



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Zoom Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM CST; January 30, 2023
Approved March 4, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 PM CST by Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers.
Opening Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers	P	Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill	P
Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy	P	Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall	A
ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone	P	Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy	P
AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill	P	Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle	P
ATM Commander J. C. Hanna	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr.	P
ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr.	P
AOT Councilman Carl Jones	P	Past Commander-in-Chief Tom V. Strain, Jr.	A
ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret	P	Executive Director Adam T. Southern	P
Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples	P		

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Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern

The First Order of Business was the adoption of General Executive Council Minutes. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated the first Minutes to be considered were the September 27, 2022 General Executive Council Zoom Meeting. ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The second set of minutes to be considered were the Executive Session Minutes of the September 27, 2022 General Executive Council Zoom Meeting. AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill made the motion to adopt minutes as presented. ANV Councilman Kenny Ramsey seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The third set of minutes to be considered were January 12, 2023 General Executive Council Zoom Meeting. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The fourth set of minutes to be considered were the Executive Session Minutes of the January 12, 2023 General Executive Council Zoom Meeting. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The Second Order of Business was a report from the Awards Committee Chairman Randy Burbage concerning some modifications in the criteria for a few awards. The report will be attached to these minutes. Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy made a motion to adopt the modifications as presented in the report. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers felt although he has the authority to approve the modifications, this needs to be approved by the General Executive Council. After a brief discussion, the motion passed without objection.

The Third Order of Business was to consider changes to the Heritage Defense Medal criteria presented by Donnie and Ron Kennedy. Donnie Kennedy reported they had simplified the Nomination Form for the award because of the many

to sign on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. all documents necessary to close the sale of the Beech Street Property in Helena, AR and to accept payment of the sale. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection. Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall stated these minutes would suffice as a resolution. Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill will supply Director Southern with the needed document.

The Fourth Order of Business, Stonewall Brigade Flag Park: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported he found on Facebook a flag raising event by the Stonewall Brigade in Lee County Virginia near Lexington. Commander Boshers contacted Andy Schindler to gather information about the event. The group currently owns two acres, has six acres under contract and are looking at an additional seven acres. If all goes through, they will own fifteen acres. The Stonewall Brigade is planning to raise a MEGA, 20x20, Confederate Flag. The initial opening is planned for May 27, 2023 and Commander Boshers and Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy plan to attend. Andy asked Commander Boshers if the General Executive Council would be willing to pay \$2,500 to sponsor a flag pole where you can fly the SCV Logo Flag. Commander Boshers checked and found there is enough money in Heritage Promotion Fund. The relationship between the Virginia Division and National has been strained and this project would help heal the wound. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to use funds from Heritage Promotion to pay the \$2,500 to sponsor a Flag Pole in the Flag Park. The motion was seconded by Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy and the motion passed without objection.

The Fifth Order of Business, Arlington Memorial Monument: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported everything is at a standstill. It was reported there will be a National Environmental Impact Study done and would take eight to nine months to complete. They are two months into the study and may not have any movement on the monument issue until October or November or later.

The Sixth Order of Business, Stephen D. Lee Institute Report: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers gave a brief summary of the Stephen D. Lee Institute Report which is 62 pages and will be on file at Headquarters. The National organization provided \$15,000 to help with the event and received back \$1,855 which was the profit made on the event. Guidelines are being developed for future events and future funds will be drawn from the Heritage Promotion Fund. The next Institute will be held February 9 – 11, 2024 at the Southern Heritage Center in Columbia, Tennessee. During the discussion, it was brought out the original intent of the Institute was to bring together a group of Southern Academics to educate the public and our membership on our Heritage and Cause and make it affordable to the average member to be able to attend. At present it is not.

The Seventh Order of Business, Frozen Twitter Accounts: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone to comment on the situation. Commander Stone reported the North Carolina Division Twitter account was frozen. The reason was Twitter considered the registered SCV Logo as hate speech. A lawsuit is not practicable. An attempt should be made by National and the membership to change the attitude of the Twitter censors using positive information about this organization. If this does not work, have the members who are on Twitter use the SCV 1896 registered logo. As AOT Councilman Carl Jones noted, the important thing is to get our message out into the public.

The Eight Order of Business, National Polls: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy to give his report. Commander Kennedy reported two polls were done, one was National and the other was across the sixteen Southern States both conducted by Kaplan Strategies. The National Poll showed 60% of respondents agreed with Southern Heritage and keeping the monuments. Unfortunately, the trend has been decreasing in this approval rating due to the negativity being taught and reported about our Heritage. The sixteen Southern States were polled using the same questions which resulted in an 85% approval rating. A press release and individual State results will be sent to the members of the General Executive Council and to the respective Division Commander to be used for Heritage promotion by informing the public and public officials. Commander Boshers asked Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy, and AOT Councilman Carl Jones to formulate a plan and procedure for getting this information out and for moving forward to be presented at the October GEC Meeting.

The Ninth Order of Business, GEC Nominations: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers received an email from Randy Burbage stating that very few nominations have been made for the Robert E. Lee Award, the Jefferson Davis Chalice, and other National Awards. Commander Boshers stated he would be submitting his nominations and encouraged members of the General Executive Council to submit their nominations as soon as possible.

At 8:20 PM, CST, Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session allowing Executive Director Adam T. Southern to remain. Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

At 8:28 PM, CST a motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna and the motion passed without objection. While in Executive Session, disciplinary matters were discussed on three individuals and one camp.

Final Order of Business: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers commended ATM Commander J. C. Hanna for his work preparing the ATM Workshop which will be held on August 12, 2023. More information will be forth coming.

Commander Boshers reported a need for more National Events in the future spread across the Confederation. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna has been working on a proposed National Event at Mansfield State Park sometime in April, 2024.

AOT Commander Jimmy Hill reported the Army of Tennessee will continue to hold a Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain, GA whether it will be a National event or not.

ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone reported an event has not been discussed at this time.

At 8:39 PM CDT, ATM Commander J. C. Hanna made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

Dismissal Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted,



Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

GEC Zoom Meeting
1/30/2023
7:00 PM CDT

- Police yourselves in these things
 - o Watch the background noise and mute yourself as needed
 - o Please address the chair and wait for a response before talking
 - o Please watch talking over each other
 - o Remain courteous and gentlemanly
- Prayer by Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle
- Call the roll by Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill
- Minutes
 - o Minutes – September 27, 2022 Zoom Meeting
 - First
 - Second
 - o Executive Session Minutes – September 27, 2022 Zoom Meeting
 - First
 - Second
 - o Minutes – January 12, 2023 Zoom meeting
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 - Second
- Awards Committee suggestions per Randy Burbage
- Heritage Defense Medal per Ron and Don Kennedy
- Property in Helena Arkansas per Past CiC Larry McCluney
- Adam Southern
 - o 800 acres
 - o Announcement one Saturday a month
- Confederate Monument in Arlington Cemetery – update
- Stephen D. Lee update
- Go into Executive Session
 - o The chair will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session
 - First
 - Second
 - o Action 1
 - o Come out of Executive Session
 - First
 - Second
- Any business for the betterment of the organization
- Any announcements
 - o Remind everyone of the GEC Meeting on Saturday March 4

- We will eat at Friday evening at 6.
 - Richland Inn. Heard good things about the Baymont and going to see if we can get a corporate rate.
 - Agenda items for March Saturday March 4
 - Per the post-reunion minutes, the GEC is to address the Press Office & Media
 - Per the post-reunion minutes, the GEC is to address the naming of the property
- Motion to adjourn



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Zoom Conference

7:00 PM ECT; September 27, 2022

Approval Pending

Call to Order: 7:05 PM CDT by Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers.

Opening Prayer: Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill

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Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern

First Item: Minutes - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated the General Executive Council would be voting to approve the minutes at the Pre-Reunion and Post-Reunion General Executive Council Meetings.

Commander Boshers entertained a motion to approve the Pre-Reunion Meeting Minutes. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to approve said minutes. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. With no discussion, the motion passed without objection.

Commander Boshers entertained a motion to approve the Pre-Reunion Meeting Executive Session Minutes. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to approve said minutes. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. With no discussion, the motion passed without objection.

Commander Boshers entertained a motion to approve the Post-Reunion Meeting Minutes. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to approve said minutes. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. With no discussion, the motion passed without objection.

Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill stated that he received a request for the Reunion Business Session Minutes and asked if the General Executive Council could and would approve the minutes for distribution. After a discussion, it was determined the General Executive Council could approve the minutes but the minutes would not be official until ratified at the next reunion. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to approve the Reunion Business Session Minutes. The motion was duly seconded and with no discussion the motion passed without objection.

Second Item: Email Widget - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers turned the floor over to Lt. Commander-in-Chief W. Donald Kennedy and Chief of Heritage Operations James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy to talk about the Email Widget. The Email Widget is a device which allows you to send information to your Senators, Representatives and other concerned parties. This was a device that was borrowed and used as a test run with the Arlington Confederate Memorial Issue. This user-friendly device gets emails out quickly but the members need to use it. Commander Kennedy is hoping for feedback from the members to see if it would be worth purchasing the complete package for use by the Confederation.

Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy gave a briefing on Heritage Operations and an update on the Stephen D. Lee Institute. The group who has the widget is called "One Click Politics" and Mr. Kennedy plans to send each member of the GEC a link to this site so they can schedule a demo of the widget for them to evaluate. The cost of the Widget is between \$3,000 to \$5,000 plus someone at Headquarters will have to set the program up and administer the program. The program is user friendly and can be used by all Divisions in the Confederation.

The Stephen D. Institute will be in Tampa, Florida and Dave McAllister is overseeing the program. The dates for the Institute are set for February 24 – 25, 2023. Topic to be announced.

Third Item: Investment Committee - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported Frank Powell's term on the Investment Committee is about to expire and we need to appoint or re-appoint Frank Powell. Commander Boshers would entertain a motion to appoint Frank Powell to the Investment Committee. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to appoint Frank Powell to the Investment Committee. The motion was seconded by ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone and the motion passed without objection.

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported Ben Sewell has moved to San Antonio, TX and wishes to step down as Chairman of the Investment Committee. Commander Boshers reported Past Commander-in-Chief Christopher Sullivan would be willing to serve as the Committee Chairman. Past Commander-in-Chief Larry A. McCluney, Jr. made a motion to appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Christopher Sullivan as the Chairman of the Investment Committee. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna. Commander Boshers stated that Christopher Sullivan will be serving the unexpired term of Ben Sewell. The motion passed with one objection.

Fourth Item: Press and Media Office and Naming the Property at Elm Springs - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reminded the Council Members at the Post-Reunion General Executive Council Meeting that these topics would be discussed at the next General Executive Council Meeting and asked if there is any discussion? Seeing none, Commander Boshers asked the members to bring their ideas to the General Executive Committee on October 1, 2022.

Fifth Item: Friday Night at Elm Springs - Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported there will be a supper at Elm Springs Friday night for the Council members, their wives and visitors. Carl Jones will be cooking pork for the supper. Please let Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples if you plan to attend.

Commander Boshers asked those who are staying at the Richland Inn to report on the conditions and service. He has heard several negative reports and felt a change in lodging may be necessary.

At 7:42 PM CDT, a motion was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session allowing Executive Director Adam T. Southern remain. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

The General Executive Council discussed the Appeal Hearing that will be held at the General Executive Council Meeting on October 1, 2022 and discussed and voted to launch an investigation on a member and Camp to discover if there is enough evidence to proffer charges against one or both entities.

At 8:59 PM CDT, Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers entertained a motion to exit Executive Session. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. so made. The motion was seconded by ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone and the motion passed without objection.

Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples reported he talked to Robert Edwards and he did not have a cardiac arrest just overheated with mild dehydration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr reported Lynda is in rehab and intends being at the March GEC Meeting.

Chief-of-Staff Darrell L. Maples made the motion to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and passed without objection.

Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, with

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan A. McCaskill".

Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Zoom Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM CST; January 12, 2023
Approval Pending

Call to Order: 7:06 PM CST by Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill

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Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern

The First Order of Business was the adoption of General Executive Council Minutes. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated the first Minutes to be considered were the October 1, 2022 General Executive Council Meeting at Elm Springs. AOT Councilman Carl Jones made the motion to except the October 1, 2022 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. Adjutant-in-Chief Dan A. McCaskill reported the only changes made to the minutes were typographical and that there were no changes that altered the meaning of the minutes. The motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The second minutes to be considered were the October 1, 2022 Executive Session Minutes of the General Executive Council at Elm Springs. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill. With no discussion, the motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The third minutes to be consider were the November 21, 2022 Zoom Conference Minutes of the General Executive Council. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was duly seconded by multiple members of the Council. With no discussion, the motion passed with one abstention from Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall because he did not have the opportunity to read the minutes.

The Second Oder of business was a report on the Stephen D. Lee Institute in Tampa, Florida. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers reported as of today only nineteen people have registered for the Institute but Adam Southern reported that number is now twenty-two (22). Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers contacted David McAllister whose camp is hosting the event and David informed the CIC he needed fifty registrations to reach his breakeven point. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers stated National has budgeted \$15,000 for Institute expenses and he needed a "drop dead" date from David McAllister to cancel the event to mitigate losses. National will not appropriate any additional money for

the event. There was a discussion about the expenses and Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott D. Hall made the point that according to the contract entered into by National it was too late to cancel the event in question. As the contract is written, cancelation had to occur one year prior to the event. Additional registrations would only lessen the amount of loss and have the chance of showing a profit. Chief of Heritage Ops James Ronald (Ron) Kennedy reported that 250 postcards will be sent out by the host Camp to encourage people to register so there is a good chance more than 50 will register. Also, Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael has been asked to write some policy and procedures for future S. D. Lee Institutes.

The Third Order of Business was a Life Insurance Policy on a SCV member who made National the owner and beneficiary if National would pay the premiums. This policy was written in 1989 with an annual premium of \$100 per year and has increased to its current level of \$1,800 per year. Payout at death will be \$40,000 and the gentleman is 65 years old. National has paid a cumulative premium close to the face value of the policy. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers asked do we want to continue paying the premium? After a brief discussion, ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made a motion to discontinue premium payments and let the policy lapse. The motion was seconded by ATM Councilman Charles L. Lauret and the motion passed without objection. Executive Director Adam T. Southern was instructed to cash in the policy which has a cash value of \$6,800 since SCV National is the owner of the policy.

The Fourth Order of Business was a past SCV member made an offer to bequeath two parcels of land to National with the condition that neither parcel could be sold and that the SCV had to maintain the condition of the parcels. One parcel is in Forest Hills subdivision in Columbia with earthworks and the other is about 800 acres of agricultural land with a cemetery on the parcel where at least one Confederate Veteran is buried. The larger parcel generates \$25,000 annually from leases and has a tax liability of \$5,800. The gentleman has a 90% interest and his sister has the other 10%. ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone made a motion to authorize Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers, Executive Director Adam T. Southern and one other member of the General Executive Council to meet with this gentleman and his sister if possible to discuss the proposed bequeath. The motion was seconded by AOT Councilman Carl Jones. The motion passed with one objection.

The Fifth Order of Business was the Arlington Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. Commander-in-Chief R. S. Jason Boshers received an email from the Judah P. Benjamin Camp in Tampa, Florida that they were requesting permission to enter into a lawsuit with Defend Arlington. **At 7:43 PM, CST**, AOT Councilman Carl Jones made a motion for the General Executive Council to go into Executive Session to discuss this matter allowing Executive Director Adam T. Southern to remain. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. and the motion passed without objection.

At 8:56, CST, AOT Commander Jimmy D. Hill made a motion for the General Executive Council to exit Executive Session. The motion was duly seconded and the motion passed without objection.

While in Executive Session, the General Executive Council discussed the Arlington Confederate Memorial issue. The Council voted to deny a request from the Tampa, Florida Camp to pursue litigation in the name of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Council voted for National to pursue litigation to protect the Arlington Memorial in the name of Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Council heard and upheld two decisions of the Disciplinary Committee to expel two members. The Council also denied an individual's request to conduct interviews at the Confederate Museum.

From the Commander-in-Chief: the next General Executive Council Meeting will be March 4, 2023 at Elm Springs and there will be an evening meal at Elm Springs with Carl Jones doing the cooking; we are looking at the Baymont Hotel to replace the Richland Hotel but need to negotiate a corporate rate; three items that will be on the March Agenda will be the Press Officer Issue, the Naming of the Elm Spring Property and address the Camp 215 issue.

Past Commander-in-Chief Paul C. Gramling, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer from Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

General Executive Council
Zoom Conference Minutes
January 12, 2023

August 15 Awards Committee Chairman Report

Commander-in-Chief Boschers,

I have a few suggestions for changes in the awards process for 2023.

1. We are currently giving awards in the scrapbook and newsletter categories according to camp size, more than 50 members or less than 50 members.
 - a) This past year we had 5 camps submit scrapbooks, 2 from camps with more than 50 members and 3 from camps with more than 50 members. We presented two awards. I propose that we present one scrapbook award next year for all camps with no membership designation.
 - b) This past year we had 6 camps submit newsletters. 5 with less than 50 members and one with more than 50 members. We presented two awards. I propose that we present one camp newsletter award next year for all camps with no membership designation.
2. Some awards we need to modify;
 - a) Lt Gen S.D. Lee Award consists of marble statuette and certificate. We can do away with certificate.
 - b) H.L. Hunley Award consists of a certificate. I suggest we present an engraved plaque or a certificate on a plaque.
 - c) Dixie Defender Award consists of a certificate. I suggest we present an engraved plaque or a certificate on a plaque.
 - d) Rev. J.W. Jones Christian Leadership Award consists of a medal and a certificate. I suggest we present a medal and an engraved plaque or certificate on a plaque.
 - e) Hoover Law and Order Award consists of a medal and an engraved plaque. We presented a medal and a certificate this year. Need to do away with the medal when supply runs out.

3. I propose adding an additional award to recognize the subdivision of the SCV the making the largest donation to retire the museum debt.

Christopher G. Memminger Award

Purpose: To recognize the camp, brigade, division or army making the largest monetary donation during the fiscal year to the SCV National Confederate Museum.

Eligibility: Any subdivision of the SCV.

Selection Process: Winner of this award will be determined by the records kept at GHQ.

Form of Award: An embroidered streamer and a certificate on a plaque to be resented annually at the National Reunion.

Named for: Christopher Gustavus Memminger was born January 9, 1803 in Germany and immigrated to Charleston, South Carolina with his mother after his father died. Graduated South Carolina College in 1819, studied law and became an attorney. Elected to the SC State legislature in 1836 and served as a delegate to the SC Secession Convention in 1860. Memminger was appointed first Secretary of the Confederate Treasury by President Jefferson Davis and served from 1861-1864.

Please let me know your thoughts on these suggestions. I appreciate any input you may have. Do these changes need to be voted on by the GEC?

Thanks,

Randy Burbage, Awards Chairman

Heritage Defense Medal Purpose:

The purpose of the Heritage Defense Medal is to recognize an SCV camp member who has worked "above and beyond" to promote a positive image of Southern History and Heritage. Each SCV Camp may nominate one member from their camp. Any camp exceeding 50 members may nominate one additional member; any camp exceeding 100 members may nominate a total of three (3) members. Camps shall forward to their Division Commander their nominee for his approval, and he shall forward said nominations to the Chief of Heritage Operations no later than April 15. To receive this award the nominee must meet the criteria as listed below.

Heritage Defense Award/Medal Criteria Form

Nominee's Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Camp name and number: _____

Camp Commander: _____

Date: _____

The criteria for receiving this award/medal are listed below. A total of five (5) points must be achieved by the candidate for Heritage Defense Award/Medal consideration. The list below has a "point" award for each of the eight listed items (points are at end of numbered item). Circle the point the candidate achieved. Add the circled numbers and place total on bottom line listed "total." Remember each candidate must earn at least five (5) points.

	POINTS
1. Serves as camp's designated Heritage Promotions officer: -----	2
2. Member of the Confederate Legion-----	2
3. Distributes SCV literature to public (SCV brochures, Dixie Defender, Confederate Veteran, Division and/or Camp information): -----	2
4. Attended civic and/or political meeting(s) in support of SCV issues-----	2
5. Attended SCV sponsored heritage events (flag display, lectures, rallies, etc.) --	1
6. Organized or assisted in organizing SCV heritage events-----	2
7. Participated in maintaining and preserving Confederate cemeteries, gravesites, and monuments-----	1

8. Used social media to inform public about maintaining and preserving Southern heritage: ----- 2

Total points-----

A total of five (5) out of fourteen (14) points must be attained. The camp must forward nomination(s) to their Division Commander for his approval. Division Commander will email all approved nominations to Chief of Heritage Operations at: cl legion@reagan.com PLEASE write "Heritage Award" in the subject line of your e-mail. If you send Heritage Award info via U.S. mail, please mail nomination info to: James Ron Kennedy, LA Hwy 22, PMB 600, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471.

Special recognition: The Chief of Heritage Operations will nominate one individual from each Army for special recognition of their efforts promoting a positive view of Southern Heritage. Each camp's nominees as well as those of the Chief of Heritage Defense will be subject to review and approval by the Heritage Defense Award Committee, said committee shall be composed of the Chief of Heritage Operations, Assistant Chief of Heritage Operations, and one member appointed by the Commander-In-Chief.

This award consists of two items: (1) A medal and (2) Certificate—as shown below:



Repeat Awards: The 3/16-inch star device will be used to designate repeat awards.

Heritage Defense Award form to be completed by the camp can be found at:

<https://scv.org/forms-and-documents/>

Click on, Award Form: Heritage Defense Award Nomination