

HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, CAMP #153
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



CAMP CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
2022

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In early 1993, Robert “Bob” D. Adams III became the organizing Commander of Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153. The Charter was issued on August 5th, 1993 and the first formal meeting was held at Luby's Cafeteria, Central Park Mall, San Antonio, Texas on September 13th, 1993 at 6:30 PM.

PAST COMMANDERS:

Ross L. Shipman – Aug. 1993 – Jan. 1995

Albert L. Jamison – Jan. 1995 – Jan. 1997

John L. Wilmeth – Jan. 1997 – Jan. 2000

Glen R Hartman – Jan. 2000 – Jan. 2001

Hon. Edward F. Butler, Sr. - Jan. 2001 – Jan. 2003

Edward A. Heath – Jan. 2003 – Jan. 2004

Albert L. Jamison – Jan. 2004 – Jan. 2005

John F. McCammon – Jan. 2005 – Jan. 2008

James B. Crowther – Jan. 2008 – Jan. 2010

William Sanford Smith – Jan. 2010 – Jan. 2012

William Ray Wainner – Jan. 2012 – Jan. 2015

William Sanford Smith – Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2017

Joseph L. Owen - Jan. 2017 - Jan.2018

William Sanford Smith - Jan. 2018 - Jan. 2019

George P. Foulds - Jan. 2019 - June 2020

Mark Riser (Interim) July 2020 – December 2020

Dustin W. Seiler – Jan. 2021 -



**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
ARMY OF TRANS-MISSISSIPPI
TEXAS DIVISION - 6th BRIGADE**

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CAMP CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I – CAMP NAME

This association of descendants of Confederate Veterans located in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas shall be known as Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 Sons of Confederate Veterans, chartered on August 5th, 1993.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND PRICIPALS

Section 1 - Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), shall be historical, fraternal, educational, benevolent, patriotic, literary, non-political and non-sectarian in purpose.

a. Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153, Sons of Confederate Veterans is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education, and scientific purposes including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under 501(c)3 Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 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 attributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensations for serves to be rendered 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 carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation at the local, state, or federal level, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributions of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any provision of the 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 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 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 Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 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 under section 501(c)3 Internal Revenue Services (IRS) 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 public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed by of the Court Common Pleas of the county in which the principal officer of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purpose or such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively, for such purposes.

Section 2 – To cultivate the ties of Friendship among descendants of those who shared “the comradeship of serving in the Confederate military from 1861 – 1865 by providing an organization which they may join.”

Section 3 – To promote and help present an historically accurate history of the War Between the States and the Confederate States as well as all history of the United States of America, including the collecting of data, documents, and historical materials, as well as promoting historical preservation related to the War Between the States on a local, state and national level.

Section 4 – To help educate the general public about the flags of the Confederate States of America, not as a political symbol, but as emblems of a heroic epoch for which our forefathers fought and died.

Section 5 – To maintain a united front against doctrines subversive to the fundamental principles set forth in the Bill of Rights which, as a part of the Federal Constitution, guarantee freedom of speech and the press, together with all the right and privileges therein provided for the protection of political minorities and of individual citizens.

Section 6 – To encourage the true loyalty to the Constitution of the United States of America.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 – All male descendants, lineal or collateral of those that served in the Confederate States Army or Navy to the end of the war, or who died in prison while in active service, or who were killed in battle, or who were honorably retired or discharged, or descendants of elected or appointed officials of the Confederate or Civil governments shall be eligible for membership in this camp.

Section 2 - No one shall be admitted to membership in this Camp until

satisfactory proof of the foregoing qualifications is submitted with an official application. A duplicate shall be presented by the Camp and the original shall be forwarded to the General Headquarters for recording and preservation. The Adjutant-Treasurer shall provide a copy of the bylaws to the new members.

Section 3 – Membership in the Camp shall be:

- a. Active Member – member in good standing, dues being current.
- b. Life Member - as prescribed by the National, and Texas Division Constitutions with currently paid dues.
- c. Junior Member - Junior members shall be from twelve to sixteen years of age and shall not vote or hold an elected officer's position, but may serve as a Committee Chairman and or an appointed officer's position if he is able.
- d. Honorary Members
 - (1) Honorary Members – Honorary Members may be elected by the camp elected by the camp from persons of acknowledgment eminence and who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and outstanding service to Hood's Texas Brigade Camp #153, Sons of Confederate Veterans and who are otherwise ineligible for membership in this camp. All rights of an Honorary Membership shall cease at his death.
 - (2) Individuals to be so honored must have their record of service to the Camp submitted in writing by a sponsor at a regular scheduled meeting of the Camp. The nomination, to be effective, must be passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all members present in good standing.
- e. Associate Member – an active member that wishes to have multiple camp memberships and is current in his paid membership dues. Associate Members may serve as a Committee Chairman and or an appointed officer's position if he is able but shall not vote.
- f. Cadets – as prescribed in the National Constitution.
- g. Friend of the SCV – as prescribed by the National Constitution.

Section 4 – Annual SCV dues shall be determined by National, Division and Camp. New Members shall pay an additional recording fee. Dues shall be paid to the Adjutant-Treasurer who will forward such to receptive organizations. All dues become payable by July 1st of each year. If dues are not paid by August 31st of each year, the membership shall be classified as delinquent and dropped from the membership rolls of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Past Commanders, Friends of the SCV, Cadets, and Honorary Members do not have to pay camp dues. Members who are dropped from the rolls must be reinstated by paying current dues plus an additional \$5.00 for national reinstatement fee and \$1.00 division reinstatement fee.

ARTICLE IV – NOMINATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1 - Nomination Committee shall consist of the Chairman and two other voting members to be appointed by the Commander from other than the elected officers of the camp.

Section 2 - The Committee shall present their nominations at the October meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor. The election of the officers shall be by written ballot at the November Meeting.

Section 3 - All candidates for consideration must be interviewed by the Nominating Committee to determine the willingness of the candidates to serve. The interview can be in person, by phone or by any means the Nominating Committee deems prudent.

Section 4 – The Commander, 1st Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander and the Adjutant-Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting. All Officers shall commence their assigned duties after being sworn in at the January meeting of the following year.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 – The Commander, 1st Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander, 3rd Lt. Commander, Adjutant-Treasurer, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Historian, Chief of Staff, Chaplain and Color Sergeant. When available, officers will wear badges of rank at all meetings.

Section 2 – All elected officers and appointees shall serve one (1) year or until successors have been chosen and installed.

Section 3 – Commanders who have served a full term and do not continue to serve shall be entitled to hold the rank of Past Commander. Past Commanders shall advise the Camp on matters where needed.

Section 4 – Upon the resignation or vacation of an elected officer's position, the Camp Executive Committee shall appoint an interim officer until the next round of nominations of elected officers are submitted and voted into office.

Section 5 – Elected Camp Officers shall be ineligible to hold more than one office simultaneously.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – The Commander shall supervise the activities of the camp. He shall maintain a current Commander's Manual to be transferred to the incoming Commander for guidance. The Commander with the help of his Lt. Commanders shall be responsible for scheduling meeting places and meals. He shall be responsible to the members to display the Camp charter on occasion.

Section 2 – The 1st Lt. Commander shall assist the Commander as required and shall assume command in the absence of the Commander. He shall distribute the Camp Program and other materials that require circulation. He shall be responsible for programs and speakers.

Section 3 – The 2nd Lt. Commander shall be responsible for all recruiting and retention matters; he shall insure that the Color Sergeant properly displays the camp Flags.

Section 4 – The 3rd Lt. Commander shall be the Communications Officer of the Camp, which include maintaining an email list, updating the camp web page, and supervising the production of the Camp Newsletter. The 3rd Lt. Commander will seek the approval of the Commander prior to the releasing of emails or camp correspondences to ensure that the emails and or camp correspondences are not controversial.

Section 5 – The Adjutant-Treasurer shall be responsible of the administration of the Camp. He shall keep adequate records of the proceeding of the camp. He shall conduct correspondences and issue the general orders of the Commander. He shall be the custodian of the funds of the Camp and make reports of the financial condition of the camp at each meeting.

Section 6 – The Quartermaster shall be responsible for maintaining inventories of the Camp belongings and ensure that the out going Commander and incoming Commander sign for such.

Section 7 – The Surgeon shall assume duties assigned to his position.

Section 8 – The Judge Advocate shall advise the Commander on legal matters pertaining to the Camp and serve as the Parliamentarian.

Section 9 – The Chaplain shall open and close meetings with prayer and perform religious activities when requested.

Section 10 – The Historian shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Camp Scrapbook and other duties as assigned by the Commander. He shall display the Camp Scrapbook at meetings for members review.

Section 11 – The Chief of Staff shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall present them to the Camp at the next meeting. He will give the original to the Adjutant-Treasurer. The minutes must be signed by the Chief of Staff and the Commander. The copy shall be kept by the Chief of Staff.

Section 12 – The Color Sergeant shall be responsible for maintaining and displaying the flags and banners at all meetings. He shall assign his duties to another when he is to be absent.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Committees shall be appointed by the Commander when necessary. Committee members meet with their Chairman when called. Committees shall make a written report and recommendations to the camp as soon as they have completed their assignments. Reports of the committee shall be introduced by the chairman.

Section 2 – The Camp Executive Committee shall consist of the Commander, the immediate Past Commander, the 1st Lt. Commander, the 2nd Lt. Commander, and the Adjutant-Treasurer. The Camp Executive Committee shall assume the duties as prescribed by the National & Texas Division Constitutions.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Commander shall convene and preside over the camp meetings. In his absence the 1st Lt. Commander shall perform his duties.

Section 2 – At all meetings members should be addressed as “Compatriot”. Officers should be addressed by their titles. All members should wear their name badges and insignia. Ladies among the guests in attendance should be addressed as Ms., Mrs. (surname), or simply Ma’am, unless they wished to be addressed by their given name.

Section 3 – The rules of procedure at Camp Meetings shall be those set forth in Roberts Rules of Order - Newly Revised Edition, except where in altered by the Camp.

Section 4 – There shall be a minimum of twelve Camp meetings, eleven regular and one annual meeting a year.

Section 5 – The Camp flags shall be on display at Camp meetings.

Section 6 – A quorum shall be required in voting at all meetings and shall consist of not less than four qualified voting members in good standing and three camp officers.

Section 7 – Meetings may be held electronically via group video chat conferences if need be. The National, Texas Division and Camp Constitutions & Bylaws, and Standing Rules will still be in use as if the meeting was held in person. Voting on camp business will be handled in the same manner as if the meeting was held in person.

Section 8 – Special Meetings may be called for any reason; when between regular camp meetings by no less than four qualified voting members in good standing and must state why the meeting needs to be called.

- a. The Commander with the help of his Lt. Commanders shall be responsible for scheduling the meeting and place within 7 days from when the request was made.
- b. Only business items placed on the Agenda by the Camp Commander will be discussed in a Special Meeting.
- c. Depending on the severity of the business items placed on the Agenda, the display of the colors and pledges to the flags may be forgone.

ARTICLE IX – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 – The order of business at all camp meetings shall be:

- a. Call to Order.
- b. Posting the flags – with pledges to the United States, Texas, and Confederate flags.
- c. Invocation of the Chaplain.
- d. Introduction of Members and Guests.
- e. Guest Speaker & Program.
- f. Approval of the Minutes.
- g. Adjutant-Treasurer's Report.
- h. Committee(s) Reports.
- i. Commander's Report.
- j. Old (Unfinished) Business.
- k. New Business.
- l. Announcements.
- m. Benediction of the Chaplain.
- n. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X – PROHIBITIONS

Section 1 – No discussion of current political or endorsement of candidates of public office, nor promulgation of a position on any pending legislation not directly affecting our southern heritage shall be permitted at any camp function or on the camp's social media platforms.

Section 2 - No discussion of the organizations' internal business - such as finances, immediate or ongoing litigations involving heritage operations, disciplinary investigations and/or actions, minutes of camp meetings; disparaging and/or slanderous comments of a individual Compatriot and/or Camp of the Texas Division shall be posted on the camp's social media platforms.

ARTICLE XI – DISIPLINE & ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 – The disciplinary procedures, charges and administrations shall be as prescribed by the National & Texas Division Constitutions.

Section 2 – The voting members in good standing of the camp being the judges of their fellow compatriots shall impose discipline as prescribed by the National & Texas Division Constitutions.

Section 3 - Once an investigation has been authorized by the Camp's Executive Committee in response to a complaint of alleged infractions, as defined in Article 13.1 of the Texas Division Constitution; an ad hoc Investigative Committee shall consisting of the Chairman and two other voting members to be appointed by the Camp Commander from members other than the elected officers of the camp.

a. The members of this committee carry the full weight of the office and authority of the Commander.

b. Upon conclusion of its investigation, the Investigative Committee Chairman will render a report, in writing, detailing the investigation conducted by his committee. The Commander will assure that all members of the Camp Executive Committee receive copies of the report prior to the next meeting of the camp. All findings made by this committee will be discussed in Executive Session of either the next regular camp meeting or in a special meeting prior to punitive actions being taken against a compatriot of the camp.

c. The accused will receive a letter via registered USPS mail, return receipt request as to the date, time, and location of either the regular camp meeting or special meeting. The letter will contain a copy of the charges and a copy of the report from the Investigative Committee. The accused may be present to give testimony and any evidence in his defense, after the Chairman of the Investigative Committee gives the committee's report to the camp.

d. If the accused is a Camp Officer or Committee Chair, at this point, his duties will be immediately suspended pending a final verdict on the camp.

Section 4 – All voting of the verdict of disciplinary actions shall require a four-fifths majority vote of voting members present by secret ballot. The Camp Commander may vote in this instance. The accused compatriot shall not vote.

Section 5 – If the verdict is upheld, the Judge Advocate will explain the

alternative courses of action, and the voting members present will select one of the actions by two-thirds vote by secret ballot, except that expulsion from the Texas Division, and/or to forward charges to General Headquarters for recommended expulsion from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will require a four-fifths majority vote.

Section 6 - The verdict and description of any disciplinary action shall be sent to the accused compatriot by USPS Certified Mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the letter and the receipt (or notice of refusal) shall be retained by the Judge Advocate and another copy shall be sent to the Division Judge Advocate. The contents of the letter shall not otherwise be disclosed to the camp membership, however the Division Executive Council and the Camp Executive Committee shall be shown the Certified Mail return receipt to document that the letter has been sent.

Section 7 - If the evidence submitted regarding the alleged facts, information, or material is found to be intentionally false, based upon lies or unsupported statements, the people supplying the false evidence shall be investigated for dishonesty and conduct unbecoming of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Section 8 - The accused may appeal the verdict and/or punishment by submitting a written request for an appellate hearing to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans within thirty (30) days of the date on which the the camp decided against the accused.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any Camp meeting provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent out to each Camp member in good standing at least ten days before the meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject.

Section 2 - The Standing Rules of the Meeting may be amended at any meeting of the camp provided a copy of the intended amendment has been sent out to each Camp member in good standing at least ten days before the meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to pass or reject.

ARTICLE XIII – ELECTRONIC VOTING

Section 1 – Voting via e-mail will only be done unless authorized by the Camp Executive Committee and only between the regular camp meetings.

- a. Only one motion will be voted on at a time.
- b. All pertinent information pertaining to the motion will need to be attached to the original e-mail.
- c. A voting period via electronic mail will only be allowed within 5 days from the date the original was sent out.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF:

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) are descendants of the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), who fought so gallantly for the Confederacy during the brief existence (1861-1865) The SCV was organized in Richmond, Virginia in 1896 at the Convention of the UCV.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS

Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B) is an organization that keeps alive the memories of the sacrifices made by the Officers Corps of the Confederate Military and the Confederate Government. The MOS&B was organized, August 30th, 1938.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) was organized at Nashville, Tennessee on September 10th, 1894. The UDC is the outgrowth of many local memorial, monument and Confederate Home Associations which were organized after the War Between the States.

CHILDREN OF THE CONFEDERACY

The Children of the Confederate (C of C) is the youth group (both male and female) of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and is the basis of the future leaders of the SCV.

TEXAS SOCIETY, ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE™, INC.

The Texas Society, Order of Confederate Rose, Inc. (TSOCR, Inc.) was organized originally as the ladies' auxiliary group of the Texas Division SCV in May of 1995. Now as an independent entity, the TSOCR works with and supports the local camps of the Texas Division SCV in their historical, educational, benevolent, and social functions, assisting in the preservation of Confederate symbols and Southern heritage.

HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, CAMP #153

Please check our home page and social media on occasion for any announcements or news.

Home page is periodically updated.

CAMP WEBSITE: www.hoodstexasbrigade.net

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/HoodsTexasBrigade153>

CHARTER MEMBERS

As they are listed on the charter.

Robert D. Adams III

*Ralph Hugh Jones**

*John Tomas Dibrell**

*Paul Woolman Adams, Jr.**

Joseph M. Ware

John Buford Hollje

*Rugel F. Sowell, M.D.**

Malcolm R. Dixon
*John D. Boswell**
*Nicholas Dempsey**
*Paul Whitmore**
*Ross L. Shipman**
Robert S. Harris
Hugo J. Gold
*Albert L. Jamison**
*Robert D. Adams IV**
*Robert L. Pugh**
*N. Adam Pugh**
*Hunter S. Arend**
*Ray M. Woolbright**
*Melvin Woolbright**
*Marvin J. Woolbright**
*James Woolbright**
*Mike Woolbright**
*Jeffery Koch**
Unreadable Name
*Thomas J. Walthall, Sr.**
Thomas J. Walthall, Jr.
*Earl J. Berryhill**
*John D. Boswell, Jr.**
*Edward M. Bush**
*Marshall Neil Carter**
*John T. Fargason**
Richard Brice Gould
*John J. Grison**
*Homer T. Love, Jr.**
*Porter A. Montgomery**
*Mallory D. Price**
*Adolph Herman Russi II**
*Edward G. Pryor**

**- Known to be deceased.*

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The Grate Seal of the Confederate States of America



Reverse Seal of the State of Texas

Dustin W. Seiler
Camp Commander

Rodney W. Seiler
Camp Adjutant/Treasurer