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Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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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 all glad that the summer is almost over and that we will be enjoying some cooler temperatures soon.

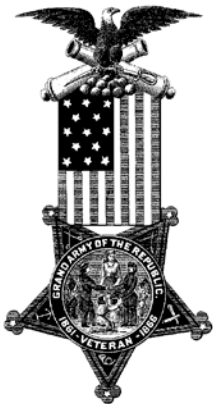
I was able to go to the National Encampment, not only with Brother Rudy Velasco but also with our new Brother and my grandson, Kelvin Doyle. We were especially fortunate because our Commander-in-Chief Mark Day performed Kelvin's initiation at our Encampment meeting. Also at the Encampment there was a Brother who was given a plaque for being in SUVCW for 77 years! His name was Chuck Odell and he was initiated into our Fraternity in 1942 when he was 14 years old! We were very fortunate to get his picture with Kelvin: the oldest Brother and the youngest Brother at the Encampment.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 20th, and will start after we have our usual breakfast at 09:00. We have many things to discuss, but I will try to move things along to make sure we are efficient and get things done.

As always, you can contact me by phone at: (909) 862-7129 or email me at: psychrn10@aol.com 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



Tentative Camp Calendar

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

Saturday, Nov. 10 – Flag Placement at Evergreen Cemetery. More information on page 2.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Wreaths Across America, Camp participation with Color Guard. Ceremonies start at 9:00 am at Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside. More information on page 2.

Saturday, Dec. 15 – Camp Election meeting at Corona American Legion Hall, directly after the Wreaths Across America program. 12:00 pm approximate start time. **December 15 will be a busy day for Camp 18.**

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 – Lincoln Shrine Open House and Camp Display, Redlands. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 17 - Camp Meeting, Corona.

April 20, 2019 – Headstone Dedication Ceremony for Civil War MOH Recipient William P. Morris at San Geronio Memorial Park, Banning. Brother Richard Burns PCC in charge of Ceremonies.

Did You Know?

September 14, 1861 – The first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off the Florida coast.

September 17, 1862 – More than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam in Maryland.

Sept. 22, 1862 – President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of January 1, 1863.



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And the soldiers who Fought to Save the Union 1861 - 1865*

Don't Forget,....!

On Saturday, October 6th, Camp Commander Doyle will once again participate in the annual *Where the Past meets the Present: Historic Tour of Mt. View Cemetery San Bernardino* coordinated by Nick Cateldo. He 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 the Commander 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 Commander Doyle at email: psychrn10@aol.com

As mentioned in the last newsletter

"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.

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

A few Tentative Dates explained from page 1

Before the observed **Veterans Day of Nov. 12** this year, **Brother John Morris** and volunteer crew plan to place Memorial flags on the Veteran's graves at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside on Saturday Morning, November 10th at 8:00 a.m.

This will be the 18th year that Brother Morris and crew (not forgetting Brother Michael Emett) have participated in placing the memorial flags at Evergreen.

The flags will remain in place through Monday, 12 Nov. which is Veterans Day. Retrieving the flags will probably take place on the 13 Nov.

If you are interested in helping place or retrieve flags with Brother Morris and crew please contact him at john.morris.6@us.af.mi

Wreaths Across America

Camp 18 has committed to participate in *Wreaths Across America 2018* where Brother John Morris will be the Master of Ceremonies. As mentioned on page 1, this ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 15, 2018 with an early start time of 9:00 a.m.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS with civil war uniforms to participate, at least 6 will be needed. Uniformed Brothers will be needed for a Color Guard and Escort/Honor Guard. The Wreaths Across America Service will be much like our Camp's Memorial Day Service.

If available for such a project, please contact the Editor at: rev03@dc.rr.com

In Memoriam

With sadness we report the passing of Real Daughter Patricia Albertson of Kalamazoo, MI who died on May 30th, 2018 at the age of 95.

She was the daughter of John Webster Hadlock, 10th Vermont Volunteers.

Sister Albertson was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.



Above: Department of the Chesapeake Brother Chuck Odell (left) who has been a member of the SUVCW for 77 years shakes hands with the newest initiated Brother Kelvin Doyle of Camp 18 at the National Encampment in Framingham, MA. on 10 August 2018.



Members of the Department of California and Pacific at the 137th Annual National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Framingham, Massachusetts August 10-11 2018

L-R: Stephen E Doyle (Camp 18), Daniel R Earl (Camp 4), Kenneth G Felton (Camps 24 & 4), Kelvin Doyle (Camp 18), Glen L Roosevelt (Camp 17), Thomas T Graham (Camp 4), Tad D Campbell (Camp 4), Dean A Enderlin (Camps 23 & 4), Rudy E Velasco III (Camp 18), Frank C Avila (Camp 4), Adam W Gaines (NMAL & 4), Linn W Malaznik (Camp 4), Donald E Menzies (Camp 4) and John W Gilman (Camp 21). Missing from the photo is Kurtis Dunphy (Camp 12) who also attended the encampment.

137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The 137th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with 132nd annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War took place at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center in Framingham, Massachusetts over the weekend of August 9 – 12, 2018. Here is a brief review.

It poured, it rained cats and dogs as we left Boston’s Logan International airport for our 20 minute ride to Framingham on Wednesday evening, August 8th. At the hotel there was a sprinkle but once we went inside there was no more weather to worry about.

There were a couple of tour adventures scheduled for the encampment early birds on Thursday, August 9th and the weather could not have been better for the morning boat cruise of Boston Harbor and tour of Fort Warren, warm and sunny. More about Fort Warren to follow. There was also an evening tour which included a roast pork dinner, to the Lynn GAR Museum, (formerly F.W. Lander Post 5). It was once the largest GAR Post in the country. Its crowning glory is the enormous 56’ x 46’ main hall which retains the original furnishings.

On Friday morning the Encampment meetings started in earnest. The National Officer reports started the morning followed by the Department reports. The morning business session ran quickly and smooth. Debates on changes to the Order’s Constitution and Regulations ran smoothly and quickly through the afternoon.

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**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



MEETING *continued from page 3,*

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day ran a tight ship and a smooth meeting.

Saturday's Business and Officer Election meeting opened with 178 SUVCW Brothers registered to attend and 169 present and to vote in the elections.

After the mid-morning break, Camp 18's newest member Kelvin Doyle, age 14 (Camp Commander Steve Doyle's grandson) was initiated into the Order by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day during the National Encampment meeting.

During lunch, Charles Odell who has been a Brother in this Order for 77 years, who also became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War when he was 14 years old, congratulated Kelvin on his new affiliation with the Order and suggested a photo session of new and old members later in the day which resulted in the photo of the two on page 2. Congratulations Brother Kelvin.

The second half of Saturday's meeting was devoted to National Officer Elections which resulted in Brother Donald W. Shaw being elected to Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Shaw, from the Department of Michigan, has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for more than 24 years where he has held many offices at the Camp and Department levels.

CinC Shaw has also spent 15 years at the National Officer level holding the offices of National Counselor, National Chief of Staff, Council of Administration, Junior and Senior Commander-in-Chief.

CinC Shaw says that he has "learned that the goal of the higher levels of the Sons really needs to be to support the Camps and the Brothers in them, where the true work of the Order is done."

Other Elected Officer results can be found under the **National Officer** section at the national website: www.suvcw.org/?page_id=262.



Above: newly elected Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw (left) assumes command from Mark R Day Past Commander-in-Chief, August 11, 2018.

The Saturday evening Allied Orders Banquet with the Commander-in-Chief pretty much brought the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts to an end. It is wonderful to see the representatives of each of the Allied Orders at the banquet enjoying themselves along with Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander in Chief Paul C. Gramling.

The following is a quick review of tour of Georges Island and Fort Warren.

The photo below shows the harbor approach to Fort Warren positioned on Georges Island in Boston Harbor located seven miles from downtown Boston.

More about Georges Island on page 5...



Georges Island is the 39 acre island home to Fort Warren, a national historic landmark. A few interesting facts about the island and fort are listed below.

Georges Island provided a strategic location for defending Boston's seaport. The French were the first to fortify the island in support of the American Revolution with cannons placed upon the hill overlooking the harbor entrance. Construction of the fort began in 1833. It was named for Dr. Joseph Warren, Major General of the Massachusetts Militia who died at the battle of Bunker Hill. In 1858 the fort was first used as a training camp and by 1862, as a Civil War prison for Confederate soldiers, sailors and political leaders.

Modifications were made to the fort for subsequent uses during the Spanish American War and World War I and II. After its final decommission in 1951 the island was purchased by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and opened to the public in 1961. It is now part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park area.

Some of the outer defenses of Fort Warren consisted of an earthen coverface which helped camouflage the fort from potential attacking ships. Attacking cannon fire from a ship could not be consistent or powerful enough to damage the eight foot thick fort walls that the coverface sat and grew upon. In the photo at right you can see the coverface foliage on top of the fort walls.



Also in the photo you can see the fixed bridge where you enter the fort. The entrance into the fort is called a *sallyport* and was once served by a drawbridge. Attacking soldiers who survived to reach this point would be faced with a sloped floor, interior musket loopholes from where fort guards could fire upon the attackers in the sallyport and a portcullis gate cutting off retreat.

The terreplein, roof level of the fort facing the main ship channel supported the main line of cannon. Both 32 pound (shot weight) rifles and 10 inch (ball diameter) Rodman smooth cannons were stationed there.

Conversion of the smooth bore Rodmans to rifled bore began in the 1880s.



Photo above: Camp Commander Steve Doyle (far right) with grandson Kelvin, stand just inside Fort Warren having entered through the sallyway behind them, on 9 Aug. 2018

Through the Civil war period, 8 inch Columbiad and 100 Parrot guns protected the shipping channel.

During 1902, one battery in the fort was updated and heavily reinforced to place the largest and most powerful guns ever placed at the fort. Two 12 inch rifles on disappearing carriages, each firing a 1076 pound shot to a distance of 8 miles. The retracting carriage design protected both rifle and crew.

This Editor really enjoyed the tour of historic Fort Warren.

On a recent visit to Evergreen Cemetery

I was introduced to two Confederate Civil War Veterans buried there. Buried real close to the GAR circle is the headstone that reads: "James H. Blue, Feb. 4, 1836 – July 23, 1904 CSA".

In the burial plot just east and across the street of the GAR circle plot lays "Capt. Ismail Elijah Hawkins, CSA, 1842 – 1917" and his wife Isabelle J. Hawkins 1858 – 1951.

Thank you Brother John Morris for the info.



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