

## SCV ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION POLICY

In 1896, the Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded by the veterans and progeny of veterans who fought in the War Between the States. The organization that supports the protection and preservation of Confederate heritage. Current members are descendants of the original defenders of Confederate heritage. Pursuant to the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not affiliated with any organization other than the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

The following policies shall govern the members and officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

1. The name and service mark of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is reserved for use only by the officers and members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This use is permitted only for authorized promotions, meetings, events and communications. Impermissible use of the name and service mark includes, but is not limited, the endorsement or promotion, of any political candidate, or political party. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, and individual holding, or a candidate standing for election to, a public office may speak at or otherwise participate in an authorized promotion, meeting, event or communication of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, provided that the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall take all reasonably necessary acts to prohibit (i) such individual, candidate or anyone else from mentioning his or her political party at or in such promotion, meeting, event or communication and (ii) any and all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans materially involved in such promotion, meeting, event or communication from endorsing individual or candidate.

2. All meetings, events and communications of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall reflect professionalism and respect for others. It is impermissible for officers and members to engage in unlawful conduct, endorse political parties and candidates and promote religious or racial bigotry at meetings, events or in communications of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Included as impermissible acts of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the following activities (all of which are as set forth in Article II, Section 2 and Article XVI, Section 1, respectively, of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans):

(i) The discussion of matters that appertain to a political party, whether specifically identified by implication, during meetings of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or any of its subdivisions shall be strictly prohibited: and

(ii) The discussion of political subjects that are identifiable with a political party, the endorsement of aspirants for public office, or the taking of any political action, except as set forth in Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, shall not be permitted by any organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

3. The members and officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall not promote or sell goods or service on behalf of organizations with explicit or implied racial motives during meetings or events of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Members and officers shall not promote or endorse the activities or goals of organizations with explicit or implicit racial motives during meetings or events of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

4. Violation of any part of this policy shall result in discipline of camps and or members in accordance with the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

5. This Policy shall not be construed to prevent any camps, members or officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans from the following

(a) announcing at any meeting or event of the Sons of Confederate Veterans any information about any other organization or person, provided that (i) such announcements do not constitute an explicit endorsement of such other organization or persons and (ii) such other organization or person (A) is not a political party that selects, nominates or conducts primaries for individuals to stand for election for public office in the name of such party (a "Political Party") or (B) does not support, promote or encourage any of the following activities ("Prohibited Activities"): (I) the racial ethnic or religious superiority of one group of people over another group of people or (II) the overthrow of any state, federal or local government; or

(b) supporting any event, project or act which has as its primary purpose (as such purpose is publicly announced by the sponsor or sponsors of such event or project and is reasonably appearing) the preservation or protection of the history, heritage, symbols, icons, monuments, memorials or education of or about the Confederate States of America, the South or the War Between the States, even though such contemplated event, project or act may also be supported by persons or organizations other than Sons of Confederate Veterans or the Military Order of the Stars & Bars, provided that no such other person or organization (i) is a Political Party, (ii) supports, promotes or encourages any Prohibited Activities, or (iii) regularly performs one or more acts that, if performed by such organization or person during or in conjunction with such contemplated event, project or act, would materially jeopardize the tax exempt status of the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a 501©(3) organization, according to the reasonable written opinion of competent legal counsel employed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and actively practicing in the area of federal taxation and tax exempt entities.

The members and officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are encouraged to engage in efforts to preserve and protect Confederate and Southern heritage. Such efforts include providing historical and statistical information to governmental authorities, educational seminars or classes explaining Confederate heritage and engaging in activities which protect and defend the honor of Confederate Veterans.

The word "authorized" as employed in this Policy to any act described herein shall mean (i) a promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act not prohibited by the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the duly adopted Charter, by-laws, orders, regulations, resolutions, rules or policies of the Sons of Confederate Veterans or any applicable subdivision thereof, or the Constitution of the United States of America, or any applicable state, federal or local rule, law, order, judgment or regulation or (ii) any other act otherwise permitted to allowed by or under any of the foregoing or by (A) the duly elected or delegated government authority of a Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State where the promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act in question shall or may occur or arise or (B) the General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; provided, however, if a conflict should arise between the decision of such a Division and the General Executive Council on whether or not a

certain event, promotion, communication, meeting or other act is authorized, then the decision of the General Executive Council shall control.

An appropriate Division, acting by and through its Executive Council, may determine, upon the written request of a member of that Division, whether or not a promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act is authorized and permitted under subsections (5)(a) or (b) of this Policy. Such Division may make such determination only upon (i) giving appropriate notice to all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans primarily conducting such promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act and (ii) holding a public hearing on such matter during which each such member of the SCV may, upon his request, and without limitation, testify and confront, for himself or through his counsel or representative, witnesses testifying against him or such promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act. Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of such hearing, the Division shall issue its determination in writing and may, thereafter, enforce such determination through the issuance of appropriate orders of the Commander of the Division.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of such written determination by the Division, any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans of such Division may appeal such determination to the Division as a whole by notifying the Commander of the Division in writing within such 60 day period. Thereafter, such determination shall be reviewed at the Division's then next Annual Convention during which all interested parties may testify and confront witnesses or otherwise speak for or against such determination. During that Annual Reunion, such determination shall be approved, modified or repealed upon the majority vote of such Division where a quorum is present and such vote is properly conducted under the Constitutions of such Division, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Charter, by-laws, rules, regulations, orders, policies and resolutions of such Division and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Within thirty (30) days of the Division rendering its approval, modification or repeal of such determination at its Annual Reunion, any member of such Division may appeal such determination to the General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by notifying the Commander-in-Chief in writing of such appeal within such 30 day period. Thereafter, such appeal shall be reviewed by the General Executive Council at its then next meeting. At such meeting, the General Executive Council may permit such testimony as it deems reasonably necessary to approve, modify or repeal such determination of the Division. At such meeting, the General Executive Council shall either approve, modify or repeal such determination by the Division in question and shall, within sixty (60) days of such meeting, give public notice in writing of such approval, modification or repeal to the Executive Council of the Division in question and to those members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (i) primarily conducting the promotion, meeting, event, communication or other act in question and/or (ii) appealing the decision of the Division reached during its Annual Reunion.

Within forty-five (45) days of the publication of such notice, any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans may appeal the determination set forth in such notice by notifying the Commander-in-Chief in writing of such appeal within such 45 day period. Thereafter, such determination shall be reviewed at the next General Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans during which any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans may testify, confront witnesses or otherwise speak for or against such determination. During that General Convention, such determination shall then be either approved, modified or repealed upon the majority vote of the Sons of Confederate Veterans where a quorum is present and such vote is properly conducted under the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.