

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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Tentative Camp Calendar

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Saturday, Nov. 16 – Headstone cleaning detail, Evergreen Cemetery. 8:00 a.m. start time.

Saturday, Nov. 30 – Wreaths Across America event dry run/practice. 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 14 – Camp Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Evergreen Cemetery. 9:00 a.m.

California Delegates to the 2024 National Encampment 2024

The 143rd Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held on August 1st through the 4th at Lexington, Kentucky.

Department of California & Pacific Delegates to the Encampment in the photo above are, from the left; Dean Enderlin PDC (Camp 23), Tad Campbell PC-in-C (Camp 4), Department Commander Steve Doyle (Camp 18), Frank Avila PDC (Camp 4) and Linn Malaznik (Camp 4).

190 Brothers from across the states attended this Encampment. One result of the encampment is that from

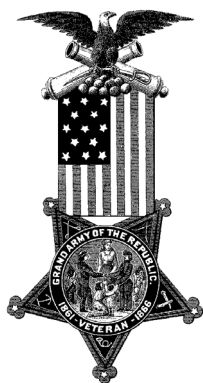
now on, only Business Attire (suit & tie)

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Avoid Conscription! Volunteer now

Camp 18's Officer election meeting is fast approaching, scheduled for **Saturday, 19 October**. Most of the Appointed Officers are eager to be reappointed and the Elected Officer positions are looking to be filled with interested Brothers and nominations waiting to be cast. Any volunteers interested in the Camp Jr. Vice Commander position this year? As of yet, none have expressed interest.

At the Camp level, the JVC is not a very demanding position and actually kind of fun and interesting. Become a Camp Officer and enjoy more Camp participation and comradery.



*Dedicated to Preserving the Memory
of the Grand Army of the Republic
And the soldiers who Fought to Save the Union 1861 - 1865*



Encampment *continued*,...

or Civil War uniforms will acceptable during Business sessions of the National Encampments.

Congratulations to newly elected Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin, Dual Member of the Departments of the Chesapeake and California & Pacific.

Hello, Hello, Greetings Camp 18 Brothers and Friends

We are at the end of a long hot summer and a slow time for the Camp, but Fall is approaching with the promise of cooler weather and a lot of events scheduled for Camp 18. It is time to get active again, Just take a look at the Tentative Camp Calendar.

For starters, Camp 18 held it's first Camp Meeting in August in Camp history. When the Camp was Chartered in 2011, we decided to have bi-monthly meetings in even numbered months, but not in August because of family vacations and the heat of summer. So after 13 years of not having a Camp meeting in August we held one and had a good turnout. We had ten Brothers attend the meeting with one new member applicant initiated and a lot of Camp business for the Fall and Winter months voted into the Camp schedule. Read on,.....

Veterans Day Flag placement & Ceremony

At 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning, 8 November, Camp Sr. Vice Commander John Morris will be at Evergreen Cemetery to place flags on the veterans graves in the GAR/SAW Circle in preparation of Camp 18's Veterans Day service. The cemetery's address is 4414 14th St. Riverside – 92501.

All are invited to come help, the more – the merrier.

Our Veterans Day Service at Evergreen will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 9 November. It is recommended that participants arrive on site by 8:00 for a quick run-through.

It looks like most of the participant positions have been filled but if you are interested in participating, contact the Editor and we can see where we can fit you in. We may need one more uniformed Brother for our "Musket Squad" to fire a volley at the end of the Service.

Next on our list of activities is the headstone cleaning project at Evergreen Cemetery's GAR Circle.

The cemetery has the environmental friendly cleaning solutions available on site and we will supply the bodies needed to accomplish the cleaning project. Camp SCV John Morris has been in contact with the local Scouting & Jr ROTC communities to see if any of the Scouts or Students would like to lend a hand.

The headstone cleaning project is scheduled for Saturday, 16 November starting at 8:00 a.m. Camp Brothers have already pledged their time to accomplish this project but all are invited to participate.

Final details for these projects and a few more projects will be finalized at the Camp's October 19th business meeting.

December's Holiday Camp Meeting

Much like last year, plans are being made for another December/Holiday Camp business meeting.

We will be collecting toys for young children – **Toys for Tots drive** – at the Camp's December 7th meeting and we will have the local fire station crew come by to collect and distribute the toys.

We are also checking into some kind of Holiday lunch being catered, maybe sandwiches, and like last year, anyone can bring in a homemade dish. We certainly enjoyed all of last year's homemade dishes but I believe last year's celebrated chef was Brother Benny White with his Red Beans and Rice.

Again, final details will be worked out at the October meeting and will be emailed out to all.



Wreaths Across America



In conjunction with Evergreen Cemetery, Camp 18 will be participating in a Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, 14 December 2024. This event has become huge for the Camp as far as exposure to the community goes and is almost as fun as our Memorial Day services.

The Camp has pretty much all of the details worked out but are still looking for a few volunteers to participate and if you are interested, let me know.

The Camp usually purchases 10 or 15 wreaths for this annual ceremony and order forms for individuals will be available at the end of October to make/donate your own wreaths purchases.

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Wreaths, continued,

Last year 1068 wreaths were purchased/donated to Evergreen Cemetery and was enough to put a wreath on every veteran’s grave in the cemetery, which is an exciting goal to meet! We hope to accomplish the same goal again this year and it will be up to some of us to help.

The Wreaths Ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will coincide with Wreaths ceremonies starting on the East coast at noon. Participants should arrive a bit early for any extra instruction.

There will be a Wreaths Ceremony practice run through on Saturday, 30 November beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Any questions or concerns, contact Brother John Morris,-email: john.morris.6@us.af.mil



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

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| Camp Commander, | Matt Crowder PCC |
| Sr. Vice Cmdr, | John Morris |
| Jr. Vice Cmdr, | Steve Matthews |
| Sec/Treas, | Rudy Velasco III |
| Camp Council #1 | Michael Emmett |
| Camp Council #2 | Rudolph Velasco IV |
| Camp Council #3 | Benny White |

Appointed

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| Camp Chaplain | Bill Daley PCC |
| Camp Historian | Burt Hogue |
| Camp Guide | Bodie Crowder |
| Camp Guard | Steve Doyle PCC |
| Graves Registration | Michael Emmett |
| Newsletter Editor | Rudy Velasco III |
| Patriotic Instructor | Steve Doyle PDC |
| Eagle Scout &
JROTC Coordinator | 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



Welcome New Brother!

Welcome new Brother John P. Beall who was initiated at the August 17th Camp meeting.

Brother Beall joins the Sons of Union Veterans honoring the Union Civil War service of his 3rd Great Uncle Thomas Henry Clay Beall, Private in Company G, 14th Indiana Infantry who served from June

7, 1861 through August 20, 1862. Private Thomas H.C. Beall was honorably discharged from Union service by reason of disability.

Welcome Brother Beall, Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah!



Photo Above, from the left, Camp Commander Matt Crowder explains the membership badge to New Member John Beall (standing middle) after Chaplin Bill Daley PCC (right) prescribes the Initiation oath.

Quick Reminder

Annual membership dues renewal time is just around the corner, November through December. Don't panic, there isn't anything to do now. The Camp Secretary will be mailing out dues notices in the middle of November. Until then, enjoy the Fall season and we hope to see you at a Camp meeting.



Five Camps Represented at Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment on Labor Day Weekend

The great bunch of guys, in the photo above, represent 5 California SUVCW Camps.

Pictured from the left is Terry Shaw PCC (Camp 17), Phil Caines PCC (Camp 2), Dean Smith CC (Camp 2), Rudy Velasco PDC (Camp 18), Charles Beal PCC (Camp 17), Scott McKee CC (Camp 17), Tad Campbell PC-in-C (Camp 4), George Dore PCC (Camp 17), Jerry Sayre PDC (Camp 21), & Glen Roosevelt PDC (Camp 17).

Along with the 3 SUVCW camp displays, there were other Civil War related information booths, such as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Daughters of Union Veterans, Drum Barracks museum and several Civil War Roundtable groups.

It was great to see other Camp 18 Brothers attend the reenactment, Brother Gene Justin stopped by the displays to say hello and Brother Rich Foy was in uniform participating with an Infantry Unit and Department Commander Steve Doyle participated at the displays on Sunday.

The weather was fair, the crowds were big, the stories were wild and I believe everybody had fun.

2024 Camp Annual Calendar

general idea/dates may change

August 1 – 4 – 143rd Annual SUVCW National Encampment, Lexington, Kentucky.

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October

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2025

January

February

Camp Display - Lincoln Shrine, Redlands. Date to be announced soon.

Saturday 15th – Camp meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona. 10:00 a.m.

March

April

Department Encampment – Dates to announced

Saturday 19 – Camp meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona, 10:00 a.m.

May – Memorial Day, more info as we get closer. Stayed tuned.

June

Saturday 21 – Camp Meeting, American Legion Hall, Corona. 10:00 a.m.