



# The Dispatch

The Newsletter of the Department of Florida  
S.U.V.C.W.

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## Elected Department Officers

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COUNCIL # 3.... **Charles S Reeves, PDC**

## Appointed Department Officers

Patriotic Instructor: Roger L Heiple and Michael E Urell,  
PCC

Chaplain: David Acheson: CC

Graves Registration: Adam C Klohr

Civil War Memorials Officer: Adam C Klohr

Eagle Scout Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC Coordinator: Richard D. Shaffer, PCC

Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signals Officer: Clair D Whitlam, PDC

Hello Brothers

It is with great honor that I perform the position of newsletter editor for "The Dispatch". I hope that you will enjoy the newsletters and will forward to me news and information to share with our fellow brothers.

Please forward to me any camp news to share at the following email address.

[Doubledaves2@gmail.com](mailto:Doubledaves2@gmail.com)

Thank You David Munson



## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*Through Community Education and Service  
to our Order*

*We Honor the Memory of the Grand Army of  
the Republic*

*The men who fought to Preserve the Union  
1861 - 1865*

Happy Memorial Day and Mothers Day too!

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More info about the Department of Florida can be found in our Department web site.

<http://www.dofsuvcw.org>



# 2018 Dept. of Florida Annual Encampment

**Dept. of Florida**  
**Annual Encampment**  
**March 10th, 2018**  
**702 Indiana Ave**  
**St. Cloud, Florida**

Annual Department Meeting will be held 10 March at the St. Cloud Senior Citizen Center Annex located at intersection of Indiana Avenue and 7th Avenue.

Please bring your membership card and remember to wear your badge.

Dept. of Florida has the following camps

**Active Camps**

[Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 01 - Tampa](#)

[General Thomas J. McKean Camp 03 - Lantana](#)

[Lucius L. Mitchell Camp No. 04 - St. Cloud](#)

[General Eugene A. Carr Camp 05 - Ocala](#)

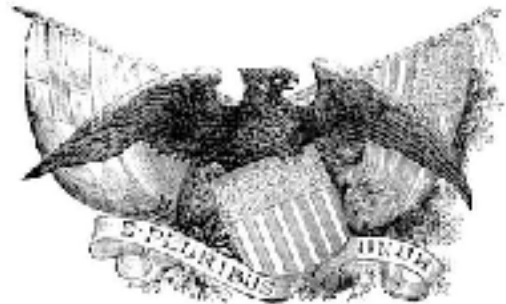
[Sergeant Frederick R. Jackson Camp 07 - Pembroke Pines](#)

[General John A. Logan Camp 09 - Jacksonville](#)

**Department Membership-At-Large**

[General William T. Sherman Camp 25](#)

**Senior Citizen Annex >**



## **2018 SUVCW Department of Florida Annual Encampment, March 10, 2018**

This Memo provides information on the 2018 Dept. of Florida Annual Encampment. The meeting will be held in St. Cloud at the Senior Citizen Annex located at 716 Indiana Avenue and 7th Street. Take RTE 192, which becomes 13th Street, into St. Cloud. Turn left (if you are coming from the west) onto Indiana Avenue and proceed to the Annex, which is located between 7th and 8th Streets.

### **Schedule**

9 AM Continental Breakfast, display table setup and Brother Socializing  
12 Noon Luncheon  
1 PM Formal Business Meeting

### **Early Registration**

Event \$5.00  
Lunch & Cont. Breakfast \$15.00  
Total \$20.00

Mail Check to Secretary Larry Oppenheimer, 7810 Castleisland Drive, Sarasota, 34240.

Make check payable to "SUVCW Dept. of Florida".

Registration at the door will be \$25.00.

### **Order of Business (Agenda)**

#### **Call to Order**

Receiving National Officer Senior Vice Commander in Chief Donald W. Shaw, PDC

#### **Opening of Meeting**

Roll Call of Dept. Officers

Roll Call by Camp--Members Present

Divine Blessing--Chaplin

American Creed & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Called to Order

Moment of Silence for Departed Brothers and Brothers in Harm's Way

Report of sick Brothers or a Brother/Brother's Family in distress

Recognition of Guests

Appoint Credentials Committee Chairman Brother Harvey Linscott PDC

Introduction of Dept. of Florida Past Commanders

Reports of Camps and Department Officers--Significant Passing of Information Only

Treasurer's Report

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Shaw--Comments

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ad in National Encampment Book

Additional Agenda Items by Brothers or Urgent Items Needing Attention at Department Level

Nomination and Election of Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment

Nomination of Department Officers

Election and Installation of Department Officers

Newly Elected and Installed Department Commander Comments & Establishment of Dates for

Future Dept. Meetings

Closing of Meeting

Divine Blessing

Commander closes the Meeting

**Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,**  
**David Palmer, Commander**  
Department of Florida, SUVCW

# WHAT L. L. MITCHELL CAMP 4

## DID LAST TUESDAY

### Thanks to Mike Urell

Not too far from Disney World in an area called Vineland is Vineland Cemetery. There are only two graves and both are of men who served in the Civil War. The units they were in were fighting units. Their individual service records and their connection to Florida I don't know much about. We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war strive to preserve their memory and give them the respect and appreciation that they deserve. Both of their names can be found on the National Park data base of Civil War soldiers and sailors.

Know that six years or so ago, Marshall Polston, the young man pictured, as part of an Eagle Scout project led a group that included L. L. Mitchell Camp 4 of the Sons of Union Veterans in restoring this cemetery. There was thick underbrush, no fence and no entrance way. In the pictures you can now see a fence, thick vegetation lurking in the background and an area around the graves that could use sprucing up. This was the second time we had returned to keep things respectable.



After the better part of a work day everything looked better as you can see.



## Cleanup of Vineland Cemetery

Below-Ronnie McCracken's bark  
is worse than his bite-Maybe.



Another project completed, please feel free  
to join us.  
Sincerely, it is fun and satisfying.  
Commander Mike Urell

The nice part about my Town and  
Country is that Tim Iliff  
could just lean back and it becomes a  
hearse.



*Rest In Peace*

## Due respect for a Solder...



Above; During the American Civil War, buglers and drummers were often the youngest of the soldiers. This scene shows a military camp and its daily ritual of the bugle's call at sunrise.

"Sounding Reveille," c. 1871, by Winslow Homer (On loan from the Andrew B. Mack Collection)

Left; Alfred H. Lathrop, 10th and 18th Wisconsin Infantry. Lathrop's enlistment records purport he was 18 years old upon his enlistment in 1864, but census records indicate he was actually about 14. Source: [Wisconsin Historical Society](#) via [The Center for Civil War Photography](#).