

Code of Conduct

Kansas Division

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General Order I - Communication within Division and Camps

Section 1. All members are expected to present and conduct themselves as gentlemen at all time. Giving respect of Rank and/or Office to members who have been elected or appointed to said position, as well as all other Compatriots of the Division. The act of Bad-mouthing another member is inappropriate

Section 2. Personal information obtained by SCV affiliation will not be used to distribute on or about any member. Phone numbers, address's and e-mail addresses, (including personal e-mail phone books) are protected information and not to be copied, used for public distribution, or to be published in any blanket format.

Section 3. The Division News letter will be the principal means of informative but not restricted communication within the Kansas Division. Derogatory information will not be permitted in the Division newsletter or correspondence intended for general distribution. E-mail and telephone calls will be the primary means of direct communication between meeting dates to members. The U.S. Postal Service will be the primary means of delivering written correspondence and newsletters to members. At no time will official SCV publications be used to neither publish or distribute, private, derogatory, or rumored information nor publicly attack character of any member, officer, or camp.

Section 4. The public discussion of private matters is inappropriate at SCV events and meetings. Private matters regarding members of the Division discussed at meetings and/or events are to be dealt with only in Executive Session of the Executive Committee of the Camp and/or Division. Any derogatory or rumor type information received about other members should be dropped and forgotten upon receiving it.

Section 5. Any members finding themselves drawn into or overhearing an inappropriate discussion need only ask once for the conversation to be terminated. Repeated acts of inappropriate behavior are to be reported to the appropriate Camp Commander, Brigade Commander, or Division Commander.

Section 6. The passing of unsolicited e-mails, junk mail, editorial columns, CV News items, chain letters business solicitations, off-color jokes, racist material, Anti U.S. Constitution items (including but not limited to Flag etiquette, pledge use, ect), Military service records, obscene material or photographs using SCV membership association, SCV Websites, SCV newsletters, or SCV position is inappropriate. Inclusion onto a mailing list is to be of an opt-in nature. Any person requesting removal from a mailing list will be removed from the list within 24hours of notification.

Section 7. Any member conducting himself in an inappropriate manner toward any other member or person may be suspended from office by the Division Commander, or referred to the Division Executive Committee for disciplinary action.

General Order II – Transfers, Applications, Documents and Proto-call

Section 1. Any member in good standing of the Kansas Division may request transfer to any other camp in the Confederation at any time without reason or do cause mentioned.

Section 2. Any and all transfer applications between camps in the Kansas Division will be signed by the requesting member, signed by demitting camp Adjutant or Commander, and signed by gaining Camp Adjutant or Commander.

Section 3. All completed transfer applications will then be submitted to the Division Adjutant.

Section 4. The Division Adjutant will verify the signatures of all three members. Any question regarding the validity of signatures or propriety of transfer will be referred to the Division Commander for further review.

Section 5. A professional, fair-minded, and honest demeanor shall be shown by all Kansas Division officers, and expected of its compatriots. Any Officer who willingly, knowingly, or deliberately conducts himself in a manner, or falsifies transfer forms or other official documents which has the effect of casting doubt upon his integrity; or is unwilling to uphold the level of integrity required of the Division Executive Council will immediately be suspended from any position to which entitles him to a seat on the Executive Committee.

Section 6. All Reports or correspondence of the Kansas Division Commander to the members of the Officers of the Kansas Division, or members of the Kansas Division Executive Committee are the intellectual property of the Division Commander and the Kansas Division; and will not be forwarded to any discussion group outside the Kansas Division (with the exception of members of the General Executive Council). Without first the expressed consent of the Division Commander or by a majority vote of the Division Executive Committee.

Section 7. All Compatriots of the Kansas Division are to use proper rules of proto-call when expressing dissatisfaction with any member within the Kansas Division.

a). At any time a member feels he is not getting proper response or action expressed in his dissatisfaction. He is encouraged to bring it to the attention of the Division Commander, who may refer to The Division Executive Committee.

b). Any member has the right to refer matters of concern to ATM Committee, or General Executive Committee if satisfaction is still not received as long as proper rules of proto-call are used in doing so.

General Order III - Recruiting

Section 1. The Confederate Battle flag being the official flag of the Sons of Confederate Veterans shall be prominently displayed by members of the SCV at every recruiting event, camp meeting, and Division meeting in which the Sons of Confederate Veterans Participates within the State of Kansas

a.) The current flag of the United Sates of America should be prominently displayed by members of the SCV at every recruiting event, camp meeting, and Division Meeting in which the Sons of Confederate Veterans participates within the State of Kansas. This proposal, not order is in following of Article V. Section 4. Of our Division Constitution and preamble of our National Constitution

b). The U.S. Federal Flag Code will be followed in the prominent display of the United States Flag where ever the United States flag is to be presented.

Section 2. An unquestioned allegiance to the United States Constitution is required of all members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who are U.S. Citizens.

a). Any member or person recruiting for or promoting the Sons of Confederate Veterans on behalf of the Kansas Division is expected to promote, defend, and honor the Constitution of the United Sates of America in doing so.

b). Any member who no longer promotes allegiance to the U.S. Constitution will be considered to have forfeited the privilege of membership, stand suspended by the Division Commander from any elected or appointed office(s), and will immediately be referred to the members of the Executive Committee for dismissal from the Kansas Division of the SCV

Section 3. Recruiting new members is for the benefit of the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole.

Section 4. New members do no “belong” to any particular member, or to any particular camp. Applicants become members of the camp of their choosing and may transfer to any other camp at any time as written in Article II. Section I. of this document.

Section 5. New members should be recruited and encouraged to Join the closest camp to their home which they can reasonable attend unless the new member specifically desirers to join an alternate camp.

Section 6. Brigade Commanders are to closely monitor the recruitment of new members.

a). They are to contact them with information regarding the benefits of members.

b). This information is to include all programs, (national, state, and camp) websites and meeting times/locations of all camp meetings, and other information the new members may need within the Brigade.

c). The Division Adjutant will make available to the Brigade Commanders all information of transfers, applications, and other information upon the receiving of notice of new applicant.

Letter from Division Commander.

The aforementioned Code of Conducts and General Orders, are set forth by me, and thus will be followed as well as enforced by all of the Kansas Division Executive Committee.

I have made these orders fair and reasonable according to both the National and the Kansas Division Constitution without bridging over those written provisions. I will always try to conduct myself as Commander over the Kansas Division in a professional, fair, no prejudice attitude. Not leading in a dictatorship form of office. Showing no favoritism or personal opinion in my decisions or speech. I will hold an open door policy to all compatriots of the Kansas Division when proper proto-call is used. My goal's are as follows.

I. To open the doors of communication to all compatriots as to the information they are duly entitled too as members of the Kansas Division. To better inform our members of happenings and to insure that all at the camp levels is receiving this information. To utilize the Division Newsletter and Web site for important information within this Division. No other web site or newsletter will be used for Division business.

II. To find a peaceful and fair way of ridding our Division of the troubles that has infected our members over the past several years. Implementing and carrying out a plan to convince our members that only by working together can we win the understanding and trust of those that deny heritage or us of. No battle has ever been victorious to an army with feuding ranks. With full understanding that we are not an army going to war. We still have a duty to do, and a torch to carry. We must join hands in trust and belief that United we will Stand, Divided we will fall.

III. My greatest and most important goal, as Commander over the Kansas Division will be to gain back that trust within its members, Camps, and Executive Committee. As well as it's Commander. So that we may each do the duty and accomplish the task that was set before us by our ancestors when they establishing the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The war of Northern Aggression is over. But the Battle is forever ending. Our ancestors passed the torch to us. In hopes of keeping others from taking what we still have and that includes our freedom to display our heritage and Flags. We must implement and carry out a plan to preserve what is ours in heritage and ownership as direct heirs of those Confederate Veterans. Telling the story of that time, and making sure that history is told in facts. Not just told in a politically correct way so not to offend someone. This cannot be accomplished by forcing our beliefs upon others in haste. We must show them that we are all proud Citizens of this Country. I suggest the reading of N.B. Forest Farwell address to his troops, Gainesville, Ala., May 9, 1865, in order to fully understand why. We must show them that we are equally proud of both our Ancestor's Flags, and the U.S. Flag. But that we are also heirs of the Confederacy with a stronger love than they can ever imagine for our heritage, and we will not tolerate the misuse of our flags and denied pleasure of freedom to display our heritage properly and proudly. We must prove to them that we are not the raciest they have been taught to believe, but only want to honor our ancestors as well as protect what rightfully belong to us in heritage. By only displaying the Flag that they have been taught to hate we will never convince them what our mission and true side is. I ask that you stand behind me and help us reach these goals.

Confederately yours
Denver L Erickson
Kansas Division Commander