



Gen. W. S. Rosecrans

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Los Angeles & Ventura Counties.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War celebrating 142 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 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM, VIA ZOOM**. It is hoped that all Brothers, will make an effort to attend.

January Camp Meeting

The Camp’s January meeting, conducted via Zoom, was well attended, with 15 Brothers present. In addition, Dept. Auxiliary President, **Sister Melinie Caines, and PDC Rudy Velasco III**, were in attendance.

Our Officers for 2024 were installed by PDC Velasco.

Following the Commander’s report, Treasurer, **Steve Magoffin**, reported that the Camp’s treasury has a balance of \$10,791.09. The Camp voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of a new Camp flag from the National Quartermaster, for \$565.

The highlight of the meeting was the Camp’s acceptance of the applications of a **James Lybolt, Matthew Stoops, and Benjamin McSorely**, followed by their initiation. HUZAZH! HUZAZH!

Department Encampment

Camp 2 will be represented at the 138th Department Encampment, to be held in Laughlin, NV, on April 5. by Brothers **Jamie Bellows, Bill Gallagher, Steve Magoffin, Steve Yoss, Bill Harrington, and Dean Smith**. Unfortunately, the turnout this year is expected to be around 25, unless many Brothers have waited until the last minute to register. Brother **Kevin Tucker**, the Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, will be the National officer present to install the new Department Officers. The most interesting item on the agenda will be a vote on recommendations from the National Membership Committee, regarding a change in the wording of the qualifications for becoming a member of the SUVCW, having to do with the definition of “male.” Last year, the Department was asked to take a “straw vote” on the issue; but, after some heated discussion, a consensus developed for just not voting at all.

New Life Member

Brother **Jamie Bellows** was recently granted the honor of being a Life Member of the SUVCW. He joins Brothers **Claiborne Cowgill, Theodore Ott, John Richardson, and Dean Smith**, as Camp 2’s Life Members. HUZAZH!



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If you are interested in becoming a Life Member follow this link to the Application Form:

<https://suvchw.org/governance-forms/life-member-application>

Farewell

Brother **Curtis Easton**, who lives in Lindsay, CA, and has been a member of Camp 2 since 2011, has transferred to the new Liberty Camp No. 32, in Clovis, CA. Brother **Bill Hurley**, who joined Camp 2 in 2009, has moved to Olympia, Washington, and has transferred to a Camp near his new home. We wish both of these loyal Brothers well in their new Camps.



Massing of the Colors

Brothers **Jim Lybolt**, and **James Gill**, participated in the Massing of the Colors event on Feb. 18, 2024, at Forest Lawn Cemetery.



Lincoln Shrine Open House

On February 3rd, Brothers **Kristen Anderson**, and **Brandon Villardi**, participated with the 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery at the Lincoln Shrine Memorial Shrine, in Redlands. It was a fantastic event with about 1,500 spectators. Naturally, President Lincoln and General Grant were there, as well as members of other reenactment groups. Members of Camp 18, including Brothers **Rudy Velasco** and **Dept. Commander Steve Doyle** had an SUVCW table set up.



Krsiten Anderson and Brando Villardi

Presentation on the American Revolution

On February 12th, Brothers **Brandon Villardi**, **Lucas Villardi**, and **Kyle Puro**, visited the 5-grade class (about 90 students) at Caroldale Learning Community, in Carson. The students are learning about colonial America and the American Revolution. The young lady pictured is Brandon's daughter, Alexa.

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Drum Barracks Powder Magazine

Cdr. Smith was asked to be on a committee, looking at the feasibility of acquiring the Powder Magazine, which is on private property, for sale by the owner. The only other Civil War Powder Magazine west of the Mississippi, is at the Presidio, in San Francisco. The Committee has requested for a proposal from Page & Turnbull, an historical architecture firm, experienced in moving historic buildings, for moving the Powder Magazine. The study is expected to cost as much as \$40,000, and an initial estimate for the cost of moving the building is \$50,000. So, the Committee will be looking at ways to raise the funds to pay for this work, as well as an acceptable place for its relocation.



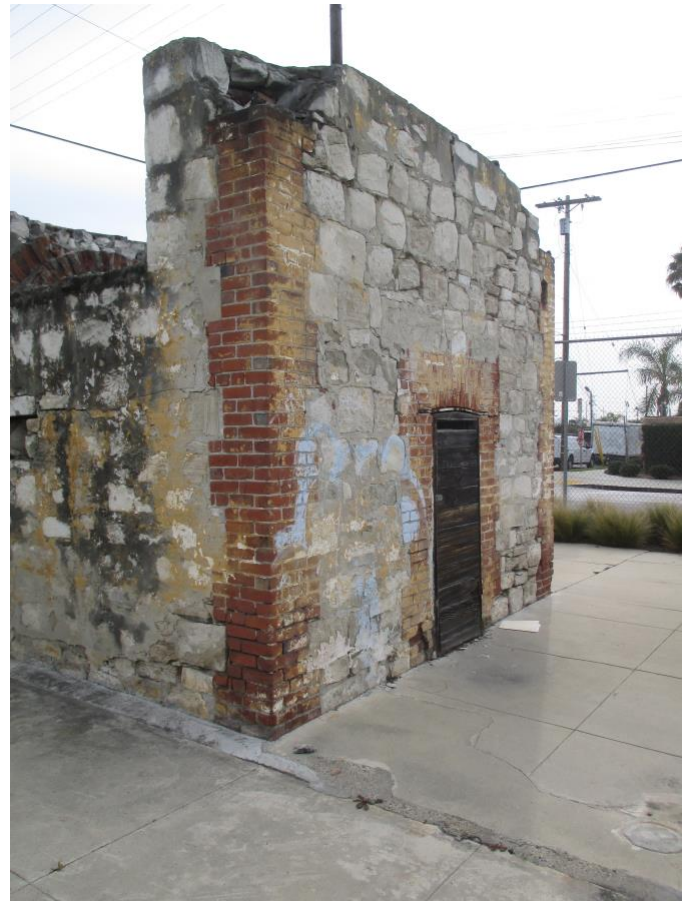
Jim Olds (SAR,) Lucas, Alexa, and Brandon Villardi, and Kyle Puro

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program

Cdr. Smith has only received six requests for SUVCW awards, this year, but hopes to have many more soon. Last year he sent out 16, but has sent as many as 39, before the pandemic years. He will be reaching out to the Camp's Brothers to attend some of the Awards Ceremonies to present our award to a deserving Cadet. He promises that it will be a life-affirming experience.



Cdr. Smith at Lincoln H.S. 2023



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Woodlawn Cemetery Vandalized

Early in January, thieves raided the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Compton. They broke up headstones, and took all of the brass, or bronze, plaques, etc., to sell for scrap. CDR Smith contacted Brother **Glen Roosevelt**, who had already visited the Cemetery, and said that the GAR monument to the unnamed Union veterans moved from the Drum Barracks, as well as the concrete cannon, and nearby Union headstones, were unharmed. On January 29, **Cdr. Smith** went to the Cemetery, and photographed the 12 Union headstones near the GAR monument, for use by our Graves Registration Officer, **Dave Kidd**, to check against the SUVCW Graves Registry.



Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Ceremonies

--Inglewood Park Cemetery, Saturday May 25, 11:00 AM

--Historic Wilmington Cemetery, Monday May 27, 11:00 AM

--Sunnyside Cemetery, in Long Beach, Saturday May 25, 2:00 PM

--Mountain View Cemetery, in Altadena, Monday May 27, 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.

--Huntington Beach C.W. Reenactment

September 7 & 8, Civil War Days, Central Park, Huntington Beach, CA

Other events will be posted as the approach. Remember to go to the Camp's website, where you can check the Events Schedule for the entire year.

New Newsletter Editor HUZAH!

Great news! New Brother, **Jim Lybolt** wants to be involved in the Camp, and has volunteered to take on the Office of Newsletter Editor. You can look forward excellent newsletters, published regularly, and full of important news about the Camp. Send content to: 4lybolts@sbcglobal.net

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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 **Derek Gould**, after the event. Send your reports to: camp2pi@suvpac.org
5. If you are in possession of any Camp documents, awards, or artifacts, that should be passed on to the **Camp Historian**, please contact Brother **John Richardson**, at: jvrjvr@att.net

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:

<https://suvpac.org/camp2/>

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

https://www.facebook.com/GenRosecransCamp2SUVCW/?show_switched_toast=0&show_invite_to_follow=0&show_switched_tooltip=0&show_podcast_settings=0&show_community_review_changes=0&show_community_rollback=0&show_follower_visibility_disclosure=0

