

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

Greetings Brothers and friends,

I hope that you and yours are all in good health and spirits.

Thank you, to all that attended the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Open House, and Camp Display, and/or our Camp meeting in February. Unfortunately, I found myself snowed in and was unable to attend the meeting. I would like to extend a special thanks to our Sr. Vice Commander, Brother Brian Stephens for Chairing the meeting in my stead. The depth of Brother Stephens training, knowledge and experience in parliamentary procedure is a great asset to our camp.

As we enter into the third month of this year, we have a couple of exciting, upcoming events. This month, our Secretary/Treasurer, Brother Rudy Velasco III, will be looking to be elected as the Department Commander at the 133rd annual SUVCW Department Encampment in Bakersfield. Additionally, our Camp Guide, Brother Bodie Crowder, will be giving his key note speech on the Assigment of President Abraham Lincoln, at his Southwest Civil War Symposium, in Redlands on March 23rd. If you are available, I highly recommend that you attend one of these events and support our Brothers in their dedication to honoring those who served and sacrificed in the Civil War.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the Corona

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Tentative Camp Calendar

Saturday, March 23 – Southwest Civil War Symposium. ESRI Café, Redlands. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. More information on page 2, see “Southwest Civil War Symposium.”

Fri. & Sat. March 22-23 – 133rd annual SUVCW & the 108th annual Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans Department Encampment in Bakersfield, CA.

Saturday, April 20 – Camp meeting, 10:00 am at the American Legion Hall. 1024 B, S. Main St. Corona. Breakfast at 9:00 am.

Saturday, May 25 – Camp 18 Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside. Details in next newsletter.

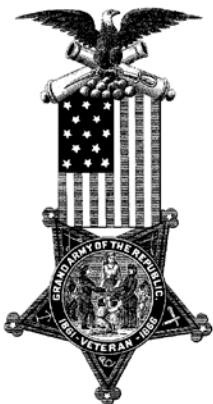
Saturday, June 15 – Camp meeting, 10:00 am at the American Legion Hall, Corona. The usual details.

August 8-11 – Sons of Union Veterans 138th Annual National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Independence, Ohio. Details online at:

<http://2019nationalencampment.org/index.htm>

Did You Know?

March 9, 1862 - history's first duel between ironclad warships, The Battle of Hampton Roads, often referred to as the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimack took place, where the ironclads clashed for 5 hours to a draw.



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



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American Legion Hall, at 10:00 am. As is our custom we will have a pre-meeting breakfast at 09:00. Major topic of discussion will be our upcoming Memorial Day event. I look forward to seeing you there.

Again, I thank you for all your attendance, efforts and support.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mike Bullard
Camp Commander

Southwest Civil War Symposium 2019

Support Camp 18 **Brother Bodie Crowder** and his accomplished effort by attending his Symposium on March 23, 2019.

This will be an American Civil War Symposium that will bring together great speakers, great topics and a wonderful learning experience. The Symposium will be held at the ESRI Café in Redlands, California.

www.southwestcivilwar.com

more information at:

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Register online today

2019 Civil War Conference in Southern California

“The American Civil War–1864: Fighting to Survive”

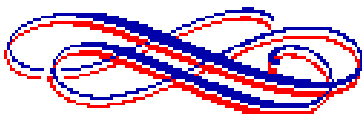
Commemorating the 155th anniversary of the fourth year of America’s most costly conflict.

This 4th segment of these American Civil War conferences, presented by Sarah Bierle and Gazette665 will take place on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 at the Temecula Conference Center in Temecula, CA.

There will be 6 guest speakers, special historical displays and historical discussions with other researchers.

Lunch will be provided with registration.

Information and on line registration can be found at:
www.gazette665.com/2019-civil-war-history-conference



The JROTC Award Season has begun

The Camp 18 JROTC Awards season began on Friday evening, March 8th with Camp Secretary Rudy Velasco going to Carter High School in Rialto to make a presentation to a deserving JROTC Cadet.

In the photo to the right, JROTC Instructor Lt. Colonel Melissa Gardner (U.S. Army retired) presents a Citizenship Award to C/PFC Bryan Madrid at the beginning of the program.



During the National Awards portion of the program, Brother Velasco presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War award to C/PFC Devin Sanchez, shown in the photo below.

The ceremony ended with a video presentation of the departing Seniors during their years in the school’s JROTC program.



Local Civil War Reenactment

A Civil War reenactment is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7 at the Crossroads River Park in Corona. The park is located at 14600 Baron Drive, Corona, 92880 and is open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. It looks like there will be two Battles daily. A link to the advertisement page is below:

<http://www.civilwaralliance.org/2019-riverview-spectator-page.html>

In Memoriam

It is with heavy heart that we report that Past Department Commander Gene Crews Armistead, of Escondido, California – a founding member of Sergeant William Pittenger Camp, No. 21, passed away on February 16, 2019, after a short illness.

Brother Armistead served as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific in 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 (two terms). He was our Department's first Department Civil War Memorials Officer, serving for four years beginning in 1998-1999.

Brother Armistead derived his membership in our Order from his ancestor, Private Jacob H. Cline, who honorably served in Company "A" of the 1st Alabama Cavalry in 1864.

The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

Department Special Order No. 1
March 2, 2019

Michael Doyle Civil War Navy Veteran by Steve Doyle PCC

Michael Doyle, the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Boston on September 29, 1841. He was my great grandfather. When the Civil War started in April, 1861, he was only 19 years old and probably unemployed. When he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 9, 1861, he would have been considered a, "Lands man", since he would have had no experience as a sailor.

At the beginning of the Civil War, the entire Union Navy consisted of only 42 ships in commission with an additional 48 available as soon as crews could be assembled and trained. It was also during this time that the U.S. Navy was going through a transformation from ocean going; wind powered sailing ships to steam powered, specialized vessels that could maneuver better in rivers and harbors. The *USS Pensacola* was one of these ships and "Ordinary Seaman" Doyle was assigned to her on 09/09/1861. He would celebrate his 20th and 21st birthdays on this steamer.

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General George Stoneman Jr. *Camp 18 Officers*

Camp Commander,	Michael Bullard
Sr. Vice Cmdr,	Brian Stephens
Jr. Vice Cmdr,	Matt Crowder
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 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	Richard Burns PCC
Eagle Scout & JROTC Coordinators	Rudy Velasco III & Richard Burns PCC

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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The USS Pensacola was assigned to Commodore (later "Admiral") David Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron, whose orders were to, "proceed up the Mississippi River and reduce the defenses which guard the approaches to New Orleans (Confederate Forts Jackson and St. Philip), when you will appear off that city and take possession of it under the guns of your squadron, and hoist the American flag therein, keeping possession until troops can be sent to you."

While bypassing the Confederate Forts Jackson and St. Philip with Farragut's fleet, the *USS Pensacola* fired a broadside on the Confederate gunboat *Governor Moore*, forcing her surrender. Once Farragut's Fleet had passed the forts they were able to cut off supplies and communications from New Orleans, which eventually led to their surrender.

Seaman Doyle was later assigned to the *USS Monongahela* and, while manning one of the broadside guns during the Battle of Port Hudson on March 14, 1863, he was, "struck with splinters on his left hip and legs."

After his enlistment had ended in July, 1863, he returned to Boston. He then "re-enlisted" in the 8th Company of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia for a three month tour of duty on Gallops Island to guard Boston Harbor. Fort Warren is nearby and is on Georges Island. While at the Boston National Encampment this past August my grandson, Kelvin Doyle, and I were able to take a tour of this well-preserved fort (I encourage you all to go to wikipedia.org and google, "Fort Warren, Massachusetts" to see some fantastic pictures of this historic fort).

In June, 1890, Congress passed the, "Dependent and Disability Pension Act" for Civil War Veterans, "who were unable to do manual labor . . . regardless of when the disability was suffered." Then, in 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt issued Executive Order 78, authorizing Civil War Veterans to receive up to a \$12/month pension, "on the basis of age only." Finally, in February, 1907, Congress passed the Service and Age Pension Act, which increased Civil War Veterans' pensions up to \$20/month. By then, Civil War veteran Michael Doyle was 66 years old and was receiving \$15/month. Although a minuscule amount by today's standards, one must understand that the average wage at the time was only 22 cents/hour, a loaf of bread was 5 cents, and eggs were 15 cents a dozen. Also, the average life expectancy was only 47 years.

On May 26, 1865, Michael Doyle married my great grandmother, Mary Finn. Between 1868 and 1890 they had six children. Their last child, George, was born in 1890 and was my grandfather. His youngest child, Edward, was born in 1924, and was my dad.

On July 8, 1913, Michael Doyle, Union Navy Veteran of the Civil War, and combat veteran, having served under Admiral David G. Farragut, died of, "valvular disease of the heart." Rest in Peace, Grandpa!

Lincoln Memorial Shrine Display

On February 9th Brothers Steve Doyle and Rudy Velasco braved the weather, forecasts of rain, to set up a Camp display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Open House in Redlands.

About 9:00 a.m. as soon as our E-Z up was in place it started to rain and it rained pretty well for an hour and then stopped. By 11:00 it had dried up, the display items came out and Shrine's Open House was another success.



In the photo above, Brother Rudy Velasco stands in front of the Camp display.

Despite the morning rain, the Lincoln Shrine reported a record number of visitors which makes sense because we spoke with a lot of interested people at our display.

Brother Larry Duncan aka Dr. Marlarkey also had many visitors at his Field Hospital display located just across from Camp 18.

