
**Sons of Confederate Veterans
Virginia Division, Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy Camp 2141**

**Constitution of the Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy Camp 2141,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Ratified 19 day of February, 2008
Chartered 21 day of February, 2008**

PREAMBLE

In the name of a reunited country the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy declare the following Purposes:

An unquestioned allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; a strict construction of all sections conferring power upon the Federal Government, and the implied and understood reservations to the States arising there from; and a general attitude of opposition to further amendment thereof. We adhere to the principles of the Great Charter of England granted at Runnymede, 1215 AD, and to the Anglo-Saxon rights and personal liberties transmitted to us there under; to associate in one united, compact body all men of Confederate ancestry, and to cultivate, perpetuate and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby; to aid and encourage the recording and teaching with impartiality all Southern history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, seeing to it especially that the events of the War Between the States are authentically and clearly written, and that all documents, relics, and mementos produced and handed down by the active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to comfort, succor and assist needy Sons of Confederate Veterans, their wives, widows and orphans; to urge, aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, military and civil, wherever done and wherever found, particularly stressing that our heroic Confederate ancestors, who by their sacrifice perpetuated unto us and our descendants that glorious heritage of valor, chivalry and honor, which we now hold and venerate; and to instill into our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America, to the honor, glory and memory of our fathers who fought in that cause.

2007 IRS Requirement Compliance Agreement

Articles of Association

Sons of Confederate Veterans Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy Camp #2141

This organization was formed for the purpose of being strictly a patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding.

Our Organization was originally formed in 1896; however, it was incorporated in Jackson, MS in 1978. On 06/21/2005 the old MS Corporation was merged into a new Texas Corporation.

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

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, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from the federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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 federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle 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 purpose.

The fiscal year month or month that the accounting period ends is July.

These articles were adopted by the following on the following date:

(Signature of officer or director)

(Date)

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(Date)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. The name of this Camp shall be Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy #2141, Sons of Confederate Veterans, with Headquarters at Locust Grove, Orange County, Virginia.

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1. In addition to upholding the principles set forth in the foregoing preamble, the purposes shall be strictly patriotic, historical and benevolent, non-political, non-sectarian and non-profit. Each member shall perform his duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding.

Section 2. Discussion of matters that appertain to a political party, whether specifically identified or identified by implication, during meetings of the Camp is strictly prohibited. Nothing in the Constitution, however, shall be construed to abridge or prohibit the adoption or advocacy or positions that are concerned with the general welfare of the United States of America or its national security; nor to abridge or prohibit the expression of the mind or the Camp in such matters by the adoption of resolutions or petitioning the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Government; provided that there is no identification, specific or implied, with any political party or the support of any candidate of any political party.

ARTICLE III - SUPERIOR AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy is a part of the general confederation of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and is bound by the provisions of the said Sons of Confederate Veterans insofar as they appertain to the governance of individual Camps and their relationship to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served in the Confederate Armed Forces to the end of the War Between The States, or who died in prison or while in active service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably discharged or retired, shall be eligible for membership in the Camp; provided that no member under sixteen years of age shall have the right to vote, and

provided further that no member shall be admitted under twelve years of age.

Section 2. No individual shall be allowed to vote, hold office, or to have the privilege of the floor who is not a active member in good standing. Only male descendants, lineal or collateral shall have compatriotship, the right of motions, discussion, and suffrage, and the other preserved benefits, as set forth in this constitution.

Section 3. Membership in this camp will be consistent with the National Constitution.

ARTICLE V - APPLICATIONS

Section 1. No one shall be admitted to membership in this Camp until satisfactory proof of the forgoing qualifications has been received in duplicate on official application forms prepared for the purpose. The original shall be carefully preserved by the Camp Adjutant, and the duplicate shall, within a timely manner or that required by General Headquarters, be forwarded to General Headquarters for record and permanent preservation. The record must be validated by the Membership Committee with the attachment of sufficient documentary evidence to satisfy the Committee to correctness of the application. These records shall be carefully preserved, and shall be transcribed in a book provided for the purpose, in the form of an alphabetical roster by the Adjutant.

Section 2. It is the duty of every compatriot who sponsors or recommends an applicant for membership in the Camp or in the General Confederation to ensure that he meets the qualifications for membership set forth in Article IV herein, and that he is otherwise fit for membership, subscribes to this constitution and that of the General Confederation, and is loyal to the concepts upon which the Sons of Confederate Veterans is founded.

Section 3. Sponsors will obtain from the Camp Adjutant a copy of the National Archives/GSA Form and an application and assist the applicant to complete National Archives/GSA form (not required but desirable) for proof of service records. State archive records and regimental records can be used for proof of service records and a copy of lineage form and documents stating lineage shall be required.

Section 4. Potential members, who have been unable to obtain the necessary support evidence and to complete their applications within four (4) months, will be reviewed by the membership committee for continuation as a potential member, and for additional research assistance, or for "closure and withdrawal of the assignment of official sponsor".

Section 5. Whenever practicable, an applicant for membership in this Camp shall attend at least one meeting, regular or special, of this Camp before his application will be acted upon. Applications shall be referred to the Membership Committee and if approved, shall be acted upon expeditiously.

Section 6. The Membership Committee shall consist of four compatriots as follows: a member appointed by the Commander of the Camp; the Commander of the Camp; the immediate past Commander of the Camp; and the Camp Adjutant. Should there be no immediate Past Commander, an additional Camp member shall be appointed by the Commander.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Mandatory Officers of the Camp shall be Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Color Sergeant, Judge Advocate, and Reverend. Additional Officers, including a Second Lieutenant Commander, Quartermaster, Historian, Editor, and Surgeon may be added at the pleasure of the Camp, additionally any such office that may be deemed desirable to the functioning of the Camp, and shall be elected in the same manner as the mandatory officers, EXCEPT the positions of the Reverend and Editor which shall be appointed by the Commander.

Section 2. All Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. In order to select a slate of Officers, the Commander shall appoint a nominating committee comprised of no fewer than three members of this Camp in good standing, and the past Commander of the Camp. Should there be no past Commander, the Camp Adjutant will fill the position of the past Commander on the committee. These elections

will take place on the even year or in concordance with the year of the National elections.

Section 3. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the regular October meeting to the nominating committee. The Nomination Committee will confirm that all members nominating and all those nominated are in good standing prior to their admission to the ballot. The Adjutant will provide a roster of members in good standing. A full report of members nominated and selected for the respective positions will be presented during the November meeting. Voting will be via voice vote by the active members present at the December meeting. Contested positions will be voted on via ballot if requested by the nominating Committee, or a motion made and passed from the floor. The Nomination Committee will tally the votes and present the total of the positions elected at the December meeting

Section 4. A majority of the votes cast will be necessary for an election. When a majority is not received, the name of the member receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated and the vote taken over until an election is made.

Section 5. All Officers may be elected for as many successive terms as the Camp may deem to be in the best interest of the Camp. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Commander, the First Lieutenant Commander shall automatically become the Commander, and the Second Lieutenant Commander shall become the First Lieutenant Commander. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election and the Officer so elected shall serve for the remainder of the term for which his predecessor in that office was elected.

Section 6. Officers elected at the December meeting will be installed at the following February meeting (Charter month of the Camp) and will take office immediately after taking oath. The outgoing Commander or other appropriate Officer of the Brigade or the Division shall administer the oath of office to the in coming Commander and other Officers elected using the following oath:

"DO YOU SOLEMNLY PROMISE TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF YOUR OFFICE TO THE BEST OF YOUR

ABILITY, AND TO BE GOVERNED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES?"

Section 7. The duties of all Officer positions, except those of the Commander, may be combined with one other Officer position and the duties, for such combined positions shall be approved by majority vote of the attending members in good standing at a regular monthly meeting.

Section 8. In the absence of the Commander, the Lieutenant Commanders in order shall discharge the duties incumbent upon the position. In their absence, the next ranking Officer shall fulfill these duties until the vacancy can be filled by a special election. Elected or appointed officers absent from greater than 40% of the annual meetings, the office will be considered vacant.

Section 9. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

A. The Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp, and preserve and exercise the rules established by parliamentary usage. He shall appoint all Committees and sign all official letters and documents, Command the Camp in all parades, be a member ex-officio of all Committees and have such other duties as are herein after set forth. The Commander shall make an annual report to the Division Commander, given jointly or separately to the Brigade Commander, presenting any information as may be prescribed by these officers and/or the Division Executive Council. The Commander will at his convenience delegate tasks to his officers, committees, or Camp members as needed.

B. In the absence of the Commander, the Lieutenant Commanders in order of rank shall discharge the duties incumbent upon their positions or assigned by the Commander. In their absence, the next ranking Officer shall fulfill these duties. The Lieutenant Commanders shall be standing chairmen for the Programs and Public Relations Committee.

C. The Adjutant shall perform all the duties pertaining to the position of Secretary. He shall keep a true record of all meetings and take a roll of all of those present and present them to the Commander at the end of each term or as requested. He is responsible for providing a sign-in sheet for each meeting to assist in capturing the meeting roll. He is responsible for receiving a list of all compatriots present at or participating in events. He is responsible for filling out semi and annual reports as required. He shall write all official letters and documents. The "Book" or "Record" of members, as the original record of application of members, shall be held in the custody of the Adjutant and he shall be held accountable for its safekeeping. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He is empowered, with approval of the Commander, to appoint as many assistants as may be necessary. The Adjutant shall be standing chairman for Membership and the SCV Information Committee. He will at the expiration of his term will be responsible for promptly turning all Camp records in his possession over to the incoming Adjutant.

D. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all funds due the Camp. Such funds shall only be withdrawn from the camp's account by check and keep an accurate account. He shall give bond to the Camp, if required, in such amount and with such sureties as may be required by it. At each regular meeting called upon by the Commander and each annual meeting, he shall make a full report. Disbursements exceeding \$200.00 shall require the approval of the General Membership, and the written approval of the Commander except such as provided by the National, Division or Camp Constitution or by future actions of the Camp. His books and accounts shall be subject to examination by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Commander whenever the Commander deems it necessary. The Treasurer shall be standing Chairman for the Finance and Ways & Means Committee.

E. The Chaplain shall attend to the spiritual needs of the Camp, open and close all meetings and officiate at all funerals of members when requested. He shall in the event of a members death, immediately notify the camps officers and International Headquarters. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreaths and other such incidental items to the accomplishment of his duties.

F. The Surgeon shall attend to the physical needs of the members at all Events.

G. The Quartermaster shall have charge of all arrangements and shall discharge all duties ordinarily required of such Officers. The Commander shall appoint a Special Committee of which, the Quartermaster shall be the Chairman and the committee shall aid in the arrangements for any Banquet and/or additional Camp Functions ordered by the Camp. He shall be in charge of the camp store.

H. The Color Sergeant shall have command of the Color Guard, carry the Flag upon all parades and upon all assemblies, and have charge of and be accountable for its safekeeping.

I. When more than one Flag is to be carried, in parades or ceremonies the Commander shall appoint temporary Color-Bearers.

J. The Judge-Advocate shall have charge of all legal matters for the Camp. He shall interpret the Constitution and policies and procedures of the camp, Division and National when called upon by the Commander or any member in good standing of the Camp or when he determines a conflict with any of the above mentioned documents. His decision maybe appealed to the Executive Council for a final decision. The Judge Advocate will report to the camp his decisions in writing, noting the precedence for such decisions. The Judge Advocate shall be standing chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Committee. The Judge Advocate will act as parliamentarian.

K. The Historian shall collect and have supervision over the records and all other information obtainable concerning the Veterans who are ancestors of camp members and shall collect and preserve as far as possible, all authentic information concerning the War, its causes, its Battles and its results. All such information shall be carefully reserved and retained in a fireproof safe by the Historian. In a "Special Book" provided and ruled for that purpose, he shall keep a record of all applications, the facts set forth in the same and a record of the granting of certification of membership to individuals, as provided for in the General Constitution. The Historian shall be standing chairman of the Scrap Book Committee.

L. An Editor may be appointed by the commander for the Camp's newsletter. The Editor shall at the end of each fiscal year, prepare and provide a written report concerning the number of copies produced, number of newsletters distributed and the associated costs.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council consisting of all the elected Officers in the Camp, and two members of the Camp in good standing, appointed by the Commander.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall meet at the request of the Commander or his designate. A quorum of the Executive Council shall be deemed to exist when any four (4) members of the Council shall be present.

Section 3. The purpose of the Executive Council is to advise and consult with the Commander. It shall have full authority to manage the financial affairs of the Camp and, generally, to look after and have charge of all other affairs of the Camp between meetings of members and to report from time to time the condition of the finances.

Section 4. The Executive Council may also be empowered by majority vote of the Camp at any meeting, regular or special, to formulate policy and to establish official positions of the Camp in

matters relating to the interests of the Camp. In such matters, the positions taken by the Executive Council shall be considered to be the official position of the Camp unless a motion is put to the Camp to override the position adopted by the Executive Council and is carried by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1.

A. Dues shall be payable each calendar year at least 30 days prior to the date established by SCV Headquarters. Rate of dues shall be set by the Executive Council. Compatriots who have not paid such dues shall be dropped from the camp's membership roster.

B. Initiation fee shall be determined by the Executive Council.

C. Any Compatriot who has been dropped from membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of all dues in arrears, but not to exceed two years dues. Any required reinstatement fee must be paid at the same time.

Section 2. Calendar Year is defined, for Camp purposes, as the period between January 1 and December 31 of any year.

ARTICLE IX - PENALTIES

Section 1. Charges against any Compatriot must be made in writing, signed and presented to the Executive Council for investigation and appropriate action.

Section 2. Forfeiture of membership rights must be by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a regular meeting. Forfeiture of membership rights may be for violation of the laws of the United States, violation of the Constitution, defamatory acts to Confederate Veterans or to the cause for which they fought, provided that at least two (2) weeks notice of such proposed action shall have been given

by registered mail to the member or members against whom charges have been preferred.

Section 3. Penalty shall consist of forfeiture of the right of suffrage, suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this Camp shall be held monthly or as determined by the Executive Council. The date, time and place of each meeting shall be determined by the Commander or the Executive Council.

Section 2. Special Meetings may be called by the Commander or Executive Council at any time. The Commander shall call a Special Meeting whenever requested in writing to do so by five (5) or more active members of the Camp, provided that all members be notified. This meeting would require 7 days prior notice.

Section 3. Four (4) members present and in good standing in the Camp shall constitute a quorum at all Regular and Special Meetings.

Section 4. General business may be transacted at any meeting, except as provided in Article XI, Section 1.

Section 5. Roberts Rules of Order shall control the conduct of all meetings.

Section 6. Meeting Cancellations - The regularly scheduled meeting of the camp shall be cancelled if the Camp resident County closes the schools due to inclement weather.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be presented at any meeting of this Camp, but shall not be acted upon until the next Regular Meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to each member with the notice for the next Regular Meeting at which the same is to be acted upon, at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present shall be necessary for its adoption.

Section 2. An Article or Section or Subsection of this Constitution shall be suspended for a particular occasion, upon the assent of the Majority present.

ARTICLE XII - OFFICIAL OBSERVANCES

Section 1. This Camp shall observe the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day, General Robert E. Lee's Birthday, on or about 19 January, General Stone Wall Jackson's Birthday, on or about 21 January, President Jefferson Davis' Birthday, on or about 3 June. These dates will conform to dates established by the SCV Headquarters, Virginia SCV Division, or Reverend Beverly Tucker Lacy SCV Camp when appropriate.