

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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Congratulations Brother & Sister Campbell

Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is now and for the next year Gilroy, California, garlic capitol of the world.

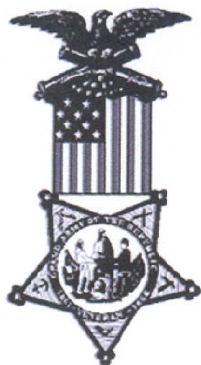
Brother Tad Campbell, Past Department Commander of California & Pacific, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 133rd Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW in Marietta, Georgia on August 16, 2014.



Pictured above; C-in-C Brother Tad Campbell, Auxiliary to the SUVCW National President Sister Rachelle Campbell and daughter Emelia Campbell, Auxiliary Jr. member.

The C-in-C's wife Rachelle was elected National President of the

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

Tentative Camp Calendar

October 11 & 12 - Camp 18 display at **Tom's Farm** Civil War reenactment in Corona.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - Camp meeting, 12:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, 1024 B South Main St. Corona.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - Veteran's Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery. Possible start time is noon.

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

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - Possible multi camp Officer installation, American Legion Hall in Corona.

Saturday, Feb. 21 - Camp meeting, 12:00 p.m. American Legion Hall, Corona.

March 6-8 - 129th Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of California & Pacific annual Encampment at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndam in Sacramento.

Camp Display at Tom's Farm Civil War Reenactment

The Camp Display at Tom's Farm on October 11 & 12 will be our first at this location. Although we haven't seen the farm yet, we expect the set up to be similar to the Prado Park display and reenactment.

There will be four battles over the course of the weekend, two each day.

Find out more about Tom's Farm on line at http://shop.tomsfarms.com/Default.asp?Redirected=Y#SlideFrame_2

The Farm is located at 23900 Temescal Canyon RD, Corona, CA. 92883.



C-in-C continued,

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) at the Auxiliary's 128th National Encampment during the same August weekend.

It is a special occurrence having a husband and wife team as National heads of our Fraternities serving at the same time.

Commander-in-Chief Campbell joined Phil Sheridan Camp 4 in San Jose, CA. in 1997.

You can learn more about Brother Tad and read his Bio on line at

<http://www.suvpac.org/bios/campbellbio.html>

Sister Rachelle has been a member of the Auxiliary since 2000 and is Past President and organizer of Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary # 52 of San Jose.



Photo of Camp 18 Brothers with then Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, taken at the Department Encampment in Sacramento last March. From the left are Camp Jr Vice Cmdr Steve Doyle, Secretary Rudy Velasco, C-in-C Tad Campbell, Camp Cmdr Bill Daley and Camp Sr Vice Cmdr Richard Burns.

Civil War Graves Registration up-date by Graves Registration Officer Mike Emett

I have currently (as of this moment) successfully submitted to the National SUVCW Graves data base and been approved for 147 soldiers. I also have worked 20 duplicated cases and submitted 27 corrections/additions to previously submitted entries (other than mine) and have added 49 cases to my pending file (mostly can't find where these guys are fertilizing the lilies).

My goal is 200 entries for this year and it will be tough. I have nearly completed the 7th Cavalry but winter is coming on and that will slow me down a bit.

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Veteran's Day Service

Camp 18 is putting together plans for a Veteran's Day Service at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside on November 8th. Details will be discussed at the Camp meeting in October and your ideas for the program are appreciated. Please bring input and ideas to the meeting or email the Editor. Final details will be emailed to all participants.

Multi Camp Officer Installation

To help with Department Commander Tim Reese's traveling time and expensive, he has suggested that the four southern California Sons of Union Veterans Camps get together for one multi Camp Officer installation meeting. This idea would save the Dept.

Commander four separate trips from Salinas area of Central California to the south to do that job.

To cooperate with the Commander's suggestion, Camp 18 has offered the use of the American Legion Hall in Corona for this proposed joint meeting on January 17, 2015.

We are still some months away from Camp elections and installations, but our offer is on the table for consideration.

North meets South

Five years ago Brother Loran Bures was Commander of General W.S.

Rosecrans Camp 2 of Los Angeles and instrumental in getting Stoneman Camp 18 organized and started.

Brother Bures has since moved to Washington State and is Jr Vice Commander of Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp # 1 there.

Last July, Brother Jason Fink of Stevens Camp # 1 told Brother Bures that he and his family would be traveling from Vancouver Island B.C. along the coast to vacation in California and while heading south would stop to take photos of the grave and headstone of his Civil War ancestor Sergeant Norris A. Fink, Co. I, 8th Illinois Cavalry who is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, CA. Brother Bures asked Camp 18 to help locate the Sergeant's grave for Brother Jason.

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Fink continued,

While Camp 18's Sr. Vice Cmdr Richard Burns was locating Sgt Fink's grave, Jr Vice Cmdr Steve Doyle was researching the Fink family and the following is some of what he found;

Distant SUVCW Brothers Related?

Submitted by JVC Steve Doyle

Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside, California has several hundred Civil War and Spanish American War veterans buried there. When our SVC, Richard Burns, found out that a SUVCW brother from Canada, Jason Fink, wanted to visit the grave site of his Civil War relative, Sgt. Norris Fink, there, he offered to meet him so as to assist him in finding the grave site. He was also able to locate Sgt. Fink's wife's grave, and the gravesites of one of his sons, daughters-in-law, and one of his daughters.

Brother Richard also asked me to try and find out any additional information about Jason's ancestry through ancestry.com so as to make Jason and his family's visit more memorable. Well, it turned out to be both memorable to Brother Jason and myself, because I found out some common history that Jason and I share.

Andreas Fink (1675-1744) was born in Germany and came with his family to New York in 1710 during the, "Great Exodus of Palatines from Germany". He settled in a little more than a hamlet of a town called Stone Arabia ("Land of Enchantment") in upstate New York and he, along with his son and two of his grandsons, are buried there. What surprised me immediately was that I recognized the name, "Stone Arabia", because it is only 5 miles from where my grandparents and even great grandparents had lived in Fort Plain. It is also the area of New York where most of my distant relatives on my mother's side were from. Then it dawned on me that I remembered the name, "Fink" in an "Autograph" book that my great grandfather had won in a spelling bee in 1880. To my utter disbelief I found a poem that a, "Lizzie Fink" had written to my great grandfather circa 1880 when he was about 11 years old!

After exploring Jason's ancestral tree further I found a Revolutionary War veteran named, "Stephen Norris", who married an, "Abigail Keeler" (1746-1808). I have a Revolutionary War veteran named, "Richard Truesdell", and he married a, "Rachael Keeler" (1744-1828). Although they were born only two years apart from each other (1746 and 1744), I was unable to connect their ancestral lineage. Perhaps they were cousins or distant cousins. Or even sisters...

So, are Jason Fink and I related, albeit, very distantly?? At the least, HIS ancestors knew MY ancestors, "way back in the day". Small Civil War World isn't it?...

On Monday August 4, Camp 18 Brothers Steve Doyle, Richard Burns and Rudy Velasco met Brother Jason Fink and family and showed them around Evergreen Cemetery and lead them to their ancestor's final resting spots.

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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)***





Fink family visiting Evergreen cemetery. From the left; Jason, 10 year old Riely, 8 year old Carter and Brandy Fink next to the family headstones of Norris and Mary Fink. Riely is a Jr. member of Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp #1 in Washington State.

Fink continued,

After the cemetery tour, the Fink Family and the Camp 18 Brothers went to lunch where JVC Steve Doyle gave Jason copies of all the family research he had done. What a meeting, SUVCW Brothers from the North meet Brothers from the South. A good time was had by all.

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I have the honor to report 150 Civil War veterans located and registered in the SUVCW National Database. I also wish to report I located 20 records that turned out to be duplicates; have 50 records that are incomplete either missing proof of Civil War participation or, more likely, unable to locate their final resting places; and 27 previously entered records to which I corrected or added information. My focus this year has been San Jacinto cemetery in Hemet, California and entered 45 soldiers from that cemetery this year. My other task has been to register soldiers from the 7th US Cavalry who were members of George Armstrong Custer's regiment at the time of the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

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As of September 10, 2014, I have located 81 members of the 7th US who were also Civil War soldiers. These men have been recorded. Among these 81, 58 actually took part in the battle, 16 are buried in a mass grave on the battlefield, while 42 survived having served under Captain Benteen or Major Reno. 1 of the survivors died a few days later during his transit to civilization and was buried along the Powder River in an unmarked grave. I have a number of 7th US soldiers who remain in limbo as they have disappeared from history and graves have not been located.

I have had the honor to register Major (Brigadier General by brevet) Reno, Captain Miles Keogh, Brigadier Generals Lewis Merrill and Henry Jackson, along with Medal of Honor nominee John Bailey and Medal of Honor recipients Thomas Murray and George Geiger. Also, I had the honor of registering Capt William Fetterman, Captain Fred Brown, and Corporal John Quinn of the Fetterman Massacre of 1866.

My most satisfying moment was locating a rock in the Billings cemetery and deciphering "F Omara sarved in Sivle War" (sic). I had the good fortune to discover the final resting spot for PVT Fielding O'Mara, 4 Tennessee Cavalry, Union army. I'm hoping to get him a real government headstone in the near future.



Brother Emmett's Photo of O'Mara's headstone in Billings cemetery and reads (spelling error):

**"F. OMARY
SARVED
IN SIVLE
WAR UNION SOLIER
Bro. is Rever. WC OMARY"**

Another tidbit from Brother Mike Emett.....

I corrected the previously submitted records of Brigadier General Thomas Meagher. He has memorials in two places previously submitted, neither of which has a body. The truth is, his body was never recovered and I found a third spot, a plaque dedicated at the spot the steamboat was moored that he was aboard at the time of his death. He was a controversial political figure in Montana and his demise in Fort Benton, Montana, is regarded as a potential homicide, not an accident.



Here is another view of the "O'Mara" headstone in a cemetery in Billings Montana.

Thank you Brother Emett for this photo of the headstone.

Veteran's Day Volunteers wanted for a GOOD cause

If you are interested and would like to join us, we plan to meet at Riverside Evergreen Cemetery (downtown Riverside off 14th Street) on Saturday morning, 8 Nov 2014, Veteran's Day weekend, at 0800L to place American flags on the graves of over 1,000 fellow veterans (to include the gravesite of Col Cornelius Cole Smith, United States Army, the cemetery's only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient).

Any/all volunteers are welcome participate. We will leave the flags in place through-out the weekend and thru Veteran's Day, which is Tuesday, 11 Nov.

If you have any questions, please contact Brother John Morris at 655-3622, or on his cell phone at (951) 746-0416.

Evergreen Cemetery is located at 4414 14th Street, Riverside CA. 92501.

Flag Fund Started

At the Camp meeting of 19 April, 2014 the attending brothers entertained a motion from Brother Richard Burns to adopt the Flags at Evergreen cemetery in Riverside.

These 7 flags, (1) American, (1) P.O.W. and 5 military service branch flags, take a beating in the weather and wind over the course of a year or two and become tattered and ugly.

At the Camp meeting in June we decided to sponsor the American flag and look for other groups or individuals to sponsor the other 6.

Thanks to the efforts of Brother Mike Bullard, we have two groups that have stepped up to help with these flags. A local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Legion have donated big to the service branch flags. Camp 18 Brothers have pitched in to cover the cost of the next replacement of the American flag. So we are well on our way to keeping the flags looking good at the cemetery.

If you would like to know more about the costs of the flags or would like to donate to the Camp Flag fund, contact the Editor Rudy Velasco at rev03@dc.rr.com or (760) 770-9237.

It is sad to report the passing of our Fraternal Family

In Memoriam

Brother John E. Sholl (Jack) of General Stoneman Camp 18 passed on May 18, 2014. Brother Sholl honored the memory of the Civil War service of his Great Uncle Simon S.B. Sholl, private of Co. E, 82 Pennsylvania Infantry.

REAL SON Brother Carson W. Yeager of Sheridan Camp 2, Department of Illinois who passed on July 15, 2014 at the age of 97 years. Brother Yeager honored the Civil War service of his father, a private in Co. E, 146th Illinois Infantry.

Lillian Rebecca Agnes Marti, daughter of Brother Joe Marti of General George Wright Camp 23 in Sacramento, who passed August 18, 2014.