

Stoneman Dispatch

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Memorial Day

This year's Memorial Day event at Evergreen Cemetery was well attended, as last year and was very well received and with a few additions to the program.

On Saturday, 24 May 2014, Camp 18 Commander Bill Daley opened our Memorial Day service at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery at noon and shortly after read General Logan's General Order # 11.

Acting Chaplain Brother Rudy Velasco PCC lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Sr Vice CMDR Richard Burns greeted and introduced everybody and talked about the "Origins of Decoration Day."

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Right: Camp CMDR Bill Daley opens the Service at Evergreen.

Canales photo



Welcome New Brothers

Three new Camp 18 members have recently joined our ranks.

Mike Bullard of Norco joins us, honoring his Great-Great Grandfather Charles Bullard who served as private in Company A, 16 Regiment of Indiana Infantry.

Matthew Amori of San Bernardino is honoring his 2nd Great Grand Uncle Archibald S. Fuller who was a private in Company B, 49th Kentucky Infantry.

Camp 18 is honored to have our 2nd junior member, Dominic Amori, who joined the Camp with his father Matthew.

Welcome aboard Brothers!

Tentative Camp Calendar

No camp meeting in August

August 14-17 Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment at Marietta, Georgia.

October – possible Civil War reenactment display in Corona.

Saturday, Oct. 18 – Camp meeting, 12:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, Corona.

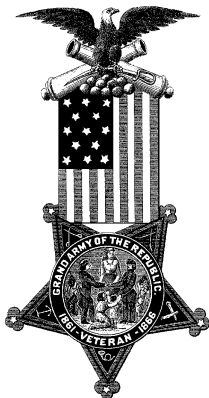
Saturday, Nov. 8 – Veterans Day Service at Evergreen cemetery. Possible start time is noon.

Saturday, Dec. 20 – Camp election meeting. Palm Springs Air Museum. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, 2015 – Camp meeting, 12:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, Corona.



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



Memorial continued,

Ramona High School Marine Corps. JROTC provided Color and Honor Guard throughout the Service.

The additions to our service start here. Earlier in the year, Jr. Vice Cmdr Steve Doyle went the Lincoln Shrine in Redlands and met Dawn Beresovoy of *Mary Jane Safford Tent #92, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War* of Temecula. Our Camp invited the “Daughters” to our Memorial Day Service and they came to support.



Above: Mary Jane Safford Tent President Kay Fordham introduces other attending Sisters of Tent #92. Canales photo

During introductions Brother Burns asked Safford Tent President Kay Fordham to the podium and introduce the other Tent Sisters, who were Lynette Canales, Kay Hildebrand and Candy. Sorry girls, I don't recall

Candy's last name. Candy and Kay Hildebrand were dressed in 1860's period attire as were others attending Camp 18's service.

Lynette Canales presented a wreath to the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag during the Memorial Day Service assisted by one of the Ramona JROTC Cadets.

Susan Sweet, President of Rosecrans Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recited a poem, “The Unknown Dead” by Elizabeth Robbin



Above: Left to right, Kay Fordham, Lynette Canales and Candy of Mary Jane Safford Tent #92, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War from Temecula. Canales photo

Berry, Patriotic Instructor to Women's Relief Corps. 1909.

Melinie Prosk-Caines, Past Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, dressed in period black mourning dress presented a wreath to the Women's Relief Corps monument.

Five more wreaths were presented to the five Military Service Branch flags by MCJROTC Cadets of Ramona High School.

Boy Scout Troop No. 120 of Moreno Valley inquired about a possible flag retirement ceremony during the Memorial Day Service. Our National Colors at the cemetery were a bit tattered so Camp 18 accommodated the Scouts and they retired the big American flag before the musket salute and “Taps.”

The Scouts were very respectful and professional during their ceremony and a descriptive narration accompanied the steps taken to retire “Old Glory.”

As the new grand flag was readied to be hoisted and the old flag was respectfully folded for the last time and placed on the fire, I was told, there were tears in the eyes of many.

Camp 18's musket salute team of Brothers Mike Bullard, JVC Steve Doyle, Rudy Velasco IV and Rudy Velasco III PCC fired three volleys in honor of our

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Below: Scouts from Troop 120 of Moreno Valley salute as the new American is hoisted. Canales photo



SALUTE continued,

country's Veterans. Sr. Vice CMDR Richard Burns finished our Salute with the playing of *Taps*. We closed out the Service by inviting the audience to come and decorate the graves with the fresh flowers that Camp 18 had brought to distribute.

A BIG Thank You to Brother John Morris and gang for getting all the flags placed in the cemetery for Memorial Day.

More Memorial Day...

I thought I would share this with our brethren of the SUVCW. Just because I moved to Montana does not mean that the work doesn't go on. My son, Mike Jr, is taking the pictures and I am standing at the woefully inadequate GAR sections of the cemetery in Billings. We placed 120 flags in the old cemetery; about half were for Civil War veterans.



In this photo, Brother Mike Emmett is bringing attention to the rusty metal sign with the barely readable G A R in faded paint at cemetery in Billings, MT.

Brother Mike Emmett is a big reason why flags were placed in Evergreen Cemetery for years before passing the torch to Brother John Morris and moving to Montana. Our Brothers Mike and Mike Jr. are keeping the traditions alive.

On Memorial Day, May 26, Mike went to a small cemetery in Custer, Montana and served in an Honor Guard with the local American Legion Post.

4th of July Fireworks Display

This year, Camp18's display before the fireworks at Evergreen Cemetery started out warm, very warm. Nobody wore wool uniforms trying to stay cool. As the early evening came around so did cooler weather and the crowds anticipating the night time light display.

Many came to ask questions about the Sons of Union Veterans, the everyday lives of Civil War soldiers and the G.A.R. The black powder, muzzle loading weapons are always a great topic of discussion.

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

Camp Commander,	William Daley
Sr. Vice Cmdr,	Richard Burns
Jr. Vice Cmdr,	Stephen Doyle
Sec/Treas,	Rudy Velasco III
Camp Council #1	Michael Emmett
Camp Council #2	vacant
Camp Council #3	Tate Burns

Appointed

Camp Chaplain	vacant
Camp Historian	Burt Hogue
Graves Registration	Michael Emmett
Newsletter Editor	Rudy Velasco III
Patriotic Instructor	Richard Burns
JROTC & Eagle	
Scout Coordinator	Richard Burns

**Good Will Ambassador At Large;
General Roger Rothrock (U.S.Army Retired)**

Interesting Dates,

July 12, 1862 – President Abraham Lincoln signs a bill authorizing the Medal of Honor.

July 22, 1862 – President Lincoln presents the Emancipation Proclamation to the Cabinet.

Display continued,

One of the several great conversations of the evening was with one individual about the history of **Juneteenth** and what it means today approaching the 150th anniversary of its origin. Great stuff.

Jr. Vice Commander Steve Doyle handed out a couple of forms he made up to help an individual research a civil war ancestor and may have a couple of new member prospects on line. Good Job, Brother Doyle.

The fireworks were an exciting display with only one small fire atop of Mt. Rubidoux which was extinguished quite quickly. Already waiting for next year.

JROTC & Eagle Scout Awards

In the spring and early summer of this year, Stoneman Camp 18 was involved in presenting 2 ROTC awards at Claremont - McKenna College and 9 JROTC awards at local high schools. Awards were presented in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, as far north as Apple Valley, San Jacinto in the south, Claremont in the west and to the Coachella Valley in the east.

These ceremonies were attended by Camp 18 representatives to hand out these awards, keeping a personal touch with the Cadets. Thank you Brothers, Tate Burns, Richard Burns PCC, Roger Rothrock, Steve Doyle and Rudy Velasco PCC for attending these award ceremonies on

behalf of the SUVCW and Camp 18.

Our Camp received a couple of very nice "Thank You" cards in the mail for attending these ROTC award banquets.

Carter High School in Rialto sent a card thanking Brother Steve Doyle for making a presentation and Claremont – McKenna College sent a card thanking General Stoneman. Go Figure.

Eagle Scout Awards at Fort Irwin

reported by Brother JVC Steve Doyle

On, Friday, June 27th, Camp 18 Senior Vice Commander, Richard Burns, and Junior Vice Commander, Steve Doyle (in Civil War uniform), presented Eagle Scout Certificates from the SUVCW to two Eagle Scouts at Ft. Irwin.

These Camp 18 Brothers were graciously received at the fort's entrance by one of the fort's Senior Officers, ARMY LTC Joseph Paulin, who escorted the Brothers onto the base and to the Assembly Hall where the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony was to take place.

LTC Paulin is the Assistant Scout Master at Ft. Irwin and his two sons, Jeffery and Joshua, were the Scouts receiving their Eagle Scout Awards.

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Photo Below: On 8 May 2014, Camp 18 Sr. Vice CMDR Richard Burns PCC presents a JROTC award to San Jacinto High School JROTC Cadet Connor Bourbeau.

Photo Right: On 8 May 2014, Brother Rudy Velasco PCC presents a JROTC award to an Apple Valley High School Cadet.



Scouts continued,

The Awards Ceremony started with an Invocation and the Convening of the Court of Honor. Several of the Scout Masters gave speeches and video presentations about the Stages of Scouting.

The Legend of Eagle Mountain, and the, "Trail to Eagle Scout" video was then shown.

Jeffery and Joshua were presented with their Eagle Badges and gave brief speeches, thanking the Scout Masters, and especially, their parents for helping them attain their goals of becoming Eagle Scouts.

Brother Steve Doyle then presented the SUVCW Certificates to both Jeffery and Joshua and then gave a short speech to the New Eagle Scouts,

"The SUVCW and Camp #18, congratulates you on your achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout. Our Organization strives to Honor the more than 400,000 Union Veterans of the GAR who, in some cases, sacrificed everything, including their lives, to preserve our Union. It is not only our Honor, but it is our Duty to these Traditions, including the Teaching of Patriotism, Civic Duties, and honoring our Flag. These same Concepts are also "Near and Dear" to the Boy Scouts of America. Once again, on behalf of the SUVCW, we offer our congratulations to you on your Special Achievement."

After the Benediction and Retiring of the Colors, a light buffet dinner was served. But before Brothers Richard and Steve could leave to return home, more than a dozen parents wanted their cub scouts' photos taken with Brother Steve in his Union Civil War uniform with musket and traps, of course...) Several group pictures were also taken.

Thank you Steve, for sending us this report.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic home in west Los Angeles

On 27 May, we received an email from the LGAR about a senior living home for women. I didn't think these types of homes existed anymore and I understand this is the last of its kind. The email reads:

Beverly Macy is the President of the Appomattox Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She helps manage the LGAR Memorial Home in West Los Angeles. The Home has been in operation at this location since 1947, providing low income housing to senior female blood relatives of Union Army Civil War Veterans. The residents are active senior women, 55 plus.

There are 12 one bedroom units and as of July, they have one opening for a new resident. Units do become available from time to time.

Sister Macy believes it is important to get the word about the home and available units out.

If you know of anyone who qualifies or might qualify please contact her so they can start the process. It is a lovely, modest home that is safe and affordable.

You can email Beverly Macy at memorialhome1@gmail.com

Appomattox Circle of the LGAR will accept donations. If you or your group has a few extra dollars or good appliances or man hours to donate and need a place for your donations to go, Contact the ladies of the Appomattox Circle to see what they need or where you can help.



***Photo left,
The tattered
American flag at
Evergreen
Cemetery is
displayed before
being properly
retired by Scout
Troop 120 at the
Memorial Day
Service on 24 May
2014.***

Canales photo

Below; members of the Allied Orders participating in Camp 18's Memorial Day event at Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery. Left to right: Camp 18 Commander Bill Daley, Safford Tent President Kay Fordham, Auxiliary Past President Melinie Prosk-Caines, Brother Rudy Velasco PCC, Auxiliary #2 President Susan Sweet, JVC Brother Steve Doyle, Safford Tent Sister Candy, Brother Rudy Velasco IV, Safford Tent Sister Kay Hildebrand, Brother Mike Bullard, Safford Tent Sister Lynette Canales and SVC Brother Richard Burns.

Alexi photo



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