

# Stoneman Dispatch

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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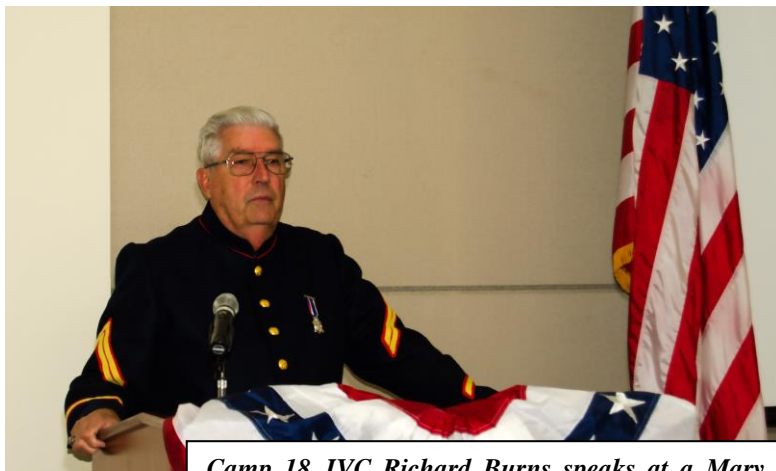
Thank You American Veterans! Veteran's Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Have a Great and Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

### Help place Flags at Evergreen Cemetery A message from Brother John Morris

Brothers, as a reminder, we will accomplish our annual flag detail at Riverside Evergreen Historical Cemetery on Saturday morning, 7 Nov, starting at 0800L, placing American flags on the graves of over 1,000 fellow veterans buried in the cemetery.

We would be honored to have as many of you as available to join us.

VR,  
John Morris



Camp 18 JVC Richard Burns speaks at a Mary Jane Safford Tent #92, DUVCW meeting on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Story on page 2. A. Canales photo

### Tentative Camp Calendar

**Saturday, Nov. 7** – Camp Display at the Inland Empire Military Museum, San Bernardino. 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. More information further in the newsletter.

**Saturday, Dec. 12** – Camp Election meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum Science Room. 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016** – Camp Display at the Lincoln Shrine Open House in Redlands. 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016** – Camp meeting, location to be announced.

### Reminder – Membership Dues

Dues notices should be in the mail to you next week and will include addressed return envelopes in hopes of having all dues returned by the beginning of January 2016.

### Next Camp Meeting

The next Camp meeting, with a 12:00 p.m. start time, is scheduled for December 12 where we will elect next year's Officers. A "pot luck" lunch and sandwiches is being considered. RSVP to Camp Secretary Rudy so we can have enough for everyone. [rev03@dc.rr.com](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com) or (760)770-9237.

There is a \$10.00 admission into the museum which includes touring all hangers after the meeting. When you enter the museum, tell the cashier you're with the "Sons of Union Vets" to get the correct admission price. 245 N Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA. 92262



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

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## Camp 18 Brothers attend DUVCW Meeting

On Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Camp JVC Richard Burns and Secretary Rudy Velasco attended the Mary Jane Safford Tent #92 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War business meeting at the Temecula Public Library.

Brother Burns, who took to the podium straight away after the official opening of the meeting, entertained our Fraternal Sisters with a rousing account of “why the Civil War Veterans came west.”



*Photo above; Brother Richard Burns receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Tent 92 Sr. Vice President pro-tem Lynette Harmon Canales.*  
A. Canales photo

Brother Rudy Velasco, who attended the Tent meeting in support of Brother Burns, went in his Official role as Department Junior Vice Commander. Brother Velasco also took his wife Susan, who has recently discovered a Civil War Veteran G-G-Grandfather, to meet the ladies as she has expressed some interest in joining the DUVCW.

The Daughter’s meeting was well attended with almost 20 attending of which 3 were being initiated into the Order.

After Richard’s account of the westward bound veterans, the group broke for lunch and continued thereafter with the business portion of the meeting.

The Tent meeting ran very smoothly and evident of a well-run program.

## Lincoln Shrine Display in Redlands

We have scheduled a Camp display for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln Shrine Open House for Saturday, February 6, 2016 between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m.

More festivities will be taking place inside the

Lincoln Memorial Shrine building and the surrounding Smiley Park at the same time.

There were more than 1000 visitors to the Open House in 2015 and plenty of visitors to our Camp Display. It should be a great event.

If you haven’t visited the Shrine, treat yourself and make the trip, you will enjoy the visit.

The Lincoln Shrine Open House will coincide with the Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade this year. In past years the Parade would be on Saturday and the Open House would be on Sunday and people could easily participate in both events. This year with both events happening on the same day and just hours apart, we won’t be able to participate in both the parade and display so we have opted for the display only giving us plenty of time to set up. We’ll see what happens next year.

## From our Camp SVC Steve Doyle

First of all, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of my Camp 18 Brothers for any and all participation you do with our Camp. Whether it’s your annual membership dues or participation in any and all of our activities, I appreciate everyone’s support of our camp. I know we all share the passion and the interest in why we are

members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the need to continue to educate and remind the public of the sacrifices our forefathers endured during the Civil War to preserve the Union.

Of the 26 adult members in our camp, only 9 are under the age of 60 and are likely very active with commitments and responsibilities in their personal lives. Of our 26 adult members, 17 are over 60 years old and 4 of these are over 80 years old!

I understand that, for various (and justified) reasons, not everyone can participate in our displays, awards ceremonies, annual encampment, etc.: activities that require a lot of time and energy and, in some cases, expense. However, I would like to ask all of my Brothers to consider the following:

Of our 5 official meetings every year, I would ask that you commit to attending at least one. It would be nice to associate a “face” with a name. Our next meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum might be a nice one to attend as a family outing. It is also the meeting when we elect new camp officers for the coming year.

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I am happy to coordinate any ride sharing issues amongst our members. Please contact me if you need a ride and/or are willing to pick up a Brother from your area to bring to a meeting.

If you have younger relatives who might be interested in joining our camp, it would be great to get some, "young blood". Hopefully, they have the time and energy to participate in our activities. Please encourage your relatives to join SUVCW.

Thank you all for considering these suggestions. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [psychrn10@aol.com](mailto:psychrn10@aol.com) or call me at 909-862-7129.

With Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity,  
Steve Doyle  
Camp 18 SVC

### **Inland Empire Military Museum Display for Veterans Day – San Bernardino from Brother Steve Doyle**

On Saturday, November 7th, there will be a Veterans' Day Parade at 10:00, coming down "E" Street in San Bernardino. It will start at San Bernardino High School and end at the corner of 14th and "E" Street. This is where you will find the Inland Empire Military Museum and the very first McDonald's hamburger stand next door.

The Military Museum is well worth a stop and can easily be toured in one hour. Unfortunately, there are only a few items from the Civil War, but they have quite interesting displays on WWII, the Korean War, and Viet Nam.

Besides the parade and museum there will be a nice display of classic cars along "E" Street, food venues, and display stands, of which, Camp 18 will be represented. So please stop by and say "hello", Ok? (I promise we won't ask you to, "volunteer" . . .).

I went last year and was quite impressed with how it was organized. This could really be a nice day to get out with the family and also honor our veterans. Hope to see you all there!

### **Mt. View Cemetery tour From Brother Steve Doyle**

On Saturday, November 21st, from 14:00-17:00s, The San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society will be giving a tour of Mt. View Cemetery, located at 570 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino.

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

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**

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)***

*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)



**TOUR continued,.....**

Burial sites of San Bernardino's more prominent citizens will be toured, including Leland Norton, who was shot down in France in 1944, and whose name Norton Air Force Base is named after. Another gravesite to be visited is William Billings (1836-1929), who was wounded during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg and was on guard duty the night Lincoln was assassinated.

The newspaper article in The Sun (Oct. 27th) also goes on to say that, "Although not mandatory, everyone (attending) is encouraged to dress in period attire." Hmmmm..... Anyone else thinking what I'm thinking?

The charge of the tour is a donation of \$10 per single, \$15 per couple, if RSVPing by Nov. 7th. Checks can be made out to and mailed to,

San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society  
6804 Ventura Court  
San Bernardino, CA. 92407

If you have any questions, you can contact Nick Cataldo at [yankeenut15@gmail.com](mailto:yankeenut15@gmail.com) or at 909-709-3792. I'm planning on attending. Any one else?

**Civil War Hardtack**

Two of the most common foods for Civil War soldiers were flour based crackers called "hardtack" and a cornmeal concoction called "Johnny cake." Federal soldiers were issued hardtack as part of their rations. This was, as the name suggests, rock hard crackers made from flour, salt and water. Soldiers often softened the crackers by crumbling them into coffee or frying them in bacon fat.

Sometimes hardtack was all a soldier had to eat for many days. Confederate soldiers did not receive hardtack as part of their rations. Instead, they used cornmeal, milk and salt to create "Johnny cake." This served the same purpose as hardtack because the cakes hardened quickly and could be easily transported.

Here is a recipe for hardtack, feeling brave?

3 cups flour	2 teaspoons of salt
1 cup of water	A cookie sheet
A mixing bowl	A knife
A common nail (clean)	

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Mix the flour and salt in the mixing bowl. Gradually mix in the water until you form a dough that doesn't stick to your hands.

On a cutting board, use a rolling pin to flatten the dough into a big square. Make sure it is no more than 1/2 of an inch thick. Cut the dough into roughly 9 pieces, (3 inch by 3 inch square pieces.) Using the nail, poke 16 holes in

each 3" x 3" cracker, making a 4x4 grid of nail holes in each piece.

Put the pieces on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Turn the squares over and bake for another 30 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Ideally, the hardtack should be just a little brown on each side. Adjust the baking time if necessary. Once cooled, the crackers should almost be as hard as a rock. BE CAREFUL! Let the Editor know how they turn out.

**Here's a story for you**

Over at the sutler's tent, I heard a couple of Troopers talking of a boy who ran away from home to join the U.S. Army. This boy was not ten years old yet! Hearing that got my interest up so I leaned in close to get a better listen.

The Trooper said the boy's name was John Joseph Klem, and just Johnny to most folks and that because of his age, he had been turned away by a couple of regiments that had passed through his Newark, Ohio hometown.

They said he tagged along with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry which adopted him as their mascot and made Johnny their drummer boy. Officers of the regiment chipped in for his \$13.00 a month salary. Fellow soldiers provided him with a shortened rifle and a uniform in his size. Johnny officially enlisted on May 22, 1863 at the age of 11 & 1/2 years.

Johnny shot a rebel officer to make his escape at the battle of Chickamauga while most of his mates were captured. Union General Geo. H. Thomas promoted Johnny to Corporal after hearing the tale of his escape.

The newspapers picked up on the story and made Johnny a celebrity in the Northern States as the "Drummer Boy of Chickamauga" and "Johnny Shiloh" as he was alleged to have had his drum smashed by a cannon ball at that battle in 1862.

In October 1863 Johnny was captured by Confederate Cavalry. He was exchanged a short while later but the Confederacy used his captivity to show "what sore straights these Yankees are driven to when they send babies to fight us."

Johnny was discharged on September 19, 1864. In 1871, President Grant made Johnny a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant after he failed several entrance exams to West Point. Johnny retired from the Army in 1915 with the rank of Brigadier General.