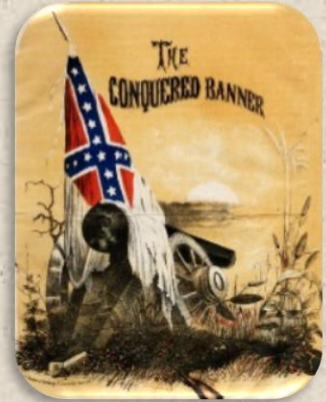




# *The Conquered Banner*

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



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## *It's Reunion Time!*

Well fellow members, this is the time of the year that the camps within the California Division, are making final preparations to venture up and down the state, heading to Bakersfield, to what has become the unofficial headquarters of the division's annual Reconfederation/Reunion. This will be the California Division's 29<sup>th</sup> annual gathering—many in recent years—at this centrally located city in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. The Four Points Sheraton in Bakersfield is the division's long-time choice for accommodations. Among our guests this year, we were pleased to have invited the SCV Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers to speak to us, but unfortunately he had other commitments.



Camp 302 will meet, via ZOOM, on March 4<sup>th</sup> for a pre-reunion meeting where, among other business matters, we'll discuss the reunion, the camp's functions, items to donate, who's attending and so forth. All members will be advised well in advance the time of the ZOOM. We encourage our out-of-town and local members to get in front of your computers and join us.

By this time, members will have been canvassed by e-mail regarding the hotel and registration fees and requirements. See DEC page for details. Here is hoping that we have a good turn-out from all the camps throughout the division. The reunion dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>. In the May/June issue of *The Conquered Banner*, we'll publish, in detail, the 3-day event with accompanying photos.

***The Editor***

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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**

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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>
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<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>





## David Rowlands, an Update

Many of our readers will remember the article I wrote in 2020, published in the September/October issue, regarding past member of Camp 302 David Rowlands. I titled the piece, *Searching for David*. After much research, I discovered that David joined the SCV and our camp in 1997 and, sadly, passed away while still active three years later. Also, as you'll remember, David was a retired Navy commander, a movie personality and brother of actress Gena Rowlands. What stood out quite remarkably was that Commander Rowlands was a

member of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, an award that was presented to him in 1952 for his flying skill in his F9F-5 Panther while single-handily fighting off four Russian Mig 15 fighter jets flown by Russian pilots.

A nagging question kept me puzzled: Just why was he not known to the current members and had he ever attended any camp meetings, particularly the one in which he would have been sworn in? I queried a few of our long-time members—Gary Henson, Mike Schooling, Gene Armistead, George Faircloth and Ernie Powell—who were around during David's sojourn in the camp. Only Ernie had a vague recollection of David's name. True, I had to admit that in our camp, as in any organization of a comparative or larger size, no one member could be expected to be intimately familiar or even acquainted with everyone.

After coming into the possession of additional camp records that had long been forgotten, and with the valuable help from C.J. Machado who provided me with several Navy documents obtained through the Freedom-of-Information Act, I was able to piece together additional facts about David that resulted in my article *The Dogfight*, published in the January/February 2021 issue of *The Conquered Banner*. That article described his remarkable exploits with his fellow aviators in the dogfight: Lt. Royce Williams and LT(jg) John Middleton. Many of you may still have these issues and will want to reread them. If not, advise me if you wish to have them resent. I'll be more than happy to do so.

The question of David Rowlands' association with Camp 302 remained unanswered until recently. I was fortunate to obtain some additional records that had long been stored away. I know that for myself and other members of the camp, we can be very thankful to Stu Hoffman, our late deceased member who, while adjutant in the late 90's and early 2000's, was an excellent and thorough record keeper. Among those documents was a letter that David wrote to Stu on October 27, 1997 that answered the question of his non-attendance to meetings and, among the others, was the letter accompanying his application documents signed by Adjutant Hoffman and Commander Roy Harper, disclosing his Confederate Ancestor—*Pvt Johnathon Neal of Company "B" Dawson's Arkansas Infantry*—which I had long been trying to find.

In his letter, David requested a new membership certificate to correct the misspelling of Arkansas and, most importantly, in the last paragraph of the letter, David stated that he and his wife were in poor health and barely able to venture across the Coronado Bridge but improving and he hoped to eventually attend camp meetings.

Many former deceased and forgotten members of Camp 302 can be brought back into the light if the necessity arises and the proper records can be obtained. Our camp, as with all our associated camps within the California Division, has had countless former members who left us for one reason or another. Some, like David Rowlands, appear fleetingly, inciting us to know more.

**Jim Stephens**



## ***Division Executive Council Meeting***

The California DEC met Saturday, January 28, 2023, via ZOOM. Members in attendance: **Division Commander Mike Climo, Division Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap, Division Adjutant Vern Padgett, Division Chief-of-Staff Steve Smith, Division Chaplain David Pyle, Division Color Sergeant Greg Frazier, Division Quarter Master Tod Terry, Upper South Brigade Commander Tad Smith, Deep South Brigade Commander Steve Browning along with Ted Boyias, Jim Stephens, Steve Madden, Bruce Albertson, Jay Gillette, Roy Adair, Russ Person, Les Winebarger, Dan Sheppard, Steve Bogart, & Jim Musser.** The following camps were represented by these members: Camp 302; San Diego, Camp 1208; Los Angeles, Camp 1627; Sacramento, Camp 1742; Inland Empire, Camp 1804; Fresno, Camp 2048; Bakersfield/Tehachapi, Camp 2062; Ventura County, Camp 2023; Modesto. **Camps not in attendance:** Camp 1440; San Jose, Camp 1631; Santa Barbara, Camp 1770; Orange County and, Camp 2007; Long Beach.

Division Chaplain David Pyle led the meeting off with the Invocation followed by the recitation of the Pledge-of-Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag by all attendees. Chaplain Pyle announced to everyone that he had moved to Northern Idaho.

Commander Climo began the proceedings by mentioning that the home of Kevin Street should be a continuing location for in-person gatherings for the DEC with a joint ZOOM for those who cannot make the drive. Tad Smith then talked of the large loss of members in the Fresno camp. It was good that Jay Gillette, representing Fresno, was with us.

Adjutant Padgett spoke of the current SCV magazine and that the Division's Judge Advocate Robert Crook of the Los Angeles camp was mentioned in that issue with photos. He then presented the Division Treasurer's Report: As of the last DEC meeting on 29 October 2022, a balance of \$10,233.00 was reported. Afterwards, \$28.02 was received from a dues payment of \$20.00 from Camp 1770 and \$8.02 from Amazon Smile. The Division paid \$406.00 to the UDC's Chris Hurst-Loeffler for reimbursement for 100 Grave Guardian pins; \$209.00 to Tod Terry to budget the Graves Guardian Program, \$490.00 to Jim Millsap for division pins, \$24.68 for division checks, \$30.00 to Bank of America for a stop payment on a lost check. A total of \$1159.68 was paid out leaving a balance of \$9101.34. Anticipated expenses include payment for a storage unit, a deposit on the next division reunion. As discussed at the last DEC, a future donation to the National Museum with \$1000.00 offered from Camp 1627, \$1000.00 offered from Camp 1208 and \$3000.00 from the division.

Russ Person talked of fellow camp member Aaron Moore presenting a Power Point to Rosedale Middle School. Then, Tod Terry announced that he had obtained a 7x7 foot storage unit in Bakersfield for division equipment for a rental cost of \$60.00 per month or \$600.00 annually. The division will reimburse Tod \$93.00 for the rent he had paid out of his own pocket. He stated that he and Greg Frazier of Camp 2048 (the local camp) will have keys to that unit. Greg then stated that he had sent registration forms to the UDC for their attendance to the Division Reunion.

Under **Old Business**, Jim Millsap indicated that there are approximately 100 division coins remaining @ \$10.00 each. Steve Smith then recommended that \$3.00 of that costs go to the National Museum as a donation and an additional \$1.00 to the UDC to help them in the repair of the damage to their museum as a result of the fire several years ago. Tod Terry mentioned the Graves Registration is moving along well. It was about this time that Commander Climo told all present that SCV C-I-C Boshers will not be attending the reconfederation due to prior engagements. The Commander emphasized the cost of bringing national leaders to the reconfederation at that time.

The plaques that will be created to honor famous Confederates was discussed with Ventura County's Ted Boyias that he will be overseeing, with caution, that any Confederate with a checkered background will be eliminated. And, as the commander stated, camps that obtain plaques must place them in appropriate places of honor and not put them away and forget about them.

For **New Business**: Commander Climo told everyone that National Awards nominations for 2023 for camp members must be carefully looked at for justification and be submitted no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> as headquarters needs them by May 15<sup>th</sup>. He then went over the planning details for the business and banquet portions of the reconfederation such as the following: No plans for a ZOOM at the business meeting, however, all DEC meeting will include ZOOM. For parading of the colors, Color Sergeant Frazier reminded all that everyone at the reconfederation needs to be a part of this ceremony. Also, Commander Climo suggested having the UDC at the banquet and a talk by Robert Crook on one of his National Meeting Oratory speeches. The commander talked of once again having tote bags as in past reconfederations, and it was resolved to have them in 2023 as there are no dates on them. The division has on hand 20 tote bags from 2022. Greg Frazier said that he will arrange to have the bagpiper present again this year. He also mentioned that the UDC had their Lee-Jackson Luncheon featuring Steve Browning and there was not a dry eye in the room at the end of the presentation.

This concluded the DEC and Chaplain Pyle then delivered the Benediction to officially end the meeting.

Below is the agenda for those planning to attend the convention.

#### ***California Division Agenda for the 2023 Reconfederation***

##### **Thursday March 9**

Jim Millsap and Mike will arrive and start setting up. Anyone interested in joining them are welcome. Tod to coordinate with Mike on accouterments.

##### **Friday March 10**

Tod will supply coffee. Attendees will check-in at the hospitality Suite for identification lanyard, banquet dinner tickets, event schedule, etc.

##### **Hospitality Suite:**

This will be BYOB only. Division will provide soft drinks, bottled water, coffee, snacks, etc.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own alcohol to share in the camaraderie with other members.

Tod Terry & Russ Person will coordinate food for the hospitality suite (pizza, fried-chicken, etc.)

Hospitality Suite Hours: Friday: 3 pm until midnight.

Saturday: 7:30 am for coffee, pastries prior to business meeting. Open after business meeting and prior to banquet dinner.

After banquet dinner: 9pm – midnight. Doors will be closed after midnight, both Friday & Saturday nights and will be strictly enforced.

##### **Saturday March 11 Business Meeting Agenda**

Camp 1627 (Tad and Preston) to hang flags in Banquet Hall.

##### **Saturday March 11 Evening**

4:45 pm – 5pm Massing of the Colors & Presentation of Flags.

5 pm – 6 pm Commander's reception with No Host Bar

Silent Auction

Invocation, Awards Banquet & Buffet Dinner

Acknowledgement & Introductions

Guest Presentation Robert Crook and then Terri Madler (sp?)

Presentation of Division Awards

Camp of the Year

Chuck Norred Leadership Award

Entertainment (karaoke)

Singing of Dixie

Benediction

9 pm – Midnight Hospitality Suite

Libations, Snacks, and Comradery

##### **Sunday March 12**

9:15 am – 10 am Flagging Caravan to Union Cemetery Kevin Street/Greg Frazier

10 am – 11:15 am Memorial Service

All attendees to receive a lapel pin.



## ***Camp 302's New Projection Equipment***



Pictured here is the image of the new Native 1080P Projector 5G WiFi and Bluetooth tabletop projector that includes a 120-inch screen and stand the camp has recently acquired. Members

will recall that discussions and general approval of attending members at past meetings to purchase equipment to have in place at future gatherings to show videos of important Civil War and most importantly, Confederate related topics of historical significance to add to our educational experience. The projector has Dual Stereo speakers and Bluetooth WiFi and is designed not to overheat while in operation. Appreciation goes out to Roy Adair for finding this reasonably priced equipment. The \$235.00 spent was far below the cost of comparable projectors previously reviewed. We look forward to bringing a new experience to future camp meetings.

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## ***Camp 302 Meeting, January 21, 2023***

Camp members gathered at Marie Callender's Restaurant in La Mesa, Saturday morning, on the above date, for the first Business/Luncheon of 2023. Those in attendance: Commander Jim Millsap, Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Adjutant Jim Stephens, Treasurer Roy Adair, Chaplain Jim Coulsby along with Mike Climo, Ira Lack, Steve Perdue, and Gary Faulk. We were pleased to have as guests, the UDC's Jane Zoch and her husband Robert. We also welcomed past Division Commander and now Commander of the Orange County Camp 1770, Farrell Cooley. Not pictured, Jim Stephens, Gary Faulk, Jane and Robert Zoch.



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



led off with the traditional Invocation, followed by LCDR Faircloth starting with the Pledge-of-Allegiance. Then all present recited the Salute to the Confederate Flag.

Roy Adair delivered his Treasurer's Report. As of November 11, 2022, the camp's account balance was \$37,510.53. He reported that he reimbursed himself for \$299.00 for the purchase of the Jim Taylor Crystal Plaque. (It is noted here that the proceeds of this purchase go to the Mt. Soledad Memorial Fund.) \$50.00 was donated to the annual Wreaths Across America fund for the wreath laying at national cemeteries, and the annual \$100.00 to the Friends of the Hunley for the continuing research and restoration of the Confederacy's only submarine. The ending balance in the camp's treasury as of January 21, 2023, is \$37,061.53.

Adjutant Stephens reported the camp roster is up to date with current membership standing at 35. Commander Millsap then reminded everyone to review the new Camp Calendar for 2023. He then advised all present of the bi-annual election of camp officers which was due this month. With a quorum of members present, motions and brief discussions took place regarding anyone present desiring a position in the camp leadership. As everyone was satisfied with the current leadership, a unanimous vote was taken to reelect the Commander, LCDR, the Adjutant and the Treasurer for another 2-year term. Mike Climo, also California Division Commander, then mentioned that at the division level and with most camps within the division, term limits for the most part are no longer required.

**Old Business** – The Jim Taylor Plaque donated to Sandy Hooper was discussed, along with the future \$5000.00 donation in Jim's name to be presented at the National Reunion in July to help support the Confederate Museum. The eventual acquisition of a projector and associated equipment was discussed. Jim Stephens will approach Steve Smith to obtain his projector to ascertain if it will suffice to meet the camp's needs. (*See previous page.*) The California Graves Guardian Program was brought up and that the Division's Tod Terry is handling that.

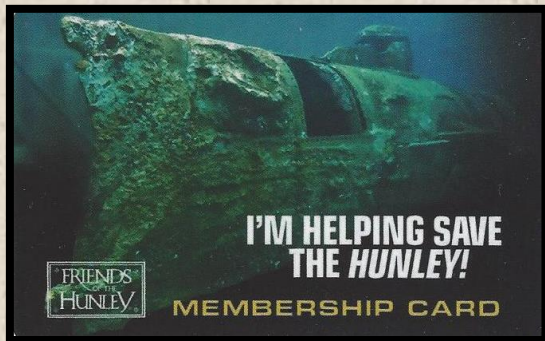
**New Business** – Commander told of his plans for future camp meetings that will be a combination of in-person and ZOOM gatherings. The camp will meet at Marie Callender's on May 13<sup>th</sup> where we will celebrate Jefferson Davis' birthday with a free desert after lunch. Future camp events will include a group visit to the USS Midway planned for the April 2023 time frame with a future visit to the Julian and Ramona Cemeteries. This will occur in the near future.

The Musket Shoot for this year was briefly discussed again with thoughts of an alternate site being considered, if there is such a location at all. The South Bay Rod & Gun Club is still on the table despite its distant location deep in South County right on the Mexican border.

During the meeting, those present learned of Jim Coulsby's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday coming soon. All wished him well. Roy Adair brought to the meeting several Civil War related books that will be provided to the Silent Auction at the upcoming Reconfederation. All were told at this time that SCV's desire to purchase the General Earl Van Dorn Sword for \$30,000.00 with donations from around the confederation. Camp 302 had voted to kick in \$200.00 toward this. However, subsequent to the meeting, it was learned that the SCV decided not to seek the sword. No real reason given for this decision. At the March meeting, the Camp will vote to redirect the \$200.00 to the Confederate Museum. During the meeting, we learned that Compatriot David Ham's wife was undergoing treatment for Cancer. We wished all the best to David and Becky.

The business luncheon came to a close just after it was decided to hold our pre-convention meeting via ZOOM on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Chaplain Coulsby delivered the Benediction to close the proceedings.

## Friends of the Hunley Membership



Fellow Camp 302 Compatriots, as seen here, the thank you letter from the Friends of the Hunley. Our annual \$100.00 donation to this very worthy project is helping to bring this Confederate submarine back to nearly pristine condition after its long sojourn below the Atlantic Ocean near Charleston. Future generations will be able to view this boat in its entirety outside the preservation tank in the coming years. Please refer to *Horace Hunley and his Fish Boat* in the July 2018 issue of *The Conquered Banner* for a complete rundown on the initial discovery, restoration and the burial ceremony in Charleston that laid to rest the brave crew members, still manning their stations aboard the sub. Thanks is extended to all our members for this continuing donation.



12/29/2022

Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 302, San Diego  
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Oceanside, California 92057

Dear Sons of Confederate Veterans:

Thank you for renewing your membership to Friends of the Hunley! By staying with us as a member, you are helping ensure the *H. L. Hunley*, a historical time capsule and world's first successful combat submarine, will be conserved for future generations. We hope you know YOU are an important part of our efforts to save the *Hunley* and complete her final journey to serve as a centerpiece in a world-class maritime museum.

Enclosed is your new membership card. As a reminder, this card allows you to take advantage of the 10% merchandise discount, either in the store or by visiting [www.hunley.org](http://www.hunley.org) and using this coupon code at checkout: FOTH. It will also entitle you to discounted ticket prices when you are able to visit us!

Remember, Friends of the Hunley is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization as determined by the IRS. Your donation of \$100 is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please retain this letter, which will serve as confirmation of your donation for income tax purposes.

Thank you again for joining us on this voyage of historical discovery.

Sincerely,

Kellen Butler, Executive Director  
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## ***Commander's Greetings***

I hope everyone is keeping safe and dry with the much-needed rainy season upon us. 2023 is moving fast and we're almost in March, which means it is time for the annual SCV California Division Convention/Reconfederation at Bakersfield.

If you haven't attended a division convention, it's a great opportunity to meet up with SCV members from across 12 camps in the California "Dixie West" Division and share our Southern Heritage!

Looking forward to the Bakersfield Convention, March 10-12!

As a reminder; our March camp meeting will be via ZOOM on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Look for an e-mail invite from our Adjutant Jim Stephens.

Deo Vindice,  
Jim Millsap, Commander  
Father A.J. Ryan, San Diego, Camp 302

