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The Flags of the Confederate States of America

United Confederate Veterans

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THE
FLAGS
OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES
OF
AMERICA

BY AUTHORITY
OF THE
UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS
THE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

Official Announcement.

The Commander-in-Chief promulgates for the information and guidance of all persons, the following Resolution, and an Abridgment of the Report of the Committee on Flags, of this Organization.

I.

RESOLUTION.

"Whereas, owing to incorrect representations in historical works, incorrect reproductions and representations by manufacturers of flags and badges, and in pictorial publications of all kinds; to frequent inquiries in the press and the erroneous answers thereto; and to general lack of exact information regarding the flags of the Confederate States of America, it has been deemed necessary that a committee of this Organization should be empowered to make diligent investigation and report their finding to this body assembled in convention, at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1904, and

"Whereas, the Committee thus empowered has, this 16th day of June, 1904, made full report of its labors, which report, upon careful examination by the Committee on Resolutions, is found to be complete and exhaustive, and in all respects satisfactory; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by this Association of United Confederate Veterans, in convention assembled at Nashville, Tennessee, 1904, that in order to give the impress of authority for the guidance of all persons, it is hereby declared to be the conclusive judgment of this Organization, that the Flags of the Confederate States of America were established by legislation of the Congresses of the Confederate States, and otherwise, in the manner fully set forth in the accompanying report of the Committee on Flags of this Organization, and that said report is hereby adopted."

STEPHEN D. LEE,

General Commanding.

Official:

WM. E. MICKLE,

Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.
II.

ABRIDGED REPORT.

(1) THE STARS AND BARS. (See Fig. 1.)

The flag recommended by the "Committee on a Proper Flag for the Confederate States of America," appointed by the Provisional Congress, in its report of March 4th, 1861, is as follows:

"That the Flag of the Confederate States of America shall consist of a red field with a white space extending horizontally through the center, and equal in width to one-third the width of the flag. The red spaces above and below to be of the same width as the white. The union blue extending down through the white space and stopping at the lower red space. In the center of the union a circle of white stars, corresponding in number with the States in the Confederacy."

NOTE.—The union is square; the stars five pointed. The length of the flag one and a half times the width.

(2) THE BATTLE FLAG. (See Fig. 2.)

The Battle Flag is square, having a Greek Cross (saltier) of blue, edged with white, with thirteen equal white five pointed stars; upon a red field; the whole bordered with white. There are three sizes: Infantry, 48 in. square; Artillery, 36 in. square; Cavalry, 30 in. square. The proportions for an Infantry Flag are: 48 in. by 48 in. (exclusive of the border); the blue arms of the cross, 7½ in. wide; the white edging to the cross ½ in. wide; the white border around the flag proper 1½ in. wide. Total outside measurement, 51 inches. The stars are five pointed, inscribed within a circle of 6 in. diameter, and are of uniform size. There should be five eyelet holes in the hoist, next the pole. The Artillery and Cavalry Flags are correspondingly reduced in all proportions

(3) THE NATIONAL FLAG. (See Fig. 3.) established by Congress, May 1, 1863, is as follows:

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Flag of the Confederate States shall be as follows: The field to be white, the length double the width of the flag, with the union (now used as the Battle Flag) to be a square of two-thirds the width of the flag, having the ground red; thereon a broad saltier of blue, bordered with white, and emblazoned with white mullets or five pointed stars, corresponding in number to that of the Confederate States."
(4) THE NATIONAL FLAG (See Fig. 4.) established by Congress, March 4, 1865, is as follows:

"The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Flag of the Confederate States shall be as follows: The width, two-thirds of its length, with the union (now used as the Battle Flag) to be in width three-fifths of the width of the flag, and so proportioned as to leave the length of the field on the side of the union twice the width of the field below it; to have the ground red and a broad, blue saltier thereon, bordered with white and emblazoned with mullets or five pointed stars, corresponding in number to that of the Confederate States; the field to be white except the outer half from the union to be a red bar extending the width of the flag."

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THE FLAGS FLOWN BY THE NAVY.

(a) THE STARS AND BARS; Previously described. (Fig. 1.)

The new Ensign, Pennant, and Jack, by order of the Secretary of the Navy, May 26, 1863, as follows:

(b) THE NEW ENSIGN. (See Fig. 5.)

"The new Ensign will be made according to the following directions, viz.: The field to be white, the length one and a half times the width of the flag, with the union (now used as the Battle Flag) to be square, of two-thirds of the width of the flag, having the ground red, thereon a broad saltier of blue, to the union as 1:4\(\frac{1}{2}\), bordered with white, to the union as 1:22, and emblazoned with white mullets, or five pointed stars, diameter of stars to union as 1:6\(\frac{1}{2}\), corresponding in number to that of the Confederate States."

(c) THE PENNANT. (See Fig. 6.)

"A white ground, its size to be as 1:72, or its length seventy-two times its width at the head, and tapering to a point.

"The union of the Pennant to be as follows: All red from the head for three times its width, with white border equal to half its width, then all blue in length equal to twelve times its width, to be emblazoned with stars, in number equal to those in the Ensign, with a white border equal to half the width, and then red three times the width, with the fly all white."

(d) THE JACK. (See Fig. 7.)

"To be the same as the union for the Ensign, except that its length shall be one and a half times its width."

NOTE.—The stars on all flags are to be arranged as shown on the plate herewith
THE COMPLETE REPORT—approved by the United Confederate Veterans Convention, at Nashville, 1904, is signed by the Committee on Flags, as follows:

SAMUEL E. LEWIS, M. D., of Washington, D. C.  
Chairman.

FRED. L. ROBERTSON, of Tallahassee, Fla.
J. F. SHIPP, of Chattanooga, Tenn.
J. TAYLOR ELVYSON, of Richmond, Va.
A. C. TRIPPE, of Baltimore, Md.

III.

The Commander-in-Chief urges all Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, the Confederated Southern Memorial Association, and other Confederate Memorial Associations, to exert their utmost influence in support of the Resolution and the Abridged Report, as above given, to the end that manufacturers of flags, designers, engravers, and others, may hereafter be required to conform therewith in all respects.

By command of

STEPHEN D. LEE,
General Commanding.

Official:

Wm. E. Mickle.

Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

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