



Constitution and By-Laws
of
1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp 2270
Sons of Confederate Veterans

PREAMBLE

We, the descendants of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the Confederate States of America, have joined this fraternal, patriotic and educational organization for the purposes and objectives set forth by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and in doing so pledge ourselves to commemorate our ancestors' deeds, render loyal service to our nation, and to promote the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship and respect for and honor to the Constitution of the United States and the Flags of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, and to therefore establish and adopt these Bylaws for our organization.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp 2270, Sons of Confederate Veterans, hereinafter referred to as the Camp.

Section 2. The Camp is so named in memory of First Lieutenant David Richard Reynolds (1838-1901) who enlisted in Titus County, Texas as a Private in Company D, 9th Texas Infantry, Maxey's Brigade, on October 5th 1861, and was elected to the Rank of Lieutenant by his men. 1st Lieut. D. R. Reynolds was paroled on May 11, 1865 in Meridian, Mississippi and returned to Titus County where he became a Farmer, Merchant, Post Master, and Editor and Publisher of the Cookville Banner.

ARTICLE II OBJECT

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 recording and teaching with impartiality of all Southern 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 and protection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and where found; 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 forefathers who fought in that Cause.

Therefore, we, the members of the Camp, commit to ensure that the aforementioned impartial Southern history will be taught to each generation, current and future, in accordance with the "Charge" given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate

Veterans, in his speech at the 16th Annual Meeting and Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans held 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 soldiers’ 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 to those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish.”

ARTICLE III NATURE

The Camp shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian.

Section 1. Said Camp is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, 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.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Camp shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Camp 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 3. No substantial part of the activities of the Camp shall be involved with 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 Camp shall not be involved with any other activities not permitted to 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 by 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.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the Camp, 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 shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Camp 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. Membership in the Camp is open to male descendants, lineal or collateral, at least twelve (12) years of age, of those men who served honorably and whose service terminated honorably in the armed forces of the Confederate States of America or one of the States thereof. Applicants for membership must be men of good character, who emulate the best qualities of the Confederate soldier.

Section 2. No one shall be admitted to membership until satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications has been submitted to the Camp along with an official application prepared for that purpose, such application bearing recommendation by a member in good standing of the Camp and two (2) members of the Camp Membership Committee.

Section 3. All applications for membership in the Camp will be reviewed by the Commander. The Commander may submit an application to a confidential, three (3)-man membership committee appointed by him, to review the acceptability of the candidate for membership. Candidates refused 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 4. Annual Camp, Division and National dues and fees must be submitted with the completed application.

Section 5. Active membership in the Camp is also membership in the Texas Division and National Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 6. 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.

Section 2. Members in arrears four (4) months in payment of dues shall be classified as delinquent, and six (6) months' arrearage shall automatically impose suspension. Payment of all Camp, Division and National back dues within the current year, a \$1.00 Texas Division and \$5.00 National reinstatement fee, together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one (1) year or more shall be reinstated only upon vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts due to the Camp, Texas Division and National Headquarters.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Camp shall be in the month of June 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 Meetings. 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 in writing, 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 by United States mail or to a current email provided by the member so long as any member who is known not to have a current correct email on file is sent a copy of the proposed changes by United States mail. The notification should be postmarked or electronically dated at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The Executive Committee shall establish the place of such meeting in advance.

Section 4. Quorum. The greater number of twenty-five percent (25%) or three (3) members in good standing of the Camp and entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum at an Annual, Regular or Special Meeting.

Section 5. Rules of Order. The rules of procedures at any meeting of the Camp shall be those set forth in a document titled 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp 2270, Sons of Confederate Veterans rules for handling Camp Business. These guidelines shall generally follow Robert's Rules of Order-Summary version.

These guidelines will be used as a guide and guide only with emphasis on a good business approach for handling all Camp business through a cordial, collaborative and inclusionary effort. These rules shall be promulgated as amended at the direction of the Camp from time to time and documented when the action occurred as an attachment to said document.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Camp shall be the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, and Historian. The Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, and Second Lieutenant Commander shall be elected by a majority vote of the Camp members in good standing who are present at the annual meeting of the Camp. Other Officer positions shall be appointed by the Camp Commander.

Section 2. When the Commander position is vacated prior to his term of service as a result of death, resignation, or removal, his replacement shall be appointed by majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee. Such successor shall hold office until the next election.

Section 3. When any other elected office is vacated prior to the end of term of service as a result of death, resignation, or removal, the Commander shall appoint a successor, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such successor shall hold office until the next election.

Section 4. Terms of Office:

- a. Officers shall be elected for two-year terms.
- b. Officers, with the exception of the Commander, may hold office for multiple consecutive terms.
- c. The term of office shall be two years, except that the original term of office and any term of office shortened by a change in the dates of Camp elections shall be that period of time served by the Camp Commander as determined by the time between elections. This time period, even though it may be less than two full years qualifies the Camp Commander vacating the office with all honors, rights, privileges and prerogatives of a Past Commander. If the time between elections is a normal two-year period, the Camp Commander must have served the full period of two years to enjoy all rights as a Past Commander.
- d. Camp elections shall be held in the month of June in even numbered years, or as soon thereafter as practical if Camp elections are not possible to be held that month. The installations will follow at the next regular meeting of the Camp or as soon as practical thereafter.
- e. Members who hold the office of Commander may be reelected to the office again after a minimum period of one election cycle during his absence from that office. During this period of absence, the Past Commander shall be eligible to hold any other office in the Camp so elected or appointed.
- f. Other Camp officers may succeed themselves in office without any prohibitions as to the number of terms served.

ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, and the two (2) immediate past commanders. No past commanders shall be eligible that have failed to maintain a good standing within the Camp.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Sit in judgment in all disciplinary matters.
- b. Authorize and approve all meeting dates and arrangements.
- c. Rule on all questions effecting the election, eligibility and conduct of members.
- d. When in the interest of the Camp, transact business on behalf of the membership.

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

Section 4. Three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX 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. First Lieutenant Commander. The First 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.

Section 3. Second Lieutenant Commander. The Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in the absence of the Commander and the First Lieutenant Commander. He shall maintain an adequate supply of SCV brochures and applications to accomplish the recruitment of new members. He shall prepare and distribute to the membership in good standing a roster of members, their addresses and telephone numbers.

Section 4. Adjutant. The Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to National 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.

Section 5. Treasurer. 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 Committee. Such Bank accounts shall have the Treasurer and Commander on the signature card. Money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer or Commander. He 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. Bills paid by the Treasurer shall have received approval by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection and submission of Camp, Texas Division, National dues and fees, taking proper note of the paying member, his address and other information necessary in the maintenance of Camp records. He shall be responsible for the purchasing of all items necessary for operation of the Camp.

Section 6. Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate shall advise the officers and Executive Committee of all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the SCV National and Texas Division

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 7. 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 and Camp membership. He shall be responsible for the operation of the Camp stores, maintaining adequate stocks and other items necessary for efficient operation, notifying the Treasurer of any items needed to be purchased

Section 8. Surgeon. The 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. He shall also notify the Camp membership of any medical concerns of regional, state, or national nature.

Section 9. 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 wellbeing of members confined by illness. In event of a member's death, he shall immediately notify the membership, Texas Division Chaplain and the Chaplain-in-Chief. He shall be responsible for sending get well cards, sympathy cards, flowers, or wreaths on behalf of the Camp. His expenses will be reimbursed by the Treasurer.

Section 10. Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms 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.

Section 11. 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.

Section 12. Editor. The Commander shall, upon taking office, appoint an editor and such other staff as necessary in the preparation and distribution of the official Camp Newsletter, David's Dispatch.

ARTICLE X AWARDS

Section 1. The Executive 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 Executive 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 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 Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present and voting or at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

- a. Disloyalty
- b. Neglect of Duty
- c. Dishonesty
- d. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

- e. An act repugnant to the Sons of Confederate Veterans National's or Texas Division's 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 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 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 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. Any member in good standing may offer charges against any officer or members. 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 special meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give at least fifteen (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 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, in writing, to all members of the Camp in good standing stating the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the special meeting of the 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 Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds (2/3) 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 Texas 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 PROHIBITIONS

Section 1. No discussion of political or religious subjects, or any political action, or the endorsing of aspirants for political office, shall be permitted.

Section 2. No assessment shall be levied upon the Camp members other than required annual dues and fees.

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

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION OF THE CAMP

Upon the dissolution of the organization, all remaining Camp assets after payment of authorized expenditures shall be distributed to the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans or Sons of Confederate Veterans National Headquarters, provided that the receiving entity qualifies for 501(c)3 tax exemption as provided for by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service. No distributions of assets may be distributed to its members or private individuals.

ARTICLE XIV RULES OF PROCEDURE

The rules of procedure at any Camp meeting shall be those set forth in Article VI Section V. Rules of Order, except wherein they may be in conflict with the Camp, Texas Division, or National Constitution or bylaws, as currently written.

ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments of these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the Camp in Good Standing at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendments, provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent to each Camp member who is in Good Standing, by United States mail or to a current email provided by the member so long as any member who is known not to have a current correct email on file is sent a copy of the proposed changes by United States mail. The notification should be postmarked or electronically dated at least ten (10) days prior to any meeting called for the purpose of voting on said amendments. A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the members present at the meeting called for said purpose will be necessary to pass the specified amendment(s).

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws were adopted this 7th day of March, 2016 by the members of the 1st Lt. David Richard Reynolds Camp 2270.

Amended Dates:

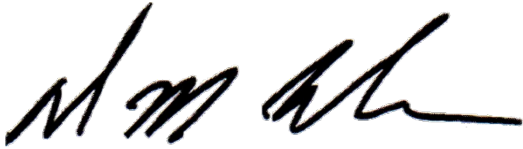
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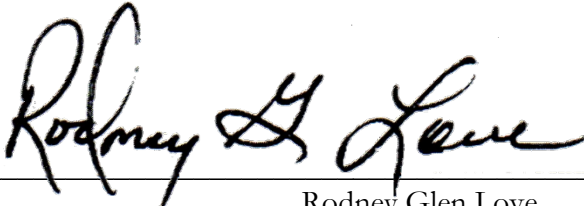
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17th day of June 2019

26th day of September 2022

Camp Commander: 
Dennis Mack Beckham

Adjutant: 
Rodney Glen Love