



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*

## **May Camp Meeting**

Sixteen Brothers attended our May meeting, plus Applicant, Guy Blackwell, and PDC Glen Roosevelt.

Commander Smith’s report covered the following information:

- --The Camp has sent applications to 15 membership prospects.
- --Brother Cutis Easton requested reinstatement, and paid his \$10 fee. The Camp had voted to waive his dues for 2021, and he was reinstated without objection.
- --Cdr. Smith proposed a special Camp meeting during the summer, to watch a presentation by Brother from Washington, who tells the story of his Union ancestor, and also sings songs about the war. There being no apparent interest, the matter was dropped.

Treasurer, Br. Steve Magoffin, reported that the Camp has \$7,067.09 in the treasury.

The Camp’s Historian, Br. John Richardson, reported on the amazing work he has done on cataloguing the historic photographs, and documents, passed on to him, as well as about his plans for preserving the history of the Camp.

Cdr. Smith, and PDC Roosevelt, talked about the ongoing efforts to restore and preserve Union veterans’ graves, and a GAR Monument, at Woodlawn Memorial Park, in Compton; as well as,

about a Memorial Day Celebration being planned at the Cemetery. To help reimburse the nonprofit group, One Section At A Time (OSAAT) for the work done on the GAR Monument, a motion by Br. Steve Yoss, to donate \$100 to OSAAT, was approved unanimously, and Cdr. Smith said that he would match the \$100 with his personal donation. PDC Roosevelt said that he was working on getting Department Awards approved for OSAAT, and the Walker Family Foundation, which assisted in the work.

The Application of Guy Blackwell was approved unanimously, and he was initiated into the Camp. Giving us 43 members in good standing.

There was a discussion about collecting the Camp’s share of the annual dues from Life Members. Given that the Department does not collect its share of the dues, and Camp 2 has not collected its share in the past, it was decided that the policy of the Camp should be to not collect dues from Life Members. Cdr. Smith said he will develop a Camp Order to memorialize the decision, as the matter is not covered in the Camp’s By-laws.

Cdr. 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. He will develop a Camp Order to establish a process for creation of a Camp

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budget, for implementation at the September meeting.



## Memorial Day Celebrations

Our ceremony held at the Wilmington Historic Cemetery, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, was attended by Cdr. Smith, Brs. Kristen Anderson, Brandon Villardi, and PCC, Phil Caines; Auxiliary Sisters Melinie Caines, Susan Sweet, Cynthia Day-Elliott, Mary Ann Kilis, and Jeanette Kilis; as well as Simie Seaman, from the Wilmington Historical Society.



Our ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, was attended by Cdr. Smith, Brs. Gordon Seyffert, and Hal Cardwell; Sisters Dr. Carole Morton, and Kathie Bickers, from DUVCW Tent 91; as well as Constance Craig, who is hoping to join DUVCW Tent 91.



On May 30<sup>th</sup>, our ceremony at Inglewood Park Cemetery, was attended by Cdr. Smith, Brs. Kristen Anderson, Steve Magoffin, James Gill, John Richardson, and PCC Phil Caines; Auxiliary Sister Melinie Caines; as well as Sister Annette James Rogers, from DUVCW Tent 86.



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Camp 2 was also represented at a Memorial Day celebration at Woodlawn Memorial Park, in Compton, on May 31, by Cdr. Smith, Brs. Kristen Anderson, PCC Phil Caines, and David Kidd; Auxiliary Sisters Melinie Caines, and Cynthis Day-Elliott; PDC Glen Roosevelt, Camp 17; as well as Sisters Virda Chappell, and Kathy Gessner, from DUVCW Tent 86.



At the Woodlawn event, which was organized by One Section At A Time (OSAAT,) the nonprofit that is responsible for replacing the flagpole, and painting the GAR cannon, as well as the cleaning up, and operating the Cemetery, Cdr. Smith read Gen. John Logan's GAR General Order No. 11, which established Memorial Day, and participated with PDC Glen Roosevelt in a passing of the wreath ceremony, as well as in a ceremony presenting awards from the SUVCW Dept. of California and Pacific to OSAAT, and the Walker Family Foundation.



In addition to these events, Br. David Kidd, and his wife, Nina, went to Woodlawn Cemetery, in Santa Monica, to decorate Union graves, and Br. Bill Hurley, and his wife, Mary, DUVCW Tent 91, participated in a ceremony in Ventura, on Memorial Day.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to remember our Union ancestors on Memorial Day. HUZDAH!



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## Welcome to a New Brother

A hearty Camp 2 welcome is extended to Brother Guy Blackwell, who was voted in, and initiated, on May 8, 2021. HUZDAH!

## Congratulations to a New Life Member

Brother John Richardson is to be congratulated for becoming SUVCW Life Member #950. HUZDAH!



## 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.
2. Report your **Patriotic Activities** to Brother David Kidd, after the event. Send your reports to: [dmkidd01@aol.com](mailto:dmkidd01@aol.com)
3. **The Camp needs a Brother to volunteer to be the Camp's Newsletter Editor.** 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. 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](mailto:jvrjvr@att.net)



## NEXT CAMP MEETING

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT 10:00 AM**

Look for an e-mail announcement, on September 10. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in-person, but we may have to find a new meeting place, since our host, Br. Bill Nelson passed away. **Anyone with an idea about a suitable meeting place, should contact the Commander.** It is also hoped that we will be able to "televis" the meetings via Zoom.

## Other Upcoming Events

The National Encampment, is being held in St. Louis, MO, on August 4-9. Cdr. Smith and Brother Hal Cardwell are expecting to attend and represent Camp 2.

## 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-24566638222205/>