



Gen. W. S. Rosecrans

*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 140 years*



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

## **January Camp Meeting**

Eighteen Brothers attended our January meeting, as did Department Commander, Rudy Velasco, and Kevin Bidenkap, who was a guest of Br. James Gill.

Commander Smith reported on the status of dues collection, and warned of late fees for those who had not yet paid. He also reported on membership prospects, and asked the Brothers to refer prospects to our JVC, Br. Hal Cardwell. The Commander thanked those Brothers who stepped forward to assume appointed Offices. He also talked about meetings of the L.A. Civil War round Table, where our Brothers will be giving presentations on January 12, March 9, and June 15.

Treasurer, Br. Steve Magoffin, reported that the Camp has \$7,563.09 in the treasury, but that includes dues that must be shared with the Department, and National organization, in March.

Applications of three new members were voted on, adding Brothers Gregory Wright, Lucas Villardi, who is a Junior member, and Jamie Bellows to the Camp's roster.

An election was held to elect a third member of the Camp Council, to replace our recently departed Brother, Bill Nelson. Br. Steve Yoss was nominated by Br. Bill Gallagher, and elected unanimously.

Department Commander, Rudy Velasco, conducted the installation ceremony for the incoming Camp Officers for 2021.

Our Patriotic Instructor, Br. David Kidd, talked about focusing on the greatness of our Nation, even in tumultuous times, and Br. Gordon Seyffert read a very interesting letter from Gn. U.S. Grant. To his Father, in 1861, and Br. Kidd, spoke about flag symbolism, as part of the Good of the Order discussion.

An SUVCW Memorial service was conducted by Cdr. Smith, out of respect for our Brother Bill Nelson, who passed away on his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, November 1, 2020.



Brother Bill Nelson

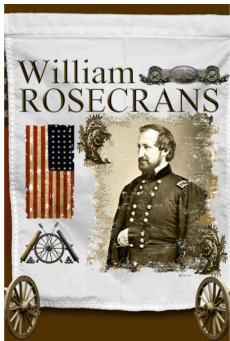
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## Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Garden Flag

Recently, Cdr. Smith purchased a garden flag, with the image of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans on it. It measures just 10" X 14 ½", and is made out very sturdy fabric, with the image on both sides. Cdr. Smith intends to display it on Gen. Rosecrans' birthday, September 26, and at Camp meetings and events.

Anyone interested in buying one for their own use, can find it at: [ownyourregiment.com](http://ownyourregiment.com)

Scroll down the list of categories, on the left side of the homepage, and click on "Union General Garden Flags," then go to page 3, to find Gen. Rosecrans.



## Camp Welfare Committee

Cdr. Smith is still looking for two Brothers to volunteer to be on the Camp's Welfare Committee. So far, only Brothers Ken Walker and James Gill have enlisted. For the Committee to function properly, four Brothers are needed, each taking a geographic area of the Camp, then being responsible for checking on the wellbeing of our Brothers in their respective areas. Please contact Cdr. Smith if you would be willing to make a few phone calls, before each Camp meeting, for the Good of the Order.

## Patriotic Activities

Thanks to Br. David Kidd, we now have an active Patriotic Instructor. HUZDAH! One of his important duties is to submit an Annual Report on Patriotic Activities (SUVCW Form 40) to the Department before the annual Department Encampment. To assist him in this work, Cdr. Smith is requesting that each of you report any Patriotic Activity to Brother Kidd, after the event. Send your reports to: [dmkidd01@aol.com](mailto:dmkidd01@aol.com)

## Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Camp 2 has a new Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Br. Ken Walker. HUZDAH! Br. Walker had a long affiliation with the Boy Scouts, and has renewed his membership, to help facilitate his work for the SUVCW E.S.C. program. He plans to begin by responding to requests for E.S. Certificates, then expand the program through proactive outreach to local Scout Councils, and finally to Councils in Ventura County.

## Camp Historian

One of our most recently elected Brothers, John Richardson, has accepted appointment to three Offices: Assistant Chaplin, Assistant Genealogical Officer, and Historian. HUZDAH! HUZDAH! HUZDAH! Cdr. Smith has passed on some historical documents, and artifacts, and Br. Richardson is cataloging them, and planning on acquiring the materials needed to preserve them. He will report on his activities at the May meeting. If you are in possession of any documents, or Camp artifacts, that should be passed on to the Historian, please contact Br. Richardson, at: [jvrjvr@att.net](mailto:jvrjvr@att.net)

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## **Newsletter Editor**

Sadly, the Editor of the “Rosecrans Report,” Br. Jared Nathan, has decided to move back east to be nearer his parents. As a consequence, Cdr. Smith is asking that one of you step up, and take on this very important Office. All Camps have a duty to produce newsletters on a regular basis. The “Rosecrans Report” should be published in the months between meetings (February, April, June, October, and December.). The newsletter is a critical communications tool, keeping all of the Camp’s Brothers informed about the Camp’s activities, and more. Please contact Cdr. Smith if you would like to contribute to the Camp in this manner.

## **ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program**

Cdr. Smith has already received requests for ROTC and JROTC awards from the SUVCW. With the very real prospect that schools may be going back to on-campus education, soon, there may be awards ceremonies, in May and June, and a need for the Camp’s Brothers to volunteer to present the awards to the Cadets. In 2019, the Camp sent out 39 awards, and had 13 Brothers attend 29 awards ceremonies. This is one of the most rewarding, and life changing, activities that you will have an opportunity to participate in. Be prepared to sign up!

## **NEXT CAMP MEETING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, AT 10:00 AM**

Probably a Zoom meeting, but possibly an in-person meeting.

## **Other Upcoming Events**

March 20—135<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

Camp 2 registered Delegates: Cdr. Smith, and Brs. Nick Smith, PCC, Steve Magoffin, and Bill Gallagher.

Memorial Day Celebrations:

--May 29, 11:00 AM, at Historic Wilmington Cemetery

--May 30, 11:00 AM, at Inglewood Park Cemetery

--May 31, 2:00 PM, at Mountain View Cemetery

June 16, 7:00 PM—L.A. Civil War Round Table, presentation on “Black Jack Logan—The Politician and Major General,” by Dean Smith, Program Chair and past President

## **Camp Website and Face Book**

Be sure to check our Camp website, at:

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

Also, visit our Facebook page for recent photos, and other information, at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-Union-Veterans-Gen-WS-Rosecrans-Camp-2-Los-Angeles-245666382222205/>