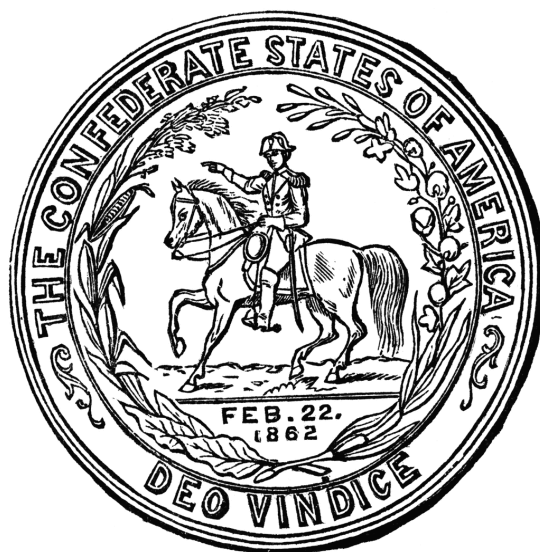
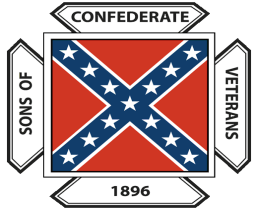


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SCV Camp 2278

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Commander's Report

by Commander Billy Bryant



In our present times we find more and more people attacking our heritage. In our charge given to us by Gen. S.D Lee it is our duty to uphold the Confederate soldiers honor and good name. Gen. Lee was the first President of Mississippi State University. He died in Vicksburg in 1908 and is buried in Columbus, Ms.

It is imperative that we all know our heritage, remember our ancestors and pass along that knowledge to our next generation. That is why being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is so important and vital.

As the Commander of camp 2278, The Rankin Greys, I am proud to say we will continue to live the charge and do our part to keep our true history alive. They can remove our flag and our monuments but they will never be able to take away our blood right as true Southerners and being a Son of a Confederate Veteran.

In closing, I will leave you with a poem I heard P.C.I.C. Paul Gramling recited at one of our camp meetings.

Live the Charge,

Billy Bryant
Commander

The grey riders are gone, but yet they remain. Asleep in our soil, and alive in our veins. Untouched by fire, untouched by frost, they whisper within us, "Our cause is not lost."
—Unknown

Meeting Minutes – April 2021

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

MINUTES

04/10/2021

Los Cazadores 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073

Meeting Start – 19:06

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Pledges – Ricky Haynes

Billy Bryant:

- Welcome
- See Phillip for patches and coins if you reserved one or want one
- Conor Bond made motion to send \$250 to national for Forrest reinternment and \$250 to national for the museum. Chris Bryant 2nd, all ayes
- Present Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award to Glenn Hays
- Conor Bond presented Glenn Hays and Bruce Warren flags from Chuck Bond's grave
- Ladies Appreciation Award for Lynda Gramling
- Candlelight Memorial
- Next month's speaker is John Echols
- MC news – discussion of rocker issue in Louisiana
- No firm date on the Magnolia Run, planning for late August, early September
- Shuteville party for Sprayberry and Arendale's birthdays – 6:00pm
- No onsite registration for Division Reunion – need to preregister
- Bobby Joe Denton ride for Charity to RAD is still on for July 18 (Sunday) NO CUTS
- SCVMC National in Tennessee
- August 7 Cruzin' for the Warriors car show in Florence
- Make sure you're using Amazon Smiles and Kroger Community Rewards to support the camp
- Find us on MeWe
- Any Confederate supplies needed, see Little Dixie Sutler, Mike Webb
- See Phillip for swag, Chris for apps

General Discussion

Closing Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 19:55



Adjutant's Report

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant



We had our Candlelight Memorial service in April and it was fantastic with a great turnout. The men whose names were called out left us a legacy that we need to never forget.

June is only a couple of months out and we're going to reunion with 7 delegate votes. Make sure you get preregistered as they will not be taking registrations at the door this year.

The camp closed out the fiscal year with 69 members, up 19 from last year. This is a positive trend that we need to continue. Recruiting, retention, and education are all parts of preserving our heritage. Bring your family and friends to the meetings and let's spread the word. We've got 1 new member whose app has been sent to National as of April 11. Let's welcome our current member Sean Adcox's son, Braxton, to the camp!

Make sure to get with Phillip & Ryan Griffin if you are wanting or needing a shirt, patch, or a challenge coin. Here in the next few months we will be talking about a new run of shirts.

Riding season is officially here. Nice weather, lots of events on deck. I look forward to a full season of fellowship with my brothers. Once again, keep up with your recruiting efforts and your tireless support of your respective communities, and as always, I am available anytime you need me or have any questions.

Your humble servant,

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April 17 2021

Confederate Memorial Day Celebration

On Saturday night we held our Confederate Memorial Day celebration "Rankin Greys" style. Although April 26 is the official Memorial Day, we decided to have ours early along with the birthday celebration of Greys camp member Brock Sprayberry. Daryl and Carol Shute graciously offered their property for the festivities. The day began around noon, setting up tables, chairs, cookers, and grills. Jerry Dupre (Swamp Thang) obtained 8 sacks of crawfish, and with other members contributions we had the ingredients for a super Cajun crawfish boil. Added to the pot was, sausage, corn, potatoes, carrots, and mushrooms. Helping with the cooking duties was, Jeff Ainsworth (Hooks), and Jerry Roden (Sleepy) both doing a fine job. Daryl Shute (Mule Skinner) furnished steaks and hamburger meat for the cookout. Swamp Thang did an excellent job of seasoning and cooking the "mudbugs", while Sleepy manned the grill, also doing an excellent job of cooking the meat. Hooks was a tremendous help to Swamp Thang, helping wash and clean the "bugs" as well as loading and emptying the pot. Once everyone showed up, the crawfish with all the fixins were laid out on long tables and the feast began. The people that did not like crawfish ate steaks, burgers, and grilled sausage. As an added treat, Mule Skinner fried up a batch of the best oysters I have ever put in my mouth. Afterwards there were many desserts on hand for the people with a sweet tooth. The meal was excellent and if you left hungry it was your own fault. Much to everyone's surprise, Greys member Eddie Farish (Fast Eddie), got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend, Sherry Robey Luken. She of course said yes and we are looking forward to an upcoming wedding, hopefully in our camp. Lt. Billy Bryant then patched into the Mechanized Calvary David Arendale. David is a recent new member to the Rankin Greys and we are proud to welcome him to the Mech Cav. The rest of the evening was spent socializing with our brothers and sisters, and generally enjoying each others company well into the night. I, for one, was sad to see it end. Being able to spend time with loved ones is very precious. In closing I'd just like to add that our brave ancestors are the reason we are here and able to have a celebration in their honor. We are descended from brave, honorable men.

Deo Vindice

Glenn Hays (Smooth) MCFFMC



2021 National Reunion is getting closer!

Time is flying.....we are only 3 months away from the 2021 National Reunion. Please REGISTER NOW and sign up for tours, breakfasts, and lunches to help us with our planning.

**** IMPORTANT: The Ladies Tour and Luncheon is now SOLD OUT.**

Registration forms, hotel info, and full details are available on the reunion webpage:

<https://www.scv-bcamp130.org/2021-national-scv-reunion>

**** We do still have some of the limited edition, engraved, numbered reunion medals (only 100 were made) available for order but don't delay if you want one. They're going fast.**

If you want to place an Ad or Ancestor Memorial in the Souvenir Program Book, we must have your ad and payment by the deadline of June 7th. Ancestor Memorials are placed using the registration form and see below for program ads.

Souvenir Program Book Ads

All ads will be printed in full color on 8 1/2" x 11" gloss, white heavy paper.

Rates are as follows:

Full Page (8 1/2" x 11") - \$150.00

Half Page (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") - \$75.00

Quarter Page (4 1/4" x 5 1/2") - \$25.00

Ads must be submitted electronically as pdf files in FINAL form with payment in full.

Submit ads to: info.scv2021reunion@gmail.com

All ads/ancestor memorials and payment must be received by June 7, 2021 in order to be included in the program book. Submit them now so you don't miss out on honoring your ancestor.

**Checks should be made payable to:
Beauregard Camp 130 with "Reunion Ad" written on the memo line or remittance stub. Please include a printed copy of your ad with your payment.**

**Payments should be mailed to:
SCV 2021 Reunion
Beauregard Camp 130
PO Box 10413
New Orleans, LA 70181
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**2021 National Reunion Committee
Beauregard Camp 130**

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Are you sharing your corn ?

There was a farmer who grew excellent quality corn. Every year he won the award for the best grown corn. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So is with our lives... Those who want to live meaningfully and well must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all...

Compatriots,

Thank you again for the honor of bringing you this newsletter, I saw the above online and it immediately reminded me of my brothers who see far more than what's right in front of you, I believe the SCV is in the business of sharing corn and seeing the bigger picture. I'm very proud to be part of it.

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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