



GEN. W.S. ROSECRANS



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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Celebrating 144 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, May 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM, in-person at the American Legion Post 46, in Culver City, as well as via Zoom.**



March Camp 2 Meeting

The March meeting was well attended, with 13 Brothers attending in person, and four attending via Zoom. We inducted two new Brothers—Tim Burch, and James Bunker. The Camp voted to drop Brothers Troy Munday, and James Hurst, for failure to pay dues, and to grant Honorable Discharges to Brothers Benjamin McSorley, and Gary Pelmear, who were not able to be participating members of the Camp. The Brothers also voted to donate \$15 to the Department to offset the costs of maintaining our website, as well as the Auxiliary's website. Sr. Vice Commander, Bill Harrington, read the minutes from the first meeting of the Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Committee, held on February 8; then, he gave a report on the first 35 Union soldiers buried, there, which he has documented, including posting 26 to the SUVCW Graves Database. Cdr. Smith talked

about the upcoming ROTC/JRTOC Recognition Program; and he also gave a Patriotic Instruction, based on stirring words from SUVCW C-in-C, Kevin Martin, and Union Maj. Gen., John Logan.



Sec. Jamie Bellows and Cdr. Dean Smith



139th Department Encampment

Camp 2 had the largest delegation at the 139th Department Encampment, held on March 8, in Bakersfield, with the following ten Brothers in attendance: Cdr. D. Smith, SVC B. Harrington,

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JVC B. Villardi, Sec. J. Bellows, Treas. J. Lybolt, Council Mbrs. B. Gallagher, & S. Magoffin, K. Walker, B. Wearda, and B. Hazard. In addition to attending, Br. Gallagher took his post as Dept. Guide, Br. Villardi was the Color Bearer, Br. Magoffin, was the Chaplain, and Br. Smith filled in for the Patriotic Instructor.

During the Encampment, outgoing Commander Steve Doyle complimented Camp 2 for saving the last Encampment by filling four vacant officer posts, and agreeing to be appointed to three of those offices for 2024. In addition, the Camp was awarded the Commander's award for bringing in the most new Brothers in 2024, which we also won last year. To add to the Camp's honors, DC Doyle created a special Department commendation, which he presented to Brother Bill Harrington, recognizing his outstanding work at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery. HUZZAH!

The election of Department Officers was unusual, in that there were two candidates for Commander, and Sr. Vice Commander. Votes were reported by Camp, which could have created some dissention. In the end, decorum was maintained, and the following Brothers were duly elected:

Owen Stiles--Commander
Gary Hormel--Sr. Vice Commander
Robert Mayer--Jr. Vice Commander
Randy Dhindsa--Secretary and Treasurer
Dan Earl, Rick LaRosa, and Dean Smith--
Council Members

In addition, Camp 2 Brothers were reappointed to the following offices:

Steve Magoffin--Chaplain

Brandon Villardi--Color Bearer

Bill Gallagher--Guide HUZZAH!

The National Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, from Maryland, installed the new Officers, and his lovely wife, Rosemary, National President of the Auxiliary, gave remarks to the Encampment.

As the last matter of business, the Brothers voted to hold the 140th Department Encampment, in 2026, in Bakersfield, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, once more.

On Friday night, before the Encampment meeting, on Saturday, nine Camp 2 Brothers went to Buck Owen's Crystal Palace for dinner, and 3 ½ hours of live music. Everyone enjoyed the food, and entertainment. Half way through the house band's set, the band leader came to our table, and asked, "Who is your spokesman?" Cdr. Smith, in full cowboy regalia, answered that he was the Commander. Then, the band leader asked, "Who are you guys?" We answered that we were Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He said, "Cool!" Then he told Cdr. Smith to follow him up to the stage, where he introduced Cdr. Smith, who told the crowd about being in Bakersfield for the Encampment, and loving to come to the Crystal Palace. Finally, he said the SUVCW's purpose is to keep alive the memory of our Union ancestors, who fought to save the Union. HUZZAH!

Photos on following pages.

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Installation of Officers. L-R: **Steve Magoffin**, T. Campbell, **Dean Smith**, D. Earl, O. Stiles, **Brandon Villardi**, **Bill Gallagher**, and R. Dhindsa. By C-in-C Kevin Martin



Br. Bill Harrington Commendation from
Dept. Cdr. Steve Doyle



Camp 2 Delegation, L-R: B. Hazard, S. Magoffin, J. Bellows, D. Smith, B. Gallagher, B. Harrington, with DC Owen Stiles, and C-in-C Kevin Martin, J. Lybolt, B. Wearda, and B. Villardi



Camp 2 at Crystal Palace, left: D. Smith, J. Lybolt, B. Hazard, J. Bellows, B. Gallagher. Right: K. Walker, B. Wearda, B. Harrington, S. Magoffin

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Cdr. Smith on stage at Crystal Palace



Cdr. Smith Talks about SUVCW



Welcome New Brothers

A hearty Camp 2 welcome to new Brothers Robert Hazzard, of Agoura Hills, Harry Bellows, of Torrance, Timothy Burch, of Wilmington, and James Bunker, of Playa Del Rey. HUZDAH!

In Memoriam

It is the Cdr. Smith's sad duty to report that Brother Paul Nichols passed away on April 6, 2025. The Camp will hold a memorial ritual for Brother Paul at its May 3rd meeting, and there will a funeral service for him at Riverside National Cemetery, on May 16, at 10:00AM. Cdr. Smith will be representing the Camp. Other members of the Camp are encouraged to join him. Brothers are reminded that they are to wear mourning ribbons on the members badges for 30 days. Cdr. Smith will have some mourning ribbons at the May meeting, or you can use a piece of black tape.

Membership

With the loss of Brother Nichols, our Camp strength was reduced to 54; however, the anticipated induction of a new Brother at our May 3rd meeting, it will increase back to 55.

Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Committee

Under the leadership of Chairman, Br. Bill Harrington, the Committee has met three times at the Cemetery to: raise a new, large flag on the pole near the GAR cannon monument; honor two Union veterans who served in US Colored Troop regiments, in conjunction with Black History Month; and to clean 300 headstones in the Stanton GAR plot, twice. Br. Lybolt has built white crosses, and Br. Harrington has had the

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names of the veterans buried in unmarked graves, printed for placing on the crosses to identify those graves. The Committee is also preparing for a Memorial Day celebration, on Monday, May 26th, at 10:00 AM. Cdr. issued Order # 6, authorizing the Committee, and appointing its members: Bill Harrington, Don Lynch, Jim Lybolt, James Gill, Steve Magoffin, and John Richardson. All Brothers are encouraged to assist with the work at the Cemetery, and to attend the Memorial Day ceremony there.



Raising the New Flag



Honoring Lt. Loud, USCT
Brs. Harrington, Lynch, Magoffin, Smith,
Richardson, and Lybolt



Honoring COL Allensworth, USCT

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Br. Lybolt Showing White Cross



Br. Lybolt Cleaning



Br. Lynch Cleaning

ROTC/JROTC AWARDS PROGRAM

Cdr. Smith, who is the Camp's program coordinator, has received 20 requests for awards this year, and has already sent out 10. He will be attending eight awards ceremonies, and by Brs. James Gill (3,) Steve Magoffin (3,) Bill Gallagher, Nick Smith, Bill Harrington, Jim Olds, and John Richardson, have volunteered to present awards at a total of nine other awards ceremonies. This is the Camp's single largest community outreach program.

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Cdr. Smith at Lincoln H.S. Army JROTC



Br. James Gill at UCLA Army ROTC
Presenting SAR Award



Cdr. Smith at UCLA Army ROTC



Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Ceremonies

--Inglewood Park Cemetery, Saturday May 24, 11:00 AM

--Sunnyside Cemetery, in Long Beach, Saturday May 24, 2:00 PM

--Historic Wilmington Cemetery, Monday May 26, 11:00 AM

--Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, Monday May 26, 10:00 AM

--Mountain View Cemetery, in Altadena, Monday May 27, 2:00 PM

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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.



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
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>

