



The Conquered Banner



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Father A. J. Ryan San Diego Camp 302
Sons of Confederate Veterans*



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A Word from the Adjutant

It's that time again! It is early March, and we are rapidly approaching the time for the Annual California Division Reunion/Convention in Bakersfield.

Camp 302 will meet, via ZOOM, on the 2nd of March for our traditional pre-convention gathering to discuss the upcoming event and what we hope to accomplish this year. In the next issue of your newsletter, I'll report on the details of the business, banquet and memorial service that occurs during the three-day gathering March 8 - 10. Camp Commander Millsap, Adjutant Stephens, Treasurer Adair, Compatriots Mike Climo, Steve Smith, George Faircloth and Ira Lack will represent the camp in Bakersfield. We would like to have some additional camp members to make this a great Camp 302 representation this year.

Some great news! Robert Zoch, husband of the UDC's Jane Zoch, will be joining the camp as a *Friend of the SCV*. Not only is Robert a friend of the SCV but, most importantly, he's a long-time friend of our camp. He has expressed a strong desire to be part of our group and support the Confederacy. Robert and Jane attend most of our meetings and we thank them for being part of our SCV family. We hope to see many of our camp compatriots join us in front of their computers on the 2nd of March for our ZOOM get-together. *Continued on Page Three*



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Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and the ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee

Newsletter

The Conquered Banner is the official newsletter of Camp 302 and is published each odd-numbered month. Permission to reprint material contained in the newsletter is freely given to SCV, MOSB and UDC organizations. Commentary and articles are solicited and should be mailed or E-mailed to the Newsletter Editor. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the preceding month. Consideration of space may require editing.

Meetings

The camp meets the 2nd Saturday of each odd-numbered month at various locations which are announced in the newsletter.

Correspondence

Membership applications, dues renewals, changes of address and other business should be directed to the adjutant.

Dues

Annual dues are billed each August and are \$50.00 for members. Dues include the *Confederate Veteran* magazine and a newsletter.

Camp officers

<u>Commander</u>	<u>Jim Millsap</u>
<u>Lieutenant Commander</u>	<u>George Faircloth</u>
<u>2nd Lieutenant Commander</u>	<u>Jim Coulsby</u>
<u>Adjutant</u>	<u>Jim Stephens</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Roy Adair</u>
<u>Webmaster</u>	<u>Roy Adair</u>
<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Jim Coulsby</u>
<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	<u>Steve Smith</u>
<u>Historian</u>	<u>Vacant</u>
<u>Newsletter Editor/Publisher</u>	<u>Jim Stephens</u>

It is always great to talk with and see our friends from far and wide, especially since many of our fellow members find it difficult to make the drive to Marie Callender's in La Mesa for a good lunch and gathering to socialize and discuss camp business.

I want to take this time to thank our out-of-town members for your loyalty to Camp 302. As your adjutant/editor, it is my desire to keep everyone well informed of camp and division events and provide you with interesting articles relating to Confederate and Civil War history as well as any subject involving our members.

As always, gentlemen, I highly encourage all of you to send me any type of Southern and Civil War related history or biographical information regarding you or your Confederate ancestor. This is what the newsletter is all about. Remember, the spotlight will be on you so that we all will get to know you better.

During the year, starting with this issue, I'm going to show brief bios of Confederate soldiers and leaders, along with an occasional glimpse into civilian and military life. We'll also look at notable events occurring during and after the Civil War. To start with, we'll look at one of the Confederacy's controversial generals, Pierre Beauregard and how cavalry units were organized on both sides.

Finally, Commander Millsap, as always, will keep everyone informed of the camp's planned events for the year—two of particular interest will be an upcoming meeting in Julian at the resting place of Drewry Bailey (or possibly a gathering at the gravesite of a Confederate veteran in Ramona) and, later in the summer, a trip to the USS Midway for members and guests. Keep an eye out for future details.

Jim Stephens



Confederate Personality

Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard

Born in 1818 to a French Creole family in Louisiana, he attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating 2nd in his class in 1838. He served in the Mexican War (1846-1848) and was wounded twice in that conflict.

When Louisiana seceded from the Union in January 1861, Beauregard resigned from the U.S. Army and was commissioned as the first brigadier general of the Confederacy. He was ordered to South Carolina, where he commanded the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861.

Hailed a hero across the Confederacy after the fall of Sumter, Beauregard took command of the Confederate army in Northern Virginia. At the first battle of Bull Run on July 21st, Beauregard was second-in-command to Joseph E. Johnston, facing a Union army under his former West Point classmate, Irwin McDowell. Beauregard's network of spies in Washington provided valuable information on the Union forces, and his role in the battle earned him a promotion to full general.

Beauregard moved west to command the Army of the Mississippi in March 1862. He was second-in-command to Albert S. Johnston at the Battle of Shiloh in April and took charge after Johnston was fatally wounded. His retreat from Shiloh and later withdrawal from Corinth angered President Davis, who took the opportunity to fire him in June when Beauregard left his army without permission.

In August 1862, Beauregard returned to duty as commander in Georgia and South Carolina. He organized the defense of Charleston until April 1864, when he transferred to help defend Richmond. After holding back a Union advance along the James River in May, he was assigned to overall command of the armies in Tennessee and Georgia in October 1864.

By January 1865, Beauregard was organizing the retreat through Georgia and the Carolinas. In February, he ordered Charleston to be evacuated. In April, after the loss of Richmond and the Army of Northern Virginia, he was one of the senior figures who urged Davis to negotiate the surrender of the last of the Confederate forces to end the war.

After the war, Beauregard returned to Louisiana where he was state adjutant general for several years.

He died in 1893 and is buried at New Orleans' Metairie Cemetery.

Army Cavalry Organization

Like the infantry, the basic cavalry component on both sides was a regiment commanded by a colonel. A Confederate cavalry regiment was made up of some 10 companies of between 60 and 80 men. In the Union army, a cavalry regiment had about 1,000 men divided into six squadrons, each containing two troops of up to 100 men. The organization was simplified in 1863, and the squadron was replaced by battalions of four troops each.

Every regiment had a blacksmith and a farrier (who shod the horses). A Union cavalry regiment also took along a surgeon and his assistant, and two hospital stewards—luxuries most Confederate outfits could not afford. The numbers in each unit varied widely on campaign since most cavalry units, particularly on the Confederate side, were always understrength.

One of the great differences between the Union and Confederate cavalry was that Southern troopers had to supply their own horses. This system worked well enough the first years of the war because the South was largely rural, and most volunteers could supply their own mounts. As the war went along and losses of horses through battle, sickness, and sheer exhaustion took their toll, the numbers of Confederate cavalry dwindling as cavalrymen who had no horse to ride had to leave their companies to find new mounts. Attempts by the army to make these men fight on foot as infantry usually failed; most cavalrymen would sooner desert than become infantrymen. *The dearth of horses and supplies for Confederate cavalrymen later in the war did not, whatsoever, take away the gallant exploits of great cavalry leaders like Nathan Bedford Forrest, J.E.B. Stuart and Joseph Wheeler. (Editor's comments.)*

The Union government also started the war asking volunteer regiments to supply their own horses as a way of saving money. Cavalry were the most expensive soldiers to equip, a single regiment might cost up to \$600,000. By July 1863 a new supply system had been imposed in the Union army. The War Department established the Cavalry Bureau to buy mounts for the cavalry. Within a year, 150,000 horses had been purchased and supplied through two depots, one in Washington, D.C. and one in St. Louis, Missouri.

Data in the preceding two articles is based on material in "The Civil War, Day by Day," Philip Katcher, Chartwell Books, 2010.

January Camp Meeting

Camp 302 Commander Jim Millsap, Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Adjutant Jim Stephens and Compatriot Ira Lack were all that gathered at Marie Callender's Restaurant Saturday morning, January 13, 2024, for what had been hoped to be a well-attended business/luncheon to start the new year off right. Where was everyone?

Commander Millsap called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Adjutant Stephens stated no change to camp roster and then went over Treasurer Adair's financial report as follows: As of November 16, 2023, the beginning balance in the camp's account was \$31,353.68. Annual donations consisted of: \$75.00 to Wreaths Across America and \$100.00 to: Friends of the Hunley. There were two US Bank Charges-Interest Paid @ \$0.13 each for a total of \$0.26. The camp's ending balance as of December 12, 2023 was: \$31,178.94. As part of the financial discussion during the treasurer's report, it was determined that a future discussion and vote on the continuance of an annual donation to Wreaths Across America will be needed in lieu of the fact that the camp is not getting the recognition we feel should be due. More research on this issue is required. Additionally, regarding WAA, for this year, 2024, the camp will plan to lay a wreath at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at the grave sites of former camp compatriots Commander David Rowlands(USN Ret) and Master Chief John Armstrong(USN Ret.) Also, Adjutant Stephens announced that he had received a very nice thank you letter from Lions, Tigers & Bears in Alpine for our \$100.00 donation last year. A copy of the letter will be on the following page of this report.

Attendees discussed the new camp calendar for 2024 with dates yet to be determined. They include an outing to Julien's cemetery to honor Confederate veteran Drew Bailey and, to possibly be combined with a meeting and luncheon in town. Also, a visit to Ramona to visit the burial place of a Confederate veteran at that location. A future, mid-summer outing to the USS Midway is under consideration.

The upcoming 2024 California Division Annual Reconfederation/Convention in Bakersfield was a big topic of discussion. We were informed by camp compatriot/Division Commander, Mike Climo, that SCV's Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers will be in attendance. As of the time of the meeting, Commander Millsap, Adjutant Stephens, Ira Lack and Mike Climo are on tap to attend. Commander Millsap will be sending out timely notification and ample info to all members who wish to sign-up for the reconfederation. Let's have a good Camp 302 turnout this year!

Additional topics during the meeting included plans to decide on what charitable organizations to submit donations later this year. They may be local or national such as St. Jude's, Red Cross, Shriners and Food Banks as examples. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions. Fellow member and Camp Chaplain Jim Coulsby's unexplained absence and not answering phone calls came up for discussion with Commander Millsap and Adjutant Stephens planning to visit him right after the meeting adjourned.

Subsequently, after visiting Jim's retirement home in El Cajon, it was learned that Jim had taken a bad fall in his assisted living apartment and admitted to the local hospital. His son Jan and his daughter-in-law Kathy are keeping Commander Millsap informed on Chaplain Coulsby's situation. He currently is in a rehab nursing facility under constant watch as he apparently cannot stand on his own. Jim's son plans to have him placed back in his retirement home under direct care. Commander Millsap will update the camp as new information is obtained. Keep in mind that Jim Coulsby is 90 and very fragile now. Our thoughts are with him.

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December 22, 2023

Mr. Jim Stephens
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Dear Mr. Stephens,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00, received on November 12, 2023. I am so grateful for your wonderful support.

Because of you, the rescued animals living at Lions Tigers & Bears are living with dignity and receiving the care they need and deserve. And they will, for however long their days may be.

We never know for sure when or where an animal will need us to come to their rescue, but we do know that Lions Tigers & Bears will be able to respond because of your generous support.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Lions Tigers & Bears relies on people like you to support our mission to provide a safe haven to abused and abandoned exotic animals while inspiring an educational forum to end the exotic animal trade.

For the most up-to-date information on Lions Tigers & Bears, please visit our website at www.lionstigersandbears.org, or give us a call at (619) 659-8078. We are always happy to hear from you, and we welcome your interest and support. Please also like us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on all the animals and their activities.

Thank you again for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Brink, Founder/Director
Lions Tigers & Bears

As mentioned on the previous page, this is the nice thank you letter received from Lions, Tigers & Bears for the donation the camp provided last year. Many of you will remember that this was one of the late Deanne Smith's favorite charities. Deanne, we were thinking of you when this was made.

After a very good lunch and wrapping up any final thoughts on what was discussed, the meeting adjourned. Remember, we will meet via ZOOM on March 2nd at 11:00 AM. Official invitations to join will be issued a week prior to that date. By all means, join us!

Division Executive Council Meeting

Members of the California D.E.C. and compatriots from around the division met via ZOOM on January 20, 2024, in front of their computers to discuss upcoming events for the new year. Headed by **Division Commander Mike Climo Camp 302 San Diego**, the following were also in attendance: **Division Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap Camp 302 San Diego**, **Division Adjutant/Treasurer Vern Padgett Camp 1208 Los Angeles**, **Division Chief-of-Staff Steve Smith Camp 302 San Diego**, **Division Color Sergeant Greg Frazier Camp 2048 Tehachapi**, **Division Quarter Master Tod Terry Camp 2048 Tehachapi**, **Jon Hussey & Steve Madden of Camp 1742, Inland Empire**, **Ted Boyias Camp 2062, Ventura**, **Roy Adair & Jim Stephens Camp 302, San Diego**, **Russ Person Camp 2048, Tehachapi**.

Adjutant Padgett started the meeting with the traditional Invocation followed by Greg Frazier leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the SCV motto. Steve Smith then began the Salute to the Confederate Flag. The meeting was underway.

Commander Climo presented the basic setup at the Bakersfield Reunion, March 8 – 11,th stating that due to hotel renovations at the various sections, the hospitality room normally used by the division will not be available and that one of the meeting rooms will serve the purpose for this gathering. Adjutant Padgett then said the hotel has been good enough not to request advance payment. Commander Climo also reemphasized that SCV C-I-C Boshers is definitely attending the reunion.

In his Treasurer's Report, Adjutant Padgett mentioned that as of this date, the California Division now has 212 paid members. He stated that two life members from Camp 1248 (awaiting Vern's reply) and have now been officially dropped. Speaking of life members, Vern stated that the division still has a few life members who feel that they do not have to pay camp and division dues. Somehow, this has to be rectified. Vern indicated that the division has a beginning bank balance of \$7,016.00 and a closing balance of \$6,372.00. He said that he is still awaiting the distribution of \$300.00 checks to the division brigade commanders. At this point, Commander Climo directed Treasurer Padgett to send Upper Brigade Commander Tad Smith in Sacramento his check for \$300.00 to cover his previous travel expenses. Vern emphasized at this juncture, as tax filing is nearing, that the IRS is not a friend of the SCV and that camps must file their 1099's on time in order to avoid penalties. Vern stated that Division Judge Advocate Robert Crook had left word that he would be more than happy to file these forms for the camps if they wished. It is noted here that Camp 302's Treasurer, Roy Adair, files the camp's 1099 annually on time. Vern advised that Santa Barbara Camp 1631, having only 1 member, is at present closed-down but will remain on the record. Commander Climo brought up the fact that headquarters is not pushing for an official closing of the camp. He also mentioned that Army of Trans-Mississippi Commander, J.C. Hanna, has recommended the dropping of three small camps which Steve Smith then came in with the comment of what would the division do with the loss of three camps? A suggestion was made to possibly place new members in small camps.

The late Lawrence Talbot and his book on California's participation in the War for Southern Independence was brought up and Adjutant Padgett mentioned that SCV Editor/Publisher Frank Powell is willing to publish the book as a non-profit project.

Division Historian Russ Person of Camp 1804 Fresno then spoke of using Fresno State to broadcast messages for the SCV, using a national media outlet for this purpose. Attendees voted in favor of funding this project. Short spots would be added to national broadcasts. More on this later.

Tod Terry told those present what he planned to talk about in his speech at the reunion and that it will deal with Confederate veterans who came out west after the war.

At this point, the D.E.C. meeting ended with Vern giving his Benediction to officially close out this first ZOOM for the year.

Greetings From the Commander



Hope everyone is keeping safe and dry with the winter rain season upon us. 2024 is moving by quickly and we're almost to March, which means it is time for the annual SCV Ca Division Convention/reunion at Bakersfield.

If you haven't attended a division convention, this is a great opportunity to meet up with SCV members from across 12 camps in the CA "Dixie West" Division and share our Southern Heritage! This year we are fortunate to have the SCV National Commander-in-Chief, Jason Boshers, in attendance at the convention.

So! Please mark your calendars for the Bakersfield Convention, March 8-10. Looking forward to seeing you there

As a reminder, our March camp meeting will be a ZOOM meeting on Saturday, March 2nd.

Look for an E-mail invite from our Adjutant Jim Stephens.

...Deo Vindice,

Jim Millsap, Father A.J. Ryan, Camp 302 Commander,