

Stoneman Dispatch

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Of the Inland Empire, Department of California and Pacific

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Happy New Year 2023!



Attention Company!

A message from the Camp Commander

Brothers,

Happy New Year! And what a year 2022 proved to be. It was a godsend to be able to move past the pandemic and begin meeting in person and conducting our events with full attendance. It was great to see everyone in person! Special shout out to Cameron Quinn who joined our camp in April and has already made a huge impact on the camp.

In addition to participating in the Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America Ceremonies, Camp 18 also hosted a Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11 at the Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery. With less COVID restrictions, it was great to be able to advertise and see more people at the Ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Sr. Vice Commander John Morris who was a driving force in all of them. And finally, thank you to members of the Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery and the Evergreen Memorial Park and Mausoleum for their participation and support in the events.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday February 18th at 10 AM at the American Legion Post 216 at 1024 S. Main St. in Corona. It will be great to get together and discuss the successes of

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Tentative Camp Calendar

Saturday, Feb 4 – Camp display at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Open House, 125 W. Vine St. Redlands, 92373. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. and run through 3:00 p.m. We will be setting up the display about 9:00 a.m. This is a really fun event, treat yourself and come visit.

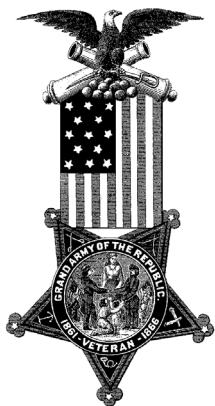
Saturday, Feb 18 – Camp meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the American Legion Post 216 in Corona. 1024 S. Main St. 92882.

March 17 – 18 – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department Encampment at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Bakersfield. Plans are almost finalized and instructions for registering and attending will be available shortly, stand by.

Saturday, April 15 – Camp Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the American Legion Post 216 in Corona.

Annual Membership Dues

Brothers, we are in the final stretch of our annual dues collection season. If you have not remitted dues payment for 2023 membership, please do so now or get ahold of the Camp Secretary to make arrangements. Dues should be paid by 31 January 2023. If you no longer wish to retain your membership in the SUVCW, please let the Secretary know and we will cancel your membership for you.



*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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last year and plan for our events in 2023 to honor our Union ancestors and the ideals they held.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Matt Crowder
Camp Commander

Election Meeting & Breakfast

On Saturday, December 10th, about 10 Camp 18 members gathered at Woody’s Classic Grill in Grand Terrace for breakfast before the Camp Election meeting. BOY, the food was great, the service was good and the place was packed, really busy.

After everyone had their fill of the good food, the restaurant was still so busy that we could not use the banquet room for our meeting. With the suggestion of Brother Matt Crowder, we drove a short distance to the Esri offices in Redlands to complete the meeting.

Camp 18 Officers mostly remain the same and can be seen on page 3 of the newsletter but we have two newly elected Officers for the Camp. Congratulations to our new Camp Commander Matt Crowder and Senior Vice Commander John Morris.

HUZZAH HUZZAH HUZZAH!

Thank you Brothers for answering the Call.

of Appreciation for his first-rate leadership of the camp over the last two years.

Brother Sr. Vice Commander John Morris was presented the Camp Commander’s Commendation certificate for his outstanding service to the Camp as planner and organizer for the Camp’s services and ceremonies over the last two years and Brother Rudy Velasco PDC was presented the General Stoneman Award certificate for his Enthusiasm and Loyal Service to the Camp.



Photo left, Camp Commander Matt Crowder (left) presents Past Camp Commander Brian Stephens with an Appreciation plaque.



Photo right, Past Camp Commander Brian Stephens (left) presenting Sr. Vice Cmdr. John Morris with his Commendation Certificate.



Above, from the left, Camp 18 Officers Benny White, Rudy Velasco PDC, Camp Commander Matt Crowder and Sr. Vice Commander John Morris are Installed by Department Sr. Vice Commander Steve Doyle PCC. Stephens photo

During the meeting, now Past Camp Commander Brian Stephens was presented with an engraved Plaque

Other News

The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Ladies Organization) of General Rosecrans Camp 2 in Los Angeles is looking for new members.

Auxiliary President Melinie Caines has asked the SUVCW for assistance in recruiting members for the

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Auxiliary. If your wife, daughter, granddaughter, or any other woman that you know, might be interested in belonging to our Auxiliary, please have her contact Sister Melinie Caines at: proskcaines@earthlink.net

In part, the purpose of the Auxiliary is to assist the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in keeping alive the memories of our ancestors and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

See more about Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at: www.suvpac.org/aux/dept.html

Congratulations to Brother Burt Hogue and Brother Gene Justin who became *Life Members* of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this year.

Brothers Hogue and Justin join Brother Brian Stephens PCC as the Camp's 3 Life Members.



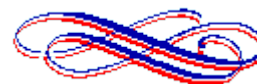
General George Stoneman Jr.
Camp 18 Officers

Camp Commander,	Matt Crowder
Sr. Vice Cmdr,	John Morris
Jr. Vice Cmdr,	vacant
Sec/Treas,	Rudy Velasco III
Camp Council #1	Michael Emmett
Camp Council #2	Rudolph Velasco IV
Camp Council #3	Benny White

Appointed

Camp Chaplain	Bill Daley PCC
Camp Historian	Burt Hogue
Camp Guide	Bodie Crowder
Camp Guard	Steve Doyle PCC
Graves Registration	Michael Emmett
Newsletter Editor	Rudy Velasco III
Patriotic Instructor	Steve Doyle PCC
Eagle Scout & JROTC Coordinator	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

**Happy Discovery**

Newly elected Camp Commander Matt Crowder, pictured at left, originally joined Camp 18 and the SUVCW as an Associate Member in 2017. Now, after further research our Camp Commander has located his Civil War Ancestor and as a member of the SUVCW, Honors the Civil War service of his 3rd Great Grandfather Samuel A. Reynolds of Company A in the 26th Illinois Infantry.

Samuel Reynolds entered Civil War service on August 2, 1861 and was honorably discharged at the rank of 1st Sgt. on July 20, 1865.

137th Annual Department Encampment Delegates

All Brothers of the Camp are invited to attend the Department Encampment in Bakersfield scheduled for 17 – 18 March, 2023. Besides all Past Camp Commanders being automatic voting Delegates, the Camp is entitled to four other voting Delegates, all others attending will be Alternates. Please let the Camp Secretary know if you plan to attend.

*Also...*the officer position of **Department Patriotic Instructor** has recently become available. There is a small amount of paperwork that goes along with this position but still a rewarding appointment. If Interested, contact Department Sr. Vice Commander Steve Doyle (909) 862-7129 or email; svc@suvpac.org

**General Order #14
from Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail**

In Memoriam

**The Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief
Donald W. Shaw**

A friend to all, Brother Donald W. Shaw PC-in-C passed away 14 December 2022.

With his membership in the SUVCW, Brother Shaw honored the Civil War service of family member William M. Begole of the 23 Michigan Infantry Regiment and his G-G Grandfather John B. Anderson of the 179th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Brother Shaw was elected to many National level Officer positions and served as Commander-in-Chief from August 2018 through August 2019.

In Honor of Past Commander-in-Chief Brother Donald W. Shaw, National Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail orders that all Badges, Charters and websites on the Camp, Department and National levels be draped in black for a period of 30 days.

So Ordered on the 15th Day of December 2022

Veterans Day 2022

Camp 18 celebrated Veterans Day last November 11th with a small ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside. This was the Camp's first attempt at a Veterans Day Service and it was a success, thanks to Camp Sr. Vice Commander John Morris who wrote the ceremony script and rounded up the volunteer participants.

A week earlier on Saturday, 5 November, SVC Morris, daughter Sarah and Camp 18 Brother Steve Matthews met at the cemetery to place flags on the veteran's graves.

The Service began with floral wreaths placed on stands at the base of the five service flag poles and the POW/MIA flagpole.

Past Camp Commander Brian Stephens greeted the small audience and instructed the Color Guard to advance and present the Colors while the National Anthem played over the P.A. system. Brother Chaplain Bill Daley followed and gave the Invocation.

PCC Stephens began his ceremony remarks referring to the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Land of the Free" and thanked all Veterans for their service.

A couple of poems followed. Camp Chaplain Daley PCC read "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae and Camp Brother Steve Mathews read "The Best on Earth" by Joanna Fuchs.

Brother Cameron Quinn presented a wreath to G.A.R. monument and thanked the Union Veterans for their service to the Union.

The Service ended with the playing of TAPS following a 3 round musket volley from the Camp 18 musket team.

Thanks to all who helped make this Veterans Day Service a success, the flags placers, participants and the Camp Color Guard/Musket Team – Brothers Larry Duncan, Matt Crowder, Rudy Velasco and Steve Doyle.

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday, 17 December, Camp 18 participated in a Wreaths Across America Ceremony for the 5th consecutive year at Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside.

The wreaths arrived in a semi-trailer truck on the previous Wednesday. A few cemetery staff, Camp SVC John Morris and Rudy Velasco were on hand to help unload the 104 boxes of wreaths. Past Camp Commander Brian Stephens also showed up to help.



Above; Brother John Morris stands next to the 104 unloaded boxes of wreaths.

This year there were 930 sponsored wreaths of 1,053 needed for all the Veterans interred at Evergreen Cemetery.

The Wreaths Ceremony began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 17th in front of an audience of about 100.

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Some of the distinguished guests attending were Mr. Philip Falcone representing Riverside Mayor Dawson's office, Ward 1 Council Member Erin Edwards and Paloma Montes – Ward 1 Legislative Field representative and Command Chief Master Sergeant Octavio Ortiz from the 452d Air Mobility Wing at March Air Base. **Other Special guests were members of General Stoneman Camp 18 – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.**



Above; wreaths adorn the Veteran headstones at the G.A.R. Circle in Evergreen Cemetery for the Wreaths Ceremony.

Special highlights to this year's ceremony were Mr. Tim Apple singing the National Anthem to begin the Service and Kasey Borders playing *TAPS* on her bugle. This year, as the wreaths were being delivered to each of the Military Service Branch flags, Kasey played the corresponding branch anthem – She played the Marine Corps Hymn as the wreath was delivered to the Marine Corps flag and the Caisson song for the U.S. Army flag and so on.....

The Ceremony finished by 9:30 and then the volunteers were organized into groups and each group took a section of the cemetery to place the wreaths on the headstones of our Veterans.

To view a video of the Wreaths Ceremony please copy and paste the highlighted link below into your computer browser. Press the arrow that comes up in the video box. Good Luck and enjoy.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/1va6g6GviHINGCbF84KUqWrdrSM1m05v?usp=sharing>

**Around the Camp Fire**
songs of the Union Soldier

Civil War soldiers loved to sing. They sang for the sheer joy of singing as well as to raise spirits, combat homesickness, and relieve boredom. Northern publishers issued thousands of song books with names like "The Camp Fire Songster," "The Flag of Our Union Songster," and "The Yankee Doodle Songster" for Union soldiers.

While the men seemed to prefer patriotic songs, doleful melodies that dwelled on themes of suffering and misery were also very popular. But the soldiers enjoyed as well nonsense songs such as "Pop Goes the Weasel," and they also made up their own songs or provided new lighthearted words to favorite tunes. The songs Northern soldiers created often parodied the trying life they lived, as in the following song, heard in Tennessee in 1863:

*Sometimes we have to double quick;
This Dixie mad is mighty sick,
The soldier's fare is very rough,
The bread is hard and the beef is tough,
That's the way they put us through,
I tell you what, it's hard to do.
But we'll obey duty's call,
to conquer Dixie, that is all!*

To the religious tune, "The Sweet Bye-and Bye" the men provided the words:

*There's a spot that the soldiers all love,
The mess-tent is the place that we mean,
And the dish that we like to see there
Is the old-fashioned, white Army bean.
Chorus: 'Tis the bean that we mean,
And we'll eat as we ne'er ate before
The Army bean, Nice and clean;
We will stick to our beans evermore.*

Though "Dixie" was of Northern origin, Union soldiers seldom sang its original words; instead they supplied their own words to the tune:

*Away down South in the land of traitors,
Rebel hearts and Union haters
Look away, look away, look away To the traitor's land.*

Fascinating Fact: Words were also provided for different bugle calls that regulated the soldier's lives, such as the following words applied to reveille;

*I can't wake 'em up, I can't wake 'em up, I can't wake
'em up in the morning,
I can't wake 'em up, I can't wake 'em up, I can't wake
'em at all!*



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