



# *The Conquered Banner*

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



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## *Another Stephens for Camp 302*



As we go to press with this final issue for 2024, it is a pleasure to announce that the camp welcomes another new compatriot, Michael Stephens, to our ranks. Even though he resides in the Lake Arrowhead community of Waleska, Georgia, Michael was more than happy to become a member of Camp 302. He becomes the third brother to join the SCV. It started with late brother Bob who was active in the *William Thomas Overby, Coweta Guards Camp 715 of Newnan, Georgia*. Michael is no stranger to California or the Division. He was with us at the 127<sup>th</sup> SCV National Reunion in Cartersville, Georgia where he had the chance to meet and talk with Mike Climo, Vern Padgett and Linn Malaznik of San Jose Camp 1440. Michael joined us on some of the tours and enjoyed the banquet that Saturday evening.

Michael visited San Diego and environs a few times as a youth and later, while attending Georgia State University, spent the summer months here earning his Private Pilot license in 1977 at Gillespie Field in El Cajon. Returning to Atlanta to continue his education and continue flight training, he gained his commercial, instrument and multi-engine ratings.

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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 and E-mail notification.

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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>Adjutant</u>	<u>Jim Stephens</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Roy Adair</u>
<u>Webmaster</u>	<u>Roy Adair</u>
<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Steve Perdue</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>

Michael managed airport fixed-base operations for several years before he began flying professionally at Beechcraft King Air Charter. Transitioning to corporate flying in 1986, he flew the Turbo Commander AC690. He began his airline career with Metro Express Airlines after finishing ground school there in 1987. American Airlines acquired Metro Express and thus began his 33-year airline career where he earned type ratings in the British Aerospace 3200 Jetstream, the Saab 340 and the Embraer 145/140/136. Michael retired in December 2020 from American Airlines subsidiary Envoy Air Inc. (American Eagle) as a senior captain, accumulating almost 26,000 flight hours during his career.

Michael and his wife, Elizabeth, travel extensively. They have two daughters and are now spending time enjoying their grandchildren. He is very pleased to join us in Camp 302 even though he cannot be here to participate in camp activities.

In the upcoming issue of your newsletter, we will be highlighting two more compatriots that have joined the camp recently: Justin Shelton Jr. and Kevin Park. Soon to join will be Pence Parsons (Capt. USN Ret.). We are so pleased to have all these men join our ranks. Plans are in the works to officially swear these compatriots in during our in-person meeting scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at the **San Diego Family Search Center at 4195 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego**. As a bonus, pizza and drinks will be served after the meeting.

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## *Sad News*

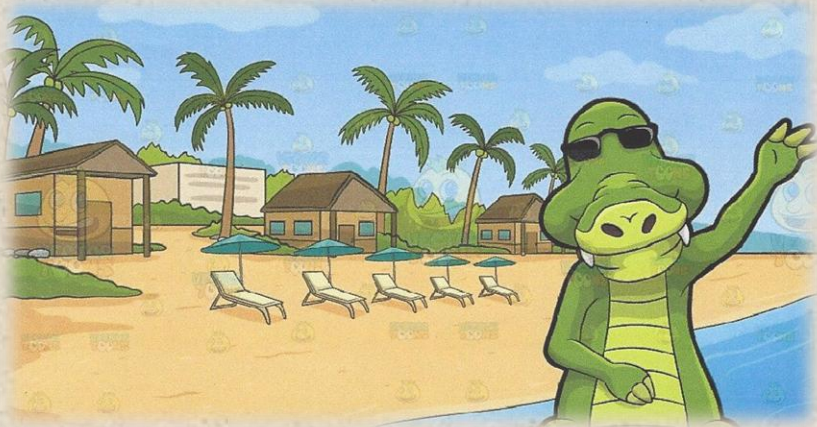
Most of our camp and division members fondly remember Robert (Bob) Williams. He passed away in late August due to his bout with cancer. Robert is seen here with Camp 302 Commander



Jim Millsap at a recent division reunion. Robert was a past commander of Orange County, Camp 1770 and for many years, California Division Commander. A few years ago, Robert moved to Clayton County, Georgia, the home of his ancestors where he eventually became commander of his local camp there. Robert and his son Ryan were very active in the SCV, both in California, Georgia and Tennessee. Ryan now resides in the Nashville area.

“Bob” Williams was a former marine and a successful attorney for many years in Orange County. His friendship and dedication to the SCV is unquestioned.

## The Gator Beach BBQ



Saturday, August 17, 2024, saw a great gathering of friends and guests from Father A.J. Ryan, Camp 302. Inland Empire Camp 1742 and the William Pittenger Camp 21 of the SUV participating in the Annual Gator Beach BBQ at the Navy's Amphibious Base in Coronado. You might say this was an actual Blue/Gray Picnic as in years past.

**Attendees included: Roy and Robyn Adair and son Brian, Jim Stephens, Jim Millsap, Ira Lack, Gary Faulk, Christopher Shelton and nephew Justin Shelton Jr. representing Camp 302. Jon Hussey of Camp 1742 and his wife, Jane Zoch of the UDC and husband Robert – *now a friend of the SCV*. Not to be left out of course, our good friends from the William Pittenger Camp 21: Jerry and Kim Sayre along with Mark and Benjamin Goodman and Doug Wright.**



During the BBQ, we took the opportunity to officially swear in Christopher Shelton, Camp 302's newest member seen here proudly showing his SCV membership certificate. Also pictured L to R is Jim Millsap, Chris' sponsor Gary Faulk and Jim Stephens.

At right, many of the folks attending wave at Kim Sayre as she photographed those enjoying their food as Commander Jim Millsap worked away at the grill.



## *Camp 302 at Marie Callender's*

Saturday, September 14, 2024, was the time for camp members and guests to gather at Marie Callender's Restaurant in La Mesa for an in-person business/luncheon meeting as we move into the Fall season of the year. Around 11:30 AM, Commander Millsap called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation prayer and LCDR Faircloth led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag to start things off.



There was a good turnout with the following attendees:  
**Commander Jim Millsap, Treasurer Roy Adair, Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Robyn Adair of the UDC, Mike Schooling, Christopher Shelton and his nephew & future member Justin Shelton,**

**Gary Faulk, Robert Zoch-Friend of the SCV & camp and wife Jane of the UDC.**

Treasurer Adair delivered his Treasurer's report, announcing that the camp currently has \$30,900.98 in the bank.

Commander Millsap provided a roster update indicating that there are 35 members with three men awaiting certificates. *(Note: As of publication, these have arrived, bringing membership up to 38 active.)* **Justin Shelton, Kevin Park and Michael Stephens are the new members.** It should be noted that Kevin Park's ancestor is Captain L. Cheeves Jr. who developed the 1<sup>st</sup> observation balloon for the Confederacy. Commander Millsap went over the camp calendar of events for October. The camp is scheduled to meet in Julian, CA on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the gravesite of Drury Bailey followed by a luncheon in town.

**New Business:** Commander Millsap gave a summary of the BBQ at Gator Beach. He noted that the BBQ was a success even though the grill at Cabana 6 was missing upon arrival/setup. However, there was another grill that was utilized at a different cabana that worked out fine. Since we cannot rely on a BBQ grill to be available in the future, it was suggested that we have deli-style sandwiches or BBQ prepared ahead of time for future picnics. Further planning will be needed prior to next year's BBQ event.

The Gib Kerr book *Un-Cancel Robert E. Lee* is available for purchase at \$15.00 each. Kerr's book was discussed by all, and 3 books were purchased by Gary Faulk, Jane Zoch and George Faircloth, George donating an extra \$5.00. Roy Adair will place the \$50.00 in the camp's account. Additional copies are available if any member desires one. Please call or e-mail Commander Millsap or Adjutant Stephens.

A potential new camp meeting location was presented to the camp. It is the **San Diego Family Search Center located at 4195 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, Ca 92108 in Mission Valley**. Thanks to the UDC's Robyn Adair and Jane Zoch, whose organization meets there, that the search center was suggested for Camp 302 to meet there as well. What makes this location ideal is that there is no charge for its use. Commander Millsap will do the follow-up, proposing that the camp gather there for the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is also being discussed that for this event, pizza will be provided for the attendees.

The meeting adjourned after these discussions with the traditional Benediction.



FOR YOUR RECORDS

August 1, 2024

Father Abram J. Ryan  
690 Mural St  
Oceanside, CA 92057-6367

Dear Father Ryan:

Thank you for your support of Rady Children's. Your generosity directly impacts our young patients and the families we serve by helping us advance excellence in care, education, research, and advocacy. We are honored to partner with you as we care for children in San Diego and beyond.

Thank you for being part of the Rady Children's family.

Sincerely,  
Rady Children's Hospital Foundation

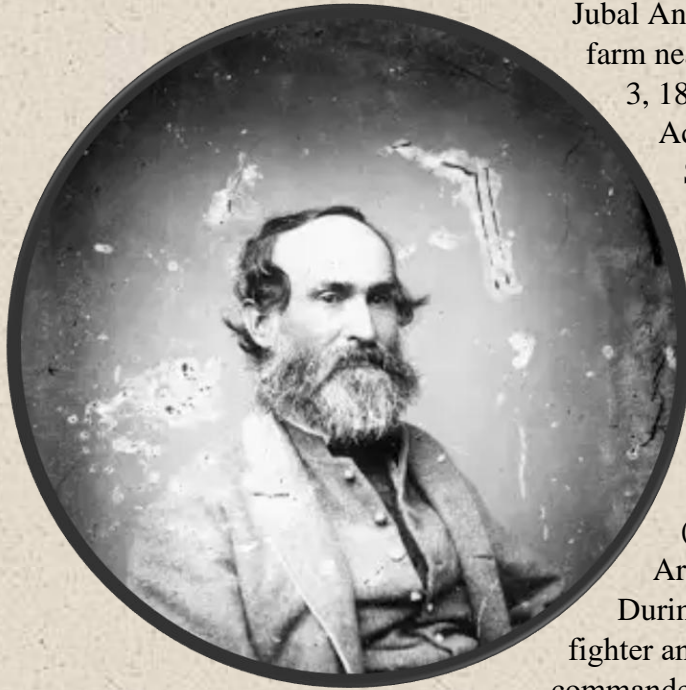
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Date of Gift: 7/31/2024  
Total Amount Contributed: \$100.00  
Tax-Deductible Amount: \$100.00  
Designation: Greatest Needs

## A Rady Thank You

Once again, it is a pleasure to receive a thank you from worthy organizations that your camp donates to from time-to-time as in the adjacent letter from Rady Children's Hospital Foundation. The camp also recently donated to St. Jude's in Memphis, TN, for the treatment of diseases that these children certainly do not deserve in their young lives.

## Confederate Personality



Jubal Anderson Early was born on a 4,000-acre tobacco farm near Windy Gap Mountain in Virginia on November 3, 1816. He graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1837 just in time to fight in the Seminole Indian War in Florida (1835-1837). He resigned his commission shortly thereafter to begin a career as an attorney and politician. He returned to military life to serve in the Mexican War (1846-1848) as a major of volunteers.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Early entered Confederate service as colonel of the 24<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. He was promoted to brigadier general after the first battle of Manassas (Bull Run, July 21, 1861) and served with the Army of Northern Virginia from 1862 to 1864.

During this time, Early developed a reputation as a hard fighter and one of Robert E. Lee's best division commanders. Because of Early's temper, hard-drinking and imaginatively profane speech, Lee referred to him as "*my bad old man.*"

The first day of the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1, 1863) was one of Early's best days of the war.

His division pushed back a Union division right through the town from north to south. After the battle, he criticized his superior officer, Richard S. Ewell, for failing to attack the Union position on cemetery Hill.

Following the removal of Ewell during the 1864 Virginia campaign, Early took command of II Corps and led it on an invasion of Maryland. After reaching the outskirts of Washington, D.C., his forces were defeated and dispersed in the Shenandoah Valley by Union troops under Philip H. Sheridan. Lee removed Early from his command following this embarrassment, and "*Old Jube*" as his men called him, would not be present at the Appomattox surrender.

After the war, Jubal Early lived for a time in Mexico and then in Canada. He returned to Virginia to practice law and continued to fight the Civil War with pen and printing press. He became a leading advocate of the Lost Cause believing, as many fellow Southerners of the time did, that the South's fight was noble but doomed. As the first president of the Southern Historical Society, Early promoted the reputation of Lee.

He was, however, critical of other Confederate commanders, most notably James Longstreet, whom he blamed for the defeat at Gettysburg. Early's war memoirs are remarkable for their insights and biting comments.

Jubal A. Early was an "*unreconstructed Rebel*" to the end. He died in Lynchburg, Virginia March 2, 1894, at the age of 77.

As a fitting conclusion to this story, to illustrate Longstreet's own view of Early, Jeffry D. Wert, in his biography of General James Longstreet, noted that in 1902, during the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the academy at West Point, Longstreet was sitting on the porch of the old West Point Hotel when he saw Joseph Wheeler, his former cavalry commander in East Tennessee, approaching. Wheeler served in the Spanish/American War in 1898 and was now a general in the U.S. Army. "Joe" as Longstreet allegedly remarked, "*I hope the Almighty God takes me before he does you, for I want to be within the gates of hell to hear Jubal Early cuss you in that blue uniform.*"



*Jubal Early in later years*

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*The Conquered Banner, Confederate generals buried at Arlington, July 2013*

## ***Important Notice!***

The Camp was notified via e-mail from the UDC's Sandy Bill, and forwarded by Division Commander Mike Climo, that Robyn Adair had suffered a stroke and was hospitalized, but has since been released and is doing OK as Roy has reported. At present, her speech is slightly affected and she will be recovering during the next couple of months.

Camp 302 members have been advised of this and everyone's thoughts and prayers will be with the Adair family.

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**Commander Millsap is on travel and will be  
back next issue with his comments to the  
camp.**