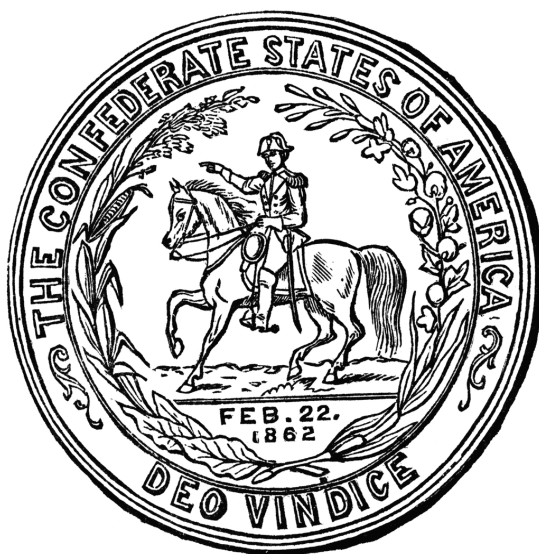


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# Meeting Minutes – September 2021

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

09/11/2021 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 19:00

Prayer, moment of silence for the victims of 9/11/01 – Tommy Symon

Pledges – Chris Bryant

Billy – welcome guests and the Kennedy twins

Donnie & Ronnie Kennedy – taking back the narrative for the SCV

Billy:

- Magnolia Run update, 27 bikes at ride, party at the Shute's afterward, event went off well
- Forrest Reinternment in Tennessee, leaving Thursday the 16th a.m. @ 0700 from Love's
- Next month's speaker is Terry Arther of the Calhoun Avengers
- Richie Jones Memorial Ride on the 18th, need meet time and location
- Still no date on 1G Annual
- Gator Run Oct 1-3, location has changed
- Fall Muster Oct 15-17
- Grey Matter newsletter is up on website
- Presented check \$100 donation for Make Dixie Great Again to the Kennedys

Phillip – shirts should be in next meeting

Jerry Dupre – gave update on donations for Louisiana victims of Hurricane Ida

Diana Pfingsten – gave update on Grey Roses elections

Closing Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 20:10



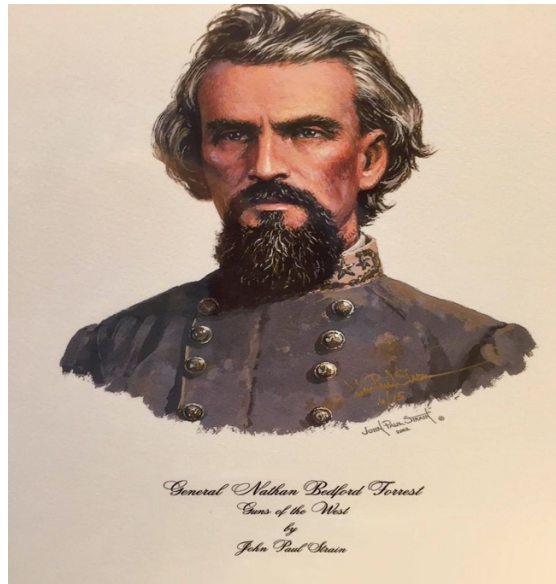
Great turnout for our meeting, what a consistent group we have that look forward to seeing each other, true brothers and sisters.

Picture below are the speakers for our meeting, the Kennedy twins, who shared their wisdom and love for the cause and had the opportunity to sell some of their books.



# Nathan Bedford Forrest

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In June 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and became one of the few soldiers during the war to enlist as a private and be promoted to general without any prior military training. An expert cavalry leader, Forrest was given command of a corps and established new doctrines for mobile forces, earning the nickname “The Wizard of the Saddle”.

In June 2021, the remains of Forrest and his wife were exhumed from Health Sciences Park, where they had been buried for over 100 years and a monument of him once stood. They will be reburied in Columbia, Tennessee. In July 2021, Tennessee officials voted to move Forrest’s bust from the State Capitol to the Tennessee State Museum. Source: Wikipedia

Forrest's grandson, Nathan Bedford Forrest II (1872–1931), became commander-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans<sup>1</sup>

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 The Rankin Greys were honored to participate in the reinterment of Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann.



The riderless horse with boots facing backwards represents a rider's last journey as he or she looks back on loved ones.





To our Past Commander in Chief Paul Gramling, our camp would like to thank you sir and your wife Mrs. Lynda Gramling for all the hard work, dedication, and endless hours it took to see this thru. Over 3 years you have pushed, overcoming obstacle after obstacle, and not once backing down. For that sir, you will be remembered in SCV history. Also, a huge thank you to all the others behind the scenes supporting Commander Gramling. Hats off to all. Time for a little R&R that is well earned. Safe travels home and hope to see you guys soon.



“This was an awesome sight to behold, walking up the driveway at Elm Springs, with the SCV Mech Cav lining the route. Thank you, gentlemen, for making this possible!!!” Paul Gramling

## RICHIE JONES MEMORIAL RIDE

As September 18, 2021 grew near, the day of the Memorial Ride in Honor of our eldest son Richie's tragic passing nearly a year ago, Cynthia and I were experiencing some raw anxiety about everything. Would we be able to stay strong for each other, our family, and friends? We should have never had any doubt!

When the Mechanized Cavalry riders asked me to lead them from the assembly point in Pearl to the rally point in Brandon, I knew at that moment everything was going to be okay. When you have brothers like these men, you know that you will never worry about being let down.

As it turned out, there were plenty of riders who showed their love and support: Hellfighters, Spirit Riders, Bikers Against Child Trafficking, of course our on Mech Cav; even a few "MC" who knew Richie participated in the ride and paid their respects.

At the end of the day Cynthia and I were emotionally and physically exhausted. Yet again, we were filled with the love and Blessings of so many friends, family and even total strangers, who pledged their effort, time and money to remember Richie and help with the educational expenses for his two sons: Noah and Joshua.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making Saturday a successful and memorable day for us and let's not forget the "Smokin' King" for providing some pretty good grub. May God Bless you all!

Big Irish





## WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

The men in our camp never cease to amaze me. I follow a fb group called "with my whole heart". It is a page where folks that are struggling can ask for help. It is a hard group to follow due to some of the sad stories and watching out for the scammers. I have helped several people in the group for the last couple of years and YES, got burned once. It is my opinion if you do something for someone, that is between you and God, and what they do with it is between them and God. I shared a screenshot to some of our guys about a mother that has covid and not working, whose son's birthday was this weekend. She has not been able to work and was asking for a couple of gifts for his 12th birthday. 7 of our camps members rode their bikes over to take him gifts and a birthday cake. Thank you all for making this boys day for him. This makes my day as well.

Billy Bryant



"Aaron was so moved by the generosity of our camp, that he wanted to give back by offering us something in return, an American flag, what an outstanding young man!"

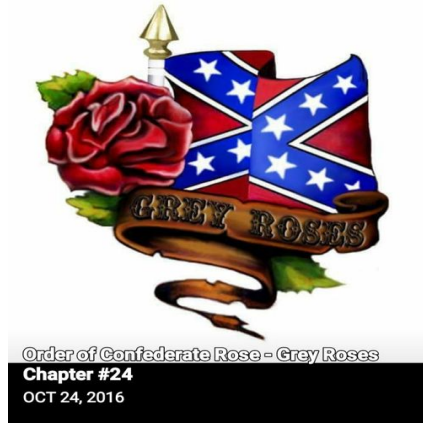


## Wounded Warrior of Mississippi Called ... We Answered

I got a call a week or so ago from Mrs. Cheryl Vandevender Bruce , she started and runs the Wounded Warriors of Mississippi organization, asking if I knew an electrician that I would recommend to do some work at one of her Warriors home. Within an hour I had camp members offer to do the work. Not only were they able to do the job but were also able to gather up all the material needed. Our camp has been called the "scourge" of the SCV, a bunch of dirty bikers and led by a camp commander that is off the chain that is causing problems here in our division. Let me tell you what these men are, they are caring and giving with hearts big as their chest and I will match their honor and dedication with any others. Thank you again Jerry Dupre , Jerry P Roden , Donald Gaines , Bruce Warren and Glenn Hays for doing what you men do.







## ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE GREY ROSE CH. 24

The month of September has been busy month, starting with election of our new officers they are:

Brenda Bryant : President  
Pam Vines : Vice President  
Hope Bradford: Secretary  
Diana Pfingsten: Treasurer  
Tatum Adams: Event Coordinator  
Wanda Dupre: Reporter  
Brenda Bryant: Chaplain



Congratulations to everyone and I know we are going to have a great year.

Cathy Stringer, Suzi Bond White, Cindy Bond, Debby Warren, Jennifer and Brooklyn Nicholson from the Grey Roses OCR were able to accompany some of the Central Squad from Rankin Greys Camp 2278 to Columbia, TN. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Montgomery Forrest were layed to rest in their final resting place at the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, Tn.

Wanda Dupre



Our Rose Buds are the future of the OCR.

Now for a few words from our Rose Bud:

Hi my name is Brooklynn Nicholson, I have been an OCR Rosebud for the last 3 years. I turned 12 last week so now I get to be a member of the OCR. Being a Rosebud was so much fun. I got to do what the OCR did, but just as a Bud. I have had a blast the past 3 years and am looking forward to many more great adventures in the coming years as an OCR Member. If you haven't yet and your not 12, consider joining as a Rosebud. You won't regret it.

~ Thank you 😊

The Rankin Greys camp 2278 have been doing what they do best, answering the call. when hurricane Ida hit southern Louisiana and devastated Jerry Dupre's hometown the mechanized Calvary and the Grey Roses filled a Trailor with food, water, Baby supplies, personal hygiene items, gas for generators, and took it to Pointe aux Chenes, La. Two days after the hurricane. This was the very first help they received. The people were so very grateful.



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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!

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