



Gen. W. S. Rosecrans

*Newsletter of Gen. William S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, SUVCW –
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War celebrating 140 years



Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union 1861 - 1865

ATTENTION—NEXT CAMP MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

The next meeting of the Camp will be on **Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 10:00 AM, VIA ZOOM.** It is hoped that all Brothers, will make an effort to attend, as well.

March Camp Meeting

The Camp’s March meeting, conducted via Zoom, was well attended, with 16 Brothers present.

Following the Commander’s report, Treasurer, Steve Magoffin, reported that the Camp’s treasury has a balance of \$10,5564.09. The Camp voted unanimously to spend \$20 for the Camp’s share of the Department’s costs to maintain our website for 2022, and 2023. Brother Steve reported that two Brothers, Albert Jones, and Steve Shampine, did not pay their dues, and the Camp voted to approve their discharge from the SUVCW.

The highlight of the meeting was the Camp’s acceptance of the application of a new Brother— Kyle Puro—followed by his initiation. HUZDAH! HUZDAH! HUZDAH!



Department Encampment

Camp 2 had a large delegation at the 137th Department Encampment, held in Bakersfield, on March 18th. Brothers Jamie Bellows, Phil Caines, Bill Gallagher, Steve Magoffin, Dean Smith, Brandon Villardi, Ken Walker, and Sister Melinie Caines, President of the Department Auxiliary, represented the Camp, and participated in the election of new Officers for the Department, as well as other business. Congratulations to CDR Smith who was re-elected as a member of the Department Council, and to Br. Ken Walker who was re-appointed to the office of Department Guide.

Brother Kevin Tucker, a member of the National Committee on Administration, who was representing the Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail, to conduct the installation of the new Officers, gave some remarks about the launch of a new SUVCW website, and other initiatives. Then it got very interesting, as Brother Tucker reported on recommendations from the National Membership Committee, regarding a change in the wording of the qualifications for becoming a member of the SUVCW; and, he asked that the Department vote, up or down, as a way of informing the National Encampment, to be held in August, as to how the membership felt about the recommendations. The recommendation was to define “Male” as a person officially designated as “biologically male, at birth.” Br. Bill Gallagher started the discussion, raising the

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issue of financial liability for Camps, who have very limited funds, but are ultimately responsible for accepting an applicant. Others wanted more time to discuss the issue, and to take it back to their Camps, before they could vote. There seemed to be near consensus on not voting on the matter, at all, which set off a riotous discussion of the proper way to accomplish that, which led to more redundant discussion about the merits of, and problems with, the recommended definition. Ultimately, the matter was tabled, much to the dismay of Br. Tucker.

SUVCW Life Membership

Br. Tucker also mentioned that the fees for a Life Membership will probably be raised substantially at the National Encampment, in August. Camp 2 has four Life Members—Claiborne Cowgill, Theodore Ott, John Richardson, and Dean Smith. A perk of Life Membership is that National dues are waived, and the Department, and Camp 2, have also waived dues for Life Members. Any Brother interested in the honor of being a Life Member should go to the National website, at:

<https://suvchw.org/> and find Form 9, Life Member Application, under the “Governance and Forms” tab.



Campo de Cahuenga Event

CDR Smith set up a Camp table at a living history event as Campo de Cahuenga, in Studio City, on January 15th. The event celebrated the 175th anniversary of the signing of the “Capitulation at Cahuenga,” a treaty that ended the Mexican-American War in California. Br. Grant Cobos, and his Mother, visited the booth, as did new Brothers Grady, Rhys, and Thomas Dalton, and their family.



Br. Grant Cobos and Cdr. Smith



Gen. Pico and Col. Fremont Signing Treaty

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Massing of the Colors

On February 19, Brothers Brandon Villardi, James Gill, and Troy Munday, participated in the Massing of the Colors ceremony, at Forest Hills Cemetery, in honor of Pres. George Washington's birthday.



Lincoln Shrine 50th Open House

Br. Grant Cobos attended, and joined the 1st Pennsylvania Light Calvary at the Lincoln Shrine's annual event, on February 4th.



Br. Grant Cobos ^

Welcome to New Brothers

A belated welcome to Rhys Dalton, a Junior Member, his father, Thomas, and his brother, Grady, as well as Doug Decker, Kyle Puro, and Derek Gould, who have most recently joined Camp 2. Thanks to these new Brothers, the Camp's strength is now at 47. HUZDAH!

Condolences

Sadly, Brother Paul Nichols reported to Cdr. Smith that his beloved wife, of 57 years, passed away on April 20, 2023. The Camp's condolences go out to Brother Paul, and his family.

ROTC/JROTC Recogniton Program

Cdr. Smith has received 14 requests for SUVCW awards, and has sent out 8, so far. Br. Gallagher presented an award at La Puente H.S., Br. Gill presented one to an Army ROTC Cadet at UCLA, and Cdr. Smith has presented awards at Lincoln H.S., and Hawthorne H.S. Br. Cobos will soon present an award at Royal H.S., and Cdr. Smith is scheduled to present at Jefferson H.S., Monroe H.S., Garfield H.S., Manual Arts H.S, Carson H.S.,



Br. Brandon & Pres. Lincoln

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and the Air Force ROTC at UCLA. Cdr. Smith welcomes all Brothers interested in participating in this life affirming program to contact him.



Cdr. Smith at Lincoln H.S.



Br. Gallagher at La Puente H.S.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

--Inglewood Park Cemetery, Saturday May 27, 11:00 AM

--Historic Wilmington Cemetery, Sunday May 28, 11:00 AM

--Sunnyside Cemetery, in Long Beach, Sunday May 28, 2:00 PM

--Mountain View Cemetery, in Altadena, Monday May 29, 2:00 PM

Memorial Day is a major part of the SUVCW heritage. Every Brother should make an effort to attend one of the Camp's ceremonies, or one that is conducted by another organization in their area. There will be a separate announcement, with more details nearer to Memorial Day weekend.

Upcoming Events

1. June 3 & 4--Annual Reenactment, at Fort Tejon State Park, Lebec, CA
2. June 24—C.W. Technology Fair, at Drum Barracks C.W. Museum, Wilmington, CA
3. July 9--Salute to Veterans, at Olivas Historic Site, Ventura, CA
4. September 2 & 3, Civil War Days, Central Park, Huntington Beach, CA

It is hoped that Brothers will mark your calendars, and attend these events. Detailed announcements will follow.



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REMINDERS FROM THE COMMANDER

1. Brothers with ideas for a Camp social gathering, should develop a plan, and present it to Cdr. Smith for announcing to the Camp.
2. Brothers with objects, or stories, to share after Camp meetings, should contact CDR Smith.
3. CDR Smith is still looking for two Brothers to volunteer to be on the **Camp's Welfare Committee**, to make a few phone calls, before each Camp meeting, for the Good of the Order.
4. Report your **Patriotic Activities** to Brother David Kidd, after the event. Send your reports to: dmkidd01@aol.com
5. **The Camp needs a Brother to volunteer to be the Camp's Newsletter Editor.** All Camps must produce a newsletter on a regular basis, and the Commander simply does not have the time to do this work properly, or on schedule. THIS LATE ISSUE BEING A CASE IN POINT—PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
6. If you are in possession of any Camp documents, awards, or artifacts, that should be passed on to the **Camp Historian**, please contact Br. Richardson, at: jvrjvr@att.net
7. **Camp 2 Auxiliary**—Sister Melinie Caines has asked for our assistance in recruiting new members for the 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

Camp Website and Face Book

Be sure to check our Camp website, at:

<http://www.suypac.org/camp2.html>

Also, visit our Facebook page for recent photos, and other information, at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Union-Veterans-Gen-WS-Rosecrans-Camp-2-Los-Angeles-245666382222205/>
