

GEN. N.B. FORREST COMPATRIOT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rationale: No explanation necessary! Gen. Robert E. Lee said that Forrest was the best of all Southern soldiers, so our "best Compatriot" award should be named in Forrest's honor. Presented to the "Best All-Around Compatriot" in the Mississippi Division during the past 12 months.

Criteria: Member in Good Standing, Mississippi Division, SCV; Degree of participation at Camp, Brigade, and/or Division level; Recruiting Efforts; Involvement in and support of the Division, Division projects and other Confederate activities in the Division.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Terry Arthur – Calhoun Avengers Camp 1969
2022 Forrest Daws – Samuel H. Powe Camp 255
2021 Michael Putnam – East Mississippi Greys Camp 1666
2020 No Award Given
2019 Daryl Ladner - Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373
2018 Michael Putnam - East MS Greys Camp 1666
2017 Daryl Ladner - Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373
2016 Joseph Abbott - Stockdale Rangers Camp 1861
2015 Leroy Waller - Live Oaks Rifles Camp 2236
2013 & 2014 Greg Stewart – University Grays Camp 1803
2012 Tim Cupit – Ranking Rough & Readies Camp 265

GEN STEPHEN DILL LEE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rationale: Gen. S.D. Lee lived a long and productive life, making many contributions to Mississippi beyond his exemplary war service and still being very active in Confederate Heritage activities well into the 20th Century. He was a post-war political and educational leader. He even gave us "the Charge" by which we conduct ourselves.

Criteria: Member in good standing for at least 10 years of the Mississippi Division, SCV, and outstanding service to the Division and Confederation over an extended period of time.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Jim Huffman – Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2022 Daryl Ladner - Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2021 Wayne McMaster – LTG John C. Pemberton Camp 1354

2020 No Award Given

2019 John Echols – Pvt. Samuel Hughey Camp 1452

2018 Bill Hinson - Lowry Rifles Camp 1740

2017 Dan McCaskill - B/G Humphreys Camp 1625

2016 Charles Sullivan, PhD - Sam Davis Camp 596

2015 George Jaynes - Jones County Rosin Heels Camp 227

2013 Lamar Roberts

2012 Wallace Mason

J.Z. GEORGE HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD

Criteria: Mississippi public official at municipal, county, or state level, OR a non-elected, private person; Demonstrated the greatest support for the preservation of Mississippi's Confederate history and heritage during the past 12 months.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 No Award Given
2022 Mayor Jim Luke
2021 No Award Given
2020 No Award Given
2019 Andy & Andrew Soper of Our State Flag Foundation
2018 Oran Thomas
2017 Rep. Steven Palazzo
2016 Trent Lewis, 3rd Brigade Councilman
2015 Kimble Johnson, Lt. Col. (USAF, Ret.)
2014 Judge James L. Roberts
2012 Gen. William Barksdale Camp #1220

A.J. FRANTZ MEDIA AWARD

Criteria: Mississippi media entity or individual; Contributed the most to the promotion or defense of Mississippi's Confederate history and heritage in the past year.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Super Dave on Coast 102 FM

2022 Mike Lacy – WLOX-TV

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Tristan Ruppert - WLOX-TV

2018 WXXV-TV 25 Biloxi

2017 WXXV-TV 25 Biloxi

2015 John Fitzhugh - The Biloxi Sun Herald

2013 WLOX-TV Channel 13 Biloxi, MS

2012 Poplarville Democrat, editor Butch Weir, and The Review (Jones County), editor Mark Thornton

JOHN L. HARRIS HERITAGE AWARD

Criteria: African-American member or non-member of the SCV (given the esteemed namesake of the award); Made the greatest contribution, during the past 12 months, to the preservation, support and/or defense of Mississippi's Confederate history and heritage;

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 No Award Given

2022 Charles Pendleton

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Rienzi Mayor Walter Williams

2018 Jeremy Quarshie

2017 DeBorah Simpson

2016 Al Arnold

2015 Rev. Lee Floyd

WALTER X. BROOME YOUNG COMPATRIOT AWARD

Criteria: Member in good standing, Mississippi Division, SCV; Most outstanding young compatriot between the ages of 12 and 16 years old.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Jack Dupont Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373 & Kaidyn White Rankin Greys Camp 2278

2022 Jack DuPont Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Sam Hancock, Marion's Men Camp 653

2018 Brayden Gray, Rankin Rough & Ready's Camp 265

2017 Ian McKay, Rankin Greys Camp 2278

2016 Alexander Allen, Lowry Rifles Camp 1740

2015 Ryan Caviness, Tippah Tigers Camp 868

BEAUVOIR AWARD

Rationale: This award was originally created as a one-time award to honor distinguished former MS Division Adjutant, Tom Waggener, who was a major force behind the establishment of the original JD Presidential Library. It has been amended to honor that person, those persons, that institution, or that group that has done the most to enhance the visitor experience at Beauvoir. Winner to be selected solely by (1) the Executive Director of Beauvoir, (2) the Acting Executive Director of Beauvoir (in the absence of a full-time Executive Director of Beauvoir), or (3) that Beauvoir staff member who is most responsible for Tours, Promotion, and Development of Beauvoir (in the absence of the two first-named selectors).

Winner can be an SCV Member or non-SCV Member. Since the Director of Beauvoir can always issue his/her own Certificates or Letters of Appreciation, strong consideration for the Beauvoir Award specifically should be given to the living historians (both staff and non-staff) who volunteer so many hours to make the visitor experience at Beauvoir special.

Criteria: That person, those persons, that institution, or that group that has done the most to enhance the visitor experience at Beauvoir. Recipient need not be an SCV member.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 James Loew (Volunteer), Daniel Miller (Staff), Beau Ladner (Living Historian)

2022 Penny Powell (Volunteer) and Harry Reichner (Beauvoir Staff)

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Steve Thoms (Living Historian) and Kitsaa Stevens (Beauvoir Staff)

2018 Melissa Aycok

2017 Alan Spence, Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2016 Seven Stars Artillery

2015 Patrick Alford

2013 Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2012 Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

COL. CHARLES E. HOOKER PUBLICATION AWARD

Rationale: A longtime MS political leader, Col. Hooker served in the artillery, lost an arm during the Siege of Vicksburg, and then became a colonel of cavalry. He was a member of Jefferson Davis' legal team when the President was incarcerated after the war. He wrote the "Mississippi" volume of the major Southern-perspective book series, "Confederate Military History."

Criteria: Best published work on Mississippi Confederate history; Must be 50 pages or more in length; Published within the past two calendar years; Submission of nomination letter and 1 copy of the work.

Following review by the Awards Committee, submitted publications will be donated to the Presidential Library.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 No Award Given

2022 Larry McCluney, "In General Beauregard's Defense"

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Larry McCluney, "On to Vicksburg" and Jane K. Sullivan, "Stories in Stone"

2018 Scott Bell, "The Camel Regiment"

2017 Larry McCluney, B.G. Humphreys Camp 1625, "The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust into the Delta"

2016 Grady Howell, Jefferson Davis Camp 635, "Shiloh! Place of Peace, Piece of Hell: Likenesses of Shiloh & Corinth"

2015 John McBryde, "The Battle of West Point: Confederate Triumph at Ellis Bridge"

2013 Larry Hawkins, "Flags Used By Mississippi During the War Between the States"

2012 Dr. Brandon Beck, "The Battle of Okolona: Defending the Mississippi Prairie"

COL. WILLIAM H. MOORE RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rationale: Col. William Hudson Moore formed the 11th MS Infantry, was wounded in VA, and received permission to return to MS and recruit another regiment, which became the famed 43rd MS Infantry (the "Camel Regiment"). Moore was mortally wounded while heroically leading the deepest Confederate penetration into the heart of Corinth at the Battle of Corinth, MS, in Oct. 1862. The fact that he recruited not one, but two regiments, speaks to his ability as a recruiter and leader of men.

Criteria: Awarded to the member who recruited the most new members during the current year; Member in good standing, Mississippi Division, SCV; Identified by SCV IHQ as being the Division member who recruited the most new members during the current year.

Recognition will be given to members recruiting over 5 new members during the current year.

Note: The Awards Committee itself will contact SCV IHQ to ascertain the winner of this distinguished award.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Charles "Chuck" Landry, Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321

2022 Charles Hayes

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Marty Hubbard

2018 Charles E. Gray

2017 Donald Wright, Captain C.B. Vance Camp 1669

2016 Charles Gray, Rankin Rough and Readys Camp 265, & Charles E. Barton, Col. J. A. Orr Camp 2271

2015 Charles Gray, Rankin Rough and Ready's Camp 265

2013 Tim Cupit, Rankin Rough and Ready's Camp 265, and Larry Mangus, Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321

PHILIP H. FALL TELEGRAPHIC AWARD

Rationale: Philip Hadley Fall (a native Mississippian) was one of the telegraphers who transmitted word of Sherman's impending surprise attack at Chickasaw Bayou, Dec. 1862, to Confederate authorities at Vicksburg. Proposed an Army Telegraphic Corps to Confederate leaders in Texas in March 1865. See his papers in Confederate Citizens Papers at fold3.com.

Note: The reason for making the award a "telegraphic" award is that virtually all newsletters are now electronic. There will continue to be both a "small Camp" (fewer than 50 members) and a "large Camp" (50 or more members) award.

PLEASE SPECIFY whether you are making a nomination for the Small Camp or the Large Camp newsletter award!

Criteria: Best camp newsletter during the past 12 months; Judge on the 100 point scale set for the SCV National Newsletter Award:

Format	20 pts.
Camp News	35 pts.
Historical Content	25 pts.
National/Division/Local News.....	15 pts.
Editorials	5 pts.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER NOTE: Newsletters are now almost universally electronic. If you wish to nominate a newsletter for one of the newsletter awards, you MUST email copies of at least two issues of said newsletter to Awards Chair Greg Stewart at ioegregorystewart@gmail.com so he can share those issues with the Awards Committee.

However, if any newsletter editor whose newsletter is not available electronically would like to nominate their newsletter, then that editor MUST contact the Awards Chair and notify him that said editor will be bringing copies of at least two of his recent newsletters to the Division Convention where judging for the newsletter awards will then take place.

It is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED that electronic submissions be made for the newsletter awards.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023: Large Camp – "Rankin Dispatch" Rankin Rough and Readys Camp 265; Small Camp – "Gainesville Volunteers Volley" Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373

2022 John Echols "The Southern Comfort" Private Samuel A. Hughey Camp 1452 (Large Camp) and Jessie Riggs "The Charge" Lt General S.D. Lee's Caledonia Rifles Camp 2140 (Small Camp)

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 John Echols "The Southern Comfort", Larry McCluney "The Delta General"

2018 John Echols "The Southern Comfort" (Large Camp), Allen Terrell "The Defender" (Small Camp)

2017 & 2016 Gen. William Barksdale Camp 1220 -- Barksdale's Mississippians, & Sam Davis Camp 596 – The Scout

2015 General William Barksdale Camp 1220 -- Barksdale's Mississippians

2013 & 2014 Small Camp -- General William Barksdale Camp 1220 -- Barksdale's Mississippians

2014 Large Camp -- Rankin Rough and Ready's Camp 265 -- Rankin Dispatch

2012 Samuel A. Hughey Camp -- The Southern Comfort & Gen. William Barksdale Camp -- Barksdale's Mississippians

COL. JOHN L. POWER SCRAPBOOK AWARD

Rationale: Col. Power was a MS newspaper man, served in the artillery during the early part of the war, and was made Superintendent of Army Records for the State of MS. He was largely responsible for collecting and preserving many of the records that non-soldier Dunbar Rowland would later use to write "Military History of Mississippi."

Criteria: Editors of scrapbook must be Members in good standing, Mississippi Division, SCV; Best scrapbook in the Division during the past 12 months; Judged on the 100 point scale set for the SCV National Scrapbook Award.

Format 20 pts.
Cover 10 pts.
Title Page 10 pts.
Namesake 10 pts.
Roster 50 pts.
Other Material 10 pts.
Organization/Appearance 10 pts.

Camp scrapbooks will be judged at the convention. They are to be submitted to the Committee Chairman upon arrival at the convention on Friday afternoon or night. The committee will review the scrapbooks Friday evening (if all entries have been received) or Saturday morning.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 No Award Given
2022 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263
2021 Rankin Rough & Readies Camp 265
2020 No Award Given
2019 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263
2018 Tippah Tigers Camp 868
2013, 2014, 2015, & 2017 Tippah Tigers Camp 868
2012 Brig/Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp 1625 & Jones County Rosin Heels Camp 227

JEFFERSON DAVIS CAMP OF THE YEAR AWARD

Criteria: Best “all around camp” during the past 12 months with awards going to a Large Camp (50 or more members) and a Small Camp (Less than 50 members). Narrative supporting nomination should describe percentage of membership increase or decrease; number of Real Grandsons; number of regular meetings; number and description of special meetings or events (Lee-Jackson Dinners, Confederate Memorial Services, etc.); description of special projects and publications (newsletters and/or scrapbooks); participation in other SCV activities (events at Beauvoir, Division and National Conventions, workshops, etc.); and financial support of Confederate projects (Beauvoir, Division projects, “Elm Springs,” etc.).

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Large Camp Sam Davis Camp 596; Small Camp Greene Co. Gaines Warriors Camp 2215
2022 Large Camp Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263 & Rankin Greys Camp 2278 & Small Camp Calhoun Avengers Camp 1969
2021 No Award Given
2020 No Award Given
2019 Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321
2018 Gainesville Volunteers, Camp 373
2017 Rankin Rough and Ready's Camp 265
2016 Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321
2015 Tippah Tigers Camp 868
2013 & 2014 Recipient - Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321
2012 Colonel W. P. Rogers Camp 321 & Tippah Tigers Camp 868

SUPERIOR CAMP AWARD

Rationale: To recognize those Camps that set the standard for all Camps to aspire to.

Criteria: The following set of criteria must be met in order to be considered for the Superior Camp Award. There can be multiple awards presented, or no award presented in any given year.

1. Membership – Must remain even or increase from the previous year.
2. Dues - All dues must be paid on time.
3. Division Reunion Attendance – Must have at least one (1) member attend.
4. Annual National Report turned in on time.
5. Annual Division Report turned in on time.
6. Change of Officer Report turned in on time (if applicable).
7. Social Media/Online Activity – Must have an active social media account OR have an up to date Camp website.
8. Memorial Services – Must have hosted or participated in at least one (1) event, not including Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir.
9. Community Project – Participate in at least one (1) parade, reenactment, recruiting booth, fundraiser for a charity, cemetery clean-up, etc.
10. Confederate Memorial Day or Fall Muster – Must have at least one (1) member participate.

GEN. WILLIAM BARKSDALE BRIGADE COMMANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rationale: Gen. William Barksdale held many military posts, both in the Mexican War and the Civil War. He was known as one of the original "Fire-Eaters." Died while heroically leading his all-Mississippi brigade at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Criteria: Brigade Commander, Mississippi Division, SCV; Demonstration of the most effective leadership during the past year in terms of organizing new camps, supporting existing camps, supporting division projects and activities, compliance with reporting requirements, and promotion of Confederate Heritage within his brigade.

BRIGADE COMMANDER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE MADE BY DIVISION-LEVEL OFFICERS ONLY.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2022 John Wiggins, 2nd Brigade

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Dennis Brown, 2nd Brigade

2018 Trent Williams, 3rd Brigade

2017 Bill Latham, 2nd Brigade

2016 Don Green, 5th Brigade Commander

2015 Bill Latham

2014 Bill Latham

2012 2nd Brig. Commander William "Buddy" Ellis and 4th Brigade Commander "Boo" White

GENERAL WILLIAM BARKSDALE BRIGADE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Criteria: Best “all around Brigade” for the past 12 months. This will be judged in a manner similar to the Camp of the Year Award. The best brigade in the division each year will promote more interaction among the individual camps within the brigades. This will also create a sense of pride in one’s respective brigade. The award would be presented to and accepted by the Brigade officers, as to recognize their leadership; but the award itself would be for the entire Brigade as to recognize the hard work of everyone.

Criteria: Similar to the camps of the year awards, there are no specific things a brigade must do in order to win. Things to consider would be new camp charters, assisting the division in ways above and beyond, major projects, etc.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 2nd Brigade

FATHER ABRAM JOSEPH RYAN GRAVES AWARD

Criteria: This award is to be presented annually to the individual who has shown significant dedication to our Southern Heritage by recording for posterity the graves of our fallen heroes, as stipulated in the Selection Criteria below.

Eligibility: Any member in good standing in the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Selection Criteria: The candidate must complete at least two of the criteria listed below within the 12 months previous to the nominations submission deadline:

1. Through research, identify ten Confederate Veterans buried in Mississippi and not currently listed on the MS Division Graves Database or the database of another such entity (historical society, library, etc.).
2. Place a gravestone on at least two previously unmarked Confederate Veteran's graves in Mississippi. The headstone can be from the Veterans Administration or be of a similar type but it must show Confederate service.
3. Install ten or more iron Southern Cross of Honor on the graves of Confederate Veterans.
4. Compile a book or CD or create a website featuring the Confederate Veterans buried in one of Mississippi's cities or counties. The book, CD, or website should be indexed with name and location of the Veteran's grave and cemetery. If possible, a cemetery map and pictures of headstones and/or Veteran should be included.
5. Transcribe three (3) Works Progress Administration (WPA) surveys and post them on the MSGENWEB (<http://www.usgenweb.org/msgenweb/>) or on the website of the corresponding county and place a copy in the local historical society or library. Contact the administrator of the MS Division's Confederate Graves Database to ensure all previously unknown names are added to the our MS Division database.
6. Or complete another significant, independent, Confederate grave-related project which brings honor to the Confederate Veteran.

Selection Process: Nominations for this award maybe submitted by any member in good standing of the Mississippi Division, SCV to the chairman of the Awards Committee no later than the posted end of the nominations period. Nominations shall be ELECTRONICALLY, with supporting information or documentation.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373
2022 Forrest Daws – Samuel H. Powe Camp 255
2021 No Award Given
2020 No Award Given
2019 Franklin Rifles Camp 2297
2018 Bryan Skipworth
2016 & 2017 Jim Huffman, Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373
2015 Peter Miazza
2014 Peter Miazza
2012 W. A. Burton

VARINA HOWELL DAVIS AWARD

Criteria: Awarded to the individual lady or ladies' group or organization that has shown the most support for the MS Division, SCV or for Mississippi's Confederate history and heritage as a whole during the past 12 months. The lady or ladies' group should emulate the qualities of our former First Lady and all that such a distinction implies.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Suzi Bond White

2022 Laura Moore

2021 Annette McCluney

2020 No Award Given

2019 Brandi Kaye Gray

2018 Mary Ann Forrest, Chapter 23, OCR

2017 Pam Mauldin

2016 Nancy Ford

2015 Pat Salassi

JOHN J. PETTUS HERITAGE AWARD

Criteria: Mississippi public official at municipal, county, or state level; Demonstrated the greatest support of Mississippi's Confederate history and heritage during past 12 months.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Senator Stacey Wilkes

2022 Senator Chris McDaniel

2021 No Award Given

2020 No Award Given

2019 Carol Phares, Director, Pearl River County Library System

2018 Governor Phil Bryant

2017 Rep. Richard Bennett

2016 Governor Phil Bryant

2015 Rep. Herb Frierson, District 106, & Sen. Eugene "Buck" Clarke, District 22

2012 Dianne Carlin

GENERAL THOMAS “STONEWALL” JACKSON TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Reason: Education is a battle we are losing. This award recognizes and rewards teachers who are doing their best to teach the true history of the Confederate Veteran and the War for Southern Independence.

Criteria: The main criteria will obviously be presenting the true history of the South and the Confederate Soldier.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Forrest Daws Samuel H. Powe Camp 255

GOVERNOR JOHN MARSHALL STONE MONUMENT AWARD

Reason: This award would be given to promote the importance of cleaning, preserving, and/or protecting our monuments, as well as raising new monuments, or any other work that supports the monuments of the Mississippi Division. Can be given to an individual, a camp, or a group. If multiple awards are warranted, more than one may be given.

Criteria: The winner of this award should complete a major project that brings honor to the Confederate Veteran through a monument or monuments. As stated above, this could include raising a new monument, preventing the removal of an existing monument, or cleaning and preserving monuments.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Daryl Shute Rankin Greys Camp 2278 & Kevin Elliot Tallahatchie Rifles Camp 2287

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Reason: Several individuals, camps, and groups within the Mississippi Division work hard each year and complete great projects that help the SCV fulfill the charge. These projects are worthy of recognition.

Criteria: Winner should have completed a significant project that brings honor and remembrance to the Confederate Veteran beyond that expected of an SCV member.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2023 Calhoun Avengers Camp 1969

NOTE: All nominations for these awards should be sent to Awards Chair Greg Stewart at joegregorystewart@gmail.com.