

Dixie Camp 2362
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be **Dixie Camp 2362**.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to preserve, cultivate, and perpetuate the True History of The South, as passed down to us by our esteemed forefathers, passing onward unto our anxious posterity. We take our inspiration from The Charge given us by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, addressing the 16th annual meeting of the United Confederate Veterans in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 25, 1906:

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

In response, the Men of Dixie Camp 2362:

- **Vindicate.** We struggle to ensure that the great controversies ultimately leading our section to disunion in 1860, the travails we suffered in the War Between the States that resulted, and the heroic acts and contributions of the soldiers of the Confederacy throughout those painful years, are plainly set before the people, authentically written, and universally respected.
- **Defend.** We strive to promote a more general appreciation of the achievements of the manifold generations of southern ancestors before us, from the foundation of Jamestown in 1607 onward into this present era. This we do vigorously, using all manner and mode of communication, print, broadcast, and digital, including the most modern internet-based and social media.
- **Guard.** We treasure and preserve for posterity all documents, relics, and mementos produced and handed down by our Confederate ancestors and all their brothers and sisters who fought and died for The Cause.
- **Emulate.** We associate into one united, compact body of men blessed with Confederate ancestry, cultivating, perpetuating, and sanctifying the ties of fraternity and friendship following therefrom. We 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 forefathers who fought for it.

- **Perpetuate.** We 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. We care for and maintain the final resting places of our Confederate soldiers, marking their graves with flags, Confederate headstones, and Crosses of Honor as appropriate.

ARTICLE III. NATURE

Section 1. Dixie Camp 2362 shall be strictly historical, educational and benevolent, nonpolitical, and non-sectarian.

Section 2. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes. Such purposes may include the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding Sections of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be directed toward the influence of legislation. The organization shall not participate in, contribute to, or express opinion regarding, any political campaign or any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of political statements.

Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry out any activity forbidden of:

1. Organizations 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. Organizations receiving contributions deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding Section of any future federal tax code.

Section 6. 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 assets not thus distributed 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

A. Constitutional

Section 1. Full Camp Members shall be male descendants, at least twelve years of age, with direct or collateral lineage from men who served in the Confederate Army, Navy, or Marine Corps 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.

Section 2. Associate members may be males with no Confederate ancestry, or SCV members holding full membership in another SCV camp. Associate members in good standing may attend all camp meetings and functions, but shall not vote on camp business nor hold any camp office. Associate members may serve as Committee chairmen or members.

Section 3. No man shall be admitted to camp membership until satisfactory proof of his qualifications be submitted on an official application prepared for that purpose, bearing a recommendation by a member in good standing of the Camp. Annual dues and fees must be submitted along with the application.

Section 4. All applications for membership shall be reviewed by the Commander. The Commander may forward applications to a confidential, three (3) man committee appointed by him, to pass on the acceptability of the candidate for membership. Candidates who are denied membership may petition the Camp membership for admission, and if receiving favorable approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the membership will be granted full membership in the Camp.

Section 5. Candidates must be vetted by the South Carolina Division SCV.

Section 6. Candidates must attend at least three meetings. In the event that a candidate cannot attend three meetings due to health, distance, or hardship, the Executive Council may vote to grant an exception to the rule by simple majority at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Section 7. Candidates will be eligible for membership when their qualifications are judged to be in good order, they have been vetted by the Division, their fees are paid and three meetings have been attended. Applications for membership must be read at a regular Camp meeting. Membership will be extended upon receipt of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of acceptance by the membership present. The original application shall be forwarded to the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the camp retaining a duplicate

Section 8. Members in good standing of another camp may apply to transfer their membership into Dixie Camp at their first meeting if they are personally known to any current Camp member and have signed endorsement from at least two current Camp members in good standing. If the transfer member does not have written endorsement of at least two current camp members, then he must attend three meetings under Section 6 above. In either case, a vote must be taken as under Section 7.

Section 9. Former members seeking reinstatement may apply for membership on their first camp meeting if all back dues and fees are paid. They must be voted on and accepted as under Section 7.

Section 10. Active membership in the Camp is membership in the General organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 11. Any member applying for transfer out of Dixie Camp shall be entitled to a certificate from the Camp Adjutant verifying his membership in good standing and the duration thereof.

B. Official Ladies

Section 1. Although not holding membership in the SCV, the camp Commander may appoint the following ladies as representatives: Matron of Honor, Chaperon, Sponsor, and Maids of Honor as necessary. All Official Ladies must be related to a current full camp member by blood or marriage.

Section 2. Official Ladies shall assist the camp membership with planning, decorating, cooking, and serving at meals, social events and fundraisers. They may also be appointed by the commander to serve special duties under Article IX.B. as necessary. Official Ladies may also serve on Camp Committees but may not Chair Committees.

Section 3. No dues shall be assessed of Official Ladies by the camp.

ARTICLE V. ASSEMBLY

A. Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meeting of the Camp for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the same day of the same week of each month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Camp shall ordinarily be held in November each year, on the date of the regularly-scheduled camp meeting, at which time elections will take place under Article X. The Treasurer will review the camp finances, and a budget for the year upcoming will be presented to the membership. If the annual meeting must be postponed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Camp may be held at any time upon the call of the Commander. The Commander shall also call a special meeting upon receipt of a demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20 percent of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing, in writing or by email, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The Executive Council shall establish the place of such meeting in advance.

Section 4. Twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Camp 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 Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), most current version, except wherein they may be altered by the vote of the Camp.

B. Official Observances

Section 1. Confederate Memorial Day. The date of observance shall either be the second Saturday of May, or the Saturday of the weekend following the South Carolina Division observance.

Section 2. Christmas. The Camp shall, as a token of appreciation to friends and family, host an annual Christmas party at the December Meeting. The business meeting will be abbreviated, with no committee reports. Camp Officers will be sworn in following biennial elections.

Section 3. Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee Banquet. Annually on a Saturday near April 25, the Camp shall host a banquet to commemorate the founding of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, re-dedicating ourselves to The Charge.

ARTICLE VI. LEADERSHIP

A. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Camp shall be the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, and Color Sergeant. Only full members can fill these positions.

Section 2. The following special positions may be appointed, as necessary, by the Camp commander: Quartermaster, Camp Surgeon, Camp Historian/Scrapbook Editor, Newsletter Editor, Social Media Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, and Webmaster. Associate members and Official Camp Ladies are eligible to fill special camp positions, under Article V.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall be composed of the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant/Treasurer, Second Lieutenant Commander and the immediate Past Commander. No Past Commander shall be eligible who has failed to maintain good standing within the Camp. The Executive Council shall:

1. Plan all camp events, both regular and special.
2. Conduct business on behalf of the Camp as necessary, including the approval of special expenditures and the payment of non-routine bills.
3. Sit in judgment in all disciplinary matters.
4. Rule on all questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of members.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at any time and place as the Commander may determine. At least three (3) members of the Executive Council may call meetings at any time on demand and in writing via email to the Commander. All members of the Executive Council must acknowledge receipt of the request.

Section 5. Three (3) members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Resignation of any officer may be accepted by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Council.

Section 7. When an elected office is vacated as a result of death, resignation, or removal, the Commander shall appoint a successor, upon recommendation of the Executive Council, such successor to hold office until the next election during the annual meeting.

B. Duties

Section 1. Commander. Elected in even-numbered years, the Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp and the Executive Council. 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. First Lieutenant Commander. Elected in even-numbered years, the First Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request. He shall be responsible for the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members, monitoring the membership as to dues payment and meeting attendance. Working with the Adjutant, he shall maintain and make available a roster of members in good standing, with complete contact information.

Section 3. Adjutant. Elected in even-numbered years, the Adjutant will conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the preparation and forwarding of reports required of the Camp to General Headquarters, Division, and Brigades.

1. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep minutes of the Camp meetings and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp. He shall be the keeper of the Camp seal.
2. All applications for membership and payments of fees and dues shall be made to the Adjutant. He will keep an accurate and current roster of the membership, including current paid-up dues status, working closely with the Lieutenant Commander.
3. Upon leaving his office, the Adjutant shall provide assistance to the new Adjutant for a smooth transition of all camp records.

Section 4. Treasurer. Elected in even-numbered years, the Treasurer 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 Council. Such money shall only be withdrawn by the Treasurer or other agent specifically approved by the Executive Council for that purpose.

1. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at any meeting when requested. He shall present a detailed report, in writing, of income and expenditures at the annual meeting. Unusual bills presented to the Treasurer shall have received approval by the Executive Council.
2. He shall develop a suggested annual budget for the Camp, present it to the Executive Committee for approval, and monitor the budget as the year progresses.
3. Upon leaving his office, the Treasurer shall provide assistance to the new Treasurer for a smooth transition of banking and other camp accounts.

Section 5. Second Lieutenant Commander. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander should both the Commander and the First Lieutenant Commander be absent. The Second Lieutenant Commander shall serve as program chairman, securing guest speakers and presentations for Camp functions.

Section 6. Judge Advocate. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Judge Advocate shall advise the officers and Executive Council of all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the SCV General Constitution and Camp Bylaws. He shall serve as parliamentarian at both regular and special meetings. At the 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 7. Chaplain. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the Camp. He shall represent the Camp in times of bereavement. He shall offer an invocation at the start of every meeting, a blessing for the meal, and a benediction at the end of every meeting. 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 Adjutant, for the purpose of filing Last Roll paperwork with Headquarters. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreaths, or other items incidental to the accomplishment of his duties.

Section 8. Color Sergeant. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Color Sergeant shall be responsible for the establishment and observance of ceremonial forms and courtesies of the Camp. He 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 may appoint assistants to aid in the performance of his duties if necessary.

C. Special Appointments

Section 1. Quartermaster. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Quartermaster shall be responsible for the operation of the Camp stores, maintaining adequate stocks and other necessary items for efficient operation. The quartermaster shall obtain consent of the executive council for any expenditure over \$100. The quartermaster should procure camp logo hats, shirts and other apparel, graveyard stick flags, and camp nametags for members. All items purchased by Quartermaster with camp funds shall be sold to camp members at actual cost with no markup. He shall maintain a cash fund up to \$300. He shall account to the Commander as to expenditures. Any monies in excess of \$ 300 shall be remitted to the Adjutant/Treasurer.

Section 2. Camp Surgeon. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Camp Surgeon shall be familiar with basic techniques of first aid and shall stand ready to administer basic medical assistance when called upon at meetings and functions of the Camp.

Section 3. Historian/Scrapbook Editor. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Historian/Scrapbook Editor 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 yearly so as to insure preservation. The scrapbook(s) may be submitted to the SC Division and National Reunions for awards judging if practical. The Historian/Scrapbook Editor may appoint a Camp Photographer to assist with collection of photographs of camp events. He is also responsible for submitting camp photos to the National SCV Confederate Veteran's magazine and the Division's Palmetto Partisan newsletter on a regular basis.

Section 4. Newsletter Editor. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Newsletter Editor shall prepare and distribute the official Camp Newsletter. The newsletter should be sent out monthly (if possible) and include the minutes from the previous monthly meeting, as available from the Adjutant. Unless otherwise directed by the Executive Council, the newsletter will be distributed to all members free of charge via email only, no equipment or software provided for its production. If printing and postage for mailing is directed and authorized by the Executive Council, those expenditures will be paid by the camp.

Section 5. Communications Coordinator. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Communications Coordinator shall work together with the Newsletter Editor, the Historian/Scrapbook Editor, and the Webmaster to publicize the Camp, its membership and its activities. He will take leadership in vindicating The Cause to the public at large, through print, conventional media, and internet, including content for the website and social media platforms. He may produce and distribute videos, podcasts, and livestreamed meetings as practicable. He will be responsible for any print advertising and billboard campaigns. He will serve as camp liaison to the news media.

All communications projects requiring camp funds shall be coordinated and approved by the Executive Council and the membership in regular meeting. The use of original text content, photos and other media created or taken by camp members will be preferred to stock photos and other secondary sources. Where necessary, the Communications Coordinator will take care to obtain copyright permissions for reproduction.

Section 6. Webmaster. Appointed by the camp Commander for a two-year term, the Webmaster is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the camp's website. He will work collaboratively with the Camp Commander and the Communications Coordinator to promote the camp and camp events online.

ARTICLE VII. CAMP ELECTIONS

Section 1. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office.

Section 2. Nominations will be solicited at the October camp meeting in even-numbered years. All nominations must be seconded, and the candidate must express his willingness to serve. If the candidate cannot be present to accept his nomination, he may contact the Commander prior to the October meeting and indicate his acceptance, to be conveyed to the membership. Nominations will be closed at the end of the October meeting, and no further nominations will be accepted.

Section 3. Elections will take place at the November camp meeting in even-numbered years. Uncontested elections may take place by voice vote. Contested elections must take place by secret ballot. Write-in votes will not be accepted.

Section 4. Absentee ballots will be accepted as follows:

1. The camp member must request an official ballot from the Camp Adjutant by email.
2. The camp member must print the ballot, complete it, and return it by US Mail directly to the Camp Adjutant's home address or camp address.
3. The camp member's name and return address must appear on the outside of the envelope.
4. All absentee ballots must be received by the Camp Adjutant the day prior to the date of election.

Section 5. On election day, envelopes containing absentee ballots will be logged by the Adjutant and emptied into the ballot box together with the in-person ballots, care being taken to preserve the secrecy of the voter. The tally will be made by the Camp Adjutant and the Judge Advocate working together, or another member appointed by the Adjutant if the Judge Advocate position is not filled. Each candidate is allowed an observer to witness the vote counting but they are not allowed to assist or comment.

Section 6. The results of the election shall be announced immediately after the tally is completed. All ballots shall be retained by Adjutant for 30 days in case of a protest. After 30 days, ballots shall be destroyed.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCE**A. Dues**

Section 1. The annual dues to the Camp shall be set annually by the Executive Council, such amount subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The cost of a life membership will be twelve times the amount of the annual dues, paid as a one-time sum. Associate dues will also increase in the same amount as Full member dues.

Section 2. Members late in payment of dues beyond one month shall be classified as delinquent, and a \$5.00 reinstatement fee imposed. Members four (4) months late or more will be suspended, and shall be reinstated only upon vote of the Camp under Article IV, Section 9 above.

B. Special Funds

In addition to the camp operating account, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, create separate accounts for *ad hoc* purposes, such as special events, benevolence, or quartermaster.

C. Stewardship

Camp funds may be invested in such instruments as may be considered sound and prudent by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX. AWARDS

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

Section 2. The Executive Council 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. PROHIBITIONS

Section 1. No discussion shall be permitted of religious or political subjects outside of an historical context. No candidates for public office shall be endorsed.

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. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted in the conduct of Camp elections or business.

ARTICLE XI. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Section 1. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Camp for cause; such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Council by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Council present or at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

1. Disloyalty
2. Neglect of Duty
3. Dishonesty
4. Use of violence or verbal threat of violence against any SCV member at any time or violence or verbal threat against a guest attending a camp meeting or function.
5. An act 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 fifteen (15) day 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 Council 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 Council shall provide for true and accurate recording of all proceedings of such hearings.

Section 4. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) 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 fifteen (15) day notice, in writing, shall have been given to the officer of the reasons 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 Council, upon majority vote, may suspend an officer pending outcome of this special meeting. At such meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing. The vote will be taken in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Sections 4 – 6, as specified above

Section 5. Any member in good standing may offer charges against any officer or member. 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 Council to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Council, 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 Council may appeal to the full membership of the Camp. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Adjutant who will notify the Commander. The Commander will call a special meeting of the Camp for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Adjutant shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice, by email, 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 full Camp, the Adjutant will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Council at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present, in accordance with the provisions in Article IX, Sections 4 – 6, as specified above, and a two-third (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Council.

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 of the Confederation.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT

Section 1. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the Camp at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. If seconded, a vote will be in order ten days after a copy of the proposed amendment has been published in the newsletter, or sent to each member in good standing by email. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present will be necessary for passage.

Section 2. All amendments shall be detailed, dated, and attached to a revised copy of the Bylaws. The revised Bylaws shall be emailed to all current members by the Adjutant.