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23RD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA DIVISION REUNION

Fellow compatriots, your Camp 302 representatives, Commander Jim Stephens, Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap, Adjutant Roy Adair and Compatriot/Division Commander Steve Smith attended another great division reunion in Bakersfield during the weekend of 10-12 March, 2017. The weather was just right for the occasion and the Four Points/Sheraton Hotel

was a perfect venue for the convention. Also, the hotel staff proved once again to be splendid hosts to your California Division. Bakersfield has become such a central point in the state that it will see the division's camps meeting there once again in 2018. Pictured at left, division officers conduct the business portion of the convention Saturday, March 11, 2017. L to R: Webmaster Mike Climo, Social Media Rep. Kevin Street, Upper South Brigade Commander and Bakersfield-Tehachapi Camp 2048 Commander/host, Jon Fowler addressing the gathering, Division



Commander Steve Smith, Division Adjutant Dr. Vern Padgett, Division Lieutenant Commander Scott Price, and newly appointed Division Chaplain Richard Kline

Chaplain Kline led off with his fine invocation. With the pledge to the U.S. Flag and the salute to the Confederate Flag, business was under way. Commander Fowler welcomed all the attendees, then Division Adjutant Dr. Vern Padgett conducted the Roll Call of the camps. Camps present and accounted for: **Father A.J. Ryan, Camp 302, San Diego - General John bell Hood, Camp 1208, Los Angeles - The Stainless Banner, Camp 1440, San Jose - General George Blake Cosby, Camp 1627, Sacramento - Deaderick Doremus Thurmond, Camp 1631, Santa Barbara - Inland Empire, Camp 1742, Redlands - Captain James Iredell Waddell, Camp 1770, Orange County - General Tyree Harris Bell, Camp 1804, Fresno - Lt. General Wade Hampton, Camp 2023, Modesto - General Albert Sidney Johnston, Camp 2048, Bakersfield-Tehachapi - CSS Virginia, Camp 2062, Ventura County.** Captain Cameron Erskine Thom, Camp 2007, Long Beach could not be present this year.

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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 March 4, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was held at Mimi's Restaurant in Mira Mesa and was called to order at 12:45 PM by Commander Jim Stephens. Steve Smith, George Faircloth, Roy Adair, Jim Millsap, Ira Lack, Tony O'Morda, Bob Johnson, James Coulsby and Steve Musgrave were in attendance. Charmaine and Jeff Malone were present as guests. The invocation was given by James Coulsby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag. There were no new members to be sworn in or awards to be presented. The Treasurer's report indicated a balance in the camp account of \$47,279.82. Since our last meeting, the camp donated \$100.00 to The Friends of the Hunley, paid our annual \$66.30 website hosting fee, purchased a \$34.99 bullet mold and purchased \$100.00 worth of items from the SCV store to be donated at the upcoming Division Convention in Bakersfield.

Old Business: The Commander reported on a very successful meeting and Civil War arms presentation at the home of Peter Huelsenbeck in conjunction with a SUV camp meeting. Several of our camp members were in attendance. It was also mentioned that a review of the camp By-Laws and Standing Orders was still on hold. The camp donation of \$100.00 to the Friends of the Hunley has been completed. It was confirmed that we will be performing color guard duties at the VMC on May 28th in place of the 82nd airborne.

New Business: The Camp Commander discussed our duties and responsibilities at the upcoming Division Convention in Bakersfield. We will have four camp members in attendance: Jim Stephens, Jim Millsap, Roy Adair and Steve Smith. We will have numerous items to donate for the raffle, including items purchased from the SCV merchandise store, books and magazines donated by the UDC and many books obtained from the library of Camp 302's late commander Gene Harper. It was announced that we will be losing camp members Gary Henson to Missouri and Mike Spaulding to Texas. Delinquent dues member Grady Grammer indicated he wishes to be reinstated. His paperwork will be processed by the camp adjutant once his dues have been received. The Mt. Hope Memorial Day ceremony planning session will be conducted on March 7th at 11:00 AM at Mimi's Restaurant in Mira Mesa. Designated representatives from Camp 302, the UDC, and the SUV will attend. The Division Commander announced that there will be a coordinated "flagging" in conjunction with the drive to the Bakersfield cemetery for the memorial service on Sunday following the Division Convention. The Camp Commander reported on the status of the "Last Roll Call," which pertains to deceased camp members and will be part of the program at the Division Convention.

The next VMC Color Guard will be on April 22, 2017.

The next Camp Meeting will be held at the Marie Callender Restaurant in La Mesa on Saturday, May 13, at 12:00 noon. (See page eight for directions.) There being no further new business, the meeting was closed by the Camp Commander with the benediction by James Coulsby.

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Sandy Padgett, President of the California Order of the Confederate Rose, presented her report at the beginning of the session. Commander and Convention Host, Jon Fowler of Camp 2048, has taken action to promote the H.L. Hunley award for the division by maintaining an account of the awards and the camps that are presenting them. Each camp should be revising and resubmitting them to Jon for his records. Jon emphasized to the reunion attendees the advantages and importance of keeping and promoting this very valuable program. Most importantly, because MCPO, Alexander C. Wilson, III U.S. Navy (retired) who developed the Hunley Program, is so overwhelmed by the massive amount of applications for this award—almost a thousand this year—a new approach to processing the fees and distributing the certificate kits to the camps and schools is being tasked to the divisions within the national organization. Members of the California Division can personally thank Commander Fowler for taking the lead and putting our division first among the division volunteers. Subsequent to the division reunion, Camp 302 has added two high schools to our annual H.L. Hunley Awards program: Coronado High School in Coronado, CA and Vista High School, Vista, CA (our first in North County).

At right, Camp 302 members, Adjutant Adair and LCDR Millsap sit among the delegates during the business meeting. Commander Fowler discussed the California Division Mechanized Cavalry and the flagging that is done from cars and trucks during the year. Kevin Street reported on his social media efforts and offered to start a Facebook page for the division's camps. Webmaster Mike Climo discussed the division's website and encouraged the camps to submit information regarding their camps to him for inclusion in the division's webpage. Division Commander Steve Smith discussed in his Heritage Report

the myriad legal challenges facing the SCV, ranging from statues being taken down in New Orleans to highly rated teacher Woody Hart being forced to retire due to a single complaint from a disgruntled student who did not like a lecture Hart gave while displaying the battle flag. On the positive side, the local teachers union is fighting for Hart's reinstatement. Steve also reported that the State of Alabama passed a law declaring that statues over twenty years old could not be removed for any reason. Let's hope more states take this action before it is too late.

Division Adjutant Padgett reported that the California Division now has 280 members in 12 camps with The George Blake Cosby, Camp 1627, Sacramento being the largest. The oldest camp is John Bell Hood Los Angeles, founded in 1951, and the newest camp is the General Albert Sidney Johnston, Camp 2048, Bakersfield-Tehachapi. Camp 1627, Sacramento is the northern-most camp with Camp 302, San Diego holding claim to California's most southern locale. Adjutant Padgett switched to his Treasurer's Report, stating that the division had \$2835.00 in the bank. The total will be \$2860.00 with late dues coming in from Camp 302 as reported by camp Adjutant Roy Adair. During the past year, the California Division contributed to the Louisiana Monument Fund and the SCV Headquarters Heritage Fund.

Scott Price, division Lieutenant Commander, reported that progress and growth is occurring in all of the camps. California Division Commander Steve Smith reported to the convention gathering that 36 national level awards had been given to the division's members at the last national reunion. Sixty-nine new members joined camps throughout the state. Your Camp 302 had 6 new members added to our ranks, but unfortunately, 5 members did not renew their dues for the year and have now been dropped from the roster. As far as Camp 302's active membership, we've just about evened out. During my Camp 302 report to the division, I mentioned the regularly scheduled and special events your camp participated in during the previous year, among them being the camp's dedication of James Taylor's Plaque at Mt. Soledad and Adjutant Adair's attendance of UDC Memorials at Bakersfield, Hollywood Forever and Santa Ana Cemeteries. I reminded the division of Camp 302's attendance at the national reunion. I reported on Compatriot John Armstrong's receiving his Vietnam Service Award from National and mentioned my invitation to speak to the Sons of the American Revolution. As part of a new function at the division reunion to honor members that have passed away—"The Last Roll Call"—I paid tribute to Greg Sims, our compatriot who died on August 20th of last year. Thanks to Brigade/Camp Commander Jon Fowler for starting this program that pays tribute to all known camp members who have passed away in previous years during the memorial service on the final day of the reunion.

With New Business, Commander Smith proposed a joint SCV/SUVCW Reunion every 3 to 5 years. Compatriot Epperson moved that the two organizations have different business meetings but joint activities, such as the banquet; Steve Madden seconded and the motion passed. It remains to be seen if we can get this moving. Both the SCV and the SUV have their state gatherings at the same location in Bakersfield at times, which is a plus in getting some action on this proposal. As stated earlier, the 2018 Convention will be held again at the Four Points in Bakersfield. Camp 302 will once again coordinate the silent auction, which went well this year. Over \$430.00 was taken in during the auction. Most of the books and items ordered from headquarters by your camp sold very quickly.

Division elections were held at the business meeting and all division officers were either reelected or reappointed with the exception of the Lower South Brigade Commander. Robert Williams was elected to that position to replace our own Dave Sanders. Steve Smith was reelected as Division Commander as Scott Price retained his position as Division Lieutenant Commander. Jon Fowler kept his position as Upper South Brigade Commander. Vern Padgett was reappointed Division Adjutant and Treasurer.

The business meeting adjourned shortly after noon for lunch and preparations began for the evening banquet.



Commander Smith and Adjutant Padgett chat during luncheon after the adjournment of the meeting



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Mount Hope Memorial Day Planning Meeting

Each year, members of Camp 302 and SUVCW Camp 21 come together on March 7, 2017 to plan for the joint ceremony conducted at San Diego's historic Mt. Hope Cemetery in May. Mt. Hope is the resting place for a great many Civil War veterans, both Confederate and Union. The Stonewall Jackson chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has a large plot with a monument where many Confederate veterans who settled in the San Diego area are buried. A short distance away, San Diego's Union veterans are interred on G.A.R. Hill (Grand Army of the Republic). The SCV and the SUV alternate the hosting of this honorable ceremony. In the July issue of "The Conquered Banner," we'll highlight this upcoming event. In the interim, John and Jim met at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Tuesday, April 11th to finalize the documentation for the event and identify the grave of the SUV's honoree: Union veteran Henry Neal Fletcher who is interred on G.A.R. Hill. As usual, the management of the cemetery (Area Manager, Francisco Castruita; Administrative Aide, Dianna Di Giulio; and Utility supervisor, David Noriega) was extremely helpful in setting the wheels in motion for this year's memorial event, which will start at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 29, 2017.



Above left: UDC's Robyn Adair, DUVCW's Kathleen Winchester, Jim Stephens, Camp 302, John Finch, SUVCW Camp 21 & Ira Lack, Camp 302 at Mimi's Restaurant in Mira Mesa



Above left, Camp 302's Roy Adair looks on as Kathleen Winchester and John Finch go over details during planning meeting

Commanders Jim Stephens of Camp 302 and John Finch of Camp 21 had an additional discussion on Tuesday, April 25th to iron out details on the participants and what they will do during the ceremony. This, of course, is subject to change. Camp 21's Chaplain, Dave Allen, will present the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander John Finch, among his other duties, will read General John A. Logan's Order #11. Brenda Poole will take care of the Dedication of Flowers with possible help from the UDC if necessary. Brenda will also sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. San Diego Opera singer Rita Cartwright will sing the National Anthem. It is planned for John McCann to be the event's Keynote speaker. Thanks to the UDC's Charmaine Malone who graciously agreed to sing if called upon. Camp 302's Ernie Powell is slated to offer the Benediction and sing his signature rendition of "Amazing Grace" if health permits.

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Our host, Jon Fowler, with the men and ladies of Camp 2048, did a fantastic job in setting up an excellent Awards Banquet for Saturday evening. After Colors were formally posted, the banquet began. Great food was served with Richard Kline providing the entertainment with his keyboard playing and singing. Camp 302's Commander Jim Stephens, Adjutant Roy Adair and Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap worked to get the convention's Silent Auction moving in a smooth fashion where many Civil War related books (many from the collection of Camp 302's past commander Gene Harper), CD's, magazines and miscellaneous articles were placed on tables around the banquet room sold well during and after the banquet.



Uniformed compatriots await orders to distribute Certificates of Appreciation to all the ladies at the banquet



Division Officers prepare to begin the Banquet functions



Adjutant Adair serves as Treasurer during the Silent Auction



Commander Jim Stephens, Camp 302, presents his Camp-of-the-Year Sword to the new Camp-of-the-Year, Commander Scott Price of Camp 1770, who garnered the most points the past year for its varied activities.

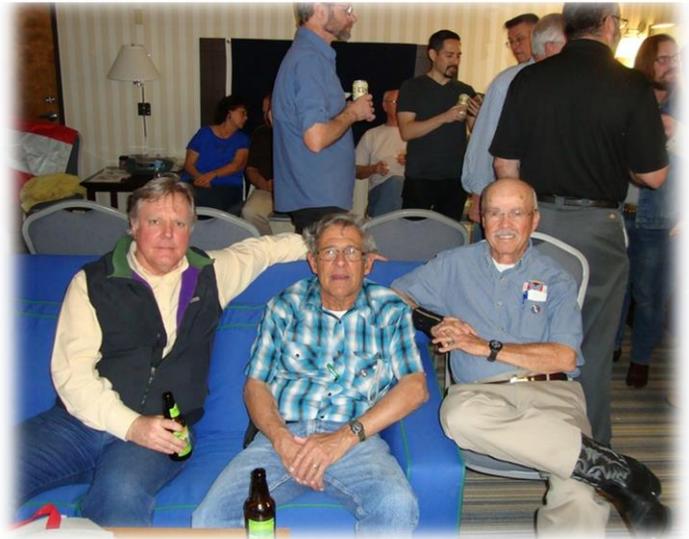
The following morning, Sunday, March 12th, division members proceeded to Bakersfield's Historic Union Cemetery for the annual memorial service conducted by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mary Boykin Chesnut Chapter 2634. On the way to the cemetery, many members displayed various Confederate flags from their vehicles during the convoy to the cemetery.



Above, Chapter 2634 President Donna Ozemme and the ladies of the UDC conduct as usual, a very moving ceremony honoring the Confederate veterans buried here at Union Cemetery and all Confederate veterans laid to rest in California. During the ceremony, camp commanders were called upon to read the names of their camp's known deceased members. Commander Stephens read the names of eight Camp 302 members who passed away while having active membership since Camp 302's inception. Above Right, Greg Frazier and the Division Color Guard prepare to March on the Colors to start the Memorial ceremony.



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SCENES FROM THE HOSPITALITY SUITE, BAKERSFIELD - 2017

Jim Millsap hams it up as Roy joins him and Jim Stephens in the hospitality suite at the Four Seasons Hotel as delegates from the California Division camps gather to socialize and renew acquaintances the night before the business meeting.



L to R: California Division Commander and Camp 302's Steve Smith joins Mike Climo, Camp Commander John Smoley and Adjutant Steve Madden of Inland Empire Camp 1742 in the courtyard of the Four Seasons during hospitality night

WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

April / May 1862

As in all periods throughout the war, Confederate forces would see wins and losses during these months. Perhaps the most glaring is that of the **Battle of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing** in Tennessee that occurred on **April 6 - 7**. General Albert S. Johnston with his 45,000 men faced General Ulysses Grant's 30,000 Union forces. With General Pierre Beauregard as his



second in command, they staged a surprise attack toward the landing. Union troops had no idea that Confederates were approaching them until they swarmed out of the woods in the early morning. Despite some early disorganization and delays due to bad weather, the Confederates managed to push back Sherman's division on the right and three Union divisions in the Union center by mid-morning. By early afternoon, General Johnston called in his reserve Corps to shore up his other three corps in the bloody fighting in the Peach Orchard and Hornet's Nest. It was during this desperate fighting that General Johnston received his fatal wound with command passing to General Beauregard. The remainder of the afternoon saw Union forces, despite reinforcements coming from the north, barely holding with near collapse with soldiers crowding around Pittsburg Landing. At 5:30 that afternoon, Union General Prentiss surrendered to the Confederates. This near victory came to an end after exhausted Confederates, after 14 hours of fighting, halted for rest at 7:00 in the evening. The next day, the 7th, Grant managed to stabilize his army and with the help of gun boats, counterattacked, forcing the Confederates to lose all the ground they had fought so hard to win the day before. They retreated back to Corinth, Mississippi. The Battle of Shiloh could, in some aspects, be considered a no win for

either side. The South, according to some historians, may have lost one of its most promising generals with the death of Albert Sidney Johnston. Disregarding the wound in his leg during the battle, he would bleed to death. Considered one of the bloodiest battles of the war, The South lost 10,700 killed and wounded while Union forces incurred 13,000 casualties. Grant narrowly escaped defeat.

April 12 – **“The Great Locomotive Chase”** Union Agent James Andrews and 22 soldier volunteers steal the Confederate locomotive “General” in an attempt to destroy sections of the Western & Atlantic Railroad in North Georgia. In a prolonged chase by another Confederate locomotive “Texas,” the raiders are captured and Andrews and seven of his men are hanged.

April 16 – **The Confederate Congress passes the first of three conscription acts** enlisting men between 18 and 50. The drop in agriculture production after this is blamed on the fact that men were having to leave their farms.

April 21 – **The Partisan Ranger Act** is passed that recognizes Southern guerrilla units as legal military forces.

May 15 – **The Battle of Drewry's Bluff/Fort Darling/Fort Drewry**-Five Union gunboats probe Confederate defenses on the James River leading toward Richmond but are forced back by powerful gunfire from Drewry's Bluff.

May 17 – **The Battle of Hanover Court House/Slash Church**-Union troops under Brigadier General Fitz John Porter, driving towards the Telegraph Road in Hanover County, inflict 930 casualties on Confederates in a battle south of Hanover Court House.

Based on facts from The Civil War Day by Day, Philip Katcher, Chartwell Books, Inc. 2010, pp 42-47

CIVIL WAR FACTS AND TRIVIA: Confederate veterans living in California at the turn of last century were receiving their copies of the “Confederate Veteran” magazine in the cities of Azusa, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Redlands, San Francisco, Santa Ana, Slough, Selma and Visalia. A total of 143 copies were sent to subscribers California in 1900.

NEXT CAMP MEETING

Date: May 13, 2017

Time: 12:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: Marie Callendar's Restaurant, La Mesa near the intersection of I-8 and 70th Street

Directions: From I-8, Turn right on 70th Street exit and double back on access road. Calendar's is on the left.

COLOR GUARD AT THE VETERANS MUSEUM CENTER AT BALBOA PARK

UNITED VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE



April 22, 2017

Camp 302's Ira Lack, Commander Jim Stephens & Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap stand in front of the Veterans Museum at Balboa Park for the camp's scheduled duty for April.



THE HORACE L. HUNLEY AWARD

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 added two additional high schools to their list for 2017, making a total of six schools in the San Diego area where JROTC cadets receive this prestigious award. These schools are as follows: Mira Mesa High (Air Force), Mar Vista High (Navy), Westview High (Navy), Kearny High (Army), Vista High (Air Force) and Coronado High (Navy). The last two schools listed are the latest. Vista High is the camp’s first North County school.

Thanks go to Commander Jon Fowler, General Albert Sydney Johnston, Camp 2048, Bakersfield-Tehachapi for stepping up and volunteering to assist Compatriot “Trip” Wilson in coordinating and managing the California Division’s contribution to the H.L. Hunley Award’s national effort.

As of this issue, two of the six schools have received their awards. They are Vista High School in North County and Kearny High school in San Diego. The remaining four schools will be noted in the next issue of “The Conquered Banner.”



Commander Jim Stephens presents Cadet A1C James Parr with the H.L. Hunley Award for his achievement among his fellow AFJROTC cadets at Vista High School, in North County on April 21, 2017. Guests and cadets heard an excellent talk by Major General Glen D. Vanherck, Commander, United States Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.



Lieutenant Commander Jim Millsap presents Cadet 2LT Mikalia Lane with her Hunley award at Kearny High School, Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Cadet Lane carries a 4.0 GPA and is a valuable asset to the Battalion in Kearny High’s Army JROTC Program.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Confederate Memorial Day in the South was always a day of celebration. Many cities had parades and picnics and working folks were given the day off. It is a public holiday in several of the former Confederate states. In Texas, this day of honor to the Confederate dead is also called **Confederate Heroes Day**.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia drafted a letter in March, 1866 and sent it to similar ladies associations in major cities around the former Confederacy requesting that they join them in setting aside a special day that would be celebrated annually to honor the South's fallen heroes. The date selected was April 26—the date in 1865 that General Johnston surrendered to General Sherman in North Carolina. Many consider this the official end of the Civil War.

Originally, Southerners called their celebration Memorial Day until 1868 when the North began observing their own Memorial Day. The Southern ladies even decorated the graves of the Union dead. There is a theory that General John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic was won over by his wife who had visited Virginia and witnessed the Southern ladies decorating the graves of the Confederate dead. She mentioned this in her autobiography. This may be the basis of Logan's issuance of General Order No. 11 of May, 1868, even though he was apparently aware of the South's Memorial Day before this order. While he, at times, referred to former Confederates as "Traitors," Logan is reported to have advised the Northern folks to decorate Confederate graves when they came upon them.¹

Confederate Memorial Day is not celebrated west of Texas other than many SCV camps in the Army of the Trans-Mississippi in the far Western states honoring their Confederate ancestors at the camp level. It is here that we must thank the men of General Tyree Harris Bell, Camp 1804, Fresno for hosting this traditional event set up so long ago by the good members of the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia and other cities throughout the Southern Confederacy.



California Division Commander Steve Smith addresses the gathering at Mountain View Cemetery in Fresno, California in celebration of Confederate Memorial Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017



Members, family and friends of Camp 1804, Fresno, gather for Confederate Memorial Day, April, 29th, honoring the Confederate Veterans laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery.

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confederate_Memorial_Day