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# Introduction

This booklet has been developed to assist members in becoming familiar with and understanding eligibility for all national awards and officers insignia of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It includes all awards approved by the National Executive Council through March 2002. Several awards have been dropped and several new awards have been approved.

A new format for the booklet has been chosen to make it easier for concerned individuals to determine the exact criteria, method of selection and presentation for each award.

An electronic copy of this booklet will also be kept on the SCV web site at *www.scv.org*. Illustrations of medals and insignia will also be available on the web site in the near future.

Requests for changes to this manual, additions to existing awards, or requests for new awards should be sent to the Chairman, Awards Committee, SCV IHQ, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402. After review by the Awards Committee, appropriate recommendations will be made to the General Executive Council. All substantive changes to this manual must be approved by the General Executive Council.

## Statement of Awards Policy

In October 2001, the General Executive Council instituted the following policy in regard to production of award medals:

Military tradition and long-standing practice dictates that decorations may only be worn by the original recipient. Therefore, the Sons of Confederate Veterans will not produce any medals in honor of Confederate Veterans which are intended to be worn by their descendants.

# Order of Presentation

**In most awards presentations, the order of presentation is normally from the lowest ranking award to the highest. This list is a suggested guide for the order of presentation of awards at a single ceremony. This list does not need to be rigorously followed; it is only a guide as to the relative rank of all awards. Not all awards are listed.**

1. SCV Member's Medal
2. Dixie Club Certificate
3. Dixie Club Bronze Medal
4. Dixie Club Silver Medal
5. Dixie Club Gold Medal
6. Commander-in-Chief's Award
7. Certificate of Appreciation
8. All National Competitive Awards (except the Dr. George R. Tabor Award)
9. Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award
10. Ladies Appreciation Award
11. War Service Medal
12. SCV Service Medal
13. Heritage Preservation Award
14. Superior Achievement Award
15. SCV Leadership Award
16. SCV Commendation Medal
17. Heritage Defense Medal
18. Meritorious Service Medal
19. Distinguished Service Medal
20. Dr. George R. Tabor Award
21. Real Son/Real Daughter Award
22. Past Commander-in-Chief's Award
23. Robert E. Lee Gold Award
24. Jefferson Davis Chalice
25. Confederate Medal of Honor

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

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

**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 after approval by the Medal of Honor Committee.

**Forms:** Recommendations for the Confederate Medal of Honor shall be made on applications provided by the Chairman, Medal of Honor Committee.

**Standards of Proof.** A complete, written record on each candidate shall be submitted by the SCV member making the recommendation. The report must contain documented proof of the deed performed by the candidate. The report must be submitted to the Chairman, 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:

- Medal.
- Certificate.

**Costs of Award:** Cost of the award is borne 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 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.

# Jefferson Davis Chalice

**Purpose:** This is the highest award which can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Number of Awards:** Only one award may be made annually. The award need not be given if the 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 Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate one candidate annually for the Jefferson Davis Chalice. Such nominations should be accompanied by a narrative of at least 25 words, but not more than 75 words. 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 Executive Council by the IHQ. 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 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 three items:

- Engraved silver chalice.
- Standard-size medal.
- 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 IHQ (if not previously awarded these items), will receive these items at no cost.

## Robert E. Lee Award

**Purpose:** This is the second highest award which can be bestowed upon a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**Number of Awards:** No more than three awards may be made annually. The 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. Example 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 Executive Council each spring that nominations are due for this award. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate up to three candidates annually for the Robert E. Lee Award. Such nominations should be accompanied by a narrative of at least 25 words, but not more than 75 words. 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 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 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 two items:

- A miniature medal (A full-sized medal is planned, but is not available at the time of publication of this booklet)
- 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 IHQ (if not previously awarded this item), and it will be provided at no cost to the individual.

## Past Commander-in-Chief's Plaque

**Purpose:** This plaque is presented to the out-going 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 Commander-in-Chief's.

**Presentation:** This plaque will normally 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 2      National 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, Division, Brigade, or Camp.

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

**Number of Awards:** There is no annual limit on any of the awards in this section.

**Selection Process, unless otherwise noted:** Recommendations may be submitted by any SCV unit. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration. Awards must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief

**Presentation:** These awards will normally be presented at the National Convention by the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief may direct an alternate time and place of presentation.

**Form of Awards:** In cases where only a miniature medal is available for a given award, plans to add full-sized medals are currently underway; however, as of 1 April 2002, these full-sized medals are not yet available.

**Approving Authority:** Awards in this section must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, except as otherwise noted.

**Subsequent Awards:** 2nd and succeeding awards of individual medals may be shown by a 1/4" silver star (on full-size medals) and a 1/8" silver star (on miniature medals) affixed to the center of the award ribbon. Stars are available from IHQ.

### Distinguished Service Medal

**Purpose:** This medal is presented for outstanding service in a position of responsibility.

**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. This should not imply that only SCV officers are eligible for this award. A member may receive this medal more than once.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A miniature medal.
- Certificate.

### Meritorious Service Medal

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

**Eligibility:** Only members of the SCV may receive this medal. An individual may receive this medal more than once. The duty for which a nominee is submitted may be as an SCV officer or for a specific task assigned by the Commander-in-Chief or his representative.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A miniature medal.
- Certificate.

## Heritage Defense Medal

**Purpose:** This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to protecting our Southern heritage above and beyond that which would be expected of an SCV member. Awards may be given either for devotion of considerable time or resources in the defense of Southern heritage, or for significant acts of personal courage in advancing that heritage. The guiding principles will be those expounded in General S. D. Lee's charge to the SCV.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV member.

**Selection Process:** Nominations for this award may be submitted by any SCV member. Nominations for this award must be submitted to the Chairman of the Heritage Defense Committee by June 1 of each year. Events covered in the nomination must have occurred within the previous 12 months prior to the nomination. Copies of nominations must be sent to the nominated individual's camp commander, Division commander, and Army Commander. The Heritage Defense Committee will review all nominations. Those nominations recommended for approval will be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for final approval. The Commander-in-Chief will approve or disapprove each award received from the Heritage Defense Committee and will notify the Awards Committee of the final approved awards. Appropriate stringent standards for this award will be maintained by the Heritage Defense Committee.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A miniature medal.
- Certificate.

## SCV Commendation Medal

**Purpose:** The SCV Commendation Medal is presented to members for meritorious service or meritorious achievement at the camp, brigade or division level. This is the highest ranking medal which may be given without the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. However, it may also be given by the Commander-in-Chief.

**Eligibility:** All SCV members.

**Selection Process:** Requesting units should submit nominations in letter format 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. Approved nominations will be sent to IHQ for processing. Approved medals and certificates will be sent to the requesting unit for presentation.; certificates will be issued unsigned so that the commander of the requesting unit may sign it.

**Approving Authority:** Nominations for this award must be approved by Division Commanders. The award certificate may be signed by the requesting commander, when received from IHQ. The Commander-in-Chief may also approve this award.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A standard size medal. This medal is also available in miniature.
- Certificate.

**Presentation:** This would normally be presented by the requesting unit, but the Division commander may direct an alternate method.

**Cost of Award:** Cost of award will be borne by requesting unit. Awards given by the Commander-in-Chief will be paid for by IHQ.

## SCV Leadership Award

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

**Eligibility:** Any SCV 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.

**Selection Process:** Any SCV member may nominate someone for this award. Nominations should be submitted in letter form to the Commander-in-Chief for approval.

**Form of Award:** Certificate.

## Superior Achievement Award

**Purpose:** This award is given to individuals in appreciation for superior services or achievement to the SCV.

**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.

**Selection Process:** Any SCV member may nominate someone for this award. Nominations should be submitted in letter form to the Commander-in-Chief for approval.

**Form of Award:** Certificate.

## Commander-in-Chief's Award

**Purpose:** The award is presented by the Commander-in-Chief to those individuals for performing exceptional duty.

**Eligibility:** All SCV members.

**Selection Process:** At the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief .

**Form of Award:** Certificate.

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

## Heritage Preservation Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to individuals or organizations that have actively participated in the preservation of Confederate symbols or heritage.

**Eligibility:** This award is not restricted to SCV members.

**Selection Process:** Nominations for this award may be submitted by any SCV member. The award may be approved by any commander at Camp level or above. They may be ordered directly from IHQ and should be signed by the Commander and Adjutant of the approving unit.

**Form of Award:** Certificate.

**Presentation:** This award will normally be presented by the recommending SCV unit, but the Commander-in-Chief may direct otherwise.

**Cost of Award:** Cost of award will be borne by requesting unit.

## Advance the Colors Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to businesses or organizations for displaying a Confederate flag for historical or heritage related reasons.

**Eligibility:** This award is not restricted to SCV members.

**Selection Process:** Nominations for this award may be made by any SCV member. The award may be approved by any commander at Camp level or above. They may be ordered directly from IHQ and should be signed by the Commander and Adjutant of the approving unit.

**Form of Award:** Certificate.

**Presentation:** This award will normally be presented by the recommending SCV unit.

**Cost of Award:** Cost of award will be borne by requesting unit.

## 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, active support of camp functions, etc.

**Eligibility:** Any lady.

**Selection Process:** Recommendations may be submitted by any SCV unit. Recommendations, with a detailed narrative outlining the service of the nominee, should be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for consideration.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A standard size medal. The color of the ribbon shall reflect the appropriate color designated for the Department in which the recipient resides.
- Certificate.

**Cost of Award:** The cost of this award must be borne by the requesting unit.

## Hoover Law and Order Medal

**Purpose:** The Hoover Law and Order Medal is given to law enforcement personnel for outstanding acts of heroism in the face of extreme danger.

**Eligibility:** Not limited to SCV members.

**Selection Process:** SCV members who wish to nominate individuals for this award should submit a letter to the Commander-in-Chief. Thorough documentation of the act the nominee is being cited for should be provided with the letter.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- Standard-size medal.
- Certificate.

## Rev. 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

**Eligibility:** Limited to SCV members.

**Selection Criteria:**

*Church Service:* The candidate will emulate and perpetuate the convictions of the typical Confederate soldier and citizen, including their devotion to Christian principles by professing Jesus Christ as their 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 either a called, elected, appointed or volunteer position within his congregation for a minimum of 12 continuous months.

*Confederate Christian Heritage:* The candidate will educate others by sharing with them at least one example of the deep orthodox Christian foundation evidenced in the Confederate States of America. This illustration of faith will be in the form of either a published article of no less than 500 words or an oral presentation of no less than 20 minutes.

The commencement for meeting these criteria is no earlier than and will be retroactive to the National Reunion held August 8, 1998, in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Selection Process:**

Any SCV chaplain or Camp officer can nominate a candidate for this award.

A letter of recommendation and verification will be provided by the candidate's congregational leader (e.g., minister, pastor or priest) detailing the Church Service rendered. The candidate will provide a copy of his Confederate Christian Heritage presentation. After his Camp officers review this documentation, the officers will either approve or reject the candidate for the award by a vote of simple majority.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- Standard-size medal (a miniature medal will also be available)
- Certificate.

**Presentation:** This award will normally be presented by the recommending SCV unit, but the Commander-in-Chief may direct otherwise.

**Cost of Award:** Cost of award will be borne by requesting unit.

# Dixie Club

**Purpose:** The Dixie Club award is to honor those individuals who contribute greatly to the organization by recruiting new members. Award eligibility period is 1 July — 30 June. Recruiting activities need not be confined to one SCV unit.

**Number of Awards:** No annual limit.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV member, based on the following number of new members recruited.

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:** Winners of the Dixie Club award will be determined by records at SCV IHQ.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of a certificate or medal of appropriate type. Previous winners at the same level will be awarded a star to affix to the previously won medal.

### General Information

The following awards may be obtained by any SCV organizational unit (army, 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 IHQ.

"Unit" refers to any recognized SCV organizational level -- Department, 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 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 "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 line of duty.

**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 two items:

- A standard size medal.
- Certificate.

### 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 IHQ. 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 two items:

- A standard size medal. The medal is gold for 50 years; silver for 25 years.
- Certificate.

## War Service Medal

**Purpose:** The War Service Medal is to honor members who have served in our nation's military service during wartime.

**Number of Awards:** No annual limit.

**Eligibility:** SCV members 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 IHQ for the latest approved dates, or check the American Legion website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). At the time of publication of this booklet, the approved service periods and dates were:

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918	(World War I)
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946	(World War II)
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955	(Korean War)
February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975	(Vietnam War)
August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984	(Lebanon/Grenada)
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990	(Operation Just Cause - Panama)
August 2, 1990 to today	(Operation Desert Shield/Storm)

**Selection Process:** Applications for the SCV War Service Medal must be made on official forms available from SCV General Headquarters. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the individual's DD214.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- A standard size medal. A miniature medal is also available at extra cost.
- Certificate.

## Certificate of Appreciation

**Purpose:** The award is presented to members, individuals or organizations in appreciation for services rendered to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

**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 IHQ for completion and presentation by any SCV unit.

## 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 standard or miniature sizes.

**Cost of Award:** The cost of the award will be borne by the individual.

## General Information

All of the awards in this section are competitive in nature; that is, any appropriate SCV unit may submit for the award, but only one award of each type will be given.

These awards normally will be presented at an appropriate awards ceremony at the General Convention. 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 suitably engraved trophy or plaque, unless otherwise stated.

The annual basis for each award shall be from July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current year. Separate entries, regardless of type, are required for each award.

The cost of all awards will be borne by SCV General Headquarters.

## Dr. George R. Tabor Award

**Purpose:** This award, the "Distinguished Camp Award," is presented to the most outstanding camp in the SCV, as determined by the total scoring of all the various categories on the entry form. These categories cover membership growth and retention, and a number of other characteristics of an active, energetic camp.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV camp.

**Entry Form Required:** An entry form is normally sent to Camp Adjutants in the Spring of each year. Adjutants who do not receive the form by May 1 should request one from IHQ. This entry form was revised, effective July 1, 2002. Old entry forms should not be used after that date.

**Selection Process:** Camps should submit an entry form, with supporting documentation, to the Awards Committee by July 1. Entries will be scored and the top 20% will be forwarded to the Army Commanders for final review. Final selection will be made by the Army Commanders. In case of tie, the Camp with the greatest annual membership growth will be declared the winner.

**Form of Award:** This award consists of two items:

- An engraved plaque
- A battle streamer, suitably lettered.

## Gen. Samuel Cooper Award

**Purpose:** This award is given to the unit maintaining the best Web site in the SCV.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV unit.

**Selection Process:** SCV units should notify the Awards Committee by June 1 of each year that they wish to have their Web site entered into competition. Notification may be by letter or email. Notifications should provide the URL for the web site. 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 web site 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 web site, or in a published judging form maintained by IHQ and available on request.

## General Stand Watie Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the Camp making the largest average contribution to the Stand Watie Scholarship Fund.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV camp.

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

## 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 more than one year.

**Selection Process:** Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning camp by July 10 of each year.

## 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:** Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Division by July 10 of each year.

## 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:** Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning Army by July 10 of each year.

## Edward L. Darling Award

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

**Eligibility:** Any SCV member.

**Selection Process:** Winner of this award will be determined by records at IHQ. The Executive Director will notify the Awards Committee of the winning member by July 10 of each year.

## Dr. James B. Butler Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the 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 camp or individual member.

**Selection Process:** A detailed report of the project must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. 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.

## Judah P. Benjamin Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the Camp of 50 or more members maintaining the best record ("scrapbook") of its activities during the previous year.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV Camp with 50 or more members.

**Selection Process:** Completed scrapbooks must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries.

**Required Contents:** Scrapbooks must be under one cover, and must not exceed 50 pages. Scrapbooks must include: Cover, title page, numbered pages, table of contents, camp roster, memorial or namesake page, and the activities section. The activities section is the main section, and may include photographs, documents, written accounts of meetings, programs, projects, work with other organizations, and reenactments. This section is restricted to portraying the activities of the camp and its members; material about the SCV in general or other contents irrelevant to camp activities should not be included.

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

## Dr. B. H. Webster Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the Camp of fewer than 50 members maintaining the best record ("scrapbook") of its activities during the previous year.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV Camp with less than 50 members.

**Selection Process:** Completed scrapbooks must be delivered to the Awards Committee at the General Convention site by 5:00PM on Thursday. The Awards Committee will determine the winner after reviewing all the entries.

**Required Contents:** Same as Judah P. Benjamin Award.

**Selection Criteria:** Same as Judah P. Benjamin Award.

# Newsletter Awards

## General Information

The judging criteria for all newsletter awards are similar. Editors or camp commanders who wish to enter any of these contests should set aside a minimum of 4 copies of each issue for judging. An entire year's publications should be sent for judging at one time.

Combined newsletters (camp/camp, camp/brigade, camp/division, etc.) are authorized for entry, but may be entered in only one category. Combined camp/camp or camp/brigade newsletters may only be entered for the S. A. Cunningham award. Any combination of division newsletters with other units may only be entered for the Dewitt Smith Jobe Award.

Judging will be by a panel of three professional journalists, preferably from outside the SCV. SCV members who otherwise qualify may serve as judges, provided they do not have a newsletter entered into competition.

**Selection Process:** All entries must contain a statement containing the following: (1) Name and location of unit, (2) Size of unit, (3) Publication schedule, (4) Editor's name and address, and (5) For which award the newsletter is being entered. When newsletter judging is opened by an announcement from IHQ, units should forward four copies of each issue to the Awards Committee. This announcement will normally be in May of each year. No entries will be returned. One copy of each newsletter will be sent to the selected judges for consideration; the 4th copy will be displayed at the General Convention. 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.

## S. A. Cunningham Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the Camp with 50 or more members publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV camp with 50 or more members.

## Dr. Paul Jon Miller Award

**Purpose:** This award is presented to the Camp with fewer than 50 members publishing the most outstanding newsletter in the SCV.

**Eligibility:** Any SCV camp with fewer than 50 members.

## DeWitt Smith Jobe Award

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

**Eligibility:** Any SCV Division.

### General Information

In addition to the standard membership certificate which is sent to all members when they first join the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the following certificates are available from IHQ for purchase by individual members or camps. Contact IHQ for availability and prices.

### Large Membership Certificate

This 11"x14" certificate is embossed with the member's name, camp and number, and his ancestor's name and unit. It is signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief and bears the official seal and ribbon of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

### Deluxe Membership Certificate

An oversize (16"x20") membership certificate is also available. Frequently called the "Antiques Certificate," this deluxe certificate is decorated in the 19th century style with calligraphic ornaments and heroic figures. Please supply your ancestor's date of enlistment when ordering this certificate. The certificate is embossed with the member's name, camp and number, ancestor's name and unit, and ancestor's date of enlistment. It is signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief and bears the official seal and ribbon of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

### Supplemental Certificate

This special certificate is intended to honor additional Confederate ancestors. Members may obtain this certificate by submitting a standard Application for Membership, marking it "Supplemental" at the top, and submitting it directly to IHQ with the required fee.

### Officer's Commission

Commissions are available to all officers of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This commission is embossed with the officer's name, office and date of appointment. It is signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-in-Chief and bears the official seal and ribbon of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

## General Information

Following are 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. Neck ribbons will not be authorized for wear below Division level.

Although no hard-and-fast rules apply to the wearing of insignia and medals, there are some generally accepted protocols in regard to placement of these devices. See the next section for details.

## Authorized Insignia

### National Officers

The following insignia consist of an appropriate neck ribbon from which is suspended a metal wreath and SCV emblem. All neck ribbons should be 30" in length. The metal wreath, in gold, should be 3" wide, surrounding three stars. At the bottom of the wreath is a scroll bearing the title of the office. The specific composition of the stars 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.

The medallions for the above insignia may also be worn on the breast pocket of a business suit or blazer as an informal alternative to display on the official neck ribbon for that office.

### Army Department Commanders

Department commanders insignia consists of an SCV emblem attached to a neck ribbon of a pattern designated for that Army as follows:

**Army of Northern Virginia**—red with a centered gray stripe.

**Army of Tennessee** — yellow with a centered gray stripe.

**Army of Trans-Mississippi**—light blue with a centered gray stripe.

### 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.

### Insignia of Past Service

Past Department and Division commanders may continue to wear the designated badge of office by affixing a ¼" silver star to the neck ribbon in the center of the ribbon, immediately above the SCV medallion.

### Brigade and Camp Officers

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:

Brigade Commanders, Camp Commanders, Camp Lt. Commanders, Camp Adjutants, and Camp Chaplains. Rank insignia are also available for Past Commanders and Past Adjutants.

# Protocol for Wearing Medals and Insignia

## General

This section provides some guidelines on the wearing of medals on civilian clothes or Confederate uniforms. These guidelines generally follow those used by the US Armed Services.

Some general terminology: “Award Medals” are those won by the individual through personal effort – e.g., Distinguished Service Medal, SCV Commendation Medal, etc. “Insignia Medals” are those badges of office, in medal form, such as the Camp Commanders’ Medal. “Service Medals” are the medals given to groups for a particular type of 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 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 mix Award Medals, Insignia Medals or Service Medals in the same grouping.

Don’t wear Award Medals on informal outdoorwear, e.g. shirts and vests.

Don’t wear Award Medals during reenactments and similar exercises.

Don’t wear any Medals that you didn’t personally earn. Medals won by ancestors, for example, should not be worn by descendants.

Don’t wear non-SCV medals to SCV functions. The one exception is formal occasions — see Precedence, below.

## Mounting of Medals on Clothing

On formal attire, business suits or sport jackets which have breast pockets, award medals should be pinned just below the top edge of the left breast pocket, with no 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 rows should be staggered slightly. 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 eight full-size or ten miniature medals, overlapping of medals on each row is acceptable. This will allow more medals to be placed in a single row. Medals should not overlap more than 50%. Insignia Medals should be pinned on the right breast pocket. Service Medals should only be pinned on the lapels.

In Confederate uniform or formal attire without breast pockets, the positioning of the medals should approximate that for the wearing of the same medals on civilian attire. Award Medals should be centered on the left breast approximately ten inches from the top seam. Insignia Medals may be worn on the right breast, at approximately the same height. Service Medals should not be worn on Confederate uniform or formal attire. Full size medals may be worn with formal dress, but miniature medals are strongly encouraged.

## Precedence of Medals

Award Medals should be mounted with the highest ranking SCV medals (see next page) starting at the top row on the inside and proceeding to the wearer’s left. Next should come MOS&B medals, and finally any Division or Camp medals. On formal occasions (including SCV formal functions) where only miniatures are worn, medals from other heritage groups of which the wearer is a member are also acceptable, but must be worn last in order of precedence, regardless of their ranking.

Insignia Medals should start from the inside and work out, with the individual’s highest ranking medal on the inside. These medals would normally not be mounted on a bar, since most are made only in full-size.

Neck ribbon insignia medals may be worn anytime Award Medals or Insignia Medals are appropriate. Only one such neck ribbon should be worn at a time.

# Ranking of Medals

For purposes of determining precedence, especially as it pertains to wearing of medals on uniforms or civilian clothing, the SCV award medals are ranked as follows:

1. Jefferson Davis Medal
2. Robert E. Lee Medal
3. Distinguished Service Medal
4. Meritorious Service Medal
5. Heritage Defense Medal
6. SCV Commendation Medal
7. Real Son Medal
8. SCV War Service Medal
9. J. Edgar Hoover Law & Order Award
10. Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award
11. SCV Service Medal
12. Dixie Club Medal
13. SCV Member's Medal