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## F.I.L.I. MEDALS & SERVICE RIBBONS

### PURPOSE:

To establish a policy governing authorized medals, devices and service ribbons to be worn on the various FILI uniforms. It also provides the criteria of medals, description, history, placement, presentation, and responsibility for compliance.

### 1.0 AUTHORIZED MEDALS AND BADGES:

#### 1.1 THE COMMANDERS MEDAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3 January 1949

#### CRITERIA FOR MEDAL:

The Commanders Medal is awarded to the lawfully elected Major in accordance with the ancient customs of the militia. The election of a Major/Commanding Officer takes place at the Annual Muster held each year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August on the FILI Parade Field on N. Cool Spring Street. In order to qualify for election to the rank of Major and position of Commander, the candidate must be an FILI member in good standing for at least 3 years, and must have served as an FILI Non-Commissioned Officer.

#### DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL:

Solid gold medal measuring two (2) inches in diameter and suspended from a neck ribbon which is red, white, and blue, representing the American Flag. The obverse of the medal features an American eagle in the center, and the following words are engraved: " WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY, WILMINGTON N.C., INCORPORATED 1853." The reverse has a wreath design on the edges of the medal, the following is engraved; " PRESENTED BY THE WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY TO SAMUEL G. NOTT FOR THE BEST SHOT AT A TARGET EXERCISE BETWEEN THE INDEPENDENT CO OF FAYETTEVILLE, THE OAK CITY GUARDS OF RALEIGH AND WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup> 1856."

#### HISTORY:

The original intent of the medal was a first- place prize for a militia shooting competition held in Wilmington in 1856 to commemorate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. After several hours of shooting Private Samuel G. Nott, FILI, was declared the winner. The medal was later donated to the FILI, where it resided as a treasured artifact. The medal found a new purpose when on 3 January 1949, at a muster of the FILI, Captain Stedman Bryan made the following motion, which was approved; "The Nott Medal shall be presented to the incoming Major and shall be worn by him as a symbol of his authority during his term of office." The Commanders Medal was first worn by Major Ransom N. Smith, who served as Commanding Officer from 23 August 1947 to 23 August 1949, and has been worn by every commanding officer to present.

#### AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The Commanders Medal is authorized to be worn around the neck on any FILI uniform. It should only be worn at the Annual Muster or other special occasions. A red, white, and blue service ribbon corresponding to the colors of the neck ribbon is authorized for wear on the Class B or Kilted uniform.

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The service ribbon is authorized for wear by the current Commander and any past Commanders. This is the highest-ranking FILI service ribbon. The original Commanders Medal, when not in use is stored in the FILI bank deposit box for safe-keeping. The Commanders Medal ranks below medals awarded by the Armed Forces for achievement in the FILI and above the Compatriot Medal.

#### 1.2 THE COMPATRIOT MEDAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 March 1993, discontinued shortly after the FILI Bicentennial

##### CRITERIA FOR MEDAL:

Awarded to members of the FILI or NC National Guard who demonstrated the highest levels of devotion to duty in the furtherance of the mission of North Carolina's sole Historic Military Command. This medal is recognized as a State Special Award in accordance with the Office of the Adjutant General, OTAGNC, Regulation 672-5-1.

##### DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL:

The medal is suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon representing the American Flag, with two (2) bands of gray representing service in the Confederate States of America. The colors in the service ribbon correspond to the ribbon on the medal. The medal color is of two (2) classes; gold color for officers and base metal for enlisted. The observe of the medal bears an image of the unit crest and the reverse bears an image of the NC State Seal.

##### HISTORY:

This medal was authorized just prior to the FILI Bicentennial in 1993, and discontinued shortly thereafter. It was intended to recognize the efforts of FILI members and key NCNG officers who played a pivotal role in planning, financing, and executing the FILI Bicentennial Celebration. The first Compatriot Medal was awarded by Major Bruce Daws to Captain Hosea Ray, Executive Officer, for exceptional performance of duties that far exceeded all expectations. A few Compatriot Medals were awarded to FILI members, and key NC National Guard officers. Being a recognized Special State Award, the Compatriot Medal service ribbon was worn on the uniform of a few NC National Guard Officers.

##### AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The Compatriot Medal is authorized to be worn on the Ball Button Parade Uniform, the Kilted Uniform (or ribbon) and the Blazer Uniform. This medal is not authorized for wear on the Class B Uniform. The ribbon bar will be worn on the Class B Uniform. The Compatriot Medal ranks below the Commanders Medal and above the Color Guard Medal.

#### 1.3 THE F.I.L.I. BICENNTENNIAL MEDAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 23 August 1993

CRITERIA FOR MEDAL: Awarded to members of the F.I.L.I. who participated in the planning, financial support, and execution of the F.I.L.I. Bicentennial Celebration.

DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL: The medal is suspended from a ribbon that is red and white in color, which corresponds to the service ribbon. The medal is silver, one-and-a half inches in diameter, the observe bears the unit crest, surrounded by the unit name, date of origin and unit motto in Latin, and

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the reserve has thirteen (13) stars, F.I.L.I., a scroll for recipients name to be engraved, 1793-1993, and the word BICENTENNIAL.

HISTORY: A limited quantity of these medals were struck and issued one (1) per each member in the unit. One medal was engraved in the name of the F.I.L.I., and retained in the unit archives. A few members of the FILI purchased an extra medal. Whenever one of these medals becomes available from family members or on the open market, all efforts are made to obtain it for the F.I.L.I. collections. The coordination and design of this medal was handled by First Sergeant Anthony (Tony) Duffer.

**AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:**

The Bicentennial Medal is authorized for wear on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, the Kilted Uniform (or ribbon), and the Blazer Uniform. This medal is not authorized for wear on the Class B uniform. The ribbon bar will be worn on the Class B Uniform. The Bicentennial Medal ranks below the Long Service Medal and above the Centennial Legion Medal.

**1.4 LONG SERVICE MEDAL:**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 23 August 2007

CRITERIA FOR MEDAL: Awarded to a member of the F.I.L.I. with ten (10) years of honorable and continuous (unbroken) service. Knot devices are awarded for each additional ten (10) years of honorable and continuous service.

DESCRIPTION OF MEDAL: The medal is suspended from a solid dark blue ribbon, which corresponds with the service ribbon. The medal is silver and one-and-one half each in diameter. The center of the medal bears a side view of President George Washington's face, above Washington's image is the unit name, and below reads GEO WASHINGTON 1793, the reserve of the medal reads at the top LONG SERVICE, and below a wreath extends up both sides, the center is left blank for engraving the name of the recipient.

HISTORY: The F.I.L.I. was organized in 1793, during the administration of George Washington, the first President of the United States. It was also under President Washington's administration that the Militia Act of 1792 was placed into law. Based on the aforementioned facts President Washington's image was selected to be the center piece of the Long Service Medal. The coordination and design of the medal was handled by First Sergeant/Pipe SGT Douglas (Doug) Paul Elwell. The business responsible for fabrication of the medal is no longer in operation.

**AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:**

The Long Service Medal is authorized for wear on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform (or ribbon) and the Blazer Uniform. This medal is not authorized for wear on the Class B Uniform. The service ribbon is worn on the Class B Uniform. The Long Service Medal ranks below the Color Guard Medal and above the Bicentennial Medal.

**1.5 COLOR GUARD MEDAL:**

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2009

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**CRITERIA:** Awarded to a member of the F.I.L.I. Color Guard with 3 years of honorable and continuous service. In order to qualify for this medal, the individual must have participated in most of the Color Guard events during the three year period. At the end of the three year period the Commander and Color Officer will review the records to determine eligibility. A Silver Star device is awarded for each additional five (5) years of honorable and continuous service.

**DESCRIPTION:** The medal is suspended from a solid red ribbon which corresponds to the service ribbon. The medal is silver and one-and one half- inches in diameter. The center of the medal bears the side view of an F.I.L.I. guardsman wearing the Ball Button uniform, the edge of the medal bears the unit name, also on the observe is the date 1793, and the name ENSIGN ROBERT COCHRAN. The reverse side of the medal bears the words FOR COLOR GUARD SERVICE, the edges of the medal feature a wreath design, and the center is left blank for engraving the name of the recipient.

**HISTORY:** F.I.L.I. tradition calls for all Color Guard promotions, awards, and decorations to take place at the grave of Ensign Robert Cochran, our first Color Officer. Medals and devices are awarded at the Annual Muster on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. The coordination and design of the medal was handled by First Sergeant/Pipe SGT Douglas (Doug) Paul Elwell. The business responsible for fabrication of the medal is no longer in operation.

**AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:**

The Color Guard Medal is authorized to be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform (or ribbon), and the Blazer Uniform. This medal is not authorized on the Class B Uniform. The service ribbon is authorized for wear on the Class B Uniform. The Color Guard Medal is below the Compatriot Medal and above the Long Service Medal.

**1.6 CLHMC COMMANDER AND VICE COMMANDER MEDALS:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Unknown

**CRITERIA:** Awarded to a member of the CLHMC elected to hold the office of Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. The elections take place at the Annual Meeting and are governed in accordance with the By-Laws of the CLHMC.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Commander's Medal is suspended from a dark blue neck ribbon, the outer edge of medal has a gold colored eight-pointed star burst, a round medallion sits on the eight point star burst. The outer edge of the round medallion is blue in color and reads; THE CENTENNIAL LEGION OF HISTORIC MILITARY COMMANDS INC, the center of the medallion is gold colored and bears the crest of the Centennial Legion. The reverse of the medal is blank for engraving the name of the Centennial Legion Commander.

The Vice Commander Medals are designed similar to badges. The round gold medal is suspended from a gold colored rectangular bar which bears the vice commanders name, below the name is the appropriate position; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. The observe of the medal bears the Centennial Legion crest and the reverse of the medal features along the edges the abbreviations of the original 13 colonies and the center bears the date "1776 JULY 4 1876."

**HISTORY:** Two (2) members of the the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry have held staff positions in the Centennial Legion. Major Herman Bishop, served as First Vice Commander and Major

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Leon Gibson, served as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. Major Bishop was passed over for Commander due to under handed Yankee politics in the CLHMC. Located in BISHOP HALL is Major Bishop's Blazer uniform which features the CLHMC First Vice Commander Medal.

#### AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The Centennial Legion Commander's Medal and the Past Commander's Medal is worn around the neck and is authorized to be worn with all FILI Uniforms. There is no ribbon bar for this medal. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commanders Medals are authorized to be worn on the right side of all FILI Uniforms. When worn with the Ball Button Parade Tunic or Blazer Uniform it is worn centered on the right side of the uniform. When worn with the Kilted Uniform or Class B, it is worn below and centered on the name tag. Only the highest Centennial Commander/Vice Commander medal may be worn.

#### 1.7 CLHMC MEDAL & DEVICE:

EFFECTIVE DATE: Original Medal issued 4 July 1876

CRITERIA: The criteria for the wearing of this medal varies from command to command in the CLHMC. A member of the F.I.L.I. is awarded this medal for participation in an Annual Meeting of the CLHMC. Members of the F.I.L.I. receiving the CLHMC Americanism Award are authorized to wear a silver Minute Man device on the ribbon of the medal, and on the service ribbon.

DESCRIPTION: The Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands Medal is suspended from a solid blue or solid blue ribbon with white stars. The obverse of the medal bears the crest of the Centennial Legion. The reverse of the medal features along the edges abbreviations of the original 13 colonies and the center bears the date " 1776 July 4 1876."

HISTORY: Early in the history of the CLHMC medals were issued. The FILI is in possession of an earlier CLHMC medal which is on display in the museum. The CLHMC Americanism Award was first authorized in 2017, by order of COL Ron Barnes, Commander, CLHMC, three years later the award was discontinued by order of LT Barton Hyte, Commander, CLHMC. Members of the F.I.L.I. receiving the Americanism Award include Donald Talbot and CPT Mark Shields.

#### AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The Centennial Legion Medal is authorized to be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform (or ribbon), or the Blazer Uniform. The Medal is not authorized to be worn on the Class B Uniform. The service ribbon will be worn on the Class B uniform. The Centennial Legion is below the Bicentennial Medal and above the CLHMC 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Medal.

#### 1.8 CLHMC 82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING MEDAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2 November 2017

CRITERIA: Awarded to members of the F.I.L.I. who participated in the financial support, planning, and execution of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands, which was hosted by the F.I.L.I. in Fayetteville and Fort Bragg NC

DESCRIPTION: The medal is suspended by a dark blue ribbon, with large yellow block letters; CLHMC (Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands). The reverse of the medal features a side

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view of an F.I.L.I. guardsman in the Ball Button Parade Uniform set in the center of a star burst, the top edge of the medal bears the unit name, and the bottom bears the date 1793. The reverse of the medal bears the crest of the Centennial Legion, the top edge reads CENTENNIAL LEGION OF HISTORIC MILITARY COMMANDS, the bottom edge reads FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, 2-4 NOVEMBER 2017.

HISTORY: The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Centennial Legion marked the change of command from the out-going Commander COL Ronald W. Barnes to the in-coming Commander COL James Whalen. The events surrounding the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Centennial Legion are printed in a booklet which was distributed to attendees. Also additional copies of the booklet were retained in the FILI archives and collections room. The coordination and design of this medal was handled by First Sergeant/Pipe SGT Douglas (Doug) Paul Elwell.

**AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Centennial Legion Medal is authorized to be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform (or ribbon), and the Blazer Uniform. The medal is not authorized to be worn on the Class B Uniform. The service ribbon will be worn on the Class B Uniform. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual CLHMC Medal ranks below the Centennial Legion Medal, and currently ranks above none.

**1.9 HUNLEY HONOR GUARD MEDAL**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

CRITERIA: Awarded to members of the F.I.L.I. who participated as Honor Guard protecting the human remains of the eight sailors of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, who lost their lives in service of the Confederate States of America.

DESCRIPTION: The medal is suspended from a ribbon which has equal portions of red, gray, and dark blue, with a black band running diagonally across the ribbon. The medal is one-and-one quarter inch in diameter, the observe is gold in color, surrounded by a black border containing the words; H.L. HUNLEY HONOR GUARD, the center of the medal features the H.L. Hunley submarine, anchor and cannon, and the words; HONOR DUTY SACRIFICE appear below. The reverse of the medal has an issue number associated with the individual recipient.

HISTORY: The CSS Hunley was the first submarine to sink a warship. On 17 February 1864, the eight- man crew of the CSS Hunley sank the USS Housatonic, a Union ship engaged in blocking the outer harbor of Charleston South Carolina. The heroic crew of the CSS Hunley did not survive the attack. The sunken CSS Hunley was located in its watery grave in 1995 and raised in 2000 where it was taken to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, located at the former Charleston Navy Yard. This was the location where the FILI performed Honor Guard duty outside the room where the remains of the CSS Hunley crew laid in rest pending examination and burial.

**AUTHORIZED UNIFORM:**

The Hunley Honor Guard Medal is worn only when authorized by the Commander. When authorized this medal may be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform, and the Blazer Uniform. This medal is not authorized for wear on the Class B Uniform. There is no service ribbon for this medal.

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#### 1.10 HUNLEY FUNERAL PROCESSION ROSETTE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 17 April 2004

CRITERIA: Awarded to members of the F.I.L.I. that marched in the burial procession for the eight-man crew of the CSS Hunley who died in the line of duty on 17 February 1864.

DESCRIPTION: The rosette consists of black and light blue ribbon and in the center is a metal medallion featuring an image of the CSS Hunley, crossed rifles and the Confederate flag. The top of the medallion reads H.L. HUNLEY and the bottom reads APRIL 17, 2004. The inside of the medallion reads CHARLESTON S.C., 2-17-1864, A SALUTE TO COURAGE.

HISTORY: The funeral procession commenced at White Points Garden and terminated at the burial site in Magnolia Cemetery, a distance of 4.5 miles. The F.I.L.I. Color Guard's position in the burial procession was close to the horse drawn caissons pulling the remains of eight crew members of the CSS Hunley. The Hunley Funeral Procession Rosette was designed and fabricated by First Sergeant/Pipe SGT Douglas (Doug) Paul Elwell.

AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The Hunley Rosette is only worn when authorized by the Commander. When authorized the Hunley Rosette may be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, Kilted Uniform, and the Blazer Uniform. The Hunley Rosette is not authorized to be worn on the Class B Uniform. There is no service ribbon for the Hunley Rosette. On the Ball Button Parade Tunic it is worn on the right side, centered and on line with medals being worn on the left side. On the Kilted Uniform, it is worn below the name plate. On the Blazer Uniform, it is worn on the right lapel.

#### 1.11 NC NATIONAL GUARD OUTSTANDING UNIT CITATION:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 17 February 1994

CRITERIA: Awarded by the Adjutant General to units in the North Carolina National Guard who exhibit outstanding performance. The following is the wording on the citation; "For outstanding meritorious service to the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina National Guard, serving as North Carolina's Historic Military Command as defined by General Statutes. Founded in 1793, the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company has been instrumental in the creation and preservation of North Carolina's illustrious military heritage with continuous service to the state and nation for 200 years. The Company participates in numerous activities associated with the various organizations of the State, representing the historic and present military traditions. The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company's outstanding service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the Company, the North Carolina Guard and the State of North Carolina."

DESCRIPTION: The ribbon is gray with a thin vertical blue stripe and a thicker red stripe toward each edge proceeding outward. It features a silver frame with a leaf pattern.

HISTORY: This award was presented by Major General Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr. NC Adjutant General. This award for Outstanding Achievement is contained in Permanent Order 9-30, by order of the

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Governor under the provisions of N.C. General Statute # 127A-45.2A & OTAGNCR 672-5-1, and signed by Ralph F. Lyon, LTC, GS, NCARNG, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel. The aforementioned order has the names of the F.I.L.I. personnel who were assigned to the unit at the time of the award. Copies of this order are filed in individual personnel files maintained by the Adjutant.

#### AUTHORIZED UNIFORMS:

The NC National Guard Outstanding Unit Citation is authorized to be worn on the Class B or Kilted Uniform. It is not authorized for wear on the Ball Button Parade Tunic or Blazer Uniform. When worn on the Class B Uniform or Kilted Uniform it is worn on the right side immediately above the pocket. It is centered with the nameplate below and the 119th crest above.

#### 2.0 U.S. ARMY OR N.C. NATIONAL GUARD MEDALS AND INSIGNIA:

2.1 Medals, badges, or other decorations awarded by a branch of the armed forces are not authorized to be worn on any FILI uniform.

2.2. A medal awarded by a branch of the armed forces for achievement as a member of the FILI, accompanied by a citation on file with the Adjutant is authorized to be worn on FILI uniforms.

2.3 A medal awarded for individual or unit achievement by a branch of the armed forces may be worn on the Ball Button Parade Tunic (Full Size), Class B and Kilted (Service Ribbon), Blazer (Full Size).

2.4 When medals of the armed forces are worn on the FILI uniform they take precedence over unit medals and are ranked in accordance with DOD protocol and regulations.

2.5 The Order of Saint Maurice, awarded by the National Infantry Association and the Chief of Infantry was awarded to a member of the FILI for services rendered to the FILI. The medal is worn around the neck and has no service ribbon.

2.6 The FILI lineage is with the 119<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ("Old Hickory"). The 119<sup>th</sup> Infantry Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) is worn by the FILI on the Class B and Kilted Uniform, however, it is not authorized on the Ball Button Parade Tunic or Blazer Uniform. The DUI is silver color and metal enamel device, 3.0 cm in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Per fess Azure and Argent, upon a mound in base Vert a lion rampant passant counterchanged, eyed, langued and armed Gules. Attached below and to the sides of the shield is a Silver scroll turned Blue inscribed "UNDAUNTED" in Blue letters. The DUI is rich in symbolism. The blue is the color of the Infantry. The functions of the organization are allegorically implied by the ferocious lion, heraldically being the lively image of a good soldier who must be valiant of courage, strong of body and a foe to fear. The motto alludes to the symbolism of the shield and is expressive of the characteristics of the personnel.

#### 3.0 CENTENNIAL LEGION COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS, CIVIC AND FRATERNAL MEDALS:

3.1 Commemorative medals issued by Centennial Legion units are not authorized to be worn on any FILI uniform. Some Centennial Legion units issue these types of medals when they host an Annual Meeting or are given away as a general visitation medal.

3.2 Civic, Fraternal, or other non-FILI medals are not authorized to be worn on any FILI uniform.



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3.3 Centennial Legion unit medals awarded for individual achievement accompanied by a citation or letter and approved by the Commander may be authorized for wear on the FILI uniform. A copy of citation or letter must be on file in the member's personal file maintained by the Adjutant.

#### 4.0 UNAUTHORIZED MEDALS OR DECORATIONS ON F.I.L.I. UNIFORMS:

4.1 Only medals authorized in this policy are to be worn on FILI uniforms.

4.2 Exceptions may be authorized by the Commander for limited wear at special events or ceremonies.

#### 5.0 LAPEL PINS:

5.1 Lapel pins are to be worn centered on the left lapel beginning at the button hole of the Blazer Uniform only.

5.2 Lapel pins are prohibited from being worn on any other FILI uniform.

5.3 There are three (3) authorized lapel pins: FILI Bicentennial, FILI Color Guard, and FILI General membership.

5.4 The FILI Bicentennial lapel pin is authorized to be worn only by members who were serving during the Bicentennial on 23 August 1993.

5.5 The FILI Color Guard lapel pin is authorized to be worn only by members who served on the Color Guard.

5.6 The FILI General Membership lapel pin is authorized to be worn only by members in good standing.

5.7 The FILI lapel pins' when worn in order of precedence from top to bottom on the lapel are ranked as follows: Color Guard, Bicentennial, General Membership.

#### 6.0 SERVICE RIBBONS:

6.1 Service Ribbons will be worn in lieu of medals on the Class B and kilted uniform only.

6.2 Service Ribbons will only be worn for FILI medals authorized by this regulation.

6.3. In order to maintain a consistent appearance only Service Ribbons and devices issued by the FILI will be worn.

6.4 The Commander or his designee will be responsible for the design and color of Service Ribbons.

6.5 Service Ribbons are worn on the issued holding bars, centered 1/8 inch above the left breast pocket.

6.6 Service Ribbons will remain centered above the left pocket even if the ribbon row is offset.

6.7 Service Ribbons are prohibited on the Ball Button Parade Tunic, or Blazer Uniform.

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## 7.0 AWARDING MEDALS:

7.1 The Commanders Medal is awarded at the foot of Captain Robert Adam's grave, the first FILI Commander, who was buried in Cross Creek Cemetery # 1.

7.2 Color Guard Medals and devices are awarded at the grave of Ensign Robert Cochran, the first FILI Color Officer, who was buried in Cross Creek Cemetery # 1.

7.3 Other FILI medals are awarded at the Annual Muster (23 August) on the Commanders Stone at the FILI Parade Field on N. Cool Spring Street.

## 8.0 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE AND PLACEMENT FOR MEDALS AND SERVICE RIBBONS:

8.1 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE is the relative importance of medals/service ribbons as they relate to each other, and determines the order in which they are displayed on an FILIU uniform.

8.2 FILI medals/ service ribbons are worn on the left breast of the uniform in descending order.

8.3 The highest ranking medal/service ribbon is positioned at the top and the viewers left and descends to the lowest.

8.4 When large medals are worn, there will be no more than three (3) in a row and no medal will be overlapped more than 50%.

8.5 When service ribbons are worn there will be no more than three (3) in a row.

8.6 The following list represents authorized medals/service ribbons to be worn on various FILI uniforms in order of precedence:

1. Armed Forces Medals awarded for FILI achievement, worn in accordance with DOD regulations.
2. Commander's Medal (worn around neck but does have corresponding service ribbon)
3. Compatriot Medal
4. Color Guard
5. Long Service
6. Centennial Legion
7. 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Centennial Legion

8.7. The Centennial Legion Commander's Medal is worn suspended from a neck ribbon.

8.8 The Centennial Legion, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Medals are worn below the name plate on the Class B and Kilted Uniform, and on the right side of the Ball Button Parade Tunic and Blazer Uniform.

8.9 The Order of Saint Maurice is worn suspended from a neck ribbon, and has no service ribbon.

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8.10 The NC National Guard Outstanding Unit Citation is worn above the name plate on the Class B and Kilted Uniform.

8.11 The Hunley Honor Guard Medal and Hunley Funeral Procession Rosette are worn only by order of the Commander on special occasions. There are no service ribbons associated with these two awards.

#### 9.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE WEARING OF MEDALS AND SERVICE RIBBONS

9.1 Separate policies governing each of the FILI uniforms will explain in greater detail the requirements for wearing medals and service ribbons.

#### 10.0 COMPLIANCE

10.1 The First Sergeant has primary responsibility for ensuring compliance of this policy.

10.2 Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers are responsible for making corrective action for any violation of this policy.

10.3 There is no requirement for FILI personnel to wear their medals or service ribbons, however, if worn it must be in accordance with this policy.

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