# Grey Matter

Newsletter of The Rankin Greys SCV Camp 2278 Sering the

November 2022









### Commanders' Report

By Commander Billy Bryant

Sunday November 6th we had camp members on the road. They attended the funeral service for past Division Commander Jeff Barnes Mother then rode to a headstone memorial service for Brent Bigby's ancestor. These men do what they do because it is what we took an oath to do. We get called all sorts of things other than children of God but it has never nor will it ever prevent us from doing our duty. We hear the word "unity" often. That's a great idea and support it 100% but the reality of it, sad as it may be, is in no organization is there 100% unity. Our camp will continue to show up, even for the ones that trash us, because we do not need or ask for your acceptance or permission. YOU ARE NOT THE REASON WE JOINED THE SCV. Maybe that 10% should ask themselves why they did. Thought for the day.

The Rankin Greys SCV camp 2278





# Meeting Minutes November 2022 Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

I make a motion to add the following minutes from the November 12, 2022 meeting to the permanent record of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278:

11/12/2022 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073) Meeting Start – 18:45

Prayer – Marty McAlilly

Billy Bryant:

- · Discuss current COC issue
- · Welcome guests and introduce speaker

Speaker: Murray Black, 1st Lt Commander John M Bradley camp, Louisville – Veterans Day program

Billy Bryant:

- · Quartermaster news, get with Phillip for swag, get with Chris for hoodie order
- · No new members present for certificate presentation
- · Check website for newsletter
- · Jan 1 Billy takes office as 1G captain, Bruce as central squad lieutenant, Donald Gaines as newsletter editor, Bruce will be selecting his officers
- · Christmas for Veterans, bring donations to Christmas Party, a lot of things have been bought, monetary donations to Chris or Billy
- · We don't have speaker for next month, it will be Christmas party. The Gramlings will be present.
- · Keep the Ward family in your prayers
- · New year's trip planned for Beauvoir
- · Children's names and ages to Brenda or Billy for Christmas party
- · Need to start raising funds for the cooking team, may need to start putting out a tip jar to collect money for food and speakers
- · 4thbrigade picnic, March 25, Bruce running for 4th brigade commander, one man one vote, will be held in Forest
- · After the Veterans Christmas drive is over, we will focus on the money drive for Camp RAD
- · Note from Jeff Barnes thanking the camp for attending the visitation of his mother's funeral
- · Prayer Marty McAlilly

Meeting Adjourn – 20:04

## Note to say thank you Jeff Barnes PDC

Fellow Compatriots: I would like to thank you for taking the time to attend the visitation of my mother's funeral November 6<sup>th</sup>. It meant more than you know. You "live the charge" and set the example of what it truly means to be a "Band of Brothers"

God Bless Jeff Barnes PDC Headstone Dedication Ceremony
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery
Forest MS
November 6 2022

Pvt. William Franklin Woods 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Mississippi Cavalry Company E

Born July 21,1823 died July 24,1900 Buried Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Forest MS

Military Information

Mustered in: December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 in Lexington,ms

Company E (Reds Company)

ty: captured as part of a surrender on May 4<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Citro

End of Duty: captured as part of a surrender on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1865 at Citronelle,AL Paroled on May 14<sup>th</sup> 1865 at Gainesville AL

This is Brent Bigby's ancestor. Brent had to do extensive work and an unimaginable amount of time to find the information and then went about the task of preparing the headstone and getting it placed where this soldier was buried and so rightfully deserved. Good job Brent







## Confederate Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

November 4, 2022

#### Sons of Confederate Veterans

### **Proclamation**

Whereas, the Confederate States of America was a mosaic of strong, vibrant cultures from all corners of the world which made the Southern Way of Life prosperous and unique.

Whereas, the Native American culture is a proud and diverse culture with its people originating from all points in the Americas.

Whereas, an estimated 5,000 Confederate Native American soldiers served with pride, courage and distinction all across the Southland in defense of their country and homes in the War for Southern Independence.

Whereas, the Confederate Native American soldier served at levels from Private to General.

Whereas, Confederate Native American Heritage Month reflects the significant contributions, sacrifices, and valor made to the Confederate States of America.

Now, Therefore, I, R. S. Jason Boshers Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, proclaim November 2022 as:

#### Confederate Native American Heritage Month

Let us reflect and honor the spirit, dedication, and fearlessness of the Confederate Native American men and women for their devoted patriotism and for the richness of their contributions to the Confederate States of America.

R. S. Jason Boshers Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans

## Answering the Call Work Day at Beauvoir

Our camp has scheduled a work weekend at Beauvoir for March 17th-19th. Get there Friday afternoon and leave Sunday. There is a ton of stuff we can get done with big numbers in just a few days. We planned it this far out to give folks PLENTY of time to make plans. We want to shine it up good before Confederate Memorial day and Confederate Heritage month. So far we have around 20 folks committed and could use a bunch more. Y'all know our camp cooks will have a big black pot full of some fine cajun food. We will have smaller ones in between now and then so if you can't make this one, stay tuned. Y'all come go with us.

Billy



In Memory of: Private

Edwin Francis Jemison - C.S.A.

One of the most famous portraits of a young Confederate soldier to ever be shown ...

He was born on December 1, 1844

in Milledgeville, Georgia, to Robert and Sarah Jemison. Both parents were educated and considered part of the Southern aristocracy of their day. Edwin was the great-grandson of a hero of the American Revolution and the descendant of members of a prominent Quaker family that had settled Wrightsboro, Georgia, when the state was still a British colony ...

By the time of the War, Edwin's family had moved to Louisiana and established new holdings in the Monroe area. He was 16 years old when Louisiana seceded on January 26, 1861 ...

Like tens of thousands of other young men of his generation, Edwin F. Jemison responded to the calls of patriotism and enlisted in the

Confederate army. According to his Service Record in the National Archives, he entered the Confederate service on May 11, 1861, when he was mustered into Company I, 2nd Louisiana Infantry, for a one-year tour of duty.

His 17 th birthday was still seven months away. (Possibly because of his age) Edwin was immediately detached for "special service" under General John Magruder in May and June of 1861. It was during this time period that this famous photograph was taken. By July, Jemison had moved to Company B of the 2nd Louisiana Infantry, in which he remained until April of 1862.

The 2nd Louisiana was one of the regiments sent north from the Deep South to reinforce Virginia as the war intensified in the country between RIchmond and Washington, D.C. ... Jemison's service record shows that he was hospitalized due to illness at Williamsburg, Virginia. in December of 1861.

By January 1862, however, he was back at his post in the cold temperatures and snow of the Virginia winter. His regiment became part of the army assembled by General Joseph E. Johnston to oppose the Peninsula

Campaign of Yankee General George F. McClellan in the spring of 1862, by which time the young soldier had moved again to Company C, 2nd Louisiana Infantry.

Jemison's regiment fought and skirmished with the massive Union army as it advanced to within sight of the spires of Richmond before General Johnston suddenly turned on it with a fury in the bloody Battle of Seven Pines. Johnston was severely wounded and General Robert E. Lee assumed command.

continuing the offensive through what is known as the Seven Days Campaign. In a critical battle of the campaign, Lee sent waves of Southern troops charging into the muzzles of Yankee guns positioned on a piece of high ground called Malvern Hill. It was in this battle that Private Edwin F. Jemison was shot down, during a charge on July 1,1862. (a witness stated that he took a direct hit from a mini ball, which decapitated him) Jemison was 17 years old at the time of his death ...

Buried in Memory Hill Cemetery

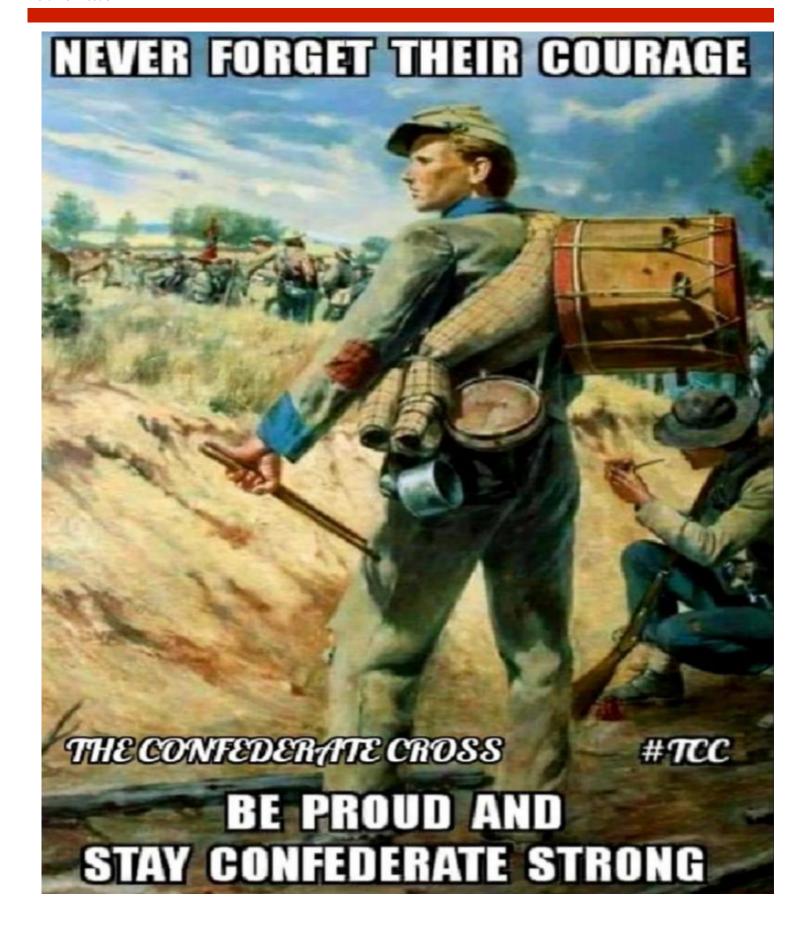
Milledgeville, Georgia ... A monument to Edwin Jemison has stood there for over a 100 years ...

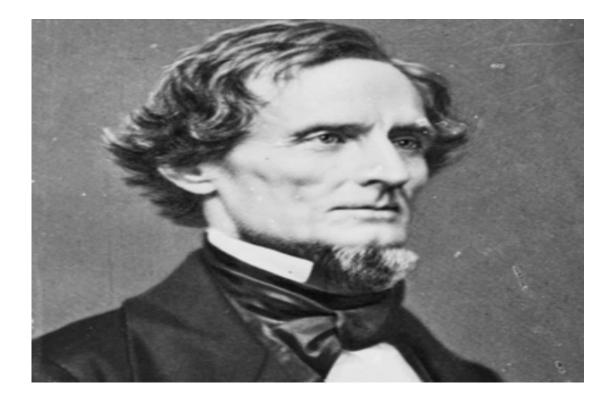
#PrivateEdwinJemison #CSA

#AllAges #AgainstTyranny #AndNorthernInvaders

#TheConfederateCross #TCC

(Excerpts obit, military)





On November 6, 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected President of the permanent Confederate government. The election confirmed the decision that had been made by the Provisional Confederate Congress earlier in the year. Davis and Confederate Vice President Alexander Hamilton Stephens were elected to six-year terms under the Constitution of the Confederate States of America (Article II, Section 1(1)). Davis remained president until May 5, 1865.



Join us as we Look Around the Confederation! Remember you can submit your stories to scvyouthoutreach@gmail.com to be featured on the show. MOOSE will be talking on great things happening around the confederation. It will lead into a topic about how we fight as 21st Century Confederates.

Find it on Facebook live on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm and again on Thursday at 7:00 pm





#### 4th Brigade Picnic

Saturday March 25 2023

Guest Speaker - Ms Donna Faulkner Barron

Brigade Elections — Commander and Councilman — This will be 1 man 1 vote. The election will be conducted by Ms Division 2nd Lt Commander Dennis M Brown and Ms Division Adjutant Mike Moore.

This year's picnic will be hosted by Rankin Greys #2278.

Will be held at the American Legion Post 9 Forest1030 W 3rd St Forest. This location is close to center of the 4th Brigade

No covered dish main course will be provided also drinks (sweet, unsweet tea and water). If anyone wishes to bring a dessert or another kind of drink feel free to do so.

#### **AGENDA**

10:00 — Opening — Bruce Warren

**Prayer and Pledges** 

Welcome and Introducing Guests and

Speaker — Commander Billy Bryant

12 Noon — Lunch

1:00 — Allow for those running for brigade or division office to speak Brigade Elections

At the close of the elections we will have reading of the charge, prayer and dismiss. The only time that will be right on is the start of the picnic all other times will be give or take. Hope to see everyone there with wives, kids and/or grandkids. This picnic will be totally family friendly.

Bruce Warren

#### ANSWERING THE CALL

Our SCV camp is putting an event on for our Veterans in the VA nursing home. If you would like to help, we have numerous ways. PayPal, cashap and Facebook pay. If you would like to donate items needed, that is fantastic as well. We have over 120 veterans there, last year we took 125 gift bags filled with personal care items and a couple of gifts from Santa. No donation is too small. Thank you and God bless.

Billy Bryant



What a fantastic monthly meeting held Nov.12<sup>th</sup> at Los Casadorez Our guest speaker was 1st Lt. Commander Murray Black from the John M. Bradley camp in Louisville Ms. His program tonight was about one if his family members, Harvey E. Gann. A WWII veteran whose plane was shot down. This hero escaped from 4 different prison camps and had some amazing things happen during his experience. Mr. Gann in 2 weeks will celebrate his 102nd Birthday. He is a resident of the Austin Texas area where he served in law enforcement for over 30 years. The video of this man's story is on our camp pages live feed. Thanks for everybody coming tonight; we literally had folks standing in the aisles.

Thanks again.
Camp Commander
Billy Bryant



Packed house to listen to a great story



WW11 veteran Harvey E. Gann (Ellwood)



Guest speaker Murray Black from John M Bradley camp Louisville MS

# DIXIE WILL NEVER DIE

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Though some folks have said Dixie will die, I don't think this is true and I'll tell you why ... Because Dixie is Bigger than Texas, you see, And has as much Southern Hospitality as Tennessee. Has more big Plantations than Louisiana And more beautiful Southern Belles than Alabama. Has as much golden Sunshine as Florida And more beautiful Mansions than Georgia. Like the Carolinas, has even more Beautiful Country And like Virginia has as fine a Society. Has more Blue Grass than Kentucky, you'all And is as much the "Land of Opportunity" as Arkansas Like Missouri, must be Shown how it can never be forgotten Since like Mississippi it is still the "Land of Cotton" So my Rebel Flag I'll proudly show, Because deep in my heart I honestly know That on that day you're afraid to display the Rebel Flag, You'll be afraid to display the American Flag. And I'll hoist my Rebel Flag way up high,

To see that Dixie, mighty Dixie, will never die.

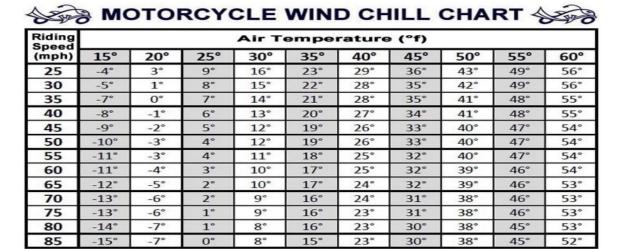
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#### It's cool



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Ever Wonder What The Wind Chill Temperature Is At Riding Speeds...





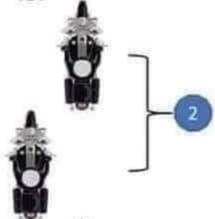
Note: This chart was updated to reflect the latest calculations accepted by the National Weather Service. The formula used to calculate these temperatures is... 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V<sup>0.16</sup>) +



### Motorcycle Group Riding Positions



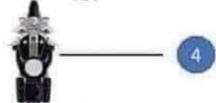
Lead Road Captain: Has a strange knowledge of every back road in the area. Can plan a ride anywhere with little notice.



Senior Group Members: Main job is to remind the LRC that they need to stop for Gas, food, or bathroom breaks. Must ask the LRC if they know where they are going at least once during the ride.



FNG: Has no idea what's going on. He's just trying to keep up with the rest of the group.



Blocker: Has a death wish and is the most skilled rider. Scares the FNG at once during the ride with his passing skills. Most likely to run from the Cops.



Tail Gunner: Is by far the craziest rider. Will block and slow traffic without warning. Has a Telepathic link with the LRC to know when to change Lanes. Cleanest Driving Record by far.

#### Compatriots,

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of the Grey Matter; if anyone would like to submit an article for publication, please send to. We always have something to put out there to show what this camp does best:

#### ANSWER THE CALL



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