

TEXAS DIVISION

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



DIVISION

AWARDS

MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Division Awards Manual is:

- a.) to augment the new National SCV Awards Manual (see below);
- b.) to identify the national and division awards to which members of the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) may be eligible;
- c.) to inaugurate new division medals;
- d.) to establish the criteria for the award of those medals;
- e.) to institute the guidelines for the Division Awards Committee;
- f.) to promulgate the correct procedure for ordering and presenting these medals;
- g.) to create a standardized Division Award Recommendation Form; and
- h.) to clarify how the cost of these medals shall be paid.

USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL AWARDS MANUAL:

This manual is designed to be used in conjunction with the National SCV Awards and Insignia Manual dated March 2001. Denne A. Sweeney, who at that time was also Chairman of the SCV National Awards Committee, wrote the National Manual. It was the first revision of the April 1991 National Awards Manual, written by Charles H. Smith, Past Commander-in-Chief. An electronic copy of the new National Award Manual will be on the SCV web site at <http://www.scv.org>. An electronic copy of this Division Awards Manual will be on the Texas Division web site at <http://www.texas-scv.org>.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL AWARDS

Any member of the Texas Division may be recommended for a national award by his Camp, Brigade or Division Commander. The rules and guidelines for each national medal or award are set forth with specificity in the new National Awards Manual. An appropriate certificate accompanies each medal and award. The medals and awards, in the order of importance, starting with the highest medal are as follows:

Group A (Cost of these awards born by International Headquarters)

Confederate Medal of Honor
Jefferson Davis Chalice and Medal
Robert E. Lee Award
Distinguished Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Heritage Defense Medal
SCV Leadership Award (New - Certificate Only)
Superior Achievement Award (New - Certificate Only)
Commander-in-Chief's Award (Certificate Only)
Heritage Preservation Award (Certificate Only)
Rev. J. William Jones Christian Service Award
Dixie Club Award (Certificate or Award, depending upon the number of new members)

Group B (Cost of these medals born by the unit ordering them)

Real Son/Real Daughter
Ladies Appreciation Medal
Service Medal
War Service Medal
SCV Commendation Medal (New)
Certificate of Appreciation

DIVISION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

DEO VINDICE AWARD

The *Deo Vindice Award* is the highest award that is bestowed by the Texas Division to an individual. It is awarded to a member of the Texas Division for long and outstanding service to the division. There is no requirement that this award be presented annually. An individual may receive this award only once. There is no requirement that the recipient must have first received the **Texas Confederate Of The Year Award**, or any other medal or award to be eligible for the *Deo Vindice Award*.

Form of Award: Engraved plaque

CONFEDERATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Texas Confederate of the Year Award is presented to a member of the Texas Division for truly outstanding service to the Texas Division since the last Division Convention. This is the second highest award that is bestowed by the Division to an individual. There is no requirement that this award be presented annually. A person may receive the award only once. There is no requirement that the recipient must have first received the **SCV Commendation Medal** or any other medal or award to be eligible for the **Texas Confederate Of The Year Award**.

Form of the Award: Engraved plaque

Selection Process for Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year Awards:

By April 1 each year, the Chairman of the Awards Committee will notify each member of the Division Executive Council that nominations are due for these two awards. Members of the Executive Council are permitted to nominate one candidate annually for each of the two awards. Executive Council members may solicit requests for nominations from any camp or brigade commander. Each nomination must be made on the Division Awards Committee "Division Awards Nomination Form", accompanied by a narrative of at least 25, but not more than 75 words on why the nominee is deserving of the award. All nominations must be postmarked no later than April 15. The Awards Committee shall then prepare a ballot, with a summary of accompanying narratives, which will be sent to each member of the Division Executive Council by April 22. The ballot will list all candidates for each award. Completed ballots must be returned to the Awards Committee by May 1. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes in each category will be declared the winner of that award. In case of a tie, the nominee with the greatest number of years of SCV membership will be declared the winner.

SCV COMMENDATION MEDAL

The SCV Commendation Medal was approved by the SCV in 2000. It is presented to members for meritorious service or meritorious achievement at the camp, brigade or division level. Camp, Brigade and Division officers may be given this award for exceptional leadership skills in their respective offices. The award should be awarded only for service above and beyond that which would normally be expected of SCV members. There is no annual limit upon the number of **SCV Commendation Medals** that may be awarded by a camp, brigade or the division. Any member in good standing is eligible.

There is no requirement that a recipient of the **SCV COMMENDATION MEDAL** must first be awarded the **TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, the **SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, or the **SCV BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, although after the new medals have been in use for several years, it would normally be expected that an individual would progress up the ladder of medals in the order of importance.

Any member of the Division Executive Committee or any Camp or Brigade Commander may make nominations for the Division and Brigade SCV Commendation Medal. Each nomination must be made on the Division Awards Committee "Division Award Nomination Form" All nominations must be postmarked no later than 35 days prior to the first day of the Division Convention. The Awards Committee shall submit to the Division Commander it's recommendations from the nominations submitted, not less than 10 days before the Division Convention. Requests for Commendation Medals must be approved by the Division Commander, but the certificate itself will be signed by the local commander.

The Division Awards Committee shall be provided with a Notice of Award Form for all presentations of SCV Commendation Medals awarded at the Camp level, so that a proper entry may be entered into each members award file

Form of the Award: A standard-sized medal and a certificate. The individual may order a miniature medal from IHQ at his own expense.

TEXAS DIVISION CROSSES FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The **TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** is awarded to TEXAS DIVISION SCV members for OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL patriotic achievement and community service of statewide or local importance to the community and/or to his SCV camp, brigade or division. There is no requirement that a recipient of the **TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** must first be awarded the **SCV BRONZE or SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, although after the medals have been in use for a few years, it would be normally expected that an individual would progress up the ladder of medals in the order of importance.

The award is to be presented only by the Division Commander, upon the recommendation of the Division Awards Committee. It shall be the duty of the SCV Texas Division Awards Committee to insure that the **Gold CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL** shall be awarded not only to division officers, but also to deserving members at the camp and brigade levels.

Nominations for the **Gold CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL** may be made by an member of the Division Executive Committee or any Camp or Brigade Commander. Each nomination must be made on the Division Awards Committee "Division Award Nomination Form". All nominations must be postmarked no later than 35 days prior to the first day of the Division Convention. The Awards Committee shall submit to the Division Executive Committee it's recommendations from the nominations submitted, not less than 10 days before the Division Convention.

Form of the Award: The Standard **TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, the Miniature; and the Certificate.

Activities which may be considered as patriotic achievement and community service are as follows:

1. Active participation in the local Camp, Brigade, Division and/or National Society of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for at least three (3) years; including, but not limited to working on SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or National projects; serving on a Camp, Brigade, Division or National

Committee; Serving as a SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or National Committee Chairman; serving as an Officer of his Camp, Brigade, Division or National Society; attendance at Brigade, Division or National Executive Committee Meetings and/or Conventions; and/or providing financial support to these activities.

2. The Awards Committee may also consider:
 - a.) the members participation as a leader in patriotic, military, religious, business, civic, professional, genealogical, hereditary, historical, school, scouting, veterans or youth sports organizations other than the SCV at the local, state or national level if that outside participation portrays the SCV in a favorable light. To insure the non political nature of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, no political involvement or activity may not be considered toward qualification of the award, and no elected or appointed public office holder may be awarded this medal;
 - b.) Authorship of genealogical, patriotic, military, historical or hereditary books , magazines, historical or genealogical society journals, electronic mail, newsletter articles and letters to the editor; and/or presentation of speeches which are designed in part to
 - 1) correct incorrect historical facts about the Confederacy; the War For Southern Independence; causes for the war; or Reconstruction;
 - 2) portray a favorable impression about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesman, Confederate or Southern icons (such as the Confederate Battle Flag) or the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
 - 3) educate the public (including SCV members) about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesmen, the War For Southern Independence and/or Reconstruction.
 - 4) Assist members or the public in genealogical research to locate and identify Confederate ancestors or their graves.
 - 5) Contain information about the individual war efforts of Confederate Veterans or the status of Southern civilians during the conflict and/or during Reconstruction.
 - c.) Actively participate in the management of a Confederate Veterans Cemetery; **OR.**
 - d.) Actively participate in a Civil War Reenactment Group or in the establishment, restoration or defense of Civil War Monuments, flags, plaques, markers, etc.

TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The **TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** is awarded to TEXAS DIVISION SCV members for OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL patriotic achievement and community service of statewide or local importance and/or to his community and/or his SCV camp, brigade or division. which is less than that required for award of the **TEXAS DIVISION GOLD CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**. It may be presented more than once to any individual. There is no requirement that a recipient of the **TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** must first be awarded the **TEXAS DIVISION BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**, although after these medals are in use for a few years, it would normally be expected that an individual would progress up the ladder of medals in the order of importance.

The award may be presented by the DIVISION COMMANDER, upon the recommendation of the **Division Awards Committee**. For the year 2000-2001, the awards committee should select additional recipients who have distinguished themselves in previous years. It shall be the duty of the SCV Texas Division Awards Committee to insure that the **Silver CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** Medals shall be awarded not only to division officers, but also to deserving members at the camp and brigade levels.

The **TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** is the second highest award (after the SCV COMMENDATION MEDAL) that may be presented by the local SCV Camp Commander or the Brigade Commander. Each camp and Brigade should establish an Awards Committee to make recommendations for the award. Each camp is encouraged to initially present the **TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** to all those deserving of the award for their participation in previous years. It is suggested that no more than 1/3 of all medals presented each year be silver. Awards at the Camp and Brigade level may be made with the Standard size medal and the certificate without the miniature, in which case the recipient may, at his own cost, purchase the miniature medal.

Nominations for the **DIVISION OR BRIGADE SILVER MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL** may be made by a member of the Division Executive Committee or any Camp or Brigade Commander. Each nomination must be made on the Division Awards Committee "Division Award Nomination Form". All nominations must be postmarked no later than 35 days prior to the first day of the Division Convention. The Awards Committee shall submit to the Division Executive Committee its recommendations from the nominations submitted, not less than 10 days before the Division Convention.

The Division Awards Committee shall be provided with a Notice of Award Form for all presentations of Silver Meritorious Service Medals, so that a proper entry may be entered into each members award file.

Form of the Award:

At the Division and Brigade level - A standard size medal; a miniature size medal and a certificate.

At the Camp level - a standard size medal and a certificate. The medal recipient may order a miniature at his own expense.

Activities which may be considered as patriotic achievement and community service are as follows:

1. Active participation in the local Camp, Brigade, Division and/or National Society of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for at least two (2) years; including, but not limited to working on SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or National projects; serving on a Camp, Brigade, Division or National Committee; Serving as a SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or National Committee Chairman; serving as an Officer of his Camp, Brigade, Division or National Society; attendance at Brigade, Division or National Executive Committee Meetings and/or Conventions; and/or providing financial support to these activities.
2. The Awards Committee may also consider:
 - a) the member's participation as a leader in patriotic, military, religious, business, civic, professional, genealogical, hereditary, historical, school, scouting, veterans or youth sports organizations other than the SCV at the local, state or national level if that outside participation portrays the SCV in a favorable light. To insure the non political nature of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, no political involvement or activity may not be considered toward qualification of the award, and no elected or appointed public office holder may be awarded this medal;
 - b) Authorship of genealogical, patriotic, military, historical or hereditary books , magazines, historical or genealogical society journals, electronic mail, newsletter articles and letters to the editor; and/or presentation of speeches which are designed in part to
 - 1) correct incorrect historical facts about the Confederacy; the War For Southern Independence; causes for the war; or Reconstruction;
 - 2) portray a favorable impression about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesman, Confederate or Southern icons (such as the Confederate Battle Flag) or the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
 - 3) educate the public (including SCV members) about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesmen, the War For Southern Independence and/or Reconstruction.
 - 4) Assist members or the public in genealogical research to locate and identify Confederate ancestors or their graves.
 - 5) Contain information about the individual war efforts of Confederate Veterans or the status of Southern civilians during the conflict and/or during Reconstruction.

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- c) Actively participate in the management of a Confederate Veterans Cemetery; **OR.**
- d) Actively participate in a Civil War Reenactment Group or in the establishment, restoration or defense of Civil War Monuments, flags, plaques, markers, etc..

TEXAS DIVISION BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The **SCV BRONZE CROSS OF HONOR** is awarded to TEXAS DIVISION SCV members for **OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL** patriotic achievement and community service of statewide or local importance to the community and/or the SCV camp, brigade or division, which is less than that required for award of the **TEXAS DIVISION SILVER CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**. It may be presented more than once to any individual.

The award may be presented by the DIVISION COMMANDER, upon the recommendation of the **State SCV CROSS OF HONOR Awards Committee**. For the year 2000-2001, the awards committee should select additional recipients who have distinguished themselves in previous years.

The **TEXAS DIVISION BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** is the third highest award that may be presented by the local SCV Camp Commander and/or the Brigade Commander. The Camp Commander may also present one Bronze **TEXAS DIVISION BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** medal each year to a non-member who has supported the activities of the camp. Each camp should establish an Awards Committee to make recommendations for the award. Each camp is encouraged to initially present the **TEXAS DIVISION BRONZE CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** to all those deserving of the award for their participation in previous years in addition to those earning the award for the year. It is suggested that 2/3 of all medals presented each year at the camp and brigade level be bronze.

The Division Awards Committee shall be provided with a Notice of Award Form for all presentations of Bronze Meritorious Service Medals presented at the camp level, so that a proper entry may be entered into each members award file

Form of the Award:

At the Division and Brigade level - A standard size medal; a miniature size medal and a certificate.

At the Camp level - a standard size medal and a certificate. The medal recipient may order a miniature at his own expense.

Activities which may be considered as patriotic achievement and community service are as follows:

1. Active participation in the local Camp, Brigade, Division and/or National Society of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for at least one (1) year; including, but not limited to working on SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or National projects; serving on a Camp, Brigade, Division or National Committee; Serving as a SCV Camp, Brigade, Division or

National Committee Chairman; serving as an Officer of his Camp, Brigade, Division or National Society; attendance at Brigade, Division or National Executive Committee Meetings and/or Conventions; and/or providing financial support to these activities.

2. The Awards Committee may also consider:
 - a) the member's participation as a leader in patriotic, military, religious, business, civic, professional, genealogical, hereditary, historical, school, scouting, veterans or youth sports organizations other than the SCV at the local, state or national level if that outside participation portrays the SCV in a favorable light. To insure the non political nature of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, no political involvement or activity may not be considered toward qualification of the award, and no elected or appointed public office holder may be awarded this medal;
 - b) Authorship of genealogical, patriotic, military, historical or hereditary books , magazines, historical or genealogical society journals, electronic mail, newsletter articles and letters to the editor; and/or presentation of speeches which are designed in part to
 - 1) correct incorrect historical facts about the Confederacy; the War For Southern Independence; causes for the war; or Reconstruction;
 - 2) portray a favorable impression about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesman, Confederate or Southern icons (such as the Confederate Battle Flag) or the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
 - 3) educate the public (including SCV members) about the South, the Confederacy, the Confederate soldier or statesmen, the War For Southern Independence and/or Reconstruction.
 - 4) Assist members or the public in genealogical research to locate and identify Confederate ancestors or their graves.
 - 5) Contain information about the individual war efforts of Confederate Veterans or the status of Southern civilians during the conflict and/or during Reconstruction.
 - 6) Actively participate in the management of a Confederate Veterans Cemetery; **OR.**
 - 7) Actively participate in a Civil War Reenactment Group or in the establishment, restoration or defense of Civil War Monuments, flags, plaques, markers, etc..

TEXAS DIVISION HONOR AWARD

The Texas Division Honor Award has been an award presented at the SCV Texas Division annual convention. Although it may continue to be awarded upon the recommendation of the Camp Commander, any SCV Compatriot who would qualify for the **Honor Award**, should be presented with the **SCV Commendation Medal** or the **Texas Division Silver or Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service Medals**. It may also be awarded for service to the community or to the camp or brigade which would not qualify the member for the **Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service Medal**. This award may also be given to non-merits for meritorious service to the Texas Division.

Form of the Award: Certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

The **Certificate of Appreciation** is presented to members, individuals or organizations in appreciation for services rendered to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. It is not limited to SCV members. Typically, it is awarded to speakers at Camp, Brigade or Division meetings, who may or may not be SCV members. It may be presented to a committee chairman or member; an officer; convention delegate, or member for a job well done; to a restaurant, where the camp meetings are conducted; to a business (or individual) which regularly flies one of the flags of the Confederacy or otherwise promotes the cause of the Confederacy. This award will normally not be given at the Division level; the Honor Award will be used instead.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF TEXAS MEDALS WITH NATIONAL MEDALS

Medals awarded by the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be worn in the following order or priority, with the highest medal worn first:

1. All Medals awarded by the International level of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in the order specified in the National Awards Manual.
2. Texas Division Medals in the following priority:
 - SCV Commendation Medal
 - Gold Cross For Meritorious Service
 - Silver Cross for Meritorious Service
 - Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service

Summary of Approval Authority for Texas Division Crosses

Texas Division Gold Cross – may be awarded only by Division Commander

Texas Division Silver Cross – may be awarded by Division or Brigade Commander

Texas Division Bronze Cross – may be awarded by Division, Brigade, or Camp Commander

Funding of Awards

The Division will pay for all awards given by the Division.

Cost of medals given by Brigades or Camps may be funded in one of two ways:

1. By the recommending camp.
2. By the individual who receives the award.

An appropriate certificate, paid for by the Division, will be provided in all cases.

TEXAS DIVISION UNIT AWARDS

Outstanding Camp Award

The **Outstanding Camp Award** is presented to the most exemplary camp in the Texas Division for the year preceding the Division convention. Judging will be based on information submitted on the application form for this award (see Appendix A). Camp Commanders who wish to submit their camps for consideration for this award should complete the required application and submit it to the Awards Committee by April 1. The Awards Committee will narrow the selection to the top 3 camps and submit copies of these applications and supporting documents to the Brigade Commanders by April 15. Brigade commanders will review the applications and communicate their selection for the Award to the Division Commander by May 1. The camp which receives the most votes from the Brigade Commanders will be named Outstanding Camp for that year. In case of tie vote, the Division Commander will cast the tie-breaking vote. This award will not be given if less than 3 camps apply.

Members of the camp who contributed to the camp's success should be considered for award of the SCV Commendation Medal or the Division Bronze or Silver Cross Meritorious Service Medal by the Camp Commander.

Form of Award: Memorial Plaque and a battle streamer to be placed on the staff of the camp flag.

Community Service Award

The **Community Service Award** is awarded to the Camp deemed to have been the most outstanding in community service and activity. This award may not be given if less than three camps compete. To enter, a written narrative of 150 - 250 words accompanied by such supporting data as deemed pertinent, shall be submitted to the Awards Committee by May 1. Supporting data shall include, but is not limited to local newspaper publicity; flyers prepared by the camp announcing an activity; photos of camp activity; letters from public officials or community organizations. The Awards Committee will submit the top three contenders for this award to the Division Commander for final selection and approval by May 15.

Members of the camp who contributed to the camp's success should be considered for award of the SCV Commendation Medal or the Division Bronze or Silver Cross Meritorious Service Medal by the Camp Commander.

Form of Award: Mounted Certificate

Camp Growth Award

The **Camp Growth Award** is awarded to the Commander of the Camp showing the greatest percentage of net growth in members, as compared with the membership reported at the previous Division Convention. Camps are not penalized for the loss of members due to death or transfers within the SCV. Camps less than one year old are not eligible. In case of ties, the award shall be given to the camp with the largest net number of new members. The Division Adjutant determines the winner of this award.

Members of the camp who contributed to the camp's success should be considered for award of the SCV Commendation Medal or the Division Bronze or Silver Cross Meritorious Service Medal by the Camp Commander.

Form of the Award: Mounted Certificate

Best Newsletter Award

The **Best Newsletter Award** is presented to the Editor of the Texas Division Camp publishing the best newsletter. Entries for this award shall be judged on format (including color, photos & graphics), news content, historical content, editorials and general interest.

Editors should submit 3 copies of each issue for the year preceding the Division convention to the Awards Committee by April 1. Combined camp newsletters are eligible for consideration but only one award will be given.

The winning Editor and any other members of the camp who contributed to the camp's success should be considered for award of the SCV Commendation Medal or the Division Bronze or Silver Cross Meritorious Service Medal by the Camp Commander.

Form of Award: Mounted Certificate

Best Scrapbook Award

The **Best Scrapbook award** is given to the camp maintaining the best record of its activities for the previous year. Entries for this award will be based on content, appearance, clarity, and applicability to camp activities. Scrapbooks should be under one cover, not exceeding 50 pages. Each scrapbook should contain as a minimum: Cover, title page, table of contents, camp roster, memorial page, and namesake page. Scrapbooks should be delivered to the Awards Committee by 0900 hours on the day of the Division Convention.

Form of Award: Mounted Certificate

Best Website Award

The **Best Website Award** is given to the camp or brigade maintaining the best Internet website in the Division. Camps or Brigades should notify the Awards Chairman by May 1 that they wish to enter their website into competition. Scoring will be based on generally recognized criteria for web site excellence. These criteria will be the same as used for the National website award, and can be referenced on the main SCV web site at www.scv.org.

Form of Award: Mounted Certificate

Four Star Camp Award

This award is available to any camp meeting the following criteria:

1. Conducts 12 meetings per year.
2. Publishes a camp newsletter (newsletters in combination with other camps are acceptable).
3. Attendance at State and National conventions by at least one member.
4. Dues substantially paid to Division and IHQ by Feb. 1.

Brigade Commanders will submit a list of camps deserving the Four Star Camp Award to the Division Adjutant by May 1.

Form of Award: Certificate

THE TEXAS DIVISION AWARDS COMMITTEE

To insure the sense of fairness and objectivity, the committee shall be equally apportioned from each of the Brigades of the Division, if at all possible. the grand divisions of the state.. The initial **Texas Division Awards Committee** shall consist of the following Compatriots:

Chairman Judge Edward F. Butler, San Antonio
 Dennis Todd, Plano
 Richard Robinette, New Braunsfels
 McLeod Smith, Cypress

It shall be the duty of the SCV Texas Division Awards Committee to insure that neither the **Gold nor Silver CROSS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE** Medals shall be awarded only to officers, but to insure that deserving members at the camp and brigade levels are also considered. To increase morale and encourage active participation among the membership, the committee shall solicit nominations from each camp for award of the **Texas Division Gold and Silver Cross for Meritorious Service Medals** who are not and has never been a division officer. For the year 2000-2001, the division awards committee may select an additional six recipients who have distinguished themselves in previous years. Recommendations for awards may be made by Camp, Brigade and Division Commanders.

No camp may be represented by more than one member on the **Texas Division Awards Committee**, unless that member is a dual camp member.

The Committee shall participate in the design, manufacture, purchase and distribution of all Medals, Certificates, Streamers and other awards. It shall advise the Executive Committee on the number of each to be ordered for use by the Division and those for resale to Brigades and Camps.

DUTIES OF THE DIVISION AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Texas Division Award Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of disseminating information about all Division Awards. It shall distribute to each Camp and Brigade within the Division, Division Award Nomination and Report Forms for use by the Camp or Brigade for use of the Camp or Brigade to recommend members for medals and awards at the Camp, Brigade or Division level.

Once a medal or award has been approved and presented, the authority (Division, Brigade, or Camp), presenting the award shall make an appropriate entry on the Division Award Nomination and Report Form. The Awards Committee shall review all Nominations for Awards at the Division level for the following medals:

SCV Commendation Medal

The Texas Division Gold Cross For Meritorious Service

The Texas Division Silver Cross For Meritorious Service

The Texas Division Bronze Cross For Meritorious Service

The Texas Division Honor Award

The Texas Division Certificate of Appreciation

Only Nominations received 30 days prior to the annual convention may be considered for that convention awards. Nothing herein shall prohibit members of the Awards Committee from making nominations themselves. The Awards Committee shall make its recommendations to the Division Commander not later than 10 days before the convention convenes. The Committee shall advise the Commander of all Nominations made to which it does not concur. It may recommend that another medal or award be presented, other than the medal or award on the Nomination. The Committee shall advise the Commander if a member has been nominated by more than one member, camp or brigade.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit a Camp or Brigade Commander from awarding a **SCV Commendation Medal; The Texas Division Silver Cross For Meritorious Service Medal; The Texas Division Bronze Cross For Meritorious Service Medal or a Certificate of Appreciation**, if the SCV Compatriot nominated for a Division Award is not awarded that award.

Nothing herein shall prohibit a SCV Compatriot from being awarded the same medal by more the Camp, Brigade or Division Commander in any given year. An individual SCV Compatriot shall be eligible to wear as many as three of the same medals if awarded by the Camp, Brigade and the Division; but the second award from the same entity shall be a Gold (SCV Commendation Medal & the Gold Cross For Meritorious Service Medal) , Silver or Bronze Star in Lieu of a second award.

The Awards Committee shall also administer the Unit Awards, including:

- Notification of awards nomination process prior to the Division Convention
- Balloting of Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year Awards.
- Processing of entry forms for Outstanding Camp Award and Community Service Award.
- Receipt of entry materials for Newsletter and Scrapbook Awards.
- Selection and of judges for all unit awards, where needed.
- Procurement of all unit award presentation material, including plaques, certificates, and streamers.
- Procurement of Division Cross award medals.

Division Awards Calendar

By April 1:

- Awards Committee notifies Executive Council that nominations for Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year awards are due.
- Application forms for Outstanding Camp are due to Awards Committee
- Newsletters to be considered for newsletter award submitted to Awards Committee

By April 15:

- Nominations from Executive Council for Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year Awards are due to Awards Committee.
- Awards Committee submits Outstanding Camp Award nominations to Brigade Commanders.

By April 22:

- Ballot for Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year awards sent to Executive Council by Awards Committee.

By May 1:

- Completed ballots for Deo Vindice and Confederate of the Year awards returned to Awards Committee.
- Outstanding Camp Award selections from Brigade Commanders due to Awards Committee.
- Community Service Award applications due to Awards Committee.
- 4 Star Camp Award reports due from Brigade Commanders to Division Adjutant.
- Web masters must notify Awards Committee that they wish to enter their websites in competition for the Best Website Award.

By May 15:

- Community service award selections forwarded by Awards Committee to Division commander for final selection.

One Week before convention:

- Awards Committee procures all awards.

Day of Convention (by 0900)

- Scrapbooks due to Awards Committee for judging.

**TEXAS DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY - Extra Sheets & Attachments may be used.)

To: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.
Chairman, Division Awards Committee
Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veteran
8830 Cross Mountain Trail
San Antonio, TX 78255-2011

Date: _____

From: _____ (name and rank)
_____ (Brigade or Camp & Number)
_____ (address)
_____ (tel. #) _____ (e-mail address)

Name of Compatriot, Unit or Person Nominated: _____
Camp Name and # of Compatriot Nominated: _____
Office Currently Held, if any: _____
Name of Medal or Award Recommended: _____
Other SCV Medals or Awards Previously award
to this Compatriot and date of each: _____
Level of Award: Division, Brigade or Camp: _____
Number of other Compatriots you are recom-
mending this year for this or other medals: _____

State here the basis for the nomination, giving all particulars in detail. Give inclusive dates of Compatriot's dates of membership; committee chairmanships and offices held; his level of participation at the Camp, Brigade, Division and National levels; number of new members recommended by him. Give a word picture of the Compatriot and explain why you think the medal in question is appropriate. **Use the language in the Texas Division Awards Manual.**

Texas Division Brigade And Camp Medals Order Form

To: Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.
Chairman, Division Awards Committee
Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
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Date:

From: _____ (name and rank)
_____ (Brigade or Camp & Number)
_____ (address)
_____ (tel. #) _____ (e-mail address)

Please send me the following medals:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold Cross Of Honor (Division Only) -standard	\$15.00	_____	_____
Gold Cross Of Honor (Division Only) - miniature	\$15.00	_____	_____
Gold Star for second award	\$ 2.00	_____	_____
Silver Cross of Honor -standard	\$15.00	_____	_____
Silver Cross of Honor - miniature	\$15.00	_____	_____
Silver Star for second award	\$ 2.00	_____	_____
Bronze Cross of Honor -standard	\$15.00	_____	_____
Bronze Cross of Honor - miniature	\$15.00	_____	_____
Bronze Star for second award	\$ 2.00	_____	_____
Total Amount of Order			\$
Postage and Handling \$3.00 for I' medal; \$2.00 for each additional			\$
Total amount submitted with the order			\$

Note: The SCV Commendation Medal is also available for presentation at camp or brigade level.
This is a National medal and must be ordered from IHQ.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS RECORD FORM

Name of Compatriot: _____
Address of Compatriot: _____

Camp Name, Number and Location _____

Awards & Medals

Date Presented and by whom
(Nat'l, Division, Brigade or Camp)

International Society Medals

Name of Medal: _____

Texas Division Medals:

- a) DEO VINDICE AWARD _____
- b) TEXAS CONFEDERATE OF THE YEAR _____
- c) SCV Commendation Medal _____
- d) Gold Cross For Meritorious Service _____
- e) Silver Cross for Meritorious Service _____
- f) Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service _____

Brigade Medals::

- a) SCV Commendation Medal _____
- b) Silver Cross for Meritorious Service _____
- c) Bronze Cross for Meritorious Service _____

Camp Medals:

- a) SCV Commendation Medal _____
- b) Bronze Cross For Meritorious Service _____

Unit Award Earned in Part by Compatriot: Name of Award _____
Date Presented _____

Protocol for Wearing Medals, Decorations, Badges and Insignia

The prestige and influence of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) depend largely upon the loyalty of its members. It is therefore deemed especially important that every member should use the emblems and insignia of the SCV on all suitable occasions. It is hoped that all SCV members possess the insignia of the organization. SCV members may also wear badges and medals of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars with their SCV medals.

In order that members of the SCV may bring credit to the organization by the proper use of the insignia, this code has been prepared. It is also realized that usage varies from one patriotic society to another, and from one country to another. The following rules apply to the wearing of all SCV medals and insignia. While every member is responsible for wearing his medals and insignia correctly, it is also the responsibility of all National, Division and Camp officers to assure that their members wear all medals and insignia correctly.

The SCV insignia and decorations worn vary with the type of dress. The term formal dress includes tuxedo or dark suit with tie.

Informal dress includes the business suit, the blazer jacket, and sport coat or sport shirt. Insignia are not worn on the overcoat. The rosette, the tie, and/or the blazer patch may be worn with the solid color blazer and odd trousers. The rosette and tie may be worn with the business suit or sports coat. The blazer patch is only worn on a blazer.

On informal occasions when business suits, blazers or sport shirts are worn, SCV Division and National officers may wish to wear neck ribbons to indicate past or present office. On such non-formal occasions, SCV custom has been to wear full size medals with business suits, blazers, or sport shirts at SCV meetings.

At SCV formal occasions, such as annual meetings, balls, etc., where a tuxedo or dark suit and tie are indicated, miniature medals should be worn. At no time should standard size medals be worn with tuxedo, but members may wear standard size medals on a dark suit at formal gatherings. The rosette is not worn with formal dress. Custom suggests that a white dinner jacket may be worn between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

SCV Rosette

The rosette is informal and is worn on the left lapel of the jacket or shirt, daily if desired, during business or social hours. It is only worn on a coat lapel, or tropical shirt collar, not on an overcoat. Only one rosette from any one society should be worn at one time. When the rosette is worn, no other medals, insignia, etc., should be worn. However, the Twenty-Five or Fifty-Year Member

Pin, may be worn in lieu of the rosette. A fraternal or other organizational badge may be worn, with the rosette, but is not encouraged.

SCV Badge And Full Size Medals

The SCV Badge, SCV War Service Medal, SCV Commander, Adjutant, Past Commander or Past Adjutant Medal are worn on the left breast with the top of the ribbon clasps four inches below the midpoint of the shoulder seam of the coat. Other full size SCV or Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB) medals may be worn with it, either pinned separately or mounted on a bar so that the medals are three and one-eighths inches in length and the tops are in a horizontal line. National officers and Division Commanders, incumbent and former, may wear the badge of office suspended from a neck ribbon. Full size medals suspended from a chest ribbon are not worn at the same time miniature medals are worn. Full size medals may be worn with formal dress, but miniature medals are strongly encouraged. Full size medals can also be worn with formal wear if mounted on a bar and overlapped no more than fifty percent, as covered under miniature medals.

Miniature Medals

The SCV and MOSB miniature medals are formal and are worn on the left breast of the coat four inches below the midpoint of the shoulder seam. Members may wear the miniature medals from their military service with their SCV and MOSB miniature medals. In that event, the military medals shall be first. SCV and MOSB miniature medals may also be worn with the miniature medals of other lineage societies. This is to avoid expense for multiple mountings. A small number of miniatures may be pinned side by side but, as the number increases, they should be attached to a bar for neatness and convenience and mounted so the miniature is two and one-quarter inches in length and the tops of the ribbons are in a horizontal line. The usual bar is that used by the armed forces in the standard lengths of one and three-eighths inches, two and three-quarter inches, four and one-eighth inches, furnished with clutch fasteners. The miniatures should be mounted by gluing and sewing and must cover the bar completely.

More than one row may be worn. The upper row should overlap the lower, and the rows must be spaced to allow a small amount of ribbon of the lower row to show. The upper row should not contain more medals than any lower row. Display of more than five rows is strongly discouraged. Miniature medals were originated to be worn with formal dress. Their use on informal dress is allowable but not encouraged. Standard size medals may not be worn when miniature medals are being worn.

Because Texas Division and National awards are presented as miniature; and since miniature and standard size medals may not be worn at the same time, medal recipients are encouraged to purchase the standard size medals for wear with their other standard size medals; and to purchase miniature medals to compliment all standard size medals, so that they have a complete set of each.