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AWARDS COMMITTEE CHARTER PURPOSE

The purpose of the Awards Committee is to relieve the Commander of this responsibility during the Division Convention so he can perform other functions at this most important event. The awards Committee, therefore, will be solely responsible and accountable for the recipients of each award.

Camp awards will be a certificate and/or streamer. Awards presented to individuals will be a plaque or suitable award as determined by the Awards Committee and/or Commander.

COMPOSITION

The Awards Committee will consist of the Awards Chairman and 1 member from each Brigade, selected by the Awards Chairman, on recommendation of the Brigade Commander.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

1. John Amasa May Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award
3. Lt. General Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award
4. Outstanding Southern Citizen Award
5. John Albert Broadus Chaplain Award
6. Sergeant Richard Kirkland Award
7. C. Irvine Walker Adjutant Award

CAMP AWARDS GIVEN BY CAMP SIZE

There will be a 1st and 2nd place award in each category unless specified otherwise. Honorable mention can be used if desired.

1. Southern Cross Graves Award
2. Heritage Defense Award

Awards presented based on Camp Membership

Sandpaper: for Camps with 30 members or less,
Palmetto: for Camps with 31 – 65 members,
Dixie: for Camps with 66 or more members.

1. M. C. Butler Recruiting Award
2. Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award
3. Ellison Capers Scrapbook Award

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4. Stephen D. Lee Historical Project Award
5. Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award

First place only Awards

1. Convention Attendance Award
2. Jefferson Davis Commanders Award

BRIGADE AWARDS

1. David Keller Cemetery Brigade Challenge Award

GUIDELINES

1. A Camp must be in existence for 6 months in order to compete for any awards.
2. The Camp will compete in the level (Palmetto, Dixie, or Sandpaper) in which it falls on January 1st of the year the annual Division Convention is held.
3. All entries are to be submitted to the Awards Chairman by the deadline, **February 1st** unless otherwise specified in the criteria for the award. No submissions will be accepted or considered after the deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. **Twelve copies of all required documentation for any given award must be submitted unless otherwise specified in the criteria for the award.**
5. **Should the criteria in any category not be met, the award in that category will not be given.**
6. **Failure to comply with any of these guidelines will disqualify Camps from consideration for awards.**

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THE JOHN AMASA MAY
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PURPOSE: Discretionary award to recognize “outstanding” defense of history and heritage or “Lifetime Achievement” in the above areas and faithful service to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

CRITERIA: This individual must be outstanding in every way (leadership, faithfulness, superior discipline). His work or achievement could be, but not limited to, the following: defense of the Confederate Flag; large projects over long periods of time (i.e. Confederate Memorial Day Observance in Columbia, lifetime re-enactor, special or far reaching educational programs, writing and publishing a book, special guardian services, etc.) Any Brigade Commander, Camp Commander, or Division Staff member may recommend an individual for this award.

SUBMISSION: Submissions for this award should be directed to the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Chairman. In writing to the Awards Chairman, a recommendation stating the achievements and accomplishments of this individual must be detailed. This award is very high level and, therefore, is given solely at the discretion of the South Carolina Division Commander.

JUDGING: By the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Judges if he desires their input. Judging will be based on the merits of the recommendation

AWARD: An engraved marble statuette will be awarded to each recipient. No more than three recipients will be chosen per year.

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STONEWALL JACKSON
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the efforts of an individual who contributed most to the goals of the Division, the activities of the Camp, and the preservation of Confederate History.

CRITERIA: Any Camp Commander, Brigade Commander, or mentor of the Division may recommend an individual for his outstanding contribution.

SUBMISSION: In writing to the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Chairman, a recommendation stating the achievements and accomplishments of the nominee. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Commander with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Judges if he desires their input. Judging will be based on the merits of the recommendation.

AWARD: A plaque will be awarded to each recipient. No more than three recipients will be chosen per year.

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LT. GENERAL WADE HAMPTON
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the efforts of an individual who contributed most to the goals of the Division, the activities of his Camp, and the preservation of Confederate history at a level that, though not warranting the Stonewall Jackson Award, merits great appreciation and recognition at the Division level.

CRITERIA: Any Camp or Brigade Commander or member of the Division staff may recommend an individual for this award.

SUBMISSION: In writing to the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Chairman, a recommendation stating the achievements and accomplishments of the nominee. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Commander with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By the Division Commander and the Awards Judges if he desires their input. Judging will be based on the merits of the recommendation.

AWARD: A plaque will be awarded to each recipient. No more than three winners may be chosen annually.

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OUTSTANDING SOUTHERN CITIZEN AWARD

PURPOSE: Discretionary award to recognize “outstanding” defense of history and heritage or “Lifetime Achievement” in the above areas by an individual not affiliated with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This award is given at the discretion of the South Carolina Division Commander.

CRITERIA: This individual must be outstanding in every way (leadership, faithfulness, superior discipline). His work or achievement could be, but not limited to, the following: defense of the Confederate Battle Flag, large projects over long periods of time (i.e. Confederate Memorial Day Observance in Columbia, lifetime re-enactor, special or far reaching education programs, writing and publishing a book, special guardian service, etc).

SUBMISSION: In writing to the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Chairman, a recommendation stating the achievements and accomplishments of the nominee. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Commander with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By the South Carolina Division Commander and the Awards Judges, if he desires their input, based on the merits of the recommendations. This award is given solely at the discretion of the Division Commander.

AWARD: A plaque will be awarded to each recipient.

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JOHN ALBERT BROADUS
CHAPLAIN AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the outstanding Chaplain of the South Carolina Division.

CRITERIA: It is intended for the Chaplain that most exemplifies the character and dedication of South Carolina's remarkable Theologian and Southern loyalist, John Albert Broadus. The Chaplain receiving this award must give evidence of genuine Christianity, love and superior knowledge of the Scriptures. He must give evidence of unreserved commitment to the Confederate cause, believing in its just and righteous merit, its consistence with the character and word of Almighty God, and its constitutional validity.

SUBMISSION: Recommendation must come from the Camp Commander. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Chaplain with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By the South Carolina Division Chaplain and the Awards Judges, if he desires their input.

AWARD: A plaque will be awarded to each recipient.

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SGT. RICHARD KIRKLAND AWARD

PURPOSE: The Sgt. Richard Kirkland Award (a canteen mounted on a wooden plaque) is awarded annually by the South Carolina Division Chaplain to the compatriot who has demonstrated the greatest act of selfless service to his fellow man during the preceding year. Members of the Division Staff are not eligible for this award.

CRITERIA: Person should have demonstrated an act of selfless service to others **OUTSIDE** the SCV. The act for which nominated should be one that reflects the actions of Sgt. Richard Kirkland at Fredericksburg, as he took comfort, not to Confederate Troops, but to wounded and dying Federals.

SUBMISSION: Nominations may be made by any compatriot through their local camp. The Camp will forward the nomination to the Division Chaplain with an additional copy to the Awards Chairman and the Division Adjutant. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Chaplain with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By the South Carolina Division Chaplain and the Awards Judges, if he desires their input.

AWARD: The award, Sgt. Kirkland canteen plaque, will be presented at the South Carolina Annual Convention. Only one award presented per year.

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C. IRVINE WALKER
ADJUTANT AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the outstanding Camp Adjutant of the South Carolina Division.

CRITERIA: It is intended for the Camp Adjutant that most exemplifies the character and dedication to the office of Camp Adjutant as the honored South Carolinian C. Irvine Walker. The Adjutant receiving this award must have evidence of genuine dedication to preserving the records of his camp. He must work to provide accurate documentation of his camp in supporting the accuracy of the records maintained by the SC Division Adjutant. The adjutant must show adherence to deadlines published by the SC Division Adjutant with providing documentation of camp membership (current and new applicants).

SUBMISSION: Recommendation must come from the Camp Commander. This recommendation must be received by the South Carolina Division Adjutant with a copy forwarded to the Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

JUDGING: By the South Carolina Division Adjutant and the Awards Judges, if he desires their input.

AWARD: A plaque will be awarded to each recipient.

AWARD NAMESAKE: C. Irvine Walker was born in Charleston, S.C., on Feb. 14, 1842. He graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy ("The Citadel") in April 1861. He served as Lieutenant Colonel and Adjutant of the 10th South Carolina Infantry Regiment and was severely wounded in front of Atlanta, Ga., in 1864. He also founded the Carolina Rifle Club and served in the S.C. Militia. C. Irvine Walker was very active in the United Confederate Veterans (U.C.V.), and upon the death of Commander-in-Chief George W. Gordon (Aug. 9, 1911), C. Irvine Walker became Commander-in-Chief.

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M. C. BUTLER
RECRUITING AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize efforts of those Camps who seek to increase their membership during the course of the year.

CRITERIA: Newly recruited numbers will be based on those members reported to the Division Adjutant two weeks prior to the Division Convention. It will include those new members in good standing from January to January of each calendar year, and based on the highest percentage of membership gain. Camps should facilitate good retention practices toward achieving this award.

JUDGING: Judging will be conducted by the Division Adjutant and the Awards Chairman based on the number of new members properly reported and accounted for on Camp reports.

AWARDS: A certificate and gold/blue streamer for first place. A certificate and gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given.

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AMBROSE GONZALES
NEWSLETTER AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize those Camps demonstrating excellence in communication as well as keeping members informed of Division news and activities.

CRITERIA: The following criteria shall be used in judging the merit of entries for this award:
Format and content.

1. Frequency of publication can be bi-monthly to afford smaller camps equality in competition. Camps with bi-monthly publications compete at the same level.
2. Input of Camp Officers and members.
3. Use of photos, artwork, and clip art.
4. Distribution must be all Camp members and at least 4 other Camps, Brigade Commander, and Division Commander.
5. Submitting camps must distribute issues published on or between September and December of the competition year to all members of the Awards Judges for judging.

SUBMISSION: There are two categories of recognition for the Ambrose Gonzalez Newsletter Award: **PRINTED** and **ELECTRONIC**.

A camp may only compete within one of these categories.

The camp should use their primary form of correspondence for their submission. The primary form is based on the larger of the utilized distribution methods for the competing camps newsletter. Prior to the convention a report should be submitted to Awards Chairman no later than the award submission deadline posted in these guidelines.

Electronic Newsletters:

1. Submit one electronic copy of each newsletter for the following months: September, October, November and December to the Awards Chairman (scawardschair@gmail.com), The Awards Chairman will transmit the entry onto the other ten members of the Awards Committee. Camps with a bi-monthly distribution need to send the issues that fall within the aforementioned months.
2. Include a cover letter with the following information:
 - a. Newsletter Title
 - b. Name and Camp Number of the submitting Camp
 - c. Name of the Newsletter Editor
 - d. Frequency of the publication
 - e. Number of issues created during the last year

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- f. Names of other Camps receiving the Newsletter
 - g. Number of submitting Camp members receiving the newsletter electronically
 - h. Number of submitting Camp members receiving the newsletter in hardcopy
 - i. Names of Division Officers receiving the newsletter i.e. Division Commander, Brigade Commander, etc
3. Judging will be held at the February Awards Committee meeting.

Printed Newsletters:

1. Submit eleven printed copies of each newsletter for the following months: September, October, November and December to the Awards Chairman by February 1st. The Awards Chairman will present the entry to the other ten members of the Awards Committee at the February Awards Committee meeting. Camps with a bi-monthly distribution need to send the issues that fall within the aforementioned months.
2. Include a cover letter with the following information:
 - a. Newsletter Title
 - b. Name and Camp Number of the submitting Camp
 - c. Name of the Newsletter Editor
 - d. Frequency of the publication
 - e. Number of issues created during the last year
 - f. Names of other Camps receiving the Newsletter
 - g. Number of submitting Camp members receiving the newsletter electronically
 - h. Number of submitting Camp members receiving the newsletter in hardcopy
 - i. Names of Division Officers receiving the newsletter i.e. Division Commander, Brigade Commander, etc
3. Judging will be held at the February Awards Committee meeting.

AWARD: A certificate and gold/blue streamer for first place. A certificate and gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given.

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CONVENTION ATTENDANCE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the Camp with the highest percentage of membership in attendance at the Division Convention.

CRITERIA: The count will be based on the number following the opening ceremony. Based on the greatest percentage of the Camps membership. The host Camp will graciously decline to be a participant.

AWARD: A certificate and gold/blue streamer. One award presented per level, per convention.

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ELLISON CAPERS SCRAP BOOK AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the Camp that collects and retains a record of its activities and searches out the Camp/Southern/Confederate history of their community and country.

CRITERIA: The Scrap Book may cover any period of the Camp's existence; however, the last five pages must be of Camp or local activities during the previous year. Content should include and will be judged on:

1. Cover art, eye appeal, Camp identification.
2. Photos, news clippings, Camp activities during the year.
3. News clips and photos of past Confederate Activities in the County or District, information on units and individuals who served from the area, past UDC and SCV Camps and activities in that locale.

SUBMISSION: **Scrap books will be judged at the awards meeting in February.** Please have your scrapbook delivered to the awards meeting prior to the start of the meeting. Location, date and time of meeting will be announced and posted on the SC Division website.

JUDGING: Judging will be done by the awards judges.

AWARD: A certificate and a gold/blue streamer for first place. A certificate and a gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given.

Camps are asked to bring their scrapbooks to the Convention to be placed on display only. A place for display will be designated in advance by the host Camp.

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STEPHEN D. LEE HISTORICAL PROJECT AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the efforts of the Camp conducting/completing/presenting the most outstanding historical project during the year.

CRITERIA: A project of historical importance that presents to the public information and education on Southern history, restores and preserves areas, monuments, cemeteries, memorabilia, and relics, or presents a major living history representation designed to accomplish one or more of the above.

SUBMISSION: One (1) copy of verifying documentation must be submitted to Awards Chairman.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Report listing the project title and dates.
2. Outline the significance, purpose, and objective.
3. Number of persons, members, and specialists involved. (At least five Camp members should participate).
4. Number in attendance, spectators, and results achieved.
5. Newspaper clips, photos, and publicity notes.

JUDGING: Judging will be done by the Awards Judges

AWARD: A certificate and a gold/blue streamer for first place. A certificate and a gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given.

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SOUTHERN CROSS GRAVES AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the effort of the Camp in the Division who has shown significant dedication in the restoration, preservation and recording of the graves of fallen Confederate Heroes.

CRITERIA: The following criteria shall be used in judging the merit of entries for this award:

1. Thorough research, identify and verify the grave locations of Confederate Veterans buried South Carolina and not currently listed on South Carolina Graves Database.
2. Placing gravestones on unmarked Confederate Veterans graves (VA or personal stones – must reflect Confederate service)
3. Installing Southern Cross of Honor on the graves of Confederate Veterans.
4. Entry of names and supporting documentation into SC Division Graves Database
5. Participation in guardian program(active increase of guardians from your camp)

SUBMISSION: One (1) copy of verifying documentation must be submitted to Awards Chairman.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Report listing the criteria completed with supporting documentation.
2. Number of persons, members, and specialists involved. (At least five Camp members should participate)

JUDGING: By the Award Judges with feedback from the Graves Chairman and Guardian Chairman.

AWARD: A certificate and a gold/blue streamer for first place. A certificate and a gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given. Award is not given by levels.

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JOHN HARRIS HERITAGE DEFENSE AWARD

PURPOSE: The John Harris Heritage Defense Award is an annual discretionary Camp level award to recognize a Camp's courage and valor in the face of enmity against Confederate Heritage far beyond the normal call of duty. In rare cases, organizations external to the SCV may be considered for the John Harris Heritage Defense Award.

CRITERIA: Emphasis shall be placed upon actions rendered *in the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name*. This shall not be considered for activities such as parades, memorial services, letter and flag waving campaigns or other activities normally considered to be part of a Camp's heritage defense activities. Only one award may be given per year, and only for actions performed during the year prior to the Convention. It is not required that any award be made in any given year.

SUBMISSION: Nominations may be made by any member of the South Carolina Division through the chain of command to the Chairman, Heritage Defense.

JUDGING: By the Heritage Defense Chairman and the Heritage Defense Committee with feedback from the Division Commander.

AWARD: The award shall consist of a streamer and a plaque. The streamer shall consist of four white stars upon one arm of a blue saltier cross, outlined in white upon a red base, and forked below the bottom star. This streamer is essentially one arm of the Battle Flag's Southern Cross.

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ROBERT E. LEE OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the Camps in the Division rated the most outstanding during the course of the year.

CRITERIA: Established by the numerical rating form distributed by the Division.

SUBMISSION: Twelve (12) copies of the official South Carolina Division grading form must be submitted and accompanied by one (1) copy of sufficient documentation to the Awards Chairman.

JUDGING: The judges will compute scores and rank the Camps using the formulas outlined on the grading form. In the event of a tie in scoring, a tie-breaker system will be utilized. The South Carolina Division realizes that the future of our heritage and the perpetuity of the Sons of Confederate Veterans rely on Education and Recruiting. The tie-breakers utilized are based on these two concepts. The Official SC Division grading form is included within the appendix of the Awards Guidelines

AWARD: A certificate and a gold/blue streamer for first. A certificate and a gold/red streamer for second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given. The camp that has been selected to receive the Jefferson Davis Commanders Award will not be awarded within this category.

Results and ranking of the Outstanding Camp Award category will be posted at the Division Convention. All Camps entering this competition will be listed.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMANDERS AWARD

For overall South Carolina Division Outstanding Camp Award

PURPOSE: To recognize the best overall Camp in the South Carolina Division.

CRITERIA: Established by the numerical rating form distributed by the Division.

SUBMISSION: The official S. C. Division grading form submitted for the Robert E. Lee award will be used for Jefferson Davis Commanders Award. This award is presented to the best overall Camp in the S. C. Division.

JUDGING: The Award judges will use the computed scores the submitted S. C. Division grading form and establish a best overall Camp in the Division.

AWARD: A certificate and a gold/blue streamer

The camp selected to receive the Jefferson Davis Commanders Award will not receive awards from the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award category.

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BRIGADE AWARDS

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DAVID KELLER CEMETERY BRIGADE CHALLENGE

PURPOSE: To recognize the effort of the Brigade who has shown significant dedication working together for the restoration, preservation and recording of the graves of fallen Confederate Heroes in Cemeteries that have shown tremendous neglect.

To compete for this award, Brigades Commanders need to follow the guidelines below:

GUIDELINES:

All cemeteries must have been previously unmaintained by either a SCV Member or SCV Camp. The intent of this award is to clean a previously untouched cemetery.

The judging period shall be from January 1st thru December 31st of the year ending prior to the Division Convention. All work must be completed by December 31st of that Awards judging year.

Each Brigade is to submit one cemetery for judging.

Each cemetery project will be judged equally (be it one entry or more).

CRITERIA: The following criteria shall be followed used in judging the merit of entries for this award:

1. The cemetery's condition before and after will be primary to the judging.
2. The number of camps within the brigade that participated.
3. Cleaning and repairing of markers
4. Identifying Confederate Soldiers with a headstone and/or Southern Cross of Honor.
5. Entry of Confederate Soldiers into the South Carolina Graves Database.

SUBMISSION: The Brigade Commanders will submit their entry to the Awards Committee Chairman at the January Executive Committee meeting.

REQUIREMENTS:

Each submission for recommendation must contain the following:

- Three (3) photos for of the cemetery prior to cleaning.
- Three (3) photos for of the cemetery after the restoration has been completed.
- The photos should be labeled
 - 1-A, 1-B and 1-C for the before cleaning documentation.
 - 2-A, 2-B and 2-C for the completed cemetery cleaning.
- Documentation listing the SCV Member's names and their Camps who participated in the

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restoration of the cemeteries and the dates that they were present.

JUDGING: By the Awards Committee will be based on the criteria and requirements.

AWARD: A certificate and a purple/gold streamer for each camp participating in the challenge that is judged first place. A certificate and a purple/silver streamer for each camp participating in the challenge that is judged second place. A certificate for honorable mention may be given. Award is not given by levels. Brigades with multiple entries are eligible for only one award.

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NEWSLETTER GRADING SHEET

2012-2013 South Carolina Division Newsletter Award Grade Sheet				
Camp:	Cate gory: (Electr onic or Printe d)			
Newsletter Title:	Cate gory Totals			
Issues: Allows for smaller camps that publish bi-monthly to compete equally.				
Total Issues published:		+1	for each month (6 max)	
Camp Officer Input:				
Commander:		+1	If yes	
Lt. Commander:		+1	If yes	
Chaplain:		+1	If yes	
Articles by different members:		+1	If yes (4 max)	
Distribution:				
Other camps receive: (4 max)		+1	For each camp (4 max)	
All Award Judges included:		+1	If sent	
Brigade Commander:		+1	If sent	
Division Commander:		+1	If sent	
Judges Personal Rating: Opinion based scale of 1 – 5				
Format (1to5)	Rate the forma t. How			

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	<p>is the layout ? Style? This is judge's opinion.</p>			
<p>Article Content (1to5)</p>	<p>Rate the article content. Is there enough? This is judge's opinion.</p>			
<p>Photos/Artwork/Clipart Use of (1 to 5)</p>	<p>Rate the use of graphics. Is there enough or too much ? This is judge's opinion.</p>			

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The maximum score that a camp can receive is 35 points.

The # of issues and distribution will be entered at the time of judges meeting.

Scores will be totaled at the judging.

An average of all committee totals will be taken to decide the winner.

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OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD DOCUMENTS

POINT VALUES FOR OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARDS

1. Regular monthly meetings, 18 points – 1 ½ points for each regular monthly meeting.
2. Programs, 6 points – ½ point for each meeting with informational program.
3. Confederate Memorial Day Observance, 13 points - 6 points for conducting local service, 3 points for at least three members attending another Camp's Service, one point for each Camp member attending Division Confederate Memorial Day Service (maximum 4 points).
4. Camp Newsletter, 3 points – ½ point for each
5. Local Projects, 15 points – 3 points per project (maximum of 5 projects).
6. Division Activity, 3 points – Convention attendance (1/3 point per member, e.g. 3 members = 1 point). (Maximum of 3 points)
7. National Projects, 9 points – 3 points for each project (maximum of 3 projects).
8. Speakers/Programs, 3 points – 1 point for each speaker/program provided to other camps (maximum of 3).
9. Visitation, 5 points – 1 point for each visit by 3 or more members to another camp more than 20 miles from your camp. Defined as 3 or more members attending the same meeting of another camp more than 20 miles from your camp's meeting site.
10. Special Events / Sponsorships, 12 points – 4 points for each activity the camp sponsors (maximum of 3 events).
11. Organization Participation, 7 Points
12. Camp Reports / New Members Reporting, 6 points – 3 points for annual report, and 3 points for new members reporting on time.
13. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker questions will be used to decide the winner.

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Notes:

Item 5: Projects include, but are not limited to, cemetery clean-up, setting up festival booth, parade participation, living history, school programs, road markers, highway clean-up, locating Confederate graves, donating books and magazines to library, historical project significant to local areas, etc.

Item 7: Sending delegation to national convention, camp member serving on national committee or capacity. Contributions to national projects such as: The Gen. Waite Scholarship Fund, Gen. William D. McCain Endowment, Beauvoir, Museum of the Confederacy, Confederate Library of Hillsboro, Texas, battlefield preservation, etc. Contributions must exceed \$50.00 per item.

Item 12: Annual Reports must be filed with the S. C. Division Adjutant by July 1st of each year. New members must be reported to the S. C. Division Adjutant within 10 days of joining a Camp (Per the S.C. Division Constitution).

TIE BREAKERS

The tie-breaker is based on the aspects of maintaining perpetuity in the SCV. The South Carolina Division realizes that the future of our heritage and the perpetuity of the Sons of Confederate Veterans rely on membership

Membership growth – Based upon average of camps growth. Transfer and members that have crossed over to the Last Roll subtracted from the initial roster of camps membership for the year. Retention is included due in part camps need to strive to retain membership.

Submission Requirements: Each camp is responsible for properly completing this form and submitting twelve (12) of it along with one (1) copy of supporting documentation to the Awards Chairman.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Applications must be RECEIVED by February 1st.

PLAN ACCORDINGLY

THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE DELIVERIES

**SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION MUST
ACCOMPANY THE FORM.**

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OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD SUBMISSION FORM

(Revised March 26, 2010)

Camp: _____ No: _____

Dates From: _____ To: _____
(Last Convention) (Current Convention)

1. Regular Monthly Meetings (Max 18 points)

Total regular meetings held this year: _____ x 1 1/2 points = _____ max. 18 pts. **Total # 1** _____

2. Program (Max 6 points)

How many monthly meetings featured speakers, films, videos, audiovisual, or some other type of historical / informational presentations: _____ x 1/2 points = _____ max. 6 pts. **Total # 2** _____

3. Confederate Memorial Day Observance (Max 13 points)

Did your Camp conduct a Memorial Service this year? Yes _____ No _____ max. 6 points
Did three (3) or more Camp members attend services by another Camp? Yes _____ No _____ max. 3 points
Number of Camp members attending Division CMD observance . . . _____ x 1 pt. = _____ max. 4 points
Total # 3 _____

4. Camp Newsletter (Max 3 points)

How many newsletter issues were published in the preceding year? _____ x 1/2 pt. = _____ max. 3 points
Total # 4 _____

5. Local Projects (Max 15 points)

List service projects conducted to preserve and support Confederate history:
Maximum of five points (Attach a separate sheet if needed).

Total local projects _____ x 3 points = _____ max. 15 points **Total # 5** _____

6. Division Activities (Max 3 points)

How many delegates did the Camp send to the last Division Convention? _____ x 1/3 pt. = _____ max. 3 pts
Total # 6 _____

7. National Projects (Max 9 points)

Number of national events/projects supported by the camp: _____ x 3 points = _____ max. 9 points
Total # 7 _____

8. Speakers/Programs (Max 3 points)

Number of Speakers/Programs presented to other Camps:
(Speaker, topic, Camp name and number, and dates must be listed) 1 point each / maximum of 3.

Total _____ x 1 point = _____ max. 3 points **Total # 8** _____

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9. Visitations (Max 5 points)

How many times did three (3) or more of your Compatriots visit another Camp located 20 miles away? _____
List Camps visited and dates:

Total _____ x 1 point = _____ max. 5 points **Total # 9** _____

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10. Special Events/Sponsorships (Max 12 points)

How many special events did your Camp sponsor since the last convention? _____ .
New Camp _____, Convention _____, Dinner/Ball _____, Lee-Jackson Banquet _____, Other _____

Total _____ x 4 points = _____ max. 12 points **Total # 10** _____

11. Organization Participation (Max 7 points)

Does your Camp participate in the following?

Submission of names to graves Registration (min 100 names) 1 point maximum: = _____ point

Did any of the listed camp officers attend the Leadership Conference: (Commander, Lt. Commander, Chaplain and Adjutant) 1point for each = 4 points maximum)= _____ point(s)

David Keller Brigade Challenge = 1 point maximum = _____ point

Youth Camp (Send youth, fund scholarship, send counselor) 1point maximum = _____ point

Total # 11 _____

12. Camp Annual Report / New Members Reporting (Max 6 points)

Does your Camp file its paperwork on time? No _____ Yes _____

Camp annual report filed by July 1st with Division Adjutant No _____ Yes _____

Are new members reported to Division within 10 days No _____ Yes _____

checked Yes _____ x 3 points = _____ max. 6 points **Total # 12** _____

Total points earned by Camp during this judging period _____

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13. Tie Breakers:

1. Percentage of net membership growth for award year? (Based on Jan Adjutant Report)

- A. Membership as of January (Prior Year) _____
- B. Members transferred or Last Roll (deaths) _____
- C. Subtract B from A (active members) _____
- D. Membership as of January (Curr Year) _____
- E. Subtract C from D (+Net Gain/-loss) _____
- F. E divided by C multiplied by 100 _____ % net growth/loss

Camp Commander Date

Camp Adjutant Date

Date submitted for awards

Approved by the General Executive Council – 26 March 2010