

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMBERSHIPS

Many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) have more than one ancestor whose military service would be qualifying for membership. The SCV membership application requires prospective members to choose one ancestor under whom to join the organization, and this ancestor's name, rank, unit and relationship to the SCV member is included on the membership certificate. The ancestor's name, rank and unit are also included in the membership database.

Many of our SCV compatriots have found multiple ancestors, both lineal (Great Grandfather) and collateral (Great Uncle or Cousin), who were Confederate soldiers. There is no formal procedure to register these additional ancestors with the SCV General Headquarters (GHQ) nor are they entered into the SCV member database which is formatted to show only the ancestor under whom a member joined and that ancestor's unit information.

Members may order supplemental ancestor certificates for \$10.00 each and appropriate postage and handling depending on the total dollar value of the order. A member requests a supplemental ancestor certificate by completing a regular membership application form for each additional ancestor and **writes the word supplemental** at the top of the sheet. Local camp officers may sign the application to approve it which attests to kinship and honorable service for the CSA veteran. Camp 584 members at large, and any other members sending the supplemental application directly to the GHQ, should include a poof of honorable service and a simple family tree showing kinship to the CSA veteran.

These supplemental memberships are prepared on large certificates which are 11 by 14 inches unless the member specifically requests the 8.5 by 11 inch regular membership certificate when he places the order.

The SCV has also published a Membership Directory in 2001, 2006, and 2010. Members have been able to list their supplemental ancestors in the two most recent editions; although, there is a limit to the number which may be listed due to space limitations. The directory has another section that lists Confederate soldiers in alphabetical order under which are listed the names of SCV members who are related to the soldier. This directory is very useful to establishing kinship with other members, but is incomplete because not every member buys a directory or consents to having his name and those of his ancestors in the directory.

Any questions should be directed to SCV General Headquarters.