**Constitution and By-Laws**

**of**

**Private Samuel A. Hughey Camp 1452**

**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Southaven, Mississippi**

**ARTICLE I. Name.** The name of this organization shall be Private Samuel A. Hughey Camp 1452.

**ARTICLE II. Objective.** To associate in one united, compact body of men of Confederate ancestry, and cultivate, perpetuate, and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby; to aid and encourage the history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, constantly endeavoring to see that events of the War Between the States and the heroic contributions of the Confederate soldiers are authentically and clearly written, and that all documents, relics, and mementoes produced and handed down by those active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and where found; to install into our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America, to the glory of God, and the honor, glory, and memory of our forefathers who fought in that Cause.

**ARTICLE III. Nature.** The Samuel A. Hughey Camp 1452 shall be strictly historical and benevolent, non-political, and non-sectarian. (formatting will be corrected)

1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, (Educational is the correct use of this word) and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

(1.) an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or

(2.) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

1. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the State of Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE IV. Membership.**

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal, or collateral, at least twelve years of age, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy 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 discharged, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. No one shall be admitted to membership until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications be submitted in duplicate on official blank applications prepared for that purpose, such applications bearing recommendation by a member in good standing of the Camp. The original shall be forwarded to the International Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Camp shall preserve the duplicate.

Section 3. All applications for membership in the Camp, received by the Adjutant, shall be reviewed by the Commander. The Commander may submit the applications to a confidential, three-man membership committee appointed by him, to pass on the acceptability for admission, and if receiving favorable approval of three-fourths of the membership, will be granted full membership in the Camp.

Section 4. Annual dues and fees must be submitted with completed applications to the Camp Adjutant.

Section 5. Applications for membership in the Camp must be read at a regular meeting of the Camp. Upon reading of the application, membership in the Camp will be extended only after receiving two-thirds vote of acceptance by the membership present.

Section 6. Active membership in the Camp is membership in the International organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 7. Any member in good standing in the Camp, transferring from the Camp, shall be entitled to a certificate from the Camp Adjutant stating his membership and duration thereof.

**ARTICLE V. Dues.**

Section 1. The annual dues to the Camp shall be set annually by the Executive Committee, such amount subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting in November.

Section 2. Members in arrears four months in payment of dues shall be classified as delinquent, and six months’ arrearage shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all back dues within the current year, a payment of a $5.00 reinstatement fee together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one year or more shall be only reinstated upon the vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts due to the Camp.

**ARTICLE VI. Meetings.**

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Camp shall be in the month of November each year on a date determined by the Executive Committee. If the annual meeting shall not be held at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected.

Section 2. Regular Meetingsmeetings. (As a title, both words require capitalization) The regular meeting of the Camp for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on a day of each month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Camp may be held at any time upon call of the Commander. The Commander shall also call a special meeting upon demand stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing. The Executive Committee shall establish the place of such meeting in advance.

Section 4. Nomination Committee. At the regular meeting in October, the Commander will appoint a Nomination Committee to present candidates for offices for the following year. The committee shall make recommendations to the Camp at the annual meeting for election.

Section 4. Quorum. 10% of members of the Camp entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 5. The rules of procedure at any meeting of the Camp shall be those set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, revised, except wherein they may be altered by the vote of the Camp.

**ARTICLE VII. Officers.**

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be the Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, and an Executive Committee. All officers, except the Color Sergeant, and those of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by a majority vote, by written ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Camp. They shall hold offices for one year or until their successors are elected. Officers elected at the meeting shall take office at a swearing in ceremony conducted at the Lee-Jackson Dinner in January of each year. The Color Sergeant may either be elected from regular members, or be appointed from the members of Venture Scout Troop 262, chartered by the Camp.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster and any other member(s) so appointed by the Commander. No past commanders shall be eligible that have failed to maintain a good standing with in the Camp.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time and place as the Commander may determine. At least three members of the Executive Committee may call meetings at any time on demand.

Section 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. When an office is vacated as a result of death, resignation, or removal; or in the event no one is elected to said office, the Commander shall appoint a member to said office, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, such successor to hold office until the next election during the annual meeting in November.

**ARTICLE VIII. Duties of Officers.**

Section 1. Commander. The Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp and the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section 2. Lieutenant Commander. The Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request. He shall serve as program chairman, securing guest speakers and presentation for Camp functions, and will chair a committee for this purpose if such a committee is organized by the Commander. He shall constantly strive for an active, growing membership. He shall prepare and distribute to the membership in good standing – a roster of members, their addresses and telephone numbers.

Section 3. Adjutant. The Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to International Headquarters, Division, and Brigades. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Camp and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp. He shall be the keeper of the Camp seal. He shall be responsible for the enlistment of new members. He shall maintain an adequate supply of SCV brochures and applications to accomplish the recruitment of new members. All applications for membership, initiation fees, and first year dues shall be made to the Adjutant. He shall be responsible for the ordering of all items necessary for operations of the Camp. He shall also maintain adequate stock of SCV membership pins, decals, and applications. He shall have charge of all funds of the Camp and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Adjutant. He shall keep an accurate account of his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at any meeting when meeting. Bills paid by the Adjutant shall have received approval by the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees, taking proper note of the paying member, his address and other information necessary in the maintenance of Camp records.

Section 4. Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate shall advise the officers and Executive Committee of all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the SCV General Constitution and Camp By-Laws. He shall serve as parliamentarian at both regular and special meetings. Upon direction of the Commander, he shall conduct investigations into charges or challenges brought against Camp members. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his office.

Section 5. Quartermaster. The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the procurement of meeting sites and arrangements incident to preparation for regular, special, or social meetings of the Camp, such sites and arrangements subject to approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for the operation of the Camp stores, maintaining adequate stocks and other items necessary for efficient operation. He shall account to the Commander as to expenditures. He shall maintain a cash fund up to $100.00. Any monies in excess shall be remitted to the Adjutant.

Section 6. Surgeon. He shall be familiar with basic techniques of first aid and shall stand ready to administer basic medical assistance when called upon at meeting and functions of the Camp.

Section 7. Chaplain. The Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the Camp. He shall represent the Camp in times of bereavement. He shall periodically report to the Commander on the well being of members confined by illness. In event of a member’s death, he shall immediately notify the membership and the Chaplain-in-Chief. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreathes, or such items incidental to the accomplishment of his duties.

Section 8. Color Sergeant. The Color Sergeant shall maintain and safeguard the Camp colors. He shall issue the proper display of colors at all functions of the Camp and will lead members in salutes to the colors. He shall appoint assistants to aid in the performance of his duties.

Section 9. Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms shall maintain good order and discipline at all regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 10. Historian. The Historian shall keep and maintain a written record of the Camp, its officers and members, and its accomplishments during his tenure of office. He shall be responsible for the collection of photographs, newspaper clippings, and such other items as necessary in the proper recording of Camp history. All items will be affixed in a bound volume as to ensure preservation.

Section 11. Editor. The Commander shall, upon taking office, appoint an editor and such other staff as necessary in the preparation and distribution of the Camp Newsletter, Southern Comfort. The Commander shall periodically review operation of the newsletter to ascertain if its operation is in the best interest of the Camp. The Executive Committee shall provide all acceptances of annual subscriptions from non-members and establish an annual subscription rate. The Editor, shall, at the end of the fiscal year, prepare a written report concerning the number of copies produced, number distributed and associated cost; this report to be submitted to the Commander at the annual meeting.

Section 12. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall:

1. Approve or disapprove all bills presented to the Adjutant for payment.
2. Sit in judgment in all disciplinary matters.
3. Authorize and approve all meeting dates and arrangements.
4. Rule on all questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of members.
5. When in the interest of the Camp, transact business on behalf of the membership.

**ARTICLE IX. Awards.** The Commander shall appoint a three-member Awards and Recognition Committee including a chairman.

Section 1. The Awards and Recognition Committee shall be responsible for the creation and administration of a program of awards presented to Camp members and non-members deemed worthy of recognition.

Section 2. The Awards and Recognition Committee shall review and authorize the presentation of certificates and awards, except the Commander’s Commendations and Resolutions of Respect, which are reserved for the Commander.

**ARTICLE X. Suspension or Expulsion.**

Section 1. Discipline: Camps and Divisions, being the judges of their own members, may impose discipline upon their own members. Camps or Divisions may suspend or expel a member from their respective Camp or Division. At this point the member in question is transferred to HQ Camp #584, being that he is no longer a member in good standing of either the Division or a Camp within that Division. If the Camp or Division wishes to have the member expelled from the Confederation, they shall proffer charges to the disciplinary committee within 30 days of the dispensation of the Camp’s or Division’s action. At this point the procedures are as described elsewhere in this article. If the member is not expelled from the Confederation at the culmination of these actions, he may petition the Disciplinary Committee for the right to transfer to a Camp different from whence he came. If this petition is denied, he may appeal to the GEC.

Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

1. Disloyalty
2. Neglect of Duty
3. Dishonesty
4. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
5. An at repugnant to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Constitution or the objectives and purpose of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 2. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least 15 days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by registered mail. At such meetings, the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall provide for true and accurate recording of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least 15 days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the officer of the reason for his pending removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such a ballot on his removal is to be taken. The Executive Committee, upon majority vote, may suspend an officer pending outcome of this special meeting. At such meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

Section 5. Standing. Charges proffered by a Camp or Division must be against one of its own members. The General Executive Council or the Convention may proffer charges against any member. Charges may not be proffered by an individual. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Adjutant, who will immediately notify the Commander. The Commander will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at lest 15 days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, to the accuser, and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Section 6. Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the appeal. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Adjutant shall give at least 15 days notice, in writing, to all members of the Camp in good standing – stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which he charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Any member who has been suspended or expelled, and having exhausted the foregoing appeals procedures, has the right to appeal to the Division and afterwards, if necessary, the General Executive Council, whose decision shall be final. A member expelled by the Camp is not eligible for membership in any other Camp in the Confederation.

**ARTICLE XI. PROHIBITIONS.**

Section 1. No endorsing of aspirants for political office shall be permitted.

Section 2. No assessment shall be levied upon the Camp members other than annual dues and initiation fees, except by resolution of the general membership.

Section 3. Proxy voting shall not be permitted in the conduct of Camp elections or business.

**ARTICLE XII. OFFICIAL LADIES.** The Camp Commander may appoint only the following ladies to represent the Camp – Matron of Honor, Chaperon, Sponsor, and 3 Maids of Honor.

**ARTICLE XIII. OFFICIAL OBSERVANCES.**

Section 1. The Camp shall observe the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day.

Section 2. The Camp shall, as a token of appreciation to friends and family, annually host the Lee-Jackson Dinner during January, on a date selected by the Commander.

**ARTICLE XIV. BUDGET.** The Commander shall direct that the Camp’s annual budget be prepared by a Budget Committee, or by the Executive Committee in the absence of a Budget Committee. The budget shall contain projections of fund raising as well as an outline of spending by category.

Section 1. The budget shall be presented to the members of the Camp at the annual meeting for their approval by a vote of simple majority of members eligible to vote. If it is found that a budget does not exist, a budget shall be speedily prepared and presented at once to the camp for approval.

Section 2. The Executive Committee, or officers so appointed by the Commander, shall have the power to expend camp funds in accordance with the approved budget. But, any spending outside the budget must be approved directly by the Camp.

Section 3. The budget can be amended at any point during the year by approval of members.

Section 4. At the annual meeting in November, a report shall be presented to members comparing actual results with the budget.

**ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS.** Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the Camp at the regular meeting in October. A vote will be taken upon the proposed amendment at the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present, will be necessary to pass or reject.

Adopted this\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,2016 by the members of the Samuel A. Hughey Camp 1452.

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Camp Commander

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