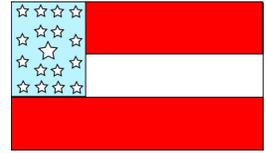




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OUR DIVISION PIN IS READY

## California SCV Has its Own Pin



### Another Confederate Soldier's Grave Dedicated

By Steve Smith, Commander, Camp 302  
San Diego

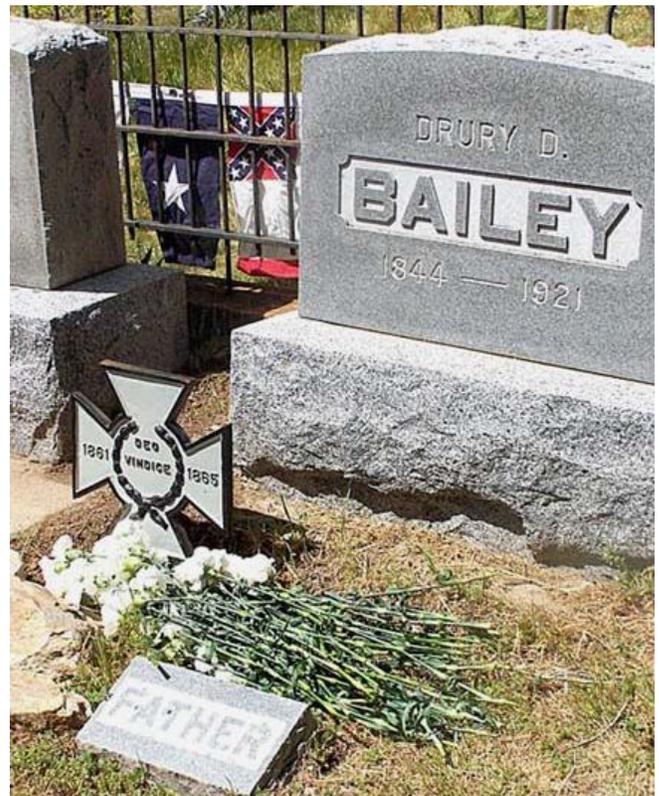
Thank you all for attending the dedication of the Southern Cross of Honor, in honor of founder of Julian, California, Confederate soldier Private Drury Bailey. There was an awesome turnout of approximately 100 people!

### From Your Signals Officer

We have our own SCV Division pin. Commander Chuck Norred obtained these, and you can obtain one for \$5 from him, or from me. Pin is one inch in diameter. Send \$5 to me at

**Vern Padgett**  
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I'll mail you a pin no later than the next day. All of your \$5 (less 37c for postage) will go towards California SCV Division projects. -- *Editor*.



A special THANK YOU to the Confederate 10th Georgia, the Sons of the Union Veterans, and the Sons of the Revolutionary War, who graced us with their presence and provided a UNIFIED FRONT Color Guard! General ROBERT E LEE, portrayed by Mr. Don Locke, honored us by driving over 3 hours to attend this lovely event.

I want to express a huge thank Uncle Farrell for coming all the way from Orange County!

A special thank you to the UDC for attending and looking lovely in their period attire.

Actual family members and direct descendants of Private Bailey were there to partake in this auspicious occasion in honor of their heritage. The weather was perfect, and everything went off without a hitch!

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## Heritage News

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### PRESERVATION TRUST MOURNS LOSS OF HISTORIAN AND PRESERVATIONIST BRIAN POHANKA

*Historian was a true giant in the historic preservation community*

16 June 2005 Contact: Jim Campi, 202-367-1861 ext. 205. Alexandria, Virginia-- The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) learned this morning of the untimely death of a true giant in the historic preservation community, historian and preservationist Brian C. Pohanka. CWPT President James Lighthizer made this statement in the wake of Brian's passing:

"Today the battlefield preservation community, and the Civil War community at large, mourns the loss of historian and preservationist Brian C. Pohanka. Few people have contributed more to keeping the memory of the Civil War alive for the present generations of Americans. He will be missed.

"Brian was a familiar face on many Civil War documentaries. He could be found on such programs

as Civil War Journal and Ken Burns' landmark The Civil War, among countless others. Brian's commentary was always sharp, insightful, and to the point. He further shared his perspective through countless books and articles on the war, and helped other young authors with advice and encouragement.



**1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Preparing at Prado, 2 April 2005, photo by Floyd Farrar.**

Brian's true passion centered on the famous Zouave soldiers, especially the renowned Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry.

"Arguably Brian's most important contribution – in a life full of great contributions – was in 1987, when he helped start the battlefield preservation movement that we know today. Brian hosted some of the first meetings Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, a group that would later become the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Thanks to Brian's foresight and commitment, hallowed battlefields that would otherwise have been paved over remain for future generations to visit and venerate. We at the Civil War Preservation Trust are proud and honored to carry on the work he started.

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"The Civil War Preservation Trust's Board of Trustees, members and staff join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Brian's wife Cricket and the rest of his family. Although he is gone, Brian's passion for preservation and history will continue to inspire Civil War buffs and preservationists for decades to come."

With 70,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. CWPT's website is [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org).

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## Another Confederate Funeral in Charleston 21 Confederates Buried

BRUCE SMITH

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Hundreds of re-enactors will slowly march into Magnolia Cemetery for the funeral of 21 Confederates whose remains were recovered last summer from beneath The Citadel's football stadium.

It will be the fourth Confederate funeral in six years in this city where the opening shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter in 1861.

The largest was last April when thousands of re-enactors took part in the funeral for the third crew of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, which was raised off Charleston in 2000.

During that funeral, re-enactors wearing both blue and gray escorted horse-drawn caissons with the coffins of the crewmen draped in Confederate flags.

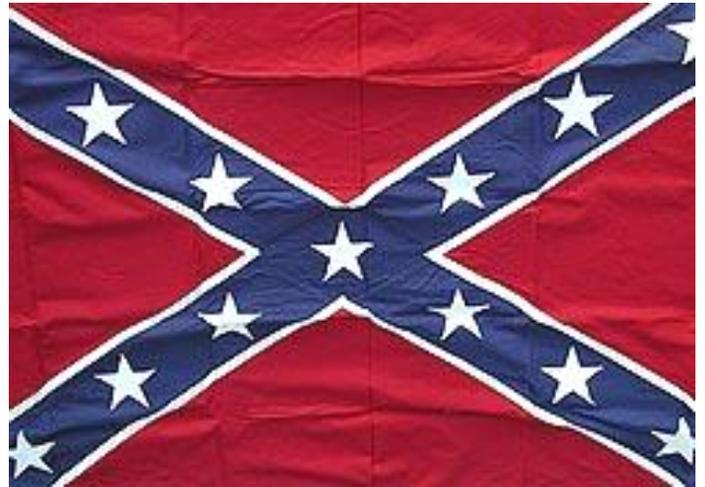
The procession made its way about five miles from Charleston's Battery to the cemetery overlooking the Cooper River.

This time, between 200 and 300 re-enactors are expected.

The units will form at the cemetery gate and march to an area where other Confederate war dead are buried, said Randy Burbage, chairman of the Confederate Heritage Trust and a past commander of Secession Camp No. 4 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"We're just glad for an opportunity to bury them

in a more respectable place. It will certainly be a more peaceful place," said Burbage, who is also a member of the South Carolina Hunley Commission.



During funerals in 1999 and 2000, the remains of 41 other Confederates found beneath the stadium were buried at Magnolia. The stadium was built over an old mariner's graveyard in 1948, but the bodies were never removed because of a clerical error.

The 2000 funeral was for the five members of the first Hunley crew. They drowned in the fall of 1863 when water from the wake of a passing ship flooded the sub near its mooring on nearby James Island.

A second crew later drowned during a testing accident. The Hunley sank with its third crew after sending the Union blockade ship Housatonic to the bottom off Charleston in 1864, becoming the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship.

The Confederates to be buried on Saturday have not been identified although historical records indicate that, besides sailors and marines, soldiers from the 21st North Carolina Infantry were buried at the stadium site.

"The 21st North Carolina was here during the siege of Charleston toward the end of the war," Burbage said. "It was late in 1864 when most of them died."

The war ended the following spring. Organizers said the 1999 funeral was the largest in the state since 1871, when the bodies of 86 South Carolinians who died at Gettysburg were returned to the state.

*Thanks to Compatriot Kathy Ralston for providing this news report.*

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# Lincoln bent the rules to win Civil War

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. Generations of schoolchildren have been taught that Abraham Lincoln fought the Civil War to free the slaves and secure constitutional guarantees.

But the sixteenth president suspended civil liberties in violation of the Constitution. He closed newspapers and jailed dissenters. And he believed whites were superior to blacks and the two races couldn't live together in peace.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum opening in his hometown Tuesday doesn't sugarcoat the indiscretions. Tourists will visit a "Whispering Room" whose walls are papered with vicious editorial cartoons and a soundtrack of critical comments.

An introductory video explains that Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed only slaves in Confederate-held territory.

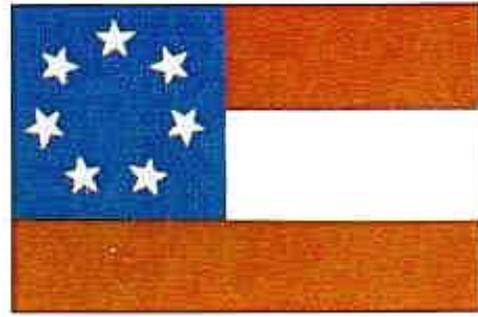
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**At SCV California Reunion, March, Pasadena: Center, Dr. Ro King; Michael Robbe of Camp 2007, and MOS&B Commander Dr. Maner Thorpe.**

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“Any people, anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better.” – *A. Lincoln, 1848, during the Mexican War and with reference to the Texan revolt against Mexico.*



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# Owning a Piece of History

By Michael Robbe

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IRVINE, CA – So it's an hour until the end of an auction and the item up for bid is a United Confederate Veterans Reunion Badge from the 1900 Louisville, Kentucky Reunion. The badge is in mint condition and the color just jumps from the page.

The current bid was at \$143.50, so I made a bid for \$145.00. It wasn't enough, so after several more bids I put in my final bid of \$200. Still not enough, and the final bid goes for \$202.50.

Who knows how much farther I would have had to go to win the badge. Even though I could have, in some eyes, lost \$200, I see it as I was gaining an invaluable piece of our history.

For anyone who hasn't been on eBay, I'll say it's addicting! Excitement and fun also come to mind, but in the one week that I've been a member, I've collected \$330 worth of Confederate memorabilia.

From a picture of Robert E. Lee by Matthew Brady for \$29.01, to a set of 9 Confederate Veterans magazines from 1925, to my two prize possessions: an original photo of Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, with the embossed seal of the CSA 1864, which cost \$47 and my framed 5c Confederate stamp from 1863, \$30 Confederate bond and a letter from UCV Commanding General Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee dated June 1905 which I won for \$45.35.

Of course, as soon as I receive these items in the mail, I will be going to my local art dealer to find out if these pieces are truly authentic.

There are some real gems on eBay which include an original Virginia regimental flag that is selling for \$2,400 or the Forrest Cavalry Badge with a starting bid of \$2,000 but no one made a bid. I'm sure it will be up again and with a lower starting price.

I encourage everyone interesting in collecting memorabilia to check out eBay and take a look at what they have to offer. A lot of items from bullets, cannon balls, stamps, letters, currency, photos or even items from the UCV, UDC and early SCV.

I was the winning bidder on two yearbooks for a UDC Chapter out of Kansas City, Missouri and have already contacted the UDC to find out how I may be able to donate these two pieces to their archives. It's important to present the true history of the South for future generations, just as Lt. Gen. S.D. Lee stated in our Charge.



Remember, it's a small price to pay for our history. To get lost in the fact that someone, maybe even an ancestor, used that very bullet, held that piece of currency or fought underneath that flag. Albeit a new source, the internet does hold a lot of history for sale. Who knows, maybe you could end up owning a piece of history.

## Letters to the Editor

Vern, There were no North Carolina Confederate Army uniforms issued to German POWs. It is a myth that keeps going around. It is based on the fact when NC folks saw German POW's or photos of them, they thought the coats they were wearing looked like NC sack coats. These folks had

no idea what German uniforms looked like, but could remember what NC sack coats looked like.

The second issue is the statement by NC Governor Vance that NC had materials for several thousand uniforms at the end of the war. Of this much was burned by Sherman's boys, and some was given to the Freedman's Bureau. Some was sold just after the war and made into blankets, etc.

Some of the rumors are about NC sack coats, which were not made after 1861. There are many photos that show NC troops in this coat. But they were taken early war. In late 1861, NC started production of the NC shell jacket, which NC issued until the end of the war. So even if they had leftover uniforms-- they would have been shell jackets, not sack coats.

This rumor has come up several times in my research on a NC reenactment unit. Both the NC museum and the NC archives have heard about this over and over. They can find no record for these uniforms being stored, warehoused, issued, or anything else after the war. They have looked at both the NC records and the federal records.

**John English, a Native Son of the Old North State, Adjutant, Camp 1627, Sacramento.**

## California SCV Web Site

Check [www.scvcalifornia.net](http://www.scvcalifornia.net) for the California SCV website. Gary Waltrip, Division Webmaster, continues to expand and add to the web site. See Gary's own site at [www.RebelGray.com](http://www.RebelGray.com)



**Californians with National leaders at Special SCV Convention in North Carolina: Steve Smith, Mike Robbe, AiC Jim Dark; CiC Denne Sweeney; Chuck Norred; Kenneth Ramsey.**

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**From Marilyn King, UDC:** Check out [www.militaryhistoryonline.com/genealogy/](http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/genealogy/) the Military History Online Civil War Genealogy Database. This is a Civil War genealogy database submitted by descendants and organized by Regiment.  
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## Shooter's Corner: Loading for the .58 Enfield --By Rick Tunell

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Moulds for 58 cal's are fairly common. Lee makes several moulds from a non-Minie' solid base R.E.A.L., Target Minie', 478gr and 505 Minie'. These run about \$25 each. Lyman and RCBS both make a few designs and these run between \$40 and \$50 or so.



The only thing you should do is to check your land diameter. The bullet should fit 'un-loosely' if I might use that description. The tighter the fit, the better your accuracy will be, short of having to drive it in with a mallet! If you are going to be skirmishing, a Minie' fitting a bit loose in the bore would probably be better. For team accuracy shoots you want one to fit snugly.

Remember that the quality of your black powder and lube will also have an effect on accuracy, plus where on the bullet you put it and how much lube it carries. As an example, I have a P-58 2-Band Enfield. Using Elephant BP I can use cheap Crisco for lube if I use a Minie' with a large base cavity like the Lee 505gr Minie'. If I am shooting something like the Lyman Parker-Hale 566 gr 575213 Minie with its comparatively small cavity, I have to use something like Wonder Lube. Otherwise the barrel fouling will make continuing shots hard to load.

You will also need to test where your rifle wants the lube. My rifle will open groups up if I lube the sides of the Minie', but does extremely well with lube in the base cavity only.

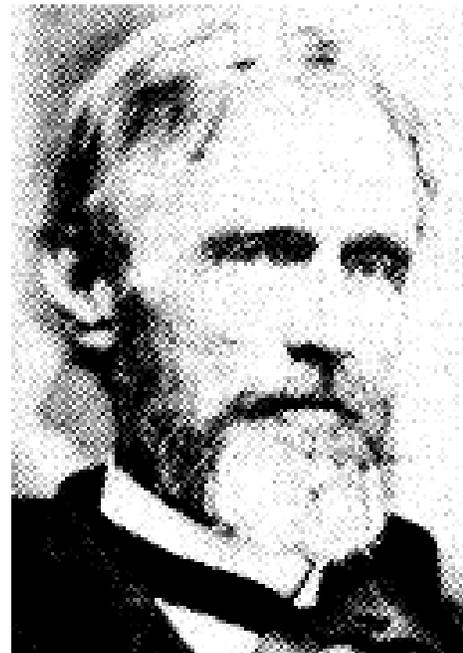
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## WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



“... We desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honor and independence. All we ask is to be let alone.” — Jefferson Davis, 29 April 1861.