

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

## March Camp Meeting

Fifteen Brothers attended our March meeting, plus Applicant, Gary Pelmear.

Commander Smith's report was based largely on information that was contained in the last issue of the "Rosecrans Report," and on matters discussed in other parts of this issue.

Treasurer, Br. Steve Magoffin, reported that the Camp has \$8,045.09 in the treasury, which will be reduced considerably, when the Camp sends \$5 per member to the Department, and \$23 per member to the National organization, before the Department Encampment. Pursuant to the Camp's By-laws, Brothers Bob Albert, Jared Nathan, and Steve Shampine, who did not pay their dues for 2021, were discharged from the Order, by unanimous vote fo the Camp.

The Application of Gary Pelmear was voted on, unanimously, thus adding a new Brother to the Camp's Roster, which now has 42 members in good standing.

Brother Ken Walker gave a brief update on the Camp's Eagle Scout Certificate Program, which he is developing slowly, to increase the number of Eagle Scouts we honor each year.

In the spirit of the SUVCW slogan, "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty," the Camp voted to waive Brother Curtis Easton's dues for 2021, recognizing his ongoing financial difficulties, so that his wish to be reinstated might be granted.

Our Patriotic Instructor, Br. David Kidd, offered his take on the National Patriotic Instructor's message for March, which stressed being open to the opinions of others, and dealing with others with respect, integrity, and dignity. Brother Kidd added that President Abraham Lincoln set a good example of this behavior in his policies toward the southern states that participated in the Rebellion.

Commander Smith spoke about the need for a Camp budget, and blanket authorization for certain expenditures, routinely incurred by the Officers, in carrying out their duties. This matter will be addressed at future meetings.

For the Good of the Order—Brother Seyffert made comments about the recent L.A. Civil War Round Table presentation that featured Union Gen. August Willich; and, Commander Smith read a recently discovered obituary about his Union ancestor, written by his Company Commander.



#### **135th Department Encampment**

As reported in an e-mail, Cdr. Smith, the 135<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, held on March 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, was well attended. Camp 2 was represented by Cdr. Smith, and Brothers Nick Smith,

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PCC, Steve Magoffin, Ken Walker, and Ronald Black. The Commander-in-Chief, Brian Pierson, and PC-in-C's Mark Day, and Tad Campbell, were honored guests.



New Department Officers were elected, including:

Commander, Frank Avila, Sheridan Camp #4 Sr. Vice Cdr., Steve Doyle, Stoneman Camp #18 Jr. Vice Cdr., Wayne Eder, Baker Camp # 31 Sec.& Treasurer, Owen Stiles, Veatch Camp #30

Cdr. Smith was elected to be a Delegate to the National Encampment, to be held in St. Louis, MO, on August 4-9. Brother Hal Cardwell has also said that he would represent the Camp at the National Encampment.

For Camp 2, the highlight of the meeting was the presentation of Department Awards by DC Rudy Velasco. The DC's Award for Outstanding Recruitment, for our having brought in nine new Brothers in 2020, was the top honor for Camp 2. DC Velasco also selected Camp 2 for the John C. Nicolay Best Camp Newsletter Award; and, we can all be proud of Brother Ronald Black's having been recognized for his impressive achievement, of getting two GAR Highway signs installed by CalTrans, on I-5, and State Hwy. 14, in 2019. Br. Black received both the certificate and a beautiful plaque, ween below the two Camp awards.



GENERAL W.S. ROSECRANS, CAMP 2 John G. Nicolay Best Camp Newsletter Award Sons of Union 14





## HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH!

## **REMINDERS FROM THE COMMANDER**

- 1. 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.
- Report your Patriotic Activities to Brother David Kidd, after the event. Send your reports to: <u>dmkidd01@aol.com</u>

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- 3. Someone needs to volunteer to be the Camp's newsletter editor. As you can see, from this poorly put together issue, that the Commander does not possess the skills to do the "Rosecrans Report" justice. All Camps must produce a newsletter on a regular basis, and the Commander simply does not have the time to do this work properly.
- 4. Brother John Richardson, our new Camp Historian, has taken on this duty with remarkable zeal. 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



## For the Good of the Order

Here is a wonderful, colorized photograph that I found in an e-mail stream of old images. It is of the last living Union Army Veteran, Albert Woolson, who enlisted at age 14, and died in 1956, at age 106. Notice his GAR wreath on his hat, and the officer's badge (maybe C-in-C, as he was also the last living member of the GAR.)



## **NEXT CAMP MEETING**

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

Look for an e-mail announcement, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and a Zoom meeting invitation, on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Other Upcoming Events**

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.suvpac.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/