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Commission to the Sons of Confederate Veterans
by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

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"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 soldier's 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 those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul?

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
New Orleans April 25, 1906

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance."

—Jefferson Davis 1808-1889



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Members of the Texas Division SCV,

Some of you may have seen an open letter from one of our camps' social media pages pertaining to offering "guidance" into the implications of the 2024 proposed amendments, specifically those that focus on intellectual property, members' rights and social media. But, here is some information that you all need to know regarding this topic.

Yes, as social media is continuously evolving to offer more benefits, such as follower subscription services and monetary bonuses for content creators to a select few for-profit business and 501(c)3 non-profit organizations' Facebook Pages as of May, 2024. This puts Texas Division Camps that have their names registered on social media and indeed the entire organization of the SCV in a delegate situation.

If you received an email from Meta for Business (nonrely@support.facebook.com), and if your SCV Camp's Facebook page meets eligibility requirements, you can use your profile to earn money on Facebook. Profiles can earn money from their content if they have **professional mode** on your SCV Camp's Facebook page. When you turn on professional mode, you can build a public presence as a creator and maintain your personal friends and family experience. Professional mode can help you build a public following and grow a global community. In professional mode, you have access to a bundle of professional tools, enhanced safety features and, if you're eligible, monetization products that can help you build your professional presence from your profile. **Facebook users under the age of 18 aren't eligible for monetization at this time.**

The before-mentioned email also has additional information into activating this feature on your page, however since we are a 501(c)3 organization – it will be up to the respective members of your SCV camp to make that determination. Also, since this is a brand new feature, the IRS may also be updating the 501(c)3 non-political tax exemption regulations to cover this topic.

FEATURES:

- **Ads on Facebook Reels:** Place ads directly on your publicly shared Facebook Reels to earn money.
- **In-stream ads:** Play ads before, during or after your eligible long-form and short-form videos on Facebook to earn money.
- **Subscriptions:** Monetize the content you share with your fans to make predictable earnings and create deeper connections with your audience.

Safety features:

- **Privacy:** When you turn on professional mode, anyone on Facebook can follow your profile and see your public content in their Feed. Your privacy settings for posts don't change.
- **Moderation assist:** Assign actions for moderation assist to automatically perform, such as filter profanity, block keywords and apply rules for comments on your content.
- **Manage comments:** Turn off comments, or control who can comment on your content for individual posts or your profile.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Community Standards:** These are our foundational rules against unsafe content, such as as graphic violence, nudity and hate speech. In most cases, even non-monetized content must follow this set of rules.
- **Share authentic content:** Creators, publishers and third-party providers posting content flagged as misinformation and false news may be ineligible or may lose their eligibility to monetize. You can read more about this here. Creators, publishers and third-party providers sharing click bait or sensationalism may be ineligible or lose their eligibility to monetize. You can read more about this here. Creators and publishers posting content reported to Facebook as unlawful by an authorized entity may be ineligible or lose their eligibility to monetize.
- **Share original content:** Content creators, publishers and third-party providers can only monetize content that they created or were involved in the creation of, or that directly features the creator, publisher or third-party provider. Content that is unoriginal or reproduced without making meaningful enhancements (commentary, parody, creative editing, etc.) cannot be monetized. Affiliate entity content distributed by third-party providers, such as multi-channel networks or social media agencies, may be considered original content.

PRO: This new feature offers us – the camps of the Texas Division SCV an opportunity to utilize a feature to get the word about the SCV out and share historical information, while making a little money at it. Wich we can use to fund the day-to-day operations, camp events and programs, heritage defense, cemetery care, etc.

CON: This feature is also may curtail the mission of presenting the true history of the War of Northern Aggression on social media. As we are occasionally inundated with comments and direct messaging that are flat out disparaging and bigoted in nature. Under the new set of content rules, our posts could be flagged by Facebook as hate speech & false information. However, that is a mute point considering much of our historical information is protected under the Federal Freedom of Information Act.

Furthermore but more importantly, this feature opens up the SCV Camp that created their page and published content to legal ramifications should any SCV camp on Facebook violate Title 2, Chapter 16 of the Texas State Business Code that govern Trademarking, and Title 17, Section 106 of the United States Code that governs Copyrighting. According to Texas A&M Law School; “In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees under Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.”. Under Texas State Law, this constitutes as felony jail time for the offender. Under social media policies, the owner of the social media page bears the responsibility of the creation of his or her content, not the organization that is registered.

In conclusion, while it's a big gamble, however if the content on social media is carefully crafted to avoid any infringements of trademarking, copyright, and keeps it to the nature and purpose of the organization, as well as avoid violating the SCV social media policy – THEN we will have the ability to utilize social media in all its advantages.





**“REMOVE NOT THY ANCIENT LANDMARKS WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET.”
-Proverbs 22:28**

The Confederate Cemetery Association was founded by members of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and Daughter of the United Confederacy on January 10th, 1992. Its members are dedicated to the restoration and care of the final resting place of hundreds of American veterans and their families buried in the Confederate Cemetery. CCA Members volunteer, organize, perform ground maintenance, restoration, and improved works. Among the CCA's achievements are obtaining National Historic Designation and the Texas Historical Commission's designation of being a Historic Texas Cemetery.

The Confederate Cemetery is located in the heart of the historic San Antonio Cemetery #4. It is part of the original 40-acre grant given the city of San Antonio by the King of Spain that was later divided into twenty-nine separate cemeteries by the city aldermen. In 1885 the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, No. 118, United Confederate Veterans of San Antonio, purchased the property to provide a final resting place for Confederate Veterans and their families. Today there are over 900 marked graves in the Confederate Cemetery, including those veterans of the War Between the States or more commonly known as the Civil War (BOTH Union and Confederate), the Indian Wars, World War I, World War II and their families. Among the Prominent veterans interred are the noble Texans: John Salmon "RIP" Ford, George Wythe Baylor, and Hamilton P. Bee.

**To learn more about the Confederate Cemetery
and join the CCA, visit their website at:**

www.ccasatx.org



The Unwritten Code of a Southern Gentlemen

-Dustin W. Seiler

Since even before the War of Northern Aggression broken out in 1861, there has always been a Code of Honor among the gentry in the South. The hallmarks that were perpetuated, and made famous by distinguished Virginian General Robert E. Lee are honor, integrity, righteousness, faith, family, and freedom.

But what has been the unwritten code among us as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

Some would argue that the code of honor for southern men required having: a reputation for honesty and integrity, a reputation for martial courage and strength, self-sufficiency and “mastery,” defined as patriarchal dominion over a household of dependents, and a willingness to use violence to defend any perceived slight to his reputation as a man of integrity, strength, and courage, as well as any threats to his independence and kin. But bear in mind this was in the mid to late 19th century. This was during a time when a tyrannical government overextended its executive powers to place illegal taxation without representation through the use of tariffs. And in Texas, and the Indian territories where order came before the law. Unlike the Northern code of honor, which emphasized emotional restraint, moral piety, and economic success. The Southern honor code in many ways paralleled the early British styles. Anthropologists and social psychologists believe this form of classical honor survived and thrived in the American South and died in the North because of cultural differences between their respective early settlers, as well as the North’s and South’s divergent economies.

Fast-forward to the early 21st century, the code of honor for southern men is viewed as toxic masculinity by the woke and feeble minded on the liberal front bench. Yet we still maintain our reputation for honesty and integrity, some to the point where it is unimpeachable. As southern men, we still hold to the ideals of Judeo-Christianity which formed the basis of our moral compass. We strive to treat each other with respect and fulfill our commitments to one another, and hold each other accountable for our words and actions, which is the very definition of honor. That’s the unwritten code of a southern gentleman.

The willingness to use violence to defend any perceived slight to a reputation as a man of integrity has been diluted, thanks to the illegal practices of dueling during the Reconstruction era. But with the calm minded guidance of our southern women. Southern men have learned that a quick wit and scuttling use of logic is far more effective and sharper than the barrel end of a Colt 45. In fact, since the time of justified violence in the street has all but ended, many of us have taken to verbal jousting on social media. An activity that has only sharpened our minds and to think faster on our feet.

So, our fellow southern men. Take pride in the fact that if you stay true to your own principles, you will find yourself a gentleman among the common men. Despite the fact that even certain individuals among our community have demonstrated they lack any semblance of honor or integrity



Hood's Texas Brigade Invades Fort Martin Scott!



On March 9, 2024 Hood's Texas Brigade invaded, erh I mean, um... was invited to participate in the 175th Anniversary of Fort Martin Scott in Fredricksberg, Texas. Members of the SCV Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp 153 and the 1st Lt. Jesse Page, Camp 2351 and the TSOCR Alamo Rose, Chapter 4 were on hand in period attire and CSA uniforms. Hood's Camp Commander Raymond B. Reeves brought his collection of 1860's replica firearms, while both members of the camp talked to various visitors about the Fort's part in the War between the states and about the Confederate Flags.

During the Civil War the fort had no strategic position. Except as a possible site of a Confederate mustering station to serve notice against the populace of Gillespie County who had voted against secession, the Confederate Army did not occupy Fort Martin Scott. In September 1866 Gen. Philip H. Sheridan ordered elements of the Fourth United States Cavalry to Fort Martin Scott to secure the frontier once again from possible Indian depredations. By the end of 1866 the fort was finally abandoned by military units.

The Fredericksburg Heritage Association now leases the land on which Fort Martin Scott was located from the city of Fredericksburg. The association has developed the property as a park and historic site and continues with archeological projects and historic renovations.

