

**MINUTES OF THE DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**ALABAMA DIVISION SCV**  
**August 17, 2024**  
**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK LIBRARY**  
**MARBURY, AL**

1. Meeting called to order by Commander Doug Barrett at 9:30 a.m. Introduction of the DEC members and attendees. Invocation by Dakota Dorley. Flag salute and reading of S.D. Lee's Charge by Jimmy Hill.
2. Roll taken by Lee Hattabaugh and quorum (12 of 14) declared; see attendance on last page.
3. New members of the DEC who were not officially installed at the post-reunion meeting on June 1, 2024, were installed by Cmdr. Barrett who then expressed his intent for how meetings would be conducted.
4. Minutes of the May 31 and June 1 meetings were considered and approved without objection. It was noted that Bob McClendon and Rik Carden needed to be invited to the DEC's Facebook group. Minutes of the meetings will be posted to the Division website.
5. 2023-2024 Treasurer report by Larry Muse. Motion by Jimmy Hill to accept the report seconded by Dave McCombs and passed unanimously.
6. John Land reported on the Library and the immediate need for volunteers to serve one day a month. Brigade Commanders are encouraged to poll their camps for possible volunteers. Additional information was provided on the need and search for new, and affordable, library shelving.
7. A motion by Doug Barrett to allow non-DEC members to remain in the room during the business meeting was seconded by Robert Jewellson and passed without objection.
8. Jimmy Hill facilitated a discussion on important dates for the Division calendar this 2024-2025 year:
9. DEC meeting – 16 November 2024, Confederate Memorial Park Library
10. Robert E. Lee Day – 18 January 2025, Alabama Department of Archives and History
11. EC/DEC meeting – 8 February 2025, location to be determined but likely to be Wetumpka.
12. Alabama Education Conference – a Saturday in March, Jimmy Martin to check available dates at a location in Southside, Alabama.
13. Possible Army of Tennessee conference – need a Central Alabama Camp to host and provide a location. Date in spring is desired.
14. Confederate Memorial Day – 26 April 2025, Alabama State Capitol
15. Division Reunion – May or June 2025, date to be determined by host Camp.
16. Camp Reports – Submit to Alabama Division Adjutant no later than 21 June 2025.

17. Awards nominations – see Awards Manual for details. Nominations due 15 March 2025.
18. Joseph Wheeler scholarship – 15 March 2025.
19. Membership dues renewals are required to be postmarked no later than August 31, 2024.
20. Cmdr Barrett facilitated a discussion on a new budget line item for Brigade Commander Contingency Fund. A motion by Jimmy Hill to approve the line item noting that the funds could not be used for the purchase of items for resale was seconded by Dave McCombs and passed without objection.
21. Jimmy Hill and Larry Muse led the explanation and discussion on the proposed 2024-2025 budget. A motion by Dave McCombs to approve the increase of line item 5600 to \$2,500 was seconded by Chris Rice and passed without objection. A motion by Chris Rice seconded by Rik Carden to approve the budget passed without objection.
22. Chris Rice reminded DEC members that each of them has a Division-assigned email address and to coordinate with him for access if they do not already have it.
23. Chris Rice presented a program for the development of mobile phone applications for iPhone and Android devices that would provide members, current and prospective, with critical information. A motion by Lee Hattabaugh to approve the further development and an initial expenditure of \$150 was seconded by Dave McCombs and passed without objection.
24. Chris Rice presented an idea for a Cadet mini-camp or day class event. A motion by Jimmy Hill to for an investigative committee chaired by Chris Rice was seconded by Dave McCombs and passed without objection.
25. Cmdr. Barrett reviewed the various committee assignments and discussed the need for chairmen of the Communications and Government/Legislative Affairs committees. Chris Rice volunteered to lead the Communications committee. The latter remains open, and Brigade Commanders are asked to poll their Camps for possible candidates.
26. Dave McCombs led a discussion and presented his ideas for Training, Education, Recruiting, and Retention. Brigade Commanders are required to hold training sessions in their respective regions. Any questions can be directed to Dave McCombs.
27. Cmdr. Barrett facilitated a discussion on the Raphael Semmes Camp 11's project to erect and rededicate the statue of Admiral Semmes that had been taken down in Mobile several years ago. A motion by Chris Rice for the Division to support the project with a Division grant of \$3,000 was seconded by Dave McCombs and passed with one objection.
28. Stuart Waldo presented a proposal to purchase a new sign for the I-65 flag site. A discussion followed that resulted in direction for investigation of the possibility of the Division to purchase and install its own billboard (digital or traditional) instead of continuing to rent space. A new sign for the site will not be considered at this time.
29. Robert Jewellson presented the revised Awards Guidelines and requested approval of the amended document dated June 1, 2024. A motion to approve by Larry Muse was seconded by Dave McCombs and approved with one objection.

30. Larry Muse presented information on a possible radio advertisement campaign on station WZZK in the Birmingham metro. The DEC will not act in support of this program at this time.
31. Dave McCombs asked if the Division would host a shotgun tournament again this year. Commented included the need for a different time of year and whether the cost factors resulted in a good return on the investment.
32. Frank Leatherwood was recognized and asked when the SCV car tag design needed to be renewed. Group discussion revealed it would need to be submitted in 2025 and whether we could just return to an already approved design instead of creating a new one.
33. General announcements
34. Next DEC meeting is 16 November 2024. Grant requests need to be submitted to Jimmy Hill by 17 October 2024. Agenda items are to be sent to Doug Barrett and Mac Morris no later than 28 October 2024.
35. Jimmy Hill solicited volunteers for the Audit Committee. Lee Hattabaugh, with Dave McCombs as alternate, will represent the northern brigades. Dakota Dorley will represent the southern brigades.
36. Jimmy Hill reminded all new Brigade Commanders of their continuity books and if they do not have it, they need to retrieve it from their predecessors.
37. Benediction by John Land
38. Cmdr Barrett led the singing of Dixie.
39. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.
40. The next DEC meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2024.

**DEC Present:**

1. **Commander Douglas Barrett**
2. **1Lt. Commander Jimmy Hill**
3. **2Lt. Commander Dave McCombs**
4. **Adjutant Lee Hattabaugh**
5. **Treasurer Larry Muse**
6. **NE Bde Cmdr Robert Jewellson**
7. **NEC Bde Cmdr Jimmy Martin**
8. **NWC Bde Cmdr Rik Carden**
9. **SE Bde Lt. Cmdr Bob McLendon**
10. **SEC Bde Cmdr Dakota Dorley**
11. **SW Bde Cmdr Christopher Rice**
12. **SWC Bde Cmdr Forrest Waldo**

**DEC Not Present:**

1. **PDC Mike McMurry**
2. **NW Bde Cmdr TBD**

**Others Present:**

1. **Mac Morris, Camp 16, Chief of Staff**
2. **Brian Cooper, Camp 522, NEC Bde Lt. Cmdr.**
3. **Frank Leatherwood, Camp 253, Sgt. At Arms**
4. **Clark Boutwell, Camp 385, SE Brigade Driver**
5. **John Land, Camp 2002, Division Librarian**

**Submitted by Division Adjutant, November 16, 2024**

**Minutes are: \_\_\_\_\_**