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## Captain James I. Waddell Camp 1770 Sons of Confederate Veterans



**\$ THE DUES ARE DUE \$**  
2026 - 2027

Compatriots:

Amazing how time flies! Our fiscal year ends on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 and we have a 30 day window to collect the dues. The sooner y'all pay the better it is for everyone. Once I receive your dues check it is deposited into our checking account and a new check from Farmers & Merchants covering everyone will be sent to HQ.

Annual Members pay only \$65 (\$10 CA Division; \$20 Camp; \$35 HQ)

Life Members pay only \$30 (\$10 CA Division; \$20 Camp)

Make your check or money order (No Cash) payable to: SCV CAMP 1770

Send your check or money order (No Cash) to the address listed below:

**SCV Camp 1770**  
Farrell Cooley  
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Anaheim, CA 92804

Donations are appreciated and allow us to do a few things during the year, such as luncheons, or important projects & supplies. Last year we donated \$50 American Legion 131; \$50 HBHS; \$50 Confederate Legion HQ; \$100 Union Cemetery Restoration in Bksfld (my\$); \$51 WAA; \$930 GA Legal Fund. Total = \$1231

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## NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY 2026



### THE POSTING OF OUR COLORS

For those unaware, on the front of the GAR monument (est.1881) the engraving says “TO THE UNKNOWN SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR”. We also post our SCV wreath in line with other wreaths during the service; I missed taking a picture this year, but it looked super cool.

Our camp is especially thankful to the Santa Ana American Legion Post 131, and Commander of the local SUV camp, Mr. Scott McKee. Scott gave an interesting speech reenacting Teddy Roosevelt. George Washington read us the “End of Conflict Resolution”. The SAR provided a small company of men all dressed in Revolutionary Uniforms. They also provided the opening color guard for the service.

Scott McKee being the MC spoke of the number of soldiers lost in each of America’s wars. On display are the boots and rifles under the helmets of each major war we’ve been in. Sorry I didn’t take a picture, but if you attend you can see for yourself the amazing display and impact this has upon the audience. Speaking of influence and/or impact, Cooper’s Battery of Cannon US, gave us cannon salutes periodically during the service. They woke up the dead with their cannon fire. It is always a great display of power. You should join us in a show of camaraderie, brotherhood & presence. Thanks to Compatriot Matthew Stoops & Jon Crum who showed up to support our camp. Thank-You !

It is an **HONOR** for our camp to participate in this service each year!

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# Sons of Confederate Veterans



Farrell D. Cooley

Past California Division Commander 2011 - 2015  
Past Camp Commander 2008 - 2016  
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26 May 2026

Fairhaven Cemetery Manager  
Jeff Medeiros or Assistant Manager  
1702 Fairhaven Ave.  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Dear Mr. Medeiros:

You have a grave stone buried in MUD that I need fixed. The stone needs to be raised above the surrounding earth so that when watering or during rain, the water and mud will run towards the curbing. I suppose planting grass seed might help in addition to the maintenance required to keep this stone as well as all the other stones in the area above the dirt.

George Rodgers (Z-112-1)

Your help and attention in caring for these stones will be appreciated. As a Veteran and a Mason, he deserves no less.

Sincerely,

PS, I mailed you a letter on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in regards to a George James (W-172) who needs a new stone that we can order from the VA. He's been dead for well over a hundred years. I did not receive any communication in return from you at all. Your kind reply will also be appreciated.

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## CAMP NEWS

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1100, I will attend the graduation ceremony at St. Catherine's Military Academy and hand-out the HL Hunley Medal and Certificate. As a camp member you are entitled to join me. This is done on behalf of our camp. Please contact me if you're interested. 714.614.1441.

Let's do another Cemetery Walk at Anaheim and Fullerton (Loma Vista). It's been a long time since the camp visited Anaheim, and several years since visiting Loma Vista. The other cemeteries in OC are visited for various events held during the year. I can lead us directly to the graves without wasting a lot of time. If someone would bring some grass clippers that would help in case any stone needs trimming around.

Our camp usually has a summer potluck, sometime after the National Reunion, likely in August. Meeting together periodically helps keep the camp strong and our bonds with each other meaningful. Today's world moves very fast and finding time for brotherhood and friends can be challenging; I know well.

On Labor Day Weekend at the Huntington Beach Civil War Days, we set up a booth to educate and recruit every year. We make a donation to the HB Historical Society who sponsor the event and we've been participating ever since I can remember, and that's a long time. Last year our booth was constantly visited by the public on both days; Saturday and Sunday. Make plans to attend, it's a hoot.

We need new leadership in the camp, but just handing it over really doesn't work well. We need someone who desires to lead from the front; willing to learn what we do and how we do it. We are a non-profit organization, historical, genealogical, and heritage orientated. I believe it best if you live in OC, available for anything that we do whether it be a meeting, or event, or just a duty. We are trying hard to avoid being an internet camp as some camps do. We've always been more than just a magazine.

We have a responsibility knowing that so many CS Vets moved to OC after the war and were members of the UCV buried in our area. Their sons at one time were part of an SCV camp, and we are carrying on that tradition; a purpose with value.

Communication is a big part of leadership; building a newsletter, reaching out to members or outside contacts in order to be successful. Being accountable and verifying the accountability of our members is part of the equation. Even providing storage for records and supplies is necessary.

Additionally, it is highly recommended the Commander/Adjutant (one or both or be it the same) attend the California Division Convention/Reunion each year. Don't forget the National Reunion each year; where you learn more about our processes, and make a presence from California. So, if you're interested let me know and we'll get started on some things, this would be good for our future.

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## A Confederate Veteran

John Alpheus Wilson:

Buried in Fairhaven; Captain of the 25<sup>th</sup> VA Inf and later 14<sup>th</sup> VA Cav. He was a pallbearer of Gen. Robert E Lee. In 1898 he was elected Judge of Santa Ana (SA). He also served as a city recorder for SA. Equally notable, he was Commander of the Hi Bledsoe, United Confederate Veterans Camp (UCV) and held monthly meetings in his downtown SA office.

Josiah C Joplin:

Buried in SA; 2<sup>nd</sup> VA Cav. Homesteader, Rancher, Farmer. Orange County Treasurer for 16 years. Organized the Trabuco & Olive school districts. President of the Humane Society. Organized the fish and game protective association. Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Organized and 1<sup>st</sup> President of the local Odd Fellows Association. Represented OC in the Chicago World Fair in 1893, and active in the OC Historical Society. He accomplished more interesting things as well.

Victor Montgomery:

Buried in Fairhaven; served as a scout for N.B. Forest's Cavalry. At Greenville, MS he was captured and taken prisoner. As he was transported up the Mississippi river, he jumped over-board and managed to swim ashore using some kind of skiff. As a result, he returned to his command.

He attained his law degree from the University of Mississippi in 1868 before moving to Anaheim and later to SA. He practiced in State and Federal Courts. He was a Democratic Candidate for State Senate. Original author of the bill to create Orange County, succeeding from Los Angeles County. He was also a planter and a member of the SA Board of Education.

More Confederate Veterans coming in future issues.

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See the letter to Fairhaven Cemetery above



Our SCV Wreath used for special occasions such as National Memorial Day

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