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***Sons of
Confederate
Veterans
Meet in Hot Springs,
Arkansas***

The 19th thru 22nd of July, 2023, the Sons of Confederate Veterans gathered for the 128th Annual National Reunion in Hot Springs at the Arlington Resort Hotel as seen here. The California Division had 8 members attending: Mike Climo, California Division Commander and member of Camp 302, San Diego, Jim Millsap, Division Lieutenant Commander and Commander of Camp 302, San Diego, Roy Adair, Camp 02, San Diego Treasurer, Tad Smith, Camp 1627, Sacramento and California Division Upper Brigade Commander, Jim Howard, Camp 2048 Tehachapi, Linn Malaznic, Camp 1440, San Jose, Preston Smith, Camp 1627, Sacramento and Vern Padgett, Camp 1208, Los Angeles and California Division Adjutant/Treasurer.

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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>
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<u>Sergeant-at-Arms</u>	<u>Steve Smith</u>
<u>Historian</u>	<u>Vacant</u>
<u>Newsletter Editor/Publisher</u>	<u>Jim Stephens</u>



The California delegation at Hot Springs. From L to R: Jim Millsap, Tad Smith, Vern Padgett, Mike Climo, Jim Howard, Roy Adair & Linn Malaznic.

During the opening ceremony on the 20th, the California Division Flag was carried in by Preston Smith of Sacramento Camp 1627. Jim Howard, representing Camp 2048, carried the Tehachapi camp flag with Tad Smith of the Sacramento Camp 1627 presenting their flag.

With the business session underway, important financial proposals were brought forth.

The 2023/2024 SCV operating budget was presented by Adam Southern—SCV Executive Director. The budget time frame runs from August 1, 2023, thru July 31, 2024. Of particular interest to all SCV members is that membership fees will remain the same at this time.



Along with the operating budget, and as all members are aware, the SCV has incurred considerable expense in financing the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. The museum's loan servicing amounts to around \$255,500 proposed for 2023. A good deal of discussions related to this and the budget, Commander-in-Chief Boshers raised the *fundraising challenge*. One such challenge came from Frank Powell – Editor-in-Chief of your Confederate Veteran Magazine. He suggested each SCV member donate \$50.00 per month for a year to help the museum mortgage. While this might seem a bit over the edge financially for most members, a

firestorm of pledges and donations started coming in during the business session. The Texas Division pledged \$19,000 to the museum. *At above left, Commander Millsap presents CIC Boshers a check for \$5000 from Camp 302 for the museum in memory of Jim Taylor, the camp's benefactor.*



During the reunion, CIC Boshers announced that the California Division was the only far-west division in the Army of Trans-Mississippi present. Arizona, Nevada and the Pacific Northwest Divisions did not attend. This is just another positive highlight of notoriety for us out here on the West Coast.

Commander Millsap is seen here reading the letter honoring Jim Taylor that accompanied Camp 302's \$5000 check. Army of Trans-Mississippi Executive Councilman Charles Lauret

looks on in the foreground. Commander Millsap has since sent Councilman Lauret a photo of Jim Taylor's Mt. Soledad plaque. During the business session, in conjunction with pledged donations, *pass-the-bucket* to the attendees went around the room and \$2,300.00 was collected at that time. California Division's Commander Climo presented CIC Boshers with a \$3000 IOU as the division checkbook was left behind. All-in-all, SCV members from around the confederation can be pleased for donations that will go toward the decreasing and eventual elimination of the debt in paying for our great Confederate Museum.

Scott Hall, Attorney & Judge Advocate-in-Chief of the SCV gave his litigation update—this mostly concerning the removal of Confederate monuments. Litigations in Georgia, Florida, Missouri, Arkansas, Maryland, Arlington, Virginia and SCV Headquarters were highlighted. Scott announced that a considerable amount of time over the past year was taken up in the licensing of the SCV trademark on reproduction and use on merchandise.

As business session #2 progressed, **Rick Little of Secession Camp 4 of Charleston, South Carolina, gave details for the 129th National Reunion that will take place in North Charleston, SC in 2024. The host hotel will be the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel and Convention Center. Registration Fee: \$90 to end of January 2024. Special room rates: \$149 + tax. Host Camp: Secession Camp 4, Charleston. Registration forms & updates on www.scv4.org/2024/. Several tours will be available, including Ft. Sumpter, H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum, St. Michael's Church, and Battery/White Point Garden. Michael Hurley, Texas Division Commander, gave an overview of the 130th National Reunion that will occur in Houston, Texas in 2025. The host hotel and convention will be at the Marriott @Hobby Airport. Special room rates: \$119 per night. Registration fee: \$75.**

Oakwood Restoration Committee presented an overview of the Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia. The committee is asking SCV divisions, camps and individuals to consider sponsoring an upright marker. These markers go for \$700 each and are engraved. The committee will install them free of charge. Contact point is Richard A. Moomaw, rmoomaw@shentel.net. For additional info on Oakwood Cemetery, please visit the following website: www.scvvirginia.org/oakwood-overview.

It was time for Chuck McMichael to present the 2023 Proposed Amendments to the SCV Constitution.

Proposed Amendment 1 – Creation of a new section in 3.1.4 of the constitution for *definition of Honorable Confederate*. Committee recommends a “no vote” which was accepted. CIC to appoint a committee to research the best way to address this issue...

Proposed Amendment 2 – Membership 3.1, eligibility. *Membership in the SCV is open to Biological male descendants* – lineal or collateral of those who served honorably and whose service terminated honorably in the armed services of the Confederate States of America. Committee recommends a “no vote” which was accepted.

Proposed Amendment 3 – Section 9.1.2, General Orders. **The CIC and LCIC shall be elected for a term of 2 years and may stand for reelection for no more than one consecutive 2-year term.** This was debated excessively and taken to a Yea/Nay vote but could not be decided. A ballot vote was taken the following day. It did not pass. Section 9.1.2 will remain as is.

Business session # 3 commenced on Saturday the 22nd. The attendees had a presentation on the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park (Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.) The Stonewall Brigade, Camp 1296 in Virginia is building a monument park located in Rockbridge County, Virginia. The camp has acquired land and is flying a large battle flag that can be seen from Interstate I-81. The park is not currently open to the public and is under development. For details, see website www.leejacksonpark.com.

An overview of the Guardian Graves program was presented, and it was announced that its expansion is across all SCV divisions.

As a note of interest, the Texas Division had the most members present at the reunion. Commander Millsap estimated that about 30% of the attendees present were members of that division.

Thanks goes to Commander Millsap for providing excellent notes on the happenings at the National Reunion this year at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Also, to he and Roy Adair for providing the photographs.

California Division Meeting

Division Commander Climo called the division together for a quick ZOOM meeting on July 8, 2023. The discussions centered around the latest news of the various camps around the state but also served as a pre-National Reunion discussion prior to the SCV gathering at Hot Springs, Arkansas on July 19th thru the 22nd, (See Page One.)

Attending members: Division Commander Mike Climo, Division Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap, Division Adjutant/Treasurer Vern Padgett, Compatriots Steve Madden, Russ Person, Robert Crook(Division Judge Advocate,) Tod Terry, Roy Adair, Kevin Street, Ted Boyias, Steve Bogart, Greg Frazier, Jon Hussey, Steve Smith, Tad Smith, Ira Lack and Jim Stephens – All representing Camps 302, San Diego, 2048, Tehachapi, 1208, Los Angeles, 1627, Sacramento, 1804, Fresno, 2062 Ventura and 1742, Inland Empire. The editor apologizes for anyone not mentioned.

Steve Madden opened the gathering with the Invocation. Treasurer Padgett presented his report of the division's treasury with a current balance of \$7,691. A portion of the discussion centered around profits gained by the sale of Ted Boyias' new book, *California Knights of the Golden Circle*, that many camps in the division have purchased. Camp 302 has obtained ten copies that will be made available to its members at the next camp meeting.

Russ Person mentioned his son winning a scholarship with the help of the UDC and of his continuing efforts to approach schools in his area to spread the word about Confederate history. Greg Frazier spoke of his camp's newest member, Jim Howard. Brief comments were also made regarding the upcoming UDC Convention and Wreaths Across America in December. Tod Terry of the Tehachapi camp announced that the division's storage unit at Bakersfield is paid through March of 2024. Judge Advocate Robert Crook discussed the need for the division to move on obtaining a \$1,000,000.00 insurance policy. Commander Climo had proposed this measure and Jim Millsap seconded for a vote. The vote for the policy was approved with the division absorbing the initial cost of the policy. The amount of financing may require in the future, donations from each camp, which has not been decided upon at this time. Commander Climo then went over the division donations from different camps in the division to the Confederate Museum at Elm springs, which will amount to \$10,000. Camp 302 will be donating \$5,000 of that sum.

ZOOM attendees were advised that the 2024 Division Reunion in Bakersfield is planned for March 8-10, 2024. It is still open that the ladies of the UDC may schedule for the same time at the Four Points Sheraton.

We talked briefly about Steve Browning of the Tehachapi camp moving to Ohio and joining another camp at that location. With his departure, Robert Crook of the Los Angeles camp was nominated as Commander for the Lower South Brigade.

The question was posed by Jim Millsap as to who will take over as commander of the San Jose camp now that David Pyle has moved to Idaho.

Finally, before closing the meeting, it was announced that 10 men from the California Division will be attending the National coming up soon. Chaplain Greg Frazier of Tehachapi then officially closed the meeting with the traditional Benediction.

The Hunley Report

Fellow members of *The Friends of the Hunley*, something new and exciting is always happening with the research that is ongoing with the H.L. Hunley in Charleston. Tidbits of informative research continually shed light on this submarine and its crew and allows researchers to add just another piece—*however small*—to the puzzle surrounding this historic vessel and its crew, connecting us, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other Civil War aficionados to the Confederate naval operations. There is now evidence that one of the crew members may have been misidentified. We'll talk about that shortly. Also, another interesting article in the current issue of *The Blue Light*, the official publication of The Friends of the Hunley, answers the long-asked question: is the submarine called the H. L. Hunley or the CSS Hunley? Most of us already know the answer but, here's a simple explanation: It is a known fact that the Hunley was never officially accepted by the Confederate Navy.



Built in Mobile, Alabama by a group of investors led by Horace Lawson Hunley, it was intended to be a privateer to harass and destroy Union warships off the coast in return for a bounty offered by the Confederate Government. The Confederacy, strangled more and more by the ever-tightening blockade, was willing to pay anyone who could sink Union ships.

Following its development and construction, and successful demonstration in Mobile Bay, Hunley had the submarine shipped to Charleston via rail. General Beauregard liked the idea of this *Torpedo Boat*, as it was sometimes called, requesting the services Horace Hunley offered with his boat.

However, Beauregard grew impatient with the reluctance of the crew to take the boat and attack the Union fleet. Therefore, he assumed control of the Hunley and manned it with Confederate Navy men from various ships then in Charleston Harbor. He would soon learn why there was hesitation. The sub sank at the dock with this untrained crew, resulting in the deaths of five men. Beauregard declared the submarine a failure and turned it back over to Horace Hunley.

Hunley raised and trained his own crew but fared no better. On a training mission in October of 1863, the sub sank, killing Hunley and seven crewmen.

Seeing the disastrous efforts to get this radical new boat operational, the Confederate Government never bought or commissioned the submarine. The Hunley would forever remain a private vessel.

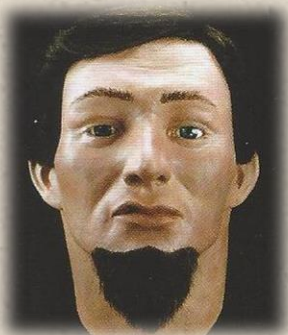
Out of desperation, Lieutenant George Dixon, who had been with the Hunley from the beginning, finally convinced Beauregard to grant the Hunley one more chance to prove its worth. With his volunteer crew of mostly Confederate Navy men, Dixon would take these men and the Hunley and place them on the pages of Naval history with the sinking of a Union blockade ship. The Hunley may not have been a commissioned Confederate Navy warship, but to us it means everything when we think of Confederate military and naval operations.

So, the proper name of this world-famous submarine is the **H.L. Hunley**.



There have been great strides in identifying the H.L. Hunley's crew. Researchers have obtained vital records and letters that have helped immensely in pinpointing the timeframe and whereabouts these men would have been at the time of the Hunley's sailing on that fateful mission. DNA has identified one crew member through a living descendant. Some artifacts found among the remains, particularly that of Lieutenant Dixon's, proved beyond a doubt their identity. Scattered documents, diaries and military records also added to the material needed to recognize the eight crewmembers. However, researchers have now come to the conclusion that Frank Collins, seen above 5th from left at crank station #3, actually survived the war. Why?

Some contemporary letters mention a Frank Collins being aboard the Hunley during its fateful mission. However, Collins was a common name during that period, making it harder to properly identify. Researchers found documents showing a Frank Collins, born in Fredericksburg, Virginia having the same build and age range as determined from the remains found. Recently, records were found that a Frank Collins having these same stats and birthplace survived the war and lived for many years afterward in a veterans home in Washington, D.C.



The facial recognition at left is that of Cincinnatus Lumpkin, originally identified only as C. Lumpkin who was thought to be sitting next to Collins at crank station #2. Now, researchers feel that it is Lumpkin's remains that were found at crank station #3.

Several years ago, a Hunley follower contacted the project and inquired if a Cincinnatus Lumpkin was the same person as the C. Lumpkin they had listed as a crew member. Confederate Navy records show him as being a quarter gunner. He was originally ruled out because his age range and birthplace did not match the remains thought to be C. Lumpkin. New information now shows that the remains found at Collins station could not have been his based on what is known of the Frank Collins who survived the war. Based on Cincinnatus Lumpkin's age of 23 to 26 years and born in 1841 and being 6-feet in height as was C. Lumpkin... Could this be him?

Cincinnatus enlisted in the King and Queen Artillery, Virginia Volunteers. He was transferred to the Confederate Navy in September 1861 and assigned to a Naval battery. Little is known of his whereabouts until July of 1863 when the Army and Naval units fell back from Gloucester Point, Virginia to the Richmond area. Lumpkin then made his way to Charleston during this timeframe to meet his fate on the Hunley.

A payroll document showing the records of men assigned to Dewry's Bluff Naval unit was found in 2021 showing a Quarter Gunner "Cinc. Lumpkin" receiving pay in 1863, and further tying him to the Hunley was a block on his pay record stating: "Charleston Transf Roll," indicating he was sent to Charleston where he served onboard the receiving ship *Indian Chief* as a quarter gunner. His pay record there was identical to that of his Virginia pay record. Plus, research gleaned from the study of the remains found at crank station #3 match the six-foot-tall Lumpkin along with his birthdate and isotopic signatures of diet and other environmental factors.

A lot is still being learned in hopes of finally identifying all eight crew members of the H.L. Hunley that brought them together on that fateful night in 1864.

The preceding article is adapted from the Blue Light, the official newsletter of the Friends of the Hunley, Volume 60, Summer 2023. Camp members can see and read the complete story from the newsletter that will be available at the next camp meeting.

Camp 302 Meeting

July 8, 2023

Several camp members gathered at their computers and cell phones Saturday morning, the 8th of July, via ZOOM, for a brief pre-SCV National Reunion meeting to go over events the camp will participate in during the remaining months of 2023. Also discussed was the upcoming national reunion to be held at Hot Springs, Arkansas (*See cover story starting on Page One*).

Participating members included the following: **Commander Jim Millsap, Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Adjutant Jim Stephens, Treasurer Roy Adair who had to sign off early to prepare for the road trip to Arkansas, Compatriots Ira Lack, Mike Climo and Steve Smith. We were pleased to have as guests on the airways, Jon Hussey of the Inland Empire camp and our good friend Jane Zoch of the UDC.**

Treasurer Adair read out the treasurer's report showing a beginning balance of \$37,791.13 on May 13, 2023. Financial transactions during the reporting period included inputs of annual membership dues payments. Once again, thanks go to Compatriots John Klinedinst and Charles Hill for substantial donations to the camp treasury. The camp in turn donated \$150.00 to the Village Garden Club of La Jolla in the memory of the UDC's Donna Derrick.

Ten books by Ted Boyias, Ph.D, Commander, CSS Virginia Camp 2062, Ventura County, titled *California Knights of the Golden Circle* were purchased for the camp for \$140.00 and will be available at the upcoming camp meeting. Adjutant Stephens was reimbursed \$75.00 for the Jefferson Davis Birthday dessert everyone enjoyed at the previous meeting. The ending account balance for the camp as of July 05, 2023 is \$39,007.85. Camp members are once again reminded that a complete Treasurer's Report is available upon request.

Commander Millsap reviewed the camp schedule, including the next in-person gathering on September 9th at Marie Callendar's in La Mesa. The Gator Beach BBQ at Cabana #6, occurring on the 19th of August was discussed. As in past years, it will go from 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

The pros and cons of the long drive to the South Bay Rod & Gun Club in Dulzura for this year's annual Musket shoot on October 9th was banded about. Cdr. Millsap announced that based on a low turn-out the previous year, he will require an RSVP for attendance, which will be a minimum of 8 shooters (at \$20.00 each) for the camp to break even financially after paying the range. The difficulty of finding an alternate range that is more accessible to those desiring to shoot is still plaguing the camp.

Jane Zoch stated that she will look into events related to the Civil War that camp members and ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy can participate in.

Adjutant Stephens said that he would contact the Veterans Memorial Museum at Balboa Park, which he later did. He found out that military events still occur there, but the Marine Corps League is no longer involved, and color guard activities that the camp was once participating in no longer occur. Jack Harkins, now head of the museum, indicated to Stephens that he may, sometime in the future, reinstitute color guard ceremonies.

The ZOOM meeting concluded at this time.

Gator Beach BBQ

It was that time of year, August 19, 2023, for Camp 302 members and guests to gather at one of our favorite recreation spots in the San Diego area for the annual BBQ: Coronado's Gator Beach on the Navy's Amphibious Base. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and great snacks, along with bringing each other up on the latest happenings since we last met, made for a great



gathering. The morning started out overcast and foggy, but as the day wore on, things brightened up, making it a perfect time for the event. An impending storm moving up from Mexico due to hit the San Diego area the following day required a few of those scheduled to

attend to remain at home and, to borrow a naval term, *batten down the hatches*. Pictured Right to Left: Ira Lack, Steve Smith with Patti Vejar, Jim Stephens, Jim Millsap, Jane Zoch, Jeff Hall of the SUVCW, Roy Adair, Brian Adair, Robyn Adair, Charmaine Malone, Jeff Malone and Jon Hussey of the Inland Empire Camp 1742. Thanks to Robert Zoch for taking the photograph. We missed Gary Faulk and George Faircloth of Camp 302, along with Bonnie Hall, Jerry and Kim Sayre of the SUVCW, who could not be present.

We must, of course, be grateful to Jim Millsap who, as in years past, stood by the grill throughout the gathering preparing the hamburgers and hot dogs to perfection as we hungrily held out our buns to receive the end product.

We can look forward to next year as we will again meet at Gator Beach.

Greetings from the Commander



I hope everyone stayed dry from the tropical storm Hilary that landed Sunday, August 20th. Despite all of the warnings with this storm approaching San Diego, we managed to have a successful Gator Beach BBQ at the Coronado Amphibious Base, August 19th. Everyone who attended had a great time and, as usual, there were plenty of leftovers!

Our next big annual event is the black powder shoot at the South Bay Rod & Gun Club near Dulzura on Saturday, October 7th. We have Range #2 reserved for the event and the fee is only \$20.00 per shooter. So, look for a future E-mail reminder on the musket shoot. We need to have an RSVP for all attendees for this event as we need 8 minimum shooters in order to pay the range fee. RSVP is due by the next camp meeting on September 9th.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming meeting on September 9th at Marie Callender's in La Mesa.

Your Vigilant Commander,

Jim Millsap