the Confederacy, and if you travel down the road a bit you can view what may have been the battlefield from a knoll. That's all folks!

But yet, there is more! Drive on further and turn to find the ruins of Fort Craig, the reason the Confederates were all fired up in New Mexico in the first place.

If they captured the fort, they would have the supplies needed to launch an offensive to the California coast. Glorietta Pass ended the threat, but Fort Craig was the key. The fort is in awful condition, but being protected nowadays. The visitor center is small, but the volunteer who looks over it is helpful and knowledgeable. It made the long drive down from Albuquerque worth it. You can wander among (but not on) the ruins and get an idea of what a fort looked like in the mid-1800s.

A short trip, but worthwhile. I am currently working on the Santa Fe National Cemetery list. Over half of the soldiers I find have already been researched, some badly. The others mostly include soldiers without headstones or Confederates killed at Val Verde or Glorietta Pass. Custer National was completed a few days ago.

I'll end this report with my son's closing quote from Abraham Lincoln in Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure... "Party on, dudes!"

### **A few highlights of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cal/Pacific Department Encampment**

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Camp 18 received a Department Award for growing Camp membership during the year 2017.

Camp 18 Graves Registration Officer Michael Emmett received the Department's **Major General Montgomery C. Megs Graves Registration Award** for successfully recording the final resting places of 630 Civil War Veterans

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*Photo above; SUVCW Brothers attending the 132<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment in Bakersfield, CA. on 17 March 2018. How many of your Brothers do you recognize?*

**ENCAMPMENT, continued....**

who's whereabouts were previously not registered with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Emmett's annual Graves Registration report was printed in the January Edition of the "*Stoneman Dispatch*."

The Four Points by Sheraton in Bakersfield is a great place to host an Encampment/convention. The rooms are clean, comfortable and the food was prepared very well. The hotel staff was very attentive. It is nice having all of the groups needs under one roof.

The tour that was offered at Bakersfield's Historical Union cemetery was enjoyable. It was interesting hearing the stories of the city's founders interred there. We also learned why the city is called Bakersfield, but I can't tell you here, you will have to visit next year's Encampment to learn why.

Our annual Department Encampments are a good place to make new friends and visit with old friends. The comradery is genuine. On any given year, you can meet the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as they always enjoy a visit to sunny California. In the photo below, Commander-in-Chief Mark Day of Virginia (right) is greeted by California & Pacific Department Commander Dean Enderlin.

**ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION**

## Memorial Day Volunteers

Memorial Day will soon be here and Camp 18 Brother John Morris is inviting you to help place memorial flags at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery in Riverside for the Decoration Day weekend. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m. on Saturday 26 May at the cemetery, 4414 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside. You can contact Brother Morris by email at: [john.morris.6@us.af.mil](mailto:john.morris.6@us.af.mil)

Also, at the Camp meeting next Saturday we will be discussing the details for our Memorial Day service at the cemetery. You are all welcome to join us for making plans or at the Service. See the attached announcement flier.

We will also be having tamales for breakfast before this Saturday's meeting but you will have to RSVP to be included. Hope to see you there.

**Did you Know?**

On evening of April 11, 1865, two days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, President Lincoln gave what would be his last public address. From a White House balcony, the President spoke of Reconstruction which incensed John Wilkes Booth who was in the audience.

Then, of course, we know that President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded on April 14, 1865 while attending a play at Ford's theatre in Washington D.C. and he died the next morning across the street at the Petersen house. And the rest is history.





Join **General George Stoneman Jr, Camp 18**

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and*

**Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery**

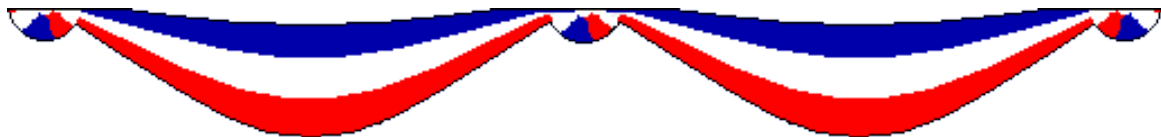
**4414 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside, California 92501**

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# ***Memorial Day Service***

***Saturday, 26 May 2018 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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