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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION FOR ORGANIZATION,

AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## United Confederate Veterans

*minutes*

Held in the City of New Orleans, La.

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 JUNE 10th, 1880.
 

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Col. F. S. WASHINGTON, President.

Col. J. A. CHALARON, Secretary.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.



# NOTICE.

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In binding up the Minutes of various Conventions of the United Confederate Veterans, I feel that I am taking a course that cannot but be beneficial to the Order which has such a claim on the affections of Confederate soldiers throughout the entire South. I am proud to say that I have calls from all sections of the globe for these bound volumes; and to place them in libraries where they can be consulted by those seeking information, must serve the cause which we revere, and convince all impartial readers of the justness of the principles for which we fought for four years with so much distinction.

*Wm. E. Mickle,*

Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

New Orleans, La., January 22, 1907.



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at their Reunion, at Jackson, Miss., June 2nd, 1891.



Which can be worn on the lapel of the coat, by  
every Veteran, who is a member in good standing of a  
Camp in the United Confederate organization.

OFFICIAL:

GEO. MOORMAN,

*Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.*



# PROCEEDINGS.

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The convention met in response to the following circular:

*To the Veteran ex-Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederate States:*

COMRADES:—In view of the ideas which permeate our minds that we, of the South, should, in a spirit of amity and friendship, in the interest and for the benefit of our whole Republic, form a federation of associations, and that all ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors now surviving, who were in good standing, be invited to join with us for that purpose, we beg to suggest:

The formation of an association for such benevolent, historical and social purposes, as will enable us to do justice to our common country, care for our needy and disabled comrades in their declining years, and assist the needy widows and orphans of our comrades, in a spirit of mutual friendship, fraternity and good will.

That in order to have a full expression of opinion in the organization of an association such as we seek, we desire to name delegates from this district to a convention to be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon, for the purpose of effecting, after full consideration, the formation of such perfect agreement as is necessary for the purpose herein set forth.

We request you to make the necessary appointments, in order that the views herein expressed may be fully considered, and the features of a general association carried out, without in any manner interfering with local or State associations.

Will you send representatives from your association, with authority, to a general convention? We naturally suggest New Orleans as the appropriate place of meeting, date the 10th June proximo. If our views do not meet with your approval, please be kind enough to make your suggestions. We speak as a Committee for the Louisiana Division of the Army of Northern Virginia, the Louisiana Division of the Army of Tennessee, and the Veteran Confederate States Cavalry Association, and hereby earnestly invite your co-operation in this movement

Respectfully submitting the above, we remain comrades,

J. A. CHALARON,  
Secretary,

F. S. WASHINGTON,  
Chairman General Committee.

CHAS. MOORE, JR., Assistant Secretary.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

F. S. Washington, David Zable, E. D. Willett, Leon Jastremski,  
Pat Hays, John H. Murray, N. J. Hoey.



## ARMY OF TENNESSEE.

J. A. Chalaron, Louis Sorapuru, A. J. Lewis, R. H. Brunet, Jr., Dr.  
Y. R. Lemmonnier, J. B. Lallande, Eugene May.

## VETERANS CONFEDERATE STATES CAVALRY.

Dr. Y. R. Lemmonnier, Wright Shaumberg, A. W. Crandell, J. Henry  
Behan, Samuel Henderson, M. J. Costley, T. J. Butler.

Extracts from minutes of Convention held June 10, 1889.

The meeting was called to order at the headquarters of the Army of Northern Virginia, at noon, by President S. F. Washington, of the A. N. V. Mr. Nicholas Cuny, of the Army of Tennessee, was appointed temporary Secretary.

President Washington, in calling the meeting to order, on behalf of the General Committee, composed of the New Orleans associations, extended to the visiting delegates a cordial and hearty welcome. The object of the meeting, he said, was to organize a general confederation of the various associations for historical, social and benevolent purposes, and he hoped that it would result in a powerful and successful movement.

Rev. Thomas R. Markham, of the Army of Tennessee, invoked the divine blessing upon the assemblage and the cause for which they had gathered.

It was decided to appoint a Committee on Credentials and Representation, to consist of one member from each organization represented, and President Washington, at the suggestion of the various organizations, appointed the following gentlemen:

J. F. Shipp, Chattanooga; J. A. Trousdale, Gallatin, Tenn.; J. M. Crews, Memphis; J. F. Dupuy, Iberville parish, La.; J. F. Utz, Shreveport; L. Sorapuru, Army of Tennessee; J. H. Murray, Army of Northern Virginia; J. Henry Behan, Confederate Cavalry.

The meeting then took a recess for half an hour to give the committee time to report.

The report showed the following organizations were represented:

Cavalrymen, Louisiana Division—J. Henry Behan, Wright Schaumberg, A. W. Crandell, Samuel Henderson, M. L. Costley, T. J. Butler, Dr. Joseph Jones, D. A. Given.

N. B. Forrest Camp, Chattanooga, Tenn.—J. F. Shipp, M. H. Cliff, Garnett Andrews, W. L. Aitkin, R. L. Watkins, L. T. Dickinson.

Cavalrymen, Tennessee Division—F. G. Johnson, Thomas F. Perkins, J. N. Morton, J. M. Cruise, F. Fentress, J. J. Meedy, Sr., Matt McClung, F. S. Webb and Capt. Dickinson.

Tennessee Division Confederate Soldiers—J. A. Trousdale, P. G. Johnson, J. M. Crews, O. H. P. Piper, J. H. Martin, T. F. Perkins and J. W. Morton.



ate Veterans, Soldiers and Sailors, now in existence or hereafter to be formed; to gather authentic data for an impartial history of the war between the States; to preserve relics or mementoes of the same; to cherish the ties of friendship that should exist among men who have shared common dangers, common sufferings and privations; to care for the disabled, and extend a helping hand to the needy; to protect the widows and the orphans, and to make and preserve a record of the services of every member, and as far as possible of those of our comrades who have preceded us in eternity.

ART 2. The officers of the national or general headquarters will be as follows: A General, a Lieutenant-General, an Adjutant-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, a Judge Advocate-General, a Surgeon-General, a Chaplain, and such aids as the General-commanding may appoint.

Each State having five or more camps, bivouacs or associations, and every five or more camps, bivouacs or associations in contiguous States shall constitute a division, which will be officered under a Major-General and a staff similar to that of the General.

The various associations shall be permitted to retain their name and organization, but they will be registered in numerical order, according to the date of their formation or incorporation into the United Confederate Veterans, as Camps of Bivouacs No. — of the — Division of the State or States of —

The associations, camps or bivouacs may, at their option, adopt the following nomenclature for their officers, viz: Commander; first, second and third (or more) Lieutenant Commanders, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain and Officer of the Day, Assistant Surgeon, Treasurer, Sergeant-Major, Vidette, a color-Sergeant and two color Guards; and define their duties.

ART. 3. The representation of the various organizations at the annual convention of delegates will be as follows: One delegate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional for a fraction of twenty or more members; provided, that organizations having not less than twenty members in good standing on their rolls shall be entitled to one delegate.

The delegates will elect, to serve for one year, the General, Lieutenant-General and the Major-Generals, in their respective divisions. They will also select the time and place of the next annual convention, at which general reunions may also be invited. By a two-thirds vote they may also change or alter such articles of the Constitution as they may see proper to amend.

ART. 4. The delegates will adopt a general seal and badge for the United Confederate Veterans. The Adjutant-General will furnish, upon proper requisition of the camps, bivouacs or associations, blank traveling cards, bearing the seal of the Association of United Confederate Veterans, for the use of comrades in good standing, the same to be countersigned by the officer authorized to do so.



ART. 5. Certificates of membership in the Association of United Confederate Veterans will be issued to organizations applying for admission by the General when their Constitution, By-Laws and roll of members has been examined and found to conform with the requirements of this Constitution. A fee of \$5 shall accompany such applications, which fee shall be placed in the general treasury of the Association. Each camp, bivouac or organization, to whom a certificate is issued, and belonging to this General Association, shall annually, on the — day of —, file with the Adjutant-General a true and

CORRECT ROLL OF ITS MEMBERS

in good standing on that date, and shall, at the same time, pay into the general treasury the sum of twenty-five cents per capita for each member shown on such roll, and no camp, bivouac, association or organization, shall be permitted representation in a general convention of the United Confederate Veterans until the said camp, bivouac association or organization, shall have paid said annual tax and all other amounts due by such a camp, bivouac, association or organization.

ART. 6. The Generals and Major-Generals shall be empowered to appoint their respective staffs, and the first General elected under this Constitution is also empowered to appoint the first Lieutenant-General, who will exercise the functions of General in case of a temporary or permanent vacancy in that office.

ART. 7. All papers and documents pertaining to General Headquarters shall be forwarded through the Division Headquarters for verification and indorsement, where division organization has been formed.

ART. 8. Every camp, bivouac or association, will be expected to require of each applicant for membership satisfactory proof of honorable service and discharge in the Confederate Army or Navy.

ART. 9. Every comrade in good standing will be privileged to attend the meetings of any organization belonging to the United Confederate Veterans, and receive that fraternal consideration that they design to foster.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Division Commanders and their staffs to aid and urge the formation of new camps, bivouacs, and organizations wherever they can be advantageously formed within their jurisdiction.

ART. 11. The first General elected under this Constitution is hereby empowered to issue such orders for the good of the organizations as circumstances may, in his judgment, suggest, covering cases not provided for by this Constitution.

ART. 12. Beyond the requirements of this Constitution, the various organizations shall have full enjoyment of the right to govern themselves.

ART. 13. Until the divisions can be formed, as provided for in this Constitution, the various organizations will report directly to General Headquarters.



ART. 14. The discussion of political or religious subjects, nor any political action shall be permitted within the organization of the United Confederate Veterans, and any camp, bivouac or association that will have acted in violation of this article, shall be declared to have forfeited its membership in this association.

General Jastremski moved to go into permanent organization.

The Convention then went into permanent organization by the election for a general Commander-in-Chief.

President Washington stated that he had written to

GEN. J. B. GORDON,

asking if he would accept the presidency of this organization, if tendered to him. He then read the following answer from General Gordon:

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, }  
Atlanta, Ga., June 6, 1889. }

*Col. F. S. Washington :*

Your letter of the 3d instant interests me very greatly, and I would not feel authorized to decline such an invitation as you suggest, coming from our Confederate comrades. With sincere good wishes, I am, fraternally yours,

J. B. GORDON.

Gen. Jastremski said that he knew of this letter, and he was about to propose Gen. Gordon's name. In a few eloquent remarks he nominated Gen. Gordon.

Mr. Ober, in seconding the nomination, spoke of the character of Gen. Gordon, and alluded to the thirteen scars he carries, the result of the war between the Northern and Southern States.

Mr. Trezevant offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That it is the sense of this convention, the delegates assembled, that Gen. J. B. Gordon be elected our general Commander-in-Chief until his successor is elected.

The convention then unanimously elected Gen. J. B. Gordon General-commanding the United Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Trezevant offered a motion that the president, secretary and a delegate from each association be appointed as a committee to correspond with Gen. Gordon and to carry out any instructions he may have to give them. The motion was adopted.

The chair appointed Messrs. Willett, Chalaron, Jones, Crews, Trousdale, Dupuy, Hebert, Nolan and Aldridge.

Chattanooga was selected as the place for holding the next convention.

A true copy:

J. A. CHALARON, Secretary.



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MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
AND REUNION  
OF THE  
United Confederate Veterans



Held in the City of Chattanooga, Tenn.

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JULY 3rd, 1890.

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Gen'l J. B. GORDON, General Commanding.

Col. D. A. GIVEN, Secretary.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST RÉUNION UNITED CONFEDERATE VÉTÉRANS  
CHATTANOOGA, JULY 3, 1890.

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The meeting was called to order by Col. J. F. Shipp, Chairman of the local Executive Committee, who introduced the Hon. Xenophon Wheeler (representing the Mayor), who welcomed the Veterans in an eloquent and polished address, which was responded to in feeling terms by Jno. B. Gordon, General Commanding the United Confederate Veterans.

Col. Shipp in a few remarks, nominated Col. D. A. Given, of New Orleans as Secretary, and he was elected unanimously.

Gen C. A. Evans moved, and it was duly seconded, that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair on revision of the Constitution, to report back to the reunion at 4 o'clock, p. m.; said Committee to meet at the "Read House at 2 o'clock, p. m., carried, and the General Commanding appointed the following comrades on said committee, viz:

Gen. C. A. Evans, Chairman; Gen. E. Kirby Smith, Gen. W. L. Cabell, Col. D. A. Given, Col. S. F. Washington, Col. Leon Jastremski, Dr. J. Wm. Jones.

Col. Shipp requested those members of Gen. Jno. B. Gordon's staff, now in the city, to meet at the rooms of N. B. Forrest Camp, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Gen. E. Kirby Smith was introduced, and after delivering a telling speech, requested his staff to meet at the Read House at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Gen. Tige Anderson was then called upon and bowed his thanks.

Gen. W. L. Cabell was called for and delivered a most excellent speech.

Capt. Kell was called for and made an appropriate reply.

Gen. Evans was loudly called for and made a most eloquent and stirring speech.

Col. J. F. Shipp announced an entertainment, to be given in the present tent, at 8 o'clock, p. m., for the benefit of the monument fund to the memory of the "Wizard of the Saddle."—N. B. Forrest—and invited all present to attend.

All Chaplains present were requested to meet at Dr. Bockman's, at 5 o'clock, p. m.



Surgeon General, Joseph Jones, requested the medical corps to meet at the Stanton House at 3 o'clock, p. m.

There being no further business, upon motion the reunion adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, p. m.

D. A. GIVEN, Secretary.

### EVENING SESSION, 4:15 P. M.

Reunion met pursuant to adjournment, Gen. Jno. B. Gordon, commanding, in the chair, and Col. D. A. Given, Secretary, at his post.

Secretary Given, by request of Gen. Evans, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, which being read article by article, was adopted, and upon motion was unanimously adopted as a whole.

Col. Given, by request, made a few appropriate remarks and read a memorial from "The Christain Woman's Exchange," of New Orleans, which was received with great enthusiasm.

Secretary Given was instructed to notify the Christian Woman's Exchange, of the approval, thanks and support of the United Confederate Veterans, in what they had already done and proposed to do.

A memorial from "Sons of Confederate Soldiers" asking authority from this body to organize throughout the United States, organizations as auxiliary to said United Confederate Veterans, was presented in a speech by one of their delegates as follows, viz:

#### MEMORIAL FROM CONFEDERATES' SONS.

HEADQUARTERS F. M. WALKER CAMP No. 1, }  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS. }

CHATTANOOGA, July 3, 1890.

United Confederate Veterans, Jno. B. Gordon Commanding:

At a meeting of Frank M. Walker Camp, and visiting Sons of Confederate Soldiers, in the city, held this day at 3 p. m., a committee was chosen, as undersigned, to memorailize your organization with a view to establish throughout the United States an organization to be known as the United Sons of Confederate Soldiers.

In pursuance of this duty thus imposed, we respectfully submit the following.



Inasmuch as through the unalterable laws of nature the participants in the great struggle between the States are rapidly passing away and only a few years remain until even the youngest of them will have crossed over to join their comrades in the great "Beyond;" and honoring our fathers who fought in the forces of the Confederate States, and desiring in some substantial way to prove our esteem for them as men and due admiration for their valor and courage as soldiers; and to the end that we may aid in the perpetuating the story of their prowess in the greatest war of modern times, and that history shall do them and their memory justice, and that a fair and impartial record of their deeds and the causes for which they fought may be kept; and further to render aid and assistance to our fathers, members of the Veterans' organization of the country in all their efforts at fraternization, and in keeping alive a keen interest in the sentiments that should actuate all patriotic organizations.

We, therefore, petition you to take some action looking toward the chartering of the Sons of Confederate Soldiers, so that they may by authority effect a permanent organization, acting under one general charter and having one central, grand aim as outlined above.

Believing that the desire for such an organization is general among the young men of the South, we respectfully ask that action be taken by you at as early an hour as possible, so that our general organization may be perfected without unnecessary delay.

T. R. GRESS, Atlanta, Chairman.

S. M. PAYNE, Atlanta.

A. W. EDENS, South Carolina.

S. T. RUCKER,

L. G. WALKER,

S. P. DODSON,

of F. M. Walker Camp, Chattanooga.

Upon motion of Dr. J. Wm. Jones, duly seconded, it was referred to the Committee on Revision of Constitution, Gen. Evans, Chairman, with full power and authority to act. Said Committee on Revision met the committee from "Sons of Confederate Soldiers," and after some little explanation and discussion, the following resolution was offered by Col. D. A. Given, and seconded by Gen. W. L. Cabell, which was unanimously adopted, viz.:



*Resolved*, That the United Confederate Veterans authorize and recognize all organization of "The Sons and Daughters of Confederate Veterans (not *soldiers*), throughout the United States, provided the said organizations or associations shall *first* submit their Constitution and By-Laws to the General commanding the United Confederate Veterans, for his sanction, approval and authority to organize.

The following resolutions were offered by Gen. C. A. Evans, seconded by Gen. W. L. Cabell, and after glorious speeches by both of these comrades, were unanimously adopted as follows, viz:

The United Confederate Veterans in their first annual convention assembled, desire to say to the South that they will regard it as a high privilege to have committed to them the sacred duty of carrying forward the plans already projected at New Orleans for erecting a suitable monument to the memory of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States. Their organization originated amidst the solemn scenes of his death, and it appeared then as it does now, most fitting that such a body should be the agent through which multitudes who revered the great chieftain might express their admiration of his virtues, their veneration for his character, and their appreciation of his martial and civic heroism in adversity as illustrated in his life.

No prejudice, passion nor partisan politics becloud this proper and patriotic purpose to display that high veneration in which the dead President is regarded, and to represent in durable stone to future generations the esteem in which the Confederate cause was held by Southern men. His monument will signify an embalming of his personal dignity within the furled folds of the Southern flag, not to be the spot where future people will come to foster sectional strife, but where they will be inspired afresh with the sentiment of lofty, heroic patriotism.

The United Confederate Veterans are men incapable of cherishing other feelings than those of the noblest toward the common country in all its broad dominion. Their affection for each other as comrades in march, camp and battle where they enjoyed victory or suffered defeat; their admiration for their great leaders, living and dead, their pride in Southern valor; their devotion to the Heaven-favored land of the South; their purpose to preserve an impartial history and to perpetuate the



glorious memories of the great war are not inconsistent with their proven fidelity to the terms of their surrender; their manifest appreciation of the heroism of the Union veteran; their patriotic allegiance to the Government of the United States; their enthusiastic cheers with which they greet our country's flag; their willingness to unite with all sections to build up the whole commonwealth, their resentment of any foreign invasion of the common rights or realm; and their readiness to give themselves, their sons and their fortunes in defense of this great Union of free and sovereign States.

The monument which they wish to erect will be of that chaste, simple and suggestive form appropriate to the character of the Chieftain and to the sentiment of the South. As no passion prompts its construction, so no mere pride of display will be the motive of this expression of their regard. They would make that monument become the voice of the noble-hearted Southern people who will not, because of adversity, forget the chivalrous, sincere, devoted man who was their civil leader in war and their example of dignified submission in defeat.

With these views the United Confederate Veterans beg permission to unite with all associations formed for the purpose of raising the funds required for this appropriate monument, and would call upon the entire South as well as on every admirer of heroism anywhere, to share in this expression of a common sentiment. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the General of this organization appoint a Central Committee to have charge of this movement, of which Committee he shall be the Chairman, and that this Committee confer and co-operate with other associations, appoint other Committees and proceed at once to organize the most suitable plans for carrying out this object with the least delay possible."

Col. Given arose and said that the ladies of the "Christian Woman's Exchange," of New Orleans, with whom the movement for a monument to our lamented President originated desired to state that all their collections and donations would be through the United Confederate Veterans; received with cheers and "God bless them."

Election of officers for the ensuing year being in order, the following comrades were elected by acclamation amidst great enthusiasm, viz:

Jno. B. Gordon, General commanding; W. L. Cabell,

