

Alabama Division Bylaws

ARTICLE I - NAME AND STRUCTURE

- A. The name of this organization is: ALABAMA DIVISION OF REENACTORS, INC.
- B. All units who join the Division will be willing to serve together by service branch as appropriate. Service branches are defined to include Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry (mounted and dismounted), Medical, Civilian, Specialized Portrayals and Naval Department.
- C. The Division will function as one unit in the field when appropriate. Functioning as one unit is defined to denote the brigading together of all troops by service branch into a company or companies.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

- A. To reflect the highest and best standards of community service and historical authenticity in the conduct, dress, grooming, and equipment of all members of this organization.
- B. To exercise all the powers conferred upon non-profit corporations formed under the laws of the State of Alabama and within the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code in order to accomplish the above enumerated purposes, including, but not limited to, the power to accept donations and grants and property.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation as expressed in the Articles of Incorporation.
- D. To provide for an open line of communication between reenactment units throughout the State of Alabama and the Western theater of operations.
- E. To provide for cooperation between units in hosting and attending living history and battle reenactments for the purpose of increasing reenactor participation.
- F. To establish a strong, united organization, under competent leadership, to stand for and protect the interests of member-units, and to insure that the Division is commanded and represented by its own officers at events.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- A. The activities of this organization shall be governed by an Executive Council. The Executive Council shall consist of one representative from each member-unit. The Executive Council shall manage and administer the affairs of the Corporation pursuant to, and within the limitations of Federal and State law.
- B. A simple majority of the members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. A majority vote shall decide all matters unless otherwise provided for in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
- C. The Executive Council shall present a report at the annual business meeting showing generally a record of its meetings and actions during that year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

- A. The Division Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, shall be elected by a simple majority of the Executive Council under the provisions of Article VI, Section A, and Article VII, Section B of these Bylaws. The other officers will be elected by their respective branches. The Division Senior Officers (General and Colonel) shall serve for two years concurrently or until a successor is elected to take office. All other Officers terms shall be one year or until a successor is elected to take office. The Division Officers may be reelected to subsequent terms of office according to the wishes of the Executive Council. In the event of a vacancy in the Division Officers during the year, the Executive Council shall appoint a replacement to serve the unexpired term.
- B. For the purposes of the Corporation and in portraying a military organization, the following shall be the Division Officers:

CORPORATION OFFICERS	MILITARY ROLE	RANK
President	Division Commander	Brigadier General
Vice President	Second-in-Command	Colonel/Senior Ranking Colonel
Secretary/Treasurer	Adjutant	Major (Field & Staff Rank)
Division Officer	Cavalry Commander	Colonel
Division Officer	Dismounted Cavalry Commander	Lieutenant Colonel
Division Officer	Mountain Howitzer Battery Commander	Lieutenant Colonel
Division Officer	Chief of Artillery	Colonel
Division Officer	Medical Director	Chief Surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel
Division Officer	Infantry Commander	Colonel
Division Officer	Civilian Coordinator	Civilian Affairs Director
Division Officer	Special Impressions	Special Impressions Coordinator
Division Officer	Navy Department	Flag Officer

- C. All ranks to be effective upon Division Function, Branch or section Function, as requested by an Event Host or by Division Command Staff at an Event. Reduction in rank appropriate to troops present or numbers from Division Branch will occur to properly represent Military protocol. Division Second in Command, Colonel, will be Senior Colonel.
- D. Other positions required to support the Division must be approved and elected by a simple majority of the Executive Council at the annual business meeting.
- E. For the purposes of portraying a military organization, the Division Officers shall hold the title "Staff" or "Division Staff".

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICE

- A. The Division Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and Division Staff. He shall represent the Division on and off the field, and will be the official spokesman for the Division on all occasions. As spokesman for the Division, he shall have no right to express any position or opinion on behalf of the Division that is not a consensus opinion of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICE – cont'd

B. The Second-in-Command shall serve on behalf of the Commander and will assist the Commander as required. In the absence of the Commander, the Second-in-Command shall have full authority to execute the responsibilities of Commander. In this capacity, the Second-in-Command shall have no right to express any position or opinion on behalf of the Division that is not a consensus opinion of the Executive Council.

C. The Cavalry Commander shall be the overall cavalry spokesman and is responsible for all activities of the Cavalry Branch.

D. The Dismounted Cavalry Commander shall serve on behalf of the Cavalry Commander and will assist the Cavalry Commander as required. He shall represent the dismounted commands of the Cavalry Branch and serve as their spokesman.

E. The Chief of Artillery shall represent the commands utilizing Field Artillery (large bore guns) and is vested with the authority to administer the affairs of the Artillery Branch. The affairs of the branch include directing member-units in all matters regarding artillery placement and safety at events hosted by member-units of the Division and at those events which the Alabama Division leadership exercises overall military command. The Chief of Artillery is also vested with the authority to enforce the Alabama Division Artillery Branch Safety Regulations and Minimum Requirements for Pieces and Crews in the field. He, or his designee in the Chain of Command shall serve as the Artillery Commander at events hosted by member-units of the Division and at those events which the Alabama Division leadership exercises overall military command.

F. The Mountain Howitzer Battery Commander shall represent the commands utilizing Mountain Howitzers and will serve as their spokesperson.

G. The Infantry Commander shall be the overall infantry spokesperson and is responsible for all activities of the Infantry Branch.

H. The Civilian Affairs Director shall be the overall civilian spokesperson and is and is responsible for all activities of the Civilian Branch.

I. The Specialty Impressions Coordinator shall be the overall Specialty Impressions Coordinator and is responsible for all activities of the Specialty Impressions Branch.

J. The Naval Department shall be the overall naval spokesperson and is responsible for all activities of the Naval Branch.

K. The Medical Director shall be the overall medical spokesperson and is responsible for all activities of the Medical Branch.

L. The Adjutant shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the annual or special meetings. He shall administer the financial records of the Corporation. He shall be the Division Communications Officer, responsible for the Division Web Site, he shall receive his direction from and be directly under the Division Commander and 2nd in Command. In the event that the Alabama Division Commander and 2nd in Command are not present, the Adjutant shall assume temporarily the administrative leadership of the Division until such time as either or both officers are available. He shall be responsible for publishing the Division Newsletter on a quarterly basis or as required. At no time shall any opinion of a derogatory nature be expressed or implied on any subject relevant to the activities, units, members or other subjects of controversy within the Division.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

A. The annual meeting of the Executive Council shall be held at a time designated by the Commander, and shall serve as the time and place for annual elections. The annual meeting shall be held in the State of Alabama during the first two months of the calendar year.

1. There will be held in August on the 1st Saturday a Summer Business Meeting and Division Reunion Camp to conduct business deemed necessary to the Division. At this meeting, replacement elections for officers' vacancies shall be conducted in accordance to these By Laws. All voting, nomination, By Laws proposals or other Division business as defined in this document shall conform to the By Laws as Amended at this Meeting.

B. Special meetings of the Executive Council shall be called whenever the Division Staff may deem necessary.

C. Division meetings are open to any member of the Division, but may be restricted to member-unit representatives when necessary.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

A. Membership denotes the commitment of a unit to adhere to the principles on which this Division is founded, and to do so in a historically accurate role.

B. All member-units shall have one vote, regardless of unit size, which shall be exercised by the unit commander or his designated representative. If a unit commander or his representative is unable to attend a meeting, he may vote on any matter of Division business by delivering his written proxy to the Division Adjutant designating his representative, who will vote the proxy as directed by the absent member of the Executive Council. Written proxies must be in the hands of the Division Adjutant prior to the beginning of the meeting.

C. Multiple Votes - An individual member may represent and cast one vote only per Art. VII, Sect. B, even though he/she may hold multiple memberships in units in the Alabama Division. His/her prime unit representation for voting at a given meeting must be stated in advance and maintained for the entire meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. Any unit may apply for membership in this organization provided the following requirements are met:

1. The candidate unit must have close affiliations with one or more member-units who will speak in favor of admission and certify the integrity of the applying unit.
2. Candidate artillery units shall meet with the Alabama Division Chief of Artillery prior to submitting a request for membership in order that the piece(s) may be inspected and ownership/use of the piece(s) can be established.
3. Submit a request, in writing, to include a color photograph and roster of the authentically dressed members of the unit. The request will include a complete roster of all members with full mailing addresses, area codes and phone numbers.

ARTICLE VIII - QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – Cont'd

4. Have within its ranks at least ten authentically uniformed troops (for infantry), eight authentically uniformed troops (for cavalry), seven authentically uniformed troops (for artillery) unless this requirement is otherwise waived by the Division Staff.
5. Cavalry branch units are required to attend a minimum of two events per year to be eligible to vote in the Cavalry Branch meeting.
6. The candidate unit's commander or his designated representative must be present at the Division meeting which considers the application for membership unless this requirement is otherwise waived by the Executive Council.
7. Probationary Units may be admitted to PROVISIONAL STATUS to the Division at any point prior to a business meeting, provided no objections are received from the Division Branch Commands.
8. Provisional Units will be voted on at the meeting following their joining the Division.
9. Provisional Units will not have voting privileges until they are a Full Member. However, they are eligible for Division Liability Insurance from time of Dues Payment.

B. A candidate unit applying for membership shall be granted conditional membership status for six months when approved at a Division meeting by a vote of the Executive Council. The candidate unit shall be accepted for permanent membership upon expiration of the six-month term unless otherwise rejected by a vote of the Executive Council. New artillery units shall retain probationary status until at least 7 of their crew have attended an Alabama Division sanctioned artillery school.

C. Once admitted into the Division, a member-unit must maintain the minimum numbers of members as is required to join the organization (See Article VIII Section 4 for minimum unit numbers). Any unit falling below the minimum numbers will be put in a probationary status for a period of one year to allow for recruiting. If after one year a probationary unit fails to re-establish minimum members, it will be automatically dropped from the rolls of the Division.

D. If a member-unit splits into two groups, the original unit remains a member-unit in the Division and the new unit shall apply for membership following the provisions of this Article. This rule does not apply to units that do not split, but simply choose to rename their unit designation.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF CONDUCT

A. The following rules shall serve as minimum standards of conduct expected of all member-units and troops of the Division:

1. Only period uniforms, clothing, accoutrements, materials, etc. will be used. In general, military appearance will be that of the Army of Tennessee; firearms shall be of period correct type, reproduction or original common military arms (where deemed safe), no cartridge arms may be used on the Field (these arms are defined as original or reproduction arms based on those manufactured after 1865) ; or period civilian or assistance group impressions. No skins or hides shall be allowed which are commonly classified as buckskins.
2. Dependents and civilians are welcome to participate in normal historical roles in proper attire, unless present as potential recruits.
3. Troops will follow all reasonable orders given to them by properly elected or designated Division officers and NCOs. Officers and NCOs shall be treated with the military courtesy due their rank and title.
4. Specialized Impressions or Personae shall not participate upon the Battle Field except through prior arrangement of the specific event and with the approval of the Military Command Staff in conjunction with the Event Organizer/Host Unit. They are hereby assigned to the Special Impressions Branch and will serve under the Branch Coordinator and the approval of the Command Staff.

B. Cause for a unit's dismissal from the Division shall include, but not be limited to the following actions:

1. Failure to comply with the provisions set forth in these Bylaws or General Orders issued by the Executive Council.
2. Actions that tend to embarrass or discredit the Alabama Division or any member-unit thereof.
3. Disregard for safety rules.

C. The following procedures shall govern the action to dismiss a member-unit from the Division:

1. Any member-unit charged with a violation of the Bylaws, General Orders, or Rules of Conduct shall be ordered by the Division Commander to appear before a Review Board to hear the charges and offer a defense.
2. The Review Board shall be formed by the Commander, who shall preside as head of the Board, and appoint two unit commanders to sit on the Board along with the Second-in-Command. The accused may request another unit commander to appear before the board on his behalf.
3. The findings of the Review Board shall be presented to the Executive Council who shall vote on dismissal. A simple majority vote for dismissal will be sufficient to expel the member-unit from the Division.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF CONDUCT – cont'd

D. In view of the fact that Vivandiere, Daughters of the Regiment and Cantoniere, Women serving undisguised in Military Uniform and serving a specific regiment or detachment, have been documented as being in the field with the western armies, Union and Confederate, it shall be the policy of the Alabama Division to recognize these as valid portrayals. However, the issue of women in combat shall be that Vivandieres, Daughters of Regiments and Cantoniere, will be allowed to carry arms on the field in character as defense weapons But shall act as support of the wounded of the regiment or in appropriate role as was historically recorded for these women. Unless documents are presented or it can be shown in advance of the event, they will not carry Colors in battle. The Division neither encourages nor discourages this portrayal but accepts the documented fact as it is historically recorded.

ARTICLE X - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND EXPENDITURES

A. Division dues shall be determined by the Executive Council. Unit commanders are responsible for collecting and submitting all fees from their unit.

ARTICLE X - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND EXPENDITURES – Cont'd

B. Dues shall only be collected for operating costs of the Division or for other appropriate purposes as approved by the Division Staff.

~~C. Division newsletter costs shall be collected and accounted for separately from dues and fees. Units shall only pay the newsletter costs associated with copies sent to its membership. Suspended per GENERAL ORDER No. 5c (delete)~~

C. Division dues shall be levied based upon anticipated requirements such as but not limited to the cost of Liability Insurance for the Division Members. Presently set at \$10 per member, this shall be made to read "up to \$10.00 pending insurance costs. Dues amounts will be that of previous year unless announced prior to Winter Business Meeting."

D. Unit dues are due on January 1st of each year. Division dues shall be levied based upon anticipated requirements such as but not limited to the cost of Liability Insurance for the Division Members. Member dues are set "up to" \$10.00 pending insurance costs per listed member of each unit in good standing in the Alabama Division. Liability insurance will be paid as a part of these dues each calendar year, provided such insurance is available through the Alabama Division.

E. A current Unit Roster and Dues are required to maintain membership in good standing in the Alabama Division by January 1st of each calendar year. Failure to provide these by March 31st will result in the unit being dropped from Division Membership without consultation or further notification.

ARTICLE XI - DIVISION EVENTS

- A. The Executive Council shall establish 8 weekend reenactments annually as Division events. All division events must meet requirements as stated in the bylaws and safety guidelines.
- B. Division events are designated as maximum attendance events at which member-units will serve together in the field when appropriate. No event shall be eligible to be designated a Division event unless registration is open to all member-units of the Division. Attendance at Division events is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
- C. At Division events and/or when appropriate, each service branch shall designate a field commander(s) for the purpose of brigading together.
 - 1. The Alabama Division Branch officers shall fall under military command of the 2nd in command and/or the Division commander where applicable in battles and camps. The position of 2nd in command in the Division shall also be one of military command on the field and administrative when not engaged in battles or living history events, directly under the Division Commander.
- D. The infantry field commander(s) for each event shall be designated as the commander(s) with the largest number of uniformed troops present at the event. Designated commanders have the option to pass command to an officer from another member-unit. The intent is to rotate command so as to allow for experience in command to be gained by all unit commanders.
 - 1. In the event that sufficient numbers of Infantry from member units are present at an event to form a Wing of or Battalion of Infantry, then the infantry shall brigade together under the elected Infantry Lieutenant Colonel as the 1st Alabama Infantry Battalion. Drill and Instruction of Infantry will be under elected officers of the Alabama Division.
- E. Mounted cavalry, dismounted cavalry, and artillery field commanders shall organize their units into companies or batteries as they deem necessary. They may combine units into companies and batteries as suits the numbers and scenarios of an event.
- F. Unit officers shall serve at the discretion of the designated field commander or fall in the ranks in an enlisted impression at events.
- G. The standards of military discipline when the Division functions together in the field are:
 - 1. Morning reports will be prepared and submitted when appropriate.
 - 2. Units will drill with the Division when appropriate.
 - 3. Units will provide Provost Guards when appropriate.
 - 4. Units will attend Colors with the Division when appropriate.
 - 5. A designated Sgt Major will assist the Commander in Headquarters duty.
 - 6. Units will make an effort to camp together at Division events.

ARTICLE XII - REGULATIONS AND SAFETY RULES

- A. Members of the Division must be at least 14 years of age to carry arms on the field. Members under the legal age shall have the consent of their parent or guardian and be accompanied by same when participating with the Division. Participation of a minor is at the discretion of the event & host. The Alabama Division and its membership shall be held 'hold harmless' of tort action.
- B. Division infantry will conform to the instruction of Hardee's Rifle and Light Infantry Tactics and McClellan's Manual of Bayonet Exercise.
- C. Safety inspections will be held at all events prior to taking to the field.
- D. Each service branch shall adopt a set of minimum standards for regulations and safety rules. All member-units shall include these standards in information packages published on events, which they host; and enforce these standards in the field.
- E. The requirement to have current (dated within one year), negative Coggins papers for all animals is mandatory. Any member-unit hosting an event of any size shall publish this requirement in information packages and strictly enforce the inspection of animals for current, negative Coggins prior to admission into the event.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

- A. These Bylaws may be revised or amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Executive Council. Revisions shall be submitted to the Division Staff at least 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting at which they are intended to be voted upon.
- B. The General Orders are intended to address issues of importance and/or urgency. These orders shall be issued by the senior staff, subject to approval of the Executive Council and submitted to the by-laws committee for action pertaining to the by-laws annually. Any General Orders, which pertain directly to our bylaws, shall be added to our existing bylaws per Article XIII Section A. Following this action the Order may be archived with the Division Adjutant to act as a historical document showing a progression of decisions based on events and/or activities. These archives shall remain available to all members at any time.

ALABAMA DIVISION OF REENACTORS, INC.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER No. 1, May 12, 1986, by mailed ballot. Whereas the 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company A, Captain Steve McKinney Commanding, has failed to produce five uniformed soldiers in the field; documented in writing ill feelings and slander towards members in good standing of the Alabama Division; and documented in writing refusal to serve with member-units of the infantry service branch; all of which is deemed detrimental to the principles and objectives on which this organization is founded; be it hereby known that this unit's membership in the Alabama Division is therefore terminated.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2, February 7, 1987, Prattville, AL. Units shall strive to place emphasis on mid to late war Army of Tennessee impressions in uniform and accoutrements.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3, February 7, 1987, Prattville, AL. The provisional colors of the Alabama Division will be the flag of the Republic of Alabama until a stand of colors is obtained. These colors are the property of the 21st Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company D.

GENERAL ORDER No. 4, February 7, 1987, Prattville, AL. The standards of military discipline when the Division functions together in the field are:

- (1) Morning reports will be prepared and submitted when appropriate.
- (2) Units will drill with the Division when appropriate.
- (3) Units will provide Provost Guards when appropriate.
- (4) Units will attend Colors with the Division when appropriate.
- (5) A designated Sgt Major will assist the Commander in Headquarters duty.
- (6) Units will make an effort to camp together at Division events.

GENERAL ORDER No. 5, August 1, 1987, Ft Morgan, AL. Annual Division dues will be \$2.00 per member or mailing address on a voluntary basis. Dues submitted will be based on the ability to pay with no penalty if a member-unit cannot afford Division dues. A financial statement of income and expenses will be provided to all member-units by the Commander. Names of specific units who have paid or not paid dues will not be disclosed.

GENERAL ORDER No. 5a, January 7, 1989, Prattville, AL. Annual Division dues are hereby changed to \$3.00 per member or mailing address.

GENERAL ORDER No. 5b, January 5, 1991, Prattville, AL. Whereas the 2nd Brigade Bulletin is a Brigade newsletter providing information on the 1st Confederate Division and Western theater large scale events of interest to the members of the Alabama Division; the cost of providing this newsletter to all Alabama Division members will be paid for from Division Dues.

GENERAL ORDER No. 5c, January 5, 1991, Prattville, AL. Whereas Division Dues paid in 1990 adequately covered operating costs with funds remaining, and since this condition is expected to continue; it is therefore agreed that Division Dues shall be used to pay Division Newsletter costs. Article X, Section C of the Bylaws is herein suspended until further notice. Member-units shall no longer pay newsletter costs in addition to Division Dues. Newsletter costs will however continue to be reported separately on the financial statement.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5d, January 8, 1994, Prattville, AL. Whereas Division Dues paid in 1993 were insufficient to cover operating costs, it is herein agreed that beginning in 1994, payment of dues by member-units is mandatory as a condition of membership in the Alabama Division. Units having not paid annual dues by March 31st (each year) shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls. The Division Commander shall notify the Executive Council, in writing, when this action is taken and identify the applicable units. Reinstatement of membership shall be handled in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5e, January 17, 1998, Montgomery, AL. As a result of excess funds on hand in Calendar Year 1997, Division Dues for member-units in good standing as of Dec 31, 1997 shall be reduced for Calendar Year 1998 to 50 cents per member/mailling address.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5f, January 23, 1999, Montgomery, AL. As a result of excess funds on hand in Calendar Year 1998, Division Dues for member-units in good standing as of Dec 31, 1998 shall be reduced for Calendar Year 1999 to \$1.00 per member/mailling address.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5g, January 22, 2000, Montgomery, AL. As a result of excess funds on hand in Calendar Year 1999, Division Dues for member-units in good standing as of Dec 31, 1999 shall be reduced for Calendar Year 2000 to \$1.00 per member/mailling address.

GENERAL ORDER No. 6, September 5, 1987, Decatur, AL. Whereas the Department of the Gulf has expressed dissatisfaction in the Alabama Division's fielding of a separate battalion at the 125th Anniversary Battle of Shiloh; and, by other actions appear to exceed the chartered purposes for the establishment of the Department; the Alabama Division withdraws participation in the Department of the Gulf.

GENERAL ORDER No. 7, July 9, 1988, Clanton, AL. Gary Welker and Joe Paonessa shall serve as the Division Provost Department at member-unit events when appropriate. Gary Welker is authorized the rank of Major, and Joe Paonessa is authorized the rank of Sergeant. The Provost Department are appointed positions which do not constitute a unit in the Alabama Division. As such, the Provost Department has no command authority other than that delegated by a host unit at an event.

GENERAL ORDER No. 7a, January 5, 1991, Prattville, AL. Whereas the Division Provost Department has been found to not be functioning as originally envisioned; the Provost Department is hereby dissolved and the appointments of Major Gary Welker and Sergeant Joe Paonessa are rescinded.

GENERAL ORDER No. 8, April 30, 1989, by mailed ballet. Whereas the members of the 19th Georgia Cavalry have over the past three years engaged in a course of misconduct and created other incidents at Alabama Division events; the unit under that or any other name, is hereby no longer welcome to attend any reenactment, living history, or other type historic programs hosted by a member-unit of the Alabama Division. By name, this includes Bean Lea Emson, "Creature" Wilder, "Killer" Wilder, Toby Allen, or any persons recognized as members of this unit.

GENERAL ORDER No. 9, July 15, 1989, Clanton, AL. Whereas Jay Himbert, doing business as Shoddy and Shyster Sutlery, has supported the Division and endorses the principles for which this organization was founded; he shall be sanctioned as the Regimental Sutler of the Alabama Division. Shoddy and Shyster Sutlery will therefore be included in the Division Roster. Inasmuch as this does not constitute a "unit" as defined in Article VIII, Section A, Paragraph 3; Division Dues are not applicable.

GENERAL ORDER No. 10, January 6, 1990, Prattville, AL. Whereas Ward Williams, a member in good standing of the 21st Ala Inf, Co D, has paid from his personal funds the printing cost of the Sep-Dec 1989

issue of the Alabama Division Newsletter; he shall be reimbursed for this cost by the member-units. The printing costs (\$200.00) shall be pro-rated to each member-unit based on the number of copies mailed to that unit.

GENERAL ORDER No. 11, January 6, 1990, Prattville, AL. Steve Howard, Robertson's Battery, shall serve as the Chief of Artillery of the Alabama Division with the designated rank of Major. The Chief of Artillery is vested with the authority to administer the affairs of the Artillery Branch; and direct member-units in all matters regarding artillery placement and safety at events hosted by member-units of the Division. The Chief of Artillery shall serve as the Artillery Commander at events only when authorized to do so by the host unit.

GENERAL ORDER No. 11a, January 9, 1993, Prattville, AL. The Chief of Artillery is herein dissolved as an appointed position within the Division Officers. The Artillery Branch will be organized into two Battalions; the 1st Battalion consisting of full scale Mountain Howitzer and Woodruff-type artillery units and the 2nd Battalion consisting of full scale Field Artillery units. The positions and responsibilities of "Battalion Commanders" for these battalions are herein incorporated into Articles IV and V of the Division Bylaws.

GENERAL ORDER No. 12, January 6, 1990, Prattville, AL. A number of independent parties in the reenactment community have chosen to preclude the use and participation of full scale Mountain Howitzers in the field, recognizing only those guns with 57 inch wheels. Whereas the Mountain Howitzer is a historically correct piece for the period 1861-1865 and member-units in good standing have this type gun; the Alabama Division hereby recognizes and sanctions the use of Mountain Howitzers at all events hosted by member-units where appropriate. Further, whereas member-units have 3/4 scale artillery pieces and have loyally supported the Alabama Division for years; the Division therefore sanctions the use of 3/4 scale artillery pieces at all events hosted by member-units where appropriate. It is recognized that member-units with 3/4 scale guns shall strive to convert to the use of full-scale pieces as soon as practical.

GENERAL ORDER No. 12a, January 9, 1993, Prattville, AL. Whereas the Alabama Division wishes to strive to further advance the impression of period artillery on the field, the following actions are herein adopted:

(1) Only full scale, original or replica artillery pieces will be allowed in member-units of the Alabama Division. At events hosted by Alabama Division member-units, the use of artillery which are not full scale, original or authentic reproductions is herein prohibited. Existing three-pound light guns within Division artillery units will be converted to the Woodruff (Civil War period) type gun by January 9, 1995.

(2) In order to reduce the ratio of Mountain Howitzers to Field Artillery pieces within the Division, the addition of a Mountain Howitzer must be preceded by the addition of two Field Artillery pieces within member-units.

(3) All Alabama Division artillery units will strive to remove, or otherwise minimize, red service branch from their uniforms. Additionally, rank worn in the field will be historically correct for the position portrayed (e.g. position on the crew, number of guns commanded).

(4) Mountain Howitzer tubes will be colored bronze. John Bangs, Boone's Battery, is herein authorized to review the authenticity of the piece(s) and recommend corrective actions. Improvements and corrections to the piece shall be made as expeditiously as financially possible.

(5) The mobility and historical use of Mountain Howitzers shall be taken full advantage of in deployments of the 1st Artillery Battalion with the Cavalry or Infantry, depending on the scenario.

GENERAL ORDER No. 13, January 5, 1991, Prattville, AL. Ed Lunderman is hereby appointed the Medical Director of the Alabama Division with the designated rank of Major. The Medical Director is vested with the authority to coordinate the activities of the Division's medical personnel when appropriate. The objective is to provide for an enhanced and coordinated medical impression at Alabama Division events.

GENERAL ORDER No. 13a, January 9, 1993, Prattville, AL. The Medical Director of the Alabama Division is herein approved to be a permanent position within the Division Officers. Chris Martens is elected for 1993, with subsequent elections to be documented in the minutes of the annual business meeting. The position and responsibilities of the Medical Director are herein incorporated into Articles IV and V of the Division Bylaws.

GENERAL ORDER No. 14, January 9, 1993, Prattville, AL. Mark Brainard is herein elected to serve as the Alabama Division Enrollment Officer with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. The Enrollment Officer is authorized to engage in period enlistment activities and serve as a designated source for recruiting material of Division member-units when solicited by spectators interested in participation. The Enrollment Officer shall serve at the discretion of the host unit at all events hosted by member-units of the Division. As such, this position has no command authority other than that delegated by the host unit.

GENERAL ORDER No. 15, January 8, 1994, Prattville, AL. Whereas membership in the Alabama Division is intended to further the Objectives and Purposes of the organization in accordance with Article II of the Bylaws, member-units which do not actively participate in communications or attend events in the field may be dropped from the membership rolls of the Division. The Division Commander shall identify candidate inactive units to the Executive Council for a vote on removal from the rolls at the annual business meeting. Reinstatement of membership shall be handled in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws.

GENERAL ORDER No. 16, January 17, 1998, Montgomery, AL. The following authenticity standard with respect to women in the ranks shall be enforced at all events hosted by member-units of the Alabama Division and so published in registration packages. "Inasmuch as Victorian women were precluded from serving as soldiers under arms during the War Between the States, a soldier who is discovered, by requested admission, to be a female shall be discharged from service and excluded from military duties on and off the field by the respective battalion commander as was the practice during the War."

GENERAL ORDER 17, January 8th,2005, Troy Alabama. In view of the fact that Vivandiere, Daughters of the Regiment and Cantoniere, Women serving undisguised in Military Uniform and Serving a specific regiment or detachment, have been documented as being in the field with the western armies, Union and Confederate, it shall be the policy of the Alabama Division to recognize these as valid portrayals. However, the issue of women in combat shall be that Vivandieres, Daughters of Regiments and Cantoniere, will be allowed to carry arms on the field in character as defense weapons BUT shall act as support of the wounded of the regiment or in appropriate role as was historically recorded for these women. Unless documents are presented or it can be shown in advance of the event, they will not carry Colors in battle. The Division neither encourages nor discourages this portrayal but accepts the documented fact that it is historically recorded. Individual Host Units may chose to exclude certain portrayals at their battle or living history event as they feel is appropriate with regards to Order 16 and 17 at their event.

GENERAL ORDER 18, January 8th,2005, Troy Alabama. A permanent by-law committee is hereby established with the Specialty Branch commander as it's head and branch commanders as its members. This committee will review and submit any bylaw proposal as proposed and/or

submitted to the Alabama Division. The by-law committee will present the proposed changes to the Alabama Division as per ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS. (Suspended 2006 Committee left Division)

GENERAL ORDERS No. 19, August 1st 2009, McCalla AL. Whereas the Alabama Division of Reenactors is a family organization. For the safety of the Alabama Division of Reenactors, Family Members.

- 1.) No known convicted sex offenders will be allowed to participate as a Reenactor at a sanctioned event of The Alabama Division of Reenactors, Inc.
- 2.) No known convicted sex offender will be allowed to attend a sanctioned Alabama Division event.
- 3.) The Highest Division Officer will be responsible to enforce either by asking the offender to leave or by calling the local Law enforcement and having them to ask the offender to leave.
- 4.) The individual who has been asked to leave may appeal the decision in writing to the memberships of The Alabama Division of Reenactor at its annual meetings for future participation.

GENERAL ORDER No. 20, January 9, 2016, Ohatchee, AL. Whereas the Alabama Division wishes to strive to further advance the impression of period artillery on the field, the following actions are herein adopted:

1. Pursuant to General Orders Nos. 12 and 12A , which see, the Alabama Division will continue to recognize and admit as members units using full-scale Mountain Howitzers, while maintaining the ratio as specified in Gen. Order 12A, sec. 2, provided those pieces meet the accepted standards of authenticity required by the division by-laws.
2. Modern cannon manufacturers have begun reproducing the 2.25 inch Confederate Mountain Rifle. Historically, less than 24 of these guns were produced by the Confederacy during the War Between the States, and none by the United States. Of these, records indicate that 2 may have been used in action, in the Trans-Mississippi Department. These guns were virtually unknown in the Eastern Theater of the war, and there is neither suggestion nor evidence of their use by US forces. Therefore, in the interest of maintaining as much as possible an accurate portrayal of CS and US common soldiers, the Alabama Division will not consider any application for this type of artillery for membership, or allow participation on the field of this type of artillery at an event hosted by the Division or a member unit. Additionally, no scale artillery will be considered for membership, nor will scale artillery be tolerated on the field at Alabama Division or member-unit hosted events. This prohibition may be rescinded on provision of verifiable documentation of authenticity for mountain rifles, provided they meet the historic outward dimensions of the original piece.
3. Lacking scholarship regarding the use of "rocket batteries", and considering the potential hazards associated with unguided, explosive missiles, the Alabama Division will not consider for membership, or allow participation on the field at an event hosted by an Alabama Division member-unit, any unit or group styling themselves a "rocket battery" and launching any pyrotechnic device. The general commanding the Alabama Division, with the approval of overall event commanders, may waive this rule if application is made for a specific event by a licensed pyro-technician, proof of such a license being necessary
4. Additionally, no "mines", "grenades" or any other thrown or otherwise launched device will be permitted.