

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, 27 March 2010**

Words underscored indicate words to be inserted. Words ~~struckthrough~~ indicate words to be deleted.

**Proposed Amendment #1 — Article XVII, § 1 - COMMITTEES**

*Subject: Adds H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee and SC Confederate Veterans Graves Registration Committee to list of standing committees.*

*Proponent: SC Division Executive Council*

Current Constitutional Wording	Proposed Amendment	Constitutional Wording if Passed
<p><b>Section 1. Standing Committees</b> – There shall be five (5) standing committees. Heritage Committee, Convention Planning Committee, Guardian Committee, Awards Committee and Memorial Day Committee.</p> <p><b>A — The Heritage Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and implementing a consistent program for protecting and promoting the positive image of Confederate heritage and symbols. They shall choose from among themselves two (2) men who along with the chairman and Division Commander shall compose a steering committee to act on behalf of the Division, and may expend such moneys entrusted to them, when immediate action is required.</p> <p><b>B — The Convention Planning Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, and three (3) others no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with recommending sites and related details for future conventions.</p> <p><b>C — The Guardian Committee</b> shall normally be composed of a chairman and three (3) other members all of whom shall be qualified Guardians. They shall be charged with organizing a program to appropriately recognize those Compatriots who properly care for a Confederate</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Standing Committees</b> – There shall be <del>five (5)</del> <u>seven (7)</u> standing committees. Heritage Committee, Convention Planning Committee, Guardian Committee, Awards Committee, <del>and</del> Memorial Day Committee, <u>H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee, and South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee.</u></p> <p><b>A — The Heritage Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and implementing a consistent program for protecting and promoting the positive image of Confederate heritage and symbols. They shall choose from among themselves two (2) men who along with the chairman and Division Commander shall compose a steering committee to act on behalf of the Division, and may expend such moneys entrusted to them, when immediate action is required.</p> <p><b>B — The Convention Planning Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, and three (3) others no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with recommending sites and related details for future conventions.</p> <p><b>C — The Guardian Committee</b> shall normally be composed of a chairman and three (3) other members all of whom shall be qualified Guardians. They shall be charged with organizing a program to appropriately recognize those</p>	<p><b>Section 1. Standing Committees –</b> There shall be seven (7) standing committees. Heritage Committee, Convention Planning Committee, Guardian Committee, Awards Committee, Memorial Day Committee, <u>H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee, and South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee.</u></p> <p><b>A — The Heritage Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and implementing a consistent program for protecting and promoting the positive image of Confederate heritage and symbols. They shall choose from among themselves two (2) men who along with the chairman and Division Commander shall compose a steering committee to act on behalf of the Division, and may expend such moneys entrusted to them, when immediate action is required.</p> <p><b>B — The Convention Planning Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, and three (3) others no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with recommending sites and related details for future conventions.</p> <p><b>C — The Guardian Committee</b> shall normally be composed of a chairman and three (3) other members all of whom shall be qualified Guardians. They shall be charged with organizing a program to appropriately recognize those Compatriots who properly care for a Confederate veteran's grave.</p> <p><b>D — The Awards Committee</b> shall</p>

<p>veteran's grave.</p> <p><b>D — The Awards Committee</b> shall be composed of the Chief-of-Staff, who shall serve as Chairman, and three (3) other members, no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with organizing a program to properly recognize and suitably reward individuals, Camps and other units for achievement and merit in various categories and under certain rules clearly defined and widely published.</p> <p><b>E — The Memorial Day Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, Division Chaplain, all Brigade Commanders (or their designees) and four (4) Compatriots from Camps located in Richland and contiguous counties.</p>	<p>Compatriots who properly care for a Confederate veteran's grave.</p> <p><b>D — The Awards Committee</b> shall be composed of the Chief-of-Staff, who shall serve as Chairman, and three (3) other members, no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with organizing a program to properly recognize and suitably reward individuals, Camps and other units for achievement and merit in various categories and under certain rules clearly defined and widely published.</p> <p><b>E — The Memorial Day Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, Division Chaplain, all Brigade Commanders (or their designees) and four (4) Compatriots from Camps located in Richland and contiguous counties.</p> <p><u><b>F — The H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and coordinating the H.L. Hunley JROTC Award program across the Division.</u></p> <p><u><b>G — The South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, archivist, and a coordinator from each Brigade. They shall be charged with the administration, management, and organization of a program designed to locate, identify, and document the final resting place of every Confederate Veteran buried in the State of South Carolina and every South Carolina Confederate Veteran buried outside the State of South Carolina for the purpose of creating a searchable database containing this information and, at the appropriate time, publishing this information.</u></p>	<p>be composed of the Chief-of-Staff, who shall serve as Chairman, and three (3) other members, no two (2) of whom shall be from the same Brigade. They shall be charged with organizing a program to properly recognize and suitably reward individuals, Camps and other units for achievement and merit in various categories and under certain rules clearly defined and widely published.</p> <p><b>E — The Memorial Day Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, Division Chaplain, all Brigade Commanders (or their designees) and four (4) Compatriots from Camps located in Richland and contiguous counties.</p> <p><b>F — The H.L. Hunley JROTC Award Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman and one (1) representative from each Brigade. They shall be charged with planning and coordinating the H.L. Hunley JROTC Award program across the Division.</p> <p><b>G — The South Carolina Confederate Veterans Grave Registration Committee</b> shall be composed of a chairman, vice-chairman, archivist, and a coordinator from each Brigade. They shall be charged with the administration, management, and organization of a program designed to locate, identify, and document the final resting place of every Confederate Veteran buried in the State of South Carolina and every South Carolina Confederate Veteran buried outside the State of South Carolina for the purpose of creating a searchable database containing this information and, at the appropriate time, publishing this information.</p>
---	--	--

**Proposed Amendment #2 — Article VI, §5 – Division Officers**

*Subject: Clarification that election of Brigade Commanders occurs at conventions held in even numbered years.*

*Proponent: 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Frank Berry*

Current Constitutional Wording	Proposed Amendment	Constitutional Wording if Passed
<p><b>Section 5.</b> Brigade Commanders shall be elected at the Division Convention by the delegates representing their respective Brigades. If a commander is not elected at Convention, the Division Commander may appoint a commander for that brigade. Brigade Commanders shall hold office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention following their election or appointment, or until election or appointment of their successors. Brigade Commanders shall be members of the Division Executive Council and delegates to the Division Convention with vote.</p> <p>Brigade Commanders shall appoint a First Lieutenant Commander to assist in the support of Brigade Camps and programs.</p>	<p><b>Section 5.</b> Brigade Commanders shall be elected at <del>the</del> <u>each</u> Division Convention <u>held in an even numbered year</u> by the delegates representing their respective Brigades. If a commander is not elected at Convention, the Division Commander may appoint a commander for that brigade. Brigade Commanders shall hold office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention <u>held in an even numbered year</u> following their election or appointment, or until election or appointment of their successors. Brigade Commanders shall be members of the Division Executive Council and <u>voting</u> delegates to the Division Convention <del>with vote</del>. Brigade Commanders shall appoint a First Lieutenant Commander to assist in the support of Brigade Camps and programs.</p>	<p><b>Section 5.</b> Brigade Commanders shall be elected at each Division Convention held in an even numbered year by the delegates representing their respective Brigades. If a commander is not elected at Convention, the Division Commander may appoint a commander for that brigade. Brigade Commanders shall hold office until the adjournment of the next Division Convention held in an even numbered year following their election or appointment, or until election or appointment of their successors. Brigade Commanders shall be members of the Division Executive Council and voting delegates to the Division Convention. Brigade Commanders shall appoint a First Lieutenant Commander to assist in the support of Brigade Camps and programs.</p>

**Proposed Amendment #3 — Article VII, §8 – Duties of Officers**

*Subject: Brigade Commanders are responsible for visiting their camps and attending Brigade, Division, and National Events*

*Proponent: 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Frank Berry*

Current Constitutional Wording	Proposed Amendment	Constitutional Wording if Passed
<p><b>Section 8.</b> Brigade Commanders shall try to visit each Camp in their brigades at least once a year, and attend all Brigade, Division and National functions. They shall serve as members of the Division Executive Council and Heritage Committee, assist the Division Commander ‘in the establishment of new Camps in their respective brigades, coordinate special events and projects in their brigade areas, and assist the Division Commander as directed and required.</p>	<p><b>Section 8.</b> Brigade Commanders shall <del>try to</del> visit each Camp in their brigade, <u>which meets monthly</u>, at least <del>once</del> <u>two times a year, and each Camp in their brigade, which does not meet monthly, at least one time</u> a year. <u>These official visits shall be documented and reported to the Division Commander. They shall attend all Brigade, Division and National functions.</u> They shall serve as members of the Division Executive Council and Heritage Committee, assist the Division Commander ‘in the establishment of new Camps in their respective brigades,</p>	<p><b>Section 8.</b> Brigade Commanders shall visit each Camp in their brigade, which meets monthly, at least two times a year, and each Camp in their brigade, which does not meet monthly, at least one time a year. These official visits shall be documented and reported to the Division Commander. They shall attend all Brigade, Division and National functions. They shall serve as members of the Division Executive Council and Heritage Committee, assist the Division Commander ‘in the establishment of new Camps in their respective brigades, coordinate special events and projects in their brigade areas, and assist the Division</p>

	coordinate special events and projects in their brigade areas, and assist the Division Commander as directed and required. <a href="#">Failure to perform the duties of this office could result in removal.</a>	Commander as directed and required. Failure to perform the duties of this office could result in removal.
--	--	---

**Proposed Amendment #4 — Article VIII §3 – Division Executive Council**

*Subject: Clarification of the terms of office of the SC Division Executive Council.*

*Proponent: 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Frank Berry*

Current Constitutional Wording	Proposed Amendment	Constitutional Wording if Passed
<p><b>Section 3.</b> The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall normally be two years, from Division Convention when appointed, to the adjournment of the Division Convention at which their term expire.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.</b> The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall normally be two years, from Division Convention when <a href="#">elected or</a> appointed, to the adjournment of the Division Convention at which their term expires.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.</b> The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall normally be two years, from Division Convention when elected or appointed, to the adjournment of the Division Convention at which their term expires.</p>