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National Awards and Officer Insignia

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Foreword

This booklet has been developed to assist members in becoming familiar with and understanding eligibility for all national awards and officers insignia of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It includes all awards approved by the National Executive Council through the February 2006. Several awards have been dropped and several new awards have been approved.

A new format for the booklet has been chosen to make it easier for concerned individuals to determine the exact criteria, method of selection and presentation for each award.

An electronic copy of this booklet will also be kept on the SCV web site at www.scv.org. Illustrations of medals and insignia will also be available on the web site in the near future.

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Order of Presentation of Awards

In most awards presentations, the order of presentation is normally from the lowest ranking award to the highest. This list is a suggested guide for the order of presentation of awards at a single ceremony. This list does not need to be rigorously followed; it is only a guide as to the relative rank of all awards. Not all awards are listed.

1. SCV Member Medal
2. Dixie Club Certificate
3. Dixie Club Medal (Bronze)
4. Dixie Club Medal (Silver)
5. Dixie Club Medal (Gold)
6. Commander-in-Chief's Award
7. Certificate of Appreciation
8. All National Competitive Awards
9. Ladies Appreciation Award
10. War Service Medal
11. SCV Service Medal
12. Heritage Preservation Award
13. Superior Achievement Award
14. SCV Leadership Award
15. SCV Commendation Medal
16. Heritage Defense Medal
17. Graves Award Medal
18. Meritorious Service Medal
19. Distinguished Service Medal
20. Dr. George R. Tabor Award

21. Real Son/Real Daughter Award
22. Past Commander-in-Chief's Award
23. Robert E. Lee Gold Award
24. Jefferson Davis Chalice
25. Confederate Medal of Honor

¹ With the exception to the Dr. George R. Tabor Award.

Our Highest Honors

Chapter 1

Confederate Medal of Honor

Purpose: No medals for bravery were authorized by the Confederate congress. The Sons of Confederate Veterans sought to correct this historic oversight by creating the Confederate Medal of Honor to honor those members of the Confederate service who demonstrated outstanding bravery above and beyond that which would normally be expected of a Confederate soldier.

Eligibility: Candidates must have served the Confederacy in a military or government capacity during the War Between the States.

Requirements: Recipients of this award must have distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry, bravery, and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, while engaged in action against the enemy of the Confederate States of America.

Who May Submit: Any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans may submit a candidate for this award.

Who May Award: This award may be given only by the Commander-in-Chief following approval by the Medal of Honor Committee.

Forms: Recommendations for the Confederate Medal of Honor shall be made on applications provided by the Medal of Honor Committee. SCV General Headquarters will maintain stock of these forms.

Standards of Proof: The SCV member making the recommendation shall submit a complete and written record on each candidate. The report must contain documented proof of the deed performed by the candidate. The report must be submitted to the Chairman of the Confederate Medal of Honor Committee, who shall present it to the Committee for investigation and approval. The award will bear the signature of the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant-in-Chief, and each member of the Medal of Honor Committee.

Form of Award: The award consists of two items: (1) Medal; (2) Certificate.

Costs of Award: Cost of the award is borne by SCV General Headquarters.

Presentation: Formal presentation shall be made in the name of the recipient to an appropriate institution of government, a museum, library, or other worthy location whereby the medal will be on permanent display. An agreement must be signed by the displaying institution guaranteeing display and safety of the award. In cases where living descendants of the recipient can be determined, contact should be made so as to permit their participation in the awards ceremony.

Jefferson Davis Chalice

Purpose: This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Number of Awards: Only one award may be made annually. The award need not be given if the Executive Council so decides.

Eligibility: All nominees must have served in a position of national importance in an outstanding manner. Examples of such **5**

positions include: Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, important General Staff positions, and chairmen of important national committees. This shall not be construed in such a way as to exclude members who have previously served in these capacities. Any person recommended must have previously received the Robert E. Lee Award. Service of similar national importance on behalf of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars cannot be considered in any way for this award. No individual may be awarded the Jefferson Davis Chalice more than once.

Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate one candidate annually for the Jefferson Davis Chalice. A narrative of at least 25 words and not more than 75 words should accompany nominations. After the announced period for receiving nominations has passed, the Awards Committee will prepare a ballot, with accompanying narratives, which will be sent to each voting member of the Executive Council by the IHQ. The ballot will contain a provision for Members to vote for No Award. Voting shall be by secret ballot, which will be transmitted to the designated member of the Awards Committee for tabulating. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of tie, the nominee with the greatest number of years of SCV membership will be declared the winner. If the provision for No Award receives the highest number of votes, then no award will be made that year.

Form of Award: This award consists of three items: (1) Engraved silver chalice; (2) Standard-size medal; & (3) Certificate.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

Presentation: This award will normally be presented at the National Convention. The Commander-in-Chief may direct an alternate time and place of presentation.

Past Winners: Past winners of the Jefferson Davis Chalice who request a medal and certificate from IHQ (if not previously awarded these items), will receive these items at no cost.

Robert E. Lee Award

Purpose: This is the second highest award that can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Number of Awards: No more than three awards may be made annually. The Executive Council may decide on a lesser number.

Eligibility: All nominees must have served in an outstanding manner in a position at the national, department, or division level. Example of such positions include: Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, General Staff positions, Army Commanders, Division Commanders and chairmen of national committees. This shall not be construed in such a way as to exclude members who have previously served in these capacities. Service of similar national importance on behalf of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars cannot be considered in any way for this award. No individual may be awarded the Robert E. Lee award more than once.

Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate up to three candidates annually for the Robert E. Lee Award. A narrative of at least 25 words, but not more than 75 words should accompany such nominations. After the announced period for receiving nominations has passed, the Awards Committee will prepare a ballot, with accompanying narratives, which will be sent to each voting member of the Executive Council. The ballot will contain a provision for Members to vote for No Award. Voting shall be by secret ballot, which will be transmitted to the designated member of the Awards Committee for tabulating. The three nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winners. In case of tie, the nominees with the greatest number of years of SCV membership will be declared the winners. Members may vote in the No Award category up to 3 times, and the number of awards will be reduced accordingly, if the No Award category is among the top 3 in voting.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) a miniature medal (Note: A full-sized medal is planned, but is not available at the time of publication of this booklet); (2) Certificate.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

Presentation: These awards will normally be presented at the National Convention. The Commander-in-Chief may direct an alternate time and place of presentation.

Past Winners: Past winners of the Robert E. Lee Award may request a certificate from IHQ (if not previously awarded this item), and it will be provided at no cost to the individual.

Past Commander-in-Chief's Plaque

Purpose: This plaque is presented to the out-going Commander-in-Chief as a token of appreciation for his leadership and contributions to the office during his term.

Number of Awards: One for each term of office

Eligibility: Outgoing Commanders-in-Chief.

Presentation: This plaque will normally be presented to the outgoing Commander-in-Chief at the National Convention. The incoming Commander-in-Chief may specify an alternate method of presentation.

LTG Stephen Dill Lee Award

Purpose: This is the highest award that can be bestowed on a non- member by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Number of Awards: Only one award may be made annually.

Eligibility: Nominees must have made a substantial contribution on a national level through their actions, efforts and deeds to honor and defend the good name of Confederate soldiers, to perpetuate the high principles with which they conducted themselves both on and off the field of battle, and to ensure the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate candidates annually for the LTG Stephen Dill Lee Award. A narrative of at least 25 words, but not more than 75 words should accompany such nominations. After the announced period for receiving nominations has passed, the Awards Committee will prepare a ballot, with accompanying narratives, which will be sent to each voting member of the Executive Council. The ballot will contain a provision for Members to vote for No Award. Voting shall be by secret ballot, which will be transmitted to the designated member of the Awards Committee for tabulating. The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of a tie, the GEC will be asked to revote until a winner is selected.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) a marble statuette; (2) Certificate.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

Presentation: These awards will normally be presented at the National Convention. The Commander-in-Chief may direct an alternate time and place of presentation.

Horace L. Hunley Award

Purpose: This is the second highest award that can be bestowed on a non-member by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for exemplary action and achievement in the preservation of Confederate history and heritage.

Number of Awards: Only one award will be made annually.

Eligibility: Nominees must have provided exemplary service and made notable achievements in the preservation of Confederate history and heritage.

Selection process: The recipient is selected by the GEC in the same manner as the S. D. Lee Award. The nominee in the S. D. Lee Award receiving the second greatest number of votes will be declared winner.

Form of Award: The award consists of an engraved plaque and a certificate.

Presentation: This award will normally be presented at the National Convention.

Dixie Defender Award

Purpose: This is the third highest award that can be bestowed on a non- member by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for

who have given unstintingly of their time and resources to ensure the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Number of Awards: The number of annual awards is not limited.

Eligibility: Nominees must have made notable achievements at the local or national level in preserving Southern history and heritage.

Selection process: The GEC will approve recipient who may be nominated by SCV commanders at division level or above. The nominee in the S. D. Lee award receiving the third greatest number of votes will be declared winner.

Form of Award: The award consists of a certificate.

Presentation: This award will be announced at the National Convention, and presentation may take place there if recipient is present or at a suitable event at the camp or division level.

National Merit Awards

Chapter 2

General Information

The following awards are merit awards, given to individuals for outstanding service to the SCV in a position or assignment of National importance. "Unit" refers to any recognized SCV organizational level -- Department, Corps, Division, Brigade, or Camp.

Cost of Awards: The cost of all awards in this section will be borne by SCV IHQ, unless otherwise noted.

Number of Awards: There is no annual limit on any of the awards in this section.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit Recommendations. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration.

Presentation: These awards will normally be presented at the National Convention by the Commander-in-Chief, however, the Commander-in-Chief may also direct an alternate time and place of presentation.

Form of Awards: In cases where only a miniature medal is available for a given award, plans to add full-sized medals are currently underway; however, as of 1 September 2002, these full-sized medals are not yet available.

Approving Authority: Awards in this section must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, except as otherwise noted.

Distinguished Service Medal

Purpose: This medal is presented to SCV members for outstanding service in a position of responsibility.

Eligibility: Only members of the SCV may receive this medal. Nominees must have served the SCV in an outstanding manner for an extended period of time in a position of responsibility. A member may receive this medal more than once.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit Recommendations. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration. The Commander-in-Chief must approve all awards.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A miniature medal; (2) Certificate.

Meritorious Service Medal

Purpose: This medal is presented for outstanding performance of duty to the SCV.

Eligibility: Only members of the SCV may receive this medal. An individual may receive this medal more than once. The duty for which a nominee is submitted may be as an SCV officer or for a specific task assigned by the Commander-in-Chief

or his representative.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit Recommendations. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A miniature medal; (2) Certificate.

Graves Award

Purpose: This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to our Southern Heritage, above and beyond that which is expected of an SCV member, by recording for posterity the graves of our fallen heroes, as stipulated in the Selection Criteria.

Number of Awards: No more than one award per Division may be awarded annually.

Eligibility: Any SCV member

Selection Criteria: The candidate must complete at least two of the criteria listed below;

* Though research, identify ten Confederate Veterans buried in their state and not currently listed on their states division Graves Database.

* Place a gravestone on two previously unmarked Confederate Veterans graves in your state. Headstone can be from the Veterans Administration or of a similar type. Gravestones must show Confederate service.

* Install ten or more iron Southern Cross of Honor on the graves of Confederate Veterans.

* Compile a book on the Confederate Veterans buried in one of the counties in your state. Books should include cemetery maps with the Confederate Veteran's graves locations, pictures of headstones and indexed.

* Transcribe 3 Work Project Administration (WPA) surveys and post them on their respective USGENWEB county web site, place a copy in the local historical society and ensure all previously unknown names added to the states database.

- Or complete another significant independent project that brings honor to the Confederate Veteran.

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Selection Process: Nominations for this award can be submitted by any SCV member to their Division Graves Committee member or the Graves Committee member may submit the name of their states most qualified member. Nominations should be submitted to their Division Graves Committee member no later than April 1. Division Graves Committee members will be responsible for submitting one name from his Division to the Graves Committee Chairman. Nominations, from divisions, must be submitted to the Graves Committee Chairman no later than May 1 of each year. The Graves Committee Chairman will review and forward all properly documented nominations to the Commander-in-Chief, not later than June 1, for his final approval. Events covered in the nomination must have occurred within the previous 12 months prior to the nomination.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items:

* A miniature medal.

- Certificate

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Heritage Defense Medal

Purpose: This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to protecting our Southern heritage above and beyond that which would be expected of an SCV member. Awards may be given either for devotion of considerable time or resources in the defense of Southern heritage, or for significant acts of personal courage in advancing that heritage. The guiding principles will be those expounded in Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee's charge to the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV member.

Selection Process: Any SCV member may submit Nominations for this award. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the Chairman of the Heritage Defense Committee by June 1 of each year. Events covered in the nomination must have occurred within the previous 12 months prior to the nomination. Copies of nominations must be sent to the nominated individual's camp commander, Division commander, and Army Commander. The Heritage Defense Committee will review all nominations. Those nominations recommended for approval will be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for final approval. The Commander-in-Chief will approve or disapprove each award received from the Heritage Defense Committee and will notify the Awards Committee of the final approved awards. The Heritage Defense Committee will maintain appropriate and stringent standards for this award.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A miniature medal; (2) Certificate.

SCV Commendation Medal

Purpose: The SCV Commendation Medal is presented to members for meritorious service or meritorious achievement at the camp, brigade, division, or corps levels. This is the highest ranking medal which may be given without the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. However, it may also be given by the Commander-in-Chief.

Eligibility: All SCV members.

Selection Process: Requesting units should submit nominations in letter format to the Division Commander for approval. Nominations should clearly state why the individual is deserving of the award. The award should only be given for service above and beyond that which would normally be expected of SCV members. Camp, Brigade and Division officers may be given this award for exceptional leadership skills in their respective offices. Approved nominations will be sent to IHQ for processing. Approved medals and certificates will be sent to the requesting unit for presentation.

Approving Authority: Nominations for this award must be approved by Division Commanders. The award certificate may be signed by the requesting commander, when received from IHQ. The Commander-in-Chief may also approve this award.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A standard size medal (This medal is also available in miniature); (2) Certificate.

Presentation: The requesting unit would normally present this, however, the Division Commander may direct an alternate method.

Cost of Award: Cost of award will be borne by requesting unit. Awards given by the Commander-in-Chief will be paid for by IHQ.

SCV Leadership Award

Purpose: This award is given to individuals who display superior leadership skills in a position of responsibility.

Eligibility: Any SCV member. Nominees must have served in a position of responsibility in the SCV for an extended period, or demonstrated exceptional leadership ability on a specific assignment of great importance.

Selection Process: Any SCV member may nominate someone for this award. Nominations should be submitted in the form of a letter to the Commander-in-Chief for approval.

Form of Award: Certificate.

Superior Achievement Award

Purpose: This award is given to individuals in appreciation for superior services or achievement to the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV member. Nominees must have performed exceptional service to the SCV for an extended period of time or on a specific assignment of great importance.

Selection Process: Any SCV member may nominate someone for this award. Nominations should be submitted in letterform to the Commander-in-Chief for approval.

Form of Award: Certificate.

Commander-in-Chief's Award

Purpose: The Commander-in-Chief presents the award to those individuals for performing exceptional duty.

Eligibility: All SCV members.

Selection Process: At the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.

Form of Award: Certificate.

Presentation: As directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Heritage Preservation Award

Purpose: This award is presented to individuals or organizations that have actively participated in the preservation of Confederate symbols or heritage. This award is also known as the “Advance the Colors” award.

Eligibility: This award is not restricted to SCV members.

Selection Process: Any SCV member may submit Nominations for this award. Nominations should detail what the individual or organization has done to merit this award, in terms of preservation of Confederate symbols, upholding Southern history and traditions, etc. Nominations should be submitted to the Heritage Defense Committee for review and approval. The Heritage Defense Committee will review all nominations. Those nominations recommended for approval will be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for final approval.

Form of Award: Certificate.

Presentation: The recommending SCV unit will normally present this award, but the Commander-in-Chief may direct otherwise.

Ladies Appreciation Medal

Purpose: The Ladies Appreciation Medal was created to show appreciation to those ladies who have greatly assisted the SCV in carrying out its missions, such as organizing camps, recruiting new members, active support of camp functions, etc.

Eligibility: Any lady.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit Recommendations. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A standard size medal (the color of the ribbon shall reflect the appropriate color designated for the Department in which the recipient resides); (2) Certificate.

Cost of Award: The cost of this award must be borne by the requesting unit.

Hoover Law and Order Medal

Purpose: The Hoover Law and Order Medal is given to law enforcement personnel for outstanding acts of heroism in the face of extreme danger.

Eligibility: Not limited to SCV members.

Selection Process: SCV members who wish to nominate individuals for this award should submit a letter to the Commander-in-Chief. Thorough documentation of the act the nominee is being cited for should be provided with the letter.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A standard-size medal; (2) Certificate.

Dixie Club

Purpose: The Dixie Club award is to honor those individuals who contribute greatly to the organization by recruiting new members.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any SCV member, based on the following number of new members recruited.

5 to 9 new members Certificate
10 to 15 new members Bronze medal
16 to 25 new members Silver medal
Over 25 new members Gold medal

Selection Process: Records at SCV IHQ will determine Winners of the Dixie Club award.

Form of Award: This award consists of a certificate or medal of appropriate type. Previous winners at the same level will be awarded a star to affix to the previously won medal.

General Jo Shelby Award

Purpose: The General Jo Shelby award is to honor those individuals who contribute greatly to the organization by facilitating the reinstatement of previous members.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any SCV member, Awarded to a member who retrieves for reinstatement at least five past members who have been out of good standing more than a fiscal year

Selection Process:Records at SCV IHQ will determine Winners of the General Jo Shelby Award. The form that documents the eligibility must be submitted to HQ.

Form of Award: This award consists of a certificate or medal of appropriate type. Previous winners at the same level will be awarded a star to affix to the previously won medal.

David O. Dodd- Award

Purpose: The David O Dodd award is to honor those individuals who contribute greatly to the organization by recruiting newmembers ages 18 and younger.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility:Any SCV member, Silver- awarded to a compatriot who recruits at least 5 new members 18 years or younger. Gold- awarded to a compatriot who recruits at least 5 new members 18 years or younger who himself is 21 years of age or younger

Selection Process:Records at SCV IHQ will determine Winners of the David O. Award. The form that documents the eligibility must be submitted to HQ.

Form of Award: This award consists of a certificate or medal of appropriate type. Previous winners at the same level will be awarded a star to affix to the previously won medal.

Local Merit Awards

Chapter 3

General Information

The following awards may be obtained by any SCV organizational unit (army, corps, division, brigade, or camp) for presentation at an appropriate ceremony. In all cases (except the Member Medal), a request for the award must be signed by the requesting unit's commander and sent to SCV IHQ. "Unit" refers to any recognized SCV organizational level--Department, Corps, Division, Brigade, or Camp.

Presentation: As directed by the requesting unit commander.

Cost of Awards: The cost of all awards in this section will be borne by the requesting unit, except as otherwise noted.

Unit Awards: SCV units below National level may produce their own Award or Service medals, so long as they do not conflict with the names of National medals and they are not styled as purely "SCV" medals. For example, the Texas Division has its own set of Award Medals, called the "Texas Division Cross of Honor." These medals could not have been called "SCV Cross of Honor".

Real Son/Real Daughter Medal

Purpose: This medal is intended to honor those individuals who are our closest living link to the Confederacy, the Real Sons and Real Daughters.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any individual, whose father was a bona fide Confederate Veteran, honorably discharged or deceased in line of duty,.

Selection Process: Requests for this medal should contain the full name and address of the recipient, plus the name, rank and organization of the recipient's father.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A standard size medal; (2) Certificate.

SCV Service Medal

Purpose: The Service Award is to honor individuals for many years of membership in the SCV.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: SCV members who have reached their 25th or 50th year of membership in the SCV.

Selection Process: These medals may be obtained by requesting units from IHQ. Requesting units should submit a letter bearing the commander's signature to the Executive Director. The letter should state the name of the individual to receive the award and the date of presentation.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A standard size medal (the medal is gold for 50 years and silver for 25 years); (2) Certificate.

War Service Medal

Purpose: The War Service Medal is to honor people of Confederate descent who have served in our country's military service during wartime.

Number of awards: There is no annual limit.

Eligibility: Men and women of Confederate descent who served honorably for at least 90 days during the war-service periods defined in US Department of Defense directives and American Legion guidelines. Eligible service positions are the same as those for the National Defense Service Medal. The eligible dates and war-service periods are subject to change, so individuals requesting these medals should check with IHQ for the latest approved dates. At the time of publication of this booklet, the approved service periods and dates were:

World War I	4/16/1917 - 11/11/1918
World War II	12/7/1941 - 12/31/1946
Korean War	6/25/1950 - 1/31/1955
Vietnam War	8/5/1964 - 8/15/1973
Grenada	8/24/1982 - 7/31/1984
Lebanon	12/20/1989 - 1/31/1990
Operation Desert Storm	8/2/1990 – Today

Selection Process: Applications for the SCV War Service Medal must be made on official forms available from SCV General Headquarters. A copy of the individual's DD214 must accompany applications.

Form of Award: This award consists of a standard size medal. A miniature medal is also available, but a standard size medal must be purchased before a miniature is made available.

Certificate of Appreciation

Purpose: The award is presented to members, individuals or organizations in appreciation for services rendered to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Not limited to SCV members.

Selection Process: At the discretion of SCV unit commanders.

Form of Award: Certificate.

Presentation: These certificates are available from IHQ for completion and presentation by any SCV unit.

Member's Medal

Purpose: The Member's Medal is available to all members in good standing.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: All SCV members.

Form of Award: This medal consists of an official SCV emblem suspended from a gray, red, and white ribbon. The medal is available in standard or miniature sizes.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by the individual.

National Achievement Awards (Competitive)

Chapter 4

General Information

All of the awards in this section are competitive in nature; that is, any appropriate SCV unit may submit for the award, but only one award of each type will be given. These awards normally will be presented at an appropriate awards ceremony at the General Convention.

The Commander-in-Chief may designate an alternate method of presentation. The form of each specific award will be determined by the Awards Committee, but normally will be a suitably engraved trophy or plaque, unless otherwise stated. The annual basis for each award shall be from July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current year. Separate entries, regardless of type, are required for each award. The cost of all awards will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

Dr. George R. Tabor Award

Purpose: This award, the "Distinguished Camp Award," is presented to the most outstanding camp in the SCV, as determined by the total scoring of all the various categories on the entry form. These categories cover membership growth and retention, and a number of other characteristics of an active, energetic camp.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp.

Entry Form Required: An entry form is normally sent to Camp Adjutants in the Spring of each year. Adjutants who do not receive the form by May 1 should request one from IHQ.

Selection Process: Camps should submit an entry form, with supporting documentation, to the Awards Committee by July 1. Entries will be scored and the top 20% will be forwarded to the Army Commanders for final review. Final selection will be made by the Army Commanders. In case of tie, the Camp with the greatest annual membership growth will be declared the winner.

Gen. Samuel Cooper Award

Purpose: This award is given to the unit maintaining the best Web site in the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV unit.

Selection Process: SCV units should notify the Awards Committee by June 1 of each year that they wish to have their Web site entered into competition. Notification may be by letter or email. Notifications should provide the URL for the web site. Judging will be conducted by three experienced webmasters, preferably not associated with the SCV. SCV members may act as judges if otherwise qualified and if their web site is not entered into competition. Scoring will be based on generally recognized criteria for Web site excellence. Judging criteria will be maintained by the Awards Committee and will be available online through the main SCV web site, or in a published judging form maintained by IHQ and available on request.

General Stand Watie Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp making the largest average contribution to the Stand Watie Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp.

Selection Process: Winner shall be reported to the SCV Awards Committee by the Chairman, Stand Watie Scholarship Fund.

General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award

Purpose: This award is presented annually to the Camp registering the greatest net gain in members during the year. New camps are not eligible for this award.

Eligibility: Any SCV Camp chartered more than one year.

Selection Process: Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning camp by July 10 of each year.

General A. P. Hill Award

Purpose: This award is presented annually to the Division registering the greatest net gain in Camps during the previous year.

Eligibility: Any SCV Division.

Selection Process: Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Division by July 10 of each year.

General Albert Sidney Johnston Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Army Department which registers the greatest net gain in Camps during the previous year.

Eligibility: Any SCV Army Department.

Selection Process: Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Army by July 10 of each year.

Edward L. Darling Award

Purpose: This award is presented annually to the individual SCV member securing the most new members during the year.

Eligibility: Any SCV member.

Selection Process: Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning member by July 10 of each year.

Dr. James B. Butler Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp or individual member completing the most outstanding historical project during the year. Any historical project that advances Confederate heritage (e.g., marking a large number of Confederate graves) or the goals of the SCV is eligible for entry.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp or individual member.

Selection Process: A detailed report of the project must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries. Entrants should note that the award is given for the project itself, and not for the best project report.

Judah P. Benjamin Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp of 50 or more members maintaining the best record ("scrapbook") of its activities during the previous year.

Eligibility: Any SCV Camp with 50 or more members.

Selection Process: Completed scrapbooks must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries.

Required Contents: Scrapbooks must be under one cover, and must not exceed 50 pages. Scrapbooks must include: Cover, title page, numbered pages, table of contents, camp roster, memorial or namesake page, and the activities section. The activities section is the main section, and may include photographs, documents, written accounts of meetings, programs, projects, work with other organizations, and reenactments. This section is restricted to portraying the activities of the camp and its members; material about the SCV in general or other contents irrelevant to camp activities should not be included.

Selection Criteria: Final judging will be based on compliance with Required Contents, overall organization and appearance of the scrapbook, and the coherence of the activities section (i.e., how well does this section tell the story of the camp's activities during the past year?).

Dr. B. H. Webster Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp of fewer than 50 members maintaining the best record ("scrapbook") of its activities during the previous year.

Eligibility: Any SCV Camp with less than 50 members.

Selection Process: Completed scrapbooks must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries.

Required Contents: Same as Judah P. Benjamin Award.

Selection Criteria: Same as Judah P. Benjamin Award.

Newsletter Awards

General Information

The judging criteria for all newsletter awards are similar. Editors or camp commanders who wish to enter any of these contests should set aside a minimum of 4 copies of each issue for judging. · An entire year's publications should be sent for judging at one time.

Combined newsletters (camp/camp, camp/brigade, camp/division, etc.) are authorized for entry, but may be entered in only one category. Combined camp/camp or camp/brigade newsletters may only be entered for the S. A. Cunningham award. Any combination of division newsletters with other units may only be entered for the Dewitt Smith Jobe Award.

Judging will be by a panel of three professional journalists, preferably from outside the SCV. SCV members who otherwise qualify may serve as judges, provided they do not have a newsletter entered into competition.

Selection Process: All entries must contain a statement containing the following: (1) Name and location of unit, (2) Size of unit, (3) Publication schedule, (4) Editor's name and address, and (5) For which award the newsletter is being entered. When newsletter judging is opened by an announcement from IHQ, units should forward four copies of each issue to the Awards Committee. This announcement will normally be in May of each year. No entries will be returned. One copy of each newsletter will be sent to the selected judges for consideration; the 4th copy will be displayed at the General Convention. Units that send less than a full year's publication will still be eligible, but will lose points in the judging. Judging will be based on: format/design, camp news, historical content, coverage of SCV National or Division news, and editorials.

S. A. Cunningham Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp with 50 or more members publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp with 50 or more members.

Dr. Paul Jon Miller Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp with fewer than 50 members publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp with fewer than 50 members.

DeWitt Smith Jobe Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Division publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV Division.

Certificates

Chapter 5

General Information

The following certificates are available from IHQ for purchase by individual members or camps. Contact IHQ for availability and prices.

Membership Certificate

This certificate is embossed with the member's name, camp and number, and his ancestor's name and unit. It is signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief and bears the official seal and ribbon of the Confederation.

Supplemental Certificate

This certificate is identical to the membership certificate, but is intended to honor additional Confederate ancestors. Members may obtain this certificate by submitting a standard Application for Membership, marking it "Supplemental" at the top, and submitting it directly to IHQ with the required fee.

Officer's Commission

Commissions are available to all officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This commission is embossed with the officer's name, office and date of appointment. It is signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief and bears the official seal and ribbon of the Confederation.

Insignia

Chapter 6

General Information

Following are the only insignia of rank authorized for wear in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. All changes to insignia of rank require the approval of the General Executive Council. Units below the National level are not authorized to use any insignia of rank other than those listed in this manual.

Although no hard-and-fast rules apply to the wearing of insignia and medals, there are some generally accepted protocols in regard to placement of these devices. See the next section for details.

Authorized Insignia

National Officers

The following insignia consist of an appropriate neck ribbon from which is suspended a metal wreath and SCV emblem. The specific composition of the wreath for each officer is as follows:

Commander-in-Chief — large silver star with 2 small gold stars.

Lt. Commander-in-Chief—large gold star with 2 small silver stars.

Past Commander-in-Chief— Same as Commander-in-Chief.

General Staff — large gold star, with 2 small gold stars. The medallions for the above insignia may also be worn on the breast pocket of a business suit or blazer as an informal alternative to display on the official neck ribbon for that office.

Army Department Commanders

Department commanders' insignia consists of an SCV emblem attached to a neck ribbon of a pattern designated for that Army as follows:

Army of Northern Virginia—red with a centered gray stripe.

Army of Tennessee — yellow with a centered gray stripe.

Army of Trans-Mississippi—light blue with a centered gray stripe.

Division Commanders

Division commanders' insignia is the same as department commanders, without the gray stripe. Division commanders may add a distinctive emblem or device of their choosing to the neck ribbon to symbolize their particular state.

Insignia of Past Service

Past Department and Division commanders may continue to wear the designated badge of office by affixing a ¼" silver star to the neck ribbon in the center of the ribbon, immediately above the SCV medallion.

Brigade and Camp Officers

The Brigade and Camp Officers' insignia of rank is the membership medal with an appropriate metal bar across the top designating the officer's rank. Rank insignia are available for the following:

Brigade Commanders, Camp Commanders, Camp Lt. Commanders, Camp Adjutants, and Camp Chaplains. Rank insignia are also available for Past Commanders and Past Adjutants.

Protocol for wearing medals and insignia

General

This section provides some guidelines on the wearing of medals on civilian clothes or Confederate uniforms. These guidelines generally follow those used by the US Armed Services.

Some general terminology: "Award Medals" are those won by the individual through personal effort--e.g., Distinguished Service Medal, SCV Commendation Medal, etc. "Insignia Medals" are those badges of office, in medal form, such as the Camp Commanders' Medal. "Service Medals" are the medals given to groups for a particular type of service. Convention medals fall in this latter category. Award Medals should only be worn at formal or semi-formal functions—banquets, memorial services, conventions, or any similar occasion where the accepted wear is business suit, sport coat, Confederate uniform or formal dress.

Some Basic "Don'ts"

Don't mix miniature and full-size medals in the same grouping.

Don't mix Award Medals, Insignia Medals or Service Medals in the same grouping.

Don't wear Award Medals on informal outwear, e.g. shirts and vests.

Don't wear Award Medals during reenactments and similar exercises.

Don't wear any Medals that you didn't personally earn. Descendants, for example, should not wear medals won by their ancestors.

Don't wear non-SCV medals to SCV functions. The one exception is formal occasions — see Precedence, below.

Mounting of Medals on Clothing

On formal attire, business suits or sport jackets which have breast pockets, award medals should be pinned just below the top edge of the left breast pocket, with no more than four full-size or five miniature non-overlapped medals in a single row. When more than two medals are worn, they should be on a mounting bar if possible. If more than one row of medals is needed, the rows should be staggered slightly. The upper row should overlap the lower, and the rows must be spaced to allow a small amount

of ribbon of the lower row to show. Medals should be equally divided between upper and lower rows. Display of more than three

rows is discouraged. If an individual has more than eight full-size or ten miniature medals, overlapping of medals on each row is acceptable. This will allow more medals to be placed in a single row. Medals should not overlap more than 50%. Insignia Medals should be pinned on the right breast pocket. Service Medals should only be pinned on the lapels.

In Confederate uniform or formal attire without breast pockets, the positioning of the medals should approximate that for the wearing of the same medals on civilian attire. Award Medals should be centered on the left breast approximately ten inches from the top seam. Insignia Medals may be worn on the right breast, at approximately the same height. Service Medals should not be worn on Confederate uniform or formal attire. Full size medals may be worn with formal dress, but miniature medals are strongly encouraged.

Precedence of Medals

Award Medals should be mounted with the highest-ranking SCV medals (see below) starting at the top row on the inside and proceeding to the wearer's left. Next should come MOS&B medals, and finally any Division or Camp medals. On formal occasions (including SCV formal functions) where only miniatures are worn, medals from other heritage groups of which the wearer is a member are also acceptable, but must be worn last in order of precedence, regardless of their ranking.

Insignia Medals should start from the inside and work out, with the individual's highest-ranking medal on the inside. These medals would normally not be mounted on a bar, since most are made only in full-size.

Neck ribbon insignia medals may be worn anytime Award Medals or Insignia Medals are appropriate. Only one such neck ribbon should be worn at a time.

Ranking of Medals

For purposes of determining precedence, the SCV award medals are ranked as follows:

1. Jefferson Davis Medal
2. Robert E. Lee Medal
3. Distinguished Service Medal
4. Meritorious Service Medal
5. Graves Award Medal
6. Heritage Defense Medal
7. SCV Commendation Medal
8. Real Son Medal
9. SCV War Service Medal
10. J. Edgar Hoover Law & Order Medal
11. SCV Service Medal
12. David O. Dodd Medal
13. General Jo Shelby Medal
14. Dixie Club Medal
15. SCV Member's Medal