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Though little remembered today, theirs was not a call to glory or fame, but rather to a daily grind of arduous patrols in an arid region under constant threat of danger from hostile Comanches or Apaches. Though today this military service of Captain Martin Casner and Corporal Madison Putman is not well appreciated, it can be said with certainty that other Confederates serving east in the main theaters of the war were very appreciative of the protection that these men and other Texas state troopers furnished to their families at home in Texas. They fought the Indians so that others of their state and community could fight for the Confederacy. They did not neglect their duty and answer the call of their community, their state, and their nation willingly and served honorably.

And when the great Civil War was over and the economy of their state in ruins Martin Casner and Madison D. Putman had the strength and courage to move on and seek a better life for their families—here. They became respected citizens of their new community.

In dedicating their gravestones here in Ballena, California, we, the descendants of Martin Casner and Madison D. Putman, and the Father A. J. Ryan, San Diego Camp 302 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans – not only memorialize their final resting places and recognize their honored positions as veterans of the Confederate States Army.

We also applaud and commemorate their character as individuals, honorable, hard working citizens of both their nations – the Confederate States of America and the United States of America. The politicians and generals have indeed earned the merit their fame and glory, but let us not forget that there were so many more junior officers and enlisted men like Martin Casner and Madison D. Putman without whom the great leaders could not have achieved. It was men, and women too, like Martin Casner and

Madison D., Putman who carried the burdens of frontier life and war alike, and so in honoring them, we likewise honor all their fellows in hope that they will not be forgotten.

Captain Martin Casner
Corporal Medison D. Putman
Honored soldiers of the Confederacy

WE SALUTE YOU!

(Uniformed – Salute, Others – Hands on Hearts)