

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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Happy New Year!

Attention Company!

A message from the Camp Commander

Brothers,

I would like to thank the membership of Camp 18 for the honor and privilege to serve as Camp Commander for 2021. Thank you for your support of our organization and mission both in the past and the future. I would also like to thank our Department Commander Rudy Velasco for his service and support of our Camp and The Department of California and Pacific. Special thanks to our most recent Past Camp Commander (PCC) Michael Bullard for his leadership during a difficult year, and all of our PCC(s) for their service and continued mentorship. Thank you to our other newly elected Officers, and Officers that have agreed to continue their service.

I look forward to being able to meet again in person, but have enjoyed the ability via Zoom for Brother Michael Emmett to attend our meetings from Montana. Thank you to Brothers Burt Hogue, Glen Roosevelt, PDC and the entire W.H. Jameson Jr. American Legion Post 216 for their Hospitality.

Thank you all for making our Camp what it is today! I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Brian Stephens
Camp Commander

Tentative Camp Calendar

February 2021 – Lincoln Shrine Open House, Redlands, has been canceled for 2021 due to current circumstances.

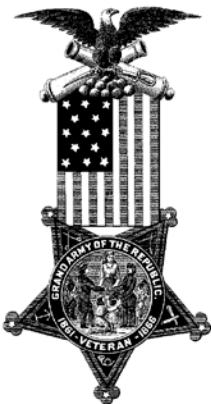
Saturday Feb. 20 - Camp 18 meeting, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom communications. Meeting invitations will be emailed out as we get closer to the meeting date.

Saturday March 20 – Virtual Department Encampment meeting, 9:00 a.m. More information to follow next month.

Saturday April 17 – Camp 18 meeting, 10:00 a.m. Details to follow.

Did you know?

January 1861 – When Abraham Lincoln, a known opponent of slavery, was elected president, the South Carolina legislature perceived a threat. Calling a state convention, the delegates voted to remove the state of South Carolina from the union known as the *United States of America*. The secession of South Carolina was followed by the secession of six more states - Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas and the threat of secession by four more. The secession of Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina would follow in the next several months. These eleven states eventually formed the Confederate States of America.



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

Annual Membership Dues

It is, once again, that time of the year when we must renew our membership with the SUVCW and pay membership dues. Deadline to receive payment is January 31, 2021.

Most have already renewed, only a few have not sent their payment. Please contact the Camp Secretary if there is some difficulty or if further arrangements can be made.

Membership cards should be in the mail by mid-January.

Thanks to all for your continued support of General Stoneman Camp 18 and the SUVCW.

Patriotic Instruction

from

Department Patriotic Instructor Will Tisch

Brothers,

As we endeavor on this current Covid challenge, let us call to mind the fortitude of our Brave Hero Forefathers that so faced the seemingly impossible obstacles of those Ferocious Battles and use that as inspiration to overcome this wretched disease.

With Patriotic Glory in our Minds and our Fiery Ensign Flying High, let us face this foe as Brothers would with unrelenting determination to bring this Biological threat to demise.

We will stay, as the “Boys in Blue,” an example of persistence to continue serving our Countrymen and help lead them to a better direction in Patriotism.

I hope this finds you all well in Health.

Most Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Major Will Tisch, SVR (Ret.),
Patriotic Instructor,
Department of California & Pacific,
SUVCW



Camp 18 Officer Election Results

Camp Officer elections were held at the December 12th virtual Camp meeting and the results can be seen at the Camp 18 Officers list on page 3.

The Camp has a very capable new Commander with Brian Stephens, who will lead the camp in a positive direction.

“Thank you” to all that accepted the Camp Officer

nominations and new elected positions. Brothers Benny White, Matt Crowder and John Morris have accepted the challenges of new Officer positions.

And a BIG thank you to Past Camp Commander Mike Bullard for two years in Command.



Welcome New Brothers

Let’s Welcome a couple of New Brothers to General George Stoneman Jr, Camp 18.

Welcome Brother Robert Nye who joins us honoring the Civil War service of his Great Grandfather

Michael B. Nye, Private in Company C, 53rd Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Welcome Brother Thomas Chapin who joins us honoring the Civil War service of his G-G-Great Grandfather Caleb Budlong, Private in Company G, 35th Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry.

Brother Nye and Brother Chapin were both unanimously voted into membership at the October Camp meeting. Welcome Aboard!



Above; Flags placed at the G.A.R. Circle in Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery, Riverside, CA. for Veterans Day 11/10/2020. Morris photo

Veteran’s Day

by

Steve Doyle, PCC

On November 10th, Brother Morris, his daughter Sarah, and I placed flags on the graves of some of the Veterans at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. Given the current Covid-19 crisis, we wore masks and exercised social

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Veterans continued,

distancing. Admittedly, it was a small gesture, but yet, an important and symbolic one: giving thanks to all Veterans who have passed on. May they all Rest in Peace.



Photos above; Brother Steve Doyle PCC (left) and Sarah Morris (right) place flags at the headstones of the Veterans interred at Evergreen cemetery. Here they are pictured at the G.A.R. Circle. Morris photo



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

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| Camp Commander, | Brian Stephens |
| Sr. Vice Cmdr, | Matt Crowder |
| Jr. Vice Cmdr, | John Morris |
| 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 PCC |
| Eagle Scout &
JROTC Coordinator | Rudy Velasco III |

Wreaths Across America

Because of the current virus conditions, Camp 18 did not participate in a Wreaths Across America ceremony this December 19th but we did not forget about the significance of the day.

A few months earlier Brother John Morris was making plans for the usual formal Wreaths ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery with the Camp’s contribution of a musket salute, Civil War uniformed escorts for ceremony VIPs and the playing of TAPS but the virus caused tighter stay at home orders from the governor and the ceremony was cancelled.

The Stoneman Camp sponsored wreaths as well as individual Camp 18 Brothers and with all of the other wreath supporters there were approximately 278 wreaths delivered to the cemetery to be placed at our veterans graves.

Thank you Brother John Morris and cemetery staff for placing all of the wreaths and decorating the final resting places of America’s local veterans of all wars.



Photo above; wreaths adorn the headstones in the G.A.R Circle at Evergreen Cemetery on 12/15/2020. R. Nye photo

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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