

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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Message from the Camp Commander

Tentative Camp Calendar

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.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, October 20th, at 09:00 (don't forget to come hungry for breakfast), at the American Legion Hall in Corona. I will send an email to all as a reminder and so please RSVP if you are attending, so we have enough food for everyone.

On Saturday, October 6th, I will once again participate in the annual *Where the Past meets the Present: Historic Tour of Mt. View Cemetery*, coordinated by Nick Cateldo. I will again give a brief biography of William Billings, a Union Civil War Veteran buried there. Billings was with the 73rd Ohio Infantry Regiment at Gettysburg and was wounded during Pickett's Charge. He was subsequently assigned to the Invalid Reserve Corps and on his gravestone it says, "Guard for Lincoln". It is not clear in what capacity he was a, "guard" (while Lincoln was alive, or during his funeral procession?), and we may never know. At the time of his death in 1929 he was living with one of his 6 children in Inyo County, CA. Attendees are encouraged to come in 19th Century period dress and I will be in uniform. It is quite an interesting historical tour of those buried at Mt. View Cemetery and if anyone is interested in also attending, please contact me.

Finally, I am very happy to report that my Grandson, Kelvin V. Doyle, was accepted as a Brother into our Camp at the last Camp

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August 9-12, - 137th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Saturday, Oct. 20 – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, 1024B S. Main St. Corona. 9:00 a.m. breakfast and 10:00 a.m. meeting.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Wreaths Across America, Camp participation with Color Guard. 9:00 ceremonies start, at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery, 4414 14th St. Riverside.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Camp Officer Election Meeting starting right after the Wreaths Across America program, approx. 11:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1024 B. S. Main St, Corona.

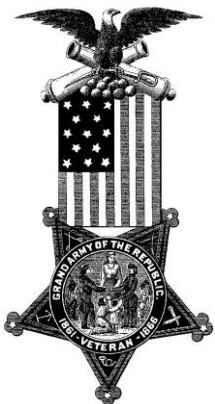
Saturday, April 29, 2019 – Headstone Dedication Ceremony for Civil War MOH Recipient William P. Morris at San Geronio Memorial Park, Banning. More information on page 2.

Did You Know?

July 12, 1862 – President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

July 13, 1863 – Deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. The insurrection was put down three days later.

July 15, 1870 – Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union.



*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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meeting in June. He will be joining me next month in Boston for the National Encampment August 9-12th. We will also be visiting two of my Doyle cousins, who think they know where our Civil War Veteran relative, Michael A. Doyle, is buried. I hope to have good news when we return. We will also be keeping an eye out for Brother Rudy, who is also attending.

As always, you can contact me at psychm10@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.

William Powers Morris

Civil War Medal of Honor Recipient
A report from Brother Richard Burns PCC

William P. Morris was born on 18 December 1844 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As many northern young men did in 1861, Morris answered the call from President Lincoln to help put down a rebellion from the southern states.

On 28 August 1861, Morris mustered into service with the 1st New York Cavalry Regiment (Lincoln's Cavalry), Company C.

The regiment, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, the Army of West Virginia and the 8th Army Corps at different periods of the war, stayed engaged throughout the war and was mustered out of service on 27 June 1865.

The Medal of Honor was presented to Sgt. William P. Morris for his actions while his Cavalry Regiment was engaged with Confederate Infantry in April 1865.

The MOH citation for Morris reads;

The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Sergeant William Powers Morris, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on 6 April 1865, while serving with Company C, 1st New York Cavalry (Lincoln), in action at Deatonville (Sailor's Creek), Virginia, for capture of flag of 40th Virginia Infantry (Confederate States of America).

Sixty Medals of Honor were awarded for actions at Deatonville (Sailor's Creek), Virginia, during the period March 29 to April 6, 1865. Fifty-seven awards were presented for actions on April 6 alone, forty-seven of them for the capture of flags of the Confederate Army.

Moving west sometime after the war, Morris passed away on 8 December 1916 and is buried in a cemetery in Banning, CA.



Fast forward 150 years...

Last February, Camp 18 set up the annual G.A.R. and Civil War items display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands. James Mildren stopped by our display and spoke with Camp 18 Commander Steve Doyle. James informed Brother Steve that there was a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient interred in the San Gorgonio Memorial Park cemetery in Banning with no military memorial marker.

A few weeks later, Brothers Steve Doyle, Bill Daley, Richard Burns, Matt and Bodie Crowder met with James and Beth Mildren at San Gorgonio Memorial Park Cemetery to view the internment site for William Powers Morris. We found no federal headstone indicating military service but only a privately purchased marker indicating William P. Morris was a Civil War Veteran (photo above).

I will be meeting with James Mildren, Bernie Howlet and Brother Larry Duncan at James's house in Banning for the next four months to see if we can order and install a federal headstone and plan a Dedication service.

In June we sent the order form for a proper military marker stating William P. Morris is a Medal of Honor recipient. James has met with Donnie Sibole Manager of the Summit Cemetery District and he has signed the memorial marker form confirming the cemetery will install the marker.

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General Stoneman Camp 18 is planning to perform a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ceremony, a formal ritual dedicating the new memorial marker for Morris on Saturday, April 19, 2019.

All Brothers and families will be invited to attend. We will also be looking for Volunteers, with or without a uniform. If you are interested, contact the Editor.

 **Quickly from the Editor** 

Although it is summer now, Our Camp Officer election meeting in December will quickly be upon us. A few of the elected camp officers' terms of office will be ending and we will be needing Brothers to run for election to fill these soon to be vacant spots.

Support your Camp and maybe become an officer. **Bravely Volunteer before Conscription.** On the job training available, contact the Editor with any questions.



**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 |

**NEW at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands
"Reflections of the Face of Lincoln"**



A little bit of theme park-style magic is now showing at the Lincoln Shrine. Garner Holt Productions, Inc. (GHP) created "The Lincoln Memorial Shrine Presents: Reflections of the Face of Lincoln," an immersive presentation featuring special effects, multi-media elements and spectacular animatronics in a moving portrait of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era. The star of the show is an animatronic bust of Abraham Lincoln based on GHP's "Living Faces of History" series of animated personalities. Animatronic bust of Lincoln is

shown above. The show is aimed at audiences of all ages as a magical tableau of Lincoln's eternal image and the great national struggle of the Civil War.

"Reflections of the Face of Lincoln" will be open at the Lincoln Shrine from July 7 to December 29, 2018. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased upon arrival. The show plays every 20 minutes starting at 1:20 pm during the Shrine's hours of business; Tuesday through Sunday, 1 pm – 5 pm. For more information, you can call the Shrine at (909)798-7632.

All of the above information and photo were borrowed from the Lincoln Memorial Shrine website:

www.lincolnshrine.org/events/upcoming-events/

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





***More about our Brother and Friend
General Roger L. Rothrock
February 22, 1924 – May 5, 2018***

Georgette & I regret to inform you of the recent passing of our friend and associate General Roger Rothrock. He was 94. We already miss him and all the wonderful parties and gatherings in support of various charities he hosted in San Francisco and at his magnificent estate at 970 Arden Road, Pasadena. Funeral services will be held in his hometown of Oakland City, Indiana.

Many of you will remember Roger as the Chairman of Rothrock International or as a veteran of World War II and the Korean War or as Founding Chairman of the General Patton Museum and the Korean War Memorial, or as a trustee of American University in DC and the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies in Claremont CA. Episcopal Bishop Fred Borsch and Provost Jon Bruno with Judge William Huss and Dr. Marlene Coleman often called on Roger for help with the

planning and development of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in Echo Park, Los Angeles. Roger was a 33rd degree Mason and a Hero of '76 and a Knight in the Order of St. Lazarus.

Roger proudly served in the US Army Active and Reserves from 1942 onward. He transferred to the California Military Department (National Guard & State Military Reserve) and was commissioned a General by Governor Pete Wilson a rank he held for many years. Many of you often saw him working on behalf of veterans at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles or Fort Mason San Francisco or with the USO and Bob Hope, Johnny Grant and Mike Teilmann.

The Air Force Space Command - Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) in El Segundo was another beneficiary of Roger's leadership.

Following post-war service in the Army Surgeon General's office at the Pentagon and top executive positions in DC Metro at Prince George's County Hospital, and in New York with the Salvation Army Hospital System and Cresap, McCormick & Paget he founded his own international hospital consulting firm in 1967 at the age of 43 at 245 Park Avenue in Manhattan with the help of many for whom he was forever grateful:

- Walter Hoving, Tiffany & Co.
- Gabriel Hauge, Manufacturers Hanover Bank and Trust
- Henry Ittleton, CIT Financial
- William Rogers, Secretary of State
- U Thant, United Nations
- Abba Eban, Foreign Minister, Israel
- Mahmoud Riad , Foreign Minister, Egypt
- Sir Senerat Gunewardene, Ceylon's Ambassador to the US and the United Nations
- Walworth Barbour, US Ambassador to Israel
- Dr Ed Keeney, Scripps Clinic, La Jolla
- Dr Arthur Weiland, Variety Children's Hospital, Miami
- Joe Zem and Ethel Hartzel, St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco
- Bishop Boynton, St John the Divine, NYC
- Scott Behoteguy, US State Department, American University of Beirut Hospital
- Dr Arthur Stahl, Surgeon General's Office, U.S. Army
- Dr Bernard Rotko, Lionel Felzer and Bernie Korman, RH Medical & MEDIQ, Philadelphia PA & Hospital Mortgage Group REIT, Coconut Grove, FL,
- Dr Joseph Eller, Pan American Medical Association

They helped launch the Rothrock organization that made indelible contributions to the fields of hospital planning and development and managed healthcare, from New York to Honolulu, Manila to Beirut to Rome.

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More Rothrock,

Norman Vincent Peale and Smiley Blanton welcomed Roger into the official fold of the American Foundation for Religion and Psychiatry. As a psychoanalyst Roger became a strong adherent of the hidden energies of the mind. The “The Power of Positive Thinking” and “Love or Perish” we’re required reading for junior consultants in the firm.

Roger leaves as a legacy a variety of paranormal experiences which are being catalogued for research at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Its Division of Perceptual Studies is the oldest University-based program in the world dedicated to the study of life after death.

It is his expectation and ours that Caltech Pasadena and its Institute of Quantum Information and Matter will join us and the daring scholars of the UVA to find and examine the electromagnetic physical properties of the afterlife.

In physics, the law of conservation of energy states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed; rather, it can only be transformed from one form to another.

All is energy.

The above obituary was put together by Dr. John Raffetto, friend and colleague of Roger’s.

Wreaths Across America

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America™, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

In 2017, Wreaths Across America and our national network of volunteers laid over 1,565,000 memorial wreaths at nearly 1440 locations in the United States and beyond. We accomplished this with help from over 3270 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Our annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world’s largest veteran’s parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran’s homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating

cemeteries; help support our fundraising partners, educational and veteran’s services outreach.

National Schedule of Events

Sunday, Dec. 9 - Start of World’s Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations.

Monday, Dec. 10 - State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico.

Saturday Dec. 15 – Camp 18’s Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Evergreen Memorial Historical cemetery in Riverside. Brother John Morris will be the Master of Ceremonies for our local event.

Simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information call (877)385-9504 or visit: www.wreathscrossamerica.org You can also email info@wreathscrossamerica.org

Here are a few words from Brother John Morris, M.C. for this local endeavor;

Brothers, for the first time ever, Riverside Evergreen Cemetery is going to participate in the Wreaths Across America ceremonies; and I am the POC for our local event.

Also, we need to raise funds to purchase the wreaths from Wreaths Across America. The wreaths are \$15 each. Per our fund-raising group, we opted to do the 2 for 3 option, whereby for every 2 wreaths funded, we get a 3rd wreath free. We have roughly 1,000 veterans buried in the cemetery, so in order to put a wreath on each veteran grave, which is our goal, we need to purchase at least \$10,000 in wreaths to get all the wreaths we need.

Camp 18 has pledged to purchase 10 wreaths which will produce 15 to place on the graves of our veterans interred at Evergreen cemetery, along with individual Brothers who have pledged to purchase more wreaths. If you would like to participate, you can use the order form on page 6, to fill out and mail in. Remember, for every two wreaths you purchase a third wreath will be delivered at no cost.

The Wreath affair will be much like the Camp’s Memorial Days services with our uniformed Color Guard and Honor Guard to help escort wreaths to the Military Service Branch flags around the G.A.R. circle.

All Brothers and families are cordially invited to attend. Any uniformed volunteers will be greatly appreciated.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

Yes OR No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623
 Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
 Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY-WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

In Honor of:

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email: _____

Mailing: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships

Location ID: CAEGMP

Fundraising Group ID: CA0369

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash \$: _____

Total\$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____

Reconciled: _____

MO \$: _____

GEN: _____

Entered: _____