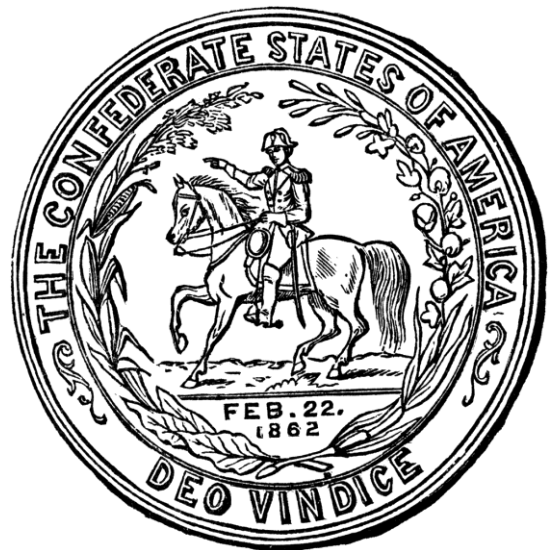
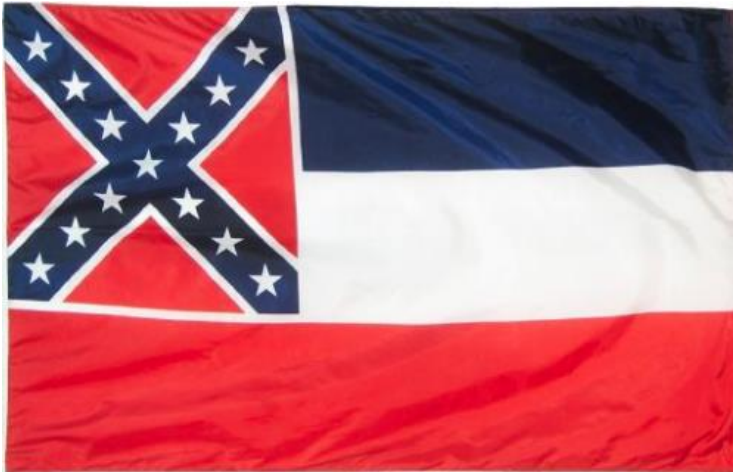


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Newsletter of The Rankin Greys
SCV Camp 2278

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Commanders' Report

by Commander Billy Bryant

Congratulations to Mr. Terry McMillan for becoming the newest member elected to the Board of Directors at Beauvoir. Terry is a member of the East Miss. Greys Camp in Forest, Ms. Terry is also a veteran and rides with The Patriot Guard Riders. Terry's background in finance and administration makes him a great addition to the BOD Again Congratulations and thank you for your service to our country as well as to the MS Division and our ancestors.

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Billy Bryant
Commander Camp 2278.
The Rankin Greys.



MEETING MINUTES-APRIL 2022 CHRIS BRYANT CAMP ADJUTANT

I make a motion to add the following minutes from the April 09, 2022, meeting to the permanent record of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278:

04/09/2022 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 18:45

Billy Bryant- – It's Confederate Heritage month, if you don't know your ancestor, get with Chris for soldier card for ceremony

Prayer – Dwayne Stringer

Pledges – Conor Bond

Billy Bryant – Please sign the sign in sheets, welcome of guest speaker Donna Barron

Donna Barron – The Man Who Carved Stone Mountain

Billy Bryant:

- Presentation of Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award to Chris Bryant
- See Phillip for swag, 3" patches will be ordered soon, 4" still in stock
- Member certificates for Smith, McMinn, and Summerlin
- Confederate candlelight memorial and remembrance of Chuck, Carl, Bobby Joe, Bill, and Dalton
- RAD update \$3450 raised so far, looking to surpass last year's \$5400
- Camp elections next month on May 14
- Next month's speaker is Jason Boshers, 1st Lt CIC
- Apr 23 – Confederate Memorial Day – Beauvoir
- Apr 23 – Veterans Suicide Awareness – Forest, MS at American Legion
- May 7 – Chuck Bond Run for Roses Memorial Ride – Biloxi, MS
- Jun 3-5 – Pig Trail Ride – Ozark, AR, need to reserve room if you haven't
- Jun 10-12 - MS Division Reunion - Columbus, MS, some going up Friday, those going Saturday will be leaving early headed that way, election year for Beauvoir, no division election
- Jun 26 - Bobby Jo Denton Ride for RAD - Hazlehurst, MS
- Jul 16 - 3rd Annual SCVMC1G Magnolia Ride (South Platoon), should be a nice event, camp will cook for themselves
- Jul 19-23 - SCV National Reunion – Cartersville, GA
- Aug 6 - Patriot's Ride for the Wounded Warriors - Richland, MS, registration is open

· Missed Confederate Veteran magazines are available

Bruce – presentation of aprons to Jerry Dupre, Jerry Roden, and Jeff Ainsworth

Donna Barron – She will be at Fall Muster this year

Billy:

· Updates of contact and address info to Chris

· Keep using Kroger and Amazon Smiles

· See Phillip for swag needs

· Kady's archery team took state and he took second place

· Newsletter is up on the website

Brenda – Since there is no affiliation with OCR anymore, the ladies will deal directly with the camp

Bruce – invited Donna Barron to our Christmas party

Closing Prayer – Chris Bryant

Meeting Adjourn – 20:10

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....

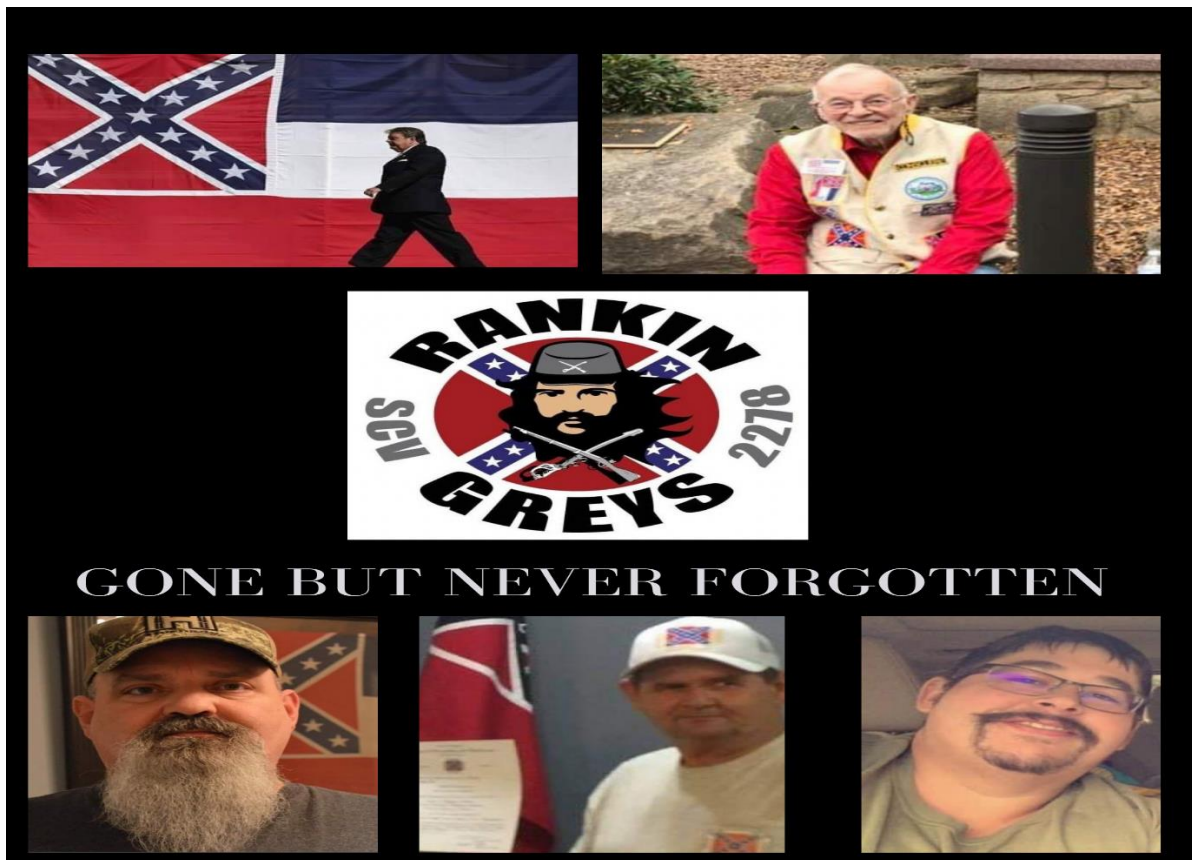
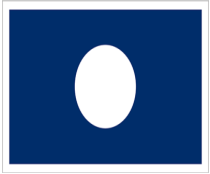
We have PayPal, Facebook pay and cashapp and can supply you with a donation letter for tax purposes. If you have any questions feel free to call, text or message me at 601-383-3676. If I do not answer, please leave me a message or send a text. Thank you and may God bless you all.



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RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME

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 a great thing that is happening in Georgia, and other things. It will lead into a topic about how we fight as 21st Century Confederates.



Wonderful tribute for our brothers that have gone before us. Thank you very much Cindy Bond White for putting this together.



I was honored beyond words to have received this award last night. Chuck Bond was a great man and he was my friend.







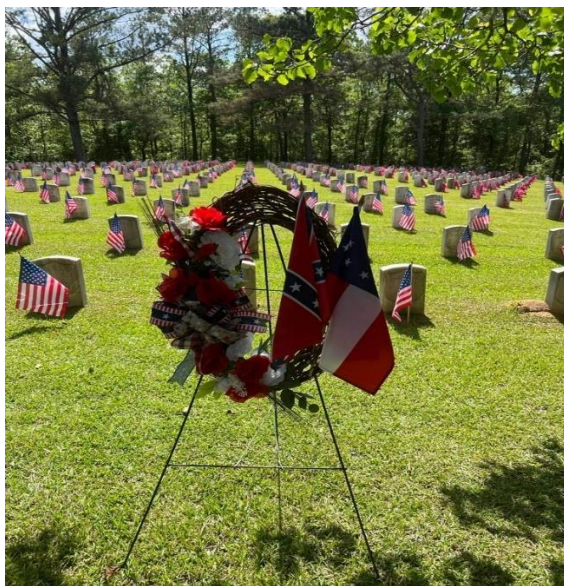
Billy Bryant presenting Stainless Banner and certificate to the newest mech cav member Bryan Ward



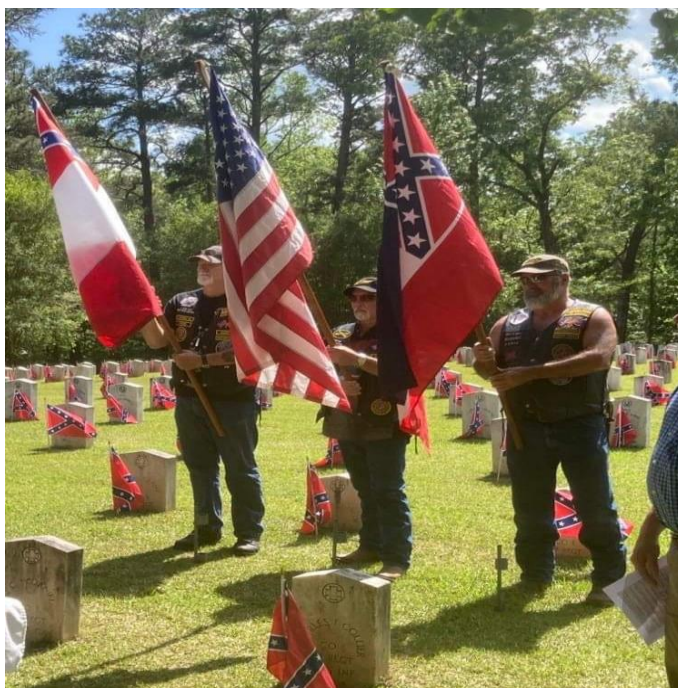
Swamp Thing, Sleepy and Hooks were surprised with their recognition for being the cooking team for the Rankin Greys. A well-deserved recognition for sure.



**Chuck Bond
Heritage Defense Award
2022 Recipient: Chris Bryant**



Our camp had men from one end of the state to the other attending Confederate Memorial services. From Beauvoir to Lauderdale Springs Confederate Cemetery. Thank you, men, for representing our camp and the Central Squad.
Billy Bryan



Motorcycle Group Riding Positions



1

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



2

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.



3

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



4

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.



5

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.



We regret that we send the following sad news. Yesterday, one of our Past Division Commanders, Billy Ray Hankins, passed away after a long illness.

It was this Past Division Commander's (1988-1990) privilege to work with B.R. when he served as my Lt. Commander. He was a hard-working and very dedicated member and officer. The Division's funds were very low when this sender was elected Commander. Billy's hard work and diligence helped bring us out of financial problems. All in the Division are indebted to him, whether you were members at the time or not, for his ideas and dedication to the Mississippi Division. Billy, upon his election as Division Commander (1990-1992) continued his dedicated worker.

B. R., as he was known to many of us, also for many years went to the trouble of finding, cutting and delivering a fitting Christmas tree to be placed in the Beauvoir Mansion.

A hard worker and dedicated Southerner who set an example for all of us to follow is this man who now camps around the campfire with his Confederate ancestors. May we all remember him and his deeds of honor.

May we all also remember his wife, Dianne, his daughters Vicky and Leigh, and his granddaughter Savannah. May they all find peace in the many wonderful memories he left. He was a great husband, father and grandfather as well as compatriot.

His obituary and funeral arrangements are attached.

With Deep Respect,

John L. Echols

Obituary

"Mr. Billy Ray "B. R." Hankins, 78, of Waynesboro, MS passed from this life Friday, May 13, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Laurel, MS on Wednesday, September 15, 1943 to Clyde Hankins and Bertha Lee Hankins. He was retired as Self-employed Architect. Mr. B. R. is preceded in death by his father, Clyde Hankins; mother, Bertha Lee Hankins; sister, Betty Jean Walters. He is survived by his wife of 57 Years, Dianne Hankins, Waynesboro, MS; two daughters, Vicky Hankins, Ridgeland, MS, Leigh Hankins Walters, Waynesboro, MS; granddaughter, Savannah Walters, Waynesboro, MS.

Graveside Services for Mr. B. R. will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Maynor Creek Cemetery in Waynesboro, MS with Rev. Marvin Griffin officiating."

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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