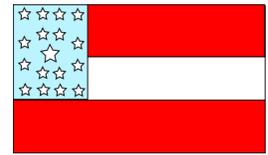




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CALIFORNIA DIVISION

Sons of Confederate Veterans



The J. P. Gillis Flag



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WORK IS CUT OUT FOR 2003-2004

Commander Norred Offers 18-Point Plan for Action for California SCV

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**By Chuck Norred, Commander, California Division, Sons Of Confederate Veterans**  
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Here is a list of ideas that you generated. The Executive Committee did an outstanding job, and I appreciate their efforts.

Please look these ideas over and then let's decide how to put them to work. Some camps are already off and running. If the ideas are to work, it will be up to us to make them work.

I will include these ideas in our "Pride Points Plan," and I will have that program out to you soon. This plan concerns Division, Camp and individual awards for work well done.

1: Camp and Division Officers should always **have available to them the new Division Constitution**. I keep my copy next to the computer as we have already noted needed changes and some needed additions.

2: **We have an Executive Committee** made up of Camp Commanders, Past Division Commander, Division Adjutant, Division Lt. Commander, and Division Commander. The passing of any type of measure shall be by majority vote (8 of 15 votes.)

3: I encourage you to be active and **use the Executive loop in sharing ideas**, plans and projects. One of your ideas may be an entire key to one camp's success.

4: We all must **get our camp reports in on time**.

5: Commanders, we must **encourage other individuals to step up as Camp Adjutants**. We have far too many Commander/Adjutants (the same

man serving in both capacities. I would like to see adjustments soon.

6: The **OCR** has become a great ally to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We must encourage the **development of new OCR chapters** throughout our division. We would like to begin a chapter in the Fresno area, and we will solicit information from Sandy Ashdown-Turner (the state Society president).

7: The **National Convention** is upon us. If you have strong feelings about the topics we will be voting on, and you will not be there, then please **contact delegates** who will be there and tell them how you want them to vote on your behalf.

8: "Camp Liaison": **Each camp commander will appoint a camp member to act as Camp Liaison to their sister UDC chapter**. He will also inform me in writing within the next 30 days with the contact information of that SCV-UDC Liaison. Failure to appoint a Liaison will mean that the camp commander himself will be the SCV-UDC Liaison.

9: I am still putting together a **Division Calendar** to go over with UDC Division President Rhobie Reed-Curtis in August. If you have activities, meeting dates, reenactment dates, &c., please get them to me. I will also turn to our Division website to check for dates and activities. I encourage everyone to use your websites, Gary Waltrip's ideas, and to take advantage of his outstanding ability to develop great websites.

10: Our **camp newsletters** should include the URL for each camp website. If you are not doing this now, please begin.

11: **Each camp should sponsor a Confederate reenactment unit**, by joining that group as a member

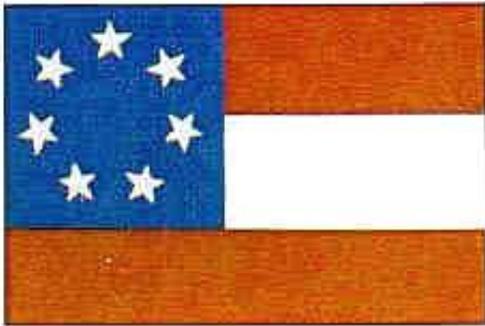
(the Camp itself joins as a member). What better way is there to support groups portraying living history? The Civil War Reenactment Society does a great job in scheduling educational events for local Fresno area or county schools and I am proud to say that many of those CWRS members are in Camp 1804.

I am sure that a mere \$25 donation each year would be greatly appreciated by any Reenactment group.

12: We need California Division camps applying for the **National Distinguished Camp Award** each year. The time to get ready for next year is now.

Forms for the Distinguished Camp Award may be obtained from our Division Adjutant, Vern Padgett.

13: Let us band together and **put up plaques where there was Confederate activity**. Let us continue to mark unmarked Confederate, and even Union, graves to the best of our ability. If you know of any sites, or unmarked graves, in need of recognition please contact me.



14: **Involve yourselves with historical and genealogical groups.**

15: **COMMUNICATE!** Please stay in communication. We are a team. It is important that we share with one another our projects and activities. I know that when I need help, I will be soliciting you over the Internet or by phone. I am very thankful to you gentlemen who are continually sending out articles concerning our heritage.

16: Make an attempt to **get involved with ATM or National activities**. If you do, please contact me and let me know, even if it is a simple letter in response to a heritage violation. Many of you already do this; I am very appreciative of your efforts.

17: We should be actively **recruiting**. The California Division should be a thousand members--not 300 members.

18: We should develop a **Division video** by next Convention. I will put one together the best I can use our school's expertise. If you would send me a copy of a video or even some pictures of activities you have

done throughout the upcoming year, I will do my best to include them all.

There it is, gentlemen! This is a great list of ideas, generated by you. I am proud to be part of this Division, and to be working with men of your ability.

Convention Survey Results

COMPLETE WITH RESPONSES

Convention sponsors Chuck and Marcia Norred provided us with a survey at the dinner and awards ceremony.

The instructions were: "Please take a few minutes to complete; your feedback will help us plan the 2004 Convention."

Fifteen SCV members completed this survey: 4 from Camp 302 San Diego; 4 from Camp 1208 Los Angeles; 2 from Camp 1804 Fresno; 2 from Camp 1631 Santa Barbara; and one from each of Camps 2023 Modesto and 2007 Long Beach. One otherwise completed survey did not specify camp affiliation.

In order, by verbatim questions:

1. "**Did you find easy access to convention information?**" All 15 responded, "Yes."

2. "**How many hours did you travel?**" The 15 responses ranged from 5 minutes to 8 hours, with a median of 4 ½ hours.

3. "**Have you attended SCV Conventions before?**" 5 responded "No"; 10 responded "Yes."

4. "If 'no,' why this year?" Four first-timers stated that they were new to SCV this year; another wrote "in SCV 3 years; thought it was about damn time!"

5. "**What activity was your favorite?**" Here are the actual responses: Banquet (4). Social time. Arguing points of order. Confederate companionship and the food. Friday Social (2). All (2). Ball/auctions. Dance. Business meeting. "Picking on Squid and consumption of beer." No clear consensus here; every activity appears to have been enjoyed most by someone!

6. "**Was the date convenient** for you?; If 'no,' why?" All 15 answered "Yes," and one added: "It must have been: I got here."

7. "**Has The Piccadilly Inn met your expectations?**" 14 "Yes"; 1 no response.

8. "**Suggestions to improve next year's convention:**" 6 did not respond; the remaining 9 wrote: "More participation"; "move to March-April (2)"; "have a date in April or May"; "Great job;

second best convention next to 302!"; "have breakfast in the meeting room"; "more events Saturday afternoon"; "We had a good time; nice people"; "Ya'll's blew my socks off with this one; I'm afraid of what to expect if ya'lls try to outdo ya'll selves next time."



Confederate regular issue postage.

Heritage News

Gentlemen, I have just been appointed the Division Heritage Defense Officer for the California Division.

My duties are to help with any heritage issues in California. Way out west here in Yankeeland we tend to have few heritage issues, but some have come up in the past so I assume we will have some in the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any heritage issues you would like me to get involved with, or you just want to talk about it.

As previously reported in *the Vidette*, the most obvious heritage issue in California is the issue of the platform of the **Democratic Party of California** which states that the Confederate Battle Flag is a "hate" item similar to the Swastika and should not be displayed in public.

"The Confederate Battle Flag is a "hate" item similar to the Swastika."

I wrote the Democratic Party of California as soon as I read this in *the Vidette*. I received no response.

ACTION: I encourage each of you to write them on this matter. Their address is: Democratic Party of California, 1401 21st Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95814-5221.

I doubt in this "politically correct" era that they will change it, but-- at least we can let them know we are here and we do not like it in their platform. Maybe someone in the Sacramento camp might wish to get involved with this issue.

I am also involved with the convention for next year. It will be sponsored by the San Diego camp and held in Pasadena on March 26, 27, 28, 2004. It will be at the Marriott, on Fair Oaks, in Pasadena. I have looked into tours in the afternoon after our business meeting. More information will follow, and yes, this is the host city for the Rose Parade. The Rose Parade is on Colorado Boulevard, which is two blocks south of the hotel.

Forward the colors! --

Mike Schooling, Division Heritage Defense Officer. 858.530.2141 scvmike2000@yahoo.com

Confederate Soldiers Honored by Camp 1804

April 19 was a special day for Camp 1804. It was indeed an honor to be invited by Past UDC President Connie Moretti and the "Centennial Chapter" of the UDC to help in performing a memorial in honor of Veteran Isaac Walton at Bethel Cemetery in Sanger, California.

Our members played a large roll, which included Honor Guard, Artillery as well as three who placed a "Wreath Of Honor." Thank you ladies for making us feel so welcomed.

This was my first time to meet Connie Moretti and California Division UDC President Rhobie Reed-Curtis. If you have not met them before please try to do so as they are most wonderful ladies who are devoted to a "great cause" and are very goal-oriented.

Hats off to the ladies of the UDC!

I also attended a most touching memorial recently in Lockeford at the Harmony Grove Cemetery and Church, hosted by the "Sterling Price Chapter" of the UDC. The church was built in 1859 and has a most interesting history.

It's a beautiful church and cemetery. I encourage anyone that has not been there to make the attempt. Juanita Reese, Chapter President opened the ceremony by introducing their Chaplin Marjorie "Jo" Duckett who proceeded to recite some of the most beautiful poems that I have ever heard.

I wish to thank Juanita for allowing Camp 1804 to be part of such a wonderful event on such a glorious occasion.

**Sincerely, Chuck Norred, Commander Camp 1804
General Tyree Harris Bell**

BATTLE FLAGS OF THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

by Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr.

www.confederateflags.org/

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BATTLE FLAG

The smoke of battle often obscuring the field made identification between friend and foe very difficult. In some cases the Stars and Bars so resembled the U.S. flag that troops fired on friendly units killing and wounding fellow soldiers.

As a result, Confederate army and corps level officers all over the South began thinking about creating distinctive battle flags that were completely different from those of the Union Army, which would help make unit identification a lot easier. The first of these - and the most famous - was created in September 1861 in Virginia.

Gathering at the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac (later renamed the Army of Northern Virginia) were generals Joseph Johnston, G.T. Beauregard, Gustavus Smith and Congressman William Porcher Miles, then an aide on Beauregard's staff. The conversations turned around the idea of creating a special "battle flag", to be used, in the words of Gen. Beauregard, "only in battle" for their army. Miles offered the design with the St. Andrews cross he had submitted for consideration as a national flag.

The competition was a design from Louisiana with a St. George's cross (horizontal/vertical). With the number of states that had seceded now reaching eleven (and with Confederate recognition of Missouri as well), 12 stars were now available for use on a flag. Thus, it looked a lot better than it had in February

when only seven stars were added. Miles' design was adopted by the council.

Gen. Beauregard first suggested the colors be a blue field with a red cross, but Miles countered that this was contrary to the laws of heraldry. Gen. Johnston suggested that it be made in a square shape to save materials as well as ease manufacture, and this was accepted. The flag was supposed to come in three sizes: 48 inches square for infantry units, 36 inches square for artillery units and 30 inches square for cavalry, but as the war progressed, these rules were not always followed.



UNKNOWN SOLDIERS NO MORE

By Dennis Rogers, Staff Writer

WILSON--We second-graders chose not to believe the third-grade wise guys at Margaret Hearn Elementary School when they told us the big grassy mound just inside the front gate at Maplewood Cemetery was full of dead guys. It was just too creepy to be true, we thought.

Turns out they were right.

This past Saturday, Confederate Memorial Day, names were finally given to the 205 formerly unknown Confederate soldiers buried in one of this old town's most prominent landmarks. A plaque engraved with the names was placed at the base of the hill. Uniformed Civil War re-enactors from the 26th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, and 1st Regiment, North Carolina Artillery, fired a military salute. Prayers were said, and wreaths were placed in the soldiers' memory.

The story of the Maplewood mound is one of sacrifice and service, a story of soldiers who gave their lives far from home, many of them in the last days of a desperate, defeated cause.

In April 1862, barely a year into the Civil War, the Confederate government converted what had been the Wilson Female Academy into a large military hospital. Sick or wounded Rebel soldiers were brought to Wilson for care and, given the state of medical care in those days, hundreds if not thousands of them died.

Some of the bodies were shipped home. Grieving families came for some. But hundreds of soldiers were buried in two different cemeteries around Wilson. After the war, many other families came to Wilson and took their kinfolks' bodies back home for reburial. In 1894, after Maplewood Cemetery had become the town's official burial ground, the bodies of 205 remaining soldiers (and one wife) were reburied in a mass grave in the middle of the new cemetery. A tall monument to "Our Confederate Dead" was placed atop the large mound.

The problem was, no one knew exactly who they were. Incomplete records had been destroyed or misplaced. The Wilson grave became symbolic of all the unknown Confederate soldiers who never came home from that devastating war.

We second-graders didn't know any of this in 1950. All we knew was that each year Principal Sadie Vinson, who taught us boys that drill sergeants were nowhere near as tough as she, would march the student body across the street to Maplewood Cemetery for the Confederate Memorial Day observance. We had no idea what that was and what the speeches were about. We just got to be out of school and throw flowers on what, to us, was a spooky hill.

It took several years for volunteer researchers from the town's two Sons of Confederate Veterans groups to track down all of the deaths at the old Confederate hospital. By eliminating those known to be buried elsewhere, a final list was compiled and engraved, with each soldier's unit and home state, on the plaque.

They came from four states -- Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi -- as well as North Carolina. On Saturday, uniformed re-enactors sprinkled dirt from each of those states on the mound so symbolically the dead would forever lie in their native soil.

Saturday's ceremony was more dignified than the ones of my youth and not creepy at all.

Dennis Rogers can be reached at (919) 829-4750 or drogers@newsobserver.com

Letter to the Editor

Vern-- Great *Vidette*! The best one yet.

You are 100% right on the rank structure of the CSA. As a note, the Confederate Congress authorized President Davis to select 5 full generals at the beginning of the war.

Davis chose Samuel Cooper of New Jersey as the number one ranking full general. General Cooper was a Brigadier General in the USA who "went south" at the start of the war. He was nominated as the Adjutant in Chief of the CSA. He was not a field general.

Davis appointed Robert E. Lee to full general with ranking higher than Joseph Johnston, a source of great problems between Davis and Johnston in the future, right up to Johnston's death.

Mike Schooling, Camp 302 San Diego

You Know You're Obsessed With the Confederacy When...

- You tell your Geometry teacher that the only angles you care about are the ones at Gettysburg and Spotsylvania;
- You remember important dates by the battle anniversaries they're on;
- When you go on a road trip, you cheer whenever you pass a Civil War site;
- You've ruined pairs of shoes from touring battlefields;
- You manage to work something about Chancellorsville into your science homework;
- You correct your teachers when they mention an incorrect Civil War "fact";
- Whenever you see a picture of a walrus, you automatically say, "Burnside";
- Whenever you see a picture of an elephant, you say, "Poor General Sedgwick."

Southern Travel Advice

I recommend flying to D.C., renting a car, and the major battlefields are in a line from D.C. to Richmond: Manassas, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, Wilderness.

Go to the museum of the Confederacy and Confederate White House, Tredegar Iron Works, Belle Isle, Drewery's Bluff, Chimbarazo hospital site, Gaines Mill, Cold Harbor, all of which are close together near Richmond. Go to Petersburg; definitely see Pamplin Park museum.

If any time is left, go to the Peninsula to see the Seven Days battles, Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Jamestown.

I recommend going as early as possible in June because the weather becomes unbearable and they can have hurricanes later in the summer. After we left, they had a horrid heat wave followed by two hurricanes. One was on Labor Day weekend.

Carry a foam ice chest with plenty of bottled water; take lots of pictures. It is a beautiful trip and for anyone interested in the Civil War, it will answer a lot of questions.

Why do they call it Cold Harbor, there's no harbor? Why did Grant lay siege to Petersburg and couldn't Richmond have been taken from the opposite direction?

Grant wanted to choke off the supply line to the Confederacy and his supply line was a straight line down the Chesapeake Bay.

City Point was the busiest seaport in the world and they built their own railroad to the battlefield. It was at the confluence of Appomattox River and James Rivers.

We were there for five weeks counting the trip home through the Shenandoah Valley, a side trip to Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, and Lookout Mountain, all of the battlefields of Tennessee, northern Mississippi, Pea Ridge Arkansas, Oklahoma, and home.

We bought my wife a car over the Internet from a dealer in Manassas. The salesman met us at the airport with our new car, which we used for the trip and drove home: 6200 miles in all.

I also recommend Hollywood cemetery in Richmond. We also went to Ball's Bluff in Leesville. All of that would be hard to fit in two weeks, but I can't think of what to leave out.

The climate in that part of the country is much different than we in California are used to. Whenever I got out of the car my glasses would fog up.

Whenever you get a camera out of an air-conditioned environment, the lens fogs up. That's humidity!

It would be hard for me to decide what the best leg of our trip was; the Atlanta campaign, the Battle of Atlanta, or Sherman's March. They were all magnificent including the side trips to Andersonville,

Augusta, and Charleston.

My wife loved all of it. She loved the home tours and museums in Atlanta, Savannah, and Charleston.

She also liked the battlefields and the sights along Sherman's March.

I am very surprised the state of Georgia doesn't have places marked like they do in Virginia. They have "Civil War Trails" markers everywhere guiding tourists. I think they should have CD's explaining the trip. We bought a book about "the march" and highlighted a map of the route of the left wing of Sherman's army.

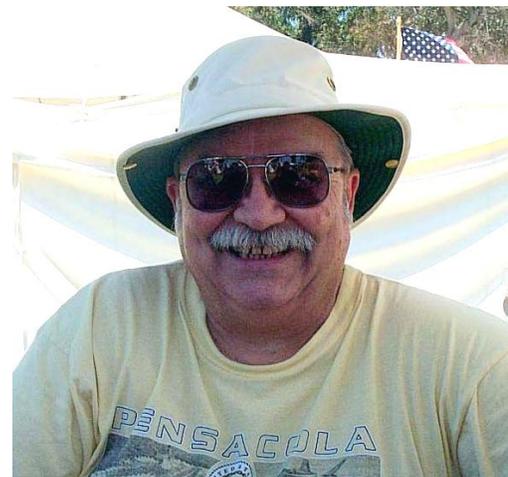
For example, we had a recording of Lee's retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox explaining every foot of the way. They fought all day and marched all night for six days and 91 miles. They were trying to reach supply trains before the Yankees did and survived on parched corn.

Saylor's creek is so small you can jump across it. It is easy to see why there was such a battle there. It is very steep going down and back up the other side. It would have been a real bottleneck for horse drawn vehicles and would slow the entire army in that spot.

It is so fascinating to see these places we read so much about and when you see them, lots of things are explained.

Lee's headquarters at Appomattox was about 1½ miles from Grant's. They were on two hills with the community of Appomattox courthouse between them. Both armies faced each other. Grant and Lee could have waved at each other-- except there were trees in the way.

Jerry Dupree, Past Cmdr Camp 1742 Inland Empire



Floyd Farrar, contributor of many fine photographs to the Vidette and to the Camp 1208 Aide-de-Camp.

Schedule of California Civil War Round Table Meetings

The **Inland Empire CWRT** meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month (except February) at the Lincoln Shrine, 125 Vine Street, Redlands. For information call 909.798.7632.

The **Orange County CWRT** meets at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Carrow's Restaurant, 16931 Magnolia St., Huntington Beach. Contact Anna Howland at Boomtownrat4cw@aol.com, or call her at 714.826.5920 for details and directions. Visit www.cwrtoorangecounty-ca.org.

The **CWRT of San Gabriel Valley** meets at 8:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month at Hill Avenue Branch Library, 55 Hill Avenue, Pasadena. Contact Program Chair Janet Whaley at spjw@concentric.net, or call her at 626.963.0598 for details and directions. Visit www.cwrtsgv.org.

The **San Diego CWRT** meets at 7:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the John D. Spreckles Masonic Lodge, 3858 Front Street in the Hillcrest/Northpark area of San Diego. Call David Tooley 858.672.2593 for details and directions.

The **Los Angeles CWRT** used to meet at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Community Room, Pavilion's Shopping Center, Pico and Overland Avenues, West Los Angeles. Contact Connie Bennett at 310.472.4212 for details and directions to current meeting location, e-mail lacwrt@yahoo.com, or visit www.geocities.com/lacwrt

The **South Bay CWRT, San Jose**, meets the last Tuesday of the month at Coco's Restaurant, 330 East Hamilton Ave., Campbell. Contact Debbie Petite at 408.578.9275, or e-mail Debbie4227@AOL.com for information.

The **West Valley Civil Warriors** meet the middle Wednesday of the month. Contact Jeff Wissot at 23067 Ventura Blvd., 101, Woodland Hills 91364 or e-mail Jeff at wissot@dentistry.com or visit www.dentistry.com/cwrt

The **San Joaquin Valley CWRT** meets in Fresno. For information, contact Wayne Bowen at SJVCWRT, P.O. Box 5695, Fresno, 93755 or call him at 209.291.4885.

The **Sacramento CWRT** meets the fourth Wed. of the month. For information contact Bernardo Buenrostro, 9444 Mirandy Drive, Sacramento 95826. He can also be reached at 916.362.9837 or e-mail bernxbb@ix.netcom.com.

The **Imperial Valley CWRT** meets on the first

Thursday of each month at The Gun Shop, 510 Main St., El Centro. Call Steve Bogdan at 760.356.4746 for information and directions, or e-mail SteveBogdan@Prodigy.net

The **Bakersfield CWRT** meets on the second Thursday of each month. Call Jerry Kirkland at 805.397.3605 for location and program information.

The **CWRT of San Francisco** meets the third Thursday of each month at McDowell Hall in Fort Mason, San Francisco. Contact Ormond Eckley at 925.846.1957 for program information.

Tri-Valley CWRT meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Borders Bookstore, Pleasanton. Contact Bruce Hevelin at 2753 Meadowlark Drive, Union City 94587 for program information. He can also be reached at 510.489.7216, or e-mail bruce-h@mindspring.com

The **Peninsula CWRT** meets at 11:15 am on the third Tuesday of each month at Salvatore's Restaurant, 1000 El Camino Real, San Carlos. Call Bob Blair at 650.595.2912 for program information, or e-mail Bob at www.rightguide.com/civilwar/orgs/htm.

Thanks to Drum Barracks web site:
<http://www.drumbarracks.org/>

Where to Buy Confederate Uniforms?

Which is the right Sutler?

From Your Editor: From time to time I am asked, "Where should I buy a Confederate uniform?"

I have bought uniform pieces from several sutlers, and I have not been totally satisfied with any one of them. For example, most of my shell jackets are from Servant, and I have returned more than one shell more than two times. My brother sent in his measurements and got one with the sleeves over his fingertips! He sent it back, and they replaced it with another that had sleeves the right length, but with different buttons. Since he lives in South Carolina, I really did want South Carolina buttons on it, like the first one had. He sent that back and I don't know what happened after that.

Mailing a shell jacket back and forth across the country more than twice is not my idea of how I want to spend my reenacting time and energy.

I have another shell jacket on order (seven just

isn't enough!). This time I'm trying a new company. New to me for shells, but not new to SCV Camp 1208; we bought our tent and our fly and poles from them last year. The company is **Fall Creek Sutlers**.

I would like to post here an exchange I had with Andy, their general manager, because I believe it shows that he is interested more in authenticity, than he is in making a quick sale. I think that is a good sign. If their shell jacket ever arrives in the mail (it's been 8 weeks), I hope to post some comments on what I think of it.

I wrote to Andy as follows: "On your page <http://www.fcsutler.com/fcbuttons.asp> you say " If there is a button you need then please let us know." So I asked "Can you get Tennessee buttons?"

Andy answered: "The only Tennessee buttons available are the flat style modern buttons available from Waterbury Button Company. These are not authentic, so we will not sell them. Some other sutler types do have them. The Tennessee buttons are rarely found by relic hunters, which says that they were not widely used during the CW. Most of the western theater buttons found in the state are usually the Block I button, either solid cast brass or stamped. U.S. Eagle buttons were also used on some CS jackets. Thanks, Andy, Fall Creek Corporation, 765.482.1861, www.fcsutler.com."

Now, I think that is an exemplary answer. Of course I am disappointed that I can't get a shell from him with Tennessee buttons, but I am more impressed by his concern for selling authentic pieces.

His e-mail address is on the web site—he will respond to your questions.

If you have anything to say about Confederate uniform pieces, or about sutlers? If so send me your comments and I will run them right here.

Vern Padgett; vp09@earthlink.net

The "Biderman" Flag of California

Major J. P. Gillis proudly displayed the 17-star First National Flag in San Francisco on 4 July 1861. J.W. Biderman tore the flag from him and took it. **Perhaps this flag should be better known as the "Gillis Flag."**

-- Laurence Talbott, *California in the War for*

Southern Independence, xi-xii, Past Member Camp 1631 Santa Barbara.

Historians say first flag sheds light on Confederate controversy

The Associated Press – ATLANTA. Historians say Georgia's first official flag, adopted in 1879, bears a striking resemblance to the new state flag passed by the General Assembly earlier this year.

They say the flag and the new documents, found after 125 years, prove that the flag was designed and approved by Confederate veterans.

The 125-year-old flag records were discovered in the state archives last month and detail the origins of the first official Georgia flag. They include a pen-and-watercolor drawing that bears a resemblance to the new flag.

This is documented proof, in the words of the Confederate soldiers of Georgia, of the flag they preferred, Sen. George Hooks, D-Americus, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Hooks helped design the current flag.



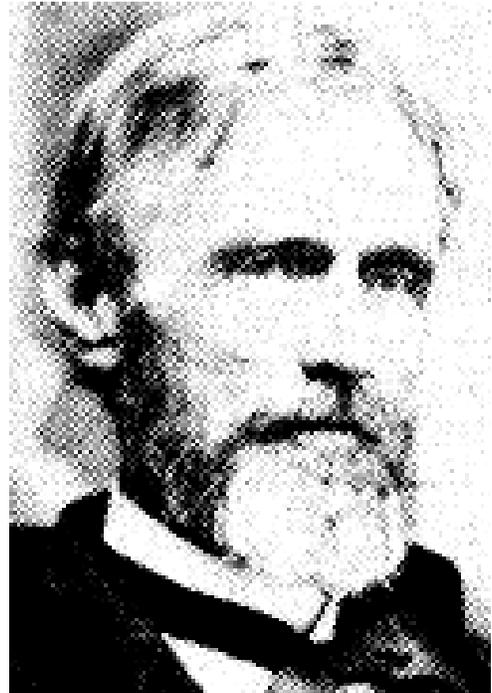
The flag lineage is important to supporters of the new flag who are anxious to seize the historical high ground from those still upset by the elimination of the Confederate battle emblem from the statewide vote.

The only other flag on the ballot is the blue flag adopted in 2001. The 2001 flag was a blue banner that contained a small Confederate emblem along the lower edge. It succeeded Georgia's 1956 flag, which was dominated by a large Confederate emblem that was added by the Legislature at the height of Southern resistance to integration.

The new flag has the Georgia coat of arms and the words In God We Trust on a blue field in the top left corner, with three red-and-white stripes to the right.

Jack Bridwell, commander of the Georgia division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, admits that his group is between a rock and a hard place now. Regardless of its pedigree, Bridwell said that the new state flag has been foisted on the public without a popular vote. © 2003 The Associated Press

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



“May God grant that sons ever greater than their fathers may rise whenever their country needs them to defend her cause.”
—President Jefferson Davis

SCV Life Membership

Apply for Life Membership by completing application at www.SCV.org. Fee is \$300 if you are 59 or younger; \$200 for those aged 60 to 69, and \$100 for those aged 70 and older. Mail check and form to HQ. Life Members are assigned to Camp 2 and are also listed on local Camp rosters with “LM” instead of an expiration date.

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California SCV Web Site

Check www.scvcalifornia.net for the California SCV website. Gary Waltrip, Commander Camp 1440, The Stainless Banner, San Jose, continues to expand and add to the web site. See Gary's own site at www.RebelGray.com

My God! It is horrible--horrible; and to think of it, 130,000 magnificent soldiers cut to pieces by less than 60,000 half-starved ragamuffins."

Horace Greeley, Editor, *New York Tribune*

