

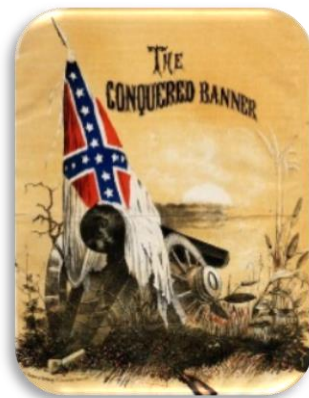


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National Reunion – 2018 Franklin/Columbia, Tennessee

Sons of Confederate Veterans, some with wives and children, vendors with their wares and the leaders of our national organization converged on the historic community of Franklin/Columbia, Tennessee during mid-July to commence the 123rd National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. From Wednesday, July 18th through Saturday, July 21st men and women from across the nation, from Hawaii and the Great Northwest to Florida in the southeast, met to renew acquaintances, begin new friendships and conduct important SCV business, including the voting on issues that affect our Confederate heritage. Of course, the election of new leadership positions to carry us through for the next two years was a key factor at this year's gathering. At left, Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. speaks to a crowded convention floor of attending delegates.



The Franklin Marriott Cool Springs hotel hosted this year's reunion. The rooms were comfortable and the location was ideal. **Your California Division had a good representation this year: From L to R below: Steve Browning, General Albert Sydney Johnston, Camp 2048, Bakersfield-Tehachapi. Division Web Master Mike Climo, Inland Empire Camp 1742, Inland Empire. Commander Robert Williams & Ryan Williams, Captain James Iredell Waddell, Camp 1770, Orange County. Linn Malazmik, The Stainless Banner Camp 1440, San Jose. Division Adjutant Dr. Vern Padgett, General John Bell Hood, Camp 1208, Los Angeles. Commander Jim Stephens & Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap of Father A.J. Ryan Camp 302, San Diego.** Behind the men is the flag of the Army of the Trans Mississippi.

The first day's business got off to a good start with standing room only in the conference room of the Marriott. Compatriots and guests



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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

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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.

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 \$45.00 for members. Dues include the *Confederate Veteran* magazine and a newsletter. A red "X" in the following box indicates your dues have not been received. { }

Camp officers

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

Minutes from the July 14, 2018 Meeting

Camp 302 members and guests met once again at Marie Callender's Restaurant in La Mesa Saturday morning for the camp's breakfast and business meeting. Order was called shortly after 10:00 A.M. by Camp Commander Jim Stephens. There was a good turn-out. Jim Millsap, Ira Lack, Jim Coulsby, Roy Adair, Steve Hughes, Steve Perdue and his wife Kathie, Ron and Alicia Crow, Mike Schooling, Steve Musgrave, George Faircloth and Ernie Powell were in attendance. The camp was pleased, as always, to have the UDC's Hazel Drane along with a couple of our members' wives as guests. Following the Invocation by Camp Chaplain Jim Coulsby, the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag were rendered. The meeting began on a sad note as Commander Stephens and Chaplain Coulsby read the short SCV Memorial Service for Camp 302's late compatriot John Armstrong. Following that, Commander Stephens was pleased to lead the swearing in of the camp's newest member, Steve Perdue, as his wife, Kathie, looked on. Ira Lack was presented the UDC's Certificate of Appreciation for his participation in the UDC Southern Luncheon earlier in the year. Adjutant Adair then gave his Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Attendees were reminded that Camp 302 Challenge coins are still available for purchase and the camp CD is well in place and working for the camp.

New Business: The attendees were advised that the joint Mt. Hope Memorial Day Ceremony with Camp 21 of the SUVCW—even though officially discontinued—is still being looked at for a future gathering at a new location. A discussion on the upcoming SCV National Convention at Franklin, Tennessee was had with members being asked if they had any topic of interest they wanted Commander Stephens and Lieutenant Commander Millsap to address when they attended. The commander gave a shout out to Deanne Smith for her timely notices for this year's camp dues cycle. Attendees were told that the camp completed another successful year in presenting the H.L. Hunley Award to our six area schools and that the camp has purchased seven "Raising the Hunley" books to present to the schools JROTC departments. Commander Stephens advised everyone present that the camp had purchased Jane Zoch a new camp shirt to replace the one that was destroyed in a recent home fire. Most importantly, the upcoming 2018 Musket Shoot in Dulzura was emphasized and everyone told to make plans.

The next scheduled VMC Color Guard will be on July 28, 2018

Our next Camp Meeting will again be held at Marie Callender's in La Mesa on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. There being no further new business, the Chaplain provided the Benediction and the meeting was closed by the Camp Commander.

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gathered for the opening ceremony of reciting the National Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the Confederate Flag and then listened as National officers and local dignitaries presented their introductory talks. Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, and Dean Dickey, Mayor of Columbia, welcomed members and guests to the area and wished them a pleasant and productive visit. A very good part of the opening talks was hearing Mr. Mark Day, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, express his organization's support for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our monuments.

As in all convention gatherings, important business matters must be attended to such as budget requirements, on-going programs sponsored by the SCV, proposed resolutions, day-to-day functions that affect the membership as a whole and, of course, required elections when necessary (as would be the case for this convention). This would occur on the second day of the proceedings.

It was on this second day when I had the opportunity to speak with A.C. "Trip" Wilson, expressing our camp's pleasure in participating in the Hunley Awards program that he administers so effectively. "Trip" told me that currently, 1000 Hunley Awards are handed out annually nationwide. He later addressed the gathering to talk of the program, during which he congratulated Camp 2208 in Hawaii who awarded 24 Hunley Awards this year. The Florida Division was cited for issuing 146 of the awards.

Meetings of each army were conducted early in the day. Members of the Army of Trans Mississippi assembled in one of the conference rooms to participate in general discussions and witness the election to replace outgoing Commander Johnnie Holley. Darrell Maples was elected to replace him and J.C. Hannah came in as ATM Councilman.

Commander Randy Burbage, Secession Camp 4 of Charleston, South Carolina, SCV Awards Committee Head, addressed the members on the many awards and processes the SCV uses to award camps and individuals. Later, during the Awards Luncheon, many awards went to deserving camps and individuals, too numerous to name all, but here are a few stand-outs: **the Dewitt Smith Jobe Award** for the division publishing the best newsletter in the SCV went to the North Carolina Division for their newsletter, *Carolina Confederate*; **the Edward L. Darling Award** for the individual member recruiting the most new members during the last year went to J.C. Hannah of the Lt. General Richard Taylor Camp 1308, Shreveport, Louisiana (he recruited 120 new members); **the Superior Camp Award for the Army of Trans Mississippi** went to the Captain James P. Douglas Camp 124 (Tyler, Texas commanded by Dennis Brand). The last two awards were among several awards for the ATM that provided our army a good showing in the national organization. Later, toward the end of the awards ceremony, I, along with Mike Climo of the Inland Empire, were surprised that none of our camp award inputs were mentioned. I approached Commander Burbage on the matter and all he could say was that I needed to resubmit, that perhaps they were overlooked at national or misplaced in the system. Upon my return from the convention, I resubmitted my inputs for Camp 302 to Division Commander Steve Smith and those have now gone back to National.

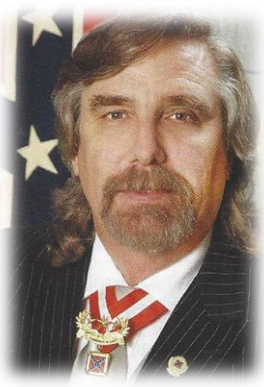
The Judge Advocate of the SCV presented his report to the attendees. He emphasized that camps must fight on the home front to defend monuments and our Southern Heritage and that emphasis be put on the legality of the Confederacy. Divisions must ensure that they have an assigned JAG. An interesting bit of news was given to the attending members that an injunction was ruled by a judge in Memphis that favors the SCV to keep and maintain Confederate monuments in that city.

Several proposals were brought forth during the business session. Some were voted down, some passed, all through a voice vote. Here are a couple of key measures. I'm sure everyone is aware of the proposal provided to members some time ago allowing SCV members to belong to more than one camp and have voting rights within that camp while maintaining membership in their home camp. This, as was expressed prior to voting, would create an administrative nightmare to say the least in that National Headquarters would be overwhelmed in keeping track of accurate membership rolls. Only a handful of attendees at the convention supported this proposal and it was voted down. Another proposal that had total support was the pardoning of Henry Wirtz that would be submitted to President Trump. You may recall that Captain Wirtz was the Commandant of the infamous Andersonville Prison that held 35,000 Union prisoners at one time or another. This Swiss doctor was placed in the untenable position of overseeing a poorly built stockade intended to house no more than 12,000 prisoners. General Grant refused to exchange most of these men which could have relieved some of the suffering. Instead, Henry Wirtz was used as a scapegoat by the Federal Government and

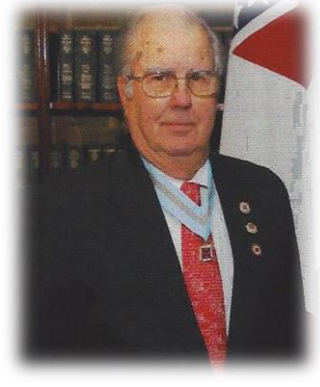
would be the only Confederate officer executed by hanging during or after the war. This proposal, of course, passed by a total *Yea* vote.

Executive Director Mike Landry discussed the proposed operating budget for FY 2018-2019, a copy of which is available for any member who wishes to have one by contacting Commander Stephens.

A very important part of this 2018 National Reunion was the election of officers to fill important positions in the national organization. We've already discussed the army elections. It was now time to elect a new Commander-in-Chief and Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief of the SCV. This year, two men, both from the Army of Trans Mississippi, were in contention for Commander-in-Chief: Paul Gramling, Jr. of the Louisiana Division and Johnnie Holley, Jr. of the Texas Division.



Paul Gramling, Jr.



Johnnie Holley, Jr.

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We here in the California Division have had the opportunity to meet these gentlemen at previous division conventions. They are able leaders, each with differing ideas on SCV management. Both campaigned vigorously in brochures, magazines and letters before and during the convention. Paul and Johnnie delivered impressive nomination speeches on Saturday, the 21st, the day of the election. I will say this: we in the California delegation agreed early on that we were solidly behind Paul Gramling, Jr. due, in part, to his outgoing management style. Also, here I must thank Vern Padgett for jogging my memory with his recent e-mail on his views of the convention. In his nomination speech, Johnnie Holley proposed that the SCV turn to outside sources to help finance the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. This did not sit well with the rank and file of the SCV, resulting in Paul Gramling being elected CIC with an overwhelming vote. Your Camp 302 was pleased to cast our four delegate votes for Gramling. Larry McClooney of the Benjamin G. Humphries Camp 1625, Mississippi Division, was elected as Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief. There would be additional matters to address in order to wrap up the 2018 National Reunion. It was announced early on that the 2019 National Reunion is to be held in Mobile, Alabama with Jacksonville, Florida following in 2020.

At our national conventions, as always, vendors are present to offer a host of great Confederate souvenirs such as books, paintings, clothing, etc. We had the opportunity to meet two black Confederates: Gregory G. Newson and Al Arnold, both published authors. Mr. Newson was selling a variety of items dealing with the Black Confederate experience. While there, Jim Millsap and I purchased a copy of Al Arnold's book, *Robert E. Lee's Orderly, a Black Youth's Southern Inheritance*. Mr. Arnold was gracious enough to autograph his book. It was a pleasure to meet these men and appreciate their support of all our Southern Heritage. After reading Mr. Arnold's book, I would suggest it be required reading in our schools and for those radicals bent on destroying our statues and monuments.

One of the benefits of attending these reunions is having the ability to take guided tours of battlefields and burial places, view monuments that depict the fighting and learn a little more about how these folks lived and died during this period. We toured part of the Franklin Battlefield and visited the Carnton Plantation, standing on the very porch where the bodies of five Confederate generals were lain out during the heat of this battle, including General Patrick R. Cleburne. We visited the Carter House where the hottest fighting took place. You will see in the photo below hundreds of bullet holes in one of the buildings near the house.

The following photos will show some of the highlights this year's reunion attendees were able to see in this historic area of Tennessee.



L to R above: The Carter House in use by 3 generations of the Fountain Branch Carters. An outbuilding showing hundreds of bullet holes incurred during the heaviest part of the Battle of Franklin. A lone Yankee moving toward the house...where're the Confederates?



Compatriots and guests walk toward the Carnton Plantation House, home of the McGavock family. It was on the front porch of this house where five Confederate Generals were brought after being killed during the Battle of Franklin. It was also here where General Forrest, after seeing these slain generals laid out, reportedly threatened to kill General Hood if he were not released from Hood's army. The tour group then moves through the McGavock Family Cemetery where Carrie Winder McGavock, the venerable Southern mother, reinterred hundreds of Confederate soldiers to the family cemetery after the Battle of Franklin.

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Continuing on our tour of the Franklin Battlefield, we visited historic Elm Springs in Columbia, several miles south of Franklin. This historic home, built in 1837 and owned during the war by Confederate Major Abram M. Looney, is of course the National



Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It was one of the highlights of our visit to the area. This beautiful home was located at the eastern end of Union General John M. Schofield's infamous "Burn Line"—a five-mile-wide swath several miles long where homes, structures and great quantities of trees burned. Union soldiers had broken into Elm Springs in an attempt to start fires with flaming brooms under staircases to burn the house down. Confederate cavalry rode up just as the fires were being started. The Confederates ran into the house and managed to extinguish the fires in time to save the house, routing the Federals. A few well-aimed shots brought down the Yankees as they fled

across the lawn. The Battle of Franklin was

the result of General Hood's attempt to retake Nashville and Middle-Tennessee and to join General Lee in Virginia and, hopefully, draw Sherman out of Georgia to relieve pressure there. If this operation had succeeded, it might have, at best, extended the war for a short while longer. As it was, it failed miserably due to Hood's mismanagement in allowing Schofield to slip past him without notice and enabling him to entrench between Hood and Nashville. Hood's decision to attack Schofield's troops at Franklin instead of bypassing them cost him hundreds of men and five generals-veterans of the Atlanta Campaign he could not afford to lose. The remainder of his exhausted and demoralized troops did advance toward Nashville, but the fighting there would also be a disaster for the Confederates. *At Right: California Division's Ryan Williams, Jim Millsap, Jim Stephens, Mike Climo and Robert Williams during their visit to Elm Springs.*



We witnessed the early stages of construction of The National Confederate Museum, adjacent to Elm Springs during the Official Dedication Ceremony. Executive Director Mike Landry addresses the guests.

The tour of Elm Springs was very memorable, as it was with all the historic homes, mansions and other locations we visited, where families of yesteryear played out their everyday lives. Homes of the famous, as well as infamous, folks from all walks of life who lived and died on the very ground we trod there in Tennessee.

Many of our group had the chance to visit Zion Cemetery, southwest of Columbia, to see the grave of Sam Watkins, author of the book *Company Aytch*, of which he based the work on his wartime memoirs. Sam and his book became forever famous after Ken Burns, producer of the PBS special *The Civil War*, brought this conflict to life using, in part, Sam's own words.



Sam Watkins, courtesy of the Franklin and Ruth Fulton collection

With the tours completed, it was time for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and their guests to prepare for the evening's festivities at the Awards Banquet. Much pomp and circumstance occurred at the banquet as outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Thomas Strain, Jr and his wife marched in, soon to be followed by incoming Commander-in-Chief, Paul C. Gramling, Jr and his wife. National and Army officers and their wives followed and were introduced as they entered. It would not be long before a great meal was served to all present. Later, speeches were delivered by the various officials. Key awards were handed out after the dinner, and entertainment was provided to those who remained to close out the evening.

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The photos below are scenes from the banquet that closed out this year's National Reunion.



L to R: Jim Stephens, Camp 302, Linn Malazmik, Camp 1440, Robert Williams, Camp 1770, Jim Millsap, Camp 302 at their table for the Awards Banquet.



Mike Climo, Jim Millsap, Linn Malazmik & Ryan Williams with back to camera chat during the banquet.



One of his last acts as C.I.C. Tom Strain swears in SCV National Officers

The 2018 National Reunion at Franklin/Columbia, Tennessee was coming to a close, wrapping up another great gathering in which important National elections and business matters were conducted. We had a chance to meet new friends and acquaint ourselves with many of our fellow compatriots from around the Confederacy we rarely see. The tours were fantastic and there was, as always, the unique feeling of experiencing a deep sense of awe when walking the battlefields, seeing the sights and locations, and moving quietly through the hallowed burial grounds amongst the graves of our Confederate dead. It is these men whom we have come to Tennessee to honor and pay tribute. I'm sure all of the SCV members attending left Franklin knowing that our national organization is in good hands with solid leadership and a strong commitment to our future goals that will carry the Sons of Confederate Veterans firmly into the future.

Jim Stephens

Camp Meeting, July 14, 2018

Once again, Marie Callender's Restaurant in La Mesa was the site of our mid-year breakfast and business gathering. Our private room was somehow given to another group despite being scheduled by the camp much earlier. The manager was able to put together enough tables for our group in the main portion of the restaurant that served our purpose. An important part of the meeting was the swearing in of new compatriot Steve Perdue and reminding all present of the upcoming National Reunion.



L to R: Members in attendance (see Meeting Minutes, page 2) have a lively discussion. Chaplain Jim Coulsby, Commander Jim Stephens and Adjutant Roy Adair swear in new member Steve Perdue. Steve is applauded and given a hearty welcome aboard.



Clockwise: Compatriot Steve Hughes, Kathie and Steve Perdue, Ron and Alicia Crow

THE H.L. HUNLEY AWARDS, 2018



As reported in the previous issue of *The Conquered Banner*, Camp 302 had completed its H.L. Hunley Awards cycle for the year. However, Captain T.L. Adams III, O.I.C. of Westview High School, pictured here with Camp 302's 2nd LCDR George Faircloth with Hunley Award recipient C/PO2 Hanna Icban, provided the photo too late for the newsletter's publication. Congratulations to Cadet Icban and thanks George for your work.

In Loving Memory of

Compatriot John Armstrong's Memorial Service



Master Chief

John W. Armstrong

February 20, 1941 ~ June 11, 2018

Commander Stephens and Adjutant Adair were present for the memorial service at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on August 6, 2018 for our departed friend and compatriot, John Armstrong, who passed away June 11, 2018. The service was attended by a few of John's nephews and nieces from Texas and several of his former Navy friends. As reported earlier, John had an impressive Navy career. He served extensively in the Pacific Fleet and retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer. John will be laid to rest next to his wife, Mitsuko Doi-Armstrong.



Commander Stephens presents the SCV Certificate of Resolution to John's nephew Joseph Baugh, and his surviving brother, James Dewey, as a declaration of John's service to our nation and for his outstanding contribution to the Sons of Confederate Veterans



*The Navy Color Guard gives the final rifle and hand salute.
Farewell, Friend!*

Next Camp Meeting

Date: September 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: El Ranchero Restaurant, 1565 N. Santa Fe, Vista, Ca 92084

UNITED VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE



VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, BALBOA PARK

Camp 302 conducted its regularly scheduled Color Guard at the VMC on Saturday, July 28, 2018. Adjutant Roy Adair, Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap and Compatriot Ira Hayes were present, performing the honors with our friends of the Marine Corps League. There is no photo of this ceremony for this edition. Camp 302 will perform Color Guard duties on October 27, 2018, our last for this year. Commander Stephens had a conversation with “Skip” Thompson, a fellow docent aboard the U.S.S. Midway and leader of the Coast Guard Auxiliary that works with Camp 302 in the Color Guard duties at the VMC. Both agreed to continue working together at the Veterans Memorial and the Marine Corps League conducting Color Guard duties.

Blue/Grey Picnic – 2018

Thanks goes out to all the SCV and UDC folks and their guests attending this year’s annual event at Gator Beach. Some strolled the beach, some took to the water and all enjoyed good conversation and food that is always a great part of this occasion. Of course, we cannot forget to thank those who prepared the food and brought the various goodies of which we all partook. Below we see some of the group. There’re Jim Millsap and Roy sharing cooking duties. Roy gives the victory sign after receiving his birthday card from Robyn. Others not pictured: Steve and Deanne along with Julie Plemmons and family.



Division Meeting – 19 August 2018

Several members of the California Division gathered at the home of Robert Williams in Mission Viejo, Sunday the 19th of August, for the quarterly Division meeting that brings camp officers and members up to date on the various happenings around the state affecting all the camps within the division. This has been a great venue as it keeps the division current and allows for key decisions and policy discussions that can be added to the agenda for the annual California Division Reunion or, as it is now being coined, “Re-Confederation.”

Several ladies from the Order of the Confederate Rose were present along with members of Camp 1770 who held their camp meeting after the division proceedings. We are very thankful to the ladies and all the others who brought food and drinks for a great potluck afterwards. Following are some of the highlights that were discussed at the meeting:

Mike Climo was congratulated for becoming part of the National SCV web page team. Vern Padgett presented his Treasurer’s Report. Fund raisers using the Division Challenge coins and the Gillis Flag were discussed. Vern also brought along a large quantity of books to hand out. I have a few that will be offered to Camp 302 members at the next meeting.



Pictured here L to R: Robert Williams, Robert Crook, Mike Climo, Steve Smith, Jon Fowler, David Pyle on video, Vern Padgett, Jim Stephens, Kevin Street, Greg Frazier, John Robert, & Greg Beckman

Jon Fowler, the division Hunley Award coordinator advised those present that Hunley Award presenters will be given a special Hunley pin in recognition of their participation. I submitted to Jon a list and photos of all the Camp 302 presenters past and present. I will advise everyone as this progresses. The Division Challenge Coins are available for purchase at \$10.00 each. See me or Jim Millsap if you desire one. The division has ordered a large number of Gillis Flags that will be given to each dues-paying member for 2018-2019. I will present those to camp members when they are available.

Orange County Camp 1770 is continuing with their fight with the city of Santa Ana and the cemetery over the Confederate monument located there. They have been told to remove the names of Confederate generals thereon. 1770 has agreed to place the names of 10 prominent Santa Ana citizens—all Confederate veterans—in their place. However, the city demands that “C.S.A 1861-1865” must be removed in order to keep the monument. This, Camp 1770 refuses to do. The California Division is solidly behind them as I know Camp 302 will be.

Greg Frazier brought forth an interesting proposal that will eventually be submitted to National headquarters. It will, upon approval, award civilians who are members of the SCV, and who obviously were in combat roles, working in conjunction with military units during current and previous conflicts. This award, the National War Service Medal, is the same award presently given to military veterans of the SCV. A committee of Division Judge Advocates and Greg Frazier will draft a formal proposal in the next 30 to 40 days for division officer approval.

Division Adjutant Vern Padgett proposed adding several division officers to the voting positions within the division: Webmaster, Signals Officer, Genealogist, Color Sgt., Lead Chaplain, Quartermaster and Staff Judge Advocates. This change to the division By-Laws will be presented during the Division Convention in March, 2019. Elections for Division Commander and Lieutenant-Commander will also take place during this convention. Camps will also remind their members to start planning to attend the convention in Bakersfield. It’s not too early to start this. Camps must also plan to submit agenda items for the convention by January 5, 2019 for consideration.

The next Division meeting is planned for October.

Jim Stephens

Commander's Notes



Well, fall is soon upon us and the camp's activities are starting to wind down for the year. We have our final Color Guard duties at the VMC coming up in October. We are scheduled for our annual Musket shoot on Saturday, the 6th of October at the South Bay & Rod Club. *Ready your muskets!* Aside from our remaining two camp meetings for the year, we will look at Wreaths Across America in December. More on that in the November issue.

We will welcome at our meeting this Saturday the 8th, guest speaker Gene Armistead, a former and co-founding member of Camp 302 as he discusses his new book, *An Arch Rebel Like Myself*, the story of Dan Showalter and the Civil War in California and Texas. This meeting will occur at the El Ranchero Restaurant in Vista. *See Page 9 for directions.* We haven't met there in a while. It's a great Mexican restaurant with a separate meeting area. Thanks goes out to Deanne Smith for setting this up for us. We'll have a lot of important matters to discuss. If I may paraphrase Bill O'Reilly, *Be there or be nowhere.*

Of course, I cannot continue without mentioning the loss of our friend John Armstrong. *See page 8 for his Memorial Service.* On a happier note, this year we have gained two new members: Wes Scarbrough and Steve Perdue. Once again, welcome aboard gentlemen! My appreciation goes out to all our loyal compatriots for remaining true to the camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.