

## OUR MISSION

*In holding true to our beliefs in preserving the history and legacy of our heroes' we, the members of the Kansas Division Committee known as Project Locate, dedicate our lives in a service to locate, verify, document, and provide a proper and honorable marking where needed, under strict legal guidelines, for those Confederate Veterans buried in the State of Kansas. Forasmuch as we understand it was not they who broke the rules which brought about secession, but rather their enemies. We will not dishonor them by compromising those guidelines set for our Goal.*

### Current Project Locate Committee

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Committee Member</b>
1439 Gen Albert Pike Camp	Vacant
1847 Gen Lewis A. Armistead Camp	Scott Price
1854 Cols. Lewis and Harrison Camp	Jack Sanders
1857 BG William Steele Camp	Neal Hanley
1920 Major Thomas Key Camp	Heath Roland
2064 South Kansas Camp	Kevin Ivey, Chairman

## **Project Locate Guidelines**

We, the Committee for Project Locate of the Kansas Division, in as much feel so that future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern Cause, we will forevermore supply the adequate information that connects us to that veteran which best describes his motives.

Understanding the tenacity with which Confederate soldiers fought underscores their belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Many of our Ancestors gave the ultimate sacrifice, but are lost and or forgotten. In as much as we believe in honoring these men, through identification of their final resting places, we hereby commit to the following.

### **Our guidelines are as follows:**

- 1) All Project Locate research received will be precise; will not be based on mere speculation or opinion, but on fact and documentation.
- 2) Project Locate will not document, list, or mark these sacred graves with names until positive documentation is obtained and agreed upon by the entire committee. If a Veteran's service is questionable, it will be noted as such until further documentation is found to prove or disprove eligibility.
- 3) Documentation will be kept on every veteran found in Kansas, and will consist of photos of the headstones or markers, and whatever written documents can be found confirming service, including but not limited to, obituaries, census records, service/pension records, etc., as long as they can be proven to belong to the veteran in question. A grave marked with a Confederate stone is not acceptable without supporting documentation of service.
- 4) When we as researchers first approach a grave, we keep in mind that materials are affected by time, acid rain, maintenance crews and vandalism, and will deteriorate in time. As with us, the material is "ashes to ashes, dust to dust". Nothing is permanent. Graves are to be treated with care and respect, and if any cleaning or maintenance is needed, to be performed minimally or by someone with professional knowledge of such.
- 5) Project Locate researcher's will at all times consider ALL graves, including Confederate and Union, as sacred and the markers as historic. The graves should be considered part of the deceased and are private property. Realizing that to restore a stone is to remember and honor the veteran, to discard or to remove, or take away from the personal effect that someone has already set (such is done when double setting stones), one has taken away a part of the veteran and his honor or discarded his history.

6) Project Locate will follow by the Veteran's Administration policy for ordering headstones or markers. The current policy states (for veterans deceased before Nov 1, 1990):

*Furnished upon application for the **UNMARKED GRAVE** of any eligible deceased veteran. The individual must certify the grave is **unmarked** and a Government headstone or marker is preferred to a privately purchased headstone or marker. **A grave is considered marked if a monument displays the decedent's name and date of birth and/or death, even though the veteran's military data is not shown.***

7) Forasmuch as we wish to honor these brave men, Project Locate and its researchers will at no time compromise those directives that are hereby and forevermore decreed by any organization within the legal realms of our mission.

In using the Sons of Confederate Veterans Handbook for Graves Etiquette Conservation and preservation we will strive for a commitment of excellence in honoring our Ancestors.

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God bless our Confederate Ancestors and let them never be forgotten