

63rd Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment
Confederate States of America
Regimental Charter

ORGANIZATION

- I. The name of this organization shall be the Sixty-third (63rd) Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. Its goal is to portray a company of soldiers enlisted to serve in the War Between the States, 1861-1865.
- II. Regimental meetings shall be on a yearly basis at a pre-designated location. Eight members constitute a quorum for all regimental purposes. Regimental business may also be conducted at events, so long as a quorum is present. Regimental meetings shall be closed except for invited guests and prospective members.
- III. The regimental command structure shall consist of a Captain, Lt., 1st Sgt., 2nd Sgt., two corporals and two alternate corporals (alternates are non-rank bearing except in the absence of the company corporal with the approval of the commanding officer) and no more than two functional musicians when possible. Elections shall be held every January. The Captain's office shall be a two-year term.

MEMBERSHIP

- IV. Membership shall consist of males 18 years or older. All members under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legal guardian and/or make that guardian locally accessible at that event. No member under the age of 14 shall carry a musket or weapon of any kind. No one under the age of 12 shall be permitted membership.
- V. Annual dues shall be \$20 per member. Each member shall receive the regimental newsletter on a bi-monthly basis. New members will receive the same, but will also be issued a "New Recruit Packet" that details necessary regimental information and expectation and one pound of FFG black powder.
- VI. All new members shall be assigned a messmate and must serve out a three-event probationary period from the date that the member's application was received.
- VII. New members shall have 6 months to obtain an authentic and acceptable uniform and one year to obtain the correct weapon and accoutrements.
- VIII. All members shall maintain a proper military bearing and shall exercise proper respect to all officers and NCO's at all times. Uniforms are to be worn at all 63rd functions unless the commanding officer orders otherwise.
- IX. Members will adhere to event guidelines as well as local, state, and national law relative to the event location.
- X. Members who fail to adhere to article IX above or who exercise disloyalty to the regiment, or fail to obey orders are subject to dismissal from the regiment. One warning shall be given before dismissal procedures begin.
- XI. Dismissal Procedure -- After being given a 30-day notice of removal in written form, a member shall be given the opportunity to appear before the unit in his own defense. Should 51 percent of the quorum vote for removal, the member shall be dismissed from the regiment. Unused portions of his dues shall be returned minus any indebtedness to regiment.
- XII. Members pre-registering for an event at the expense of the regiment are financially liable for their registration fee, whether they attend that event or not.
- XIII. Retired members and members that have resigned or not been reelected to an office shall be permitted to wear their highest rank while in office at social and non-regimental functions. Donning the Confederate Medal of Honor on the left breast shall signify this honor.

MISCELLANEOUS

- XIV. The Captain shall have the final authority in the field for questions concerning uniforms, equipment, and conduct of members. Disagreements concerning the above can be addressed at the next regimental meeting.
- XV. The use of regimental-owned equipment is on a first come first serve basis. Members and probationary members are responsible for the care and maintenance for regimental equipment while in their care. They are also financially liable should the equipment be lost or damaged while in their care.
- XVI. Changes in this charter may be made at the annual business meeting by the majority of the membership present.