

# *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.,*

## **Chicora Cemetary Flag Display Policy**

**WHEREAS**, Chicora Confederate Cemetery was established on the Averasboro Battlefield in 1872 as a final, tranquil resting place for several of the Confederate soldiers killed during The Battle of Averasboro and the ownership of, and the care, maintenance, and responsibility for this Cemetery has been The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*, since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*, recognizes that many individuals, groups, and organizations desire to honor the memory of those fallen soldiers through the placement of various flags on the several gravestones within the cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*, also recognizes that a proper balance must be established between recognizing the desire of these individuals, groups, and organizations to so honor the memory of these soldiers and, the need to maintain and preserve for all, the integrity and dignity of Chicora Confederate Cemetery in a manner consistent with the site being first and foremost a cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy is intended and designed to strike this balance; and

**WHEREAS**, at a regular & duly noticed meeting of The Board of Directors of The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*, held on January 15, 2015, the Board did set, establish, and adopt the following Policy pertaining to the placement and display of flags in Chicora Confederate Cemetery; and

**RESOLVED**, it is the policy of the *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*, that the placement and display of flags in Chicora Confederate Cemetery shall be allowed subject to the following restrictions:

1. Displays shall be limited to the following dates:
  - A. **March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 19<sup>th</sup>** which dates are designed to encompass the three days preceding and succeeding the March 14, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> Battle Anniversary dates;
  - B. **May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>** which dates are designed to encompass the three days preceding and succeeding the May 10<sup>th</sup> Confederate Memorial Day as established by Chapter 103-4 of the N.C. General Statutes.
2. Any individual or entity seeking to place a Flag or Flags in the Cemetery shall first make written application to Director of Operations who shall have authority to approve or disapprove the application.
3. In the event multiple applications are received for a display period, priority shall be given to those applications received first taking into consideration whether the applicant has been previously granted display permission for that calender year.

4. Separate applications are required for each of the two permitted display periods and must be submitted *no more than* 30 days from the desired display period. Applications submitted greater than 30 days from the desired display period will not be considered.
5. Flags shall only be placed and displayed *within the inside perimeter of the iron fence* surrounding the actual cemetery. No flags shall be placed or displayed outside the perimeter of the iron fence. Any Flags placed outside this perimeter will be removed by the Director of Operations or his designee and shall become the property of The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*
6. Flags must be removed immediately upon the expiration of the authorized display period and flags remaining thereafter shall be removed by the Director of Operations or his designee and shall become the property of The *Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*
7. Flags shall be limited to the Confederate Battle Flag; or the Confederate First, Second, or Third National Flag; or the Flag of any State of the United States.
8. No more than one Flag per gravestone shall be allowed and no flag shall be greater than 12" x 18" stick flags.
9. Each applicant shall read and acknowledge their understanding of the terms and conditions of this policy when submitting their application.

Approved this the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2015.

*Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mac Williams, President