



GEN. W.S. ROSECRANS



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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

The next meeting of the Camp will be on **Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in-person at the American Legion Post 46, in Culver City, as well as via Zoom.**

NOTE—THIS IS NOT THE REGULAR MEETING DATE. IT IS THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT IS ON MARCH 8TH.



January Camp 2 Meeting

Our January 11, 2025 meeting was held in the bar of the American Legion Post 46, with 12 Brothers attending in person, and two attending via Zoom, plus Brother John Morris, Commander of Camp 18 as our guest. We voted in new Brother Robert Hazard, who was inducted with Brother Harry Bellows, and Brother Derek Gould, who were voted in at prior meetings. Brother Bill Harrington talked about his efforts at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, and his hopes to raise a large U.S. Flag, which he bought, and to take some photos at the graves of two members of the US Colored Troops, for Black History Month. The

Camp approved the creation of a Committee to plan, and conduct projects, and activities, at the Cemetery. Brothers Harrington, Don Lynch, Steve Magoffin, James Lybolt, and John Richardson, volunteered to be on the Committee, Brothers James Gill, and Derek Gould, volunteered to participate in work projects on weekends, as they both have full-time weekday jobs. Commander Smith gave his report, which was sent to all Brothers with the meeting announcement. Treasurer, Jim Lybolt reported that he had spent \$75.19 on stationery, envelopes, and postage for mailing out 2025 Membership Cards, and the Camp voted approval of reimbursement in that amount. Commander Smith thanked all of the Officers who so ably served the Camp in 2024. He apologized for not giving out Camp awards in past years, and for not having certificates to present this year. Instead, he did recognize Brothers Bill Gallagher, Steve Magoffin, John Richardeson, Don Lynch, Bill Harrington, and Brandon Villardi, commending them for the many contributions they have made, going above and beyond the expected, to make Camp 2 arguably the

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best Camp in the Department of California and Pacific—that according to the Department Commander, Steve Doyle, who has said it publicly, several times.



Drum Barracks Museum Armory Exhibit Opening

On January 26th, the Drum Barracks C.W. Museum opened its new Armory exhibit, containing an amazing collection of weapons, expertly curated by the Museum's staff, and displayed in magnificent new custom cabinets. Cdr. Smith, a former member of the Board of Directors, and continuing volunteer, as well as Auxiliary Sisters, Jeanette, and Mary Ann Kilis, also volunteers, were in attendance.



Weapons Donor (third from left) and Drum Soldiers at Opening Ceremony



Auxiliary Sisters and Cdr. Smith Watch Drill



Cdr. Smith Making Sure Soldiers Do It Right

Committee Gathering at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery

On Saturday, February 8th, Br. Bill Harrington organized a gathering of the members of the Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Committee, at the Cemetery. In attendance were Brs. Don Lynch, Steve Magoffin, John Richardson, Jim Lybolt, and Cdr. Dean Smith. First we raised the new, appropriately sized U.S. Flag on the flagpole near the GAR cannon monument. Then Br. Bill took on a tour of some of the

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most interesting graves in the Stanton GAR Post plat, including the graves of Col. Allen Allensworth, and Lt. George Loud, who fought in U.S.C.T. regiments in the Civil War. BR. Bill had placed floral bouquets, and U.S. Flags on the graves; and, Photos were taken in honor of Black History Month. The tour also included the tall monument to the GAR, dedicated by Rosecrans Camp No. 2, in 1957. After the tour, the group went to Pappa Christo's Greek Grill, a landmark neighborhood restaurant for lunch, and a committee meeting.



Camp 2 Brothers Raising New U.S. Flag



Honoring Lt. Loud USCT—Cleaned Headstone, GAR Star Marker, Flowers, and U.S. Flag



Honoring Col. Allensworth, USCT—Note New, Large, Flag in Background



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Membership

Recently our Camp strength reached a high of 60 Brothers. Unfortunately, while collecting Camp dues for 2025, Brothers Gary Pelmear, and Benjamin McSorely, requested Honorable Discharges, and we had to drop Brother Theodore Ott, Jr., because we were unable to locate, or contact him. Two more Brothers have not paid their dues, and may have to be dropped if their dues are not received by March 1st. Thankfully, there are several prospects who we hope to receive applications from soon, and we have Jr.Vice Commander, Brandon Villardi, who is up for another Department award for recruiting the most new members (nine) in 2024, still doing an amazing job.



Upcoming Events

1. **Department Encampment, March 7 & 8, in Bakersfield, CA. Delegates will be receiving important information from Cdr. Smith soon.**
2. **Drum Barracks Museum—Saturday, March 8th, from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Living history event, featuring Zouave soldiers discussing their origin, uniforms, weapons, and more. FREE**
3. **Next Camp Meeting—Saturday, May 10th, 10:00 AM, at the American Legion Post 46, in Culver City, as well as via Zoom.**

4. **ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program—late April thru early June--with awards being sent to high schools, and universities; and, Brothers presenting awards to deserving Cadets. You too can be a presenter, and get a life-affirming experience in return.**

5. **Memorial Day Ceremonies conducted by Camp2, and our Auxiliary. On Memorial Day weekend. More information to follow. As Memorial Day was started by the GAR, All Brothers are encouraged to attend.**

Newsletter Content

Anyone with an event to report, a story to tell, and photos to share, should send them to our overworked, and exhausted, but still dedicated Editor, Commander Smith at: dean.smith1946@gmail.com



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: derekgould405@yahoo.com

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5. 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

6. **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 Facebook

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>

