



# The Conquered Banner

*Newsletter of the*

*Father A. J. Ryan San Diego Camp 302*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans*



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## ***A Letter to the Editor***

Fellow compatriots, have there been times when you've been researching or reading something in a book, newspaper or magazine and the subject matter (or the way in which it was presented) made you want to stop right then and there and write the publisher a congratulatory letter praising the writer? There may have also been times, however, when you became so incensed at the contents of an article and the way it was written that you had to express your distaste in hopes that the publisher might take action or, at the least, have the courtesy to advise you of, and publish, the reasons behind his or her wording. This brings me to the point of writing the letter that you see below.

I have asked several of you in the past, as well as others interested in the Civil War, if they do or have ever subscribed to the *Civil War Times* magazine. Many have said *no* or have since ceased taking the publication.

### ***Where is Civil War Times Heading?***

Sir:

*I am a longtime reader and subscriber of Civil War Times (I have a collection going back to April 1962), and while I'm not in the least a learned scholar on this momentous period in our history, I am deeply interested and constantly looking for new material regarding all aspects of the Civil War...or, as we southerners call it, the War Between the States. As are many of your readers, I'm old enough to remember our grandfathers telling us youngsters what their fathers did during the war. And of course, we southerners are just as proud of our Confederate ancestors as those who had ancestors fighting for the Union Cause.*

*In its early years and until just a few years ago, in my perception, your magazine published excellent articles that dealt fairly with both sides of the conflict. CWT presented fair and balanced profiles on men and women (politicians, business folks, military men, etc.) from both the North and the South. As an example, the June 1962 issue had an article on Varina Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis, titled "Queen Varina," highlighting her life as First Lady of the Confederacy. In those days, articles talked of battles, military weapons, transportation, hospitals...it featured great human-interest stories from throughout the period. It was strictly about the war and the lives of Americans, with no reference to political and societal implication as they relate to the present. It seems as if your editorial philosophy is suffering from a bad case of presentism. Your writers are trying to relate the mores and morals of a period in our history that is long past to our way of thinking today. You cannot do it. What was then is gone.*

*When writing about a Confederate military man, politician, or general citizen, would not your writers be more objective by just saying what a son, a daughter or wife of that person did or accomplished during that period? On the cover of your recent issue dated April 2019, you have the likeness of Edmund Ruffin with the caption "Secessionist Edmund Ruffin bet his life on a slaveholding republic." I say, was it necessary to use the verbiage "slaveholding republic"? We all know that his convictions and dedication to the South—and the loss of family members to the war—drove him to end his life by suicide.*

*Dear editors, your readers are reasonably educated people. We read CWT because we study and are very interested in all aspects of this period of American history. We're well aware of the causes and events that led up to the Civil War, how and when it ended and that we became a greater country in its aftermath. But we do desire to know what occurred then and not as it relates to today. Your magazine is a well-respected and influential periodical. Along with the negative and one-sided articles within the covers of your magazine dealing with the Confederacy and, the fact that your editorial staff has done nothing—absolutely nothing—to condemn the wanton destruction of Civil War monuments throughout the country (particularly the South) surprises me to no end. We of the Civil War community cherish our past. To save these monuments and plaques that are a link to this part of our history should be a priority of CWT. Let's see this great magazine get back into Civil War history at its best and not act as a springboard for political correctness that is leading to the decay of factual history.*

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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.

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### 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

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### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Consideration of space may require editing.

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### Meetings

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

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### Correspondence

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

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### Dues

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

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### Camp officers

<u>Commander</u>	<u>Jim Millsap</u>
<u>Lieutenant Commander</u>	<u>George Faircloth</u>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

### Minutes from the January 12, 2019 Meeting

Camp 302 convened at Mimi's Café in Mira Mesa Saturday morning for brunch and business that entailed holding the camp's bi-annual elections and discussing several key issues. In attendance were the following: Jim Stephens, Roy Adair, George Faircloth, Jim Coulsby, Ira Lack, Mike Schooling, Jim Millsap, Bob Johnson and Wes Scarbrough. Cdr. Stephens called the camp to order at approximately 10:15. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Confederate Flag was recited, followed by the Invocation given by Chaplain Coulsby. Adjutant Adair then gave the Treasurer's Report, noting camp donations and expenses that came to \$332.32. He stated that the current balance in the camp treasury was \$43,190.40. As always, a complete report is available to any member upon request.

**Old Business:** Cdr. Stephens reminded everyone once again that Camp 302 Challenge coins are still available and mentioned the H.K. Edgerton Travel Fund that the camp had donated to.

**New Business:** Cdr. Stephens advised the attendees that he had contacted the six San Diego area high schools about the 2019 Hunley Awards and asked last year's presenters if they would be willing to do the same thing this year. They responded in the affirmative. The commander told those present that the Hunley Award lapel pin will be given to all the past and present presenters after the upcoming Division Convention. He told those present that he and Jim Millsap will be attending the Division meeting at Robert Williams' home on January 20<sup>th</sup> to go over business and details regarding the Convention occurring on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Following this, Commander Stephens called for a motion and vote to extend the one-time donation of \$100 to the "Friends of the Hunley" Foundation to an annual donation for the same amount. The motion carried and all present voted yes. The Gillis Flag and Camp 302 ink pens were handed out to those who had not received them as of yet. Five flags and pens were mailed to the camp's out-of-town members. Cdr. Stephens proposed a change to Article IV of the camp by-laws membership rule that would add "*Regardless of race or creed*" to the statement: Open to any male person...A complete explanation of this proposal will be sent to all members for review, suggestions and approval. Adjutant Adair then announced his proposal for a large camp donation to the SCV owned boyhood home of Nathan Bedford Forrest home in Tennessee. After a discussion, a motion was carried to donate \$1000, which passed during the vote. The Bi-Annual camp elections came next with Jim Millsap being elected as the new commander. George Faircloth moved up to Lcdr. and Jim Coulsby was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lcdr. Former commander Jim Stephens was elected as the new Adjutant and Roy Adair elected as Camp Treasurer.

**NOTE: See article on the camp meeting for in-depth descriptions of the above actions.** Commander Stephens advised the attendees of the pre-convention meeting to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March and the upcoming color guard duty at the VMC on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Coulsby then recited the Benediction and the meeting was closed.

The next scheduled VMC Color Guard will be on April 27, 2019.

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There have been many periodicals over the years dedicated to presenting the Civil War in print, perhaps at times telling much the same story with a different slant and viewpoint depending on the writer. The hope is that the authors of these periodicals will stay on track in talking about the war and related matters. Three magazines that come to mind are *The Civil War Times*, *Blue & Gray*, and *Confederate Veteran*. *Blue & Gray* (founded by David Roth and his wife Robin in the early 1980s) was, in my opinion, one of the best, with writers on staff who delved into military campaigns and battles—showing both sides of the fighting in total fairness. Roth had to cease publication a few years ago due to a drastic drop in sales, which was certainly a sad blow to those who loved reading and researching serious and honest Civil War literature. We in the SCV have our own great magazine, *The Confederate Veteran*, which delivers a fair and forthright format on the War Between the States and all matters related to us.

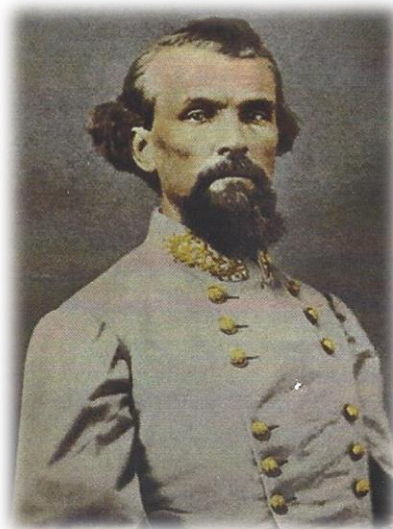
It is perfectly alright that these and other publications, particularly today when we have a host of web-based writings that talk about memorials, go over battlefields and show statues and monuments standing today as they represent the characters and actions of the period without any need to stray into the social bias and political correctness as it relates to our time period.

Fellow compatriots, you now have it. There is a most definite need to comment on the way Civil War history is portrayed to the reading public both in a positive and negative light. And those writers putting forth their literary product must be held accountable for this whenever possible. Maybe—just maybe—a little criticism or praise can go a long way.

**Jim Stephens**

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## Nathan Bedford Forrest's Boyhood Home



Compatriot Roy Adair and family paid a memorable visit in November of 2018 to the boyhood home of General Forrest at Chapel Hill, Tennessee. As he said, it was great to see this well-restored house that sits on part of the 2,000-acre Revolutionary War land grant that was given to Robert Weakly in 1788. The General's great-grandfather, Shadrach Forrest, purchased 300 acres and later, Forrest's grandfather purchased another 150 acres, all of which was part of the original grant. William Forrest, the General's father, built a two-story log house on 180 acres bought from William Mayfield that great-grandfather Shadrach had sold him. Farming efforts did not pan out and William eventually sold the property in 1833 and moved to Mississippi, acquiring newly opened land. The home was added onto and was continuously occupied until 1960.

The state of Tennessee purchased the property in 1978, making it part of Henry Horton State Park. The state set to work to restore the home, de-modernizing the house, working to bring it back to its original looks. However, in the 1980s, the project was abandoned and over the next

several years it lay idle with vandals destroying much of what was accomplished during the original restoration project. A neighbor across the road, Powell Ogilvie, tried to protect and repair what damage he could during this time. The Sons of Confederate Veterans acquired the property and title was transferred to them in 1997. Restoration was started up again and has progressed to what you now see at right. Fortunately, as Roy has indicated, the house and property is off the beaten path, which keeps it, to some extent, out of the public eye that will keep this historic home as it now is for future generations to visit and admire. So impressed from this visit, Roy recommended that the camp submit a sizable donation to General Forrest's boyhood home to further the restoration efforts.



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## *CAMP 302's JANUARY MEETING*

Compatriots of Camp 302 once again gathered at Mimi's Café in Mira Mesa on January 12<sup>th</sup> for a brunch/business meeting as well as to conduct the camp's bi-annual elections that occur in January of every odd year. Commander Jim Stephens opened the meeting, which was to be his last as Camp 302 Commander after 6 years in that position. As seen in the minutes of the meeting on Page 2, several issues were discussed along with two important votes that were carried with a majority of approval from the attendees: (1) After Adjutant Roy Adair and family visited the boyhood home of General Nathan Bedford Forrest in Tennessee and observed what was being done to preserve the home and property, he proposed to the camp that \$1000 be donated to this very worthy project. A motion was made and carried and a resounding *yea* vote ensued. (2) In 2017, Camp 302 donated \$100 to *The Friends of the Hunley* foundation in South Carolina. Commander Stephens proposed that this contribution be made an annual event due to the very critical preservation that is being carried on with the Submarine Hunley as it is the very symbol of our Confederate Navy and the mission the brave crewmen carried out for the Confederacy. The motion carried and a vote of approval took place.

Among other matters discussed was the Division meeting coming up (see page six) and the Division Convention occurring March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Adjutant Adair went over the 2019 camp calendar with necessary changes, particularly as they related to the VMC Color Guard. Aside from distributing the Gillis Flag to those members who had not received one and the new Camp 302 ink pens, Commander Stephens laid before the members the proposed changes to the Camp Bylaws and the Standing Rules. The change to Article IV of the Bylaws was overwhelmingly approved via electronic vote to state in part, *Membership in the camp shall be open by invitation to any male person regardless of Race, Religion, Creed or National Origin eligible for membership...* See complete wording in the camp bylaws on the camp website. The change to the Standing Rules that will call for purchase of the Past-Commander Medal by the camp for the out-going commander will be voted on at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

The camp election then took place with the results as follows: **Jim Millsap was voted in as the new Camp Commander to succeed outgoing camp commander Jim Stephens. George Faircloth was elected as Lieutenant Commander with Jim Coulsby taking the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander. Jim Stephens was voted in as the new Camp Adjutant with Roy Adair continuing on as Camp Treasurer. In the hierarchy of camp officers, Roy Adair is now in the new position as Camp Webmaster; he has done an outstanding job maintaining the camp website.**

In the photo above, newly elected Camp Commander Jim Millsap accepts the Camp 302 Charter and the Camp Commander's medal that will remain in his possession during his term as commander. From L to R: Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Adjutant Jim Stephens, Commander Jim Millsap, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Commander Jim Coulsby and Treasurer/Webmaster Roy Adair.

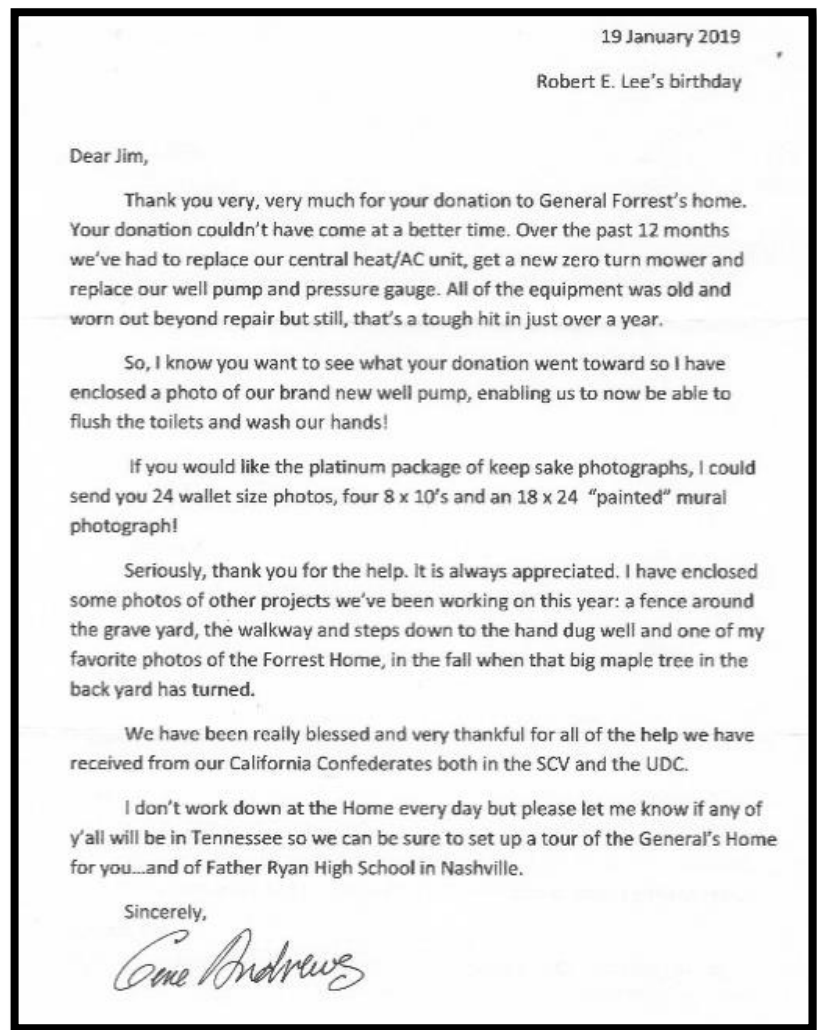


Camp members cheerfully await their brunch orders prior to the business meeting starting. From L to R: Jim Coulsby, Jim Millsap, Bob Johnson, Jim Stephens, Mike Schooling, Ira Lack, George Faircloth, Wes Scarbrough. Roy Adair not shown.

The camp will gather at the El Rancharo Restaurant in Vista on March 2, 2019 to conduct a pre-convention/re-confederation meeting that will take place on the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.

(Forrest's Boyhood Home continued from page three)

This will allow the restoration committee to maintain the home and property for years to come. To the right is the thank you letter from Mr. Gene Andrews of Nashville, Tennessee for the afore-mentioned donation. Below are additional photos of the home interior and examples of period artifacts as photographed by Roy during his visit. (Note the McClellan Saddle pictured here.)



The following photos, sent by Mr. Andrews, show the new well pump and pressure gage and new fencing around the graveyard that he was able to purchase and install with the help of our donation.



Thanks goes out to Roy Adair for bringing to the camp's attention this very valuable and irreplaceable historic site that links us to the early days of General Nathan Bedford Forrest and the absolute need to preserve and keep this home for all those of us now and future generations who cherish our Southern heritage.



## *California Division Meetings (January 20<sup>th</sup> & February 10<sup>th</sup>)*

Two important division meetings were conducted in the beginning of the year, primarily to go over the mechanics and budgetary considerations for the division convention/re-confederation that looms ahead on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> of 2019 in Bakersfield, California. Aside from the division convention arrangements, several other matters of priority were aired for consideration at these gatherings.



Division members met at Brigade Commander Robert Williams' home in Mission Viejo on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The attendees are shown at left: L to R: Mike Climo – Division Webmaster, Jon Fowler – Division Lt. Commander, Kevin Street – Division Social Media/Flagger, Greg Frazier – Division Color Sgt, Robert Crook – Division Staff Judge Advocate as well as Division media POC, Robert Williams – Brigade Commander, Ryan Williams – Division Quartermaster, Greg Beckman – Camp 1770, Steve Smith – Division Commander Jim Stephens – Adjutant, Camp 302, Steve Steinberg – Division Genealogist, Hal Cardwell – Camp 1742, Jim Millsap – Commander Camp 302, Dr. Vern Padgett – Division Adjutant. David Pyle – Division Chaplain was present via video. And of course, we mustn't forget Otis as he's very much part of the group.

Once again, the division convention registration fee of \$110 was noted, as well as who is to be expected as visiting VIPs: CIC Paul Gramling and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Linda Gramling, ATM Commander Darrel Maples, ATM COS J.C. Hanna, Charles Lauret & George Gremillion. Kyle

Smith, wife of our late division compatriot, Barron Smith will be in attendance. Presently, Kevin Street is handling the division budget to pay for the visit of H.K. Edgerton who will be guest speaker.

It was announced that the old California Division flag will be presented to the CIC for inclusion at the new Confederate Museum when it opens. New division and brigade flags are being obtained. Convention/re-confederation duties were reemphasized. Camp 302, as in the past two years, will coordinate the Silent Auction. Each camp was again asked to contribute \$20 for the Hospitality Suite that everyone gathers in throughout the convention. Your camp, of course, will be donating this amount for our part. Also, those present were reminded of the upcoming division elections: Division Commander and Lieutenant Commander are in the running. All in attendance were reminded of the death of former Division Commander Barron Smith who passed away in December of 2018. More on that later. During the meeting, everyone was advised that the Santa Ana Cemetery Monument that Orange County Camp 1770 had been fighting for so long to keep would probably be coming down. This is because all concerned refuse to remove C.S.A. from the monument, even though it was agreed that the names of Confederate officers would be removed. The intransigence of these city officials mirrors so much of what we in the SCV must contend with on a regular basis.

Toward the end of the meeting and upon compatriot Greg Frazier's recommendation, the attending members agreed to meet next at Domingo's Restaurant in Boron on February 10<sup>th</sup> for what would be a very interesting location to gather.



Boron, California, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Boron, located in the high desert just off Highway 58 on 20 Mule Team Road, sits several miles west of Kramer Junction where Highways 395 and 58 intersect. Next to Boron is the enormous cavity in the earth where Borax has been mined for years. One can stand anywhere along the main road of this old town and literally see from one end to the other. The uniqueness of Boron is that it is very close to Edwards Air Force Base where NASA personnel and flight crews work and where space shuttle and International Space Station astronauts gather and train. It is here that we all came together at Domingo's. As can be seen in the photo at left, the restaurant is a quaint but neat little Mexican establishment located about midway thru town. Note the Gillis Flag proudly flying in front. It was a pleasure meeting Domingo, the very friendly and interesting owner who welcomed us, and he and his waiters served our every need while we were present.

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The food was outstanding and the ambiance—with photos of shuttle and space station crews, aircraft models, and the overall Mexican flavor—added to one's astonishment. Domingo proudly showed all of us the small American Flag and the photograph of it taken by space station crew members as it floated weightless next to the window with the Earth in the background. Domingo's popularity with the Air Force and NASA cannot be overstated. He had signed photos of crews from various space missions and other mementos presented to him over the years. As a favorite watering hole for Edwards Air Force Base personnel, they can keep Domingo's busy. His restaurant would not be the first popular hangout military folks in the area would frequent.



Prior to 1953, illustrious, if not reputable, Florence "Pancho" Barnes owned and operated the Happy Bottom Riding Club nearby that saw the likes of Jimmy Doolittle, Chuck Yeager, Buzz Aldrin, Bob Hoover and other famous Air Force aviators stop by for drinks, food and entertainment. As told to me by good friend Commander Glenn Tierney (USN Ret.), who flew out of NAF China Lake and Edwards AFB around that time, "Pancho," while not a particularly attractive woman and given to strong language, was an accomplished aviatrix. She was so friendly and well liked that the Officers Mess at Edwards AFB was named after her. The Happy Bottom Riding Club, amid some controversy, mysteriously burned down in 1953 and "Pancho" Barnes died in Boron in March of 1975. While not as notorious as the Happy Bottom Riding Club, Domingo's is the place to be today. The commanding officer of Edwards AFB comes to Domingo's almost every day. Of course, we did not see him while we were there that Sunday. Division compatriots in attendance, seen here, enjoy their chips and salsa, and some even had Domingo's special Margaritas to supply adequate lubrication for the meeting.

Procedures and many final details for the Division Convention/Re-Confederation were laid out to the attendees and guests that include the traditional "Last Roll Call" to be conducted during the Memorial Ceremony at Union Cemetery on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the close of the convention. There is a possibility the ladies of the local UDC chapter will not be present at the cemetery this year. Details on this to follow. A very important detail that all present were pleased to hear was that H.K. Edgerton is in fact flying out to California to be the division's guest speaker. That was good news as it dispelled the rumor that he had declined to attend. Kevin Street will meet him at LAX and drive him up to Bakersfield. Final preparations for the division's 2019 Convention/Re-Confederation, coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at Bakersfield are falling into place and this year should be another fantastic get-together for our fellow California Compatriots.





## The Passing of Gene Armistead

There is nothing more disheartening than when the time comes to report on the death of an associate or acquaintance that has touched the lives of those around him. This is the case with Gene Armistead. Gene passed away Friday evening, February 15, 2019 after suffering a massive stroke earlier in the week.



For those of us in Camp 302, his name carries an indelible mark on the camp's history and establishment, which made the camp a viable entity in 1993. His signature is permanently affixed to Camp 302's official charter. **In the adjacent photo, Gene, far right, holds the official Camp 302 Charter awarded in April 1993.** Gene was an inveterate researcher and writer of Civil War and Western related history. As such, he served at times as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander and up until 1995, newsletter editor, but mostly as camp historian during his tenure with Camp 302. Gene's main achievement, of course, was acting as the driving force in putting the camp together in 1993; he was responsible for naming the camp after Father A.J. Ryan, the poet/priest of the Confederacy. Gene's research into the names of SCV camps showed that no camp was named after volunteer chaplain Father Ryan or any Confederate chaplain. In 2013, he authored *Horses and Mules in the Civil War: A Complete History with a Roster of More Than 700 War Horses*. Then in 2018, his book *An Arch Rebel Like Myself – Dan Showalter and the Civil War in California and Texas*, co-written with Robert D. Arconti, was published. Camp 302 is honored to have an autographed copy of this book that is a permanent addition to the camp library. In 1998, he compiled and copyrighted a short history of Camp 302, *The First Five Years (April 1993-April 1998)*.

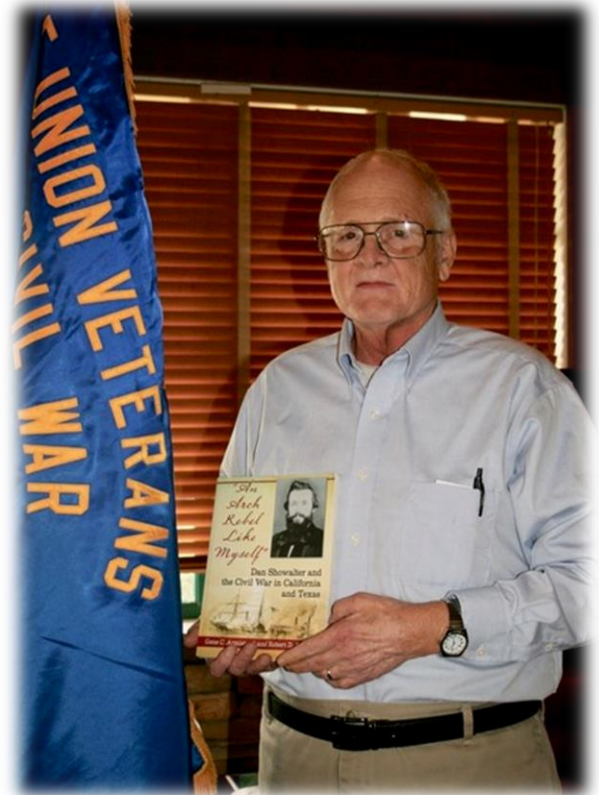
Gene, a longtime resident of Escondido, was a Marine Corps officer and a Vietnam veteran. **Shown at left, Gene addresses members of Camp 302 during the September 8, 2018 camp meeting, talking about his new book on Dan Showalter.** It was always a pleasure to have Gene visit his old camp.

However, Gene Armistead did not stop with his organizing after Camp 302 formed up. Gene, like many SCV California compatriots, was also a descendant of a Union veteran. While still active in Camp 302, Gene found time in October of 1995 to become a founder of the William Pittenger Camp 21, SUVCW. Later, he became their Department Commander from 1998 to 1999, which is on

par with the SCV's Division Commander. Gene was also a longtime member of the San Diego Civil War Round Table. **At right, Gene shows off his new book to his fellow SUV members at a recent Camp 21 meeting.**

While Gene identified himself with both his Confederate and Union ancestors and played an important role as Civil War Historian equally for both, his participation in Camp 302 activities waned in the late 1990s through the early 2000s. For personal reasons, Gene dropped out of Camp 302 around 2003. From then to now, Gene would continue as member of the William Pittenger Camp 21 and sit in on the Civil War Round Table. As Commander of Camp 302 and editor/publisher of *The Conquered Banner*, I called on Gene frequently to provide me with much needed information on former members and camp history. He was always willing to help. Gene was gracious enough to attend an occasional camp meeting as guest speaker and to talk to us of old times. Although no longer a member of Camp 302 or of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I feel, as I think most of our longtime members will, that Gene is a permanent part of this camp's history. The foundation that he and others laid out in 1993, and the name he chose for Camp 302, will ensure that our memory of Gene Armistead will always be with us.

*Jim Stephens*





## UNITED VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE



## VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, BALBOA PARK

There was no Color Guard this reporting period. Camp 302 will return to the VMC Saturday, May 25, 2019.

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**NEXT CAMP MEETING**

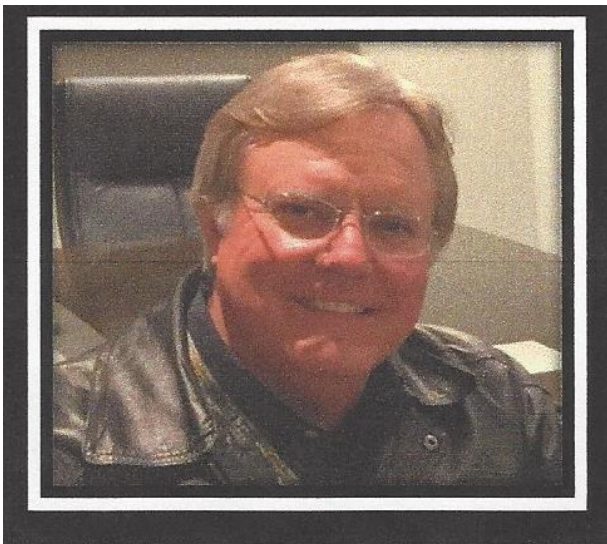
**DATE:** March 02, 2019

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**LOCATION:** El Ranchero Restaurant, 1565 N. Santa Fe, Vista, 92084

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## Greeting from the New Commander



Friends & Compatriots: It's a real honor to serve as the newly elected Camp Commander for 302! I have had the pleasure of being the Lieutenant Commander for the past 6 years working under the leadership of past Commander Jim Stephens. I ask everyone to have some patience as I transition into the new commander position and take the reins from Jim. Jim has been an outstanding Commander and it's not going to be easy to fill his shoes. We've had some great success with the camp under Jim Stephens' leadership, so my goal is

to continue this tradition. I look forward to working with everyone, including the ladies from the UDC as we continue to honor our Confederate heritage. All the best for a great year in 2019... *Deo Vindice*.

Jim Millsap