



Gen. W. S. Rosecrans

Newsletter of Gen. William S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, SUVCW –
Los Angeles & Ventura Counties.

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War celebrating 138 years



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

Quartermaster.....Robert D. Goble

Signals Officer.....James R. Gill

2019 Camp Officers

- Commander.....Dean R. Smith
- Sr. Vice Commander.....Lowell M. Harris
- Jr. Vice Commander.....James R. Gill
- Secretary.....M. Gordon Seyffert
- Treasurer.....William K. Gallagher
- Camp Council.....Philip L. Caines,
William E. Nelson, and Robert D. Goble
- Patriotic Instructor.....Philip L. Caines
- Chaplain.....Rev. Dr. Gary A. Dickey
- Chaplain Aide.....William E. Nelson
- Civil War Memorials Officer...Nicholas D. Smith
- Color Bearer.....Kenneth Walker
- Counselor.....Vacant
- GAR Hwy.....Ronald J. Black
- Genealogical Officer...M. Gordon Seyffert
- Graves Registration Officer...Nicholas D. Smith
- Guide.....Harold O. Cardwell, Jr.
- Historian.....Vacant
- ROTC/JROTC Recognition...Dean R. Smith
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coord...Dean R. Smith
- Newsletter Editor.....Andrew C. Brown

Welcome to New Camp Members!

- * **Brother Harold Cardwell**
- * **Brother Jared Nathan**

With the addition of these two new Brothers, Camp 2 has 42 members in good standing; and, our JVC James Gill is pursuing 12 prospective members.

Newly Appointed Officers

Congratulations to: Brother Hal Cardwell, for his appointment to the office of Camp Guide; and, to Ken Walker, for his appointment to the office of Color Bearer. Thanks are owed to these Brothers, for volunteering to fill these important positions, for the good of the Order.

Commander Smith is still looking for Brothers to fill the Camp Counselor and Historian positions, as well as for someone with an interest in the Boy Scout program to replace him as the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator.

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2019 Department Encampment

Camp 2's delegation to the 2019 Department Encampment included: Commander, Dean Smith; Secretary, Gordon Seyffert; and, Brothers Ken Walker, Curtis Eason, and Hal Cardwell. No other Camp had more members in attendance. The meetings were long, but much was accomplished, and all of it in harmony and brotherhood. Our Camp's Commander gave the first Camp report, bringing cheers and huzzahs from the Brothers, when he announced that Camp 2 was alive and doing very well. He listed all of our achievements since the 2018 Encampment, emphasizing those since our rebirth, at the meeting, in November 2018.

From the other Camp reports, as well as the reports from all of the Officers, we learned that Camp 2 has the opportunity to gain more recognition (and maybe win some awards,) next year, if we are willing to work harder on new member recruitment, Graves Registration, protection of Memorials and Monuments, issuing Eagle Scout Certificates, participation in more Patriotic holiday events, and submitting material for inclusion in the "California Column," which is the Department newsletter.

New Department Officers were elected, including Commander Rudy Velasco, our good friend from Camp 18. The Department

will be in excellent hands for the coming year.

The Encampment was honored to have the National Commander in Chief, Donald Shaw, who hails from Flint, Michigan. Below is a photo of the Camp 2 delegation, the Department Commander, Dean Enderlin, and CinC, Shaw. Our Brothers, from left to right, are: Curtis Easton, Ken Walker, Dean Smith, Dean Enderlin, Donald Shaw (in front,) Gordon Seyffert, and Hal Cardwell.



Commander Smith placed a full-page ad, from the Camp, in the program; and, Brothers Gordon Seyffert, Ken Walker, and Hal Cardwell, placed individual full-page ads, commemorating their Union ancestors. The ads cost \$25, which helped offset the cost of printing.

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Upcoming Events

April 6 & 7—A new Civil War re-enactment will be held in Crossroads River Park, 14600 Baron Drive, Corona, CA, from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Admission is \$12 for adults, and \$8 for seniors, students, military, and first responders.

April and May—ROTC/JROTC Awards Ceremonies, at various universities and high schools. Commander Smith will be putting out a call for volunteers to represent the Camp, and SUVCW, at these ceremonies. It is a great opportunity to get involved in the work of the Camp, and to be rewarded with an incomparable life-affirming experience.

May 11—our next Camp meeting, at 10:00 AM, at the Solheim Senior Community, in Eagle Rock.

May 27—Memorial Day Celebration

This year the camp will, again, honor Memorial Day with our signature event at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena. This small cemetery, at 2400 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, is the final resting place for well over 600 Union veterans, and over a dozen Confederates, as well as one man who served on both sides. This year's ceremony will be at 2 PM, on Monday, May 27th. Brother Nick we will be decorating graves with flags and flowers beforehand, starting

around 11:00 AM. In addition to the Civil War soldiers who are buried at this cemetery, there is a large plot of Spanish American War graves that is overlooked by other historical and patriotic groups, and we try to mark them as well. After the ceremony, there will also be a short walking tour of some of the graves.

For those of you outside the Pasadena/Altadena area, the easiest way to reach Mountain View Cemetery is to follow these directions:

From Los Angeles, take the 110 Freeway until it becomes Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena. Turn left at any convenient major intersection, go two blocks, and turn right on Fair Oaks. Continue north and the cemetery will be on your right after about three miles.

From east of Pasadena, take the 210 Freeway to the Fair Oaks off-ramp and turn north for about two miles.

From west of Pasadena, take the 134 Freeway until it joins the 210, or the 210 Freeway. Again, get off at Fair Oaks and turn north for about two miles.

All Brothers who cannot attend the celebration at Mountain View Cemetery, are encouraged to find a cemetery nearer to your home, where you can go to join in a Memorial Day event, or just put some flags, or flowers, on graves of Union veterans, and

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veterans of other wars, if you can. You can do this on the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day, as well; or, if you really want to honor our fallen ancestors, you can visit a local cemetery, and also attend the Camp's event at Mountain View Cemetery.

Camp Website

Be sure to check our Camp website, at:

<http://www.suypac.org/camp2.html>

and watch it grow. Also, look at our Facebook page for recent photos, and other information.

Future "Rosecrans Reports"

If you have a report on an event you attended, or a talk you gave, or a Civil War story you would like to share, please send it to me, for inclusion in the next newsletter.

HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH!