



CONSTITUTION

of the

South Carolina Division

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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South Carolina Division Constitution

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Article I - Name

Section 1. This subdivision of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be officially known as the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. (Hereafter referred to in this document as the S.C. Division, SCV, or the Division).

Section 2. The S.C. Division, SCV, shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina, with its offices residing with the current elected commander and/or adjutant.

Article II - Nature

Section 1. The SC Division, SCV, is strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, and non-sectarian.

Section 2. The SC Division, SCV, shall be governed by the articles of the SCV General Constitution and this Division Constitution as directed by the General Headquarters, SCV, and the SC Division Executive Council.

Section 3. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Division or other subdivision, any flags or emblems shall be turned over to the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. None of the property, nor any proceeds, shall be distributed to or divided among any of the officers or members or inure to the benefit of any individual. Instead, after all liabilities and obligations have been paid and discharged, the residual assets, including all money, real or personal property, investments, credits, endowments, financial records, and any other appurtenances, or things of pecuniary value, shall be turned over to the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article III - Organization

Section 1. The S.C. Division, SCV, a subordinate organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc., a Texas Nonprofit Corporation, is a subdivision of the Department of the Army of Northern Virginia, and subject to its guidelines and direction, in so far as they do not conflict with this Constitution.

Section 2. The South Carolina Division, SCV, is subdivided into brigades consisting of at least one county, taking into account traditional and historic regions of the State to be determined by the Division Executive Council.

Section 3. The smallest organizational unit is the Camp, as properly chartered and constituted according to the rules and guidelines set forth in the General Constitution and the Division Constitution.

Section 4. The overall S.C. Division governing body is the Division Executive Council, consisting of the Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Brigade Commanders, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chief-of-Staff, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, and Immediate Past Commander, if he has served a full term.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. All Camps in good standing within the boundaries of the state of South Carolina shall make up the S.C. Division.

Section 2. Individual membership in the SCV and a Camp is as prescribed by the provisions of this and the General Constitution, SCV.

Section 3. Membership may be in either a local Camp of choice or in the SCV Headquarters Camp if a person does not reside within a reasonable distance of an active Camp. Membership may also be held in more than one Camp, but only one Camp may be claimed for general SCV or S.C. Division accountability and voting purposes.

Section 4. Candidates applying for membership in the SCV must complete the official SCV application long or short form in duplicate and provide reasonable proof of their ancestors' war service record and genealogical history for review and approval.

Section 5. Candidates applying for membership in a local Camp should be sponsored by an SCV member in good standing who will introduce the candidate to the Camp membership and sign the back of the short application form in the "Recommended By" space. If the candidate is unknown to the Camp membership, the Camp Commander should act as a sponsor after inquiring into the candidate's background and character.

Section 6. After a camp's membership committee and the Camp Commander have approved the candidate, the applicant's information must be entered into the "Join Now" section of the SC Division Web page. This information is generally entered by the Camp Adjutant. The SC Division will perform various character checks on the applicant and provide an approval or denial of membership to the appropriate camp authority. Camp shall not submit new membership applications to either SC Division or National until the SC Division has completed character checks and given the camp the approval to proceed with the submittal of the new membership application.

Section 7. The Camp's appointed Committee on Admissions must review all applications and documentation, and certify review and approval by signing the back of the application forms. The Camp Commander may also review, approve, and certify applications. The Committee or Commander should also announce applications for membership at a regular meeting of the Camp and report if the candidate's application and proof of eligibility are satisfactory.

Section 8. The Camp will vote on acceptance of the candidate into the Camp if the application and proof of eligibility are satisfactory to both the camp and the SC Division. Membership in the Camp will be extended only after receiving a two-thirds vote of acceptance by the membership present.

Section 9. Membership shall be denied if the candidate does not satisfactorily meet the requirements for ancestry, or if there are other problems concerning character or reputation which would bring discredit to the SCV. Denial of membership must be for a good cause, and cannot be arbitrary, or based on race, creed, or religion. This denial may be from the Camp or the Division Executive Council on recommendations made by the Division Committee on Admissions.

Section 10. Candidates denied membership by the Camp Commander and/or the Committee on

Admissions may petition the general Camp membership for admission and ask for a vote; however, the membership cannot override SCV ancestor and genealogical requirements, or a Division Committee on Admissions denial.

Section 11. Candidates refused membership by a Camp may request a review of their applications by the Division Commander on their behalf; however, the Commander will not override any legitimate two-thirds vote of the Camp membership in such matters. Candidates may also appeal to the General Executive Council of the SCV.

Section 12. Candidates refused membership by the Division Committee on Admissions may request a review of their applications by the Division Executive Council on their behalf. The Division Executive Council may reverse the Division Committee on Admission by majority vote. Candidates may also appeal to the General Executive Council of the SCV.

Section 13. Camps may accept "associate" or "honorary" members who cannot meet the ancestor requirements for regular SCV membership, but whose interests and concerns conform to the goals and objectives of the SCV. Such members can be active in Camp functions and activities, but may not receive a certificate of SCV membership, wear SCV badges, hold office, or vote in Camp elections or Division conventions. Such members will not be counted for purposes of determining Camp delegates at division or national conventions. Dues for such members will be set by each Camp as desired.

Section 14. An additional category of membership is that of Life Member.

- A. Any person qualified for membership in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the South Carolina Division and having been accepted for membership in one of the Camps of the South Carolina Division may, upon payment of special dues, be entered on the roles of the Division as a Life Member.
- B. Special dues for Life Members shall be determined by the Division Executive Council.
- C. Persons qualifying for membership under this category and paying the prescribed special dues shall thereafter be exempt from paying any per capita tax (i.e. annual dues) to the Division and may enjoy such other rights and privileges, and wear such badges, pins, and insignia as approved by the Executive Council. Life Members shall not be exempted from paying Camp or National SCV dues nor any special assessments as may from time to time be legitimately levied against all members.
- D. The Division Executive Council shall deposit all Life Membership contributions in a reasonably secure and responsible manner into a separate segregated fund called the Life Membership Fund. The Division shall take care to ensure that the Life Membership Fund is secure and that a reasonable rate of return is obtained. From time-to-time other funds may be deposited to this account as directed by the Division Convention.
- E. All Life Membership special dues contributions shall constitute the principle of the Life Membership Fund. Monies contributed from the Division Operating Fund and interest earned on the principal shall constitute revenue of the Life Membership Fund.
 1. No amount of the principal shall be withdrawn or invaded for any purpose without the express consent of two-thirds of the Camps present and voting at a special or regular Convention of Camps except as provided in section (e) (ii) and (f). Any such Convention of Camps must be called according to the rules of this constitution, and at least sixty (60) days' notice must be given to each active Camp stating the purpose and intent of such action.
 2. From time to time the Division Executive Council may withdraw from the Life Membership Fund amounts equal to but not exceeding the amount of interest (as defined in this section) therein.
- F. Life Memberships are permanent, non-refundable, and non-transferable. Upon the death of a Life Member that portion of his Life Membership portion shall be designated as revenue and may be therefore, left in the Life Membership Fund or withdrawn to the General Operating Fund of the Division, or to some other fund, as determined by the Division Convention.
- G. The Division Executive Council shall annually report to the Division Convention the balance, condition, rate of return, and any disbursements of the Life Membership Fund.

Article V - Division Convention

Section 1. The legislative body of the South Carolina Division, SCV, shall be the Division Convention to be held annually at a time and place fixed by the preceding convention, or by the Division Executive Council.

Section 2. The Division Commander in his absence, death, or resignation, the Lt. Commander, at the request of a majority of the S.C. Camps or the Division Executive Council, shall convene the Division in a special meeting, if he deems the emergency or causes sufficient.

Section 3. The Division Convention shall be called to order by the Commander of the Camp where the meeting is held. Opening ceremonies shall consist of a prayer by the Division Chaplain (or in his absence the host Camp chaplain), a presentation of the colors, a salute to the flags, a reading of the SCV Charge, and the address of welcome. Following the opening ceremony, the convention podium shall be turned over to the Division Commander who will take charge of the convention.

Section 4. The Division Commander shall call the roll of the Division Officers and its Camps in numerical order, or by Brigade. As the Camps are called, the Chairman of each Delegation will answer and hand to the Division Adjutant the credentials of his delegation. The credentials shall be reviewed and verified by a Committee on Credentials, consisting of the Adjutant, Chief-of-Staff, and/or a representative from each Brigade. The Committee shall assign each Camp its number of votes, based on one vote per ten members or fraction thereof, in good standing. Members in good standing are defined as current paid-up dues members for the current year, as listed on the S.C. Division and SCV Headquarters rolls prior to ten days before the convention.

Section 5. Camps will be officially represented by delegates, as outlined in Article XVIII of this Constitution. At least one member in good standing of the Camp must be present with credentials and designated as Chairman of the Camp Delegation by the Camp commander to represent and vote for that Camp on matters which are brought before the convention. No proxy voting for a Camp will be allowed.

Section 6. The rules of procedure at any Division Convention shall be those set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except wherein they may be altered by this constitution or the convention.

Section 7. A quorum shall exist at the Division Convention when one-third of all Camps are represented as provided above. A simple majority vote, by voice, show of hands, or written vote, shall carry " approval or defeat of any motion or resolution presented for a vote before the convention, with the exception of constitutional amendments, which shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 8. Only registered delegates of the S.C. Division may bring business or motions before the floor of the convention for discussion or voting. Reports and/or items of interest may be presented by persons who are not delegates for information and possible action if such persons or organizations are expressly invited and authorized by the Division Commander.

Section 9. All or part of the convention proceedings may be open or closed to non-SCV members, as deemed appropriate by the Division Commander.

Article VI - Division Officers

Section 1. At each Division Convention held in an even-numbered year, the Division Convention shall elect a Division Commander and Lieutenant Commander. These officers shall be elected for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, and they may succeed themselves, in the same office to which they were elected for a total of four consecutive years. They will be eligible for reelection to the same office after vacating it for a minimum of a single two-year term. Example: Johnny Reb can be elected for two consecutive terms (a total of four years) but must step down from that office for a minimum of a single term (two years) before he is eligible to run again for the same office. No limit to this process.

Section 2. The Division Commander will appoint the following Officers to form his Staff: Adjutant, Treasurer, Chief-of-Staff, and Chaplain. In addition, he may also appoint a Judge Advocate, Historian,

Newsletter Editor, and such Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary. Such officers shall serve in their respective offices at the discretion of the Commander, or until the adjournment of the next Division Convention following their appointment or until their successors are chosen.

The Division Commander may appoint a Second Lieutenant Commander whose primary duties will include new Camp organization, membership retention, recruiting, and such other duties as are desirable to supporting Division goals and programs.

Section 3. The Division Executive Council shall consist of the Commander, Lt. Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Brigade Commanders, and the immediate past Division Commander if he has served a full term.

Section 4. All Division Commanders who served a full term shall have the title of Past Division Commander and shall take protocol rank next to the current Division Commander. Those who have not served a full term may have these privileges conferred on them by motion, receiving four-fifths of the votes cast at any Division Convention. All Past Commanders, while in good standing in their respective Camps, shall be life delegates to all Division Conventions with vote.

Section 5. Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the 2012 Division Convention and at each subsequent convention held in an odd-numbered year by the delegates representing their respective Brigades. If a commander is not elected at the Convention, the Division Commander may appoint a commander for that brigade. Brigade Commanders shall hold office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention held in an odd-numbered year following their election or appointment, or until the election or appointment of their successors. These officers shall be elected for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, and they may succeed themselves, in the same office to which they were elected, up to a total of six consecutive years in a given office. They will be eligible for reelection to the same office after vacating it for a minimum of a single two-year term. Example: Johnny Reb can be elected for three consecutive terms (a total of six years) but must step down from that office for a minimum of a single term (two years) before he is eligible to run again for the same office. No limit to this process.

Section 6. Brigade Commanders shall appoint a Lieutenant Commander to assist in the support of Brigade Camps and programs and serve on the Division staff. In the absence of the Brigade Commander at a meeting of the Executive Council, the Brigade Lieutenant Commander shall be afforded the same rights and privileges of the Brigade Commander, including the right to discuss and vote on all matters of concern in which the Brigade Commander would have a voice and a vote.

Section 7. The Division Commanders may appoint a Division Deputy Adjutant or a Division Deputy Treasurer to assist in the support of the Division Adjutant or the Division Treasurer and programs and serve on the Division staff. In the absence of the Division Adjutant or the Division Treasurer at a meeting of the Executive Council, the Division Deputy Adjutant or a Division Deputy Treasurer shall be afforded the same rights and privileges of the Division Adjutant or the Division Treasurer, including the right to discuss and vote on all matters of concern in which the Division Adjutant or the Division Treasurer would have a voice and a vote.

Article VII - Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Division Commander shall be the executive head of the S.C. Division, SCV, with full responsibility and power to enforce the provision of the Division Constitution, the will of the Division Convention, the decisions of the Division Executive Council, and the SCV General Executive Council, and to this effect, he may issue all necessary orders. He shall be Chairman of the Division Convention and the Division Executive Council and shall decide all questions of law, order, or usage. He shall be empowered to act for the good of the S.C. Division, as circumstances, in his judgment, may require, in cases not provided for by this Constitution, subject, in all such decisions and acts to appeal to the Division Convention or SCV General Executive Council. During the interim between Division Conventions, he shall have full charge of the conduct of the affairs of the Division, limited as stated above, amendable in all cases by the next Division Convention. He shall appoint all necessary committees and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 2. The Division Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence, and as delegated by the Commander. In the case of the death or resignation of the Commander, he shall become the acting Commander until the SCV Commander-in-Chief appoints a new commander for the unexpired term. In the event that the Lieutenant Commander succeeds to the office of Commander, he shall immediately request the Executive Council to appoint a new Lt. Commander to hold such office until the next scheduled election of Division Officers at the Division Convention. He shall be a member of the Division Executive Council and shall assist the Commander in all matters pertaining to the Division and as directed by the Commander. He shall specifically be responsible for recruiting and developing new Camps.

Section 3. The Division Adjutant shall be charged with the administration of the records, policies, and mandates of the S.C. Division. He shall maintain a master roster of the Camps and provide Camps with all forms necessary to support Camp administrative functions (membership applications, transfer forms, etc.). He shall conduct Division correspondence, and issue orders under the direction of the Commander. He shall also compile a Camp membership strength report prior to the Division Convention based on annual Camp reports and/or supplementary reports to determine the officially authorized delegate and voting numbers. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office, and serve as a member of the Committee on Credentials and Division Executive Council.

Section 4. The Division Chief of Staff shall be responsible for carrying out the orders of the Commander for supervising and managing the S.C. Division. He shall, under the direction of the Commander, issue orders and instructions, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commander. He shall publish and distribute official communications to each Camp as needed to supplement the Division newsletter, to ensure Camp Commanders are kept up to date on all SCV Headquarters, Department, and S.C. Division policies, procedures, and requirements. He will be responsible to ensure that a date and place for the annual Division Convention has been established no later than the beginning of the calendar year, oversee and help coordinate all matters pertaining to the Convention, and give a report on the condition and functioning of the Division. He shall sit as a member of the Division Executive Council.

Section 5. The Division Chaplain shall perform all such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary in connection with his office and is charged with the responsibility of the general morale and welfare of the S.C. Division. He shall specifically perform the duties of opening and closing with prayer the Division Convention, and shall provide prayers, remarks and eulogies as required at all special meetings, events and ceremonies as called upon. Upon notification of the death of a member, he will notify SCV Headquarters and Chaplain and send a letter of condolence to the widow or surviving family of the deceased member. He shall sit as a member on the Division Executive Council.

Section 6. The Division Judge Advocate shall advise the Commander and Division Executive Council on all legal matters, including the interpretation of the General and Division Constitutions, and review any denials of Camp memberships that shall be referred to the Commander for review or ruling. He shall sit as a member of the Division Executive Council.

Section 7. The Division Historian shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest for the S.C. Division and shall compile a history of the year's activities during his term of office. He shall advise Camp Historians as needed and coordinate requests for historical information between individuals, Camps, other organizations, and the S.C. Division. He will further maintain and distribute listings of historical organizations, agencies, archives, and private individuals which may aid Division members- and Camps in research. He will also advise the Division Commander on historical projects in which the S.C. Division may be involved and serve as a member of the Heritage Operations and Steering Committee.

Section 8. Brigade Commanders shall try to visit each Camp in their Brigades at least once a year, and attend all Brigade, Division, and National functions. They shall serve as members of the Division Executive Council and Heritage Operations Committee, assist the Division Commander in the establishment of new Camps in their respective Brigades, coordinate special events and projects in their brigade area, and assist the Division Commander as directed and required.

Section 9. The Division Inspector shall objectively observe Division, Brigade, and Camp operations for compliance with official SCV and Division constitutional rules, bylaws, orders, policies, and guidelines. In his official capacity, the Inspector may advise and assist the Division Commander, Executive Council, or Camp commanders with problems involving these matters for the purpose of ensuring compliance and improving overall SCV operations. The Inspector shall also receive and investigate all legitimate concerns or grievances concerning SCV business from any S.C. compatriot or Camp. He will provide a written report with his findings and recommendations to the Division Commander or Executive Council on any official investigation or inspection. In his official capacity, the Inspector shall have the authority to request information required for investigations or to validate compliance with official SCV and Division rules and policy. He will speak for the Division Commander or the Executive Council when working directly under their specific orders. The Inspector may also assist the Division Commander and Executive Council in additional duties falling in his general area of responsibility.

Section 10. Treasurer. The Treasurer will be bonded and shall be the official custodian and trustee of all SC Division funds and financial resources. He shall collect and secure division dues, donations, and other revenues, and disburse funds, as approved by the SC Division Executive Committee. He shall maintain accurate registers of all division financial transactions, and account information, and prepare and present detailed reports when requested by the Division Commander, Executive Committee, and Division Convention. He shall annually prepare and submit tax reports, as required by law. Perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office, and serve as a member of the Committee on Budget and Division Executive Council. He shall submit an annual notification to the SC Division Adjutant's office reporting his official mailing address, bank name, and all information pertaining to bank accounts. He shall sit as a member on the Division Executive Council.

Article VIII - Division Executive Council

Section 1. Between Division Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in the Division Executive Council, which shall be composed of the Commander, Lt. Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Brigade Commanders, and immediate Past Division Commander.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be charged with the performance of the duties elsewhere prescribed in the Division Constitution and shall have all other necessary power in the administration and regulation of the affairs of the S.C. Division, not especially delegated to and made a part of the duties of some other official or committee.

Section 3. The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall normally be two years, from the Division Convention when elected or appointed, to the adjournment of the Division Convention at which their term expires.

Section 4. All members of the Executive Council shall be delegates to the Division Convention with a vote.

Section 5. The Division Commander shall be the chairman of the Executive Council and convene the Council at such times and places as may seem to him proper, or upon the written request of three Council members.

Section 6. All questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of Division and Camp officers shall be referred to and determined by the Executive Council.

Section 7. The Executive Council shall if required review denials of membership or charges against a member of the S.C. Division which result in suspension or expulsion, to ensure proper procedures are followed in accordance with this and the General Constitution and the rights of the individual are protected. If in the considered opinion of the Executive Council, a member is guilty of charges based on actual evidence or proof, and the Camp has failed to take proper action, it may recommend or request suspension or expelling of the member to the SCV General Council.

Section 8. The Executive Council shall review charges against a Camp or its officers involving failure to maintain the minimum requirements of membership, refusing to provide required reports or pay the SCV

per capita tax or other fees due the Division or General Organization, refusing to follow the legitimate orders or directives of the S.C. Division, ceasing to function as a Camp, failing to meet the obligations imposed by the Division or General Constitutions, or doing an act repugnant to this Constitution or detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Division and Confederation. The Council may take action as required and empowered, to include suspension of the Camp Charter, upon approval of the General Headquarters.

Section 9. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Division Executive Council.

Article IX - Camp Organization

Section 1. Seven or more persons in possession of the prescribed eligibility qualifications may make an application to the General Organization for permission to form a Camp, using the prescribed forms provided by General Headquarters. Charter applications must be accompanied by the required charter fee, per capita tax for new members, transfer forms for current members, and individual membership applications.

Section 2. All charter applications must be reviewed and endorsed by the Division before being submitted to SCV Headquarters.

Section 3. When granted by General Headquarters, the charter will be presented to the Camp at a special charter Presentation ceremony by the Division Commander or Lt. Commander in his absence.

Section 4. Each Camp will follow the rules and procedures outlined in the Division and General Constitutions, as well as the lawful directives of the Division Commander and Executive Council.

Section 5. Each Camp will use the forms, blanks, and books prescribed by General Headquarters or Division Headquarters for the normal conduct of business.

Section 6. Each Camp will schedule and hold regular meetings, preferably once a month, but no less than once a quarter, actively recruit new members and develop programs for the education, support, preservation, and perpetuation of Southern and Confederate history. In this context, each Camp will observe Confederate Memorial Day with local activities and ceremonies, and support any Division state level observance with as full participation as possible.

Section 7. Each Camp will hold a designated Annual Meeting for the purpose of election of officers and other special business, such as adoption or amendment of bylaws, on a date determined by the Camp Executive Committee.

Section 8. Each Camp shall elect a Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, and Treasurer. If desired, the Adjutant may be appointed by the Commander. The duties of the Adjutant and Treasurer may also be combined. Additional officers may be elected or appointed as desired.

Section 9. Camp officers shall be elected for either a one or two-year term. They shall normally take office in the month of January and shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed.

Section 10. Camp officers shall have their duties defined by their local Bylaws, provided the duties do not conflict with the provisions of this or the General Constitution.

Section 11. The Camp Executive Committee shall consist of the Commander, Lt. Commanders, Adjutant, Treasure, Chaplain, and other such officers as desired and appointed by the Camp. The Committee shall set policy for the Camp, such as designation of meeting time and place, dues, and initiation or support of programs and projects, subject to approval by the membership.

Section 12. Camps shall be represented and vote at the Division and General Conventions in accordance with the provisions of this and the General Constitution.

Section 13. Each Camp will actively support and defend the SCV and Confederate history, including responding to attacks on the colors, history, or heritage. In all matters, the guiding rule will be to do what is best for the Confederation and for the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name.

Section 14. No Camp may attempt or be permitted to withdraw from the Division and continue its activities as a separate Camp representing the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Article X - Annual Reports

Section 1. Each Camp Commander or Adjutant shall complete and submit an Annual Report, in duplicate, by July 1st of each year, using the official form furnished by General Headquarters. One copy will be sent to the Division Adjutant and one to General Headquarters.

Section 2. The Annual Report to the Division will include a Camp roster and the required payment of Division dues. The report to General Headquarters will include a Camp roster and the required payment of per capita tax.

Section 3. The Annual Report will only list SCV members in good standing, and not include "Associate" or "Honorary" members.

Section 4. The Division Commander will make an annual report in duplicate, using forms furnished by General Headquarters, by July 15th of each year. One copy shall be sent to the Army Commander and one to the General Headquarters.

Section 5. Camp Commanders; and Division Commanders may submit a final report at the end of their terms of office, if desired.

Section 6. Camps failing to submit the required Annual Report with roster and fees to the Division and the General Headquarters shall be placed on Probation status after 30 days from the deadline.

Section 7. Camps failing to submit the required report and rosters, and in arrears for three months in payment of recording fees and per capita taxes upon their members to the General Confederation or dues levied by the Division, shall be classed as delinquent. Camps in six months arrearage shall be automatically suspended from all privileges of the Confederation.

Section 8. Camp Commanders who fail to submit the Annual Report twice in succession, without satisfactory reason, shall be suspended from office by the Commander-in-Chief, who shall appoint a replacement officer to fill the unexpired term of office.

Article XI - Finance

Section 1. The revenue of the S.C. Division, SCV, shall be derived from annual membership dues, and from other sources as may be approved by the Division Executive Council. The amount of the dues shall be determined by the Division Executive Council, subject to the will of the Division Convention.

Section 2. Camps must pay yearly dues/per capita tax for every member in good standing to the Division and General Headquarters, except for Real Sons, who are exempt from all fees and dues.

Section 3. Each Camp must forward annual dues and per capita taxes to the respective Division and General Headquarters not later than September 1st of each year, except as prescribed in Section 4 below.

Section 4. Recording fees and per capita taxes of new members must be sent to General Headquarters and Division dues to the Division Adjutant within ten days after the member joins the Camp.

Section 5. The Division fiscal year is from August 1st to July 31st of the following year. New Camps are liable for the full year's dues and per capita tax for the fiscal year in which they are organized, without regard to the time of the organization or when chartered, and must remit the same in full.

Section 6. Individual members should pay their Camp dues/per capita tax to coincide with the payment schedule for national dues as determined by the General Executive Council. Any member who has not paid his Camp dues/Per capita tax by said date shall be considered Delinquent.

Section 7. Any member who has not paid his dues/per capita tax at the end of six months (June 30) from the start of the calendar year shall be suspended and his name will be dropped from the Camp rosters submitted with the Annual Reports to Division and General Headquarters on July 1.

Section 8. A suspended member may be reinstated to active membership upon payment of all back dues within one year of the deadline, together with all additional levies for that year. A member suspended for more than one year shall only be reinstated upon a vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts owed for the current year.

Section 9. The Division Commander or the Treasurer shall prepare and submit an annual budget to the Division Convention for approval.

ARTICLE XII - Camp Suspensions

Section 1. Any Camp failing to meet the obligations imposed upon it by the General Constitution, allowing political or religious discussions, or taking any such action therein, or ceasing to function for two years in succession as an active Camp, or refusing to pay the per capita tax and other fees due the Division or General Organization, or doing an act repugnant to this or the General Constitution, or detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Confederation, shall upon order of the General Executive Council, surrender its charter. If a Camp fails to surrender its charter, steps will be taken for its revocation.

Section 2. Reinstatement for a suspended Camp shall take effect only upon receipt by the Commander-in-Chief of evidence that the Camp in question has removed or corrected the causes of suspension.

Section 3. If any Camp shall fail to pay annual dues on at least seven members by November 1st, it shall ipso facto stand suspended upon the books and records of the Confederation. If any Camp fails to pay on at least seven members for two successive years, its charter may be revoked by the General Executive Council.

Section 4. A suspended Camp may be reinstated upon the payment to the General Organization of the per capita tax due and a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 and to the Division's current dues.

Section 5. A Camp whose charter has been revoked shall be readmitted under the same conditions and upon the payment of the same dues, etc. as a new Camp, to include re-endorsement by the Division Commander.

Article XIII- Discipline of Camp Members

Section 1. Each Camp shall be the judge of and responsible for the conduct of its membership, subject to the provisions and restrictions of this and the General Constitution.

Section 2. Members may be suspended or expelled from the Sons of Confederate Veterans for failure to pay dues or upon a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or detrimental to the objects and purposes of the Confederation.

Section 3. Camps must provide any charged member at least two weeks notice by registered mail of any proposed action of suspension or expulsion, and must provide the member with an opportunity to be heard. Camps must inform the Division Commander/Division Executive Council of any proposed action of suspension or expulsion, who will insure that proper procedures are followed and the rights of the member are protected.

Section 4. A member who has been suspended or expelled from a Camp or the Division will be transferred into the headquarters Camp # 584. If the Camp or the Division wishes to have the member in question expelled from the Confederation, they shall proffer charges to the Commander-in-Chief within 30 days of the Camp's or Division's action. From this point, procedures will be followed as outline in Section 13, Discipline and Administration of the General Constitution.

Section 5. Automatic suspension shall be imposed for three months arrearage of dues. Reinstatement shall be under the conditions outlined in Article XI, Section 8, of this Constitution.

Section 6. If a Camp fails to properly discipline its members or fails in its duties and responsibilities, as outlined in this and the General Constitution, the Division Commander or the Division Executive Council shall take action to insure the requirements of this and the General Constitution are carried out, to include recommendation or request for suspension or expulsion to the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 7. When charges are filed against a Camp Commander, Lt. Commander, or Adjutant by a Camp member in good standing, the appointed and elected members of the camp Executive Council shall be frozen and no new officers shall be appointed until such times as the charges and trials (camp, division, and national levels) are closed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any regularly scheduled elections of Camp Officers shall be held and elected Officers sworn in as normal. The SC Division Commander and Division Judge Advocate must receive immediate notice when charges are filed against a Camp Commander, Lt. Commander, or Adjutant. The SC Division Commander will appoint a parliamentarian for any such trial heard before a camp executive committee.

Article XIV — Prohibitions

Section 1. No discussion of religious subjects, nor any discussion of political subjects that are identifiable with a political party, nor any endorsement of aspirants for political office, nor any political actions except the adoption or advocacy of positions that are concerned with the general welfare of the United States of America or its national security, provided that there is no identification, specification implied, with any political party. These general prohibitions do not abridge or forbid the expressions of the mind of the Division Confederation on such matters by the adoption of resolutions or petitions by the Executive and Legislative branches of the government, local, state, or national, provided that there is no identification with any political party.

Section 2. No debts shall be contracted by this Division except upon majority approval of the Division Executive Council.

Section 3. No assessment shall be levied upon Division members other than Division annual dues, except by resolution of the Division Convention.

Section 4. The use of the Seal, Emblem, and badges or the name of this Confederation for business or advertising purposes, and the use of, sale of, or giving of its badges or emblem to persons unauthorized to wear or display them is prohibited. South Carolina Camps and Brigades may use the Seal, Emblem, and badges for the purpose of recruitment, fundraising, promotions, and public relations.

Section 5. No one can be elected or appointed an officer of the S.C. Division, Brigades or Camps, unless he is a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the S.C. Division.

Article XV - Seals, Badges and Flags

Section 1. The seal of this Division shall be the Seal of the Confederacy-

Section 2. The badge of this Division shall be the Sons of Confederate Veterans badge as provided by the office of the Adjutant-in-Chief, SCV.

Section 3. The flags of this Division shall be the Confederate Battle Flag and South Carolina State Flag.

Section 4. The official logo of the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall consist of the SCV Official logo centered over the top of a Palmetto Tree (solid indigo blue) with a solid indigo blue crescent with both horns pointing straight up located to the trees left. If the logo is used on a dark background, the Palmetto Tree and crescent shall be white.

This logo will be used to represent the SC Division and for all communication from the current members of the Executive Committee provided that their names and positions are also listed at the top of the communications.

Section 4.1



Article XVI — Official Observances

Section 1. The Division and all Camps shall observe Confederate Memorial Day, on or near May 10th, with proper ceremony and solemnity.

A — The South Carolina Division shall hold a Statewide Observance of Confederate Memorial Day on the first Saturday in May of each year in Columbia, South Carolina.

Section 2. The birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jackson shall be observed in January of each year by each Camp according to local custom

Section 3. Each Camp shall conduct special observances honoring local battles or heroes, as fitting and needed.

Article XVII - Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees — There shall be eleven (11) standing committees Heritage Operations Committee, Convention Planning Committee, Guardian Committee, Awards Committee, Memorial Day Committee, H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee, South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee, Heritage for Youth Committee, Legislative Action Committee, Heritage Land &

Memorial Committee, and the Admissions Committee.

A — The Heritage Operations Committee shall be composed of a chairman, Division Historian, and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and implementing a consistent program for protecting and promoting the positive image of Confederate heritage and symbols. They shall choose from among themselves two (2) men who along with the chairman, Division Historian, and Division Commander shall compose a steering committee to act on behalf of the Division, and may expend such money entrusted to them when immediate action is required.

B — The Convention Planning Committee shall be composed of a chairman, and three (3) others no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with recommending sites and related details for future conventions.

C — The Guardian Committee shall normally be composed of a chairman and three (3) other members all of whom shall be qualified Guardians. They shall be charged with organizing a program to appropriately recognize those Compatriots who properly care for a Confederate veteran's grave.

D — The Awards Committee shall be composed of a chairman appointed by the Division Commander, Division Adjutant, Division Chief of Staff, and one (1) member of each Brigade. They shall be charged with organizing a program to properly recognize and suitably reward individuals, Camps, and other units for achievement and merit in various categories and under certain rules clearly defined and widely published.

E — The Memorial Day Committee shall be composed of a chairman, Division Chaplain, all Brigade Commanders (or their designees), and four (4) Compatriots from Camps located in Richland and contiguous counties.

F — The H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and coordinating the H.L. Hunley JROTC Award program across the Division.

G — The South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee shall be composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, archivist, and a coordinator from each Brigade. They shall be charged with the administration, management, and organization of a program designed to locate, identify, and document the final resting place of every Confederate Veteran buried in the State of South Carolina and every South Carolina Confederate Veteran buried outside the State of South Carolina for the purpose of creating a searchable database containing this information and at the appropriate time, publishing this information.

H — The Heritage for Youth Committee shall be composed of a chairman appointed by the Division Commander, one (1) representative from each Brigade appointed by the Brigade Commander, and no more than two (2) youth representatives appointed by the chairman. The chairman at his discretion may appoint a co or vice chair. The purpose of the Heritage for Youth Committee is to promote, encourage, and support educational opportunities for youth at the Division, Brigade, or Camp level. The Committee shall promote and support the Sam Davis Youth Camp and assist SC youth with scholarship funding to attend as available. The Committee is charged with the implementation of the SCV Cadet Program in South Carolina. The committee may engage in fundraising events and activities as authorized by SC Division Executive Council.

I — The Legislative Action Committee shall be composed of the Division Lt. Commander who shall serve as chairman and five (5) active Compatriots recommended by the Division Lt. Commander and approved by the Division Commander and Division Executive Committee. Division Commander and Chief of Heritage Operations shall serve the committee Ex-Officio. The committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the Chairman, Committee, or as requested by the Division Commander or Division Executive Council. The committee shall prepare and submit a written report concerning the activities of the Committee for each Division Executive Council meeting.

The purpose of this committee is to plan, arrange, and conduct an annual Legislative Day for the South Carolina Division. Other related organizations may be invited to participate at the discretion of this Committee. Legislative Day shall create an opportunity for Compatriots to interact with state legislators pertaining to heritage issues in South Carolina. This shall include all heritage matters, not just those related to Confederate heritage. Monitor and track any Bills in the SC General Assembly pertaining to local and State heritage issues. Inform and encourage Compatriots to contact their local and State elected officials concerning heritage issues. Communicate, promote, and urge Compatriots to participate in Legislative activities of the SC Division. Advise SC Division Executive Council pertaining to handling legislative matters related to heritage issues that may arise.

J — The Heritage Land & Memorial Committee shall be composed of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and a minimum of three other members of the SC Division. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by a single individual. 1/3 of the committee members shall be members of Olde Abbeville Camp #39 unless the camp cannot provide members or ceases to exist. All members of the committee and the chairman will be appointed by the SC Division Commander and approved by the SC DIV Executive Committee. The chairman shall appoint the vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Mr. Albert Jackson and Mr. Robert Hayes will serve as Ex Officio members of both the committee and the Secession Hill Memorial Trust (SHMT) for life.

All committee members will serve consecutively as directors of the SHMT, which is a separate 501(c)(3). The committee chairman will serve as the President of the SHMT and the vice chairman as vice president.

The purpose of the committee is the perpetual maintenance and promotion of Secession Hill, and all present and future SC Division owned or managed properties, monuments, and memorials having Confederate or South Carolina historical significance.

K — Admissions Committee- The SC Division Commander shall appoint all members of the committee including the chairman. The committee shall be composed of a chairman, and a minimum of three (3) others no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. It is recommended that the members of this committee shall be active or past Law Enforcement Agents or have strong law enforcement backgrounds. All appointments to this committee must be approved by the SC Division Executive Committee. The SC Division Commander, Lt. Commander, Judge Advocate, and Inspector shall be standing members of the committee.

The committee shall be charged with ensuring prospective members, aka candidates for admission to the South Carolina Division membership rolls, satisfactorily meet the requirements for membership, to include if there are other problems concerning character or reputation which would bring discredit to the SCV.

Section 2. Special Committees — Other special committees may be established as necessary by the Executive Council provided that their purpose and the duration of their commission is specified.

Section 3. Commander — The Division Commander shall be a member of all committees *ex officio*.

Section 4. Term Limits — All committees shall be appointed by the Division Commander, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and their terms of office shall be coterminous with his.

Section 5. Vacancies — The Division Commander shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may occur while the Executive Council is in recess, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of the next meeting of the Executive Council unless approved thereby.

Article XVIII - Representation

Section 1. The official representation of each Camp at the annual Division Convention shall be by delegates. Only registered delegates, authorized by the Camp and presenting a letter of credentials signed by the commander or adjutant may vote or bring motions before the floor for voting. Only Camps in good standing with the Division and General Headquarters may be represented.

Section 2. Every Camp in good standing shall be entitled to have at least two (2) official delegates

present to represent it. A Camp may have as many as one (1) delegate for every ten (10) active members in good standing, and one additional delegate for a fraction of five or more. A Camp must have at least one official, registered delegate present to cast its votes.

Section 3. One delegate must be designated as the Chairman of the Delegation. The Chairman is responsible for presenting the Committee on Credentials a letter of credentials issued by the Division and signed by the Camp Commander or Adjutant identifying the members of the delegation. If for some reason the Chairman of the delegation is not in attendance, the delegates present may elect a chairman from their number.

Section 4. In addition to the official delegates, any member of a Camp in good standing has the privilege to attend the convention.

Section 5. Representation at the National Convention shall be as prescribed in the General Constitution.

Article XIX — Voting

Section 1. Each Camp is entitled to one vote per ten members, or a fraction of five or more thereof, in good standing. The number of members in good standing shall be determined by the Committee on Credentials, based on the Camp's last annual report to the Division and General Headquarters, or a supplementary update report forwarded to the Division Adjutant ten days prior to the convention.

Section 2. If a Camp does not submit a supplementary update report to the Adjutant, the number of - members in good standing shall be determined only from the last annual report, regardless of current status. The only exception to this shall be as stated in Section 3 below.

Section 3. A Camp must have the minimum number of seven members in good standing and not be under suspension, at the time of the convention in order to have representation and cast votes.

Section 4. Members in good standing are defined as members who have paid their per capita tax and dues to both the SCV General Headquarters and Division for the current year. Camps must have forwarded both fees to the General Headquarters and dues to the Division on a member in order to count him in "good standing" for the purposes of voting.

Section 5. Camps may cast their votes as a bloc or split among their delegates, as they see fit.

Section 6. The Division Commander, each member of the Division Executive Council, and each Brigade Commander shall have one vote at the convention.

Section 7. In all questions submitted to the Division Convention, the chair shall put the question for a voice vote. If the roll call of Camps shall be called for, then the Camps shall be called in order, the number of votes each is entitled to stated, and the vote for and against the motion announced by the chairman of each delegation.

Section 8. If written ballots are required, balloting shall be by Camps; the chairmen of the delegations present the chair with the written ballots for the Camps. In voting for officers, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. A written vote may be demanded by one-third of the votes present.

Section 9. When there is but one candidate for an office, upon motion, and by unanimous consent, a formal ballot may be waived and the candidate elected by acclamation.

Section 10. The voice vote "ayes" and "nays" will be counted and recorded if called for by at least five delegates from different Camps.

Section 11. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Article XX - Official Ladies

Section 1. Official Ladies shall be as set forth in the General Constitution of the SCV.

Article XXI - Official. Publication

Section 1. The official publication Of the South Carolina Division shall be The Palmetto Partisan.

Article XXII - Dissolution Clause

Section 1. See Article II, Section 3.


Article XXIII - Amendments


Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Division Convention by the vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been sent to the Division Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.

Section 2. Amendments to the SC Division Constitution may be submitted in writing by any SC Division member in good standing to the Division Judge Advocate by January 1st of each year. The Judge Advocate will forward all proposed Division Constitutional amendments to the Division Executive Council at least one week before the January Executive Council meeting. Proposed amendments will be discussed and considered by the Division Executive Council at the January meeting and sent out to each camp in good standing within seven days of that meeting with a recommendation of passage or non-passage.

Appendix: Wording and sections underlined to indicate the last revision to this Constitution.

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