



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 AT A NEW MEETING PLACE

The next meeting of the Camp will be on Saturday, September 13, 2025, in the Community Room, at 7166 W. Manchester Ave., in Westchester, the as well as via Zoom.



May Camp 2 Meeting

The May meeting was well attended, with eight Brothers attending in person, and five attending via Zoom. We inducted a new Brother—Nick Linfesty, and conducted a Memorial Ceremony for Brother Paul Nichols, whose daughter, Wendy Lynch, attended via Zoom. The Treasurer reported that there had been no income, or expenses since the last meeting. Sr. Vice Commander, Bill Harrington, reported on the work being done at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery, and that he had found five Camp 2 Commanders buried in the Rosecrans Plot. The Brothers voted to authorize the

purchase of a floral wreath, for use on Memorial Day, not to exceed \$95. Cdr. Smith talked about the Camp’s three Memorial Day events, encouraging all Brothers to attend. Summer camaraderie events—Br. Bill Gallagher said he would try to arrange another get-together at his yacht club in San Pedro, and Br. James Gill offered to try to arrange an outing to Fort Tejon. Cdr. Smith gave a Patriotic Instruction, based on his collection of Patriotic Postcards for Memorial Day done in early 1900’s, reading the patriotic sayings printed on the cards, as inspiration to never forget the Boys in Blue.



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Induction of Br. Nick Linfesty



“The Banner”

The summer 2025 edition of “The Banner,” the National SUVCW quarterly magazine, arrived last month. If you are a new member, and you did not receive “The Banner,” please let Cdr. Smith know, so he can look into it.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Rosecrans Talk—On May 21st, Cdr. Smith gave his talk on Gen. W.S. Rosecrans to the Military Order of the Stars and Bars., Camp 2 Brothers, and others.

Flag Day--Br. Bruce Wearda participated in an S.A.R. Color Guard at a Bakersfield Flag Day event on June 14th.



Br. Wearda is fourth from the right end

Technology Fair

On June 28th, the Camp participated in the Technology Fair at the Drum Barracks C.W. Museum. Representing Camp 2 were: Cdr. D. Smith, SVC B. Harrington, JVC B. Villardi, Sec. J. Bellows, Treas. J. Lybolt, Guard K. Anderson, and Br. J. Henkel; as well as Auxiliary Sisters, Jeanette, and Maryann Kilis. The highlight of the event was the appearance of two camels. A good time was had by all.



Camp 2, L-R: B. Villardi, B. Harrington, K. Anderson, D. Smith, J. Lybolt, and J. Bellows. J. Henkel, not pictured.

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SVC Harrington has submitted an article to “The Banner” about this event. Look for it in the next edition.

4th of July Events--SVC Bill Harrington carried the American Flag in a 4th of July parade in Santa Monica.



--Cdr. Smith led the 4th of July parade in Westchester on his bike.



Logan’s Brigade Encampment--On July 26th, Cdr. Smith, and Sec. J. Bellows, attended the 5th National Encampment of Logan’s Brigade, via Zoom. New officers were elected, and ideas for expanding the reach of the Brigade were discussed. Cdr. Smith was appointed to the office of Patriotic Instructor, and he published his first monthly Instruction on August 3rd.

Eagle Scout Certificate Presentation

On July 26th, Brother Thomas Dalton represented Camp 2 at the Court of Honor for Luke Fierro, and presented him with the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate.

SUVCW National Encampment--SVC

Harrington represented Camp 2 at the 144th SUVCW National Encampment, in Huston, on August 8th & 9th. California had a large delegation, and Br. Bill was the first member of Camp 2 to attend since 2012, when the National Encampment was in Los Angeles. Br. Bill brought attention, and honor to our Camp, when he was presented with his hard-earned certificate, and pin, for completing the SUVCW Memorial University. In addition, JVC Brandon Villardi, brought recognition to Camp 2 by being given the National Award for recruiting the most new members in the last year. HUZAZH! HUZAZH!

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Department Delegation—Br. Harrington, second on left, back row



Welcome New Brother

A hearty Camp 2 welcome to new Brother Nick Linfesty, of Santa Monica. His Union ancestor is his 3rd great grandfather, William Lawrence Robedee, who served as a drummer in Co. B, 75th Illinois Infantry. HUZDAH!

In Memoriam

It is the Cdr. Smith's sad duty to report that Brother Phil Caines passed away on August 15, 2025. The Camp will hold a memorial ritual for Brother Phil at its September 13th meeting. The family is planning a funeral service for him at place, date, and time to be determined. Cdr. Smith will be sending out a Camp Order in

the near future. Brothers are reminded that they are to wear mourning ribbons on the members badges for 30 days.

Membership

With the loss of Brother Caines, our Camp strength is now 54.

Angelus Rosedale Cemetery Committee

Chairman, Br. Bill Harrington, is continuing his work in the Cemetery, having recently discovered an extension of the Stanton GAR Post plot, with 50 additional Union graves, which brings the total in that plot up to 362. Br. Bill has also added a large number of graves to the SUVCW Grave Registry, hoping to get over 500 graves registered by the end of the year. On Saturday, August 23rd, Committee Members Harrington, Lybolt, Richardson, and Gill, are meeting at the Cemetery to take down the Flag that has started to fray, and replace it with a new flag. HUZDAH!



BUCK OWENS' CRYSTAL PALACE HAS BEEN CLOSED

—Another bit of sad news, especially for those of us who attended the Department Encampments in Bakersfield, as our dinners there were the highlight of the weekend for us. Hopefully, someone will buy, and reopen it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27th, 6:30 PM—Cdr. Smith will be giving his talk on "James Garfield--Unsung Hero and Martyred President", via Zoom, to the Military Order of the Bars & Stars. Look for an announcement coming soon.

August 30 & 31—Huntington Beach Civil War Days. Camp 2's Auxiliary will have a booth. More details to follow in a separate announcement.

September 11th, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, the **National Day of Service**, at the **Los Angeles National Cemetery in Westwood**.

Volunteers will honor our veterans by cleaning headstones, and beautifying the grounds of the Cemetery. Br. Jim Lybolt will be leading this effort. More info to follow in a separate announcement.

September 13, at 10:00 AM—Camp Meeting at a new meeting place, also via Zoom. More details will be included in the meeting announcement.

October 4th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM—The Battle of the Old Woman's Gun, at Dominquez Rancho, in Carson. Camp 2 will have a table there. Watch for an announcement closer to this fun event.

November 11th, Veterans Day—All Brothers should find an event near them to attend.

November 22nd, 10:30 AM, Camp Meeting to elect officers, in person at the Drum Barracks, and via Zoom.

November 22nd, 2:00 PM, Remembrance Day Observance, led by our Auxiliary at the Drum Barracks.

December 6th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM—Civil War Christmas—open house at the Drum Barracks C.W. Museum.

December 13th—9:00 AM-11:30 AM—Wreathes Across America, at the L.A. National Cemetery, in Westwood. The Camp will have a table, and Brothers should plan to participate. More info closer to the event.

THE WAY TO GET MORE BENEFITS FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUVCW, IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE CAMP EVENTS, AND TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WHEN ASKED.



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, Brother Dean Smith at: dean.smith1946@gmail.com

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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 Cdr. Smith, and 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>

