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Sons of Confederate Veterans Awards Manual and Insignia Guide



National Awards and Officer Insignia

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Foreword

This booklet was developed to assist members in becoming familiar with and understanding eligibility for all national awards and officers' insignias of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It includes all awards approved through March 17, 2026. An electronic copy of this booklet can be found on the SCV website at www.scv.org.

Please Note:

Our nomination submission policy was changed some years back. Please follow the submission protocol for each award nomination submission found in the current year's SCV Awards Manual at <https://scv.org>. "National Reunion Individual Merit Awards Nomination Forms" on our website www.scv.org must be used. Completed National Reunion Merit Awards nomination forms are then submitted to the Division Commander for approval. Division Commanders will compile all nomination forms and submit them to the SCV Executive Director, Chief of Staff, Awards Chairman, or proper Committee Chairman as one package submission from each division. Award nominations submitted by Camps or individual members directly to National HQ, the Commander-in-Chief, or the Awards Committee Chairman will be returned. Please follow the awards submission protocol so the dedicated hard work of our members is recognized. Awards listed in the Chapter 6 Camp Level Individual Awards are obtained from SCV National HQ.

Important Award Dates to Remember

April 15 - The General Executive Council starts gathering their nominations for awards

April 15 - Deadline for submission of Graves Award to the Graves Chairman, Heritage Defense Medal to the Chief of Heritage Defense, and Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award to the Chaplain in Chief nominations from Division Commanders.

May 1 - Deadline for General Executive Council nomination submissions.

May 1 - Deadline for SCV units to submit nominations for National Reunion Individual Merit Awards to Division Commanders

May 15 - Deadline for Division Commanders, Army Commanders, and GEC Members to submit National Reunion Individual Merit Awards nominations to SCV Executive Director and SCV Awards Chairman. Awards should be fully vetted by Division Commanders as duly attested to have earned the award.

May 15 - Camp notification deadline to SCV National IT Director @ scvhqit@gmail.com for General Samuel Cooper Website Award.

June 1 - Deadline for camps to electronically submit Newsletter Awards to **all** Awards Committee members.

June 15 - Deadline for submission of General William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award to **all** Awards Committee members.

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Chapter 1: Confederate Veterans Awards

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 military who demonstrated outstanding bravery above and beyond that which would normally be expected of a Confederate soldier.

Eligibility: Candidates must have been serving the Confederacy in a military capacity at the time of the deed for which the nomination was made and have been separated under honorable conditions.

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 Confederate Medal of Honor Committee.

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

Standards of Proof: The SCV member making the recommendation shall submit a complete and written record of 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: The cost of the medal and certificate is borne by SCV General Headquarters. The cost of framing shall be borne by the requesting organization/individual, utilizing specifications supplied 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 the 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.



Certificate



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Displayed

Roll of Honor Medal

Purpose: The Roll of Honor listed the names of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who served with distinction during the War Between the States. No medals for these men were ever produced. The Sons of Confederate Veterans seeks to correct this historic oversight by creating the Roll of Honor Medal to honor those members of the Confederate service who were identified by their compatriots as exhibiting bravery above and beyond that which would normally be expected of a Confederate soldier. This is not a convention/reunion award.

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

Requirements: Recipients of this award must be listed on the Confederate Roll of Honor and have been separated under honorable conditions.

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

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

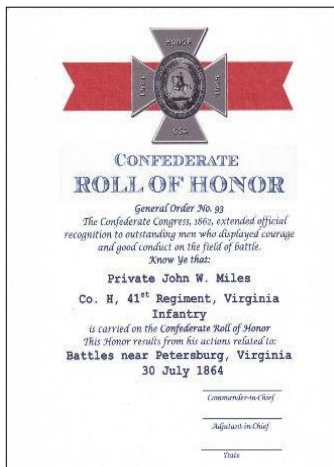
Forms: Recommendations for the Role of Honor Medal shall be made on applications provided by the Confederate Medal of Honor Committee. SCV General Headquarters will maintain these forms.

Standards of Proof: The SCV member making the recommendation shall submit proof and information from the Roll of Honor as well as the Soldier's service record. 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 and Adjutant-in-Chief.

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

Costs of Award: The cost of the award is borne by the applicant.

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 the 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.



Chapter 2: Commander-in-Chief Awards

Commander-in-Chief's Award

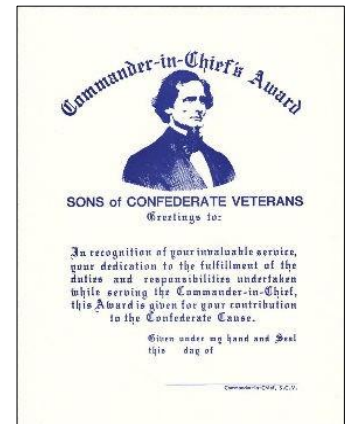
Purpose: The Commander-in-Chief presents this award to those members for performing exceptional duty. This is a convention/reunion award.

Eligibility: All SCV Members

Selection Process: At the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief only. Nominations are not accepted for this award.

Form of Award: Certificate.

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



Commander-in-Chief's Ladies Appreciation Award

Purpose: The Commander-in-Chief's Ladies Appreciation Medal was created for the Commander-in-Chief to show his appreciation to those special ladies who have been an outstanding asset to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This is a convention/reunion award.

Eligibility: Any special lady.

Selection Process: The Commander-in-Chief selects the recipient for this award – there are no nominations from the membership or chain of command. The very prestigious Commander-in-Chief's Ladies Appreciation Award can only be received once in a lifetime. Recipients of this award are not eligible for subsequent awarding of the Ladies Appreciation Award. Cost of the Award is covered by National Headquarters.

Form of Award: This award consists of (1) a medal and (2) certificate.



Presentation: This award is presented at the reunion by the Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief's Plaque

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

Chapter 3: Non-Member Special Recognition Awards

Lt Gen Stephen Dill Lee Award

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

Number of Awards: One may be awarded annually by vote of the GEC.

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 veterans, to perpetuate the highest 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 General Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the General Executive Council are permitted to nominate candidates annually for the Lt Gen 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 General 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 General Executive Council will be asked to revote until a winner is selected.

Form of Award: This award consists of a marble statuette.

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.

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. This is a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: Only one of these awards 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 General Executive Council in the same manner as the Lt Gen Stephen Dill Lee Award. The nominee in the Lt Gen Stephen Dill Lee Award receiving the second greatest number of votes will be declared the winner.

Form of Award: The award consists of a certificate on a plaque.

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 giving unselfishly of their time and resources to ensure the true history of the South is presented to future generations. This is a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: There is no limit to the number of these awards presented annually.

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

Selection process: The recipient is selected by the General Executive Council in the same manner as the Lt Gen Stephen Dill Lee Award. The nominee in the Lt Gen Stephen Dill Lee Award receiving the third greatest number of votes will be declared the winner.

Form of Award: The award consists of a certificate on a plaque.

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

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, actively supporting camp functions, etc. This is not a national convention award.

Eligibility: Any lady.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit within the Army where the recommended lady resides may submit recommendations. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Executive Director at Headquarters for consideration through the Executive Director at exedir@scv.org. The Ladies Appreciation Award can be received more than once in a lifetime.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) a medal (the color of the ribbon shall reflect the appropriate color designated for the Department/Army in which the recipient resides) and (2) certificate.

Cost of Award: The cost of this award must be borne by the requesting unit & is available for purchase year-round. Contact the SCV Merchandise Department for costs including shipping & handling: (800)380-1896 ext. 205 or mktadm@scv.org.

Presentation: The recommending SCV unit will normally present this award.



Army of Northern Virginia



Army of Tennessee



Army of Trans-Mississippi

SCV Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Award

Purpose: The SCV ROTC Outstanding Student Award is to honor those College ROTC Cadets and Midshipmen who are the future of our country's military. This is not a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: The award should go to a rising second-year Cadet or Midshipman. The cadet does not necessarily have any ties to a Confederate ancestor and awarding is based on scholarship, ROTC performance, and good citizenship.

Selection Process: Camps should contact local university ROTC units to advertise this award for their Cadets/Midshipmen. Normally one Cadet/Midshipman per ROTC unit (Naval, Army, & Air Force one each) is selected for this award, but multiple awards can be given. The University ROTC cadres choose the recipient of this award and contact the Executive Director (exedir@scv.org) at General Headquarters with the recipient's names, ceremony dates, and shipping address. The SCV GHQ processes the award, coordinates local camp presenters, and ships the certificates and ribbons to the ROTC units. Camps can augment these awards with additional gifts for the Cadets/Midshipmen.

Form of Award: This award consists of a ribbon and certificate.



H. L. Hunley Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Award

Purpose: The H L Hunley JROTC award is to honor those High School JROTC Cadets and Midshipmen who are the future of our country's military. This is not a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: The award should go to a rising second-year Cadet or Midshipman who demonstrates the qualities of Honor, Courage, and in particular, Commitment to his/her unit throughout the school year.

Selection Process: The Award may be purchased at the online SCV Store. At least one month prior to your awards program the sponsoring SCV Camp should purchase and provide the deserving cadet's name and rate/rank and a check to cover the medal, certificate, ribbon, and shipping charges. The SCV sponsoring camp will cover all expenses associated with providing the award.

Form of Award: This award consists of a medal and certificate. The SCV Camp sponsoring the award should coordinate with the JROTC unit for presentation.

Named For: H. L. Hunley, designer of the Hunley: the first successful submarine attack.



SCV Eagle Scout Achievement Certificate

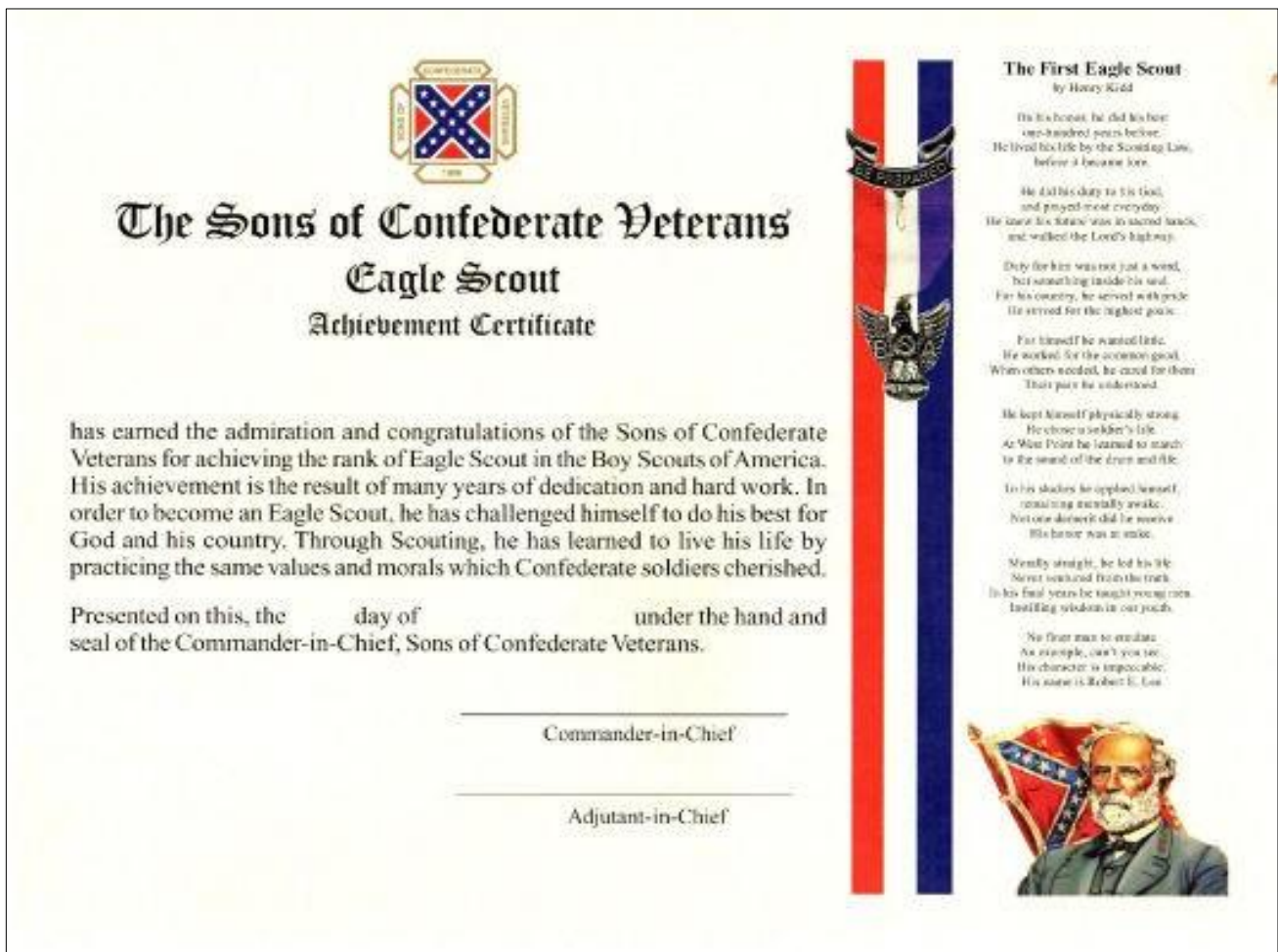
Purpose: The SCV Eagle Scout Achievement Certificate is to honor those Boy Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle Scout. This is not a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any Boy Scout achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Selection Process: Boy Scout leaders should contact the SCV General Headquarters at least one month prior to the Eagle Scout ceremony either through email (Membership@scv.org) or mail requesting a congratulatory letter with the Eagle Scout's name, date of ceremony, and address to send the certificate. The SCV GHQ processes the certificate and mails it to the requested address.

Form of Award: This award consists of a certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief.



Chapter 4: National Convention/Reunion Special Recognition Awards

Jefferson Davis Chalice

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

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

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

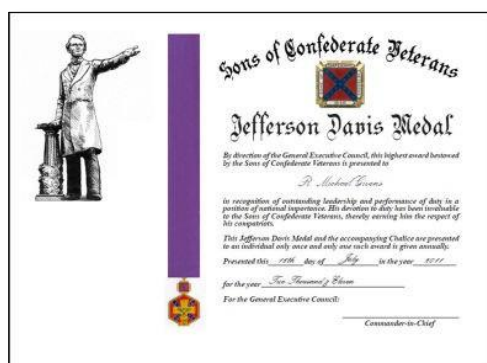
Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the General Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the General Executive Council only are permitted to nominate a candidate annually for the Jefferson Davis Chalice. A narrative of at least 25 words and not 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 General 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 nominee receiving the largest number of votes will be declared the winner. In case of a 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 four items: An engraved silver chalice, a large medal, a miniature medal & a 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 GHQ (if not previously awarded these items), will receive these items at no cost.



Certificate



Large



Miniature

Robert E. Lee Award

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

Number of Awards: No more than three awards may be made annually. The General 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. Examples 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.

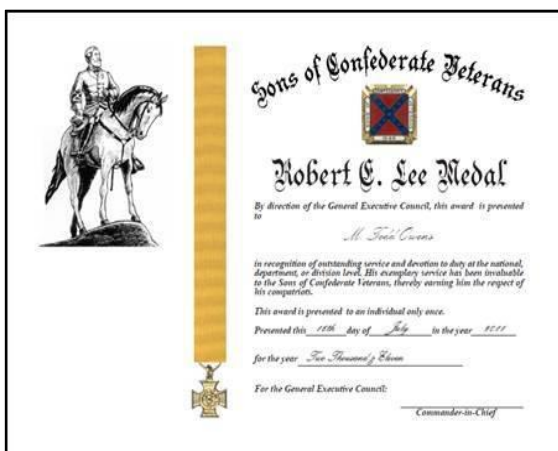
Selection Process: The Awards Committee will notify the General Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the General Executive Council are permitted to nominate up to three candidates annually for the Robert E. Lee Award. A narrative of at least 25 words, but 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 General 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 a 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 three items: A large medal, a miniature medal, and a 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 GHQ (if not previously awarded this item), and it will be provided at no cost to the individual.



Certificate



Large



Miniature

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. This is a convention/reunion award.

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

Eligibility: Any SCV member in good standing.

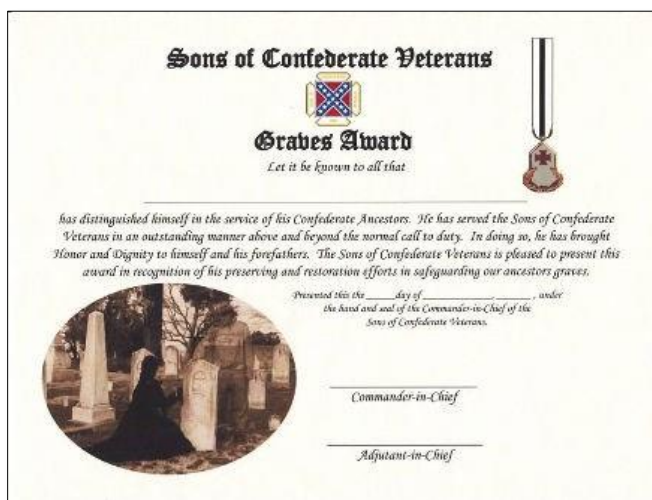
Selection Criteria: The candidate must complete at least two of the criteria listed below

1. Through research, identify twenty-five (25) Confederate Veterans buried in their state and not currently listed within the Graves Registry.
2. Place a gravestone on two previously unmarked Confederate Veteran's graves. The headstone can be from the Veterans Administration or of a similar type. Gravestones must show Confederate service.
3. Install ten (10) or more Southern Crosses of honor on the graves of Confederate Veterans.
4. 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 grave locations, and pictures of headstones and be indexed.
5. Transcribe three (3) Work Project Administration (WPA) surveys and post them on their respective USGENWEB county website, place a copy in the local historical society and in the SCV's National Confederate Museum, and ensure all previously unknown names are added to the state's graves database.
6. Or complete another significant independent project that brings honor to the Confederate Veteran.

Selection Process: Nominations for this award can be submitted by any SCV member to their Division Commander. The Division Commander will then forward his top choice to the chairman of the Graves Committee rebelyell1861@comcast.net and Awards Chairman SCVAwards@gmail.com no later than April 21st of each year.

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

Repeat Awards: The 3/16" star device will be used to designate repeat awards.



Reverend J. William Jones Christian Service Award

Purpose: For professed Christian SCV members to emulate and perpetuate the orthodox Christian faith demonstrated by the soldiers and citizens of the Confederate States of America. This is a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: Starting in 2026, up to **six** of these awards can be presented annually.

Eligibility: This award is limited to SCV members in good standing.

Selection Criteria: Church Service: The candidate will emulate and perpetuate the convictions of the typical Confederate soldier and citizen, including his devotion to Christian principles by professing Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior and the Bible as the infallible word of God. In addition to maintaining membership in a Christian congregation, weekly church attendance, and demonstrated financial commitment, the candidate will be a leader in the Christian faith by having served the Lord in a called, elected, appointed, or volunteer position within his congregation for a minimum of twelve (12) months. The Candidate must also have served the Sons of Confederate Veterans in a position of responsibility at the Camp, Division, Army, or National level in an exemplary fashion. His service to the SCV must be documented in the nomination.

Selection Process: Any SCV Chaplain, Camp Officer, Division Commander, Army Commander or General Executive Council member can nominate a candidate for this award. A letter of recommendation and verification will be provided by the candidate's congregational leader (ie, minister, pastor, or priest) detailing the Church service rendered. The Division Commander or Army Department Commander if no Division exists, will endorse the recommendation and send it to the Chaplain-In-Chief for approval.

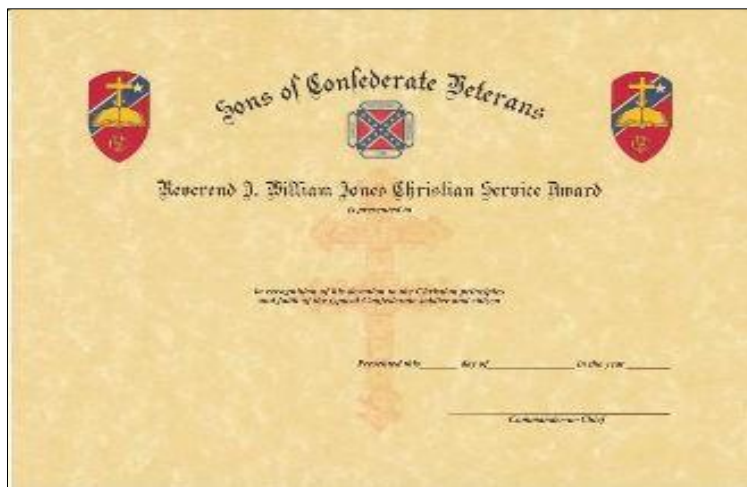
Deadline: The deadline for submission of this award is April 21st of each year.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) a medal and (2) a certificate on a plaque.

Presentation: This award is presented at the National Reunion during the Awards Luncheon.

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

Named For: Rev. J. William Jones was Chaplain in the Army of Northern Virginia during the War Between the States, later Secretary of the Southern Historical Society, and was most noted for his book, Personal Reminiscences, Anecdotes, and Letters of Gen. Robert E. Lee (1875) and 11 other books.



SCV Law Enforcement Medal

Purpose: The SCV Law Enforcement Medal is given to law enforcement personnel for outstanding acts of heroism in the face of extreme danger. This is a convention/reunion award.

Eligibility: Not limited to SCV members.

Selection Process: Nominations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Executive Director at exedir@scv.org for consideration. Documentation of the act the nominee is being cited for should be provided with the letter. Camps nominating members for awards must submit awards through the division commander, who submits them to the Executive Director for approval by the GEC. www.scv.org.

Form of Award: This award consists of a plaque and a medal.

Presentation: This award is announced at the reunion and then presented according to instructions by the Commander-in-Chief.



Chapter 5: National Convention / Reunion Merit Awards

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 (Army)
Division
Brigade
Camp

Most of these are convention/reunion awards.

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

Number of Awards: Camps are not limited in number of award nominations per category but should exercise their discretion.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit nominations. Nominations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, must be submitted on an "Awards Nominations Form" to the Division Commander by **May 1st** for approval. "Awards Nomination Forms" are available on the SCV website: <https://scv.org/>.

Division Commanders must submit their compiled list of approved nominees by **May 15th**.

Approving Authority: Awards in this section must be approved by the Division Commander who will forward them to SCV Executive Director, Chief of Staff, Awards Chairman or appropriate Committee Chairman.

Form of Awards: Medals are awarded in miniature form unless specified in the specific medal's description. Large medals are being phased out and replaced with miniature medals. Some large medals are available for purchase from HQ.

Designating Repeat Awards: SCV GHQ may award stars in lieu of repeat awards. A 3/16" silver star will be used for every subsequent award, and a 3/16" gold star will be awarded for every 5th repeat award, centered on the ribbon. When more than two stars are needed, they will be evenly spaced, centered, in line arranged along the long axis of the ribbon (vertically along the ribbon in a straight line). They will be evenly spaced so as to use the medal's full ribbon length for all subsequent awards. Stars will not be removed from the ribbon as to render it unserviceable.

Presentation: The award winners will be recognized at the National Convention Awards Luncheon by the Awards Committee. Awards may be picked up by a representative of each division. The Commander-in-Chief may also direct an alternate time and place of presentation for special awards.

Distinguished Service Medal

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

Number of Awards: Camps are not limited in the number of award nominations for this category but should use their discretion.

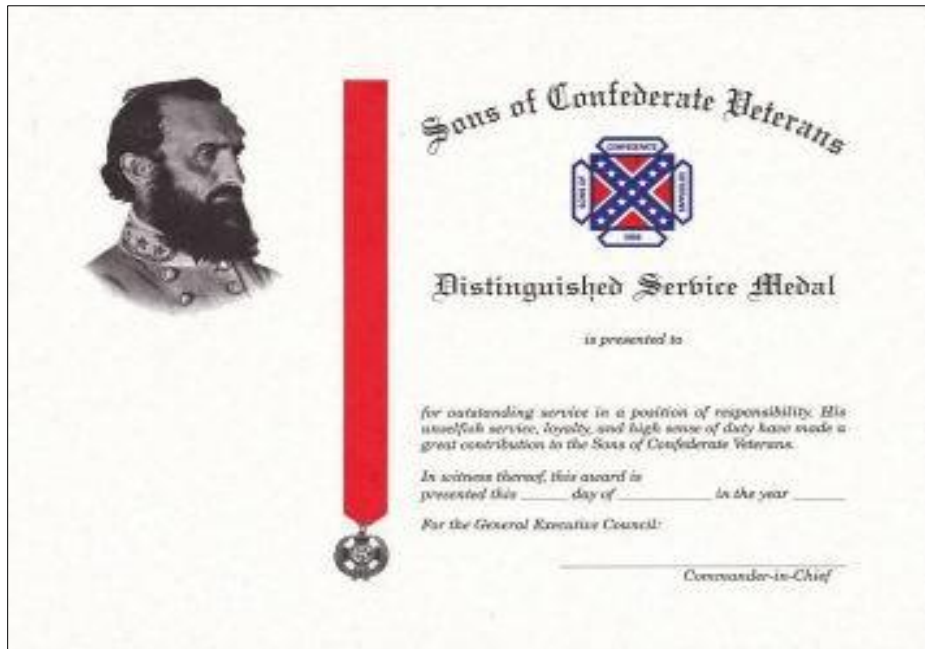
Eligibility: Only members of the SCV may receive this medal. Nominees must have served the SCV in an outstanding manner for an extended period of time in a position of responsibility. A member may receive this medal more than once.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit nominations on an Awards Nominations Form, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, to the Division Commander.

Awards Nominations Form is available on the SCV website: <https://scv.org/>.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: A medal and, a Certificate.

Repeat Awards: The 3/16" Silver Star device will be used to designate repeat awards.



Meritorious Service Medal

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

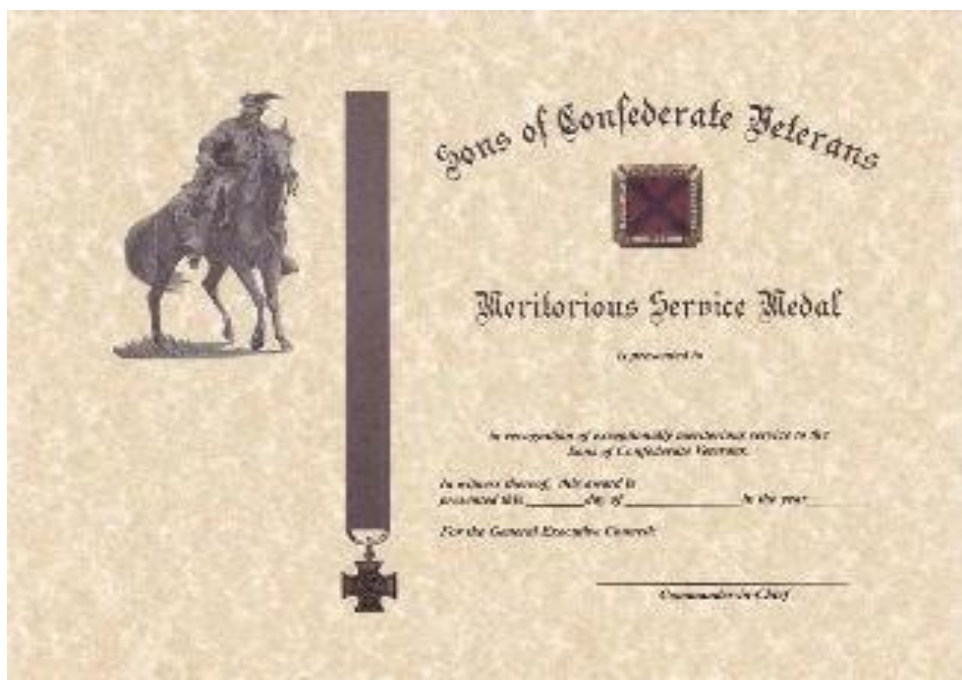
Number of Awards: Camps are not limited in the number of award nominations for this category but should use their discretion.

Eligibility: Only SCV members may receive this medal. Nominees must have served the SCV in an outstanding manner to receive this award. A member may receive this medal more than once.

Selection Process: Any SCV unit may submit nominations on an “Awards Nominations Form” with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee to the Division Commander for approval. “Awards Nomination Forms” are available on the SCV website: <https://scv.org/>.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: A medal and a Certificate.

Repeat Awards: The 3/16” star device will be used to designate repeat awards.



SCV Commendation Medal

Purpose: The SCV Commendation Medal is presented to members for meritorious service or meritorious achievement at all levels of the SCV. This is a convention/reunion award, but can also be awarded outside the reunion.

Number of Awards: Camps are not limited in the number of nominations for this category but should use their discretion.

Eligibility: All SCV members or Cadets. A member or cadet can receive this award more than once.

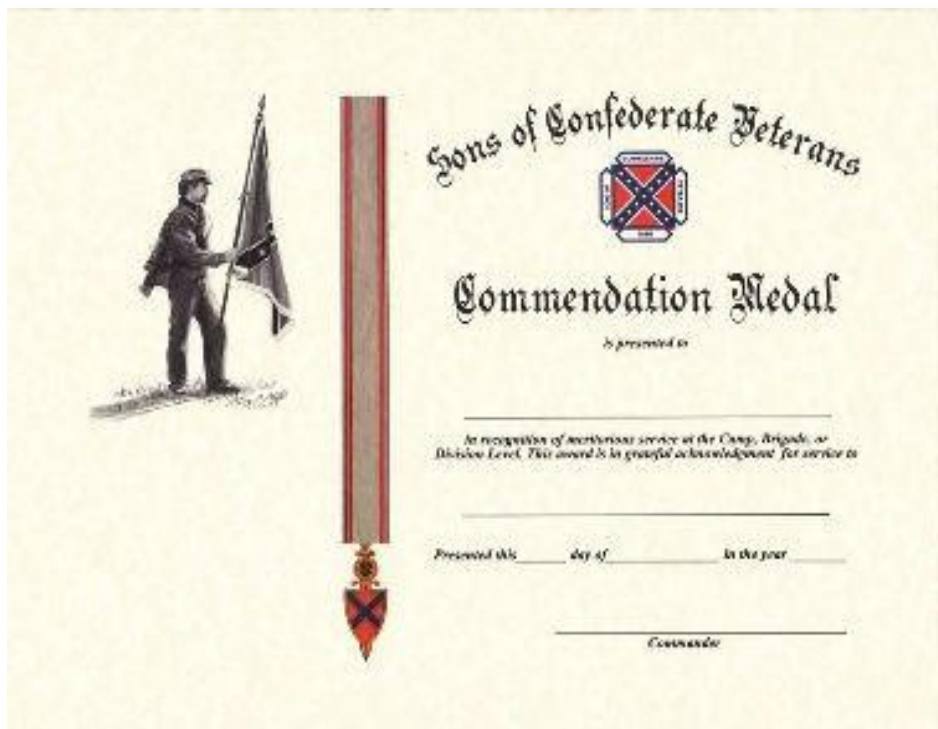
Selection Process: Requesting units must submit nominations on the “Awards Nomination Form” form to the Division Commander for approval. Nominations should clearly state why the individual is deserving of the award. The award should only be given for service above and beyond that which would normally be expected of SCV members. Camp, Brigade, and Division officers may be given this award for exceptional leadership skills in their respective offices.

Form of Award: This award consists of two items: (1) A medal and (2) a Certificate

Repeat Awards: The 3/16” Silver Star device will be used to designate repeat awards.

Presentation: Unless awarded at the reunion, the requesting unit would normally present this; however, the Division Commander may direct an alternate method.

Cost of Award: The cost of the award will be borne by the requesting unit. Awards given by the Commander-in-Chief at the reunion will be paid for by GHQ.



SCV Leadership Award

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

Number of Awards: Camps are not limited in the number of nominations for this category but should use their discretion.

Eligibility: Any SCV or Cadet 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. A member or cadet can receive this award more than once.

Selection Process: Any SCV member or Camp may submit nominations on an “Awards Nominations Form” to the Division Commander for approval. Award Nomination forms are available on the SCV Website <https://scv.org/>

Form of Award: Certificate.



Superior Achievement Award

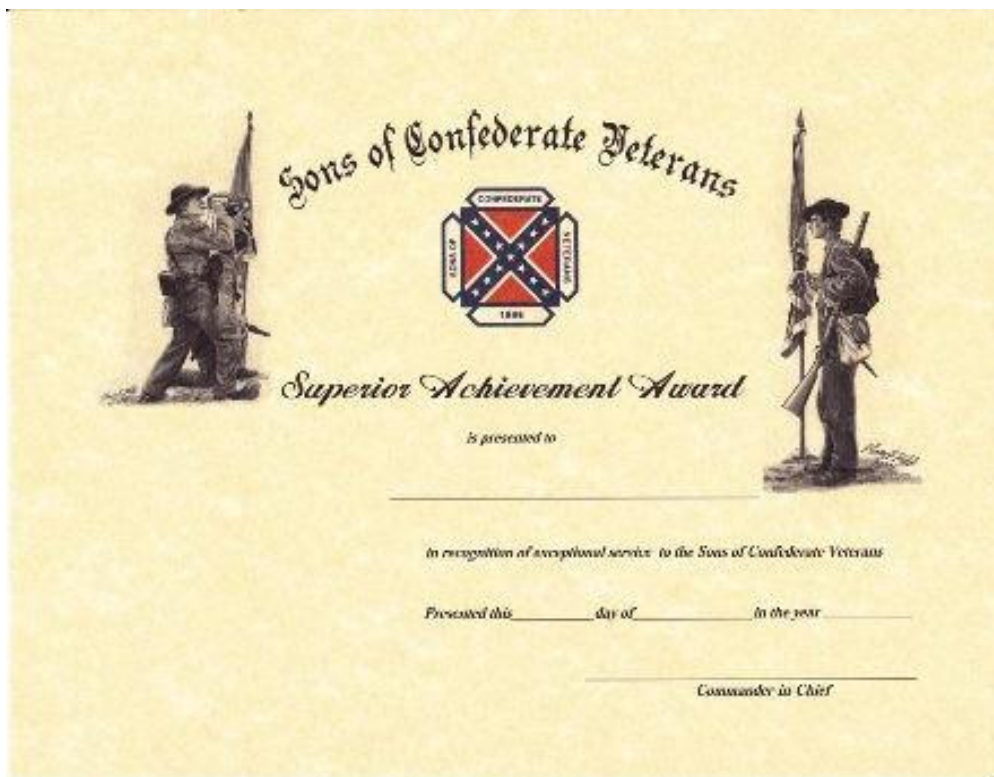
Purpose: This award is given to individuals in appreciation for superior services or achievements to the SCV. This is a convention/reunion medal.

Number of Awards: Camps are not limited to the number of nominations per year for this category but should use their discretion.

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. A member can receive this award more than once.

Selection Process: Any SCV member or Camp may submit nominations on an “Awards Nomination Form” to the Division Commander for approval. Award Nomination Forms are available on the SCV website: <https://scv.org/>.

Form of Award: Certificate.



Dixie Club

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

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

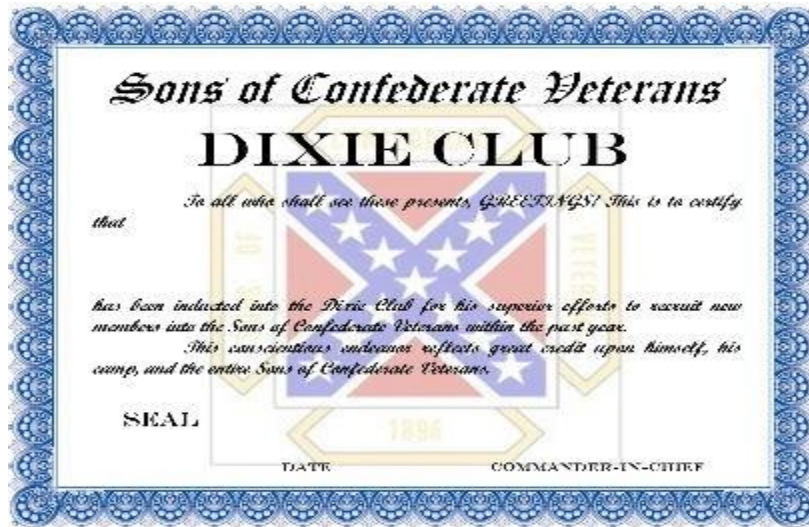
Eligibility: Any SCV member, based on the number of new members recruited per fiscal year:

- 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: This award is not applied for. It is calculated based on the new membership records at SCV National HQ for each fiscal year, Aug 1 – July 31. Recruitment numbers do not carry over to the next fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, the count zeros out and does carry over.

Form of Award: This award consists of a certificate and a medal of the appropriate type.

Repeat Awards: The 3/16” silver star device will be used to designate repeat awards.



Bronze



Silver



Gold

General Jo Shelby Award

Purpose: The General Jo Shelby Award honors those members who contribute greatly to the organization by reinstating previous members. This is a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

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

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

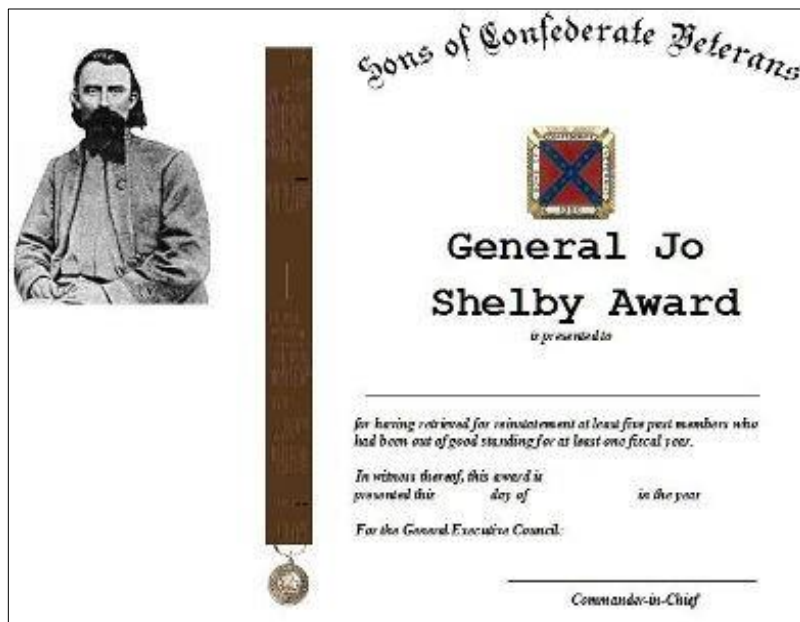
Form of Award: This award consists of: A medal and a certificate.

Repeat Awards: The 3/16" Silver Star device will be used to designate repeat awards.

Named for: In June 1865, rather than surrender, General Shelby and approximately 1,000 of his remaining troops rode south into Mexico. For their determination not to surrender, they were immortalized as "the undefeated." A later verse appended to the angry post-war Confederate anthem,

"The Unreconstructed Rebel" commemorates the defiance of Shelby and his men:

"I won't be reconstructed, I'm better now than then.
And for a Carpetbagger I do not give a damn.
So it's forward to the frontier, as soon as I can go.
I'll fix me up a weapon and start for Mexico."



David O. Dodd-Award

Purpose: The David O Dodd Award is to honor those individuals who contribute greatly to the organization by recruiting new members 12 - 18 years of age. Cadets are not considered to be members. This is a convention/reunion award.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any SCV member. Silver medals are awarded to a compatriot who recruits at least 5 new full members 12 - 18 years of age. Gold medals are awarded to a compatriot who is 21 years of age or younger and recruits at least 5 new full members 12 - 18 years of age. Cadet recruits do not qualify as full members.

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

Form of Award: This award consists of a (1) medal and (2) certificate. Previous winners at the same level will be awarded a star to affix to the previously earned medal.

Repeat Awards: The 3/16" silver star device will be used to designate repeat awards.

Named For: David Owen Dodd (November 10, 1846 – January 8, 1864) was an American 17-year-old who was tried, convicted and hanged as a Confederate spy. In December 1863, Dodd carried some letters to business associates of his father in Union-held Little Rock, Arkansas. While traveling home to Confederate-held Camden, Arkansas, he mistakenly re-entered Union territory. Found to be without a pass, Union soldiers questioned him and discovered that he was carrying a notebook with the locations of Union troops in the area. He was arrested and tried by a military tribunal, with little defense offered for his actions. The tribunal found him guilty of spying and he was hanged for his crime in January 1864. Though Dodd did not reveal the source of the information, a 15-year-old girl named Mary Dodge and her father were summarily escorted back to their home in Vermont. These events have led to David Owen Dodd being called the "Boy Martyr of the Confederacy".

Chapter 6: Camp-Level Individual Merit Awards

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 GHQ. "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 the 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 the "SCV Cross of Honor".

Real Son/Real Daughter Medal

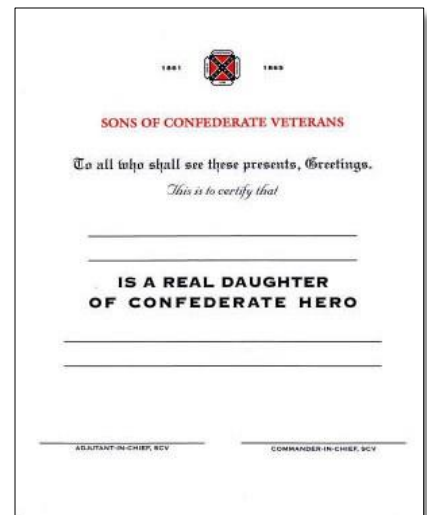
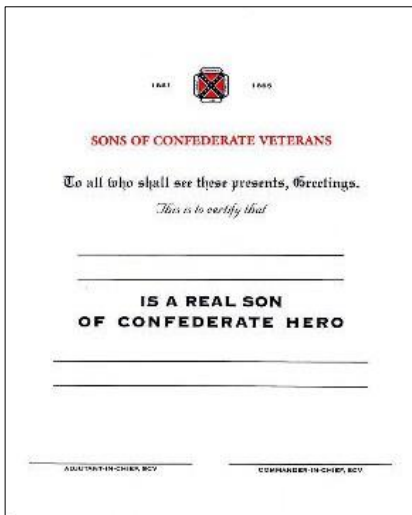
Purpose: This medal is intended to honor those individuals who are our closest living link to the Confederacy, the Real Sons and Real Daughters.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any individual, whose father was a bona fide Confederate Veteran, honorably discharged or deceased in the line of duty. Membership is not required.

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 a medal and a certificate



Grandson / Granddaughter Medal

Purpose: This medal is intended to honor those individuals who are our next closest living link to the Confederacy, the Grandson and Granddaughter.

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

Eligibility: Any individual whose grandfather was a Confederate Veteran who was honorably discharged or deceased in the line of duty. Membership is not required.

Selection Process: Requests for this medal should contain the full name and address of the recipient, a family tree or lineage chart showing the relationship to the veteran, and the name, rank, and organization of the recipient's grandfather.

Form of Award: This award consists of a medal and certificate



No picture available of the Granddaughter's medal/certificate at printing

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 GHQ. 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 a medal.



War Service Medal

Purpose: The War Service Medal is to honor individuals 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 GHQ 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	12/22/1961 - 5/7/1975
Lebanon and Grenada	8/24/1982 - 7/31/1984
Panama	12/20/1989 - 1/31/1990
Persian Gulf, Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield	8/2/1990 - 5/1/2003
Global War on Terrorism	9/11/2001 - CND*
Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan	10/7/2001 - CND*
Operation Iraqi Freedom	3/19/2003 - 12/15/2011
Operation Inherent Resolve	6/15/2014 - CND*

All dates are inclusive.

*CND = Cessation Not Defined.

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; for active duty members, appropriate documentation must be presented to show service. For eligible civilian service, deployment orders placing the applicant in-theatre during one or more of the service periods listed above are issued by a cabinet-level US agency or department.

Form of Award: This award consists of a large medal with one conflict bar. A miniature medal, lapel pin, and additional conflict bars for which the member is authorized are also available for purchase from HQ. The large medal must be purchased before a miniature or lapel pin can be purchased. Contact HQ for pricing.



Certificate of Appreciation

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

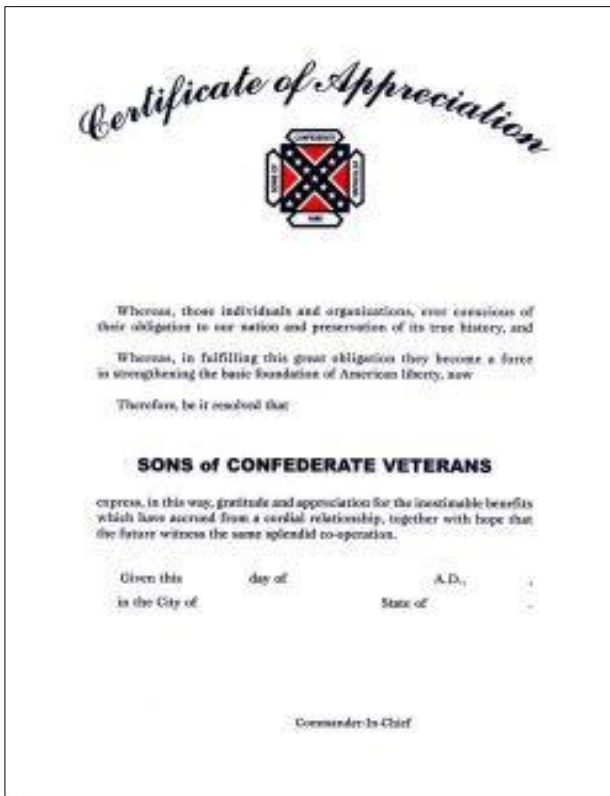
Number of Awards: No annual limit.

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 GHQ for presentation by any SCV unit. Contact merchandising for price.



Member's Medal

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

Number of Awards: No annual limit.

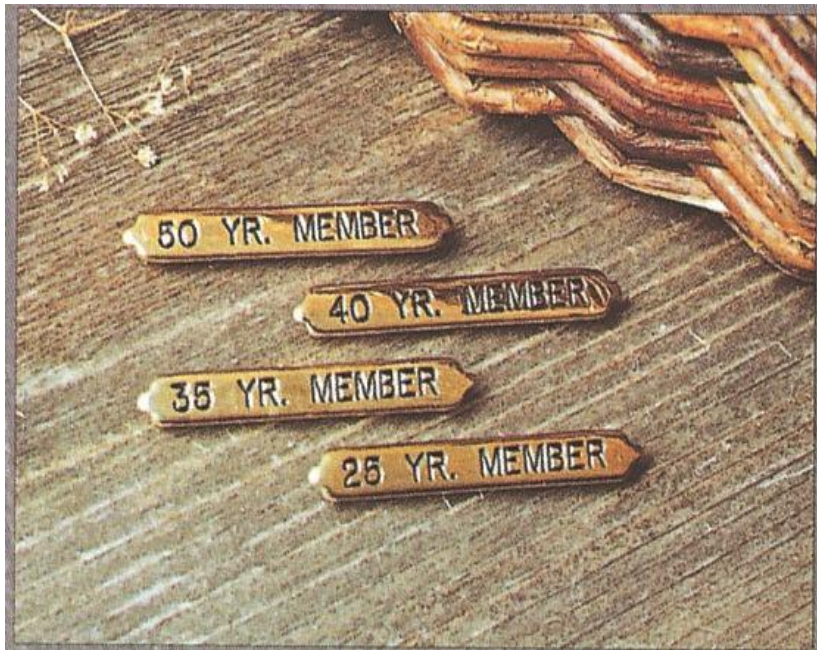
Eligibility: All SCV members.

Form of Award: This medal consists of an official SCV emblem suspended from a gray, red, and white ribbon. The medal is available in large or miniature sizes. Service pins are available to show years of service (like the Service Award for 25 or 50 years of service).

Bars available are

- 5 Years
- 10 Years
- 15 Years
- 20 Years
- 25 Years
- 30 Years
- 35 Years
- 40 Years
- 50 Years

Cost of Award: Contact merchandising for price. [Award can be purchased here.](#)



Service pins



Large



Miniature

Chapter 7: National Achievement Awards (Competitive)

General Information

All of the awards in this section are competitive in nature. Any appropriate SCV unit may submit for these awards. These awards will be presented at an appropriate awards ceremony at the SCV General Convention/Reunion. 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 plaque, streamer or certificate unless otherwise noted. The annual basis for each award shall be from June 1 of the previous year to May 31 of the current year, unless otherwise indicated.

Separate entries are required for each award. The cost of all awards will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

General William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award

Purpose: The "Distinguished Camp Award," is presented to the most excellent camp in the SCV, as determined by the total scoring of all the various categories on the award entry form. These categories cover membership growth/retention, and a number of other characteristics of an active, energetic camp. There are also two tiebreaker questions.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp.

Award Entry Form Required: Award entry forms are available for downloading on our website www.scv.org

Selection Process: Camps must submit an entry on the current year's form with supporting documentation to the Awards Committee by **June 15**. Entries will be scored by the Awards Committee. In the event of a tie, tiebreakers listed on the entry form will determine the winner. If a tie still exists, the Camp with the greatest annual membership growth percentage will be declared the winner.

Form of Award: The camp with the highest score on the award entry form will be presented the

General William D. McCain Distinguished Camp Award

Awarded to the highest scoring camp is a white streamer trimmed in gold and a plaque at the Annual National Convention Awards Luncheon.

The "**Superior Camp Award**" is presented to the highest-scoring camp from each Army is a red streamer trimmed in gold and a certificate.

The winner of the McCain Distinguish Camp Award is not eligible for the "Superior Camp Award."

The "**Outstanding Camp Award**" is presented to the second highest-scoring camp in each Army is a grey streamer in color.

Named for: General William D. McCain was born March 29, 1907, in Bellefontaine, MS. He joined the Mississippi National Guard in 1924, served with General Mark Clark in Italy during WW2, and also served in the Korean War. He was Major General in the Mississippi National Guard, fifth president of the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State Archivist, and is credited with re-founding the SCV and serving as Adjutant-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from 1957 until his death in 1993.

Christopher G. Memminger Award

Purpose: To recognize the camp, brigade, division or army making the largest monetary donation during the fiscal year to the SCV National Confederate Museum.

Eligibility: Any subdivision of the SCV.

Selection Process: The winner of this award will be determined by the records kept at GHQ.

Form of Award: An embroidered streamer and a certificate on a plaque to be presented annually at the National Reunion.

Named for: Christopher Gustavus Memminger was born on January 9, 1803, in Germany and immigrated to Charleston, SC with his mother after his father died. He graduated from South Carolina College in 1819, studied law, and became an attorney. Memminger was elected to the SC State Legislature in 1836 and served as a delegate to the SC Secession Convention in 1860. Memminger was appointed the first Secretary of the Confederate Treasury by President Jefferson Davis and served from 1861-1864.

General Samuel Cooper Website Award

Purpose: This award is given to the unit maintaining the best Website in the SCV. This is a convention/reunion award.

Eligibility: Any SCV unit.

Selection Process: SCV units should submit nominations to the Awards form on the scv.org homepage by **May 15** of each year that they wish to have their Website entered into the competition. Notification must be submitted on the form found on the website. Notifications should provide the URL for the website. 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 website 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 website, or in a published judging form maintained by GHQ and available upon request.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named for: Gen. Samuel Cooper. On May 16, 1861, Cooper was promoted to full general in the Confederate Army. He was one of five men promoted to the grade at that time and one of only seven during the war but with the earliest date of rank. Thus, despite his relative obscurity today, he outranked such luminaries as Albert Sidney Johnston, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, and P.G.T. Beauregard. Cooper reported directly to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He was a career United States Army officer serving during the Second Seminole War and the Mexican War.

Dr. James B. Butler Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Army, Division, Brigade, 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 Army, Division, Brigade, Camp, or individual member.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Selection Process: A detailed report of the project must be delivered by mail, UPS, FedEx, or Email to **all members of the Awards Committee** by May 15 of each year. 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.

General Stand Watie Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp or Division making the largest average contribution to the Stand Watie Scholarship Fund of at least \$100.00 or more during the fiscal year.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp or Division.

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

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named for: General Stand Watie. Stand Watie, Degataga (Cherokee: meaning stand firm)/ Isaac S. Watie was a leader of the Cherokee Nation and a brigadier general of the Confederate States Army. He commanded the Confederate Indian cavalry of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi, made up mostly of Cherokee, Muskogee, and Seminole Indians.

Lt Gen Richard Taylor/Will Mason Award

Purpose: This award is presented to the Camp or Division making the largest average contribution to the Taylor/Mason Fund of at least \$100.00 or more during the fiscal year.

Eligibility: Any SCV camp or Division.

Selection Process: The winner shall be reported to the SCV Awards Committee by the Executive Director.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named for: Lt Gen Richard Taylor through his name sake camp and the late member Will Mason. These are the source of the initial donation that founded this fund.

Recruiting Awards

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 for more than one year.

Selection Process: The winner of this award will be determined by records at GHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning camp.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named For: General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He was most noted as one of the first men to grasp the doctrines of "mobile warfare" that became prevalent in the 20th century. Paramount in his strategy was fast movement, even if it meant pushing his horses at a fatal pace, which he did more than once.

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: The winner of this award will be determined by records at GHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Division.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named For: Gen. A.P. Hill, who was most noted for his early fame as the commander of "Hill's Light Division" in the Seven Days Battles and became one of Stonewall Jackson's ablest subordinates, distinguishing himself in the 1862 battles of Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Sharpsburg, and Fredericksburg. Before the war, he was a career U.S. Army officer in the Mexican War and Seminole Wars.

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: The winner of this award will be determined by records at GHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Army.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Named For: General Albert Sidney Johnston, Confederate President Jefferson Davis considered Gen. Johnston to be the finest general officer in the Confederacy before the emergence of Robert E. Lee. He was killed early in the war at the Battle of Shiloh and was the highest-ranking officer, Union or Confederate, killed during the entire war. Davis believed the loss of Johnston "was the turning point of our fate". He also served as a general in the Texas Army and the United States Army. He saw extensive combat during his military career, fighting actions in the Texas War of Independence, the Mexican War, the Utah War, and the War Between the States.

Edward L. Darling Recruiting Award

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

Eligibility: Any SCV member.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Selection Process: The winner of this award will be determined by records at GHQ.

Scrapbook Awards

General Information: The judging criteria for all scrapbooks are the same. Scrapbooks will be judged at the convention by the committee.

Selection Process: Completed scrapbooks must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the SCV Headquarters Table at the General Convention site by 9:00 AM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries.

Required Content: The following guidelines will be used for judging.

1. Size
 - a. Scrapbook shall not include more than 100 pages, NOT including the title page.
 - b. Select the best 100 pages of your activities (50 pages front and back) Book will not be disqualified for more than 100 pages, but 10 points will be deducted from the final score.
2. Contents

Each Book will be judged on creativity, organization, presentation, and completeness and must contain the following:

 - a. Title Page must include the name of the Camp, address, division, and the Camp year dates
 - b. A Table of Contents including event and date for each page
 - c. Camp Membership Roster
 - d. List of Camp Officers
 - e. Each page must have event information and date somewhere on page
 - f. Journaling: useful and meaningful information about the subject/activity is given
3. The cover must include the name of the Camp, the number, and the year.
4. Cover will be judged on creativity, design, and sturdy construction
5. Camp scrapbook shall **ONLY** include data for the Camp year listed on the Title Page (National Convention/Reunion Dates Aug to July)
6. The scrapbooks will be judged on creativity, organization, presentation, and completeness
7. All materials shall be entered chronologically by month. *Collage pages with multiple dates on a page are allowed. (Such as event pages covering several dates from planning to event)*
8. Judging:

Scrapbook judging will be accomplished using the scoring sheet found in Appendix A. Scrapbooks will be judged based on the following maximum points (Maximum of 130):

a) Cover	20 points
b) Contents	30 points
c) Organization	20 points
d) Artistic	30 points
e) Overall Effect	30 points
9. The winner will be the scrapbook with the highest score.
10. In the event of a tie, those tying entries will be re-judged by the Awards Committee Chairman.

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 tell the story of the camp's activities during the past year?).

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Camps are responsible for picking up their scrapbooks at the conclusion of the SCV Reunion from the GHQ vending area.

Newsletter Awards

S.A. Cunningham Award

PURPOSE: This award is presented to the camp publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

Eligibility: Any SCV Camp. Due to a lack of entries, there will be one award this year.

General Information

Editors or camp commanders who wish to enter their newsletter must send electronically an entire year's (June – May) publications for judging at one time.

Selection Process: All entries must contain a statement containing the following: (1) Name and location of camp, (2) Publication schedule, and (3) Editor's name and address.

Camps should forward electronically each issue (June-May) to each member of the Awards Committee by May 15 of each year. No entries will be returned. 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. See Appendix B Grading sheet.

Form of award: Engraved plaque.

Named for: Sumner Archibald Cunningham was the original editor of Confederate Veteran Magazine, published from 1893 - 1932.

DeWitt Smith Jobe Award

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

Eligibility: Any SCV Division.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque.

Name For: "DeWitt Smith Jobe, a member of Coleman's Scouts, CSA, was captured in a cornfield about 1 1/2 miles west of Murfreesboro, Tennessee on Aug. 29, 1864, by a patrol from the 115th Ohio Cavalry. Swallowing his dispatches, he was mutilated and tortured to make him reveal the contents. He refused and was dragged to death behind a galloping horse." A roadside marker on U. S. Highway 31A in Williamson County between Triune and Nolensville, Tennessee tells about the tragic death of Jobe.

Chapter 9: Authorized Insignia

General Information

Following is 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 regarding the placement of these devices. See the next section for details.

National Officers Rank / Officer Medals

The following insignia consists 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.

Note: Neck ribbons are to be worn with a long-sleeved dress shirt and tie. Additionally, the medallions for the above insignia may also be worn on the right breast of a business suit or blazer as an informal alternative to display on the official neck ribbon for that office.

Army Department Commanders and Councilman

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

Army of Northern Virginia Commander	Red, with a centered Gray Stripe.
Army of Northern Virginia Councilman	Red, with 2 centered Gray Stripes.
Army of Tennessee	Yellow, with a centered Gray Stripe.
Army of Tennessee	Yellow, with 2 centered Gray Stripes.
Army of Trans-Mississippi	Light Blue, with a centered Gray Stripe.
Army of Trans-Mississippi	Light Blue, with 2 centered Gray Stripes.

Note: Neck ribbons are to be worn with a long sleeve dress shirt and tie.

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.

Note: Neck ribbons are to be worn with a Long-sleeved dress shirt and tie.

Insignia of Past Service

Past Department/Army and Division commanders may continue to wear the designated badge of office by affixing a 1/4" silver star to the neck ribbon in the center of the ribbon, immediately above the SCV medallion.

Note: Neck ribbons are to be worn with a long-sleeved dress shirt and tie.

Brigade and Camp Rank /Officer Medals

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: Commander, Lt Commander, Brigade Commander, Div. Lt Commander, Adjutant, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, Quartermaster, Treasurer, Historian, Surgeon, and Judge Advocate. Rank insignia are also available for Past Commanders and Past Adjutants. Pictures of these medals may be seen on the SCV Store at <https://scv.org>.

Protocol for wearing medals and insignia

General

This section provides some guidelines on the wearing of medals on civilian clothes and Confederate uniforms. These guidelines generally follow those used by the US Armed Services. Some general terminology: "Award Medals" are those earned by the individual through personal effort--e.g., Distinguished Service Medal, SCV Commendation Medal, etc. Rank / Officers Medals are those badges of office, in medal form, such as the Camp Commander's Medal. "Service Medals" are the medals given to groups for a particular 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 a 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 wear Award Medals on informal outdoor wear, e.g. shirts, jackets, or vests. Don't wear Award Medals to reenactments. Don't wear any medals that you didn't personally earn. Descendants, for example, should not wear medals earned by their ancestors. Don't wear US Military medals/decorations on Confederate uniforms or combine them with SCV medals. Don't mix SCV medals with those of other heritage organizations (only MOS&B and UDC are authorized. See "Precedence of Medals below").

Mounting of Medals on Clothing

On tuxedos, business suits, or sports jackets that have breast pockets, all award and service medals will be pinned above the left breast pocket with a medal device hanging just above the upper edge of the pocket. Do not wear 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 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 ten miniature medals, overlapping of medals on each row is acceptable (mounted on a bar). This will allow more medals to be placed in a single row. Medals should not overlap more than 50%. If a medal has different levels (Dixie Club), only the highest level received is to be worn. Do not overlap full-sized medals. Rank / Officers Medals will be pinned on the right breast pocket, even with the left breast pocket. On Confederate uniform or formal attire without breast pockets, the positioning of the medals should approximate that for the wearing of the same medals in civilian attire as indicated above.

Note: All full-size medals are being phased out in favor of miniature medals. Only Rank / Officers medals will remain full size. Miniature medals to replace any full-size medals previously awarded are available for sale from HQ.

Precedence of Medals

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 are MOS&B medals, followed by UDC medals. Precedence of all medals should start from the inside and work outward (L-R when being viewed), with the individual's highest-ranking medal on the inside (L). Neck ribbon insignia medals may be worn anytime Award Medals or Insignia Medals are appropriate. Only one such neck ribbon will 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. Graves Award Medal
4. Rev. J. Williams Jones Christian Service Medal
5. Heritage Defense Medal
6. Distinguished Service Medal
7. Meritorious Service Medal
8. SCV Commendation Medal
9. SCV War Service Medal
10. David O. Dodd Medal
11. General Jo Shelby Medal
12. Dixie Club Medal Gold
13. Dixie Club Medal Silver
14. Dixie Club Medal Bronze
15. SCV Member's Medal

Appendix A – Judging Criteria - Scrapbook

Camp Name & # _____ Division _____ Judge _____

Membership Total _____

Note to judges:

Please note that each subcategory under the five categories is assigned a maximum point value.

- Write these point values in the spaces provided to the left, then total the points and write the total score for each category on the total point line.
- Camps are not given specific guidelines for any of the categories below other than the information provided on this judging form.
- Do not impose or add any of your own rules or guidelines that Camps were not required to submit.

I. Cover (20 points, maximum) _____ (Total points)

Camp Name, Year, Membership #s (1 point each, 3 total)

Creative use of materials (6 points)

Attractive design (6 points)

Sturdy construction (5 points)

II. Content (30 points, maximum) _____ (Total points)

List of Camp Officers (5 points)

List of Camp Members Honor Roll (5 points)

Variety of membership information and Camp activities (10 points)

Page identified event and date (5 points)

Journalism: meaningful info about the subject/activity is given (5 points)

III. Organization (20 points, maximum) _____ (Total points)

Chronological order (5 points)

Creativity of organization (10 points)

Consistency of theme (5 points)

IV. Artistic Quality (30 points, maximum) _____ (Total points)

Artwork/layout (10 points)

Color coordination of materials (10 points)

Style and design (10 points)

Originality: the overall design is unique

Theme: enhances the photos & is visually pleasing

V. Overall Effect (30 points, maximum) _____ (Total points)

Activity level of the Camp in the community (10 points)

Originality and creativity in assembling the scrapbook (5 points)

Completeness and thoroughness of the scrapbook (5 points)

WOW factor (10 points)

Total Points for Scrapbook _____ (130 maximum)

Appendix B – Judging Criteria – Newsletter Grade Sheet

Newsletter Grade Sheet

Judge Initials

Camp / Division _____

SECTION I
Provided statement information
and Published Schedule

6 Points Maximum
 (1 for each section
 unless noted)

1. Editors name and address given:

Add 1 point if Yes

(This was added because some Divisions submitted in the past with no mention of the who the editor was.)

2. Publication Schedule:

Published Quarterly?

1 point each publication **(Max 4)**

3. Distribution outside the SCV:

Add 1 point for each entity listed below **(Max 5 points)**

(Educational, businesses, government officials, museums and historical organizations)

Total Points Section I

SECTION IV
Editorial Staff and Officer
(Is there enough?)

15 Points Maximum
 (Max 5 each)

1. Officer Input:

2. Committees Input:

3. Functions reported:

Total Points Section IV

SECTION V
Historical Content
(Is there enough?)

10 Points Maximum
 (Max 5 each)

1. Content Level:

2. Originality of articles:

Total Points Section V

SECTION II
Format/Design

50 Points Maximum
 (Max 10 each)

1. Grammar/Style (errors?):

2. Craftsmanship (structure):

3. Originality:

4. Artwork level:

5. Overall look:

Total Points Section II

SECTION III
Camp, National, Division News
(Is there enough?)

15 Points Maximum
 (Max 5 each)

1. Camp coverage:

2. Division Coverage:

3. National Coverage:

Total Points Section III

Section	Points Awarded	
I		
II		
III		
IV		
V		
Total Score:		

Provide constructive comments below: