



Camp Constitution and By-laws
of the
Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #586
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Weatherford Texas

ARTICLE I. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Governor Samuel W.T.Lanham Camp #586 ("Camp").

ARTICLE II. Object. To associate in one united, compact body of men of Confederate ancestry, and cultivate, perpetuate, and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby; to aid and encourage the history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, constantly endeavoring to see that events of the War Between the States and the heroic contributions of the Confederate soldiers are authentically and clearly written, and that all documents, relics, and mementoes produced and handed down by those active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and where found; to instill into our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate State of America, to the honor, glory, and memory of our forefathers who fought in that Cause.

ARTICLE III. Nature. The Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #586 shall be strictly historical and benevolent, non-political, and non-sectarian.

- a. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education , 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.

- b. 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.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV. Membership.

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal, or collateral, at least twelve years of age, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably discharged, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. No one shall be admitted to membership until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications be submitted on official blank applications prepared for that purpose, such applications bearing recommendation by a member in good standing of the Camp. The original shall be forwarded to the International Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Camp shall preserve the duplicate including all proofs.

Section 3. All applications for membership in the Camp, received by the Adjutant, shall be reviewed by the Commander. Annual dues and fees must be submitted with completed applications to the Camp Adjutant.

Section 4. Applications for membership in the Camp must be read at a regular meeting of the Camp. Upon reading of the application, membership in the Camp will be extended only after receiving two-thirds (2/3) vote of acceptance by the membership present.

Section 5. Active membership in the Camp is membership in the International organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans ("SCV").

Section 6. Any member in good standing in the Camp, transferring from the Camp, shall be entitled to a certificate from the Camp Adjutant stating his membership and duration thereof.

ARTICLE V. Dues.

Section 1. The annual dues to the Camp shall be set annually by the Executive Committee, such amount subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Members in arrears four (4) months in payment of dues shall be classified as delinquent, and six (6) months' arrearage shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all back dues within the current year, a payment of a National SCV reinstatement fee together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one year or more shall be only reinstated upon vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts due him to the Camp.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings.

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meeting of the camp is on the 4th Monday of each month. The transaction of regular camp business shall be conducted if a quorum is present.

Section 2. A special meeting of the Camp may be held at any time upon call of the Commander. The Commander shall also call a special meeting upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing, in writing, by email and by U S Mail if the member has no email (15) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The Executive Committee shall establish the place of such meeting in advance.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum is constituted of 20% of members of the Camp in good standing and entitled to vote and of that group there be at least 2 elected officers present to constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4. The rules of procedure at any meeting of the Camp shall be those set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, revised, except wherein they may be altered by the vote of the Camp.

ARTICLE VII. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Third Lieutenant Commander, and Adjutant/Treasurer.

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote, by written or vocal ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual election meeting of the Camp. They shall hold office for one year.

Officers elected at the meeting shall take office on the first day following their election. Camp officers are expected to uphold the requirements of the Texas Division and the National Constitutions.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Third Lieutenant Commander and the Adjutant/Treasurer, and the immediate past commander. No past commanders shall be eligible that have failed to maintain a good standing within the Camp.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time and place as the Commander may determine. At least three (3) members of the Executive Committee may call meetings at any time on demand and in writing to the Commander.

Section 4. Four (4) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. When an office is vacated as a result of death, resignation, or removal, the Commander shall appoint a successor, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, such successor to hold office until the next election during the annual election meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. Commander.

The camp commander is elected to lead the camp. The commander shall supervise the works of the camp and shall see to the enforcement of the rules set down in the camp bylaws and the Division and National constitutions. The commander oversees all officers in the discharge of their respective duties and is a member of all committees. The commander makes regular reports to the Brigade commander and attends the Division Executive meetings, Division and National Reunions whenever possible.

Section 2. 1st Lt. Commander.

The 1st Lt Commander is the programs chair. He finds and secures speakers with program topics that educate and inspire the membership. Typical duration to be under 45 minutes. Education coordinator . Our charge tells us to teach the young so school programs are essential. Find Volunteers to go to schools with programs to inspire the kids to learn their heritage and seek membership. Recruiting is every member's responsibility, officers are at the forefront. Leads the camp in Commanders absence. Heritage defense issues are the responsibility of all officers, but are lead by the 1st LT Commander.

Section 3. 2nd Lt. Commander.

Recruiting is the 2nd Lt Commanders first responsibility. Without recruiting new members, in time the camp will perish. Retention of members, the 2nd LT Commander keeps in contact with members who are

new to the camp, need guidance, and teaches the new members camp procedures. Leads the camp in Commander's and 1st Lt Commander's absence. Heritage defense issues are the responsibility of all officers. 2nd Lt Commander is also the Camp Genealogist and that work too is important. We must establish a file for each new member with documentation and GEDCOM on each application you work on.

Section 4. 3rd Lt. Commander.

The 3rd Lt Commander is there to greet all members at meetings, supervise the sign in sheet, documents all visitors and provides the Commander with the names and any pertinent information, hands out and retrieves name badges. Maintain camp literature and items for sale, maintains the cash bag with the camp money. The camp money will be audited by the Camp Adjutant on a quarterly basis. Keeps a list of all inventory and requests replacement from Adjutant as needed. Helps with camp calendar, helps research new camp activities and reports to the Executive committee. Assist the Camp Commander and other Officers as needed.

Section 5. Adjutant/Treasurer.

The Adjutant /Treasurer shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to International Headquarters, Division, and Brigades. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Camp and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp. He shall be the keeper of the Camp seal. All applications for membership, initiation fees, and first year dues shall be made to the Adjutant. He shall be responsible for the ordering of all items necessary for operations of the Camp. He shall also maintain adequate stock of SCV membership pins, decals, and applications. The Adjutant/Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Camp and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. The Adjutant/Treasurer and Commander will have ATM cards to use for camp business and expenses. The Adjutant/Treasurer He shall keep an accurate account of his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at ,in writing, of income and expenditures at the monthly meeting. Bills paid by the Adjutant/Treasurer shall have received approval by the Commander. He shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees, taking proper note of the paying member, his address and other information necessary in the maintenance of Camp records and posting such information in the camp's books.

Section 6. Appointed Officers.

The Commander can appoint any member in good standing into the following positions, as members of his staff in carrying out the duties of Camp Commander. The Commander has the option to leave any appointment unfulfilled at his discretion.

Chaplain. The Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the Camp. He shall represent the Camp in times of bereavement. He shall periodically report to the Commander on the well being of members confined by illness. In event of a member's death, he shall immediately notify the membership and the Chaplain-in-

Chief. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreaths, or such other items incidental to the accomplishment of his duties.

Color Sergeant. The Color Sergeant shall maintain and safeguard the Camp colors. He shall issue the proper display of colors at all functions of the Camp, the Color Sergeant will post the colors (Formally or Informally as the situation calls for) and will lead members in salutes to the colors. He can appoint assistants to aid in the performance of his duties.

Historian. The Historian shall keep and maintain a written record of the Camp, its officers and members, and its accomplishments during his tenure of office. He shall be responsible for the collection of photographs, newspaper clippings, and such other items as necessary in the proper recording of Camp history. All items will be affixed in a bound volume as to insure preservation.

Aide-De-Camp. The Aide De Camp assists the 3rd LT Commander and is there to greet all members at meetings, assist with the sign in sheet, document all visitors and provide the Commander with the names and any pertinent information, hands out and retrieves name badges. Help maintain camp literature and items for sale Helps keep a list of all inventory and requests replacement from Adjutant as needed. Assist the Camp Commander and other Officers as needed. Attends all functions possible. Aide De-Camp is to assist the Color Sgt set up and take down flags and flagpoles .

Editor. The Commander shall, upon taking office, appoint an editor and such other staff as necessary in the preparation and distribution of the official Camp Newsletter. The Commander shall periodically review operation of the newsletter to ascertain if its operation is in the best interest of the Camp.

Judge Advocate. Judge Advocate is there to assist the Commander in legal matters in following the camp constitution and other matters pertaining to the camp. He shall also perform other duties as assigned by the Camp Commander

Quartermaster. The camp Quartermaster is responsible for obtaining and maintaining items for sale as camp fundraisers and items needed to help promote the camp. Quartermaster also assists in locating meeting site.

Surgeon. The Camp Surgeon is there to help promote the health and safety of the camp. He shall also be familiar with basic first aide and shall be responsible for basic medical assistance at meetings.

Section 7. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall:

Sit in judgment in all disciplinary matters. Rule on all questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of members. When in the interest of the Camp, transact business on behalf of the membership. And the executive committee will help set up and run all committees within the camp.

ARTICLE IX. Camp Elections.

The term of office is one year. Elections will be held annually . The Nomination committee will be chosen by the Commander and camp Adjutant at the October meeting. Camp members can nominate in writing any member in good standing for any position. The nominating committee will report to the camp at the November meeting the members nominated for each position (Commander-1st LT Commander-2nd LT Commander-3rd LT Commander-Adjutant/Treasurer). Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the November meeting, so members will have 30 days to consider who to vote for. The election will be held at the December meeting and can be either voice vote or written vote based on the member's choice. Once elections are over the new officers for the coming year will be sworn into office and the term commences with the January meeting.

Article X. Awards.

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the creation and administration of a program of awards presented to Camp members and non-members deemed worthy of recognition.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall review and authorize the presentation of certificates and awards, except the Commander's Commendations and Resolutions of respect, which are reserved for the Commander.

ARTICLE XI. Suspension or Expulsion.

Should a member, step beyond the bounds of good order and discipline in any camp function (before-during-after) and cause harm, direct disruption, use hate filled language, cause bodily injury or be guilty of conduct unbecoming of a member of the SCV, initiate a rebellion against elected officers, speak to the press on Camp or SCV matters without authorization of the Camp, Brigade, Division, Army or National approval then the member has shown cause for removal from the camp.

Remedy for Commander:

1. A verbal warning by the Commander or Lt Commanders can be made, on the spot. If required, then the Commander and the Sergeant at Arms will remove the member from the meeting or activity.
2. If the Commander and Executive Committee (Camp Commander, 1st Lt Commander, 2nd Lt Commander, 3rd Lt Commander and Adjutant) agree, a letter of reprimand, signed by the Commander and Adjutant, will be delivered via registered mail to the charged member and a copy maintained in camp records. On a letter of reprimand the member will not be allowed any level of appeal.
3. If it is agreed by the Commander, Lt Commanders, and Adjutant, then the Adjutant will mail a registered letter to the charged member to meet with the Executive Committee to conduct a hearing on

the member's status in the camp. The accused member will be allowed to explain his actions, but is required to remain civil.

The Executive Committee should at that time have a private council and decide the status of:

- 1) forgive him with a probation period,
- 2) transfer him to National, or
- 3) refer his case to National with the recommendation of dismissal from the SCV, in accordance with the SCV constitution.

Amended copy approved on 21 July 2014 by the camp members.

Commander - Larry Martin (319688)

Adjutant - L Vaughn Oliver (245074)

2014 Officers:

Commander - Larry Martin (319688)
First Lieutenant Commander - Gary Rozzell (321600)
Second Lieutenant Commander - David Wilson (026255)
Third Lieutenant Commander - Larry Johnson (318381)
Adjutant - L Vaughn Oliver (245074)

Commander Appointed:

Chaplain - David Berry (323751)
Mounted Color Guard - Calvin Allen (021588)
Historian - Jerry Walden (200663)
Treasurer - L Vaughn Oliver (245074)
Genealogist - David Wilson (026255)
Newsletter Editor - Jerry Puckett (316642)
Aid-De-Camp - Chad Hazelton (321444)
Color Sergeant & Sergeant-at-Arms - Dan Dzivi (318000)