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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Celebrating 144 Years

SUVCW

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

NEXT CAMP MEETING
The next meeting of the Camp will be on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 10:30 AM, at the Drum Barracks, and via Zoom. The election of Officers for 2027 will be held at this meeting.**

September Camp Meeting

Our September meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Building, in Inglewood. With its historic connection to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the stained-glass window with the GAR badge, it seemed like a great place to meet. Unfortunately, it did not work out. The meeting was well attended, with 13 Brothers attending in person, two attending via Zoom, and applicant, James Zenner, who was voted in, and inducted. HUZZAH

Treasurer, Jim Lybolt reported that the balance in the Camp's Treasury is $10,073.19.

Cdr. Bill Harrington reported on ongoing clean-up efforts at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery; an Eagle Scout Certificate presentation; an outing to the Military Museum, in Long Beach, organized by Brother Matthew Stoops, a member of the California National Guard; an SVR assist to the Fort Moore Garrison, at their July Fourth flag raising ceremony; the SUVCW National Encampment; the Camp social hosted by Br. Bill Gallagher at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club; and, our booth at the Huntington Beach Civil War Days.

Cdr. Bill Harrington requested reimbursement, of $28.76, for a new flag for Angeles Rosedale Cemetery, which was approved.

SVC Dean Smith made a motion to donate $50 to the Drum Barracks Museum for allowing us to meet in the Library on November 21st., which was increased by an amendment to the motion, to $100; as well as a motion to approve an expenditure of $75 for the President Lincoln reenactor. Both motions were approved.

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SVC Dean Smith reported on the headstone dedication for Union veteran, James Stubbelfield, at the Westwood Village Memorial Park, on September 16th.

A memorial service was conducted for Brother Theodore Ott, Jr., a Life Member, who passed away on March 3, 2025. He is buried at the Los Angeles National Cemetery, having served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

After the meeting, twelve Brothers retired to Casa Gamino, on Century Blvd., near the 405 Freeway, for lunch, and camaraderie.

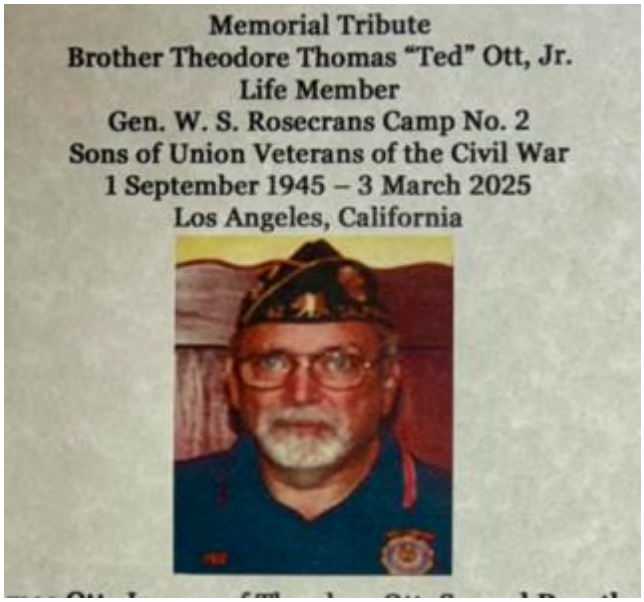


September Camp Meeting

Welcome to new Brother, James Zenner—Jim is an Army veteran, and the Director of the County Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs. His Union ancestor is Asher Beckwith, of Co. G, 150 Penn. Infantry, who was killed at Gettysburg.



Brother James Zenner Being Inducted



Tribute to Br. Theodore Ott, Jr.

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Veterans Memorial Building Built in 1938



Patriotic Activities

Fort Moore Flag Raising Ceremony—On July 4th, Cdr. Bill Harrington, and Br. Kristen Anderson, along with several Brothers from Camps 18 & 21, represented the SVR by participating in an annual flag raising ceremony conducted by the Fort Moore Garrison.



Cdr. Harrington & Br. Kris Anderson--center

Westchester 4th of July Parade—SVC Dean Smith led the 26th annual Independence Day Parade on his bike.



Memorial for Auxiliary Sister Ernie Olson— On August 15th, Cdr. B. Harrington, Treasurer J. Lybolt, and PCC, D. Smith, attended a memorial service at the Redondo Beach Odd Fellows' Lodge. It was a moving ceremony, conducted by the Rebekah's, concluded by

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PCC, Smith delivering a memorial from the SUVCW Rituals and Ceremonials. Auxiliary Sisters Melinie Caines, Jeannette Kilis, Mary Ann Kilis, and Barbara Kishiyama were also in attendance.

Yacht Club Gathering—On August 16th, eleven Brothers, and five wives, gathered at the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club for a wonderful brunch, hosted by Brother Bill Gallagher. A good time was had by all. HUZZAH!



Brs. Hazard, Lynch, Harrington, Smith, Gallagher (seated,)

Gill, Magoffin, Kidd, Lybolt, & Green



Wives—Mary Hazard, Jane Harrington, Nina Kidd, Mary Lybolt, and Lynn Green, with their husbands

Huntington Beach Civil War Days—September 5th. This year, our Camp had a booth, to compliment the Auxiliary's booth. Cdr. Harrington, and Br. Lybolt set up the booth, and the Commander stocked it with brochures, and civil war era candy, which was a big hit. SVC Smith helped out on Saturday, using his Lorenz rifle to attract adults to the booth. Brs. Anderson, Cardwell, and Villardi participated in the reenactments, on a very hot day, and Brs. Gill, and Wearda also visited the booth. The Auxiliary booth was staffed by Sisters M. Caines, J. Kilis, B. Kishiyama, and M. Kilis. Sadly, rain caused the event to be cancelled on Sunday.



Cdr. Bill Harrington & Treasurer Jim Lybolt



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Br. James Gill, Becka Gill, & Pres. Abe Lincoln

America 250 Exhibit—On September 11th, PCC Dean Smith observed an exhibit of documents, and artifacts from the Revolutionary period of our Nation, through President Reagan's presidency, including a nice room on the Civil War, at the Reagan Presidential Library.



Headstone Dedication—On September 16th, Camp 2 conducted a headstone dedication ceremony for Union Veteran, James Stubbelfield, who was buried in Westwood Memorial Park in 1924. PC-in-C Tad Campbell alerted the Camp to the unmarked grave, which he discovered doing research on his ancestors. PCC Dean Smith ordered the headstone from the V.A., and organized the ceremony. Cdr. B. Harrington presided. PC-in-C Campbell gave the tribute to Stubbelfield. Brs. J. Lybolt, P. Green, J. Richardson, and B. Villardi were the color guard. Brs. Villardi, and Richardson fired a three-volley salute. Mrs. Tina Campbell placed a floral wreath near the grave. PCC D. Smith read a poem, "When the Boys in Blue Are Gone," written by a Union Veteran. Br. S. Magoffin gave a divine blessing, and Mark Solomon, a volunteer from Bugles Across America, played Taps. Brothers L. Harris, K. Anderson, and B. Albert, as well as Sister M. Caines, also attended.



B. Villardi, J. Richardson, M. Solomon, S. Magoffin, B. Harrington, T. Campbell, D. Smith, B. Albert, P. Green, L. Harris, K. Anderson, and J. Lybolt

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PC-in-C Tad Campbell



^ B. Villardi & J. Richardson v M. Solomon, Bugler



Eagle Scout Certificate Presentation—

On September 19th, Cdr. Harrington, and Br. Lybolt attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor where they presented an Eagle Scout Certificate, and patch, to Ms. Paisley Ortiz—the first female Scout to be honored by Camp 2.



Br. Jim Lybolt, Scoutmaster Saul Serpas, Eagle Scout Paisley Ortiz, and Cdr. Bill Harrington

L.A. Civil War Round Table—On September 15th, PCC D. Smith hosted a meeting of the LACWRT, which was attended by five Camp 2 Brothers, one DUVCW Sister, and 14 others.

Logan's Brigade Patriotic Instructions— PCC Dean Smith issued Patriotic Instructions to the Brothers in Logan's Brigade, on July 1st, August 1st, and September 1st.

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Upcoming Events

November 11th, at 11:00 AM—Veterans Day event, Manhattan Beach Veterans Memorial, Camp 2 will have a booth.

November 21st, at 10:30 AM—Camp Meeting to elect officers for 2027, in person at the Drum Barracks Museum, and via Zoom.

November 21st, at 2:00 PM—Remembrance Day Observance, led by our Auxiliary, at the Drum Barracks Museum.

December 6th, from 11:00 AM-$:00 PM—Civil War Christmas, at the Drum Barracks Museum, Camp 2 will have a booth.

December 13th—9:00 AM—Wreathes Across America. At the L.A. National Cemetery, in Westwood. The Camp will have a table.

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

THE BANNER—The SUVCW National Quarterly Magazine. Volume 131, Number1, for Autumn 2026 should have arrived at your home recently. If you did not receive your copy, contact Cdr. Harrington, so he can make sure your Form 3 Application, and Form 30, have been received at the SUVCW HQ. On page 25 of this issue, Cdr. Harrington got a brief story about his, and Br. Kristen Anderson's, participation, as members of the SVR, in a flag raising ceremony at Fort Moore, in downtown L.A., on the 4th of July. There is also a photo of the California Delegation to the National Encampment, with him kneeling, second from the right. HUZZAH!

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 Newsletter Editor, Brother Dean 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. Bill Harrington for announcing to the Camp. wm.c.harrington@gmail.com
2. Brothers with objects, or stories, to share after Camp meetings, should contact Cdr. Bill Harrington. wm.c.harrington@gmail.com
3. Report your Patriotic Activities to Cdr. Harrington (wm.c.harrington@gmail.com), and Brother Bob Hazard (ra_hazard@att.net), after the event.

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4. 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

5. **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