

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

Rosecrans Report

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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

September Camp Meeting

Eleven Brothers attended our September meeting, and Sister Melinie Caines, Auxiliary Secretary, was our guest.

Commander Smith told the Camp about the wellbeing of Brother Bob Albert. The Commander is still seeking volunteers, to fill the offices of: Eagle Scout Coordinator, Camp Guard, Camp Historian, and Newsletter Editor. He reported that Br. Bill Gallagher presented an Eagle Scout Award, and that there has been a request for another Award to be given. Hopefully, the Camp will be more active in this area. The Commander reported on SUVCW activities at the Huntington Beach Civil War Days, including the return of Camp 2's Charter, by Katherine Harris, Br. Tom Chumley's daughter.

SGT. WILLIAM PITTENGER
CAMP 21

Commander Smith announced that the place, and dates, for the 2020 Department Encampment have not been finalized, but it will most likely be on one of the weekends in mid-March.

Brother Bill Gallagher gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the Camp's Checking Account has a balance of \$1,033.68, and the Savings Account has a balance of \$4,138.79.

GAR Highway Officer's Report

Brother Ron Black sent a report, announcing that the California Department of Transportation has already furnished, and installed, two replacement signs, on the GAR Highway—one on the south-bound 14 Freeway, in the Antelope Valley; and, one on south-bound San Fernando Road. Unfortunately, we had no notice of the installation, and could not plan an appropriate dedication ceremony for the signs.





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Amendments to Bylaws

The Camp unanimously voted to approve amendments to Article VI, Sections 1 and 5, as well as to Article XVII, Section 1, (b) and (c), of the Camp's Bylaws, bringing the Bylaws up to date regarding annual membership dues, and eliminating a requirement for a Bylaws Committee.

Standing Committees

Commander Smith announced that he was forming a Membership Committee, having as its Chairman, the Jr. Vice Commander, and as its other two members, the Camp Secretary, and the Camp Treasurer. He also reported that he planned to form a Welfare Committee, with one Brother in each of three, or four, geographic areas of the Camp, making up the membership, who would be responsible for seeing to the wellbeing of our Brothers in their respective areas.

For the Good of the Order

In response to a request from Sister Caines, the Camp voted to contribute \$100 to the Auxiliary for its Remembrance Day Celebration.

Br. Bob Goble reported that the City of Long Beach had voted to take over the protection and maintenance of the Sunnyside Cemetery, where a number of Union Veterans are buried, and where our Auxiliary holds an annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Br. Hal Cardwell said that he wants to set up an SUVCW table, and possibly sell flags, etc., to raise money for the Camp, at events that he attends.

Br. Phil Caines reported that he still has the Camp's large, canvas canopy, and its six wooden poles. He recommended that, since the Camp has not used it in several years, that we offer it to the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum—either for purchase, or as a donation. A motion was made, and approved unanimously, to pursue the idea. Commander Smith said he would bring it up at the

next Board of Directors' meeting, at the Drum Barracks.

Br. Bill Gallagher said that someone is still using the Camp's website to get e-mail addresses of the Officers, for the purpose of trying to scam them into sending money, or gift cards. CDR Smith has asked the Department's Webmaster, to remove all of the Officers' addresses, excepting his own, from the website.

Br. James Gill, the Camp's Signals Officer, suggested that our Facebook page address be put on all Camp fliers and brochures.

Headstone Dedication Ceremony

On September 28, Mountain View Cemetery had a dedication ceremony, of a headstone for the grave of Edward Chalfant, who served in the 7th Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War. Chalfant was buried in Mountain View, in 1915, next to his wife, but never had a headstone. A man in Iowa, going through Pension Records, discovered that Chalfant was buried here, without a headstone. So, he got the Veterans Administration to furnish the headstone, and Denny Dormody, a Funeral Director, at Mountain View, arranged for VFW Post 12034, from La Verne, to send a rifle team, and a bugler, for the ceremony. He also asked PCC Nick Smith to talk about Chalfant, and the other Union soldiers buried at Mountain View. On short notice, we were able to have PCC Phil Caines, Auxiliary Secretary, Melinie Caines, Auxiliary President Susan Sweet, and CDR Dean Smith, who read some passages from the SUVCW Rituals Manual for burials, as well as Sisters Carole Morton, and Kathy Bickers, from DUVCW Tent 91, also attend the In addition, Assemblyman Holden, sent event. Hector Rodriguez, present scroll, to a



commemorating the dedication, and ABC News sent a cameraman to film parts of the ceremony.

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NEXT CAMP MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, AT 10:00 AM, AT THE SOLHEIM SENIOR COMMUNITY, IN EAGLE ROCK.

Other Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 10--"Marching Through History," living history event, at Ingalls Park and Equestrian Center—Free admission, \$10 for parking. Flier attached.

Saturday, November 16--Remembrance Day Celebration, at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, in Wilmington, at 2:00 PM. Conducted by the Camp 2 Auxiliary, with President Lincoln giving his Gettysburg Address. Free.

Saturday, December 7--Christmas at the Drum Barracks—open house, with reenactors, and a free carriage ride to the banning House, which will also be open for touring. Free.

Camp Website

Be sure to check our Camp website, at:

http://www.suvpac.org/camp2.html

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

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