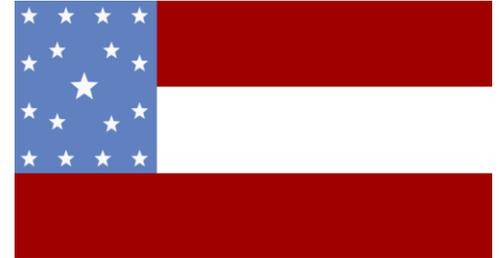


The Republic



The newsletter for the California Division Sons of Confederate Veterans



If they had behaved differently; if they had come against us observing strict discipline, protecting women and children, respecting private property and proclaiming as their only object the putting down of armed resistance to the Federal Government, we should have found it perhaps more difficult to prevail against them. But they could not help showing their cruelty and rapacity, they could not dissemble their true nature, which is the real cause of this war. If they had been capable of acting otherwise, they would not have been Yankees, and we should never have quarreled with them.

Judith P. Benjamin, Secretary of State CSA, (1811-1884)

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Hello Compatriots:

The California Division has been busy and productive. For those who don't know, we experienced a fantastic division convention by our host camp 1742, Inland Empire. Cmdr. John Smoley, P-Cmdr. Steve Madden, Chaplain Russell Farmer, Color Sgt. John Ham, Signals Officer Mike Climo and others. They put forth an outstanding effort. I know several of them contributed money from their own pockets to ensure our success. John Smoley's brother provided us an inspirational presentation complete with slides and video. Steve Madden lead us on a tour of the Smiley Museum where he is a docent and arranged for us to tour the Smiley Library. Our banquet was held at the Heritage Hall where we enjoyed a night of education and reward. Then on Sunday morning the camp set up and provided a Confederate Memorial Day service where we visited the graves of Confederates buried in Redlands. Thank You very much to the men in camp 1742!

Just to highlight a few things from our convention: The membership voted for the division to contribute \$100 to Chaplain Bower of Bakersfield to help with his daughter's expenses and their trip to Vicksburg so she can participate in the Debutant program. We discussed our JROTC program and encouraged our camps to sponsor cadets whenever possible. We discussed VISION 2016 and our recruitment goals. Included was an introduction to our new e.mail system, though some of us still have issues. No one wanted to host our convention for next year, so we tabled

the motion and those details will be worked out by me with the assistance of Cmdr. Chuck Norred. I also challenged every camp to create 2 new projects for their camps but to make them community service projects, such as volunteering in uniform, or helping another organization that provides services. My camp conducts a canned food drive for the homeless and we do a toy and clothing drive for needed children. These are simple projects that create positive results. I know that our men can think of good things to do within their communities.

As an organization we have lots of room for improvement. There are many areas where we specialize and make a difference. We offer scholarships, awards, teach and reenact, we also can promote a positive image within our communities by creating a project that serves others and combines the use of our members, the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We have a nationally recognized program called CFC or Combined Federal Campaign where our qualifications to participate include proving ourselves as an organization that provides benefits to the community.

Also, Congrats to Camp 302 (San Diego) Adjutant, Roy Adair for his Rebel of the Year Award and to Camp 1804 (Fresno) for Camp of the Year. During the banquet I made a point to acknowledge the men who I know have contributed to the division's success over the past year. This includes, but is not limited to just these names: Vern Padgett, John Smoley, Steve Madden, and Mike Climo. Commander Smoley of the host camp also acknowledged a long list of persons who helped him make the convention a huge success. I was amiss not to mention my appreciation for our Division Chaplain Ernie Powell who has consistently offered his prayers for our benefit.

Hats off to the camps who conduct Confederate Memorial Day and those who participate in National Memorial Day services. For National Memorial Day, I drove up to Fresno to take part in their camp's monument dedication and I'm glad I was able to accomplish that. Services like these make my heart warm and help fuel the fire to stay motivated for our organization. They had over 100 people in attendance, plus a TV camera from ABC local. The camp set up approximately 30 different flags and we had some wind so they were all flying loud. They had a cannon and Confederate firing party to salute and honor our veterans. The main attraction however, was the twin monument where on one side the SUV had words dedicated to the Union and the other dedicated to the Confederacy and our CS Veterans in California. We had members from 7 SCV camps in attendance. Great Job Camp 1804, and Thank You!

Now we must prepare for our National Convention in July, so our next newsletter will probably be someday after the convention. With that I'll close for now. Remember, my phone line is as open as my e.mail address, so if you have a question or just want to discuss something, please don't hesitate to call or write.

Deo Vindice,
Farrell D. Cooley
SCV Calf. Division Cmdr.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

By
Commander - Camp 1627
Allen R. Davis

The roar of the cannon shattered the silence, its thundering boom shaking the ground, its smoke clouding the sky. The sound of musket fire filled the air, volley following volley. The haunting notes of "TAPS" wafted on the wind, piercing the heart of all who heard. We remembered.

We remembered the War that plagued this continent in those horrible years, 1861-1865. Men and boys (and some women, too!) donned the blue and the gray and marched off to fight for the causes that each of them held deeply enough to sacrifice, suffer and, if need be, die to defend.

We remembered the mothers who sent their sons off to fight, not knowing when, or if, they would enjoy another moment of tender affection rooted so deeply in a mother's heart.

We remembered the children: the boys beating the cadence to which their armies marched, the girls wiping brows, giving a drink of water and bandaging the wounded. We thought how something so dark, so devastating, so beyond their control destroyed their innocence. We shed a tear for the untold thousands of children who paid the cruel price of war: fathers who never came home, or who came home scarred physically and emotionally.

We remembered that we do not agree on why we fought that War, but that we can agree to honor those who served with dignity, courage and incredible devotion on both sides. We remembered acts of valor, and moments of profound kindness forged in the heat of battle.

On May 27, 2013, the descendants of those boys in blue and gray came together on hallowed ground at Mt. View Cemetery in Fresno, CA to dedicate a monument to the Union and Confederate Veterans buried in that cemetery and throughout the state of California. The day was moving, challenging, inspiring, and encouraging. We remembered that what they did then, created what we are today. We remembered that we cannot, we must not forget! Allow me to close with the Benediction I offered at the ceremony:

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, We thank you for this day and for this hour; for this blessed

privilege of meeting here as descendants of these Confederate and Union veterans to give honor to our Nation's dead.

Grant your blessing upon these sacred ceremonies, dedicated as they are to those brave men who took up arms to fight for, and if need be, to die for causes dear to each of them.

May we ever hold in sacred memory those who wore the blue and the gray. Give us a measure of their devotion, their courage, their honor and their sense of duty to their God, their families, and their country.

We thank you for the opportunity to dedicate this Monument to the Confederate and Union veterans buried in this cemetery. Allow this Monument to serve as a reminder to us of our history and our heritage and to strengthen our resolve to work together to honor those who served and sacrificed so much during that horrible war of 1861-1865. Let us never forget that there is still much work to do.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.



After Action Report for “**Lucky 13**” California Division Reunion

Fellow Citizens of the CSA,

Well compatriots, it is coming up on two weeks of time since the *Fighting Inland Empire Grizzlies* hosted the 19th Annual California Division Reunion. First of all, congratulations and kudos to all who participated with the planning and or attending this event from Camp 1742. From Friday afternoon at the Ayres patio, thru Sunday afternoon at Hangar 24 tasting room, the Grizzlies carried on the tradition. From the feedback from those who attended, we did ourselves proud.

Below is a recap of the reunion planning and execution. Our planning committee of Steve Madden, Billy Williams, John Smoley, Mike Climo, and Jerry Dupree first had to settle on the hotel and what and where for the Awards Banquet and activities. After the sorting out from several hotels, we decided upon the Ayres Hotel in Redlands. It is a very clean and well run place, and offered the meeting room and patio to accommodate our needs as well. We also entertained several venues nearby to serve for our Awards Banquet. Steve Madden was able to talk to the owners of the Heritage Hall for availability. After discussion, the committee agreed to secure the Heritage Hall even though it was a bit costlier than we originally planned, we agreed that it would make for a most memorable evening. From there we had to pick a date that would be the least likely to conflict with most folks lives and holidays. With Redlands we had to avoid the week of the great bike race too. So we settled upon the April 12-14 date. It just so happened that we had the confluence of the 13th day of April and the year 2013 for our Awards Banquet, hence the “Lucky 13” theme. That date also is also the anniversary of our evicting the Yankee squatters from Charleston Harbor which was a nice bonus.

Once we had the location and date nailed down we then set upon all the small details that needed to be arranged and completed. There was the lining up the keynote speaker for the Award Banquet, what to do for the Saturday activities, same for the Friday evening soiree’, seeing to the awards be presented, food and grog logistics, setting up the registrations, etc. Following the free full breakfast served by the Ayres Hotel, Steve Madden arranged the tour by Don McCue who did a great job in making something such as a tour of a library become extremely interesting with all the history and architecture info being enthusiastically delivered. Don then provided us with the final treat of original letters with Judah Benjamin and NB Forrest. Steve also arranged for a morning pre public tour at the Lincoln Shrine Museum, and arranged the onsite luncheon as well. One of the goals that we focused upon was to minimize the need to travel to too many locations, and the distances. Our business meeting being right at the Hotel was as convenient as it gets. The Ayres Hotel being only 5 minutes from the Smiley Park grounds, with the library, Museum and lunch all at the same location was all part of our plan. Same with the Friday night meet and greet at the Ayres Patio, complete with Smoley Burgers/Brats and plenty of grog. All right there, as folks checked in they could mosey on over the SCV occupied patio.

Then Sunday, right after the free full breakfast served up by the Ayres Hotel, we strolled up to the cemetery, again less than a 10 minute drive to hear the memorial tailored sermon by our very own Camp Chaplain Russell Farmer, followed by the Roll Call of the States by Division Commander Cooley. Steve Madden led us on the tour of the 11 known CS Vets buried there for their graves to be adorned with flowers and CSA flags. While there, our Division Grave locator Barron Smith found another CS Vet’s grave, so we now have our 12th identified CS Vet grave located. The event officially was concluded then, however a few diehards remained, Vern and Sandy, John and Phil Smoley, Steve Madden, and Ira Lack took it over to the A&W Burger Joint and then to Hangar 24 for a tour and some tasting.

Highlights of the event were:

Friday: Registrants receiving their well-stocked hand sewn Welcome Bags Evening Meet & Greet BBQ Patio area was seized and occupied by SCV, so that ended up a nice perk for us. Rusty Farmer and Mike Climo helped Smoley out with the sign in sheet and getting the Welcome bags handed out. After the 10 PM curfew ended our time on the patio, the reunion tradition of the hotel room after parties carried on. Saturday: Free Full Breakfast started the day then on to the Smiley Park grounds. Great Tour guides with Don McCue for the Library, and our own Steve Madden for the surrounding area and the Museum. After a short break, we were taking care of Division Business back at the Ayres Hotel. Division Commander Cooley and Lt Commander Smoley were re-affirmed for another 2 year term each. Unfinished business included the final decision on which camp will host our 20th Reunion. The meeting was well attended by members of the Mechanized Cavalry, with Compatriot Knowles presenting the latest goings on with them. We closed the meeting with one of our many singings of Dixie. The Awards Banquet began at 6 PM and all attendees were treated to a beautifully decorated Heritage Hall, complete with linen table cloths, lots of CS flags, a well-stocked auction area, and plenty of grog. Dinner was cooked on site and all our needs were attended to by the Hall staff. Steve Madden provided the Battle Flag Cake for dessert, and then we sold some donation tickets. The Keynote Address by Phil Smoley began with a clip of that old Shirley Temple film, "The Littlest Rebel". Afterwards we started off presenting the awards with Jeff Towery's incredible list of achievements for the Cause and his 25 year medal, and ended with Roy Adair getting Rebel of the Year award. Nice touches were the personalized wine labels and Rebel Yell labels. Having our Division Chaplain Ernie Powell lead us with singing and closing the show with all singing Dixie one more time was one more special treat. Great support for the fundraising, as we will be sending along a \$500 donation to CWT on behalf of the California Division SCV.

All in all, a wonderful event Sunday: We began with another free full breakfast at the Ayres Hotel, and then we went over to Hillside Memorial Cemetery for the sermon and Roll Call of the States Ceremony, whereupon our CS grave expert Barron Smith happened upon a grave of another CS Vet. So we decorated his grave as well and will add him to the list. After officially concluding the event the small remaining remnant of us, strolled over to have lunch at the A&W, and then over to Hangar 24 for the tour and tasting.

Special thanks to the following for the efforts and contributions to make this the wonderful event it was.

Brent Wisdom for coming up with the graphics design for our "Lucky 13" Emblems

Billy Williams for designing and making the event banner

Barbara Burbach for creating the centerpieces and other decorations/setup for the Award Banquet

Sheila Smoley for design and printing of brochures, trifolds, hand sewn Welcome bags, and setup

Mike Climo for his great website promotion and Folders complete with maps, agendas, instructions etc.

Phil Smoley for his outstanding Keynote talk w/slides and his help with set up

Russell Farmer for his outstanding service as Camp Chaplain

John Hamm for his role as Sergeant at Arms leading the pledge and herding the cats

Jerry & Dolly Dupree had the honors of being the first to register

John Smoley for manning the BBQ & arranging the grog for the Friday night Meet & Greet

Vern Padgett for his stellar research into our Division history as with his Adjutant duties

Farrell Cooley for his usual great work in organizing the business meeting and doing his duty for the event

Camp 302 for their strong attendance and participation with the uniformed color guard

Extra special thanks to **Steve Madden** for arranging the tours, luncheons, Heritage Hall, Grave prep etc

His knowledge of both WBTS and all things Redlands really made the tours all the more enjoyable and informative.

Thanks to all who made the time and effort to join with our "Lucky 13" Reunion!

Deo Vindice

Division Lt. Cmdr.

Camp 1742 Cmdr.

John Smoley

Division Chaplain Ernie Powell:

Salt and Light

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." He said these words to His disciples, but he also says them to us. So how are we like salt? We use salt to season and preserve our food, and as you know, a little bit goes a long way. But salt is only effective if it's sprinkled; it's useless if it's all clumped together. There are times when we Christians like to clump together – when we worship in common, when we study Scripture, at baptisms and weddings, at Christmas and Easter. But Jesus never meant for us to leave our faith inside the church doors. He also said "Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The world we live in is very different from the world our ancestors left us. Our western civilization is under attack by the armies of secularism, hedonism, and materialism. Multiculturalism has turned Europe into a haven for radical Islam, and our "One Nation Under God" is splitting along the ancient fault lines of class envy and tribalism. Is this a time for us to wall ourselves up inside our churches like knights in a besieged fortress? Jesus doesn't give us that option. In his Great Commission, He said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."

Our ancestors understood that we worship a joyful God Who created love and family, wonder and delight, laughter and pleasure. He gave us rules to prevent us from harming ourselves and others. He gave us His Son to atone for our sins. He gave us the satisfaction of a well-lived life, and the assurance of eternal union with Him. These are the lessons that we have to teach the world. Christ doesn't want us to be clumping Christians; he wants us to be like a thousand grains of salt, a thousand sparks of light. If Jesus could take twelve men and change the world, think of what the Holy Spirit can do with us!

May God Bless and keep you all.



Camp 1770 Orange County:

Just a report to say that our camp was proud to fly the colors and be represented for the National Memorial Day service at Santa Ana Cemetery. This service is sponsored by the VFW and American Legion for the Tri-City area; cities of Orange, Santa Ana and Tustin.

Lt. Commander Scott Price joined with Reverend Danny Fuson to represent the camp. In this service they conduct 2 short parades, one is to post the colors and later after some speakers, they post the wreath at the GAR monument.

We missed Past Cmdr. Gordon Bricken who is in hospice care due to his illness. Gordon has always been involved in the VFW/American Legion planning and presented a voice for us to participate. Please remember Gordon in your prayers.

This year the VFW/American Legion committee made a smart decision to have our Reverend Danny Fuson give the benediction to their entire assembly. Unique about this service is that its sponsors are strictly veteran organizations, not a city or county involvement.

Congrats and Thank You to our members who lead the charge and accept responsibility, such as Danny and Scott!

Additionally, I must make note that we conducted a beautiful Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 5th at our CS Monument. We had multiple speakers such as Reverend Kent Jones, Ret. Lt. General McCune, Steven Frogue, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Price, Pres. Jefferson Davis, and Reverend Danny Fuson. Our service was educational and emotional. The 1st NC Cavalry attended and supported us, thank you very much. Margaret Alley of the UDC also attended and directed us to the new headstone for G. Taylor Stephenson, Benavides Reg. TX. Reverend Louis Carlson blessed our service and proceedings with his eloquent prayers.

Camp 302 San Diego:

I'll recap some of the highlights that occurred at Mt. Hope Cemetery this past Monday, May 27, 2013. This year,

the event was hosted by the SUV, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21. Camp Commander Dean Poole led the ceremony. For 2013, they honored Captain Winfield Scott, who's buried on G.A.R. Hill at Mt. Hope. He is not related to any of the Winfield Scotts we know of. That name must have been a popular name for boys in the early 1800's. Mayor Bob Filner of San Diego was the Guest of Honor.

Camp 302's and the Division's own Chaplain Ernie Powell sang his usual heart rendering version of "Amazing Grace." He also delivered the Benediction at the close of the ceremony. Camp 302 along with two members of the Pittenger Camp 21 provided the Honor Guard musket salute:

P-Cmdr. Roy Adair, Jim Millsap, P-Cmdr. Steve Smith, his nephew Dennis, Jane Zoch (President of the Stonewall Jackson San Diego Chapter of The UDC,) Chaplain Ernie Powell, Lt. Cmdr. David Sanders, and myself Cmdr. Jim Stephens attended this service.

After the Union Ceremony, Camp 302 members and friends retired to the Stonewall Jackson Monument where we held the Roll Call of the States hosted by Jane Zoch, Robyn Adair and Charmane Malone all UDC officers. Battle Flags, as usual, were posted at each of the graves of our veterans. We also fired a musket salute and ended our part with a picnic lunch enjoyed by all.

Camp 1804 Fresno:

Report from Cmdr. Chuck Norred – National Memorial Day, Mt. View Cemetery, Fresno, Calif.

For the Books- There was 7 SCV Camps (including California Division Commander Farrell Cooley) represented including the Secret Service Camp that Curt belongs to in Arizona (Orange County, Bakersfield, Fresno, San Jose, Modesto, Sacramento.) Also represented- Cub Pack 11, Boy Scouts Troop 95, American Heritage Girls Troop 3110, UDC & their Division President Martha Slater, DUV, Fresno Round-table & Jefferson

Davis, Fresno Historical Society, Civil War Reenactment Society, Genealogy Society, SUVCW & Past Commander In Chief, Brad Schall (Camps 22 & 23,) Channels 24 & 30. Probably others but can't remember. Over 106 people! Outstanding!!!!

A Word for Camp 1804's Monument Dedication:

On behalf of the California Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, I want to thank everyone involved in making this dedication a success.

**Our friends in SCV Camp 1804
The Sons of Union Veterans
Cemetery Management**

What you've created and accomplished here today exemplifies our purpose in honoring our veterans and our ancestors. It is our duty to preserve our history, to study it and understand it for the betterment of mankind.

War is ugly; the sacrifice of life necessary. Hopefully, our losses have not been in vain, and we've come to know that Peace is good, Compassion is good, and Faith keeps us bound together under God's eye. That we may be united in common causes that show grace, virtue and honor.

Today, we did just that by remembering our veterans of all wars. May our hearts be filled with Thanks that our people, the people who built this country so freely gave of themselves and believed in their rights of freedom.

*Farrell Cooley
SCV Calf. Div. Cmdr.*

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**Article by Mike Climo  
SCV Calf. Div. Web-Master  
SCV Camp 1742 Signal's Officer**

Animals played a critical role during the War Between the States. The most important of the animals that were involved was the horse. Both the North and South relied heavily on the strength, endurance and mobility that horses provided on the battlefield. Horses were also relied upon for work and travel and were an essential part of industry.

During the War horses were considered as important as soldiers. They were used to carry messengers, commanding officers, equipment and artillery during the war. Many horses were lost to disease and exhaustion. Because of the value of these horses they often became a target for the enemy. At

one point early in the war, more horses than men were being killed. The average life expectancy for a horse used in the war was about six months.

Northern cavalrymen were provided with horses by the government, but enlisted men who provided their own horse were paid fifty cents extra per day. It is estimated that the Union paid for a total of 840,000 horses during the war. Southern troops were required to provide their own horses, but were paid forty cents per day for the use. If the horse was killed, the soldier had to find a new one or be transferred to the infantry.

The bodies of dead horses often formed a protective barricade for nearby fighting men. After the battles were over there could be hundreds left lying around, which were usually burned and not buried. The soldier with the worst record for losing horses was General Nathan Bedford Forrest, who reportedly had thirty-nine horses killed underneath him in battle.

There was a horse with a bad record for riders also. Four Guillet brothers rode the same horse at different times, each receiving a fatal wound, while the horse survived. The horses also served another important function, carrying the general. Many generals rode by horseback instead of walking. One reason why the general rode a horse was so that he sat up higher than his troops. This allowed him to monitor progress and potential dangers farther in advance than if he were on the ground.

On March 9, 1863, Confederate partisan Col. John S. Mosby led his Rangers on a daring raid deep into Union Territory and captured Brig. Gen. Stoughton at Fairfax Court House. Mosby allegedly found Stoughton in bed and roused him with a slap of his sword to his rear. Upon being so rudely awakened, the general shouted, "Do you know who I am?" Mosby quickly replied, "Do you know Mosby, general?" "Yes! Have you got the rascal?" "No but he has got you!" In addition to the General, Mosby and his 29 men captured two captains, 30 enlisted men, and 58 horses in the raid without firing a shot. Lincoln, on hearing of the capture, said "he did not so much mind the loss of a brigadier general, for he could make another in five minutes; 'but those horses cost \$125 apiece!'"

Many a fighting man had one or more favorite mounts, entitled to bountiful corn and fodder, careful grooming, and a name of its own. One clause in the surrender terms at Appomattox in 1865 puzzled some people: every Confederate cavalryman was entitled to take his horse home with him. This provision, insisted on by Lee, was accepted by Grant when he was told that once they returned to civilian life, former soldiers wouldn't be able to plant spring crops without their war horses.

The following are some of the more famous Confederates and the horses they rode into battle and into history:

Traveller is probably the best known horse of the war and was Gen. Robert E. Lee's favorite. The general had several other horses, including Brown-Roan, Richmond, Lucy Long (Given to

Lee by Jeb Stuart), and Ajax, but Traveller was his favorite. On October 12, 1870 Lee died at his home in Lexington Virginia. Traveller walked behind the hearse at Lee's funeral and continued to be well cared for up until his death in June 1871. After stepping on a nail Traveller contracted tetanus, commonly known as lockjaw and he was euthanized. Traveller was initially buried behind the main buildings of the college but was unearthed by persons unknown and his bones were bleached for exhibition in Rochester, New York, in 1875/1876. In 1907 Richmond journalist Joseph Bryan paid to have the bones mounted and returned to the college, named Washington and Lee University since Lee's death and they were displayed in the Brooks Museum, in what is now Robinson Hall. The skeleton was periodically vandalized there by students who carved their initials in it for good luck. In 1929, the bones were moved to the museum in the basement of the Lee Chapel, where they stood for 30 years, deteriorating with exposure. Finally in 1971, Traveller's remains were buried in a wooden box encased in concrete next to the Lee Chapel on the Washington & Lee campus, a few feet away from the Lee family crypt inside, where his master's body rests.

Old Sorrel was formerly a Union officer's mount and was acquired by Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson at Harpers Ferry when she was about eleven years old. Because the mare was so small that Jackson's feet nearly dragged the ground, she was often known as Little Sorrel.

Virginia is credited with having prevented the capture of Maj. Gen. Jeb Stuart by jumping an enormous ditch. In addition Stuart rode Highfly, Skylark and My Maryland.

King Philip was possibly the favorite horse of Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, who also owned and rode Roderick and Highlander.

Black Bess was Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan's beloved mare. Morgan is honored for his service with a statue in downtown Lexington KY. Created by Italian sculptor Pompeo Coppini, it depicts the General atop his beloved horse. Coppini, for reasons unknown decided that it would be more heroic if Morgan was on a stallion instead of a mare and so he took the artistic license by giving Black Bess prominent testicles.

Fire-eater was a splendid bay Thoroughbred ridden by Gen. Albert S. Johnston when he was killed at Shiloh.

Milroy was captured from General Robert H. Milroy at Second Winchester and ridden from that point by Maj. Gen. John B Gordon.

Sardanapalus was the favorite mount Missouri State Guards Brig. Gen. M. Jeff Thompson.

Dixie was killed at Perryville while being ridden by Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne.

Fleeter was ridden by the famous Confederate spy Belle Boyd.

Black Hawk was ridden by Maj. Gen. William B. Bate.

Rifle was Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell's cherished steed.

Beauregard was ridden to Appomattox by Capt. W. I. Rasin and survived until 1883.

Joe Smith was ridden by Brig. Gen. Adam Johnson.

Nellie Gray was Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's steed and was numbered among the dead at Opequon.

Other famous Confederate horses:

Brig. Gen. Edward Porter Alexander: Dixie, Brig. Gen. George H. Steuart: Pocohontas, Maj. Gen. Isaac Trimble: Jinny, Lt. Gen. James Longstreet: Hero, President Jefferson Davis: Blackjack, Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood: Jeff Davis, Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne: Red Pepper (after Dixie was killed), Brig. Gen. Richard Garnett: Red Eye, Brig. Gen. Robert E. Rodes: Firefly, Maj. Gen. Sterling Price: Bucephalus, Col. Turner Ashby: Tom Telegraph, Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton: Butler, Lt. Col. Walter H. Taylor (Chief Aide-de-camp to General Lee): Fleetfoot.

Union officers were as dependent on their horses as were their opponents. Had neither side been provided with mounts, the war might have fizzled out in about ninety days. The following is the Union side and the horses that helped them make history.

Cincinnati was presented to Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant in 1864 and immediately identified as his favorite horse. When Colonel Grant rode into Springfield, Illinois in 1861, he was astride a white horse named Methuselah. Grant first rode into battle on the back of Rondy and during the war also used Fox, Jack, Jeff Davis, and Kangaroo.

Lexington was possibly the favorite of Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman who also rode Dolly and Sam.

Aldebaron was an early mount of Col. Philip Sheridan and gave way to a gelding named Rienzi.

After taking him on his famous ride to Winchester, the name of the animal was changed to that of the town. Winchester (or Rienzi) was so revered that when he died, his stuffed body was presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

Kentuck may have been the favorite mount of Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan. In addition, McClellan rode a black horse named Bums.

Lookout was acquired at Chattanooga and named for a battle of that campaign. He stood seventeen hands high and was cherished by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.

Moscow was a white horse used in battle by Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny against the advice of his colleagues because the big horse was an inviting target, Kearny switched to a bay named Decatur and then to Bayard, whose color was light brown.

Baldy was wounded at First Bull Run and at Antietam while under Brig. Gen. George G. Meade. Later Baldy took Meade to Gettysburg and a promotion.

Almond Eye was the steed ridden by Maj. Gen. Benjamin E. "The Beast" Butler.

Nellie was the favorite mare of Brig. Gen. Kenner Garrard.

Billy who was named for General Sherman was the bay war horse of Maj. Gen. George Thomas.

Slasher was ridden into battle by Maj. Gen. John A. Logan and depicted by an artist as dashing along a line of battle with all four feet off the ground.

Boomerang was named for his tendency to move backward and was owned by Col. John McArthur of the Twelfth Illinois Regiment.

Old Whitey was the usual mount of "Mother" Bickerdyke who was among the most famous of female nurses.

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Past – Calf. Div. Cmdr. Jeff Towery  
&  
Vern Padgett – Calf. Div. Adjutant

Awarding Towery his 25 Year Service Medal

Calf. Div. Convention 4/13/2013  
Redlands, Calif.

## CAMP 1627 PRESENTS THE H.L. HUNLEY AWARD

By Allen Davis

My first official duty as Commander of the Gen. George Blake Cosby Camp 1627 was to present the Horace L. Hunley Award to a deserving Air Force Jr. ROTC Cadet at Valley High School in Sacramento. Many of you may be familiar with the Hunley Award. I was not. My phone rang sometime in March, and the man on the other end of the line introduced himself as Master Sergeant Garcia and he proceeded to ask if we would present the Hunley Award at the AFJROTC award ceremony in May. I had to tell MSG Garcia that I had never heard of the Hunley Award, but that I would look into it and get back to him.

My research into the award naturally led me to the history of the *H.L. Hunley* and the story that unfolded captivated me. Horace L. Hunley developed a submarine (initially called *Fish Boat*, but later dubbed *Hunley*) that

held a crew of eight men who propelled the vessel using a hand crank. When built, the *Hunley* was nearly 40 feet long. She launched, in Mobile, AL in July 1863. The *Hunley* was shipped by rail to Charleston, SC on August 12, 1863. She sank on August 29, 1863 during a training exercise. Five members of her crew died in the exercise. A month and a half later, on October 15, 1863, the *Hunley* sank again, killing her full crew and Horace Hunley, her designer. After each of these initial exercises and subsequent sinking, the *Hunley* was raised and

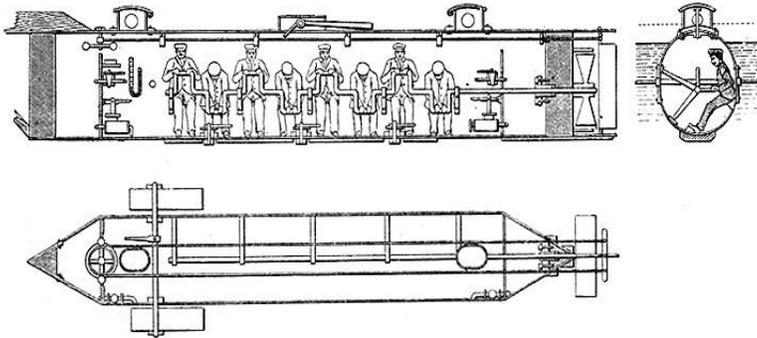


Fig. 175 à 177. — Le *Daïd* de Hunley reconstitué d'après les dessins de M. William-A. Alexander (1863).

returned to service. On the night of February 17, 1864, the *Hunley* launched again, only this time for a combat mission against the *USS Housatonic*, then engaged in blockading Charleston Harbor. The crew were under orders to not submerge the submarine due to the fact that on the second training mission she sank after submerging. The mission was successful, making the *Hunley* the first submarine in history to sink an enemy ship in combat. The *Housatonic* lost five crewmembers in the sinking. What happened next continues to be a source of mystery to historians. What we know for sure is that the *Hunley* sank again, for the third and final, time, taking her eight-man crew to the bottom of Charleston Harbor with her.

The *Hunley* and her crew remained lost until 1995, and then after discovery, remained at the bottom of Charleston Harbor until her recovery in 2000, her crew still sitting in their seats as they were on the night of their mission. A 2012 examination of the recovered vessel indicates that at the time her deployed torpedo exploded, the *Hunley* may have been as close as 20 feet from the *Housatonic*. This close distance may have resulted in her sinking.

On April 17, 2004, the *Hunley* crew were laid to rest in a ceremony that attracted international attention. Tens of thousands of people from all over the world attended the week long ceremony, parade and final burial of Lt. George E. Dixon, Arnold Becker, Corporal J. F. Carlsen, Frank Collins, Lumpkin Miller, James A. Wicks, and Joseph Ridgaway. In total, the *Hunley* claimed over 20 Confederate lives and only took five Union lives, and her actual combat mission consisted of one fateful night in February 1864. However, the lessons learned from the *Hunley* changed the history of naval warfare forever. Retired Master Chief, A.C. Wilson III, designed the H.L. Hunley award for presentation to a JROTC cadet “who most demonstrated the core values – honor, courage and in particular, commitment to his/her unit...” These “were the same values exhibited by the last crew of the Hunley, who courageously made the commitment to honorably risk, and ultimately give their lives, in defense of their country and the city of Charleston, after two crews had already suffered tremendous loss in previous training exercises.” In April 2013 I traveled to Valley High School in Sacramento to deliver the award and accompanying certificate to the Colonel commanding the AFJROTC program so that I could be assured that the award was on hand in case I could not make the presentation at the ceremony. It turns out that the Colonel is an African-American and he and I discussed the *Hunley* and the award for several minutes. He stated at that time that this award is the one that all of the cadets admired most because it is such a nice looking award, and because of the

history of the crew's one and only combat mission. The Colonel looked at the medal and said, "I have a Meritorious Service Medal and I think I was ripped off. I want one of these!"

On May 3, 2013, I had the honor of representing the Gen. George Blake Cosby Camp 1627 at the JROTC Awards ceremony at Valley High School. The Colonel introduced the award by stating, "I really like this award" and then called me to the front to read the script and present the award to third year cadet, Michael Vasquez. As I read Cadet Vasquez's name, the cadet corps erupted in a thunderous cheer and ovation, which turned out to be about the loudest cheer of the evening. In addition to the medal and certificate, I provided pictures and a short history of the *Hunley* to Cadet Vasquez. He and I spoke for a few minutes following the ceremony and he stated that he was honored to receive the award.

If your camp is not presenting this tremendous award at local JROTC programs, please consider doing so. This is a great way to honor our ancestors and to promote the Sons of Confederate Veterans in a positive light. The reverse of the medal is the SCV logo. The medal really is striking, and I found myself wanting to buy one just to keep at home!



**Cadet:**  
**Michael Vasquez**

**SCV Commander:**  
**Allen Davis**  
**Camp 1627**  
**Sacramento**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

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**Claudette Contreras**  
**Buena Park**  
**High School**

**SCV Chaplain:**  
**Rev. Danny Fuson**  
**SCV Camp 1770**  
**Orange County**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

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