



2023 General William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award Entry Form

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Entry period: June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023
 Camp: _____ Number: _____
 City: _____ State: _____

Please read explanation of page before filling out form. Documentation required.

1. Membership Growth: Total Membership last June 1: _____
 Number of new members gained since last June 1: _____
 2. Membership Retention: Number of members lost since last June 1: _____
 3. Newsletters: How many newsletters were published June 1—May 31? _____
 4. Timely submission of dues: Were dues paid on time? Months late? _____
 5. Convention Attendance: Number attending Division Convention this year _____
 Number attending National Convention last year _____
 6. Regular monthly meetings: How many monthly meetings held in time period? _____
 7. Programs at Meetings: Number of meetings featuring a formal program _____
 8. Memorial Services: How many memorial services did your camp conduct? _____
 9. Annual Report: Date annual report was submitted: _____
 10. Division/National Project Participation: List Division or National Projects supported.
 Division: _____ National: _____
 11. Local Project Participation: List local projects/events sponsored by camp
 Specify: _____
 12. Speakers/Programs: How many speakers or programs provided to other camps?

 13. Sponsorship: List special units sponsored by camp
 Specify: _____
 14. Training: Did camp conduct or attend formal training for new officers? _____
 15. Website: Does camp maintain a website? ____ Yes ____ No URL: _____
 16. Meeting Attendance: Average percentage of members attending regular meetings _____ %
- Tie Breakers are not included in your points total but will be used in the event of a tie:
- A) How many H L Hunley JROTC Awards did your camp present? _____
- B) Does your camp maintain a Facebook page? ____ Yes ____ No

2023 Explanation of Terms

How criteria were established: Some factors are judged as positives, some as negatives, depending on whether or not the “average” camp is expected to meet the criteria. For example, all camps – not just the “best” camps—should have 100% of their dues paid on time. Therefore, the highest point value for this category is zero points; points are deducted in judging if dues have not been paid on time. However, not all camps would be expected to provide speakers to other camps. Therefore, this value is always a positive number, starting from zero and going up. Eligibility period for all categories is June 1, 2021– May 31, 2022. Documentation required.

1. **Membership Growth.** The key element of a camp’s survival. List your total membership as of last June 1 on line 1a. List the number of new members gained on line 1b. Do not include transfers from other SCV camps.
2. **Membership Retention.** List the number of members lost through non-payment of dues. Do not include losses due to death or transfers to other camps.
3. **Newsletters.** List the number of newsletters your camp published last year. Contributions to and support of a combined camps newsletter are considered the equivalent of a camp newsletter.
4. **Timely Submission of Dues.** All dues become payable on Aug. 1. National dues are in arrears as of Sept.1, however this date is subject to change by the GEC (as stated in the SCV Constitution.) This date determines the points in this category. Both Division and National dues must be paid on time to score in this category. Points are deducted for each partial or whole month the dues are late. Paying camp dues is considered submitting payment for at least 75% of the current members of the camp.
5. **Attendance at Conventions.** Indicate the number of members who attended your Division Convention this year. Enter the number of members who attended the National Convention last year.
6. **Regular Monthly Meetings.** Indicate the number of regular monthly meetings conducted by your camp.
7. **Programs at Meetings.** Indicate the number of meetings in which your camp had a “featured” program. This could be a local author, speaker, historian, film on some WBTS subject, etc.
8. **Memorial Services.** These include graveside services / grave marker dedications / Confederate Memorial Day sponsored by the camp, services held as a special event at a local church or synagogue, or similar events. It does not include brief memorial events held during regular camp meetings, or attendance at memorial services conducted by other camps, UDC, etc.
9. **Annual Report.** The annual report is due at GHQ and Division not later than July 1. Check www.scv.org for the proper format.
10. **Division or National Project Participation.** Participation in a Division or National special project. Participation could include fund-raising, donations or significant amounts of members’ time. Some examples: H.L. Hunley JROTC Award (National), Stand Watie Scholarship Fund (National), Heritage Defense Fund (National), Supreme Court Vigil (Texas Division), Flag Defense Project (Mississippi Division) Signers Monument Project (SC Division), Flag-Uniform Preservation Fund (SC Division), SCV Museum (National), or Hosting a Division or National Convention/Reunion. List each project.
11. **Local Project Participation.** These are special projects or events established at the camp level. Examples: school historical programs, recruiting table at state fairs, reenactments, relic shows or gun shows, Confederate Ball, cemetery cleanup, or cotillion, etc.. Projects must support SCV goals by advancing the cause of Confederate heritage; general community service projects are not acceptable.
12. **Speakers or Programs.** Did your camp provide a speaker or special program to another camp or organization? Examples: Camp members who give programs on WBTS at Civil War Round Table forums, or similar. List the number of such speakers/presenters, up to 3 speakers.
13. **Sponsorship.** Does your camp sponsor a special unit? Examples: OCR Chapter, Camp color guard that marches in local parades, re- enactor units, living history units, etc. The camp must actively sponsor these units.
14. **Training.** Did your camp conduct or participate in formal training for new camp officers? This is normally done at Brigade or Division level, but a camp can conduct its own program. The program must be established in writing, with formal presentations, and at least several hours spent on the training of each officer.
15. **Website.** Does your camp actively maintain a website? It must be regularly updated and provide basic, up -to-date membership to current members and potential applicants. If “yes”, show URL.
16. **Meeting attendance.** What percentage of your members regularly attend camp meetings? You should maintain a sign-up roster for each camp meeting.

Tie Breakers. In the event of a tie, the answers to the following two questions will be used to determine the winning camp. If a tie still exists, the camp with the highest percentage of positive growth will be the winner.

- A) How many H. L. Hunley JROTC Awards did your camp present?
- B) Does the camp maintain a Facebook Page? Provide the name of the page.

The due date for this form is 15 June 2023. No exceptions.

Distinguished Camp Award Scoring Sheet

Category	Description	Criteria	Points Range
1. Membership Growth	Annual percentage.	Add 1 point per 1% increase.	0 to 15
2. Membership retention	Annual percentage.	Deduct 1 point for each 1% decrease	-15 to 0
3. Newsletters	Camp publishes a monthly newsletter	Deduct 1 point for each month a newsletter is not published	-12 to 0
4. Timely submission of dues	Dues become payable on Aug. 1. They are delinquent after 1 Sept.	Deduct 3 points for each month dues are delinquent in each category (National and Division).	-30 to 0
5. Attendance at Conventions	Attendance numbers at the Division Convention or National Convention.	Add 1 point for each member attending Division Convention, up to 6 members/6 points. Two points for each attendee at National Convention, up to 3 members/6 points. Max 12 points.	0 to 12
6. Regular Monthly Meetings	Number of regular monthly meetings conducted during the year	Deduct 1 point for each month no meeting is held.	-12 to 0
7. Programs at Meetings	How many meetings featured a key speaker, film, video, etc.	Add 1 point for each. Max 12 points.	0 to 12
8. Memorial Services	Camp conducted Confederate Memorial Day, grave marker dedication or memorial services at a cemetery, battlefield, etc.	Add 5 points for each such service, up to 3 services. Max 15 points	0 to 15
9. Annual Report	Annual reports are due to SCV GHQ by July 1.	Deduct 5 points if not submitted on time.	-5 to 0
10. National or Division Projects	Contributions made to established projects. H.L. Hunley JROTC Award is considered a national project. Hosting a National or Division convention.	Add 3 points for each Division project, max 3. Max 9 pts. Add 5 points for each National project, max 3. Max 15 pts. Max 24 points combined.	0 to 24
11. Local Project Participation	Programs established at camp level. ie, school historical programs, recruiting at state fairs or gun shows, Confederate ball, etc. Project must support SCV goals; general community service projects are not acceptable.	Add 3 points for each project. Max 9 points	0 to 9
12. Speakers or Programs	Did the camp provide speakers or programs to other camps or organizations?	Add 1 point for each. Max 3 points	0 to 3
13. Sponsorship	Camp sponsors a major support unit. e.g., Re-enactor unit, color guard, living history group, museum support group, etc.	Add 5 points for each. Max: 3 sponsorships/15 points	0 to 15
14. Training	Did camp conduct or participate in formal training for camp officers?	Add 10 points	0 to 10
15. Website	Does camp maintain a website?	Add 5 points	0 to 5
16. Meeting Attendance	How many members attend regular camp meetings, on average?	Base is 25%. Add 1 point for each 1% over 25%. Max 15	0 to 15
Tie Breakers A) How many H.L. Hunley JROTC Awards were presented? B) Does the camp maintain a Face Book Page?			