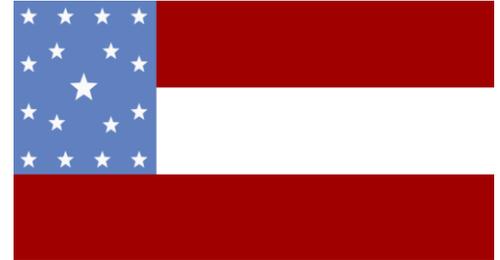




The Republic



The newsletter for the
California Division
Sons of Confederate
Veterans



General Lee to Governor Stockdale, August 1870

Governor, if I had foreseen the use of 'those people' designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no, sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in this right hand.

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Greetings Compatriots:

The California Division and our camps have been busy. At our National Reunion in Murfreesboro, TN, we had 4 Division Officers in attendance; Div. Adjutant Vern Padgett, Div. Lt. Cmdr. John Smoley, Div. Web Master Mike Climo, and myself. This reunion was one of our best ever, but then we say that after everyone because we enjoy them so much. Our division brought back to California 15 awards; the most notable being Vern's Dixie Club Award with 19 new recruits during the past year.

I was fortunate enough to visit with 5 different camps since our return from National. Every camp I visit with makes my heart swell to know we have such strong leadership and dedication spread out over the state. Our men impress me to no end. Also, this is something I truly resonate with by handing out these small awards to our men who have contributed to the success of our camps and division. Congratulations to everyone who received recognition.

On August 12th, we invited our Commander-In-Chief, Michael Givens to attend an SCV meeting scheduled in Riverside. He was here as the featured speaker for the Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment held in Los Angeles. This was a real treat for our men in the Inland Empire Camp. Michael talked to us in detail about our fight with the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox, VA. Michael talked to us about our duty, our goals, and our mission, and we thoroughly enjoyed having him speak to us. He has insight into the issues facing our organization and he inspires all of us to get involved and do more. Thank-You Michael for spending your day with us! Thank-You for your Leadership!

Within this newsletter you'll see a few pictures from around the division. I cannot download too many pictures for fear some of our members will not be able to open the document. Be sure and visit our division web site: www.californiascv.org and there you'll find more pictures from our National Reunion and various historical sites. I appointed Past Division Commander, Steve Smith as our Division Historian, so any pictures you send can be cataloged and saved as a record for our accomplishments. Steve has a good idea about building a hard cover book that will document our work.

Remember, all of us are Heritage Defense Officers; you can write a letter, make a phone call, send an e.mail just as well as anyone else. Your ancestor needs representation, they need to be spoken for and you of all people are the best suited to do just that. I will bet that our members are better read and educated than the average citizen out there. No one will do our work for us, it is up to US.

Take for example what camp 1804, Fresno has accomplished. They pursued the installation of sandstone monuments engraved by honoring all the Confederate Veterans in California. The first one went in like butter and they provided a beautiful Memorial Day Service earlier this year. However, the second one found some Yankee objection. Instead of going away and looking for another venue, they decided to join the local cemetery, community committee for fund raising and decision making. Over time they proved their worth and seriousness and also their ability to negotiate with the Yankees. Now, the committee in charge of such matters has decided that their will be 2 sides to this monument, one for us as we intended, and the other for the Yankees. Just like our Commander in Chief said, "we need them Yankees" they are half the story. Thanks to Richard Kline, Bill Lee and his wife, and others within the camp for dedicating themselves to the SCV.

While I'm in a thanking mood, I'd like everyone to know that Kyle Smith, Barron's wife received a Lady's Appreciation Medal and certificate for her dedication to the SCV, especially observed while in division convention this past March. Of course, Barron and Don Clotworthy were also rewarded in our small way, because it was them who provided for us that great opportunity to be together.

Camp 2048, Bakersfield has taken the lead building a color guard and firing party that will support the CA Division UDC convention this coming September 23rd at Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, CA. Camp 1804, Fresno is lending its reenacting experience and support to ensure the event is a success. Others, such as San Diego, Camp 302, or Santa Barbara, Camp 1631 may be involved as well. The SCV is invited to attend and support this service. I hope to see many of you and your wives & guests there.

In closing, I would like to repeat something I've said before, and that is: "we have room for improvement." Despite all the pride and happiness our camps and division give, isn't that the case with most aspects of our daily lives? We love, we work, we thank our brothers and sisters; sometimes it all seems pretty good. We know what to do, but we could do more of it, wouldn't you agree? I think we have numerous sleepers (members) out there that if awakened could

provide lighting bolts of energy and support to the things we should be doing. Somehow, as leaders we need to awaken our members and keep them involved.

As your Division Commander, I'm available to support your concerns. If I can help you build a better camp, then I will do what I can. Sometimes, just doing the simple things will improve our condition. We should be in constant communication with our members, especially as leaders and officers. E.mail is nice and effective, but we should also call our members and personally invite them to our meetings. Send them a note by US Mail and I guarantee they'll feel a little more wanted. Feed the flock as they say in Church, do a potluck, spread the duties around. Provide a copy of the charge and salute to your members, teach them the proper way to salute our Battleflag. Always have your members stand for the Invocation and always give an Invocation before your meetings, then keep them standing while you do the pledge, salute and have someone appointed to do the 'reading of the charge', and then let them be seated. Acknowledge all your guests. Don't hog the show either, encourage your officers to give reports, ask them in advance to be prepared to speak for several minutes. Provide a program or main attraction; in other words, educate them a little while they are in your presence. Make it interesting for them to want to attend and be a part of the SCV. Just doing these simple things will help improve your attendance and support. As we all know, you get out of it what you put into it. With that, God Bless and keep up the good work brother!

Deo Vindice,
Farrell D. Cooley
CA Division Commander



McGavock Confederate Cemetery - Franklin, TN

Chaplain's Report
Ernie Powell
Camp 302

Just after the first Battle of Manassas, General Jackson wrote to his wife "Yesterday we fought a great battle and gained a great victory, for which all the glory is due to God alone. . . . Whilst great credit is due to other parts of our gallant army, God made my brigade more instrumental than any other in repulsing the main attack. This is for your information only—says nothing about it. Let others speak praise, not myself."

When asked to give an opinion of his own self, General Lee replied, "I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation." If you haven't already guessed, this message will be about the sin of pride.

All Christians are familiar with the story of Lazarus. He was Jesus' friend, and when he died we are told "Jesus wept." We are also told that though he was dead and entombed for four days, Jesus called him back to life. How do you think we would respond to such a miraculous event? Probably a lot like most of the Jews in the area responded, "... the Jews therefore knew that he (Jesus) was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead." But one group was unmoved by this display of Divine power. We read in John 12:20 "But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death..."

The first commandment states "I am the LORD thy God... Thou shalt have no other gods before me." When Jesus was asked "Which is the great commandment in the law?" He replied "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."

Pride is the first sin, and the source of nearly every other sin, because it is a violation of the first commandment. To be prideful is to set yourself up as your own little god, superior to your fellows and entitled to whatever of theirs you desire. Lucifer sinned in pride by trying to make himself the equal of God.

Adam's disobedience grew out a prideful desire to be as knowledgeable as God. Each time Pharaoh was prepared to let the Israelites go, his pride reminded him that they were only slaves, and that he was a living god.

The priests who plotted to kill Lazarus after he had been raised were guilty of pride. They had been presented with the strongest possible proof that Jesus was Lord, but like Pharaoh, allowed their position, riches, and authority to harden their hearts.

Saul of Tarsus, Pharisee of Pharisees, who guarded the clothing of those who were stoning Stephen, was undoubtedly filled with that same pride. However, his vision on the Damascus road humbled him and melted his hardened heart. A Voice coming out of a light was enough to break Saul's pride, but a risen Lazarus was not sufficient for the priests.

God's saving grace will burn the pride out of anyone willing to accept it. But for those not willing, nothing will change their hearts – not even the sight of a dead man walking.

May God Bless and Keep you all.

Camp 1440 San Jose
James Bonds Cmdr.

A camp meeting was held on July 21 at the American Legion Post in Santa Clara. We welcomed new compatriot Glen McLaughlin to the camp. The camp discussed future meetings, and decided that while the weather is good, we will attempt to hold future meetings at various cemeteries in the area and decorate the graves of Confederate veterans. This will also give members the opportunity to find out more about these veterans and where their graves are located.

Camp 1627 Sacramento
Michael McPherson, Cmdr.

On May 5th 2012 the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Fort Sumter Chapter 1901 held a grave marking ceremony at the Fair Oaks Cemetery in Fair Oaks Ca. The Honored Soldier was Sgt. John Thomas Obenshain. He served in Co. A. 28th Va. Inf. SCV Camp 1627, Gen. George Blake Cosby and members of the 2nd South Carolina Vol. Infantry provided the color guard and rifle salute. The UDC Ladies put together a beautiful event and we had three generations of the Obenshain family in attendance. It was an honor to participate and represent the SCV. Having the family of the actual Confederate Veteran made it especially important. We send our thanks to the UDC Fort Sumter Chapter for their hard work in making this event so wonderful.



Fair Oaks, Calif. Cemetery
SCV Camp 1627 & UDC Chapter 1901
Dedication

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### **From the Desk of Jefferson Davis:**

*AKA Cmdr. John Smoley, Camp 1742*

*Lt. Cmdr. Calf. Division*

Greeting Fellow Citizens,

As I observe the “now” and recollect the “then” of this sesquicentennial, it pains me to see much I underestimated the evils and the resultant enslavement of the people as a result of the Radical Republican imposed centralized government in America.

The period just before, during, and even immediately after our War for Southern Independence, I could not have imagined in my most wildest dreams that the Federal Government would be dictating what you ate or drank, who you can do business with, whom you can hire, wage wars for hire, basically micromanage every facet of our affairs. With the latest court ruling, it now will force a corrupt and inept centralized health care system upon all. It now can choose which portion of the populace to steal from and which approved special interest gets a free ride. It fights wars without congressional authority, with dubious moral imperatives, at the cost of thousands of lives, and moral reputation. Within the intercourse of the Family of Nations we constantly meddle in others affairs creating global animosity. I could ramble for quite some time, but it is obvious that the monster our Founders most feared, had indeed, “loosed the chains of restraint” in 1861, and has greedily

increased its power and control over the individual ever since.

I truly regret underestimating how driven, and relentless the followers of Socialists like Marx were, as well as their ability to seduce many Americans into joining with them. The Founders of the Republican Party were enamored by the theories of Marx, and during the struggle of 1861 -1865 Marx was given a voice through Horace Greeley’s publications, as well as the ear of President Lincoln via Charles Dana et al. Looking back on things it appears that the Radical Republicans pulled off a well devised coup and seized control of the Federal Government, simply via the age old method of “divide and conquer”. Using the Marxian principle of promising spoil from another demonized and despised group to those who would support them, they apportioned enough electoral votes to win the election with less than 40% of the popular vote.

One of the first things the Radical Republicans accomplished was to silence dissent so by use of various means of intimidation, either directly from the government (arrests without charges and other illegal uses of authority) or by use of thuggish groups such as the “Wide Awake Republicans”, all forms of meaningful public dissent were soon silenced. Tactics such as these were totally foreign to Americans, who until 1861 thrived on ideals of Christianity, self reliance, the freedoms outlined in the Bill of Rights, etc.

We Southerners mistakenly hoped that the Northerners would either just let us go in peace, or tire shortly of trying to coerce our return, to become subjects of the newly ascendant and all powerful central government. We did not appreciate how committed these socialist radicals were focused upon our subjugation. They could not allow some of America to remain as our Founders intended, alongside the dark tyranny of socialism. The people would soon see the folly with the contrast of systems, and either ultimately corrects the mistake they made, or the productive would simply vote with their feet and move south. For this coup to work, it had to subjugate the entire nation.

I and my fellow Southerners would not accept this most horrific reality until well past the time

some proactive actions could have been implemented. What happened to us, and ultimately to all of Americans, is as the saying goes, "is history." We Americans entered the year of 1861 as Citizens of our respective States, and with the year of 1865 became subjects of an unrestrained central government. Government no longer feared its citizens; its citizens now feared the government. With thousands jailed (including duly elected/appointed officials) for simply being accused of sympathizing with our Cause during the struggle, and the tyrannical despotism that followed during the Military occupation of both seceded and non seceded States, to the coercion imposed on the seceded States to be admitted back into the so called Union, America had indeed changed into something entirely foreign to its founding principles.

Instead of a Constitutional Republic populated by voluntarily acceded member States for their mutual benefit, we now had a central government use its military to force its member States to remain or return to its control. There are various names for a government that uses force to retain its people; however Constitutional Republic is not among these names.

What are the results or to quote the Lord, what are the "fruits" of this transition? "A good tree does not produce rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree produce fine fruit." You, the denizens of today of course are the judges of what sort of "fruit" has been produced by the tree planted and nurtured by the Radical Republicans in 1854, when Greeley, Bovay & Evans et al got together to form the Republican Party while meeting at a New Age Socialist Commune named for the Roman Goddess Ceres, in what is today known as Ripon, Wisconsin. The fact that from this meeting, to just 7 years later, this same group of fanatics controlled the nation is a testament to their will and devotion to their cause. What this group fomented in Kansas right after this inaugural meeting clearly revealed that they had no hesitation to use terrorism, or any other means that was deemed expedient to the ultimate goal of subjugation. Curiously they utilized much of the very concepts and methods detailed in Marx's (circa 1848) guidebook known as the "Communist Manifesto." Another old saying comes to mind, "show me who your friends are....."

Looking back to the atrocities in Kansas, we cannot say we were not warned of what was to come, unfortunately for us, we just not could accept that Americans in general could be seduced or bullied into allowing such tactics becoming generally acceptable.

The war crimes and terrorism perpetrated later upon our Citizens by the Socialist Republican regime's military minions was just more of the same. There comes times in all our lives to make a choice, Myself and most Southerners made our choice, and went all in with blood and treasure for the Cause of preserving our Founders dream and to resist the designs of the Socialist Republicans. The way things are lining up 150 years later another "time of choosing" may be nigh. We made the mistake of underestimating our foes, I pray you learn from the history that we participated in 150 years ago, so that those who come 150 years hence will approve of your participation in the history presently unfolding.

May God's will be done,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
Jefferson Davis

Ref: "Wisconsin Phalanx" – Ceresco

William Fourier - Warren Chase - George Henry Evans - Alvan Earl Bovay - Thaddeus Stevens – Karl Marx - Frederick Engels - Marquis de Sade - et al

Secular Utopianism - Republican Party  
Origins  
Secular Humanism - Spiritualism Socialism

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Commander Cooley:

I would appreciate it if you would be so kind as to advertise the following information to all Camps in your Division.

"Last Flag Down" November 4-8, 2015, in Liverpool, England, will see the reenactment of the surrender of the CSS Shenandoah to the Captain of HMS Donegal on November 6, 1865, in Liverpool, England.

One hundred tickets are being

offered for a donation of \$100.00 each or 2 for \$175.00. First, Second and Third place winners will receive:

1st Place - 2 round trip air tickets (coach) from New York City (airport of your choice) to Liverpool with accommodations for 6 days and 5 nights for 2 at the host guest house.

2nd Place - CSS Shenandoah lithograph.

3rd Place - Keith Rocco CW Volume.

Ticket sales end October 2013 after which the drawing will take place. All proceeds go towards the commemoration marker, the leasing of two tall ships and other reenactment related expenses. Remember, without funding this historic event cannot take place.

Notwithstanding any individuals who would like a ticket, a consideration would be for a Camp to purchase a ticket and, if they win, do a drawing from the names of Camp to see who will actually receive any prize won and possibly be able to attend this historic event.

Interested persons should contact me at the below address, phone or email. Checks or money orders should be made payable to CSS Shenandoah Memorial Fund.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter to help ensure this once in a lifetime historical event takes place.

With kindest Confederate regards,

Douglas "Doug" W. Nash, Jr.
CSS Shenandoah Memorial Committee
Commander, Pvt. Lorenzo L. Bennitt -
Pvt. Robert F. Duke Camp #773,
Durham, NC
Adjutant, NC Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
3041 Rosemeade Drive
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Alabama

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In a nut shell, Cmdr. Don Wilcoxon, Camp 2023, Modesto, California was invited to be the guest speaker for the Jefferson Davis Luncheon sponsored by the UDC Chapter 1343, General Sterling Price. He was recognized along with the UDC Calif. Div. President Ms. Mary Claxton. Wilcoxon talked about the Women behind the Man, Varina Davis. The event raised money for the VA Hospitals of Northern Calif. Congrats to Mr. Wilcoxon for sharing his knowledge and representing the SCV in a professional manner. We need more men involved in similar events.
Kudos to Cmdr. Wilcoxon, Camp

SCV California Speakers: by Vern Padgett, Ph.D. Calif. Division Adjutant

General George Blake Cosby, Camp 1627, Sacramento

Louis Olker, 620 North Fair Street, Petaluma 94952-2542 707.762.1550 chobe@sonic.net West Point Graduates In The War Between The States; Civil War Medicine; My GGrandfather General Cosby

Tad Smith, 1570 Pembroke Way, Dixon 95620-2468 707.679.3134 scv1627@gmx.com: Economics of the Confederacy: Britain and Cotton Futures

The Stainless Banner, Camp 1440, San Jose

James Bonds, 1676 Cheryl Dr. Livermore, 94550-0839 407-340-3709 james.jrb@gmail.com The Confederate Powder Works; Black Confederates; The Economic Causes of the WTBS

Gary Waltrip, 1800 Hemlock Court, Hollister, 95023-7540; cell 408-427-2849 Gwcpal@gmail.com: True Story of Andersonville Prison; Reasons for the War Between the States; Uniforms, rifles and equipment of the Civil War Soldier

Lt. General Wade Hampton, Camp 2023, Modesto

Don Wilcoxon, 9264 Fitzpatrick Circle, Stockton 95210-1418 dwilcoxon1864@sbcglobal.net : The Life of Varina Davis

General Tyree Harris Bell, Camp 1804, Fresno

Greg Farley PO Box 547, Friant 93626 sfarley928@gmail.com: Dr. Meux: Local Confederate Hero; The 7th Texas Cavalry in New Mexico.

Tim Desmond, 6524 N. El Capitan Avenue, Fresno 93722-3540 559.431.6475 bobbitimdesmond@att.net : Art in the Confederacy; War Between the States Medical Procedures and their Role in Medicine Today; Experiences in Reenacting; Confederate Poetry

Richard S. Kline, 1636 Bliss, Clovis 93611 559-323-0693 zackwashreb@yahoo.com: Why We Honor Our Confederate Veterans; Music of the Confederacy

Chris Davis, 915 W. Terrace Drive, Hanford 93230-1903 559-589-1571 cwrssignalcorps@gmail.com; chris@lycon.com; mdavisca@prodigy.net: Reenacting as a Confederate Soldier

Bill Lee, 7105 E. Tulare Avenue, Fresno 93727-9757 559-351-3276 BillLee39@aol.com : Researching Your Confederate Ancestor

Chuck Norred, 16526 Karen Road, Madera 93638-8235 559.706.1565 chucknorred@comcast.net : The Importance of Leadership; Motivation in the SCV

Deaderick Doremus Thurmond, Camp 1631, Santa Barbara

Barron T. Smith, 290 Mercury Drive, Nipomo 93444 805.929.2089 rebbaron55@cs.com: Confederate Veterans in California; Care of Monuments and Headstones

General John Bell Hood, Camp 1208 Los Angeles

Mike Presswood, 2330 East Ave J.8 Unit 48, Lancaster 93535-5672 661.949.8718
mikeymash@yahoo.com; Battle of Chickamauga; The Meaning of Deo Vindice; Too Little, Too Late, the Story of CSS Stonewall

Vern Padgett, 5412 Citrus Grove Place Whittier 90601-2311 cell 562 320 9648 yp09@earthlink.net ; Black Confederates; Why Americans Believe the War was Fought to Free the Slaves; Answer Back!: Refuting Common Myths About the CSA

Les Gilbert, 4541 West Ave K-10, Quartz Hill 93536-5070 661 943 3759: Soldiering in the War Between the States

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Steven Madden, 20 North Buena Vista Street, Redlands 92373-4624 909.798.1337 tp9sam@msn.com: Shades of Gray: Musings on Confederate History; Robert E. Lee; Hood's Division at Gettysburg; The Common Soldier of the War; Infantry Tactics; Battles and Confederate generals

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rebwaylon@sbcglobal.net Officership and Protocol; Recruitment at Reenactments and Meeting the Public; Orange County CS Veterans and their Contributions to OC; Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton; Murfreesboro Battle; Sam Davis and David Dodd: Boy Heroes; Lt. Gen. N. B. Forrest; Hispanics in the Confederacy; Flags of the Confederacy

Gordon Bricken, 1621 East 17th Street, Suite K, Santa Ana 92705-8518 714.835.0249
imn2rotary@aol.com: Confederate Graves in Orange County

Father A. J. Ryan, Camp 302, San Diego

Roy Adair, 334 J Avenue, Coronado 92118 619.435.5235 roy-adair@att.net Hovercraft in Vietnam

Ernie Powell, ernie2009wp@gmail.com 226 Rhesa Lane, Fallbrook 92028 760.728.5504: Music of the Confederacy; The Great Awakening in 1864

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Camp 302 San Diego Roy Adair, Cmdr.

August - 2012

In what has turned out to be an annual event, our Spring Camp meeting at the old western town of "Duffwood" was another most enjoyable and fun-filled BBQ. The location of this old town is at the home of Nick Rodrigues, a friend and neighbor of Dave Sanders. Dave, for all his contributions to our Camp this past year, including finding this great meeting location for us, was selected as the Camp "Rebel of the Year" for 2012.



It was an absolute pleasure and an honor to have our Division Commander, Farrell Cooley, attend a recent very well attended Camp meeting. On this occasion, Commander Cooley not only made an outstanding presentation on the recent National Convention and the Battle of Murfreesboro, but presented three members of our Camp, Jim Stephens, Ernie Powell, and Roy Adair, with the Meritorious Service Medal. Commander Cooley also got to witness the swearing in of our newest member, Robert MacDonald.

Cmdr. Cooley; Lt. Cmdr. Jim Stephens; &
Cmdr. Roy Adair



In addition to the above mentioned activities, Camp 302 also had a fun-filled day at the beach hosting its annual August Blue/Gray Picnic at "Gator Beach" aboard the Naval Amphibious Base in Coronado. The weather was perfect, the food was great and the fellowship, as always, was the best part of it all.

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## **Camp 1770 Orange County Farrell Cooley, Cmdr.**

Camp 1770 held its July meeting at one of our newest member's homes, Reverend Daniel Fuson. We had a fantastic potluck lunch with pulled pork that Danny Bar.B.Q'd. all night just for us. We flew about 7 - 8 Confederate Flags in his backyard too. I showed the pictures from our national reunion and talked about that whole experience. Our greatest moment was the initiation of another new member, Philip Forbes, a retired peace officer. Labor Day Weekend, our camp set up a recruitment booth at the Huntington Beach Reenactment. We always donate to the H.B. Historical Society and attend this event. Several of our members shared in the work to man the booth and talk to the public. I want to thank, Reverend Lou Carlson and his wife Karen, General McCune and Rev. Danny Fuson. Also thanks to Ray Evans who stopped by for a while as did Jeff Towery our past Division Commander from many years ago. Additionally, I understand the some men from San Diego, Past Cmdr. Steve Smith and his partners showed up on Saturday. Of course, we'd be amiss to not mention our Division Web Master from the Inland Empire Camp, Mr. Mike Climo. He set up next to us and does a wonderful job of speaking to the public and educating them on the H.L. Hunley. Thank You to everyone involved in the H.B. event.

I'm proud to announce that we have some new members and new prospects that will be joining our camp, such as Dwayne McKnight who joined recently. Some new names that will be joining us soon will be John Stanford, Justin Pederson, and Joe Hart, all of whom contacted me recently. I want to welcome these individuals into our camp, as soon as possible.

On another note, if you haven't paid your annual dues, please do so immediately. I enclosed an S.A.S.E. in the last newsletter for your convenience and we need to clear our books as soon as possible. Keep in mind that your magazine subscription is tied into your dues payment and that within itself is worth the cost for your renewal. Besides, the way I see it, once you've determined your heritage, you shouldn't back out on that sense of duty and obligation to keep your history alive. Just being a member is important to the survival of the SCV and our organization being able to speak for us and fight for us in heritage battles. I've been a member for almost 23 years now, joining in December of 1989. If you're fairly young, I suggest you look into purchasing a Life Membership. That may be the best way to get 'er done considering we have this life long duty to honor our ancestors and prevent those ignorant fools from insulting us, changing the laws, changing our flags, and taking our rights away. Together we have strength in numbers.

The Orange County Camp of the SCV has always supported a local restaurant in the city of Orange, named, Johnny Reb's. Over Labor Day Weekend, I learned that our Division Web Master visited the restaurant with his wife and noticed the 1<sup>st</sup> National Flag of the Confederacy removed from the wall above the server's window to the kitchen. Reverend Louis Carlson gave that flag to the owner as a token of appreciation many years ago. Some of our members look forward to dining in an environment where we feel most comfortable. Our camp has held meetings there, and we've met after our Memorial Day Services for many years. So, why was the flag missing? Because

someone complained that it offended them. Go figure? Use the name Johnny Reb's and someone complains about a flag hanging on the wall. To me this is ass backwards and doesn't make sense. That's like going to a WBTS reenactment and complaining you don't like the Rebel Flag. So What! It's history. I don't like what I see at the local shopping mall.

If you can write a letter to the owner, we would appreciate your help. Even a Post Card will help make a point. Please be professional and explain your position. You can also e.mail them by using their contact number on their web site. Their street address is as follows:

Johnny Reb's Restaurant  
Attn. Owner  
2940 E. Chapman Ave.  
Orange, CA 92869

I'll post my letter to the owner on the next page, in case you need an example of what to say or what kind of language to use.

Thank You for your help!  
God save the South!  
Always Yer Rebel!  
Farrell D. Cooley



Philip Forbes and Cmdr. Cooley  
New Member Philip Forbes & Cooley

4 September 2012

To: Johnny Reb's Restaurant  
Attn: The Owner  
2940 E. Chapman Ave.  
Orange, CA 92869

From: Farrell Cooley  
3555 W. Greentree Cr.  
Condo F  
Anaheim, CA 92804

Dear Owner of Johnny Reb's:

I think it is disgusting that you as owner of a business use the name Johnny Reb's to brand yourself and motivate the public to eat at your establishment. However, if you defended the Confederate Soldier and his symbols, then I wouldn't be disgusted, rather very supportive of your business, as I've been over the years. Once you capitulate to someone's complaint that they are offended because of a historically correct flag, you've broken that loyalty that it takes to carry a name such as Johnny Reb's. We are now boycotting your restaurant, and will spread the news to as many heritage organizations as we can possibly contact. This also includes the reenacting community. What you did was simply WRONG !

The Johnny Reb we all know is our family; he is our ancestor, our loved one. Maybe you should do some reading on the subject just to learn whether or not you're entitled to even label your restaurant such a name. You see the Johnny Reb we all know was courageous; he was determined and wouldn't let someone remove his flags merely because someone complained. He stood up for what he believed in and defended his rights. We need that today, by business owners such as you.

Did it ever occur to you that the original Confederate Veterans honored and preserved their flags? Did you know that certain states have big money tied up in the restoration of the South's flags used during the War for Southern Independence? Did it occur to you that every flag in the South today has some implementation of the old South in its design? The complainer bears the responsibility to do the research and learn what it means to fly that flag; they are not entitled to spout off out of ignorance. That flag offends no one; it is historical, and those who know, honor it. They, who ever they are need to get over it, just as society has told millions of us to get over all the crap they've tried to push upon us. I believe they call this tolerance and it works both ways, but better yet, let's label it under intelligence and dissect the meaning so we know what we are about and what we stand for. Johnny Reb's stands for the honorable, courageous, and determined Southern man and boy who defended his homeland from an invading army.

Because of your weakness, I refuse to honor your place of business and will encourage everyone I know to stay away and spend their money somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Farrell D. Cooley



Inland Empire Camp 1742

Riverside, Calif.  
August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Present



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Div. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Tim Desmond, Richard Kline &  
Past ATM/Division Commander, Chuck Norred  
Fresno, Camp 1804



Bill Lee Camp Genealogist / Researcher / Historian  
Cmdr. Greg Farley, Fresno Camp 1804

**THE LINK BETWEEN OUR CONFEDERATE  
VETERANS  
THE US MILITARY & US GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC LAW:**

Public Law 85-425, May 23, 1958  
(H.R. 358) 72 Statue 133

"(3) (e) for the purpose of this section, and section 433, the term 'veteran' includes a person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War (WBTS), and the term 'active, military or naval service' includes active service in such forces."

As a result of the this law the last surviving Confederate veteran received a U.S. Military pension until his death in 1959, and from the day until present, descendants of Confederate veterans have been able to receive military monuments to place on graves from the Veteran's Administration for their ancestors. A Confederate Veteran should therefore be treated with the same honor and dignity of any other American veteran.

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The Charge of Gen. Stephen D. Lee

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldiers good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulations of his virtues, the perpetuation of the principles he loved; which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is you duty to see that the true history of the south is presented to future generations.

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**Salute to the Confederate Battleflag**

**I Salute the Confederate Flag with  
Affection  
Reverence  
&  
Undying Devotion  
To the cause for which it stands!**

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*Thank- You for your understanding and patience!*