

**Constitution and By-Laws of
The 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904
Sons of Confederate Veterans**

ARTICLE I. Name. The name of this organization shall be the 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904.

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 history and achievement from Jamestown to this present, era, constantly endeavoring to see that events of the War Between the States and the heroic contributions of the Confederate soldiers are authentically and clearly written, and that all documents, relics, and mementoes produced and handed down by those active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, civil and military, wherever done and where found; to 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.

Article III. Nature. The 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904 shall be strictly historical and benevolent, non-political, and non-sectarian.

- a. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or their 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 federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) 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.
- c. 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 shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the country in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article IV. Membership.

Section 1. All male descendants, lineal, or collateral, at least twelve years of age, of those who served in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison or while in actual service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably discharged, shall be eligible for membership.

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

Section 3. All applications for membership in the Camp, received by the Adjutant, shall be reviewed by the Commander. The Commander may submit the applications to a confidential, three (3) -man membership committee appointed by him, to pass on 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 dues and fees must be submitted with completed applications to the Camp Adjutant.

Section 5. Applications for membership in the Camp must be read at a regular meeting of the Camp. Upon reading of the application, membership in the Camp will be extended only after receiving two-thirds (2/3) vote of acceptance by the membership present.

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

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

Article V. Dues.

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

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 back dues within the current year, a payment of a \$5.00 reinstatement fee together with all additional levies for that year, shall permit reinstatement to active membership. A member delinquent one year or more shall be only reinstated upon vote of the Camp and payment of all amounts due him to the Camp.

Article VI. Meetings.

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

Section 2. Regular Meetings. The regular meeting of the Camp for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on a day each month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Camp may be held at anytime 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, in writing, by United States Mail or electronically not less than 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. A quorum will be the average member attendance of the immediately previous three monthly camp meetings, minus two (2), to the meeting at question. The minimum number for constituting a quorum is five (5).

Section 5. Elections. To be eligible to serve as an officer of this Camp, either elected or appointed, a Compatriot must have been a member of this Camp for one year. All elections of Officers shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by unanimous consent of those present, when they may be voted on by viva voice vote. A majority of votes cast in a contested election shall be necessary for an election. When a majority is not received, the name of the member receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped, and the voting will continue until an election is made. The officers elected shall be installed at the January meeting.

Section 6. The rules of procedure at any meeting of the Camp shall be those set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, revised, except wherein they may be altered by the vote of the Camp.

Article VII. Officers:

Section 1. The elected officers of the Camp shall be the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Third Lieutenant Commander. The Commander shall appoint the Adjutant, Chaplain and Aides-de-Camp and at the discretion of the Commander, other officers may be added if needed. All officers, except those of the Executive Committee, shall be elected by a majority vote, by written ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Camp. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. Officers elected at the meeting shall take office on the first day of the following year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Third Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant, Aide-de-camp, 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 3. Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time and place as the Commander may determine. At least one less than the total membership of the Executive Committee may call a meeting at any time on demand and in writing to the Commander.

Section 4. Two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Executive Committee shall

constitute a quorum.

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

Section 6. When an office is vacated as a result of death, resignation, or removal, the commander shall appoint a successor, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, such successor to hold office until the next election during the annual meeting.

Article VIII. Duties of Officers.

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

Section 2. First Lieutenant Commander

First Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or request and shall assist the Commander in all projects as directed. The First Lieutenant Commander speaks for the camp in the absence of the Commander and shall assume such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Second Lt. Commander

Second Lt. Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander and speak for the camp in the absence of the Commander and the First Lt. Commander and shall assume such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Third Lieutenant Commander

The Third Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander and speak for the camp in the absence of the Commander, the First Lt. Commander and the Second Lt. Commander and shall assume such duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Adjutant.

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

Section 6. Chaplain. Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the Camp. He shall give the Invocation and Benediction at regular Camp meetings and Camp Events.

Section 7. The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall:

1. Approve or disapprove all bills presented to the Adjutant for payment.
2. Sit in judgment in all disciplinary matters
3. Authorize and approve all meeting dates and arrangements
4. Rule on all questions affecting the election, eligibility, and conduct of members.
5. When in the interest of the camp, transact business on behalf of the membership
6. Audit the books and bank account of the camp each November.
7. Assign the duties of the First, Second and Third Lieutenant Commanders.

Duties that should be assigned by the Executive Committee to First, Second and Third Lieutenant Commanders include, but not exclusively:

a. Lt. Commander in charge of Recruitment and Public Relations.

This Lieutenant Commander shall serve as program chairman, securing guest speakers and presentation for Camp functions. He shall be responsible for Camp activities for the recruitment of new members. He shall maintain an adequate supply of SCV brochures and applications to accomplish the recruitment of new members. He shall constantly strive for an active, growing membership. He shall also be responsible for making arrangements for activities in which the Camp participates, such as parades, reenactments, historical events, etc. He shall be responsible to coordinate on the ground requirements for said activities and events as needed.

b. Lt. Commander in charge of Communication and Education. This Lieutenant Commander shall be responsible for generating and monitoring all electronic communications within the membership and with outside sources of publicity (newspapers and magazines, etc.). He shall be responsible for the procurement and delivery of public educational events that promote our cause (schools and special events).

c. Lt. Commander in charge of Logistics. This Lieutenant Commander is in charge of Rifle Squad and Parade Marching Formation as well as Monument and Flag Maintenance Coordinator. He shall be responsible for the rifle team organization and performance, drill and marching performance at any and all Camp activities. He shall also be responsible for the procurement, placement and maintenance of monuments and flags placed in strategic places by the camp.

Article IX. 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 X. Suspension or Expulsion

Section 1. Discipline: Camps and Divisions, being the judges of their own members, may

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

Cause for disciplinary action shall be:

1. Disloyalty
2. Neglect of Duty
3. Dishonesty
4. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans
5. An 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 days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by registered mail. At such meetings, the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

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

Section 4. Any officer may be removed by 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) days notice, in writing, shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. The notice must be delivered to the member by registered mail. At such meeting, the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

Section 5. Standing. Charges proffered by a Camp or Division must be against one of its own members. The General Executive council or the Convention may proffer charges against any member. Charges may not be proffered by any individual. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Adjutant, who will immediately notify the commander. The Commander will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Adjutant will give a 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 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 Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and 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 XI. 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 annual dues and initiation fees, except by resolution of the general membership.

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

Article XII. Amendments.

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the Camp at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment, provided a copy of the intended amendment has been mailed to each Camp member in good standing, through the Camp Newsletter or electronically, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present (provided that the Camp quorum is in attendance) will be necessary to pass the change.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2012 by the members of the 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Camp Commander

Camp Adjutant