

# Stoneman Dispatch

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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*Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup>; if you enjoy your Freedom, Thank a Veteran*

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you**

### A Message from the Camp Commander

### Tentative Camp Calendar

Greetings, Camp 18 Brothers! I hope this message finds you and yours healthy and in good spirits.

At our October meeting we met early and tried something different. "Chef Burt and Chef Rudy" cooked up the bacon, hash browns, and eggs and we all enjoyed a communal breakfast. I look forward to having more breakfasts like this at the American Legion Hall. During the business portion of our meeting, several Brothers contributed to Brother John Morris' request for a donation for his Memorial Day and Veterans' Day flags and we all voted unanimously to supplement the remainder of the \$300 he needed from camp funds.

We usually have our meetings on the third Saturday of all the even numbered months of the year, but because our December meeting would be so close to Christmas, we decided to have it on the 10th, instead of the 17th. Once again, it will be held at the Palm Springs Air Museum and will require a discounted entrance fee of \$10-\$12. The meeting will be held again in the Science room next to the Snack Bar (located at the far northern end of the hanger). As per our usual December meeting protocol, our wives and significant others are welcome to attend. Also, the meeting will begin a bit earlier, at 11:00 a.m.

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**Saturday, Dec. 10** – Camp Meeting at the Palm Springs Air Museum. 11:00 a.m. in the Science room. Usual small admission fee.

**Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017** – Camp Display at Lincoln Memorial Shrine, Redlands. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 18** – Camp Meeting at the American Legion Hall in Corona, 10:00 a.m. More info to follow in a camp email.

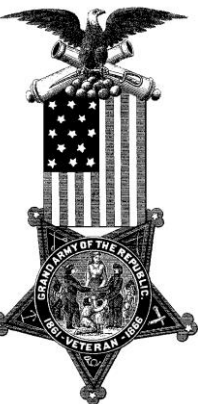
**March 17-18, 2017** – 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Cal/Pacific Department Encampment at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield, CA.

### Annual Dues renewal

We will be mailing dues renewal notices to all in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to save the Camp a few dollars in postage, you can mail your dues check of \$40.00 payable to **CAMP 18 SUVCW** to:

Secretary Rudy Velasco  
69586 Borrego Rd  
Cathedral City, CA. 92234

Thank you in Advance, your assistance is most appreciated!



**Happy, Happy Holidays!**

*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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Even though we won't have a lot of business to discuss, the earlier time was chosen in case Brothers and their wives want to get together for lunch at a local casino or grab a hamburger at the museum. TBD.

Soon, Brother Rudy will be sending out our annual SUVCW dues forms for our camp and I will ask you all to respond asap when you get his letter. With the upcoming Holidays, it is easy to put it off and have it slip our minds, but please help out by taking care of it as soon as you can.

Looking back on the year, I am especially proud of how our camp did the Rededication Ceremony at the 100th Anniversary of the San Bernardino Soldiers and Sailors monument in April. On that note, I wish to thank you all for whatever participation you are able to provide our camp to promote the memory, sacrifices, and valor of our boys in blue. I look forward to another successful Camp 18 New Year in 2017.

As always, you can contact me at [psychrn10@aol.com](mailto:psychrn10@aol.com) or by phone at: 909-862-7129. I would especially like to know about any Brothers or their family members who are ill or in distress.

Wishing you all a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year . . .  
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Steve Doyle,  
Camp Commander.

**Breakfast Meeting**

Our Camp breakfast-business meeting took place on Saturday, October 15 and was, well, a wonderful time.

Brothers Bill Daley, Burt Hogue, Steve Doyle, Rudy Velasco III, Richard Burns and his buddy Ken Sellers along with Past Department Commander Glen Roosevelt joined together for this inaugural type of meeting.

The group began to arrive at the American Legion Hall in Corona about 8:30 a.m. with the promise of breakfast at 9:00. We didn't get started cooking until a little after that time.

Our "Coffee Master" for the morning was Camp Commander Steve Doyle who brought a Keurig coffee machine with several different blends of coffees and different flavors of creamer. He kept us going. Breakfast was courtesy of Brother Burt Hogue who teamed up with Rudy III to get the eggs scrambled, the bacon and hash browns fried and the toast popping. Tomato salsa completed the eggs.

Although there were frozen waffles and Quaker instant oatmeal available, there were no takers as the eggs and bacon did the trick.

The conversation in the kitchen was great as well as the comradery. All pitched in where needed with cooking and clean up so there was a very smooth transition from breakfast to business meeting.

I am looking forward to another breakfast meeting soon and I hope you are too.



***Photo left, Camp Cmdr. Steve Doyle adds to his plate before heading to the dining room. Why is he smiling so big? Too much coffee?***

***Photo Right, Brother Burt Hogue working at the stove at the American Legion Hall while Brother Richard Burns continues some conversation in the back ground.***

***Well done fellas!***

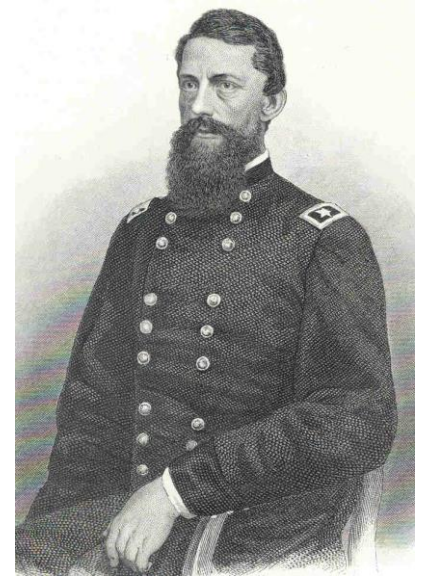


**Volunteers Encouraged**

Once again, for Veterans Day, Brother John Morris and friends will be placing American flags at the Veterans graves in Evergreen cemetery, 4414 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Riverside on Thursday afternoon, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have some time and would like to help Brother Morris with this worthwhile endeavor, you can contact him by email at: [john.morris.6@us.af.mil](mailto:john.morris.6@us.af.mil) or call (951) 746-0416.

Thank You.



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

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



**Brother Michael E.S. Emmett Speaks at Conference**

**From Brother Michael Emmett, Graves Registration Officer**

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, recently graduated and conferred Master of History, Michael E. S. Emmett (pictured above) spoke at the Ohio Valley History Conference, held at Tennessee Technological University at Cookeville. His topic was the subject of his Master’s Thesis, “‘Or This Whole Affair Is a Failure’: A Special Treasury Agent’s Observations of the Port Royal Experiment, Port Royal, South Carolina, April to May 1862”. His presentation was well received by the Civil War community at hand and he was urged to take his topic even further, considering the new sources available to him as well as the challenge to the orthodox views on the subject matter.

Accompanying his son, Michael S. Emmett, proudly commended his son on exceeding his expectations with the Civil War papers that he discovered many years ago. Although the senior Mike had transcribed the documents over the years, he acknowledged that it was his son who took them to a higher, more important level. The younger Michael, recently finishing up at Marshall University in West Virginia, is considering a new project.

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**Appointed**

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| Camp Chaplain        | Bill Daley       |
| Camp Historian       | Burt Hogue       |
| Graves Registration  | Michael Emmett   |
| Newsletter Editor    | Rudy Velasco III |
| Patriotic Instructor | Richard Burns    |
| JROTC & Eagle        | Richard Burns &  |
| Scout Coordinators   | Rudy Velasco III |

*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)



CONFERENCE *continued*,

Both Michaels are members in good standing with George Stoneman Camp 18, though neither currently live in California. They are both proud of their heritage and took the opportunity to visit a very remote, small battle site in northern Tennessee, at Travisville on September 29<sup>th</sup> 1861. Senior Michael discovered a burial for a Confederate soldier buried in the local cemetery. The following day, both travelled to Shiloh National Battlefield Park where they toured the battlefield and Senior Mike photographed the burials to be registered with the SUVCW National Graves Database, this coming year.

Thank you Brother Mike Emmett for this report.



*Brother Michael Emmett at the gates of the cemetery at Shiloh, the cemetery is located on the site of Grant's HQ the evening of the April 6th.*

### *In Memoriam*

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Real Son and Brother Ernest John Pool on September 24, 2016, he was 97 years old.

Brother John was born on November 10, 1918 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was the son of Pvt. Charles Parker Pool of Company D of the 6<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Pool mustered into service on August 20, 1861 and served until August 27, 1864 when his term expired.

Brother John was recruited along with his brothers, Garland and William into Col. John C. Bryner Camp 67, Department of Illinois and initiated in January, 2004.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order #7.

Ordered this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 by Donald L. Martin, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## Another Date at the Lincoln Shrine

The Lincoln Shrine in Redlands invites you to join them for the 3rd Lincoln Shrine Civil War Band Tattoo on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Smiley Park. Smiley Park is the big grassy area in front of the entrance to the Lincoln Shrine.

This event is taking place on the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and will feature the Camp Carleton Cornet Band and Mountain Fifes and Drum, as well as a reading of the Gettysburg Address by Lincoln presenter Robert Broski. This event has been popular in the

past and we hope you can be there to experience it!

**More details about the Camp display** at the Lincoln Shrine on Saturday, February 4.

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual Lincoln Shrine Open House is scheduled to start at 12:00 p.m. and be open through 3:00 p.m. A few from Camp 18 will be there about 9:00 a.m. to start setting up the display area.

Like last year, the Open House will join forces with the Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade which is coordinated by the Grayback District of California Inland Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America.

I understand that the SUVCW will have a small uniformed group marching in the Pilgrimage Parade again this year. If you think you would like to participate, contact the Editor at: [rev03@dc.rr.com](mailto:rev03@dc.rr.com) and we can get you in touch with the person with the details.

