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Ana Marie's Declaration

Jim Stephens

*Grieving, if aught, inanimate e'er grieves,
Over the unreturning brave,-alas! Lord Byron, 1788-1824*

Several Carriages, buckboards, and a brougham rolled through town's main cemetery gate. They proceeded down a graveled, dusty pathway just wide enough to accept the horse-drawn conveyances. The Brougham-Landaulet with its collapsible top down had, as its passenger, the town's wealthy matron and president of the local Ladies Benevolent Association, Irma Ledbetter. Irma was the widow of Colonel Roland Ledbetter, late of the Confederate Army and owner of the town's rock quarry. The procession made its way along the pathway between the graves of town residents who had passed years before. They came to a stop midway through the cemetery alongside a large open area that contained neat rows of evenly spaced headstones. This was Decoration Day, 1893.¹

As in years before on May 30th, the ladies of the association, along with their church group, ventured to the cemetery to clean and decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers, as well as a spattering of graves belonging to American Revolution and War of 1812 veterans who were buried in the older section of the cemetery. On this Tuesday, a day that had also become a day of recreation around much of the country, the ladies and gentlemen alighted from their carriages and proceeded over to greet Irma, who was giving some instructions to her driver, Joe, to help out the ladies if needed. Many of the ladies were dressed in starched-white long-sleeved blouses and long dark skirts, while others wore black dresses typically used for mourning. A few boldly wore light-colored and printed full-length dresses and beribboned straw hats that would help ward off the midday heat soon to follow. The men, of course in their dark suits with starched collars and ties, strolled nonchalantly off to a far corner of the burial plot to talk amongst themselves, as men are likely to do, of politics and the recently run Kentucky Derby where the horse Lookout had won.² As the women walked about the burial plots, the hemns of their long dresses stirred up a cloud of dust that followed them about in the low, sparse grass just beginning to show itself.

Josephine Cosgrove and her husband, George, were the first to approach Irma. "Irma, it is so good to see you," Josephine said. "It's good to be here again in this peaceful spot to honor our men."

"Yes, it is," Irma replied. "And how are you, Captain Cosgrove? I see that the limp you've had all these years hasn't gotten any worse."

"Thank goodness, Mrs. Ledbetter, the bullet I took in the leg outside Atlanta didn't hit the bone or I would not have this leg to limp with," said George as he leaned against his cane and pointing to his left leg.

Several others began strolling toward Irma and her group: Jane Baldwin with her husband, Will, and their 14 year old daughter, Ana Marie; Colonel Jack Foster, who had served in the Army of Northern Virginia and who'd been acquainted with Roland Ledbetter; and Reverend Thrailkill, pastor of the Methodist church that most of these folks belonged to and who generously offered his services each year to the Benevolent Association and their work in taking care of the graves of the Americans buried here, particularly the Confederates.

Reverend Thrailkill, like most of the town folk, was closely tied to the Southern effort in the late war. His brother John, attached to General Longstreet's Corps, was killed at Gettysburg and, as Thrailkill hoped, would be given a decent burial somewhere in that far-off place.

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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. { }

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Minutes from the May 13, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was held at Marie Callendar's Restaurant in La Mesa. The meeting was called to order at 12:45 by Commander Jim Stephens. Steve Smith, George Faircloth, Roy Adair, Jim Millsap, Ira Lack, Tony O'Morda, John Flood, Mike Schooling and Steve Musgrave were in attendance. Hazel Drane, Robert, and Jane Zoch were present as guests. The Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag were rendered. There were no new members to be sworn in. However, the camp does have a new member by the name of Christopher Lockhart and it is hoped that he can be sworn in at the Memorial Day event. The Camp Commander was pleased to announce that Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap has been selected as the 2016 Camp "Rebel of the Year." To the cheers of everyone in attendance, Jim Millsap was presented with the sword and stand, which now includes his name among those having achieved this honor. The Treasurer's report indicated a balance in the camp account of \$47,069.82. Since our last meeting, the camp donated \$185 for the JROTC Hunley awards and paid \$25 in membership fees.

Old Business: The Camp Commander reported on a very successful Division Convention in Bakersfield last March. The Convention was attended by Steve Smith, Jim Stephens, Jim Millsap and Roy Adair. The Commander reviewed preparations for the upcoming Mount Hope Memorial Day Ceremony and confirmed our participation in the color guard on that occasion. The Adjutant confirmed the camp's donation of \$100.00 to the Friends of the Hunley. An adequate number of camp members committed to performing color guard duties at the VMC on May 27 in place of the 82nd Airborne.

New Business: Steve Smith provided information on the design and procurement of a Camp Challenge Coin, which we should be able to move on in the near future. The Commander provided details and presented an example of the new camp shirt. A motion was passed that the camp subsidize 50% of the cost of the shirts and that this subsidized rate be passed on to family and friends of camp members who wish to purchase a shirt. Since Gary Henson has moved permanently to Missouri and Ernie Powell's health issues preclude his active participation, the Commander announced that he has appointed James Coultsby as a new Camp Chaplin. With the Coronado and Vista High School JROTC programs being recently added, the camp is awarding a total of six Hunley Awards each year. All future award applications will now be handled directly between the camps and Jon Fowler at the California Division level, thereby taking pressure off of Trip Wilson at the National level. The date for this year's Wreaths Across America has been set for Saturday, December 16, 2017. Mike Schooling announced that National had informed him that no further effort should be made to encourage those college level ROTC departments to participate in the SCV award program if they decline to do so. Tony O'Morda announced that he will be moving to Florida in the very near future and will transfer his membership to a camp there. Tony will be missed. Since the El Cajon Gun exchange has decided to go out of business, a motion was passed to allow Ira Lack to purchase black powder supplies as available at reduced prices for all upcoming black powder events. All members were invited to go visit Stu Hoffman at his new long-term care facility in Rancho San Diego following the meeting or at any other time. Stu would definitely appreciate the company.

The next regularly scheduled VMC Color Guard will be on July 22, 2017.

The next Camp Meeting will be held at Mimi's Restaurant in Mira Mesa on Saturday, July 8th, at a time to be determined. There being no further new business, the meeting was closed by the Camp Commander.

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Today, as most of the arrivals approached the Confederate graves, Irma Ledbetter's commanding voice could be heard as she greeted and directed them to various tasks around the area. "Thanks for coming today everyone," she declared haughtily, "since we were here last month to decorate the graves of our glorious Confederate dead, there shouldn't be a lot to do but place the flags we have on as many graves as we can. This month we'll also look after the graves of our men who fought for America's independence before Mr. Lincoln decided to deny us of ours here in the South." Irma directed some to a distant location in the cemetery where a couple of Revolutionary War veterans were buried. Others were sent to a section of veterans who fought in the War of 1812. Irma would later make her way to that section as her Grandfather was buried there.

As president of the Benevolent Association and a leading figure in Pastor Thraillkill's church and numerous other organizations, Irma had no trouble taking control of any situation, particularly *here* where her husband was buried nearby. Here, where a very large monument was to be constructed in the near future with a bronze statue of a Confederate soldier pointing toward the buried soldiers as if this were to be where the line of battle was to be formed. As the town's wealthiest couple, she and Roland had managed to prosper even during reconstruction times. The Colonel owned the region's only rock quarry that supplied granite and other stone material to surrounding states before, during and after the war. Before he died, he donated the headstones that now marked each and every Confederates grave.

Josephine and Jane wandered along the rows, occasionally stooping to read the names and units of the soldiers before placing their Confederate flags, some of which were faded after years of use. Ana Marie, an inquisitive and precocious young lady, took seriously the work they were doing this day, for like many young folks her age, she still had close relatives in town who had fought in the war. She practically ran up and down the rows, checking each grave stone for the inscriptions. Standing a short distance away from her mother, she called out, "Momma, why are there so many grave markers with *unknown* on them?"

"Dear," Jane responded, "I suppose these poor men had no identification on them when they were buried."

About that time, Captain Cosgrove wondered over, having tired of the horseracing talk and Churchill Downs. "Ladies, I could not help but hear Ana Marie's question. It just so happened, Mrs. Baldwin, that your husband asked me the same question a few moments ago. When Josephine and I settled down here after the war, I learned that most of the men buried here died of their wounds after being sent from where there was fighting near Chattanooga to the hospital here. Some, of course, passed away years later. Many of these men," he explained, "were unable to talk for the most part and so badly wounded, with nothing on them but their ragged uniforms, that we never learned who they were or what command they belonged to. All that could be done at the time was to put *unknown* on their grave markers."

Colonel Jack Foster soon joined the group, bringing Will Baldwin and Reverend Thraillkill with him. Colonel Foster, a native of the town who had served as an artillery officer under General Hood during the Atlanta Campaign and managed to return home unscathed, added to Cosgrove's explanation as to who and how the deceased veterans came to this cemetery. "Of all the men who left here in '61 when the war started, all but three returned home more or less in one piece. Because we were so far from the fighting and our access to the nearby railroad, we were chosen to have a hospital established here. I've been told by Doctor Blake who ran the hospital at the time that over five hundred wounded men were sent here in the last couple years of the war. And, if I'm not mistaken, the cemetery records over three hundred men buried here who did not survive their wounds. I know of at least two of our local veterans buried here with their fellow Confederates when they passed away several years ago."

Pastor Thraillkill suggested they walk over and help Irma who had just left the group to see her Grandfather's grave. Will and Captain Cosgrove turned to follow. Colonel Foster remained with Jane and Josephine as they continued strolling along the neat, straight rows of graves. Colonel Foster, as he had done so many times in the past, read aloud the names and units, almost as if he were searching for someone he might have known in the past.

It was about this time, as she was attempting to stick a faded battle flag in the hard earth by the headstone of an unknown Confederate, Jane noticed Ana Marie was not with them. Standing up and scanning the surrounding area, Jane finally spotted her inquisitive daughter well across the carriage path standing by several uneven wooden crosses that stood forlornly among worn and leaning grave stones. "Ana Marie," she shouted, "what are you doing over there? I need you over here to help us finish up before we leave for the church."

"Mama, come look at these graves," hollered Ana Marie as she gestured to her mother.

Jane and Josephine, both looking for an excuse to standup and move about, crossed the path and made their way through the older gravestones to where Ana Marie was standing.

"These crosses have *Unknown Federal* carved into them," exclaimed Ana Marie as she moved about the seven uneven crosses.

"Were these the Yankees we fought during the war?" Josephine wondered aloud. "How did they get here?"

About this time, most of the group was coming back to the Confederate section, headed by Irma Ledbetter.

"What's everybody doing over there?" Irma called out as she came near the carriage path.

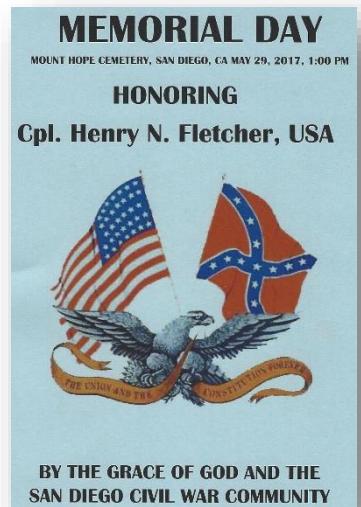
"We've found these wooden crosses with *Unknown Federal* carved on them," Ana Marie called out before any of the others had a chance to respond.

"They might be Yankee soldiers," Reverend Thraillkill replied. "Roland mentioned to me at one time that some dead Yankees were brought down here for burial. That's all I know. Roland never told me anything else; not even where in the cemetery they were buried."

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Memorial Day, Mt. Hope May 29, 2017

As in past years, Father A.J. Ryan Camp 302, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the SGT William Pittenger Camp 21, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, along with the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, come together to honor the veterans of both sides. For the Union, we gather at G.A.R. Hill and afterwards, move a short distance to the Stonewall Jackson Monument located on the UDC plot to honor our Confederate ancestors and all Confederate veterans buried there. This year, Commander John Finch and his Camp 21 hosted the event honoring Cpl. Henry N. Fletcher, 4th Corporal, Company G, 3rd Iowa Cavalry. Henry died at age 91 in 1928 after being involved in many San Diego activities. Thanks go out to Kathleen Winchester, DUVCW for her research in Cpl. Fletcher's background. John and his camp 21 had as guest speaker Mr. John McCann, Deputy Mayor of Chula Vista, CA. Also, kudos go out to all those who participated along with their family and friends attending the event. We cannot forget to thank all the folks associated with Camp 302 and the UDC for providing a great picnic feast following the ceremony at the Stonewall Jackson Monument. For the next few pages, see the photos of our day at Mt. Hope Cemetery.



Commander John Finch, Camp 21, addresses the guests at G.A.R. Hill during the ceremony. Deputy Mayor John McCann is at far right.



The Color Guard posts the Colors at the start of the ceremony



Ready! Aim! Fire! The musket salute pays tribute to the Union veterans



DUVWC's Kathleen Winchester, President, Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent #5, introduces 7th grader Holly Kirkman, winner of the "What Memorial Day Means to me" essay contest that she reads to the assembled guests.

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"Hey, folks," Jack Foster spoke up now, "we must thank Ana Marie for finding the graves of these unfortunates, as I, like most who were here in the area at the time, had completely forgotten about these men being brought here for burial toward the end of the war. I returned here a few months after Lee's surrender," he continued, "so they must have been brought here sometime before that."

"Well!" chimed Irma, "I'm familiar with the cemetery records since I took the opportunity to go over them when I used to help Mr. Adams years ago in his office here. I never saw any mention of Yankee soldiers being buried here."

"I was the attending Chaplain at the hospital in late 1864," said Reverend Thraillkill, "when one afternoon, word came down that a Lieutenant Hamilton, leading a small detachment of cavalry, had brought in a wagonload of dead Union soldiers that had been found scattered in the woods about ten miles distance. Since he was knowledgeable of our town and the cemetery, he took them there for what he considered a Christian burial and requested the grounds keeper place wooden crosses with *Unknown* on them as none of the bodies had any identification. I was so busy in the last months of the war that I completely forgot all about this incident."

"Either it was done without the knowledge of the cemetery staff or they just didn't bother to record it," Colonel Foster said.

Captain Cosgrove added after a moment, "They must have been casualties of that skirmish that happened near here sometime in late '64 after they tangled with our home-guard boys. I think a few of the wounded home-guard men were wards of the hospital here after that. They were not local boys and I don't think anybody knows where they went after the war."

"With that settled," declared Irma, "let's get ready to head to the church; there's food waiting for us."

"Wait!" shouted Ana Marie. "Aren't we going to clean up around these graves and at least place a few flowers around them? Aren't they veterans of the war also?"

"Well, maybe," scoffed Irma. "They're Yankees and we haven't got time. You can blame that cavalry Lieutenant, whoever he was, for bringing them here."

"Mama!" Ana Marie shouted. "We can't leave these graves unattended. I might be too young to know what went on all those years ago other than what I've been told about the war, and I cannot comprehend the animosities the people both North and South had in those days... All I know is that these poor soldiers were brought here without anyone knowing who they are and without anyone to mourn over them."

"Here! Here!" Cosgrove declared as he looked askance at Irma, clearly amazed at the perception the fourteen-year-old child and her willingness to stand up to Irma Ledbetter.

Ana Marie continued. "For years, since I've been old enough to remember and long before that, folks have been coming here decorating the graves of our Confederate dead and our other Southern men who fought in other wars. Don't you all realize that Northern folks are clearing and decorating the graves of *their* dead like we are doing here?" Ana Marie further declared, "Somewhere up North right now, someone may very well be decorating the grave of one of *our* boys who lies at rest." Ana Marie looked over to the graves of the Union soldiers she had discovered and uttered prophetically, "There's a Yankee lady somewhere up north—perhaps right now—who's still pining over a lost husband or son who never came back from the war. That person may be one of those buried here."

Reverend Thraillkill spoke up. "I agree with young Miss Baldwin and the Captain. There is no reason we cannot do something for the men buried here. We're here today, by all means, to decorate the graves of America's military men, especially our Confederate dead. These poor souls may have been our enemies at one time, but that is now in the past and they need some kind of recognition. I have two or three American flags in my carriage I can put here and I need you men to help me straighten up these crosses." The Reverend, looking sternly at Mrs. Ledbetter, then requested, "Irma, see what you can do to have a grave stone made up. We'll take care of it with church donations." Returning the Reverend's gaze, Irma gave what could be described as a reluctant agreement to his request.

"I have an idea," Colonel Foster said. "I'm going to Cleveland in a few weeks on business and I hear they have a G.A.R. office there. I'll inquire with them as to what they can do to help us here."

"Now that that's settled," declared Reverend Thraillkill, "let's head to the church. I know everyone must be getting hungry about now."

As the carriages, wagons and Irma's Brougham (driven by a very patient Joe Digby) moved slowly out of the cemetery, with Will and Jane Baldwin's carriage bringing up the rear, Ana Marie turned to look back at the decorated graves just in time to see a slight breeze catch the flags they had just placed there. The three American flags that had been placed over the graves of the Union soldiers fluttered briskly in the afternoon sun. Ana Marie, in her imaginative mind, felt that these forgotten men were thanking her for what she had just done.

Footnotes:

1. Confederate Veteran Magazine, May 1893

2. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1893_Kentucky_Derby

Photos From Memorial Day, Mt. Hope, May 29, 2017 (Continued)



Compatriots John Flood, Ira Lack, Adjutant Roy Adair, & LCDR Jim Millsap stand tall at Mt. Hope during the Memorial Day celebration.



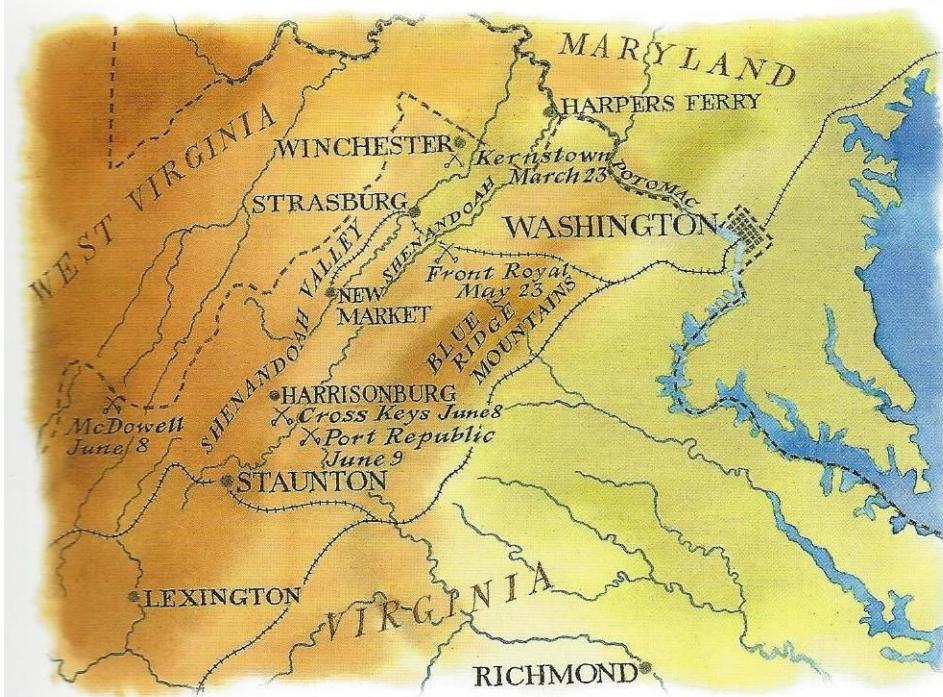
The Confederate First National flag flies proudly over the Stonewall Jackson Monument at the UDC's plot at Mt. Hope. The small flags denote the final resting place of San Diego's Confederate Veterans.



At left, Camp 302 took the opportunity to swear in its newest member, Christopher Lockhart. LCDR Jim Millsap leads Compatriot Lockhart in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and oath to the camp and SCV. CDR Jim Stephens and Adjutant Roy Adair conduct their part while compatriots John Flood and Ira Lack look on.

The men of Camp 302 and the ladies of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter 476 of the UDC with their family and guests pose at the Stonewall Jackson Monument to close out this year's memorial tribute to the Confederacy's veterans buried here and to the veterans of the Union Army at rest a short distance away on G.A.R. Hill.



WAR BETWEEN THE STATESJune / July 1862

The Shenandoah Valley – Confederate General “Stonewall” Jackson’s campaign in the Shenandoah Valley in spring 1862 had the aim of tying up as many Union troops as possible, a strategic diversion to draw strength from McClellan’s advance on Richmond (the Peninsular campaign). The Shenandoah Valley was important to the Confederacy as a source of provisions and as a route for invading the North. It was less important to the Union: the Valley was not a suitable invasion route. Nevertheless, it was important for Washington to deny its use to the enemy. During the campaign, Jackson moved up and down the valley at great speed, confusing the Union command as to his strength and whereabouts. His army of 17,000 outmaneuvered three Union forces with a combined strength of 64,000. He won five battles—Front royal, McDowell, First Winchester, Cross Keys, and Port Republic—between May 8 and June 9, 1862.

June 16 – **The Battle of Secessionville/Fort Lamar/James Island** In the campaign for Charleston, Brigadier General Henry Benham launches an unsuccessful attack against the Confederate defenses at Fort Lamar, Secessionville.

June 27 – **The Battle of Gaines’ Mill/First Cold Harbor** Lee’s forces include the small corps of “Stonewall” Jackson, which includes the Texas Brigade led by John Bell Hood. A bold frontal attack led by the Texans succeed in breaking through the Union Position of Porter’s corps. This victory forces McClellan to abandon his advance on Richmond during his ill-fated Peninsular Campaign.

July 1 – **The Union Economy**. The government introduces the Internal Revenue Act. This places a tax on anyone earning more than \$600 a year. Imposed to help fund the war, a Federal tax is placed on distilled spirits.

July 15 – **The CSS Arkansas, Confederate Ironclad**, attacks and damages three Union ships at Vicksburg and swings naval power on the Mississippi back toward the Confederates.

Taken from *The Civil War Day by Day*, Philip Katcher, Chartwell Books, Inc. 2010, pp 51- 59 (abridged)

CIVIL WAR FACTS AND TRIVIA: By the 1890s, the City of New Orleans had erected \$150,000 worth of Confederate monuments, statues and memorials with Richmond, Virginia following a close second, according to a January 1893 article from *The Confederate Veteran Magazine*. This was a considerable sum of money for that period in time. It is an extremely sad state of affairs today, when the mayor of New Orleans, who, in the dark of night, with his hooded armed guards, supervised the removal, in all probability, these very same monuments and statues that the proud folks of New Orleans along with many Confederate Veterans organizations so long ago, worked so hard to erect, memorializing our Confederate leaders and heroes. While Richmond has not been hit as hard in this matter, we can only hope and pray that this madness will end in our lifetime.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

Date: July 8, 2017**Time:** 12:00AM – 3:00PM**Location:** Mimi's Restaurant, Mira Mesa, 10788 Westview Pkwy, 92126, (858) 566-6667**Directions:** From I-15 turn West on Miramar Road. Mimi's is on left. From I-805 drive East. Mimi's on the right.*Camp Meeting, May 13, 2017*

Camp 302 had a great meeting at Marie Callendar's on May 13th. (See minutes of meeting on Page Two.) We used the occasion to say goodbye to Compatriot Tony O'Morda who will be moving to Florida. He will transfer to an SCV camp in that area. The camp wished him good luck in his future endeavors. Pictured L to R: Jim Millsap, Steve Smith, Mike Schooling, Jane Zoch, Robert Zoch, George Faircloth, Jim Stephens, Steve Musgrave, Roy Adair, Hazel Drane, Ira Lack, Tony O'Morda & John Flood



Camp members proudly pose behind the "Bonnie Blue."



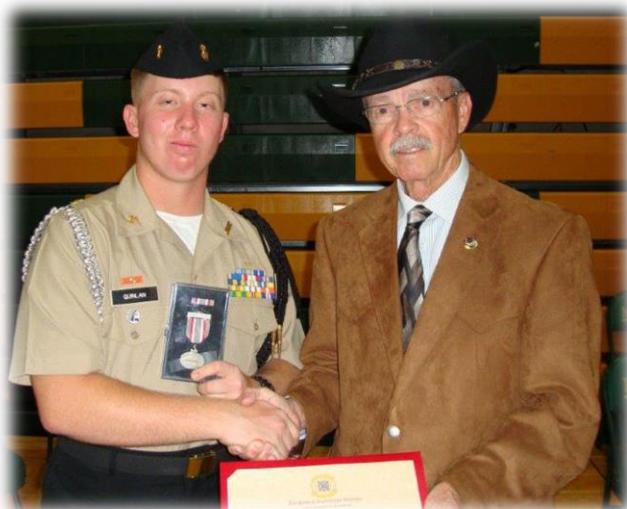
Commander Jim Stephens presents Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap with the camp's annual "Rebel of the Year" Award for 2016 for his dedication both to our camp and the SCV.

(More camp activities pictured on Page Ten)

THE HORACE L. HUNLEY AWARD (continued from last issue)

For the past several years, Camp 302 has been actively involved with the Horace L. Hunley Award that is presented to deserving JROTC high school students in the San Diego area. This program was developed, and is overseen, by Master Chief Petty Officer Alexander “Trip” Wilson III, USN (Retired). Originally set up for the Navy and Marine JROTC programs, it was later expanded to include the Air Force and Army JROTCs. Cadets are recognized not only for academic achievement and leadership, but also for commitment, courage and honor—attributes that were shown by the eight brave men who set out on the fateful, but successful mission of the Confederate Submarine, H.L. Hunley that sank the USS Housatonic, a Union blockading ship laying off Charleston, South Carolina in 1864.

Camp 302, as noted in the May issue of “The Conquered Banner,” awarded the first two of the camp’s six H.L. Hunley Awards to JROTC cadets at Vista High School on April 21st and Kearny High School on May 2nd. Unfortunately, the last school in this year’s award series, Westview High School, which had their awards ceremony conducted on Sunday, June 4th, JROTC cadet Brayden Griffith, the awardee, did not attend due to illness. He was given his award in school the next day. Thanks goes to 2nd LCDR George Faircloth who was present on stage ready to present the award to Cadet Griffith.



Adjutant Roy Adair presents the Hunley award to Navy JROTC Cadet Trevor Quinian, Mar Vista High School, May 11, 2017



Compatriot Mike Schooling presents the Hunley award to Air Force JROTC Cadet Jacqueline Nguyen, Mira Mesa High School, May 27, 2017



Adjutant Roy Adair presents the Hunley Award to Navy JROTC Cadet Karl Mulvehill, Coronado High School, May 31, 2017. This is the first award for Coronado High

(Camp photos continued from Page Eight)



Camp members Roy Adair, Jim Stephens, Ira Lack & Steve Smith paid a visit to Camp 302 Compatriot and founding member Stu Hoffman at his new digs at La Vida Real in El Cajon. Stu is doing quite well these days and is always interested in camp activities.

Steve Smith points out some interesting details on his cell phone to Stu during the camp's visit. Knowing Steve, it was some interesting aviation tidbit.

