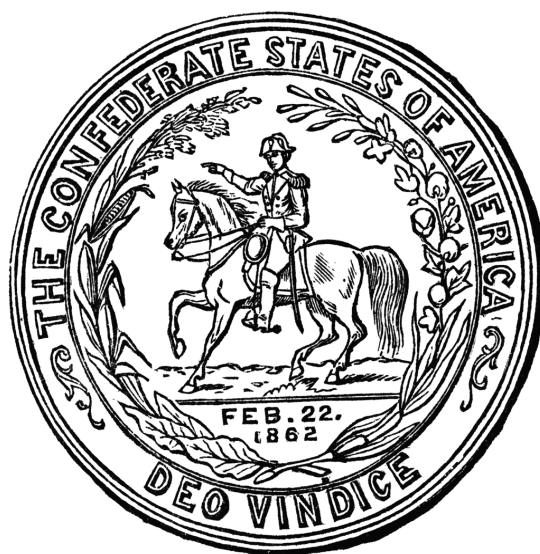
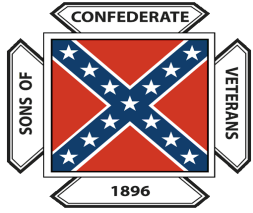


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Commander's Report

by Commander Billy Bryant



When we started our camp, one of the main things we wanted to do is support local folks. We have done that numerous times. Everything from people that had their homes burn to sending kids to camp. By doing this we have opened the eyes to a lot of people that otherwise would not know who the SCV is. This has been one of our greatest tools in recruiting new members. It is my opinion that if other camps would do things like this it would bring a positive light to who we are and what we truly stand for. With all the lies and history being attacked we need all the help we can get.

Our ancestors helped each other and folks in the community when times were hard so why shouldn't we? Honoring your ancestors and living the charge has numerous meaning and we try to cover as many of them as we can. We will continue to do what we think is right as our camp continues to grow.

Once again the men of Camp 2278, The Rankin Greys set the bar. 22 members attended the Miss. Division Reunion. Pretty sure there were no other camps with near that many members present. Thank you all for coming and representing our camp.

Thanks,

Billy Bryant
Commander Camp 2278.
The Rankin Greys.



Meeting Minutes – June 2021

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

MINUTES

06/12/2021 (location Vicksburg Convention Center, Division Reunion)
Meeting Start – 13:00

- Next month Cheryl Bruce will be speaker
- Conor Bond made motion to demand Foley reach out quarterly to all the camps that did not vote for him for Commander (all but Brandon, Pearl, Newton). Billy Bryant second, motion passed
- Billy thanked camp for excellent attendance to reunion, 22 present
- Officer promotions will happen at July meeting, Putt & Griffin
- Townsend, TN SCVMC Nat'l on June 19
- Bobby Joe Ride on July 18
- July 21-24 SCV National in Kenner, LA
- Aug 7 Car show, will need volunteers, proceeds go to Wounded Warriors of MS
- Magnolia Ride – see Bruce
- Chuck Bond Run for Roses on Sep 4
- Gator Run on Oct 1-3
- Fall Muster Oct 15-17
- **DUES ARE DUE**
- Keep doing Kroger and Amazon Smiles
- Beauvoir discussion

Meeting Adjourn – 13:30

Adjutant's Report

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

June was a busy month. We had an excellent showing at the Division Reunion with 22 members present. The sound off at roll call was superb. Items voted on was a dress code rule that failed, and a discipline rule for division leaders skipping EC meetings, which passed, after MUCH debate. The Beauvoir meeting did not go as there was not a quorum according the rules we were aware of at the time. That meeting has been rescheduled to July 10 at 11 a.m. at Beauvoir. We ALL need to attend if possible. Also during June was the SCVMC National in Townsend, TN. While I didn't get the opportunity to attend, listening to those that did and viewing the pictures, a large time was had by all.

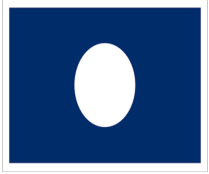
We have 2 new members to welcome to the camp – Michael Pitts and his brother Johnny Stewart. Welcome to the camp fellas! We look forward to getting to know the both of you and we are glad to have you with us. This puts our current membership at 72.

DUES ARE DUE! If you haven't paid, please reach out to me so we can arrange payment. Let's keep that membership up to date! We are all needed.

Due to the meeting at Beauvoir on the 10th, our regular July meeting has been rescheduled to the 17th. Same time and location. Our speaker will be Cheryl Bruce of the Wounded Warriors of Mississippi. Her group will be the recipient of proceeds from the upcoming Cruzin' for the Warriors car show on August 7th. We need to publicize that as much as possible. Come join us at the meeting for a great evening of fellowship.

Keep up the recruiting and the educating of those who don't know their history. Remember to keep using Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards. Phillip and Ryan Griffin have patches, shirts, and challenge coins if you need them. If you need me for anything at all, I'm always available.

Your humble servant,
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Forefathers in Grey



Grandfathers in Grey

This month's Grandfathers in Grey focuses on Private Archibald Monroe Hunsucker. Pvt. Hunsucker was the Great Great Grandfather of The Rankin Greys Charles "Sparky" Smith. Archie, as he was known, was born in Moore Co. North Carolina on April 18, 1844. He married Martha Jane Arnold on March 2, 1866 in Louisiana. They had 10 children during their marriage, 5 sons and 5 daughters.

In June 1861 he enlisted in Company K 11 Alabama Infantry, in Perry County Alabama for the duration of the war. His great marksmanship did not go unnoticed and after about 1 year Pvt. Hunsucker was transferred to the sharpshooters. The Confederate sharpshooters usually carried British Whitworth rifles, earning them the nickname Whitworth's sharpshooters. Well equipped and superbly trained, these units served as scouts at the front of advancing columns and protected the flanks and rear of retreating columns.

No longer was it safe for a soldier to expose himself to the enemy, even at a distance of several hundred yards. Sharpshooters changed war for the soldier on the line. Amazingly Archie was never wounded and survived to stack weapons with General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865. He is listed in the Appomattox Roster as serving in the Army of Northern Virginia. Of the 140 men that enlisted with him in Co K only 7 survived to surrender at Appomattox.

After the war little is known about Archie other than he was a Section Foreman for the railroad. In February of 1903 he was thrown from a wagon owned by the Bogue Chitto Merchantile Co. and seriously injured. Martha Hunsucker passed away on February 19, 1918, with Archie passing away on March 27, 1918, a little over a month later. After 52 years of marriage, they are buried together in The Bogue Chitto Cemetery in Lincoln County Mississippi.

Glenn Hays (Smooth)



Grey Roses OCR Camp 24

June was a busy month gearing up for the Mississippi State Convention in Vicksburg, MS. We had the largest number of members in attendance, 9 with 2 rosebuds. Our camp won the Rose O'Neal Greenhow Award for most new members for the second consecutive year! Two of our members won the OCR Heritage Award: Susie Bond White and Cindy Bond and one of our Rosebuds: Brooklynn Nicholson was given a State Appreciation Award for her service to the OCR.

We started our camp with five members and stand strong with 25 now!! We could not be more proud of our ladies and their dedication to serving our camp brothers of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278, our Confederate Ancestors and Community Service.

We go into July working towards our next Community Project benefit for the Mississippi Wounded Warriors. Our camp is excited to be hosting a car/truck/motorcycle show in Florence, MS. Our goal is to raise money for our Wounded Veterans that are so deeply deserving. We need all the support we can muster and appreciate our sponsors efforts to make it a success.

I speak for all my sisters in saying Deo Vindice!

Brenda Bryant, VP



Presented by Grey Roses OCR Chapter 24

Where: Los Cazadores – Florence (2855 US 49, Florence, MS 39073)

When: August 7th, 2021 at 9AM – 3PM (Judging will start at 10AM)

What: Car, Truck, Jeep, and Bikes – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Entry Fee is \$25.00 – sign ups on August 7th

Prizes for Top 3 in each Category:

-Best Lowered

-Best Classic Trucks '96 & Older

-Best Lifted

-Best Classic Cars 1996 and Older

-Best Bikes

-Best RatRods & StreetRods

-Best Trucks '97-'21

-Best Cars '97-'21

-Wounded Warrior's Choice

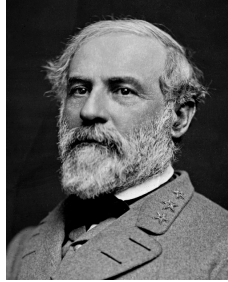
- **Raffles**
- **50/50 raffle**
- **Concessions**

**If you would like to be a sponsor
for our first annual car show, please
message or call Tatum Adams!**

- **Please contact Tatum Adams for any questions
601-502-6866 or tatumladams@gmail.com**



All of proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warriors of Mississippi



“Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less.”

General Robert E. Lee

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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