

# Sons of Confederate Veterans

## CALIFORNIA DIVISION

Minutes of Business Meeting at Officer's Club, Miramar Air Station

12 March 2011

### In Attendance

302 San Diego: Jim Stephens, Mike Schooling, Ira Lack, Roy Adair, Steve Smith, David Ham, Mark Sult, Jim Milsap, Jim Stephens, Ernie Powell, George Faircloth  
1208 Los Angeles: Mike Presswood, Lester Gilbert, Fred Olen Ray, Tim Abell, Vern Padgett  
1440 San Jose: James Bonds  
1627 Sacramento: Lou Olker  
1631 Santa Barbara: Barron Smith  
1742 Inland Empire: Mike Climo, John Hussy, John Smoley  
1770 Orange County: Farrell Cooley, Gordon Bricken  
1804 Fresno: Richard Kline, Chuck Norred, Tim Desmond  
2007 Long Beach: Vance Marsh, Floyd Farrar  
Guests: Robyn Adair, Sandy Ashdown-Turner, Deanne Smith, Jennifer Hussy, Cheryl Raney-Sult, and ATM Field Representative and Arizona Division Adjutant Curt Tipton.

Commander Roy Adair called us to order at 9 a.m.

**Invocation** led by Chaplain Ernie Powell.

**Pledge** to U.S. flag and **Salute** to Confederate flag led Roy Adair.

**Charge** read by Lt. Commander Farrell Cooley.

**Roll Call** of Camps by Adjutant Vern Padgett. 9 camps present. Three absent were: 2023 Modesto, 2048 Tehachapi-Bakersfield, and 2062 Ventura County. We had a quorum.

Robyn Adair brought greetings from Mary Ann Klaxton, president of California **United Daughters of the Confederacy**.

Mike Schooling brought greetings from **Sons of Union Veterans** commander Jeff Malone.

Roy Adair read greetings from Klement P. Hawkins, **Sons of the American Revolution**.

**Order of Confederate Rose State** report from Sandy Ashdown-Turner.

**Order of Confederate Rose San Diego** report from Deanne Smith.

Roy Adair presented the SCV Ladies Appreciation Medal to Deanne Smith, and to Robyn Adair, for their support of SCV.

**Division Commander** report from Steve Smith

**Lt. Commander** report from Farrell Cooley.

**Treasurer Report**, Vern Padgett: Our division collected \$1060 in dues from 10 camps since our last Conference. Two camps not paying dues were 1440 San Jose and 2048 Bakersfield-Tehachapi.

Camp	Division Dues Paid	Number of Men
302 San Diego	\$160	32
1208 Los Angeles	\$205	41
1440 San Jose	\$ 0	0
1627 Sacramento	\$125	25
1631 Santa Barbara	\$ 65	13
1742 Inland Empire	\$ 95	19
1770 Orange County	\$110	22
1804 Fresno	\$105	21
2007 Long Beach	\$ 50	10
2023 Modesto	\$ 95	19
2048 Bakersfield-Tehachapi	\$ 0	0
2062 Ventura County	\$ 50	10
Totals	\$ 975	195

A year ago at this meeting I reported we had \$3,528 in our account. Since then our division has spent:

\$250 to Camp 302 for the Conference

\$300 to Mike Climo for website

\$ 65 to Lou Carlson Camp 1770 for Rebel of the Year Mike Climo's engraving at Fairhaven/Santa Ana Cemetery.

\$300 to division commander Kenny Ramsey for travel

\$ 85 for wreath for Arlington Cemetery

\$ 48 for flowers to ATM Commander Danny Honnol

Total \$1048

We started with \$3528; received \$1060, spent \$1048. Our balance is now \$3540.

**Adjutant Report**, Vern Padgett: 12 Camps, estimated membership 224 (based on division dues received, and estimates for camps not paying dues during this year). **Recruiting:** HQ sends contact info on every California man who downloads an application at the SCV HQ website; Padgett e-mails each man a letter of welcome, copying the local camp. **Division Rosters** were distributed, listing commander and adjutant in each camp. **Composite Crosses of Honor:** Padgett showed the Cross of Honor that SCV Gaffney SC Camp uses. The Cross is of similar material to a bowling ball, made by a foundry in Gaffney, South Carolina. The Crosses are black, do not have to be painted, and may be had from that camp for \$25 plus shipping. Contact Robert Little, Adjutant Camp Moses Wood 125, Gaffney, SC at [ricklittle@charter.net](mailto:ricklittle@charter.net) and see [www.moseswoodcamp.org/ironcrosses.htm](http://www.moseswoodcamp.org/ironcrosses.htm)

**Heritage Chief Report:** Mike Schooling discussed the new book on Lincoln's colonization efforts, reviewed the Bakersfield Welcome Sign heritage incident of last year, and the Southern Legal Resource Center's work to rectify Harvard University as the only Ivy League school without a commemorative plaque to their graduates who fell in the cause of the Confederacy, and the Lewis case of First Amendment Rights violation. Mike Presswood told of the L.A. National Cemetery incident last May when our flag disappeared from the posted flags on the stage during the ceremony. Mike Presswood and Lester Gilbert assured us that our flag will not be removed at next year's ceremony.

### Camp reports

**302** Roy Adair, Camp of the Year: A variety of events. At the Turkey Shoot, Steve Smith won the best single shot, closest to the X, and won a \$50 grocery certificate, and Deanne Smith won first place with the best overall score and won a trophy. Roy presented the Rebel of the Year Award to Ernie Powell. Roy described the Wreaths across America event. Roy described their plans to place a headstone on Scott's grave, and to place stones on all the unmarked graves of Dan Showalter's party of 12 men ambushed near Yuma in their travel to the CSA.

**1208** Mike Presswood. Participation in many reenactments. 38 mile reenactment of the March of 1863. New use planned for the camp's wall tent.

**1440** James Bonds: No camp activities.

**1627** Lou Olker: Participating in tour of 600 graves. Located a Real Son, and signed him up as a member, shortly before he died.

**1631** Barron Smith: Not much activity. Two members died.

**1742** Jon Smoley: Nearly 20 members. Mike Climo has been active with the H.L. Hunley presentations at reenactments. Riley's Farm hosts a colonial period Christmas event. Steve Madden is experiencing legal difficulties; keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**1804** Richard Kline: Board says No to monuments.

**2007** Floyd Farrar: Will participate in events at the Drum Barracks and have camp meetings there.

**1770** Farrell Cooley: He led us in prayer for Steve Madden. Camp hosted events at Santa Ana/Fairhaven Cemetery on Memorial Day and on Confederate Memorial Day. Strategies on holding successful meetings. Huntington Beach recruiting. Scrapbook and newsletter ideas. Advertising ideas. Gordon Bricken's book represents 10 years of research.

**Old Business: Minutes from 2011 Conference** approved.

### New Business

Mike Climo declined the \$150 fee for our division web site (our constitution allows him \$300 a year) and asked that those funds be donated to the division.

Steve Smith discussed the new film *The Conspirators* and urged us to see it. Roy Adair shared details of the Mount Soledad ceremony and the USS Midway tour.

Steve Smith discussed recruiting. We need to do better. Discussion of charging a fee at the beginning of the application.

Mike Schooling discussed advertising. Fred Olen Ray discussed difficulties in recruiting.

David Ham identified himself as the inventor of Truck Nuts, and advised that we advertise in the *National Parts Peddler*.

Mike Schooling moved that we budget advertising, and accepted the modification that we organize an advertising committee under our new commander. Motion passes.

Mike Climo reviewed the changes to the web site and urged us to look at it regularly at [www.CaliforniaSCV.org](http://www.CaliforniaSCV.org)

Mike Schooling moved that we donate \$200 to the Southern Legal Resources Center in return for their help with the Bakersfield Heritage violation. Motion carried and the Treasurer handed him a check in that amount.  
Farrell Cooley discussed support for our Elm Springs Museum, and ideas about fundraising for that museum. He challenged the camps to raise \$500, and division with match those funds if possible.

**Elections**

Farrell Cooley nominated and elected unanimously for Division Commander.  
John Smoley elected unanimously as Lieutenant Commander.  
Tim Desmond elected unanimously as Second Lieutenant Commander.

**Next Year's Convention:** Camp 1631 Santa Barbara will host our 2012 Reunion.

**Closing Remarks** by Commander Cooley: There is room for improvement, and we have excellent examples.

Curt Tipton reviewed the Sesquicentennial events. The Secession Conventions will be reenacted. JROTC Program.

**Benediction** by Ernie Powell.

**Adjournment** around noon.

Scribe: Vern Padgett, Adjutant