

# Stoneman Dispatch

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

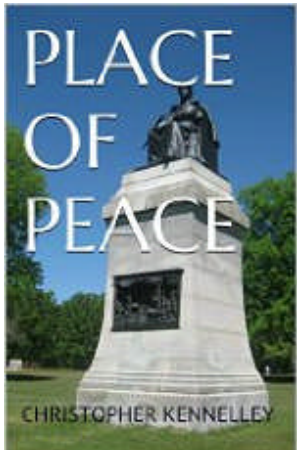
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### Camp 18 Brother Chris Kennelley authors e-book

Brother Chris Kennelley has written a book about the Battle of Shiloh and the 46<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry and the roles his Great Grand - father Henry G. Kennelley and Great-Great Uncle Morris, of Company "I" may have been involved in.

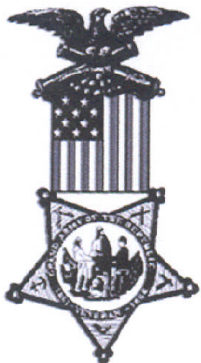
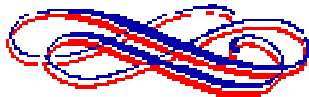


The book is available as an e-book through Amazon and is titled "Place of Peace" (the rather ironic translation of the Hebrew word "*Shiloh*".)

This fact based account of the 46<sup>th</sup> Illinois helps bring our relatives in history to life and is moderately priced at \$5.46.

### 40 acres.... and a mule?

On January 16, 1865, Union Major General William T. Sherman issued Special Field Order No.15, which decreed that 400,000 acres of land in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida would be confiscated, divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. The Order, which was later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression, "Forty acres and a mule."



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

### Tentative Camp Calendar

Sat & Sun, April 11-12 – Camp Display at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Prado Park Civil War reenactment, Chino, CA.  
**Saturday, April 18** – Camp Meeting, noon, American Legion Hall, 1024 S. Main St, Corona, CA. 92882.  
**Saturday, May 23** – Memorial Day Service, noon. Evergreen Memorial Historical Cemetery, Riverside.  
**Saturday, June 20** – Camp meeting, noon. American Legion Hal, 1024 S. Main St, Corona, CA. 92882.

### Do you Agree or Disagree...?

*Slavery caused secession,  
Secession caused the Civil War.*



*Above, standing from Left: Camp 2 Commander Nick Smith, Camp 18 Commander Bill Daley, Camp 28 Commander Patrick Lennon and Camp 17 Jr. Vice Commander George Dore taking instruction from Dept. Cmdr. Tim Reese before Officer Installation on January 17, 2015.*

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## Installation

On January 17, 2015, Camp 18 officers: Commander Bill Daley, Senior Vice Commander Steve Doyle and Secretary Rudy Velasco III drove to Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles for a Multi Camp Officer Installation by Department Commander Tim Reese. Camp Brother Ken Walker from Lancaster met us there for the formalities.

Four of the five southern California Camps were represented at the downtown L.A Installation which were, our own Stoneman Camp 18, Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 (Orange County), Rosecrans Camp 2 (Los Angeles) and General Sherman Camp 28 of Santa Barbara, who took their Oaths of Office home to their Camps to install other Officers.

Ladies Officers of the Camp 2 Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were also present to be installed by their Department President.

The Installations went on with no problems at all. After the Officer's meeting, a tour of the building was given by Brother Glen Roosevelt PDC, who has had a BIG hand in the remodeling of Patriotic Hall, were many photos and documents of America's and L.A.'s military history from the late 1800's to the 1960's adorned the walls of almost all floors. What a GREAT tour of American/Los Angeles History!

## 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade Redlands

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 Brothers Glen Roosevelt PDC (Past Department Commander) and Michael Hicks were joined by Camp 18 Brothers CC Bill Daley, SVC Steve Doyle, Secretary Rudy Velasco III and Camp Council Rudy Velasco IV, all in Civil War uniforms with muskets, bayonets and carrying the American, California and SUVCW flags, participated in the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage parade in Redlands on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Parade started near the High School of Redlands and proceeded through downtown and ended at the Redlands Bowl where City and Boy Scout Officials made great comments and gave speeches about the city of Redlands and the local Scouting community, all in good report.

I have to report that the parade was not received well through downtown Redland as there were hardly spectators along the sidewalks but the support of parents and Scouts and their Leaders at the Redlands Bowl overwhelmed the SUVCW parade participants.

One GREAT surprise after the parade and while our parade participants were on display for photos at

the Redlands Bowl was to see a young man in his Scouting uniform carrying his Camp 18 Membership card to show us. Camp Jr. Member Dominic Amori made sure that his Camp 18 Brothers knew he was also in attendance. Brother Matthew Amori (Dominic's dad) also in Scout uniform, stopped to say hello before blending back into the hoards of Scouts.



*Above and from the left; Camp 18 Rudy Velasco IV, Camp 17 Glen Roosevelt PDC, Camp 17 Michael Hicks, Camp 18 Rudy Velasco III, Camp 18 SVC Steve Doyle and Far right is Camp 18 Commander Bill Daley.  
Roosevelt photo*

## Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR)

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is the uniformed, weapon carrying, parade participating and color guard of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as pictured above.

In the southern California area, there are two SVR units, to join if you are interested, that I am acquainted with, which are; Mare Island Marine Guard and 5<sup>th</sup> California Infantry, Co. G.

If you have a uniform and think you might want to participate in these events, contact the Editor at [rev03@dc.rr.com](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com) and I will put you in touch with who you need to talk to. In some cases, there are loaner uniforms to use to see if the SVR is something that you might like to participate in.

## Camp 18 Lincoln Shrine Display

Camp Sr Vice Commander Steve Doyle and Secretary Rudy Velasco III had so much fun at the Lincoln Parade in Redlands on Saturday, Feb. 7 that they thought they would go back to Lincoln Shrine in Redlands for a Civil War / SUVCW display on Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Although the Camp 18 Brothers met early in the morning to set up the Camp18 display, the event really didn't kick off until about noon.

The Shrine had about 1000 visitors pass through

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**SHRINE continued,**

the doors of the Shrine on this Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>. After the public's tour though the building, they toured the outside lawns to the displays of the Sons of Union Veterans, Camp 18 Brother Larry Duncan AKA: Dr Malarkey and his Civil War Medical Display and Daughters of Confederate Veterans etc. The high-lite of the Lincoln Shrine on that Sunday was the Artillery crew with a 3 inch Ordinance Rifle demonstrating the loading and firing of that gun at the top of each hour from 1:00 till 3:00 p.m. The "report" of the gun had everyone's attention including some car alarms that sounded off, reporting that they had heard the concussion of the firing of that big gun.

Camp 18 Brother Ken Walker also participated in the event as a Civil War Marine Guard walking Picket in front of the Shrine's grand entrance.

Sr. Vice Commander Doyle says he is already anticipating the Display again next year. Camp 18 Brother Richard Lutz from Victorville visited the Shrine and the Camp display and took photos. Many thanks to all who participated! We're invited back for next year.



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

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Camp Commander, | William Daley      |
| Sr. Vice Cmdr,  | Steve Doyle        |
| Jr. Vice Cmdr,  | Richard Burns      |
| Sec/Treas,      | Rudy Velasco III   |
| Camp Council #1 | Michael Emmett     |
| Camp Council #2 | Michael Bullard    |
| Camp Council #3 | Rudolph Velasco IV |

**Appointed**

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|----------------------|------------------|
| 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)**



**Photo above left; Camp 18 Secretary Rudy Velasco III and Camp Sr Vice Cmdr Steve Doyle (right) pose for Brother Richard Lutz's photo.**

**Cub Scout Presentation on Civil War**

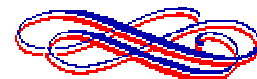
By Steve Doyle, SVC

After the Redlands annual Lincoln Parade, our Commander, Bill Daley, was asked by a local Cub Scout Den Leader, Sherri Eilander, if one of us could go to their next meeting to discuss the Civil War. Bill volunteered my services, and I eagerly (ha,ha) accepted the challenge.

On Wednesday evening, February 25th, in full Union uniform, I met Cub Scout Packs #1, #20, and #114 and their parents for their awards ceremony. So, what do you tell 9-10 year old boys about the most bloodiest conflict in our nation's history?

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**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](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com)



**FRATERNITY**

**CHARITY**

**LOYALTY**

**Scouts continued,**

I wanted to be informative, but also knew I had to tread lightly on some of the more graphic details of combat. I also wanted to engage the audience and have them interact with what I was going to present to them.

I started off by asking them how long was their last campout. When one of the cub scouts answered that they had gone camping for one week, I responded by telling them that the Civil War soldiers went "camping" for months, or even several years at a time. When asked what was the most important thing about getting ready to go camping, several lads responded loudly, "BE PREPARED!". I then proceeded to ask them what they thought a Civil War soldier would carry in his haversack. Their little hands shot up like whack-a-doodles with enthusiasm. As they guessed correctly some of the things I had prepared in my haversack, I would place them on the table and discuss them: hard tack; coffee; sugar; rice; fruit and vegetables (if they were lucky); toothbrush (made of bristle pig's hair); wooden comb; playing cards; compass; sewing needle and thread.

I then proceeded to show them some of the bullets that were used in the conflict. I was then asked to demonstrate how the musket was loaded and fired: pouring the mini-ball and gun powder into the barrel; using the ram rod; cocking the weapon to prepare to fire; waiting for the command to fire; and then firing the weapon.

After the demonstration, one of the cubbies asked about the bayonet and how it was attached to the musket. Stepping several feet backwards, and emphasizing safety, safety, safety, I showed them how it was attached to the musket.

To emphasize the personal toll the Civil War took on our country, I explained that my great, great, great grandmother, Miranda Grandy, had 4 sons who fought in the Civil War and that 3 of them died during the conflict. I showed them a picture of her taken later in life, and the obvious sadness on the expression on her face.

I then went on to explain about the Grand Army of the Republic and how and why it was formed in 1866. I then told them that, in 1913, boy scouts escorted GAR members when they had their 50th Reunion of the Battle of Gettysburg. I explained that SUVCW is a fraternal organization that is dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of those who fought and worked to save the Union, and that we are recognized as the legal heir and representative of the GAR. I then showed them a poster showing the three cardinal principles of the GAR: Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity. I also explained that, like the Cub Scouts, the SUVCW members promote

Patriotism, Civic Duty, and Honoring the Flag. By this time my, "15-20 minute" presentation of the Civil War had stretched to 45 minutes, and despite continued hand raising by the 16 cub scouts present, we had to wrap things up. I remained at the podium for picture-taking and additional comments from the parents, who expressed appreciation for my presentation.

THANK YOU BROTHER DOYLE for that excellent presentation and report.````

**Eagle Scout Awards**

The first Eagle Scout Court of Honor request for 2015 has been received by the Camp.

On February 21, 2015, Camp 18 sent three representatives to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scout James Anthony Mosley of Scout Troop 421, Corona.

James' Eagle Scout effort was to repair and make more efficient the irrigation system and driveway of the church where he and his family attend and where his Scout Troop meets regularly.

Camp 18 Sr Vice Commander Doyle attended this ceremony in his Civil War uniform with Camp Commander Bill Daley and secretary Rudy Velasco III helping with the presentation.



*Above; Brother Ken Walker stands Guard near the entrance to Lincoln Shrine in Redlands on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

### In Memoriam

*It is sad to report the passing of two "REAL SONS" of Civil War Soldiers since 1 January 2015.*

*Real Son Luke Perkins Martin Jr. of New Bern, North Carolina passed on January 25, 2015 at the age of 97 years. His father Luke P. Martin Sr. was born into slavery and served as a private in Company G, 35<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry. Brother Martin was a member of North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp # 5, Department of North Carolina.*

*Real Son Hilbert Joseph Gramelspacher of Poplar Bluff, Missouri passed on February 1, 2015 at the age of 95 years. His father Joseph Gramelspacher served as a private in Company E, 143<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry. Brother Gramelspacher was a member of U.S. Grant Camp # 68, Department of Missouri.*



**ABOVE:** Camp 18's four delegates to the Department Encampment in Sacramento on March 7 – 9. From the left, Brother Mike Emett, Camp Cmdr. Bill Daley, Rudy Velasco III and SVC Steve Doyle.

### 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

As in 2014, Camp 18 was able to send four delegates to the Department Encampment in Sacramento again this year. Brother Mike Emett gets the "Long Distance" award for flying into Sacramento from Billings Montana for the Encampment weekend of March 7-9, 2015.

The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held their 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment in Sacramento on the same weekend. The Auxiliary had Past and Present National Officers visiting along with representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans.

National Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell from Sheridan Camp 4 of the San Jose area and Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor were in attendance at this year's Encampment.

On Thursday morning of March 5 CC Bill Daley and Brother Rudy Velasco III piled into SVC Steve Doyle's van for the 8 hour trip to Sacramento. The return trip home on the following Sunday only took 7 hours to complete. We must have been in a hurry to return home, although we had a great time on the road.

Brother Mike Emett received the Maj-General Montgomery C. Meigs Graves Registration Award for registering over 300 Civil War Veteran's graves for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Another item of interest from this year's Encampment is the election of your humble Camp Secretary, Rudy Velasco III, to Department Jr. Vice Commander.

Other Department Officers elected are Thomas Graham of San Jose to Dept. Commander, Dean Enderlin of Calistoga to Dept. Sr Vice Commander. Brother Owen Stiles is still Dept. Secretary/Treasurer. You can find the whole list of Department Officers online at <http://www.suvpac.org/officers.html>

**BELOW:** Mike Emett accepts the Meigs Award from Department Commander Tim Reese.





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