

Amendment 1

New Language to be added

Article 4- Qualifications for Division Membership

Section 4- Classes of Division Membership:

C. Cadets

- I. Program Participation: Cadet membership shall be by election of the Camp only. No part of this shall be construed as being a requirement placed on the Camp.
- II. Eligibility:
 - a. Cadet membership shall be available to all male descendants, from birth through eleven (11) years of age, who can demonstrate lineal or collateral descent from individuals who served honorably in the armed forces of the Confederate States of America or one of its constituent states, with such service having concluded honorably. Upon submission of an application, provision of satisfactory proof of descent, and payment of applicable contributions and dues to the Mississippi Division and the Confederation, the applicant shall be admitted to membership in the Mississippi Division Cadet Program. Cadets must be sponsored by a member of the Mississippi Division or Camp of the Mississippi Division.
 - b. Cadets shall possess no voting rights within the Division or Camps. Cadets shall not be counted toward the determination of Camp delegates or voting strength, nor may they serve as delegates representing their Camp at conventions for the purposes of voting or conducting business.
 - c. Cadet members aged ten (10) years or older may attend business meetings of the Division during the annual Reunion, provided they are accompanied by a member parent or member legal guardian. However, such Cadets shall not have the privilege of addressing the floor unless expressly authorized by the Division Commander.
- III. Dues: The amount of dues for Cadet membership shall be established by the Division Executive Council. Dues shall be collected as a one-time payment upon admission and shall be allocated to cover the following:
 - a. Enrollment of the Cadet in the National Cadet Program.
 - b. The Cadet's first year of Division dues, which shall be deposited into an endowment fund administered by the Division Adjutant. Cadets who have paid dues shall not be subject to subsequent increases in Division dues during their Cadet tenure.

- i. For instance, if a Cadet joins at age eight (8) when annual Division dues are \$10.00, and dues increase to \$15.00 by the time the Cadet reaches age twelve (12), the Cadet shall not be liable for the difference until the fiscal year following their twelfth (12th) birthday.
 - c. Expenses related to providing the Cadet with a membership certificate, pin, and other materials as prescribed and approved by the Division Cadet Program Committee.
 - d. A contribution to the Division Scholarship Fund or the National Stand Watie Scholarship Fund.
- IV. Duty of Camps: It shall be the duty of each participating Camp to prepare and guide Cadets toward future full membership. This shall include, but not be limited to, educating Cadets on the preservation of Confederate heritage, the accurate portrayal of Southern history, and the commemoration of those who served and perished in the Confederate cause.
- V. Eligibility for Full Membership: Cadets shall become eligible for full membership, with all attendant rights and privileges, upon reaching twelve (12) years of age. At that time, the former Cadet shall be entitled to a formal swearing-in ceremony, complete with all appropriate pomp and circumstance as outlined in the Division's Constitution, Standing Orders, or other governing protocols.
- VI. Reciprocity: Cadet membership conferred by another Division shall not entitle the individual to the benefits or privileges of the Mississippi Division Cadet Program.
- VII. Recognition: Each Mississippi Division Cadet shall be presented with a membership certificate and pin upon admission.
- VIII. Cadet Program Catechism, Curriculum, and Activities: It shall be the duty of the Division Cadet Program Committee to develop and maintain a catechism, curriculum, and associated activities for the Cadet Program. These elements shall emphasize the proper historical context of Southern heritage, inspire pride in Confederate ancestry, and foster a passion for the past among participants aged from birth to eleven years. The Committee shall compile these into a comprehensive guide, which shall be submitted to the Division Executive Council for review, approval, or modification. Upon approval, the guide shall be disseminated to the membership and Camps for implementation. The guide itself shall not be incorporated into this Constitution, allowing for periodic updates and evolution as deemed necessary by the Committee and Council.

Section 5: Friends

- I. Eligibility: Membership is open to all individuals who support the Cause and mission of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans regardless of age, race, gender or location. There are no genealogical requirements for membership in the Friends of the Mississippi Division.
- II. Dues: The amount of dues for Friends membership shall be established by the Division Executive Council. Dues shall be collected on a calendar year cycle (January 1- December 31). Dues at this membership level shall not be prorated. Dues collected shall be enough to cover the membership of the Friend into the national organization. Excess amounts shall be deposited into an endowment fund administered by the Division Adjutant.
- III. Friends must be vetted and sponsored by a Mississippi Division Camp or Member.
- IV. Friends shall possess no voting rights within the Division or Camps. Friends shall not be counted toward the determination of Camp delegates or voting strength, nor may they serve as delegates representing their Camp at conventions for the purposes of voting or conducting business.

Rational:

This amendment establishes two new membership classifications and formally incorporates them as permanent positions. Both categories already exist at the national level but remain underutilized. Commander Daws has proposed the creation of a new cadet program at the division level, designed to provide an engaging and educational experience that fosters youth interest in the SCV. By establishing this program within the division, we will maintain direct oversight and be able to shape and utilize it to best support our goals.

The "Friends" membership category is intended for individuals who do not meet genealogical or other eligibility requirements for full membership and will serve as a potential source of revenue to support division operating expenses. In both cases, participation at the division level will include corresponding national membership. Overall, this initiative is expected to enhance the division's image on a national level.

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Amendment 2

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ARTICLE 20 - COMMITTEES

Section 3 – Standing Committees shall consist of the following and its description. Its chairman is selected by and serves at the will and pleasure of the Division Commander unless otherwise stated in this Constitution. The chairman of each committee shall select the members of his committee unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.

(10) Awards Committee- manages awards programs to honor members, camps, and others who further the division’s mission to preserve Confederate heritage. The committee solicits and evaluates nominations, and selects recipients through a transparent and impartial process.

(11) Cadet Program Committee: : It shall be the duty of the Division Cadet Program Committee to develop and maintain a catechism, curriculum, and associated activities for the Cadet Program. These elements shall emphasize the proper historical context of Southern heritage, inspire pride in Confederate ancestry, and foster a passion for the past among participants aged from birth to eleven years. The Committee shall compile these into a comprehensive guide, which shall be submitted to the Division Executive Council for review, approval, or modification. Upon approval, the guide shall be disseminated to the membership and Camps for implementation. The guide itself shall not be incorporated into this Constitution, allowing for periodic updates and evolution as deemed necessary by the Committee and Council.

Rationale: For years, the awards committee was, for some reason, omitted as a standing committee, but has operated as such. This corrects it. This further codifies the cadet program committee and its duties

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