

TENNESSEE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

# Sons of Confederate Veterans

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The Honorable Mayor of Americana  
Americana, Brazil

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3254 Shelby Street  
Bartlett, Tennessee 38134

Dear Sir:

Chief of Staff  
Scotty Todd  
4489 Parkwood  
Memphis, Tennessee 38128

The Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D.C. suggested that I contact your office about the appropriate person for me to contact in your community about the organization of a chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; therefore, I will outline my project to you and await your reply as to whom I should write in Americana.

Chief of Protocol  
John L. Echols  
8477 Southaven Circle West  
Southaven, Mississippi 38671

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a historical, patriotic, educational, and non-political organization composed of male descendants of men who fought for the Confederate States of America. To be eligible for membership a man must be able to document that one of his ancestors was in the Confederate Army and was not dishonorably discharged.

Chaplain  
Basil McMahan  
302 South Woodland  
Manchester, Tennessee 37355

It is my understanding that Americana was founded by men from the South who came to your country after the American Civil War ended in 1865. I also understand that their descendants are still in Brazil and that they keep the memory of their Confederate ancestors alive through various ceremonies and observances.

Judge Advocate  
T. Tarry Beasley  
5978 McQueen Cove  
Memphis, Tennessee 38119

I would like for you to direct me to the appropriate person(s) in your community who are descendants of these soldiers. I want to suggest that they form a local chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a tribute to their ancestors. It takes ten (10) men over the age of sixteen to be granted a charter from our General Headquarters in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Historian  
Lynn J. Shaw  
P. O. Box 207  
Brownsville, Tennessee 38012

I am enclosing several membership application blanks and an informational brochure that explains our organization. I would appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you very much for your help.

Inspector  
Alan Doyte  
P. O. Box 11141  
Memphis, Tennessee 38111

Sincerely yours,

Ronald T. Clemmons, Commander  
Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP?

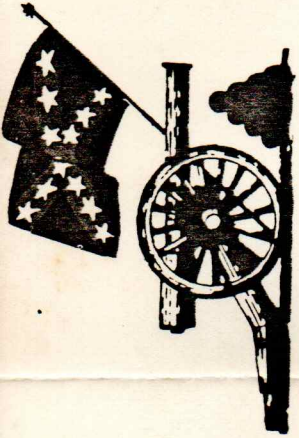
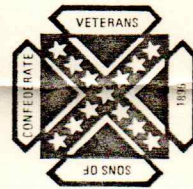
All male descendants of those who served the Confederate cause in the Confederate Army, Navy or in the civil government of the Confederate States of America, and who were not dishonorably discharged.

Candidates for membership must be at least sixteen years of age, and must provide proof of their Confederate lineage — either direct or collateral descent — on an application blank in duplicate furnished by the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization.

There is probably a local camp of the S.C.V. near you. If you are unable to locate one, write General Headquarters for further information, addressing your inquiry to the attention of the Adjutant-in-Chief.

If no camp is situated near you, you may acquire membership in the General Headquarters Camp which enjoys the same privileges as local camps. Membership in any camp entitles the holder thereof to membership privileges — except voting rights — in all other camps.

Dues vary slightly from camp to camp, but are very modest in all camps. This is not a money-making organization, but one which seeks to enrich the mind, and to place a proper value on heritage and tradition.



## S.C.V.

### Needs You!

Today the Southland faces many problems which can best be solved by her own people in their own way. Her people cannot act with intelligence and perspective if they do not understand their own history, heritage, and background. The S.C.V. aims to make that history more widely understood, and more deeply appreciated.

When you join the Sons of Confederate Veterans you honor one whose blood courses in your own veins. One who sacrificed much that you might inherit a Southland blessed more bountifully than any other section of our great nation. Won't you help carry on his ideals?

## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

### GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

P. O. Box 5164  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

#### For Information Contact

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An Association of Male  
Descendants of those  
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Confederate States  
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## WHAT IS THE S.C.V.?

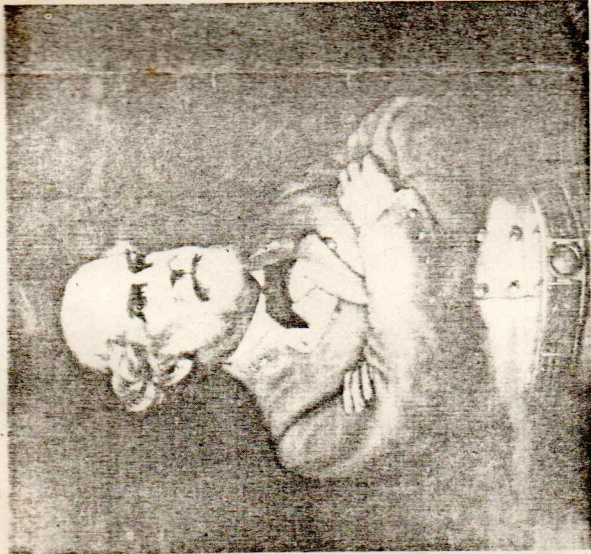
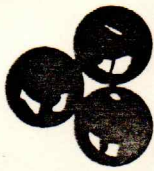
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, widely known as the S.C.V., is a voluntary association of male descendants of those who served the Confederate States of America in military, naval, or civil capacity.

The S.C.V. is not affiliated with, nor in any way linked to, any other organization. It is not political, nor is it sectional. It strives to give to the world, and especially to its own fellow Southerners, an understanding and appreciation of the Southern people and their brave history. Of the awesome sacrifice their ancestors made in defense of their conscientious convictions. Of the high regard in which those ancestors held the rights of the individual, and the primacy of state's rights as opposed to an over-riding central government. Of the continuing need to stand up for the immutable values of honor, justice, and Christian virtue.



## ORGANIZATION

**HEADQUARTERS** — The general headquarters of the organization is located at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Here records are maintained on each member and his ancestry. Overall coordination of the organization's functions is carried out. News about local activities is received and disseminated. General officers are kept informed and supported.

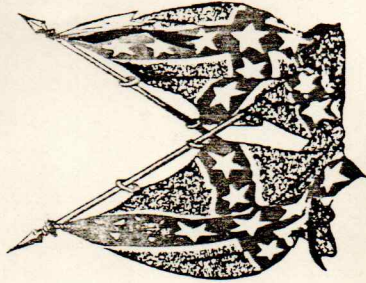


**ROBERT EDWARD LEE**

*Commander-in-Chief*

*Army of The Confederate States of America*

**PATRIOT — SOLDIER — SCHOLAR**



## ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Many states hold state conventions each year. But the highpoint of the year is the annual S.C.V. general convention. Important business meetings, brilliant social gatherings and intellectual fellowship mark these events. The annual memorial service honoring departed members is a beautiful and moving ceremony.

## CAMPS

Local units, known as camps, throughout the United States elect their own camp commander, adjutant, chaplain, and other officers. They design their own projects, set their own local objectives and carry out their individually chosen programs. They send delegates annually to the general convention where national officers are elected, and items of general interest are discussed and voted upon by the accredited delegates.

Most camps meet monthly. These meetings are highlighted by knowledgeable talks on the Confederacy and on The War. By films of national parks at famous battle sites. By discussions of historical events and people. By reviews of historical books and papers. Family social events are frequent and most enjoyable.

Camp projects include preserving Southern monuments, replying to misstatements in the news media, marking graves of Confederate veterans, publicizing local history, celebrating Confederate anniversaries, sponsoring a "Confederate Ball," supporting Confederate causes, showing the Flag upon appropriate occasions. Camps have purchased the property encompassing the Manassas Battlefield, maintained the Confederate Memorial Hall in the U.S. Capitol, and maintained Beauvoir, the 86-acre park and Jefferson Davis Shrine at Biloxi, Mississippi.

