

# Grey Matter

Newsletter of The Rankin Greys  
SCV Camp 2278

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# Commander's Report

by Commander Billy Bryant

The first time I met Bobby Joe was around June of 2015. We had just chartered our camp a few months before. We hit it off from the beginning. He joined the camp and then became a member of the SCVMC1G Central Squad. He and I rode many miles together. A lot of people did not know he suffered with MS, but he never let it stop him from being very active in our camp, our rides and with the PGR. He never met a stranger and could always make you smile. Bobby Joe is truly missed and will always be a big part of our camp and our squad.

Till we ride together again, we will carry on in your honor.

"Hey Man" Bobby Joe Denton.

Live the Charge,

Billy Bryant  
Commander



*This publication is dedicated to the honor  
and the memory of our friend and member of  
SCV MC*

*Bobby Joe Denton  
July 20, 1960 – January 19, 2019*

*Lest We Forget.*



# Meeting Minutes – March 2021

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

## MINUTES

03/13/2021

Los Cazadores 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073

Meeting Start – 19:00

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Billy Bryant:

- Paige & Justin Scruggs from Camp Rainbow, check presentation for donations
- April we will have our Confederate Heritage Meeting with the candlelight memorial
- Quartermaster update: shirts and patches available and 1 thermometer
- Glenn Hays promotion to Camp Historian, presentation of certificate
- New member certificate presentations (Stevenson, Fortenberry, Keyes, Warren, Arendale, Bradford, McMullan)
- Mar 20<sup>th</sup> we will attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade picnic in Decatur
- Election for Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award – winner Hays
- Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Magnolia Run meeting at Little Willie's BBQ in Pearl
- Lynyrd Skynyrd run to be rescheduled
- Apr 24<sup>th</sup> Division Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Patriot Ride, starts in Richland, ends in Gulfport
- Jun 11-13 Division Reunion in Vicksburg
- Jul 18<sup>th</sup> Bobby Joe Denton Ride to RAD (no patch run)
- Mechanized Cavalry certificate presentations and swear in
- Web stats 61 unique visitors, 79 page views over the last 30 days
- Jun 16-20 SCVMC National Annual - Townsend, TN
- Chuck Bond Last Roll certificate presentation to his family
- Conor running for Division Commander this year, Bruce for Brigade Commander
- Closing reminders

General Discussion

Closing Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 19:50



Paige & Justin Scruggs accepting a check for \$1,800.00 on behalf of Camp Rainbow, to send kids with pediatric cancer to camp this summer ~ they were thankful for our camp's support.

Glenn Hays accepting his certificate showing his willingness to be our camp historian



# 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Picnic – March 2021

Great turnout by the Rankin Grays for the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Picnic ... 15 bikes and a total of about 25 folks. Cool ride



## Bobby Joe Denton headstone dedication

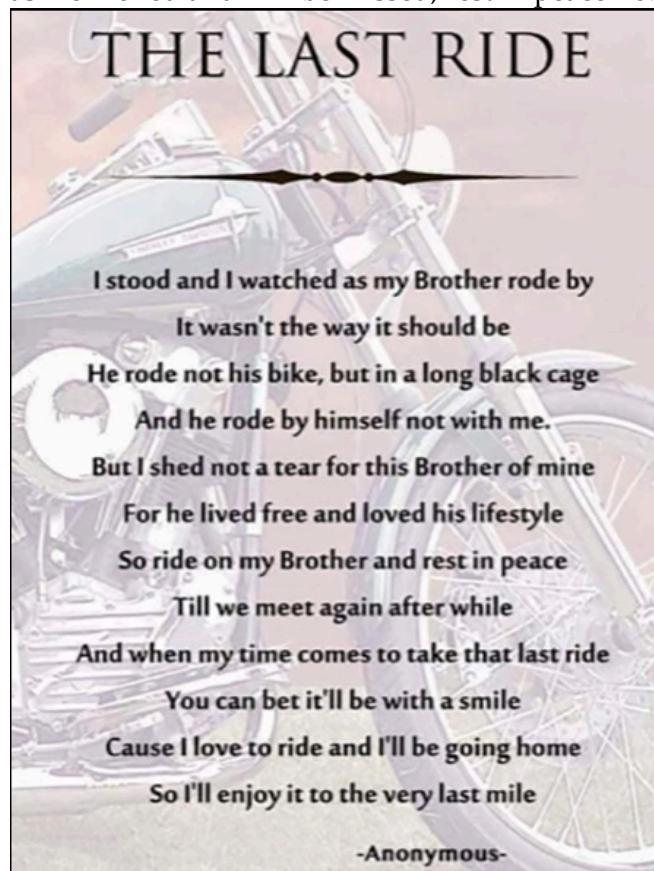
March 6, 2021

by Glenn Hays



As you know, the last couple of weeks my life has been a little upside down, dealing with my brother's passing and all of the arrangements. I tried to write a piece for our camp history on all our events. I sat down this morning and wrote this:

Today members of the SCV, Mechanized Cavalry & OCR gathered to dedicate Bobby Joe Denton's headstone. Bobby Joe was a member of the Rankin Grays, Mechanized Cavalry and Patriot Guard Riders. Bobby Joe passed away on January 19, as a result of injuries sustained in the motorcycle accident. PVT Bobby Joe Denton, "Hey Man" as he was affectionately known, to his Mechanized Cavalry brothers. MC 2723 was laid to rest in Hodge Hill Cemetery, in Morton, MS. His headstone dedication was well represented by his mech cav brothers, who rode in his honor from Pearl, MS, joining another group in Morton, MS, then proceeding to the cemetery. Bruce Warren, Bobby Joe's cousin, read to the group a very emotional poem about Bobby Joe becoming a Christian and being welcomed into heaven. Also reading an emotional poem entitled "The Last Ride" was Commander LT Billy Bryant. Bobby Joe was well loved and will be missed, rest in peace Bobby Joe Denton "Hey Man"



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
*Office of the Governor*



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, April is the month when, in 1861, the American Civil War began between the Confederate and Union armies, reportedly the costliest and deadliest war ever fought on American soil; and

**WHEREAS**, State law declares the last Monday of April as Confederate Memorial Day, a legal holiday to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

**WHEREAS**, as we honor all who lost their lives in this war, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

***CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH***

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth

  
TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR

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Compatriots,

I hope that you have enjoyed this issue of *Grey Matter*. If anyone would like to submit an article for publication please do!

Forward the Colors,

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