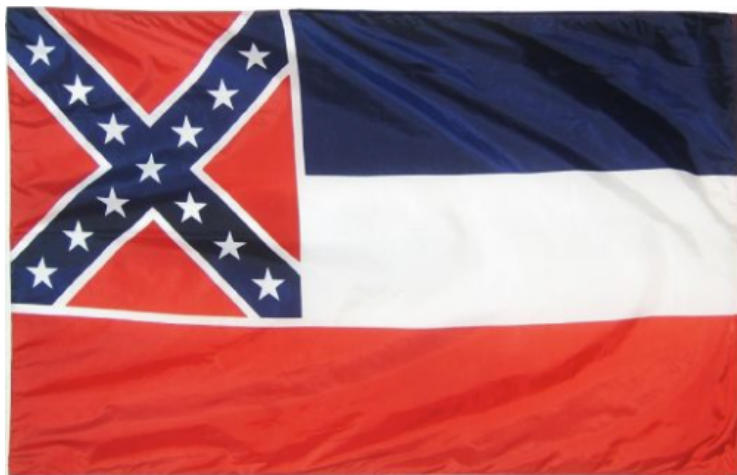


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SCV Camp 2278

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Commander's Report

by Commander Billy Bryant



It's that time!!!! Camp RAD is getting primed up and ready to go. Camp RAD is for kids that have muscular dystrophy. The camp is 100% run by donations. Most of the kids come from homes that are less fortunate and without our help otherwise may never get to enjoy the camping experience.

Last year we were able to collect \$5400.00 that paid for 18 kids to go to camp, this year I hope to exceed that. These donations are tax deductible and honestly, I can't think of anything more important than our children. Please join us in our efforts to bring a few days of joy and laughter to these precious kids whose life is a struggle every day. The cost per kid is \$300. Let's do our part to see that these kids have a great camp. If you would like to put together a fundraiser, please let me know and we will make it happen. NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL....

We have PayPal, Facebook pay and cashapp and can supply you with a donation letter for tax purposes. If you have any questions feel free to call, text or message me at 601-383-3676. If I do not answer, please leave me a message or send a text. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Thanks,

Billy Bryant
Commander Camp 2278.
The Rankin Greys.



Meeting Minutes – January 2022

by Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant

01/08/2022 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 19:05

Prayer – Dwayne Stringer

Pledges – Nicholas Keyes

Chris Bryant:

- New member certificates to Brian Ward and Emerson Perry
- Last Roll presented to Dwayne Stringer for Dalton
- Bruce has mini calendars to give out
- Speaker recommendations needed
- April will be Candlelight Memorial, Donna Barron will be speaking on Stone Mountain
- Monthly newsletter just out
- Camp RAD will be BJD ride, in late July, date TBA
- SCVMC Officers Call will be the end of the month at Elm Springs
- Lee-Jackson banquets this month
- Feb 12 is Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknown Soldier at Beauvoir
- Mar 5 is Confederate Flag day at Beauvoir
- 4th Brigade picnic is March 12 in Forest, MS at American Legion
- Patriot Ride is April 30 in Richland
- EC Meeting on March 26
- Division Reunion on June 10, registration packet on private page
- Keep using Kroger Rewards and Amazon Smile, instructions on website
- Address changes to me
- Speaker recommendations again (Confederate Surgeon, Kennedy Twins, Al Arnold, Shelby Harriel)
- Camp up to 76 members, introduce new incoming members John Crotwell and Vince McMinn

• Everyone bring one for membership increase

Jeff – “Master Chef” patch presented to Jerry Dupre

Stacy McMullan – Polar Bear Ride Feb 5 at Polk’s in Brandon

Dwayne Stringer would like a ride organized soon

Bruce – update on veteran suicide project, still working on dates

Ian Powell – brigade picnic on March 19, DEC meeting on March 26, new camp Simpson

Fencibles in Martinsville, not sure of charter ceremony date.

Meeting Adjourn – 19:25

My apologies for missing the meeting last night. Thank you, Chris Bryant, for again doing a great job. Congratulations to our new camp members and welcome to the best camp in our State. We are proud to have you. Love and prayers to Dwayne Stringer and family. We have some big stuff planned in the near future and as always look forward to our next ride.

Thanks again to Donald Gaines on another fine job on our newsletter. If I was computer literate enough, I would post it on our public page, so if someone could help a brother out it will be greatly appreciated Lol. When we finally get everything moved out of our house and camper set up at Askews, we are going to have a get together. Thanks again.

Billy Bryant
Commander Camp 2278.
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PROJECT "22"



VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS

WHEN: Saturday, February 26

TIME: 9am-2pm

WHERE: VFW Post 5048, 2501 Hwy 49S Richland, MS

**Speaker: Shanna Moore-Veterans Administrations Suicide Prevention
Coordinator**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

**We will need to know how many will be attending for lunch NO LATER THAN
Tuesday, February 22 in order to ensure we prepare enough for lunch.**

Please RSVP to:

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Bruce Warren

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Call, email, text or message ----- if no answer please leave a message.

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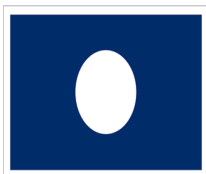
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Forefathers in Grey



Silas Mercer Warren

Silas Mercer Warren was the 2nd Great Grandfather of The Rankin Greys' Sergeant Bruce Warren. Silas was born on April 18 1838 in Pike County Mississippi to Rueben, age 31, and Susannah Warren, age 30. In his lifetime he was married 3 times, the first being to Julia Price in 1867, only to last 8 years with her death in 1875. His second marriage, in 1876 was to Susan Summers. During this marriage they produced 5 children, with Susan passing away in September of 1884. The third and last marriage was to Gracy Ann Walters in December of 1884 with this union producing 3 children.

Silas had a very distinguished military career, enlisting as a Private on March 5 1862 at Camp Jake Thompson in Meridian Mississippi. He was assigned to Company "F" 36th Mississippi Infantry, "The Hillsboro Rebels". After the Iuka-Corinth Campaign, on October 12 1862 he was promoted from Private to Corporal. After the 47 day siege of Vicksburg on July 4 1863, Silas was captured. On November 26 1863 he was paroled at the Parole and Exchange camp near Enterprise Mississippi. It was here he was prisoner exchanged on December 7 1863. On January 20 1864 Silas was reconstituted into Brigadier General William W. Marshall's Brigade. During the shelling of the siege of Atlanta, Georgia on August 13 1864 he was wounded, but survived. Silas recovered and served the remainder of the war until the surrender on May 4 1865 at Citronelle, Alabama under Lt. General Richard Taylor. The 36th Mississippi Infantry was ordered back to Meridian on May 13 1865 where he was then paroled from The Confederate Army by Colonel Henry Bertram of the 20th Wisconsin Volunteers. All total Corporal Silas Warren served 1165 days in the Confederate Army, (3 years and 70 days). He fought in at least thirty-two battles in eight major campaigns. A very impressive record to have served and survived the entire War.

Following the war Silas settled into a civilian life of farming and serving one term as Scott County Treasurer. He was well known in the Antioch community, as well as most of Scott County, as a kind, obliging friend. He departed this life on August 24 1911 after an illness of several weeks. He was buried in the Antioch-Steele Cemetery near Forest Mississippi and sadly for 106 years, the grave remained unmarked. However the Antioch-Steele Cemetery book identified the plot as being adjacent to the burial plot of his wife Gracy Ann in the old section of the cemetery. Upon receiving this information Bruce Warren, then Commander of

the East Ms. Greys, secured a tombstone to mark Silas' final resting place. On Saturday October 28 2017 a memorial service was organized. At 10 A.M. Zoe Brumfield played Dixie on the bagpipes as a 3 flag color guard entered the cemetery. With Commander Warren, several family members, and members of The East Mississippi Greys in attendance, this faithful old soldier was remembered and honored for his selfless dedication to his duty defending his homeland. The folded flag was presented to Ethan Warren, the great, great, great grandson of Corporal Warren. The SCV camp members and 7 Stars Artillery group presented a rifle and cannon salute. As the echos of the Artillery fire and smoke faded away, Bugler Jim Hancock played Southern Taps, followed by Zoe playing Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Three SCV members performed the Retiring of the Colors while Zoe played "How Firm a Foundation" as the closing song. Terry McMillan of The East Mississippi Greys led a benediction prayer and afterwards Commander Warren dismissed the attendees for lunch at the Church on the grounds. A fitting tribute to a brave, honorable, Southern man that when called upon stepped up and did his duty. Deo Vindice

Glenn Hays (Smooth)
MCFFMC

A Little Poem For Seniors, so true it hurts!
Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'
We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches..
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.
That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old!

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." –

Author Unknown

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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