

CONSTITUTION OF

National Society of Confederate Descendants

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PREAMBLE

We the descendants, of those who served in the Confederate Army, Navy or State Troops to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendants of elected or appointed officials of the Confederate or Executive branch of the civil government at the State level or above have formed this patriotic and fraternal Society, for the purpose and objects in this Constitution set forth; and in so doing pledge ourselves to commemorate our ancestor's deeds; to render loyal service to our country, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect and honor to the flag.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. The name of this Organization shall be "Society of Confederate Descendants" (SCD), hereinafter referred to as the Society.

Section 2. The Society of Confederate Descendants shall be incorporated with Headquarters in Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, USA.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES, PRINCIPLES & GOVERNANCE

The Society of Confederate Descendants shall be organized as a non-profit organization whose purpose and its objectives are declared to be:

- a) patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian, and shall include those activities intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the War Between the States (WBTS) fought for the independence of the Confederate States and the American South.

- b) to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of patriots and inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the States Rights governance founded by our forefathers.
- c) to encourage historical research in relation to the War Between the States and to acquire and preserve records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks.
- d) to mark the scenes of the War Between the States by appropriate memorials and celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the 1861-1865 period.
- e) to foster true patriotism and carry out the purposes expressed in the American Declaration of Independence and the instructions of General Robert E. Lee in his farewell address to the Southern Soldiers; "Go to your homes and resume your occupations. Obey the laws and become as good citizens as you were Soldiers."

The governing authority for the Organization shall be Society of Confederate Descendants By-Laws, and any Operational Guide or Manual.

ARTICLE III GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Officers

- (a) The General Convention shall elect the following "General Officers" of the Society of Confederate Descendants:
 - i. President General
 - ii. Vice-President General
 - iii. Three (3) Department Presidents (Once Departments are formed)
 - iv. Three (3) Department Vice-Presidents (Once Departments are formed).

- (b) The General Executive Council shall elect the following "General Officers" of the Society:
 - i. Secretary General
 - ii. Treasurer General (these two positions can be held by the same individual)
 - iii. Judge Advocate General
 - iv. Chief of Staff
 - v. Comptroller General.

- (c) The President General, with the advice and consent of the General Executive Council, shall appoint all other "Staff Officers" of the Society, as may be deemed necessary by the President General to carry out the work of the Society. The President General may remove any appointed Staff Officer at Will and at his sole discretion.

(d) All Officers shall be charged with the general duties and responsibilities prescribed under the governing documents of The Society of Confederate Descendants. All Officers shall also be charged with the day-to-day operations of The SCD. All work and work products of all officers shall become the immediate proprietary property of The Society of Confederate Descendants corporation.

Section 2. Corporate General Executive Council

(a) Between conventions, the corporate General Executive Council shall be vested with authority to conduct all regular and special business operations related to The Society of Confederate Descendants.

(b) The General Executive Council shall work with the General and Staff Officers in such matters as may be brought to the attention of the General Executive Council.

(c) The General Executive Council may generally rename or redesignate the name of the General Executive Council Directors without necessity of amendment to this Constitution, but shall so designate in the Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual, and other legal corporate records and documents.

(d) The General Executive Council shall function as a Board of Directors.

Section 3. Directors

(a) The following officers shall serve as legally designated Directors on the General Executive Council with vote:

- i. President General
- ii. Vice-President General
- iii. Three (3) Department Presidents
- iv. Three (3) Department Councilors
- v. Adjutant General
- vi. Judge Advocate General
- vii. Chief of Staff
- viii. Treasurer General.

(b) All Past President General in good standing shall serve on the General Executive Council and shall sit as legally designated directors with a vote.

Section 4. Tenure of Office

(a) Any Staff Officer may be removed by the President General or the General Executive Council

(b) Any General Officer may be removed by the General Executive Council

(c) Any Director may be removed by the General Executive Council.

Section 4. All GEC meetings, as well as the SCD Annual Reunion, are intended to be held in person. In case of emergency (to be defined by the GEC) a two-thirds vote of the General

Executive Council may authorize an otherwise "in person" GEC meeting or the Annual Reunion to be held by conference telephone or similar communications equipment, i.e. Zoom, so that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by that method constitutes presence in person at a meeting. Such electronic/virtual meetings carry the same authority as in-person meetings, and all votes are binding.

Section 4a. Electronic/virtual meetings of the same kind (without the aforementioned emergency) are authorized for all other meetings of the SCD upon recorded majority vote of the appropriate level governing body. A fifteen (15) day notice of an electronic/virtual meeting shall be given to the membership at that level, i.e. Chapter, remembering that all membership meetings are intended to be held in person where possible. All possible assistance should be provided so that any member who desires to attend virtually may do so. No proxy voting will be allowed at any level of the SCD.

Section 4b. It is recognized that routine business may need to be conducted when the GEC is not in session and the President General will have the authority to act on behalf of the Society in the interim between GEC meetings with at least one other elected member, Vice-President General or Secretary/Treasurer General, in concurrence.

Section 5. All GEC members and prospective GEC members must be in good standing at the time of their election. A GEC member whose status changes to one of "not in good standing" during their term will be ineligible to continue serving as a member of the GEC unless and until reinstated by the GEC. Reinstatement requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of all GEC members in good standing before a GEC member may be reinstated.

Section 6. Should a GEC member's seat become vacant due to death, resignation, removal from the GEC for disciplinary reasons, etc., the President General will have the sole discretion of appointing a member to fill that seat until a replacement can be elected at the next Reunion of the Society or leaving the seat vacant until a replacement can be elected at the next Reunion of the Society.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All legitimate descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy or State Troops* to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendants of elected or appointed officials of the Confederate or Executive branch of the civil government at the State level or above shall be eligible for membership in the Society of Confederate Descendants, provided that no member admitted under the age of (18) years shall be eligible to vote or hold office until they have attained the age of (18) years.

* "State Troops" shall include troops raised by any of the states or parts of states belonging to the Confederacy, whether for defense of that state or part of that state, or to serve otherwise in the cause of the Confederacy.

Section 1a. Membership in the Society of Confederate Descendants shall be obtained by being either a member of a Chapter or being a member of the 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Headquarters Chapter #1. Being a member Headquarters Chapter requires that a Chapter not be geographically close enough to the member to make attendance at meetings practical or that some other circumstance exists that will be determined sufficient by the GEC on an individual basis.

Section 2. The term "collateral" as used in Section 1 hereof shall be defined as a legitimate relative by blood whose relationship to an ancestor of the same generation in the applicant's direct line can be proven.

Section 3. Memberships shall be of the following Classes:

- (a) Regular shall include members who otherwise meet the requirements for membership, remitting annual membership dues.
- (b) Life Members shall be members who otherwise meet the requirements for membership, who request to become Life Members, remitting in totality the cost of the Life Membership fee.
- (c) Honorary, Associate, Memorial, and such other memberships as may be adopted by the General Executive Council (GEC) or the General Convention.

Section 4. All members of all classes shall be citizens of good repute within their community, and of good moral character, and do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence and are subject to the governing provisions of The Society of Confederate Descendants.

Section 5. If an individual who is the son or daughter of either a Confederate soldier or other person who makes him or her eligible for membership in the Society wishes to join the Society, having completed the standard membership application, he or she shall not be required to pay application fees, membership fees, or any fees such as registration and meal fees, associated with the annual reunion of the Society.

ARTICLE V SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Society shall hold annually an Annual reunion of its members, the date of which will be the first quarter of each calendar year.

The members in attendance at the reunion shall elect such GEC member positions as required to fill vacated seats.

Section 2. The term of office of all members of the GEC shall commence immediately upon adjournment of the last session of the Annual Reunion at which they were elected to office, provided that the retiring members shall remain in office until every function of the Annual Reunion at which their terms expire is discharged.

Section 3. A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the GEC.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time at the request of 20% of the members or by four (4) GEC members.

Section 5. For business and other purposes, the fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE VI DEPARTMENT, SOCIETY AND CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Organization: Departments, States Societies, and Chapters

Section 1. The Society shall be divided into Departments, State Societies, and Chapters.

Section 2. Department. There shall be three Departments, to be called:

- (a) Army of Northern Virginia Department, which shall include and be formed of the States of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, the District of Columbia, and those states located east of the State of Ohio and north of the State of Virginia.
- (b) Army of Tennessee Department, which shall include and be formed of the States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida and those states and areas not included in the other two (2) departments.
- (c) Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department, which shall include and be formed by the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, California, Colorado, and states located west of the Mississippi River.

Section 3. State Society. Authority to organize a State Society shall be granted upon the written application of at least fifteen (15) members and one (1) Chapters of the General Society residing in the state in which the State Society is proposed to be organized. The form of the charter for a State Society shall be prescribed by the General Executive Council. Upon the issuance of a charter, the President General shall designate the time and place for the organization of the State Society.

The officers shall then be chosen and shall enter upon their duties at once and hold office for two (2) years or until their successors, at the annual meeting following, shall have been invested.

Section 4. Chapters. Chapters may be formed at the local level upon the application of five or more people in possession of the prescribed eligibility qualifications. They may petition the Society GEC for permission to form a Chapter.

(a). When the petition of the applying Chapter has been examined and found to be correct by the President General, and it has been ascertained that all conditions have been complied with, the petition will be granted.

(b). Before any Chapter is admitted, it must appear from the petition that individual membership applications are on file with the Society, in proper form. The gec shall have the authority to set all requirements for the acceptance of a Chapter, including compliance with the Society Constitution and the amount of fees, if any.

(c). The minimum members of the Chapter shall be five. Any Chapter whose membership is below five at the end of a fiscal year will be suspended and remaining members encouraged to assimilate into other Chapters or remain in the SCD in the 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Headquarters Chapter #1.

(d). Each Chapter shall elect officers as they see fit, provided that at a minimum the following officers: a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer, are elected. Other positions and/or duties may be appointed or assigned at the discretion and by the President General.

(e). All Chapters shall have the full enjoyment of the right to govern themselves and have sole control over all their Chapter assets, within the guidelines and Constitution of the Society.

(f). Chapter officers shall have their duties defined by the Constitution of the Chapters that create them, provided the duties so defined are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.

(g). No Chapter may attempt or be permitted to withdraw from the Society and continue its activities as a separate Chapter representing the Society of Confederate Descendants.

ARTICLE VII DUES

Section 1. The revenue of the Society shall be derived from dues and fees and from such other sources as may be approved by the GEC.

Section 2. The annual dues and all fees in the Society shall be set by the GEC, subject to the will of the Society Reunion. A nonrefundable application fee will be paid to the Society at the time the applicant submits his or her application. An individual joining the Society after the first quarter of the year will have his or her dues pro-rated on a quarterly basis. Local dues and/or fees will be at the discretion of the local entity.

Section 3. Member dues shall be due and payable on January 1. After March 1, a \$5.00 late fee must be included with the dues. If the total amount of dues is not received by May 1, the member will be dropped from the rolls of the Society. Any insufficient dues and/or fees that have been paid will be returned to the member. Should this occur and the member is an officer of the Society or a member of the GEC, that position will be deemed vacant.

Paying annual dues and a “re-admittance” fee shall reinstate any member whose dues have lapsed longer than four months and who is otherwise in good standing.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. The Legislative Body of the Society shall be the Annual Reunion, the date, time and place to be fixed by the preceding Society Reunion or by the GEC. (See Article V, Section 1)

Section 2. Notice of every reunion shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for it to be convened.

Section 3. The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority at all levels of the SCD.

Section 4. Voting at the Annual Reunion and other official Society meetings shall be by the “one member-one vote” method whereby each member in good standing who attends and who has proper credentials will be entitled to vote on any and all issues requiring a vote. A quorum required in order to conduct business at Annual Reunions and other official Society meetings unless otherwise stated in this document shall be 5% of the current membership, but no less than 3 members in good standing.

Section 5. It is the policy of the Society that local meetings, either formal or informal, of Society members are encouraged toward the goal of formal establishment of local chapters. Our Society is founded on the camaraderie and fraternity that is natural with men and women of common goals and values, and working in close cooperation with other members is vital toward the fulfillment of our mission.

Section 6. Discussion of matters that appertain to a political party, whether specifically identified or identified by implication, during meetings of the Society or any of its subdivisions is strictly prohibited. Nothing in this Constitution, however, shall be construed to abridge or prohibit the

adoption or advocacy of positions that are concerned with the general welfare of the United States of America or its national security nor to abridge or prohibit the expressions of the mind of the Society in such matters by the adoption of resolutions or petitioning the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government, provided that there is no identification, specific or implied, with any political party.

Section 7. In furtherance of the constitutionally ascribed purposes and principles of this Society, the following salutary and honorific practices are adopted and mandatory for all meetings at all levels of the Society and at all activities, where practical:

- a) Appropriate display of the Flag of the United States of America (modern), the Texas Flag, other State Flags, a Confederate Flag and the SCD Flag.
- b) Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
- c) Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag
- d) Recitation of the Salute to the Confederate Flag as follows: "I salute the Confederate Flag, with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands." The proper form of salute will be by either placing the right hand over the heart as in the pledges to the United States or Texas flags, or by displaying an upturned palm, with the arm being extended in front of the body at approximately waist level.
- e) Delivery of an appropriate opening invocation prayer
- f) Conclude the meeting with an appropriate benediction prayer

ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Section 1. Any member may be expelled, suspended, censured, reprimanded, removed from office, or have other disciplinary action taken against him or her for cause. Such cause shall include, but is not limited to, disloyalty to the Society, neglect of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance of office; dishonesty; conduct unbecoming a member of the Society; act(s) or conduct detrimental to the goals and objectives of the Society.

Section 2. Any disciplinary action of the nature described above will be taken following a hearing at the level at which the charges are brought (Chapter, Society, etc.). A two-thirds affirmative majority of the votes of the members present will be sufficient to enact any disciplinary action. Hearings for the purpose of possible disciplinary action shall not be held electronically. Prior to any hearing, the body convening the hearing shall ensure that a full and impartial investigation into any charges against a member has been undertaken and that a complete report of that investigation is given at the hearing.

No hearing or vote on suspension or expulsion shall be taken unless at least thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall have been given to the member. All charges shall be stated in writing along with

the time and place of the meeting of the GEC at which the charges shall be considered. The notice shall be transmitted to the members by registered mail.

Any member so disciplined has the right to appeal if he/she does not agree with the findings of a disciplinary hearing. That appeal must be filed in writing by the members within 30 days of the notice of the findings with the next highest level of the Society. The final level of appeal is the Society Reunion, whose decision is final.

ARTICLE X USE OF SEAL AND INSIGNIA OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1. The Seal of the SCD shall be two (2) inches in diameter and shall reproduce the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America.

Section 2. The flag of the Order shall be the “Bonnie Blue” Flag with the name, Society of Confederate Descendants above and below the star.

Section 3. The song of the Society will be the “Descendants of Confederate Veterans” written, produced and directed by Henry Francis King, III.

Section 4. The logo for the SCD is displayed in Appendix I, designed by a Founding Member, Dustin Wayne Seiler.

Section 5. The use of the seal, insignia, diploma, or good name of the Sons & Daughters of Confederate for political purposes is prohibited.

Section 6. The General Executive Council may authorize other badges, insignia, medals, and awards that it deems proper, subject to change by the voting delegates of the General Convention.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at a duly constituted Annual Reunion of the Society and by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members present in good standing. Prior to any amendment being considered it shall have been sent either electronically to the member's last known e-mail address or via U.S. Mail to each member of the Society at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Society Reunion at which it will be considered. Amendments passed by the Society at the annual reunion will become effective on the calendar day following that reunion unless otherwise specified in the amendment itself.

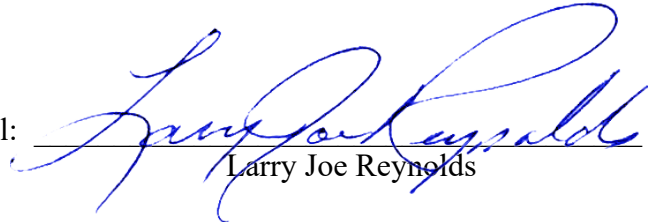
ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Section 1. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Society of Confederate Descendants shall be turned over to an organization which is then officially recognized as a tax exempt organization, qualified to receive donations which are deductible by the donor under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the General Executive Council shall determine. Such distribution shall only be made after the said GEC has paid or has made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Society of Confederate Descendants.

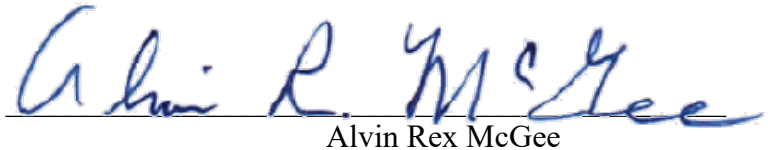
ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution was adopted on this 11th day of August, 2025 by the members of the Society of Confederate Descendants.

President General:


Larry Joe Reynolds

Secretary/Treasurer General:


Alvin Rex McGee

APPENDIX I

Society of Confederate Descendants Flag



APPENDIX II

Society of Confederate Descendants Logo

by Dustin Wayne Seiler

