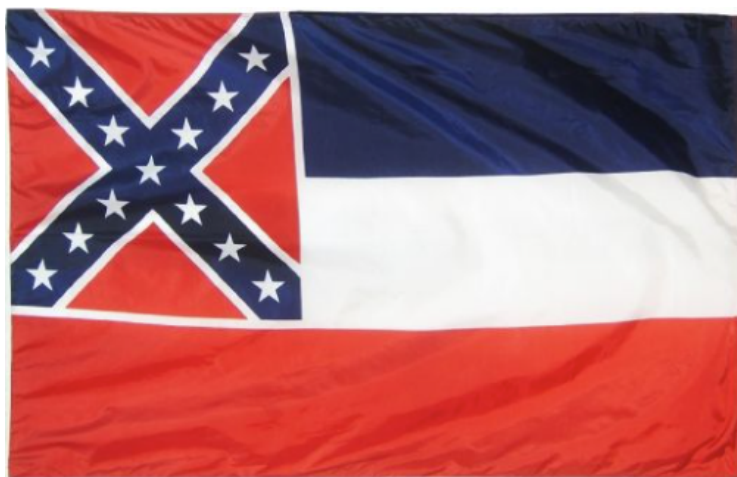


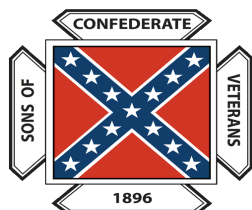
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Commanders' Report

By Commander Billy Bryant

What a fantastic night at the Rankin Greys Christmas in Dixie celebration. We stopped counting around 100 people. The food was fantastic as usual. We welcomed 3 new camp members, Duane Lacey , Dylan Dupre and Gary Ainsworth. We had a surprise visit from Santa that brought toys to all the kids. We also celebrated Darlene Hays birthday. Thank you again to Carol Scheiblich Shute and DF Shute for having us at their home. The ladies prepped all the Christmas gift bags for our Veterans at the VA nursing home, 125 of them. It doesn't get any better than this. Thanks to everyone that came, God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

Billy Bryant
The Rankin Greys
SCV camp 2278





No Christmas party is complete without the arrival of Santa Claus and maybe one of his elves.
You know Hooks is up to no good.

Welcome new camp members **Duane Lacey** , **Dylan Dupre** and **Gary Ainsworth**.



CHRISTMAS FOR OUR VETERANS



Thank you JJ Donna and Brenda for delivering those smiles to the Veterans

Our SCV camp put together an event for our Veterans in the VA nursing home. 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.

Thank you and God bless.

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

Good story to read. Even if you don't care for Ole Miss particularly this is a great story about the courage and strength of people in that period.

Borrowed from Starke Miller

NINETY NINE PERCENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI STUDENT BODY OF 1860-1861 SERVED WITH THE CONFEDERACY

This last Thanksgiving, while all of you were eating turkey, I was doing five days of research. I was looking for PROOF of Confederate service for every single University of Mississippi student at the school in 1860-1861. I am truly crazy and obsessed! :-)

Forget all the legends and myths. I can now prove that 223 out of 225 University boys at the school, were in Confederate service during the Civil War. There is only ONE University student that I cannot find any Confederate Service for. He may have died before he could sign up, maybe I just did not find him, or maybe he moved to Mexico or California. ONE other University student, served in a Union Cavalry Regiment! :-(

For almost all the students, I found Confederate service records. For one, I found reliable information he was on a Confederate General's Staff, even though he has no service record. For another student who had no service record, I found a letter written by his Home Guard Cavalry Captain, about his service.

Only 47 University students joined the University Greys. Three alumni also joined the Greys.

Thanks to the Confederate records online at Fold3, and a very few other records online, and an even fewer in my possession, we can now put solid numbers on how many students from the University of Mississippi served in the Civil War. An amazing 99 percent of the student body of 1860-1861 served with the Confederacy. I seriously doubt any other University can claim that. Hotty Toddy!

The sad part of this, is that I know at least 61 of the UM student body from 1860-1861, died in the War. That is 27 percent. I am sure that percentage is more like 30 percent, but I cannot prove it due to the incompleteness of so many Confederate service records.

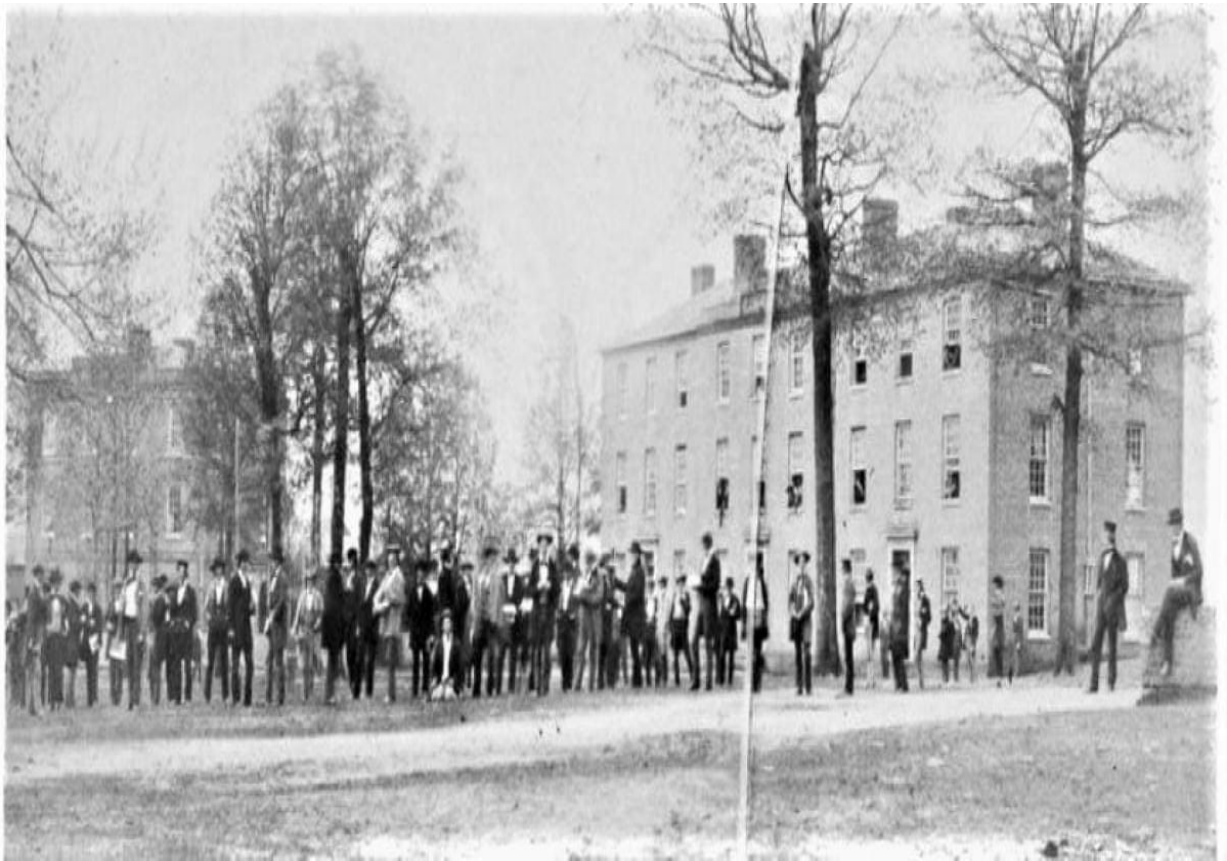
I hope this somewhat proves that in Mississippi at least, it was NOT a "rich man's war, and a poor man's fight". Most of these Ole Miss kids are from some of the wealthiest families in Mississippi. And by golly, they went and did their part, and they died in large numbers.

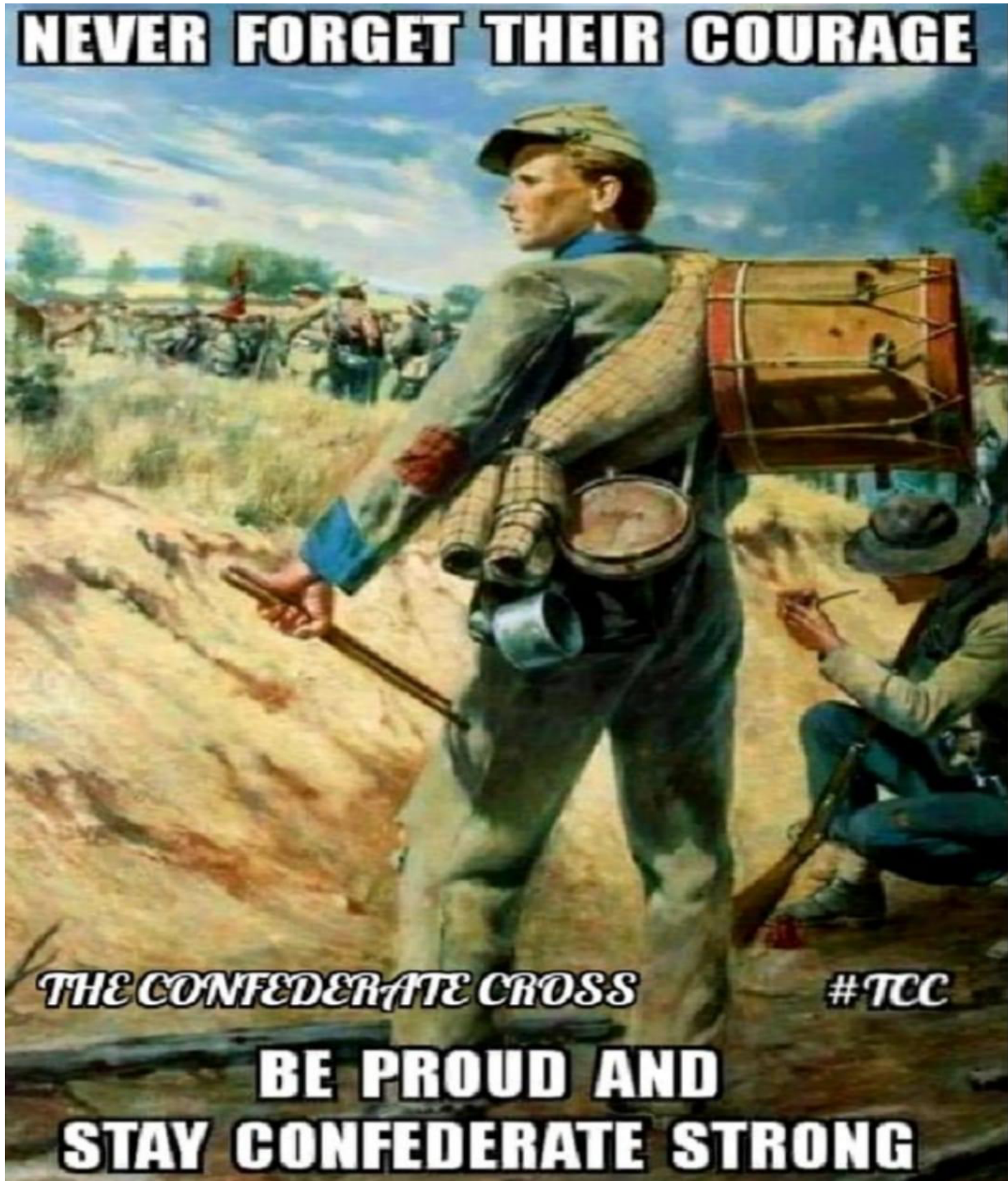
This photo shows 61 members (as best as I can count on my fingers and toes) of the University of Mississippi student body in 1861. Anybody see the ONE yankee in there????? He probably was not very popular at Class reunions! :-)

P. S. - The yankee is George Jacob Hunsicker, Class of 1864. He was from Tensas Parish, Louisiana. on the Mississippi river, just down from Vicksburg. His Father was John Hunsicker, who

had business interests in Natchez or Vicksburg - from memory. He served in the 1st Cavalry, US Regular Army. That information was from a nice Lady who pulled it off of [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). for me. See picture below on this article, on Miller Civil War Tours.

The student I cannot find any kind of Military service on, is Jefferson McKie Melton, Class of 1863, of Madison County, Mississippi. I would greatly appreciate any help on him! Thanks.





In case you were wondering what Nathan Bedford Forrest was doing this time of year 160 years ago

Forrest's West Tennessee Raid - December 18-31, 1862.

On December 11, 1862 Forrest's new command, now woefully lacking in arms and ammunition, left Columbia to commence the raid that if successful, may force the enemy to retire from Mississippi. The brigade reached the Tennessee River at Clifton four days later. The two-day crossing was made 50 men at a time under cover of darkness. Even so, it did not go unnoticed and, more to the point, was not unexpected. In fact, the day Forrest left Columbia, Grant received a telegram from Nashville to tell the authorities along the (rail)road to look out for Forrest.

December 18 - The brigade successfully engages Union troops near Lexington Colonel Robert Ingersoll and most of his men are captured. Lieutenant John Morton is given command of the two three-inch Rodman cannon that are captured.

December 19 - Forrest attacks at Salem Cemetery, drawing attention to Jackson, as planned. Meanwhile, Dibrell attacks the stockade at Carroll Station, burning the stockade and taking a large quantity of ammunition and other supplies. Russell and Cox hit the Mobile & Ohio Railroad burning bridges and cutting the telegraph, and then ride west to the Mississippi Central Railroad where they burn ties and twist rails into Forrest neckties.

December 20 - Dibrell. meeting with unanticipated Union reinforcements, fails to take the Deer Fork Stockade but Starnes encounters little resistance at Humboldt. The stockade, depot, and railroad bridge are burned. Forrest attacks Trenton and captures several hundred horses and mules, thirteen wagons and ambulances, seven caissons, 200 artillery rounds, 400,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, and 100,000 rations.

December 21 - The stockades at Rutherford Station and Kenton Station are captured and burned. A railroad bridge is burned and the track heavily damaged.

December 22 - Work parties begin to systematically wreck a 50-mile section of track running through the Obion bottoms, an undertaking that takes three days.

December 23 - Forrest and 400 men take Union City. The Federals, believing they are greatly outnumbered, surrender without a shot being fired.

December 24 - A 40-man detachment rides into Kentucky, burning a bridge near Moscow. General Thomas Davies in Columbus believes an attack by Forrest is imminent. Forrest writes to Bragg, We have made a clean sweep of the Federals and the (rail)roads north of Jackson.

December 25 - The brigade destroys bridges and trestles along the Nashville & Northwestern Railroad as they ride toward the Tennessee River.

December 26 - Government property is seized at Dresden: what can't be removed is burned.

December 27 - Russell's 4th Alabama advances to Huntingdon to seize and hold the crossings on

the Obion River. Cox is sent to establish a roadblock on the Paris-Huntingdon Road.

December 28 - Forrest begins to feel pressure from the Union troops pursuing his brigade. The night is spent getting wagons and artillery across the bog-like bottom of the Obion between McKenzie and McLemoresville.

December 29 - The brigade pushes on to McLemoresville, rests briefly, and resumes the march. That night they bivouac at Flake's Store.

December 30 - In spite of the news that General Jeremiah Sullivan's command has reached Huntingdon, the men and teams, exhausted by the difficult river bottom crossing and the rough roads, spend the day at rest. Colonel Cyrus Dunham, at Clarksburg, learns that Forrest is camped on the road leading to Parker's Crossroads and informs Sullivan of a plan to intercept and engage Forrest at the crossroads the following day.

December 31 - The Battle of Parker's Crossroads.

Forrest's Command

The Old Brigade

4th Tennessee Cavalry, Colonel James W. Starnes, commanding

8th Tennessee Cavalry, Colonel George C. Dibrell, commanding

9th Tennessee Cavalry, Colonel Jacob Biffle, commanding

4th Alabama Cavalry, Colonel Alfred A. Russell, commanding

Freeman's Battery, Captain Samuel L. Freeman, commanding

Reinforcements Gained at Columbia

Cox's Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, Nicholas N. Cox, commanding

Two companies of Kentucky cavalry, Captain Thomas G. Woodward, commanding

Captain William Forrest's scouts

General Forrest's escort

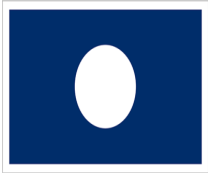
Joined Forrest near Union City

Colonel Alonzo Napier's Battalion



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 Forest 1030 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 Warr

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'll
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.*



R. L. Wagner III



MOTORCYCLE WIND CHILL CHART

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

 **MOTORCYCLE WIND CHILL CHART** 

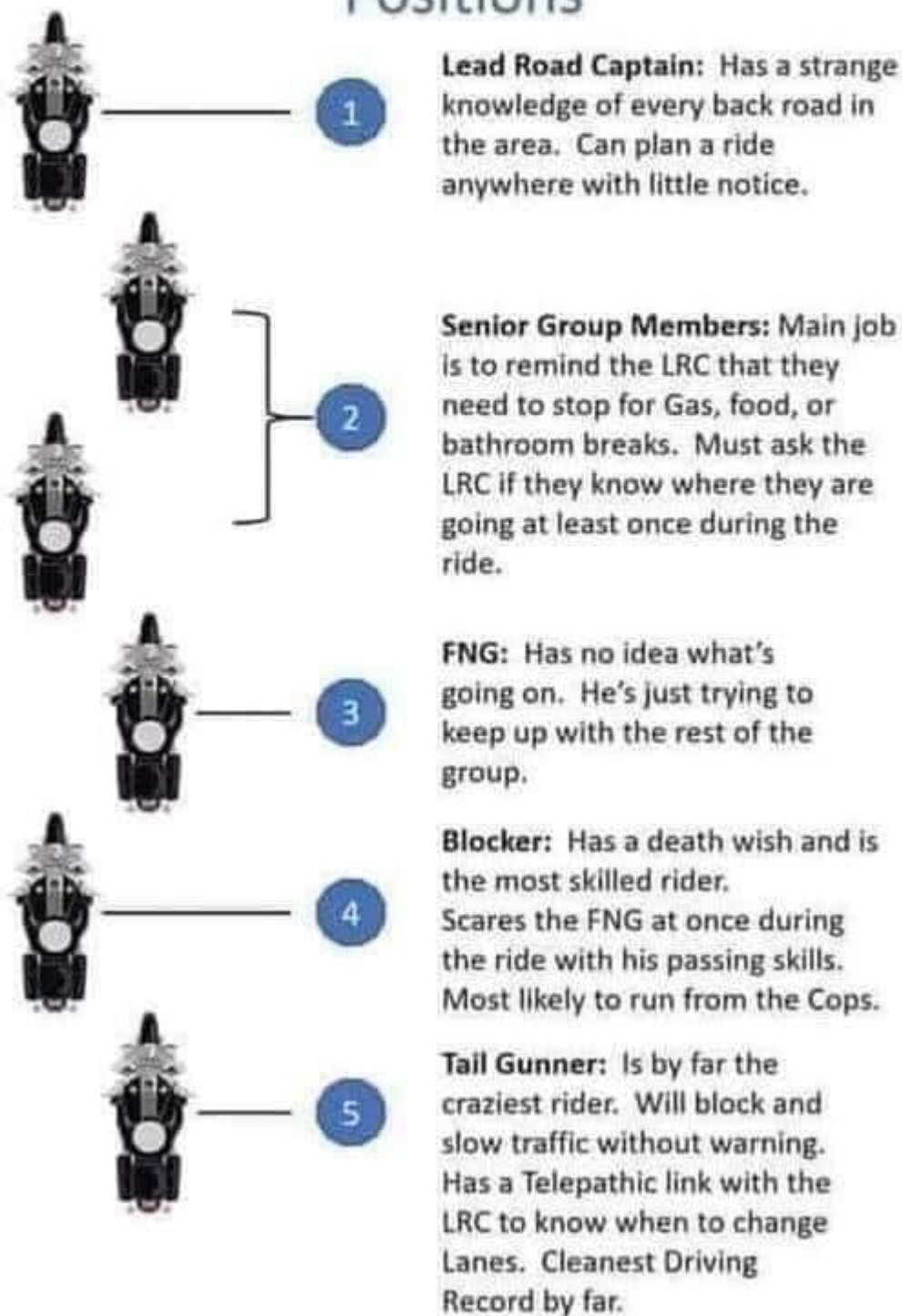
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Note: This chart was updated to reflect the latest calculations accepted by the National Weather Service. The formula used to calculate these temperatures is... $35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) +$



Motorcycle Group Riding Positions



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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