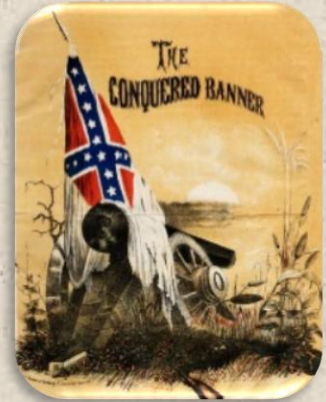




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Camp 302 Welcomes Christopher Shelton

We take the opportunity in this issue to welcome aboard our newest compatriot, Christopher Shelton of Spring Valley. Sadly, after experiencing Compatriot Jim Coulsby's passing this last March, it is certainly a breath of fresh air to have a new member joining our ranks. Chris graciously agreed to share his bio with the camp. *At right, Chris shows off his license plate frame from his dad's hometown of Laurel, Mississippi.*

Christopher currently teaches history at a continuation high school. He started his career in special education and changed to history 5 years later. Chris has a B.A. in Social Science with a minor in History/Political Science. He earned his Master's Degree in Education.



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Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and the ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee

Newsletter

The Conquered Banner is the official newsletter of Camp 302 and is published each odd-numbered month. Permission to reprint material contained in the newsletter is freely given to SCV, MOSB and UDC organizations. Commentary and articles are solicited and should be mailed or E-mailed to the Newsletter Editor. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the preceding month. Consideration of space may require editing.

Meetings

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

Correspondence

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

Dues

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

Camp officers

<u>Commander</u>	<u>Jim Millsap</u>
<u>Lieutenant Commander</u>	<u>George Faircloth</u>
<u>Adjutant</u>	<u>Jim Stephens</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Roy Adair</u>
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<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>

Chris was born and raised in Chula Vista, California. His father, William Shelton, was born in Mississippi. William came to San Diego because of his father's service in the U.S. Navy. Chris' mom is from Illinois and her family moved to California for better economic opportunities. As Chris' parents are from different geographical regions, his favorite sports teams mirror that diversity in that he likes the Chicago White Sox and the New Orleans Saints.

Christopher has been married to his amazing wife, Veronica, for 13 years. They have no children, therefore, in their free time, they enjoy spoiling their nieces and nephews. As for traveling, they like to visit different historical places. The most significant historical event they were able to experience was at Arlington National Cemetery for the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's Assassination. One of Chris' favorite trips was to attend the events surrounding the 150th anniversary of General Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Chris is very excited about the opportunity to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans with the goal of preserving our history and honoring the sacrifices of all our ancestors.

We wish to thank our fellow member, Gary Faulk—a good friend of Chris—for recommending him for membership and bringing him to the attention of the California Division and Camp 302.



Davenia Cray

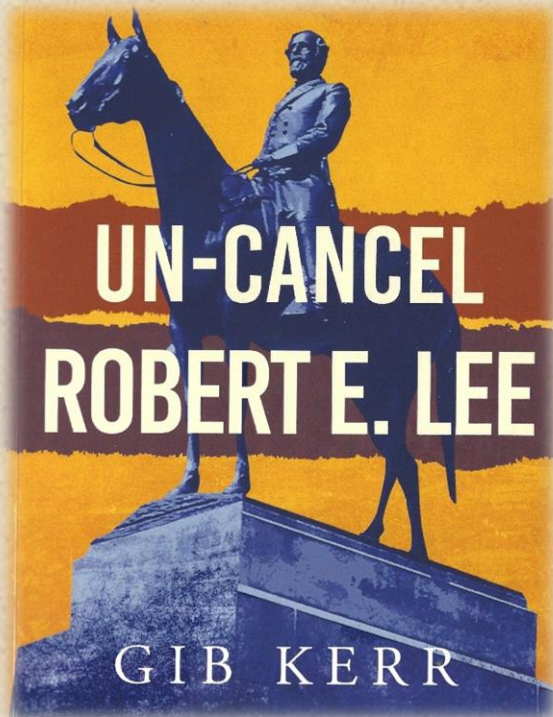
Sadly, Father A.J. Ryan, Camp 302 was informed of the passing of Davenia Cray on June 20, 2024, in San Diego, just shy of her 94th birthday. Davenia was Honorary President of the California Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and longtime member of Stonewall Jackson 476. Davenia joined the UDC in 1998 on the service of her great-grandfather John Alexander Stevens of Loundes County, Columbus, Mississippi. He was part of Company K, 14th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry.

Born on May 28th, 1930, in Oakland, California, Davenia was educated at Marlborough School for girls and attended the University of Southern California, graduating with a degree in Sociology. She met her husband, Robert Fowler, while there.

They married in 1952 and would have two children. With her love of politics, she became the youngest board member of the California Federation of Republican Women in 1959. Later, after becoming a widow, Davenia married Charles Cray and helped him run a successful printing company in Los Angeles. They would later divorce and Davenia then turned to real estate, greatly benefiting in this choice. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames. With a wicked sense of humor and a love for learning, her interest was diverse, leading to appreciation of history and ancestral heritage.

Davenia will be honored during the Memorial Service at the 2024 Division Convention in Bakersfield.

A Book to Read



At the recommendation of your fellow camp compatriot, John Klinedinst, your camp recently purchased several of Gib Kerr's excellent book, as seen at left, *Un-Cancel Robert E. Lee, An Open Letter to the Trustees of Washington and Lee University*. He, like Gib Kerr, is an alumni of W&L.

What better person than Gib to give those of us throughout the country an insight into what is happening on our college campuses today with radical history being taught by a majority of modern historians. He gives us a look into the fall of Lee from the pedestal starting in 2020. We are shown Lee's feelings on slavery, secession and his sole reason for resigning from the U.S. Army to defend his native state of Virginia. Gib cites Douglass Southall Freeman, Lee's key biographer, in several instances as we explore Lee's wartime experiences and his relation to Washington & Lee University. Kerr talks a great deal about the groups and writers who have demonized Lee and the Confederacy in recent times.

The books will be available to borrow or purchase at the camp's BBQ at Coronado Amphib base in August. Be on the lookout for the date and time and the procedures of getting on base for those who are non-DOD.

Camp 302 Donations



For the past few years, your camp, with the generous agreement of fellow members voting yea at our gatherings, has contributed \$100.00 each to three organizations dedicated to serving the community.

For 2024, a check was sent to St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, doing remarkable research in childhood cancer and other diseases. Next, Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego was dispatched a check for the similar work they do for children's diseases.

Alice Faulk, the late wife of Compatriot Gary Faulk, *as seen at left*, a great supporter of animal care, had in her honor, a check sent to the Chula Vista Animal Rescue Facility for their continuing efforts to care for homeless and injured animals in the area.



Division Executive Council Happenings

The Executive Council and other division compatriots met via Zoom at 11:55am on Saturday, June 8th to go over current and upcoming division business.

Members in attendance: **Division Commander Mike Climo, Division Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap, Robert Crook, Jim Stephens, Greg Frazier, Jon Hussey, Steve Madden, Jay Gillette and Dan Sheppard.** Greg Frazier led the meeting off with the opening prayer.

Commander Climo, recapping the 2025 Division Reunion, indicated that the contract with the hotel has been signed and that the reunion will occur on the last Friday in March of 2025. He stated that the price for the reunion and hotel should be the same as last year and that the menu for the banquet will be the same also.

Jon Hussey of the Inland Empire Camp has hinted in the past that he may change over to Camp 302 sometime in the future since he lives in the area now but will remain where he is for the present. Advocate-General for the division, Robert Crook, emphasized the need for each camp in the California division to submit at least two signatories of the camp's bank account to him in the event that the absence of one will not affect the camp's ability to conduct financial business. He also offered to do taxes for any camp in the division that requests it.

We briefly went over the H.L. Hunley Award that is still being awarded to Army JROTC cadets in high schools with a few schools here in California still participating. Jim Stephens advised that he had turned over to Adjutant Padgett the remaining 4 awards that the division purchased, and that Camp 302 still has 4 awards being unused. A key change to the Hunley awards program is that now camps go directly to headquarters to request award packages.

Russ Person of the Tehachapi Camp is arranging for the SCV camps in the area to march in the Veterans Day Parade in Randsberg. Greg Frazier will help organize the event. Tod Terry updated everyone on the radio spot to be aired on the Mark Levin show. The message is directly from SCV Headquarters, created by the Kennedy brothers, and will be broadcast on stations in Central and Northern California. Also, it was noted that the UDC has on the inside cover of their latest magazine, an advertisement for the SCV. ***Subsequent to this meeting, the division learned that the radio spot on the Mark Levine show was pulled due to a complaint, or complaints called into the station. The one good result of this is that the message did get out to many listeners.***

Commander Climo talked once again of the possibility of the division losing a camp due to virtually no membership. *The SCV requires a minimum of 7 members to constitute a camp.* The loss of the Long Beach Camp was discussed along with the possibility of filling out camps with low membership. The close proximity of Long Beach and Los Angeles Camps is a prime example. The Ventura Camp is down to 6 members at this time.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer with no further business to discuss.

Camp 302 Business Meeting

Camp members gathered around their computers Saturday morning, July 13th, 2024, to discuss the latest happenings and to go over business via the scheduled Zoom conference. Camp compatriots in attendance: **Commander Jim Millsap, Lieutenant Commander George Faircloth, Adjutant Jim Stephens, Ira Lack, Chaplain Steve Perdue, Mike Climo, Simon Reid, new member Christopher Shelton, Gary Faulk and David Ham reaching us from New Mexico.**

Chaplain Perdue led the group with the traditional Invocation from the SCV Chaplain's handbook. Afterwards, Mike Climo went over the **2025 California Division Reunion** in Bakersfield on **March 28th – 30th**. (See previous page.) He also mentioned SCV's Chuck McMichael, former C.I.C., as a possible guest.

The Gator Beach BBQ this August was a big topic with Commander Millsap stating that 15 to 16 folks had committed to attending at this point in time. This event promises to be a great success this year. The attendees were advised that the October **Julian's Pioneer Cemetery** gathering is now etched in stone and we are looking at **Saturday, October 26th** for camp members and guests to meet at the cemetery to honor Drew Bailey with luncheon in town following.

The above events along with the remaining camp calendar were reviewed. The annual camp contributions to local and deserving organizations were discussed and Adjutant Stephens indicated that he would be writing a \$100.00 check to each of the following organizations chosen for 2024 within a few days. They are as follows: St. Jude Children's Hospital, Rady Children's and the Chula Vista Animal Care facility. Wreaths Across America was discussed and the \$50.00 annual donation will need to be reviewed at a later date. The recognition of Camp 302 as a donor from WAA has been a point of contention.

Some topics that were mentioned in the previous article on the D.E.C. meeting were also talked about here. Moving division members on paper from one camp to another to beef up a deficient camp is seriously considered. For example: moving the lone Long Beach Camp member to the Ventura Camp will give them the minimum 7 required members. Also, the Los Angeles camp could move 2 or 3 of their members to the Santa Barbara Camp to keep them viable. Keep in mind that the California Division has 12 camps at present. With the loss of Long Beach, the division would still have a strong 11-camp structure. We also went over the Fresno Radio station add mentioned in the D.E.C. article.

With no further business to go over, Chaplain Perdue closed out the meeting with the Benediction.

Sons of Confederate Veterans at Charleston



The Embassy Suites Airport Hotel & Convention Center at North Charleston, South Carolina was the site for the 129th National Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion, July 16 through 20, 2024. Roy Adair represented Camp 302 at the event along with wife Robyn of the UDC and son Bryan.



Other members of the California Division attending were Vern Padgett of Los Angeles, Lynn Mazalik of San Jose and Tad Smith of Sacramento. As with all national reunions, the rooms at the convention center booked up fast and many attendees stayed elsewhere around the city.

Roy is seen here with Vern Padgett and Lynn Mazalik above and with Tad Smith at right.



During the proceedings, Roy indicated that he attended three business meetings and noted three significant decisions that took place during those sessions that would be of interest to us here at the camp level. I also wish to acknowledge Vern Padgett for his notes taken during the reunion. Some of his thoughts and observations will be intermingled with Roy's in this report. **1) A move to raise the SCV annual dues by \$20.00 was soundly rejected. 2) Walter Donald "Donnie" Kennedy was elected by acclamation, the new Commander-in-Chief of the SCV - This, of course, was to be expected. As he would state: "What we do from this day forward will determine who our descendants can grow up with in a world where they will not have to apologize for their Southern ancestry... We are the best not only of Dixie but also of American and Christian Civilization."** **3) The next three national reunions are to be held in Houston, Texas, Lexington, Kentucky, and Mobile, Alabama, in that order.** During the last business session, there were ten proposed constitutional amendments brought up for adoption to be voted on plus two proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, but at this time, there are no results available. They will be announced in this newsletter when we learn of them. The amendments generally covered the following: Discipline and Administration, Membership, voting procedures, (*particularly as they relate to the newly revised Robert's Rules of Order,*) privileges granted to the past three Commander-in-Chiefs. The Standing Orders amendments dealt with video recording and streaming restrictions and a proposed change in the number of members on the Investment Committee.

A list of Officer elections are as follows: Army of Northern Virginia (ANV) Commander is Jamie Graham. Randy Burbage retains the office of ANV Councilman. Carl Jones is Commander of Army of Tennessee (AOT) with Roy Hudson as his councilman. Army of Trans-Mississippi (ATM) has John McKannon as Commander with Chuck McMichael continuing as ATM Councilman. *"From the river to the ocean...I ain't dead and I ain't done."*

Tony Griffin became the new Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief of the SCV beating out Kevin Stone who was also running for this position. Stone, from North Carolina, a former division commander and head of the Mechanized Cavalry since 2007, understands the challenges SCV faces... *"And we have several." Focus on finances and strategic heritage defense. "We have squeezed blood out of a turnip before."*

Several minor resolutions were presented and adopted. One in particular was the resolution condemning the removal of the Reconciliation Monument in Arlington National Cemetery that had been dedicated by Woodrow Wilson in 1914. A demand to halt the unseemly attacks on the South and send to Defense Secretary Austin. David McAllister spoke in favor of the resolution.

Charleston, South Carolina, is and has always been a great city in the South to visit as many of us who have been there can attest. Unfortunately, many of us in the California Division were not able to attend this year for various reasons. As Sons of Confederate Veterans, we are well aware that the War Between the States—as we Southerners refer to it—began in this city. There are so many great sites to visit while there: The H.L. Hunley at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, Magnolia Cemetery where the brave crews of that famous Confederate submarine now rest, The UDC Confederate Museum and, of course, Fort Sumter sitting out in Charleston Harbor. For those of you who get an opportunity to vacation to that part of the country, spend some time in Charleston.

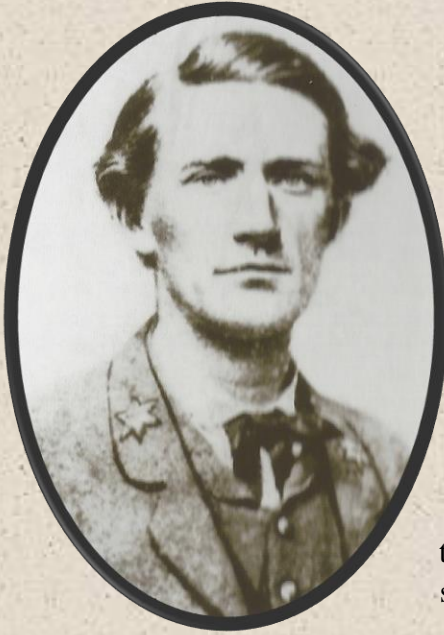
Thanks are extended once again to Roy Adair and Vern Padgett for their notes on the reunion and the photos Roy provided for this article.

At Right: Robyn Adair poses with Jill Powell at the UDC Confederate Museum in Charleston.



The graves of the recovered H.L. Hunley crew as they rest at Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery





Confederate Personality

John Singleton Mosby and his troopers became almost mythical during and after the Civil War based on the exploits he and his men performed to the chagrin of his Union adversaries.

Born in 1833 in Powhatan County, Virginia, Mosby attended the University of Virginia and, while there, he engaged in an argument with a fellow student, whom he then shot. After seven months in jail, he was pardoned in 1853 and then began studying law. He would later qualify and joined the bar, married and settled in Bristol, Virginia.

When Virginia seceded, he gave up his law practice and moved to Richmond where he enlisted in the Confederate Army, spending some time in training camp before being sent to the Shenandoah Valley. Private Mosby reported for duty with the 1st Virginia Cavalry Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J.E.B. Stuart. Mosby and Stuart got along well with each other and Stuart made it a point to assign the young private difficult scouting missions. In March of 1863, Mosby was commissioned a captain and formed a unit of partisan rangers in Northern Virginia.

Mosby's unit grew until the Confederate Government designated it the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry. The outfit would become known as "Mosby's Rangers." Mosby planned and executed raids on Union outposts in the northern Virginia counties around Washington, D.C. He established his base of operations at Warrenton, Virginia, but he continually moved his headquarters to avoid Union retaliatory attacks. His rangers, serving in the raiding parties, would then melt back into the local populace afterwards.

Between 1863 and 1865, Mosby is estimated to have captured more than 1,000 Union prisoners, more than 1,000 horses, large amounts of weapons and ammunition and hundreds of thousands of U.S. dollars in U.S. currency.

Mosby caused little or no diversion of troops from the fighting fronts. Although the "Gray Ghost" controlled the roads and fields of "Mosby's Confederacy," his actions did not have any effect on the outcome of the war. Unwilling to surrender with Robert E. Lee, Mosby disbanded his partisan rangers on April 21, 1865, 11 days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

After the war, Mosby prospered. He became a personal friend of U.S. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, all of whom used their influence to gain various U.S. Government positions for him. Among them was the ambassadorship to Hong Kong. Returning to Virginia in his old age, Mosby died in May of 1916.

Greetings From Your Commander

Hope everyone is staying cool with the higher-than-normal humidity and hot summer days. Our annual Blue/Gray Beach BBQ is coming up on August 17th and we hope to have a great turnout at Gator Beach, located at the Coronado Amphibious Base.

In October, Camp 302 will have a Confederate memorial event at the Drury Bailey gravesite in the Pioneer cemetery located in Julian, CA. We will pay our respects to Drury Bailey, and this will be followed by lunch in Julian. This will be scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024. Look for an E-mail reminder in Early October.



Other SCV events coming up:

. Civil War Days @ Huntington Beach, CA

Labor Day weekend, Aug 31-Sept 1, 2024, HB Central Park (behind the library)
SCV Camp 1770 will have an info booth setup for meet/greet.

. Old West Days @ Randsburg, CA

Sat, Sept 21, 2024, 10am – 4pm
Tehachapi SCV Camp 2048 will have a booth setup.

. Pioneer Days & Rib Cookoff @ Porterville, CA

Sat, Oct 5, 2024, 11am – 3pm (Rib cookoff starts at 7am)
Fresno SCV Camp 1804 will have a booth setup.

Lastly, Congratulations to Camp 302's Steve Smith & Patty Vejar on their marriage!
And, welcome to Chris Shelton, our newest member in Camp 302.