

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING CAMP AWARD FOR THE VIRGINIA DIVISION OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:

To provide a visible testimonial and recognition to those Camps within the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who best exemplify the Charge of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and who, through their efforts, have increased the membership and the reputation of the organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by accomplishing specific goals as set forth by the Awards Committee of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

FORM OF THE AWARD:

Award to be in the form of a battle streamer ribbon in the color of the Army of Northern Virginia (Red) bearing the words in gold print, "Outstanding Camp Award" with the logo of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the year issued. Such award to be affixed to the Camp Flag Staff of the recipient camp. Award to be presented at the annual convention of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by the Commander of the Virginia Division or his designee.

REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Camp must send at least one camp member in good standing as a delegate to the Annual Convention of the Virginia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
- (2) Camp must be in good standing with the Virginia Division and the National Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Requirements one and two are mandatory requirements. In addition to the mandatory requirements, in order to achieve recognition as an “Outstanding Camp”, a camp will have to have successfully completed any five of the below electives of the camp's choice :

- (3) Camp must have increased its net membership by two new members over the number of members credited to that camp by the records of the Adjutant of the Virginia Division since the last annual convention. Example: Camp “A” has 30 members as of the date of the annual convention in the year 2007. During the year, Camp A loses 3 members. Camp “A” will have to recruit five new members prior to the annual convention to make up for its loss in membership and increase its numbers by two.
- (4) Effect the placement of at least two Veterans Administration supplied grave markers to mark the graves of Confederate Soldiers who lay in unmarked graves.
- (5) Host at least one grave marking dedication service to honor a deceased Confederate Soldier.
- (6) Donate no less than \$100.00 for the purpose of the marking of a grave of a Confederate Soldier at any cemetery or burial site in Virginia.
- (7) Participate in at least one living history educational program in a public school in Virginia.
- (8) Provide a color guard or honor guard for any event that honors the memory of the Confederacy or any Confederate Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or official of the government of the Confederate States of America.
- (9) Participate in a recruitment activity for the Sons of Confederate Veterans at any state fair, county fair, or community event. Such recruitment must include the National organization, the Virginia Division, and a local camp.

- (10) Participate in the Virginia “Adopt a Highway” program to the extent that a road sign is erected that shows the Camp name and Sons of Confederate Veterans as the volunteer organization that has adopted that section of road to be kept clean.
- (11) Host an event that is of educational value to the public and specifically relates to the history of the Confederacy.
- (12) Host an annual Virginia Division Convention
- (13) Participate in any project to assist wounded veterans of the United States Armed Forces.
- (14) Participate in any project to assist or improve the morale of any troops of the United States stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- (15) Lay a camp wreath at any Veterans Day Observance in the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
- (16) Provide a speaker for any meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Order of the Confederate Rose, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camps that are in good standing with the Virginia Division, or any historical society.
- (17) Publish and distribute a monthly Camp Newsletter to members of your camp.
- (18) Maintain and care for a Confederate marker, monument, park, cemetery, or other Confederate area.
- (19) Care for or provide assistance to a Confederate Real Son.
- (20) Camp participation in any non-SCV sponsored event that presents a positive image of the organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (such as marching as a unit in a community Christmas Parade or providing a float that identifies itself with the SCV.)