



Florida Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.
Standard Operating Procedure



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SOP Title: Confederate Heritage Object Inventory

Purpose: To create and develop a Confederate Heritage Object Inventory project for the Florida Division.

Discussion: All things of Confederate nature or heritage are exposed to attacks by those who despise such noble heritage that the many forms of memorials are expressed in. As we must rise to defend these Confederate Heritage Objects we must have at hand pre-planned knowledge of each one so the most effective defense may be mounted. The Florida Division's "Confederate Heritage Object Inventory" requires establishment of procedures and methods to collect and classify each item.

Action: A database of Confederate Heritage Objects shall be established as information is collected. Camps will be tasked with collecting the data required to formulate the database. Brigade Commanders will assist as needed or requested in this initiative. Each location volunteer will submit a written report of the condition and status of the Confederate Heritage Object. Each Confederate Heritage Object will be categorized and identified as to location, type of object, potential for heritage attack, importance to Confederate Heritage. The use of a standard data collecting and reporting form must be utilized. (attached form).

Confederate Heritage Objects will be listed in one of the following categories:

1. Cemeteries, any with Confederate Veterans graves.
2. Monuments, those outside the confines of any cemeteries.
3. Battle Sites, include all where any shots were exchanged.
4. Buildings (both government and private ownership)
5. Places and Locations, includes any highway names, street, road and avenues.

Each Confederate Heritage Object will have a value assigned utilizing the following criteria:

A. Any Confederate Heritage Object that has been attacked in any fashion. Confederate Heritage Objects that are subject to attack based on specific events, projects or plans for construction projects or based on other unstated reasons. Include all Confederate Heritage Objects on public or private property. Include in this category Confederate Memorial Day observances as may be provided by law or local custom. Shall be assigned a value of "A".

B. Any Confederate Heritage Object that has not been attacked but that holds a distinct Connection to the memory of a Confederate Veteran, Confederate Unit, Battle or played a significant role in the Confederate cause. Include schools named after Confederate Veterans (but not the school's mascot or sports nickname) Shall be assigned a value of "B".

C. Any Confederate Heritage Object that has not been attacked but that was established as a memorial to or in memory of a specific Confederate Veteran or event. Any Florida State government names, any Counties named in honor of a specific Confederate, any city or town(s) that were named to honor Confederates. All such places shall be assigned a value of "C".

D. All historical markers or roadside signage not covered by classifications "A", "B", or "C". Include streets, highways, roads, and avenues, etc. Include Confederate Heritage Objects building(s) or similar items or objects. Classify these with a value of "D".

E. All items that may have Confederate historical significance, such as school sport mascots and sports teams nicknames. Include in this category any items that do not fit in the previous categories. Items such as will fit this criteria shall be assigned a value of "E".

F. Any item not listed in another category that may have Confederate historical significance. Such item or object not meeting other criteria shall be assigned a value of "F".

Each Confederate Heritage Object will be evaluated using a threat assessment or attack potential. Such evaluation shall consider estimated cost of defense to defend scaled as follows.

Very High – i.e. The Confederate Soldiers Monument and Memorial, Walton County Courthouse Grounds in DeFuniak Springs. The William "Uncle Bill" Lundy Memorial Crestview

High – i.e. The Renaming of "Lee" County.

Moderate - i.e. Renaming of Schools or other Public Buildings.

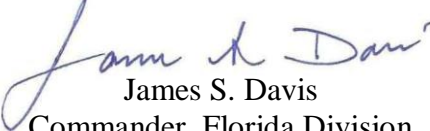
Low - i.e. Battle of Olustee memorial monument. Natural Bridge Battleground & Park.

Lowest - i.e. Geographic Location Names.

Each item should include a physical description of the Confederate Heritage Object, photograph and dates such object or item was dedicated or established. The exact location as may be had using street intersections or names, addresses or GPS location numbers.

This SOP covers management of and operation of the Confederate Heritage Object Inventory project.

Effective Period: This Standard Operating Procedure will remain in effect until superseded or deleted.


James S. Davis
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