

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 again, Brothers and friends,

Spring is here and it's a great time of the year for the camp. We kicked spring off with our 133rd annual SUVCW Department Encampment in Bakersfield. Congratulations to all our Camp 18 Brothers in their new Department Offices: Department Commander Rudy Velasco III, Department JVC Steve Doyle and Department Guide Brother Brian Stephens. Also, on the third day of spring, Brother Bodie Crowder gave his speech at the Southwest Civil War Symposium, which by all reports was a big success. Congratulations Brother Bodie!

We are now in the 5th month of this year and our Memorial Day Observance event is approaching rapidly. We finished planning for this upcoming event at our last meeting and I am pleased to announce that Brother Bodie Crowder had agreed to be our guest speaker this year. He will be giving a shortened version of his speech on the Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and I, for one, am looking forward to hearing it. Please come out and join us in this ceremony of the remembrance, and to honor all those who sacrificed for our glorious country and freedom.

Thanks, to all that attended our Camp meeting in April, and a big thanks to Brother Burt Hogue for supplying and preparing the delicious steak and pork chop breakfast. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, or even if you have, please come join us for the next one.

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Tentative Camp Calendar

For the Memorial Day weekend **Brother John Morris** and crew will be placing flags on the graves at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery on **Saturday, May 25** beginning at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to participate arrive a little early for instruction. Contact Brother Morris by email at: john.morris.6@us.af.mil
Saturday, May 25 – Camp 18 Memorial Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery beginning at noon. See details in newsletter.

Saturday, June 15 – Camp meeting, 10:00 am at the American Legion Hall, 1024 B, S. Main St. Corona. Breakfast at 9:00.

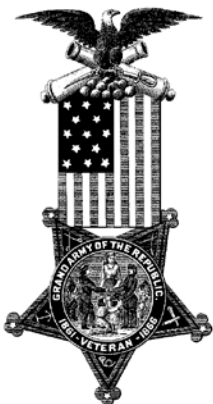
August 8-11 – Sons of Union Veterans 138th Annual Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in Independence, Ohio. Details on line at: <http://2019nationalencampment.org/index.htm>

Did You Know?

April 12, 1862 – Union Volunteers stole a Confederate locomotive near Marietta, Georgia and headed toward Chattanooga, Tennessee on a mission to sabotage as much of the rail line as they could.

April 27, 1865 – The steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

May 2, 1863 – Confederate General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight days later.



*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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Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at the Corona American Legion Hall, Breakfast at 0900 and the meeting starts at 1000. Hope to see you all there.

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

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Mike Bullard,
Camp Commander

Welcome Aboard!

At the April meeting, the Camp unanimously elected Richard (Rick) Runyon of Springville, California to be Camp 18's newest member.

Welcome Brother Runyon.

Brother Runyon joins us honoring the Civil War Service of his G-G Grandfather George Washington Runyon, Private in Company H, 156th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Private G.W. Runyon entered service on 2 May 1864 and was honorably discharged 1 September 1864 at the end of a 100 day enlistment.

**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.

\$50.00 registration closes May 30th. Lunch will be provided with registration.

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



Brother Bodie Crowder, upper right, speaks to the audience from the podium at the 2019 Southwest Civil War Symposium at the ESRI Cafe in Redlands, California on Saturday, March 23rd.

Southwest Civil War Symposium 2019
Report from Brother Bodie Crowder, Jr. Member

11 year old, General Stoneman Camp 18 Brother Bodie Crowder organized and hosted the 2019 Southwest Civil War Symposium on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the ESRI Café in Redlands, California, that entertained approximately 50 attendees. Lunch was included with registration for this all day conference.

One of the five speakers at the conference was Brother Bodie who gave a 35 minute lecture on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Other speakers at the symposium included Civil War Author Meg Groeling, Civil War Historian David Dixon, Lincoln Memorial Shrine Docent & Reenactor Bruce Smith and Don McCue – Director of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine & Museum in Redlands.

Brother Bodie says that the conference went so well that he is already organizing the 2020 symposium and he would love to see you there.

You can see more about the 2019 Symposium on the internet at: www.southwestcivilwar.com

JROTC Awards Report

The beginning of May puts us right in the middle of the High School JROTC Awards season and to date Camp 18 has processed 8 JROTC award requests.

Thank you to Brothers Burt Hogue, Steve Doyle PCC and Rudy Velasco PCC for presenting some of these awards at the ceremonies.

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Here is a list of schools that Camp 18 has issued Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War JROTC awards for this year: Army JROTC at Carter High School in Rialto; Air Force JROTC at Vista Murrieta H.S. in Murrieta; Marine Corps JROTC at Murrieta Valley H.S. in Murrieta; Air Force JROTC at Moreno Valley H.S. in Moreno Valley; Air Force JROTC at La Quinta H.S. in La Quinta; Army JROTC at Kaiser H.S. in Fontana; Navy JROTC at Corona H.S. in Corona and Army JROTC at Waimea H.S. in Waimea, Hawaii.



General George Stoneman Jr.
Camp 18 Officers



Photo above: SUVCW Dept. of Cal & Pacific Brothers at the Department Encampment from the left; CinC Don Shaw, Tom Graham PDC, Ken Walker, Jerry Sayre PDC, Linn Malaznik, Kevin Martin (Dept of the Chesapeake) Tad Campbell PCinC, Kurt Dietrich, DSVC Frank Avila, Kurtis Dunphy and DJVC Steve Doyle. What a bunch of good guys.

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| 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 |

Department of California and the Pacific
2019 Annual Encampment
by Steve Doyle, PCC

The 133rd Department of California and the Pacific's Annual Encampment was held in Bakersfield from March 22-23, 2019. From the 13 Department Camps, 34 Brothers attended out of the reported 315 Brothers in good standing with the Department. The following is a list of the Department Officers' Reports:

-Department Commander, Dean Enderlin, filed an extensive report of the activities that he had performed throughout the year.

-Department Senior Vice Commander, Rudy Velasco III, reported that, despite a change in ownership of the hotel, room rates of \$105/night and Saturday's lunch and Banquet meals were kept close to the same as last year. Funds for the Encampment were enhanced by \$480 worth of purchased Department program booklet ads by SUVCW and Auxiliary to the SUVCW members.

-Department Junior Vice Commander, Frank Avila, reported that there were 44 Membership Requests on the Department website and 3 requests were mailed in from the Junior Commander-in-Chief.

-Council Chairman, Steve Doyle, gave the Council's Report that included, amongst other things, the recommendation that the

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 | 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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Department's Savings Account be put into a Certificate of Deposit so that a better Interest Rate can be obtained. The projected 2.25% would generate approximately \$130/year instead of the current almost \$2.

-Counselor Dan Earl reported that, per General Order #18, the Tax Exempt Status for all the camps had been submitted to National. For his many hours of work on this project he also received the Department Commander's "Officer of the Year" Award.

One of the topics of discussion during Old Business was the Department's efforts to have a combined Banquet Dinner at a future Encampment with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). Difficulty with logistics prevented this from happening this year, but the new Department Senior Vice Commander (DSVC) will have to decide if this is a possibility for our 2020 Encampment.

Camp 18 can be very proud of our Graves Registration Officer Brother Michael Emmett, for again receiving the Department's *Major General Montgomery C. Meigs* Graves Registration Award for researching 213 Civil War Veteran graves in 2018, submitting their locations and having the information accepted at the SUVCW National Grave Registration data base.

Towards the end of Saturday's Business session, the Election of New Officers took place. After serving 2 years as Department Junior Vice Commander (DJVC) and 2 years as DSVC, our own Brother Rudy Velasco III PCC, was elected to Department Commander. With his vast experience and many years in SUVCW, it is only fitting that our Department be led by such a capable leader. Needless to say, the next 2 years are going to be very busy for Rudy. I will ask all Camp Brothers to assist him in whatever small way, in taking care of Camp business so that he can focus on this very responsible position.

The previous DJVC, Frank Avila, was "promoted" to DSVC, and will have as his main responsibility planning and coordinating our Department Encampment for the next two years.

Now, I must report, with some apprehension that I, Steve Doyle PCC, was elected to be DJVC, and will be in charge of coordinating all new Department membership referrals from the Department website and from the National Junior Commander-in-Chief.

I would also like to report that Brother Bill Daley PCC, remains on the Department Council, as he has been for the past 3 years.

Special "Thanks" to Sr. Vice Commander Brian Stephens who attended the Encampment as the Camp 18's

Ranking Officer and read the camp annual report at the business meeting. Brother Stephens was also appointed to Department Guide at the Encampment.

Needless to say, Camp 18 is well represented in our Department. As I've said before, we have a very vibrant and active camp and have much to be proud of. Of course, in a very humble way . . .

Thank you Brother Doyle for this informative report.



Photo above, from left; Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw, Department Secretary Owen Styles, Past Department Commander Dean Enderlin and newly elected Department Commander Rudy Velasco at the Encampment in Bakersfield, March 23, 2019.

Crossroads Riverview Park Reenactment

April 6 – 7 2019

Report by Rudy Velasco PCC, Editor

Last March we heard about a new, local Civil War reenactment at a park in Corona that was going to be coordinated by Ed Mann and the Southern California Civil War Alliance from General Rosecrans Camp 2 Commander Dean Smith.

I arrived at the reenactment site early on Saturday morning, April 6th, as some reenactors were still setting up their camps and most of the sutlers were busy arranging their shelves with period wares that would be sold to soldiers and civilians alike.

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This inaugural annual event, “The Civil War Remembered” took place at the Crossroads Riverview Park in Corona at the Norco border, featured two battles daily and added “Living history” presentations by civilian reenactors.

Parking for the public and reenactors was on small grassy hills near the reenactment so there wasn’t much dust and very short walks to wherever you needed to go.

I met Sgt. Pittenger - Camp 21 Brother Jerry Sayre PDC there, where he had already set up a small Sons of Union Veterans display and information table at about 8:00 a.m. and entertained questions from the public with him for most of the day.



Photo above; Brother Jerry Sayre PDC (right) explains the Sons of Union Veterans to an interested reenactment spectator.

Photo below; Camp 2 Commander Dean Smith (left) with Camp 2 Brother Hal Cardwell (right).



On Sunday, April 7th, Camp 2 Commander Dean Smith visited the reenactment to check out the possibilities of a multi camp display area for next year’s Crossroads Riverview event and commented that the site looked inviting and that a Camp 2 Brother, Hal Cardwell, was participating in the reenactment.

Here are a few excerpts from an after action report from event coordinator Ed Mann;

It was a great weekend! For a first time event, it was terrific. He heard no “discouraging words all weekend.

There were approximately 225 combatants and maybe 40 civilian reenactors attending, not bad considering there was a competing event in Julian that same weekend.

Can anyone think of a reenactment site, west of the Colorado River that looked more like Virginia than the Corona site?

A negative aspect of the new event was the low spectator attendance. There was several other So. Cal. events happening that same weekend. There will be more advertising next year.

The Corona reenactment should take place a week earlier next year - **March 28 & 29, 2020** to avoid competing with other events.



About the size of it

In this optimistic and patriotic cartoon, the sun smiles down on the reunited United States, on Uncle Sam and the flag.

Harper’s Weekly May 13, 1865



*Join General George Stoneman Jr, Camp 18
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and*

*Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery
4414 14th Street, Riverside, California 92501
for a*

Memorial Day Service

*Saturday, 25 May 2019 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*

*Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery Docents will be available to give tours and
share some local history of the city's Founding Fathers after the Memorial ceremony*

Join Us

Help to Preserve the Memory & History of your Union Civil War Ancestor

For more information email: camp18@suvpac.org