



CAMP ORDER NO. 1  
Series 2025



GEN. W.S. ROSECRANS CAMP NO. 2  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CAMP OFFICERS FOR 2025

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Commander by the Camp Brothers in regular session, on November 16, 2024, during an in-person meeting, conducted by the Department Commander, Steve Doyle, at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, in Wilmington, CA, it is with sincere appreciation for the support and confidence shown to me, that I shall continue command of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, for my seventh term, in 2025. I, along with my fellow officers, will strive to bring honor to the memory of our Union ancestors through the good works of our Order during the coming year.

Section 2: Camp Brothers, duly elected on November 16, 2024, and installed by Department Commander, Steve Doyle, on November 16, 2024, are as follows:

- Commander—Dean Smith
- Senior Vice Commander—William Harrington
- Junior Vice Commander—Brandon Villardi
- Secretary—James Bellows
- Treasurer—James Lybolt
- Council Chairman—William Gallagher
- Council Member— Stephen Yoss
- Council Member—Steve Magoffin

Section 3: Camp Brothers, who have been duly appointed to offices, and installed by Department Commander, Steve Doyle, on November 16, 2024, are as follows:

- Chaplain—Rev. Gary Dickey
- Chaplain's Assistant—John Richardson, Jr.
- Chaplain's Aide—Stephen Magoffin
- Patriotic Instructor—Derek Gould
- Counselor—Kyle Puro

- Civil War Memorials Officer—David Kidd
- Graves Registration Officer—David Kidd
- Asst. Graves Registration Officer—William Harrington
- Asst. Graves Registration Officer—Donald Lynch
- GAR Highway Officer—William Gallagher
- Genealogical Officer—Brandon Villardi
- Assistant Genealogical Officer—John Richardson, Jr.
- Historian—John Richardson, Jr.
- Guard—Kristen Anderson
- Guide—Peter Green
- Color Bearer—Brandon Villardi
- Signals Officer—Anonymous
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator—Brandon Villardi
- ROTC/JROTC Recognition Coordinator—Dean Smith
- Newsletter Editor—Dean Smith

Section 4: I hereby establish my residence in Los Angeles, City and County, State of California, as the Camp's Headquarters. Correspondence is welcome, and should be sent to my home address: 6211 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Place, Los Angeles, CA 90045-3912; or, to my e-mail address: camp2@suvpac.org ; or, by phone: (310) 570-9223.

SUVCW Membership Applications (Form 3,) shall be forwarded to the Camp's Jr. Vice Commander, Brandon Villardi, at: 3009 Oakwood Ln., Torrance, CA 90505. Phone: (310) 938-8916.

Dues shall be sent to the Camp's Treasurer, James Lybolt, at: 8318 Ramsgate Ave., Westchester, CA 90045. Phone: (310) 259-8826.

All Patriotic Instruction activities shall be reported to the Camp's Patriotic Instructor, Derek Gould, e-mail to: camp2pi@suvpac.org.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith, Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ James A. Bellows  
Secretary



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DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT DELEGATES

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: Commander Dean Smith, PCC, and Department Council Member #2; Phil Caines, PCC; William Gallagher, Department Guide; Brandon Villardi, Department Color Guard; and, Stephen Magoffin, Department Chaplain, will be automatic Delegates to the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment, of the Department of California and Pacific, to be held in Bakersfield, California, on March 8, 2025.

Section 2: Brothers William Harrington, Sr. Vice Commander; James Bellows, Secretary; James Lybolt, Treasurer; and Bruce Wearda, were duly elected as Delegates to the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific, to be held in Bakersfield, California, on March 8, 2025, at the Camp's November 16, 2024 meeting.

Section 3: The remaining Brothers of Camp 2 were duly elected as Alternate Delegates to the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment, so they might be appointed as Delegates, by Commander Smith, to fill any of the three unfilled Delegate slots, or to replace an Elected Delegate, who is unable to attend the Encampment.

Section 4: Brother Ken Walker, Past Department Guide, requested that he be appointed to one of the unfilled Delegate slots, and I am, hereby, making that appointment.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith, Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST: By: /s/ James A. Bellows

Secretary



CAMP ORDER NO. 3  
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MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to Article X, Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1, Commander, paragraph (c): The Camp Commander shall appoint standing committees, and ad-hoc committees, as is necessary for the furtherance of the Camp's objectives; and,

Section 2: Pursuant to Article X, Duties of Elected Officers, Section 7, Authority of Elected Officers: The final power and authority of the Camp shall be vested in the Camp membership. Between Camp meetings, the elected Camp officers shall collectively manage the affairs of the Camp, carrying out the directives and directions of the Camp membership, consistent with the governing documents of this Camp.

Section 3: To ensure the Camp's wellbeing and longevity, which depend on processing, accepting, and approving new members, as soon after an application (Form 3) is received by the Camp's Jr. Vice Commander, as is practicable, there is, hereby, created a Membership Standing Committee.

Section 4: The Membership Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Camp Council.

Section 5: The Jr. Vice Commander shall be responsible for identifying and recruiting potential new members, and for following up on prospect referrals, as well as prospect inquiries forwarded to the Camp from the Department's Jr. Vice Commander. He shall assist prospects in completing their applications, and refer them to the Camp's Genealogical Officer, for help in finding any documentation needed. In addition, he shall track all prospects, and applications, making certain that they move as quickly through the process, as is possible; and, he shall keep the Secretary, Treasurer, and Commander informed on the status of all applications.

Section 6: The Jr. Vice Commander shall, upon receipt of an application, check it for completeness, and validity of supporting documentation. He shall work with

the applicant to correct any problems, or deficiencies, as quickly as is possible. As soon as the application is deemed to be complete, and the supporting documents are found to be acceptable, the Jr. Vice Commander shall present the application to the Camp, with his recommendation for approval, at the next Camp meeting.

Section 7: In the event that there will not be a regularly scheduled Camp meeting, in less than one month, the Membership Committee is, hereby, authorized to vote, via e-mail, on approval of an application, with the Commander calling for the election, the Secretary conducting the election, and reporting on the results. To be approved, the application must receive a unanimous affirmative vote of the Committee members. As the five Committee members constitute a quorum, for purposes of voting on matters before the Camp, the vote shall be official.

Section 8: The provisions of Section 7, above, notwithstanding, the Jr. Vice Commander shall announce the acceptance of an application by the Membership Committee, to the entire Camp, at the next Camp meeting, for a confirmation vote by the Brothers attending.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith, Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST: By:

/s/ James A. Bellows  
Secretary



CAMP ORDER NO. 4  
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APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO THE 2025 DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: Brother Robert Hazard, having been duly elected as an Alternate Delegates to the 2025 Department Encampment, are hereby appointed as a Delegate to that Encampment, scheduled for March 7 & 8, in Bakersfield, California, with all of the rights and privileges of an Elected Delegate.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 17th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith

Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and  
Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ James Bellows  
Secretary



CAMP ORDER NO. 5  
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**ANGELUS ROSEDALE CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: Pursuant to Article X, Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1, Commander, paragraph (c): The Camp Commander shall appoint standing committees, and ad-hoc committees, as is necessary for the furtherance of the Camp's objectives; and,

Section 2: Article II of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states, in part, that the Purpose and Objects of the Order are: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865.

Section 3: In its efforts to fulfill this most important Purpose, the Camp approved creation of the Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Committee at its meeting on January 11, 2025.

Section 4: The membership of this Committee shall be include: Senior Vice Commander, and Assistant Graves Registration Officer, William Harrington, who shall be the Chairman; the Treasurer, James Lybolt; Member of the Camp Council, Stephen Magoffin; Assistant Chaplain, John Richardson, Jr.; Assistant Graves Registration Officer, Donald Lynch; Signals Officer, James Gill; and, Patriotic Instructor, Derek Gould. Camp Commander, Dean Smith, shall be an Ex-officio member.

Section 5: The purposes of the Committee shall, at a minimum, be to:

- a. Properly clean, straighten, repair, or replace, the headstones of Union Veterans buried in the Stanton GAR Post plat, as documented by Brother Harrington.
- b. To acquire headstones from the Veterans Administration for placement on some 20 graves that are without a headstone, and to conduct appropriate dedication ceremonies for these headstones.

- c. Acquire, and raise a new, appropriately sized, U.S. Flag on the flagpole near the GAR cannon monument; as well as, refurbish the flagpole, and place solar-powered light on it, to properly light the Flag at night.
- d. Clean, and repaint, if necessary, the GAR cannon monument.
- e. Conduct an SUVCW Memorial Day ceremony at the Cemetery, on Memorial Day weekend in 2025, and in following years, if possible.
- f. Explore the possibility of bringing groups of students; Boy, and Girl, Scouts; and, other members of the general public, to the Cemetery to be educated about the Union Veterans buried there.
- g. Over time, expand the work described in Subsections a, and b, to the Women's Relief Corps (WRC,) and Rosecrans Camp, plots; as well as to the graves of all Union Veterans buried in the Cemetery, as documented by Brother Lynch.

Section 6: The Committee shall report to the Camp on any plans to do work at the Cemetery, which will result in costs for, by way of example, and not exclusion: the purchase of supplies, headstones, printing of programs, and contracting for work the Brothers cannot perform, at a regularly scheduled Camp meeting. The Committee shall request the Camp's approval of any expenditures that cannot be funded by donations, grants, or other sources, in advance of the work being started.

Section 7: The Committee shall conduct meetings, as may be required, to plan, and manage the tasks described in Section 5. The Chairman shall report on the progress of the Committee at Camp meetings.

Section 8: All Brothers in the Camp are encouraged to volunteer, when needed, to do the work planned by the Committee.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith, Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
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ATTEST: By:

/s/ James Bellows  
Secretary



CAMP ORDER NO. 6  
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PASSING OF BROTHER PAUL BANNING NICHOLS

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report the passing of Brother Paul Banning Nichols, on 6 April 2025, at the age of 78. According to his daughter, Wendy, he had been in declining health, and he passed away peacefully, leaving this earth all too soon.

Section 2: Brother Paul joined the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, on 11 January 2020. His Union Army ancestor was John Hiram Hunter, who served in Co. F, of the 31<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry. Although he professed that his failing eyesight, and other ailments, would limit his participation, Br. Paul dedicated himself to the Camp, and the Order. He attended in-person meetings at the Solheim Senior Community, until the outbreak of the covid 19 pandemic, and via Zoom after that. His loyalty gained him an appointment to the office of Camp Guide, which he held from 2021, through 2023. Br. Paul furthered his commitment to honor the Boys in Blue, by joining Logan's Brigade, in 2021, as a Charter Member, and by volunteering to do research on Civil War nurses for the Women's Relief Corps' National Data Base.

Section 3: Brother Paul's daughter, Wendy Lynch, has shared with us the following highlights of her father's life: He was born in Reno, NV; but, being the son of an LTC in the Army Corps of Engineers, Br. Paul was raised all over the world, moving every time his dad had a new deployment. He had three brothers, David, Michael (deceased,) and Richard, and one sister, Marjorie. Br. Paul met his wife, Sharon, while attending UC Davis. After Sharon graduated UC Davis, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career at the National Broadcasting Company, and Br. Paul followed her, transferring to UCLA. Before graduating, he made the decision to join the United States Marine Corps, where he served for four years as a computer programmer, stationed at El Toro Marine Base. While there, Br. Paul married Sharon in 1971. After completing his enlistment in the USMC, he followed his passion for the theatre, getting a part-time job as a carpenter at NBC, which turned into a 40-year career, that progressed into working in Special Effects, and as a Pyrotechnician. He worked on "The Tonight Show," with Johnny Carson, and

Jay Leno; as well as, soap operas, including, “Days of Our Lives,” and “Santa Barbara.” Wendy says that her dad was an avid reader, often surrounded by multiple books that he was reading at any given time. He also had multiple creative projects he was working on. He was a talented wood carver, often carving various caricatures; and, since he was a young boy, he also had a passion for painting miniatures, thus leaving an extensive toy soldier collection to his heirs.

Section 4: Wendy was Br. Paul’s only child. She gave him two grandsons, Connor, and Declan, and a stepdaughter, Samantha, who made him a great-grandfather two years ago with the birth of her son, Maverick. His grandsons, and great-grandson brought him so much joy. Sadly, Br. Paul’s wife, Sharon, passed away two years ago.

Section 5: The Family invites us to join them as they remember Brother Paul, at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA, on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. The Camp will conduct an SUVCW memorial ceremony, at our Camp meeting, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Section 6: The Camp extends sincere condolences to Brother Paul’s daughter, Wendy, and his entire family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Wendy Lynch, at: 20282 Avenida Puesta Del Sol, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

Section 7: The Camp Charter will be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order; and, all Camp 2 Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith

Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ James Bellows  
Secretary



CAMP ORDER NO. 7  
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PASSING OF BROTHER PHILLIP LEE CAINES

By the authority vested in me, as Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp, No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, by the Camp Bylaws, the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Section 1: It is my very sad duty to report the passing of Brother Phillip Lee Caines, on 15 August 2025, at the age of 68. According to his wife, Melinie, he had been in declining health, and he passed away peacefully, leaving this earth all too soon.

Section 2: Brother Phil joined the Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, on 14 September 2002. His Union Army ancestor was Andrew M. Sprague, who served in Co. A, of the 73rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Brother Phil served the Camp as its Commander in 2005-06, its Secretary and Treasurer in 2007-08, as a member of the Camp Council from 2014 to 2019, and as Patriotic Instructor in 2019. He also served the Department of California and Pacific as its Secretary and Treasurer from 2012 to 2014. In addition, Brother Phil served both the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2, and the Department of California and Pacific Auxiliary, as their Counselor.

Section 3: Brother Phil was born on 27 August 1956, to Wade Lee and Dorothy Caines. After graduation from Chaffey High School, he joined the United States Air Force. Brother Phil graduated from CSU Fullerton, with a B.S. in Theology, then he attended the Lutheran Seminary, in Berkley. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1994. Brother Phil worked at Disneyland, starting as an outdoor popcorn vendor, and lastly as a Cast Member, and ride operator in Fantasyland, and Toon Town. In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans, Brother Phil was a member of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, and was very active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, where he served as Grand Conductor, and Grand Instructor, of the Grand Lodge of California. Brother Phil also reenacted in a group that recreated the Middle Ages, as well as a Union soldier in the Civil War.

Section 4: Brother Phil's first wife, Katherine Sutton, gave him four children—Brain, Meridith, Megan, and Felicity, who made him the grandfather of Kaitlyn, Elia, Errol, Melinda, and Stanley. After divorcing Katherine, he met, and married Melinie Prosk, on 30 August 1997. At his funeral, many family members, and

friends remembered him as kind, caring, and helpful; but mostly as a very fun guy, who loved to entertain, sing, tell stories, and make jokes, often at their expense.

Section 5: Brother Phil's funeral was held at 4:00 PM, on 27 August, at the Douglass Family Mortuary, in El Segundo. Eleven Brothers from Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 attended, and conducted an SUVCW Memorial Ritual. There will be a celebration of Brother Phil's life, at the Redondo Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Lodge Hall, at 1:00 PM, on 27 September. In addition, Rosecrans Camp No. 2 will conduct an SUVCW memorial ceremony, at its Camp meeting, on 13 September.

Section 6: The Camp extends sincere condolences to Brother Phil's wife, Melinie, his children, grandchildren, and his entire family. Sympathy cards may be sent to Melinie Caines, at: 704 Virginia Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Section 7: The Camp Charter will be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this order; and, all Rosecrans Camp 2 Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, by Dean Smith, Commander of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(CAMP SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Dean Smith

Commander  
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: /s/ James Bellows  
Secretary