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Let's catch up on the Camp 18 summer news

Memorial Day Ceremony 2019

At the beginning of the summer, General Stoneman Camp 18 held their 10th annual Memorial Day Service on Saturday May 25th at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery (EMHC) in Riverside. The Service was performed without any trouble to an audience of more than 60 people who enjoyed the Service.

Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery (EMHC) Board President Etienne Caroline, who addressed the audience during the Ceremony, added more local advertising for our Memorial Service which helped with the public attendance. Mr. Caroline also recommended Kaylee Harris (pictured far right) to sing the National Anthem which she performed flawlessly.

As in past years, our ceremony follows the ritual as prescribed in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War *Ritual and Ceremonials* book, as the SUVCW has used for many years.

The Memorial program started with Camp Commander Michael Bullard making the Ritual opening remarks followed by Camp Chaplain Bill Daley PCC giving the Opening prayer and leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then, of course, Kaylee Harris sang the National Anthem.

Camp Commander Bullard greeted everybody attending and introduced guests. EMHC Board President addressed the audience and detailed the mission of the keeping Evergreen

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Tentative Camp Calendar

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

Saturday, Dec. 14 – Wreaths across America Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 – Camp meeting at the American Legion Hall, Corona. 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 – Southwest Civil War Symposium, Redlands, CA. visit website at:

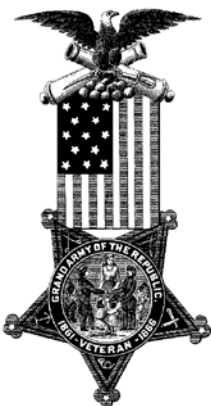
<https://www.southwestcivilwar.com/2020symposium>

February – Camp Display, Lincoln Shrine Redlands.

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



Photo above; Camp Chaplain Bill Daley PCC opens the Service with the Invocation. Above right; Kaylee Harris sings the National Anthem at the Service, 5/25/2019.



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



Ceremony continued,...

Cemetery green and continuing the memory of the prominent City of Riverside pioneers interred there.

Camp 18 is grateful to have the help of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic when we perform these Ceremonies. They add the perfect touch.

Sister from General Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2 (Los Angeles) came to support and participate in the Camp activity with Auxiliary President Susan Sweet reading the "Unknown Dead" civil war poem and along with Melinie Canies, Auxiliary Past Department President, delivered a floral wreath to the Women's Relief Corps. Monument dedicated to the GAR.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Amanda Stokes Tent #87 President Judy Dillard also participated reading the "Only a Private Killed" Civil War poem.

Camp 18 Junior Vice Commander Matt Crowder read the very meaningful *General Logan's General Order No. 11*, a proclamation directing Union Civil War Veterans and families on decorating the graves of the fallen Civil War Union Soldiers. If you haven't read or heard General Order #11, you should. It is a very dear sentiment to the Civil War Veterans departed.

A special highlight of the ceremony is Camp Junior member Brother Bodie Crowder giving the ceremony's main address about the Lincoln Assassination which was very well received by the audience!

With the ceremony coming to a close, floral wreaths were presented to the U.S. Armed service branch flags. The wreath presenters were escorted by Camp 18 uniformed guards, included Brother Bodie Crowder and Mom Jennifer, DUVCW Sister Judy Dillard, EMHC Board members Nancy Cox & Judith Auth and SUVCW

Susan Velasco and Angie Daley.

To close the ceremony Chaplain Bill Daley PCC gave the Benediction. A three volley musket salute followed, from the Camp 18 musket team of Camp SVC Brian Stephens, Department Jr Vice Commander Steve Doyle & Department Commander Rudy Velasco.

Camp 18 friend Kasey Borders played TAPS to end the ceremony followed by Camp Commander Bullard inviting the audience to decorate the graves of the Civil War veterans buried at the G.A.R. circle at Evergreen.

In Memoriam

Camp 18 Brother Richard T. Burns, Past Camp Commander, August 24, 1941 – May 9, 2019



2019 Cleveland National Encampment

by

Department Jr Vice Commander Steve Doyle, PCC.

For those of you who have never gone to an SUVCW National Encampment, let me give you an idea of what to expect. It is generally a 4 day event, which starts on a Thursday (this year, August 8th) with some type of tour offered by the Department hosting the event: in this case, the Department of Ohio. If you want to go on the Thursday tour, it is best to arrive on Wednesday, so that you are refreshed and ready for the long day of the tour. Actual Encampment business starts on Friday, all day, followed by some entertainment and Campfire in the evening.

Encampment business is continued on Saturday and includes the handing out of awards and election of officers. The evening is the finale with a Banquet Dinner being served. Sunday morning church services are offered before returning home (or continuing on your vacation in the area).

To be honest, I wasn't that excited about the tour being offered this year because it was mostly

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Photo above left; Camp 18 Commander Michael Bullard addresses the audience. Photo right; DUVCW Tent 87 President Sister Judy Dillard recites a civil war poem on Saturday, 25 May 2019.

Encampment continued,

about our 20th President, James A. Garfield, and “who cares”, right? Well, I was definitely wrong on that assumption and am really glad I paid the \$49 for the tour.

We started at 10:30 a.m. and went to the Cleveland Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Cleveland. This is well worth a stop if you are in the Cleveland area and it honors the soldiers and sailors from Ohio who died during the Civil War. You can see from the photo below it is a unique structure in that it is a combination of a spire and a Memorial Hall. You can easily spend over an hour there.

Next, we went to the James A. Garfield Historic Site in Mentor, Ohio, where he and his family had a farm. The tour guide explained Garfield’s upbringing and how intelligent he was and how he excelled at everything he did. He was a farmer, a university professor and even a Major General during the Civil War!

After the war he became a politician and ran his 1880 presidential campaign from his Front Porch with newsmen camped out in the field in front of his house, waiting for him to come out and answer questions.

Unfortunately, after he won the presidency, he was shot by a disgruntled supporter who was unhappy because he wasn’t able to secure a job working for the government. Garfield suffered for over 80 days before succumbing to his infected wounds on September 19, 1880. If you go to Ohio, be sure to visit this national historic site.

We had a box lunch on the run on our way to the Woodland Cemetery, where many Civil War Veterans are buried. At the cemetery is also located James Garfield’s Memorial burial site. We finished the tour back at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument with drinks and light snacks. Returned to the hotel around 8:00 p.m.-a long day . . .

The next day, on Friday, August 9th, was our first day of business. 203 Brothers from around the country attended this Encampment, with our Department well represented with 10 Brothers. Our Department was given a streamer for our Department flag for contributing \$500 (from an anonymous Department Brother) to the



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

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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 |

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 | Vacant |
| Eagle Scout &
JROTC 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



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Encampment continued,

Benjamin Franklin Stephenson Foundation, and Brothers Dean Enderlin, PDC, Dan Earl, PCC, and Frank Avila, PCC, all receiving various Certificates of Appreciation for their work on various National Committees.

Various recommendations were proposed by the outgoing officers and voted on by those in attendance. (I might add here that, if you ever attend a National Encampment, make sure you bring your current SUVCW membership card as it was checked on the first day).

Our Auxiliary Sisters (ASUVCW) also had their National Encampment in another room and one of them gave a presentation about the, "Wags4Warriors" Program that helps train and supply dogs for veterans. It costs \$4,500 to train each dog, and upon completion of training, the *dog* chooses the veteran. Brothers "passed the hat" and collected \$1,001, to help train a dog, which was greeted with tears of appreciation from our Sister when she came back later.

One of the guests at our Encampment was Paul Gramling, the National Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). He and C-in-C Shaw exchanged pleasantries and gifts. Commander Gramling also spoke briefly at our Saturday night Banquet Dinner.

Later, on Friday evening, we had our Campfire. The Department of Ohio did an excellent job by having a local Civil War Brass Band perform songs from the Civil War era. The presentation lasted over an hour and was then followed by each Department giving parting gifts to the outgoing C-in-C, Donald Shaw.

The next day, on Saturday the 10th, was the conclusion of Old and New Business, followed by the election of new Officers. With the completion of his one year term, C-in-C Shaw was given a hearty applause and a standing ovation. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Edward J. Norris, PDC, ran unopposed and was elected the new C-in-C, and likewise, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Brian Pierson, PDC, ran unopposed and became the new SVC-in-C. There were two nominees for the position of JVC-in-C, with our Department's choice of Brother Michael A. Paquette, PDC, from the Department of the Chesapeake winning the election.

Brothers were told that the 2020 Encampment will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, and that the 2021 Encampment will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. For this year's encampment, several Brothers added on additional travel plans in the area, either for vacations, to see relatives, or to visit their SUVCW relatives' grave sites. Something to think about if you have an idea to attend a National Encampment in the future. . .

We were also reminded that, "it is an honor" to host a National Encampment. Our department last held a National Encampment in 2012 in Los Angeles. Since so many encampments are held back East, maybe it's time we think about doing it again,

After the close of business Saturday we had our Banquet Dinner, which cost \$40. If you go, make sure you coordinate your seating arrangements as soon as the dining room doors open, as we were almost not able to sit with fellow Department Brothers.

On Sunday, the 11th, church services were offered and many participants caught their flights home. For your future reference, the total cost of my going to this encampment, which included the cost of round-trip airfare to Cleveland, 4 nights in the hotel, tour and banquet costs, plus additional food costs, was about \$1,675.

I hope all of you consider going to a future National Encampment and I am happy to answer any additional questions you may have about this annual and interesting event.



Above: Delegates from the Department of California & Pacific at the National Encampment in Independence Ohio. From the left are Dan Earl PCC - Camp 4, Steve Doyle PCC - Camp 18, Adam Gaines (MAL) Tom Graham PDC - Camp 4, Tad Campbell PC-inC - Camp 4, Glen Roosevelt PDC - Camp 17, DC Rudy Velasco - Camp 18, Dean Enderlin PDC - Camp 23, Rick LaRosa - Camp 4, Frank Avila PCC - Camp 4 & Linn Malaznik - Camp 4.



G.A.R. Highway Signs

At one time, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Highway stretched across the United States beginning in Provincetown, Massachusetts and running through Bishop, California and ending in Long Beach. Route 6, the longest transcontinental highway was named in honor of the G.A.R.

After the passing of the GAR 1956 and fading interest and more modern thoroughfares and freeways, the GAR highway has been bypassed in many areas. Not many people even know that the highway existed.

General Rosecrans Camp 2 GAR Highway Officer Ron Black has been working with Cal-Trans to see about having highway signs indicating Route 6 as the GAR highway replaced to where they were once erected and are now missing.

Last Spring Brother Black received confirmation that Cal-Trans had installed two GAR highway signs, replicas of the originals, one at the south bound Interstate 5 at the Los Angeles City limits sign and another on south bound CA-14.



Department Commander visits Camp 21

On Saturday, June 8th 2019, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - California and Pacific Department Commander Rudy Velasco and wife Susan were invited to the Sgt. Pittenger Camp 21 Camp meeting and pot luck luncheon at the beautiful home of Camp 21 Brother Peter & Joyce Huelsenbeck. This Camp 21 business meeting would also include the presentation of a Special Recognition award.

John May has served as Pittenger Camp 21's Secretary/Treasurer for over 10 years and was given the well-deserved recognition of receiving a Past Camp Commander's Badge for his dedication and service to the SUVCW. Department Commander Rudy Velasco was honored to pin the badge on Brother John May.



From left to right in the photo above are; Camp 21 Commander John Keenan, Brother Jerry Sayre PDC, Department Commander Rudy Velasco & Camp 21 Secretary/Treasurer Brother John May.

Eagle Scout Commendations & JROTC

Camp 18 has recently received two Eagle Scout Commendation requests and the certificates have been mailed to the families of the New Eagle Scouts.

Eagle Scout Board of Review for Christopher J. Enright of Chino Hills, CA was held on May 16, 2019 and the Board of Review for Hyrum M. Woolsey of Bakersfield was held on August 31.

Congratulations to these two young men.

In the photo below Camp 18 Brother Burt Hogue (left) is attending the NJROTC awards Ceremony at Corona High School in May. Brother Burt presented the SUVCW's ROTC award certificate & medal to Cadet Andrew Tuong (right).

Camp 18 has issued JROTC award packages to 8 local high schools in 2019.





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