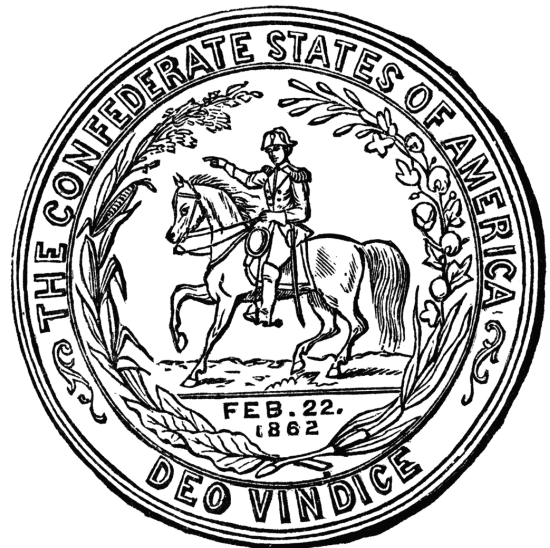
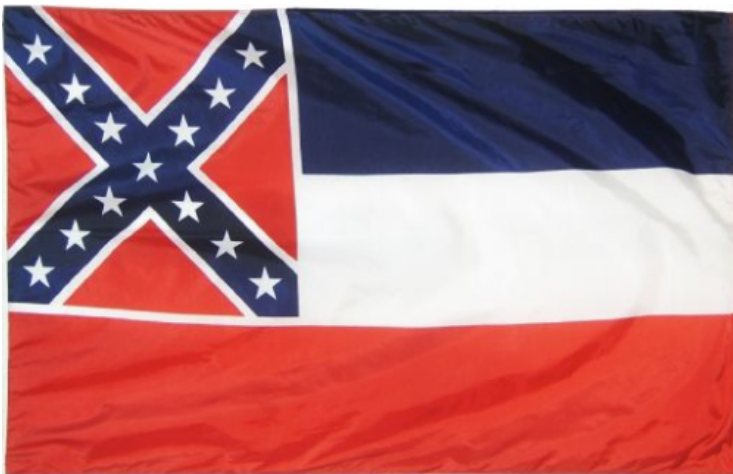


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SCV Camp 2278

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Commanders' Report

by Commander Billy Bryant

Oct of 2014, during stormy weather, tornadoes sirens in the vicinity, I was presented my Stainless Banner by our Past Captain Bert King . Since that day I have worn it with pride. Not long after that a few men, mainly Chuck Bond, pushed me, to charter a new camp where we live in Florence, Ms. We started our camp with 7 members. We currently stand at 85. Of those 85 approximately 50 to 60 are 1G members. I have served 3 terms as our Central Squad Lt., we started with around 20 and now are near 80. I have also served as the Ms. Division Sergeant at Arms for the past 6 years and currently as the Chief of Heritage Defense. I was honored to serve as the Sergeant at Arms in Chief for the National Organization under P.C.I.C Paul Gramling and served as Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense for our P.C.I.C. Larry McCluney. I have done my best to help support and grow our organization.

One of the biggest issues I see in the 1G is a lack of communication. We need each squad to have bike nights, squad meetings or something at least quarterly just to stay in touch. Keep in mind, you do not have to be a squad officer to plan a ride or event of any kind, just need to follow the chain of command to keep everyone in the loop. One thing I also think that will help is for our squad officers, from one end of the state to the other, to reach out to each other and bounce ideas off one another. Together we can continue to grow the 1G, which in turns grows the SCV. I want to personally thank Captain Nelms for his efforts and continued support. Again, we are better, together.

It would be my honor and privilege to serve as your next Captain of the 1G. Thanks for your support and consideration

RAYWWF
Lt. Billy Bryant



Meeting Minutes August 2022

Camp Adjutant-Chris Bryant

I make a motion to add the following minutes from the August 13, 2022 meeting to the permanent record of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278:

08/13/2022 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 18:58

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Pledges – Bruce Warren

Kerry Putt gave an update on his status and the amount of blood donated on his behalf

Billy Bryant – Welcome guests and introduce speaker

Speaker: Dennis Brown, MS Division 2ndLt. Commander (running for Division Commander) speaking on the Confederates of Brazil

David Batton – request for help for cleanup/maintenance of single Confederate grave in Claiborne County, needs to be before or after deer season, we need a date to proceed with plans

Billy Bryant –

- No date set for MC 1G annual, Billy running for Captain
- See Phillip and Ryan for swag
- Lacey brothers looking to join the camp, members of Spirit Riders
- Joey Whatley submitted for membership
- Update on Shane Smith's mother
- Jerry Clark presented with member certificate
- Ricky Haynes, not present, is now a life associate member
- Check website for camp newsletter
- Bylaw amendments for 1G, need to review before MC 1G annual
- Speaker next month is Carl Jones, Army of Tennessee Councilman
- Renewal season, retention rate is 95%, lost 4, gained 3
- National reunion, new CiC is Jason Boshers, Lt CiC is Donnie Kennedy
- Updated member cards will be at next month meeting
- Change of contact information needs to go to Chris
- Sept 2-4 Battle of Big Black at Askew's Landing, if you're going to camp, you need to register
- Sept 24 Richie Jones Memorial Ride
- Calendars on Facebook and MeWe pages have been updated
- Sept 30-Oct 2 Gator Run in Tickfaw, LA
- Oct 14-16 Fall Muster at Beauvoir
- Oct 22 Dalton Stringer Annual Street Survivors Ride
- Tommy Symon gave update on Rickie Lillian
- Dec 10 Christmas in Dixie Party, Donna Barron will be there
- Bruce Warren – Donna Barron will be at 4thBrigade Picnic
- Keep purchasing from Kroger and Amazon Smile
- Summary of Fall Muster events for new members, Cajun RV is the closest campground outside Beauvoir, tent campers can stay on Beauvoir grounds
- Lynda Gramling will be going home from the hospital later this month

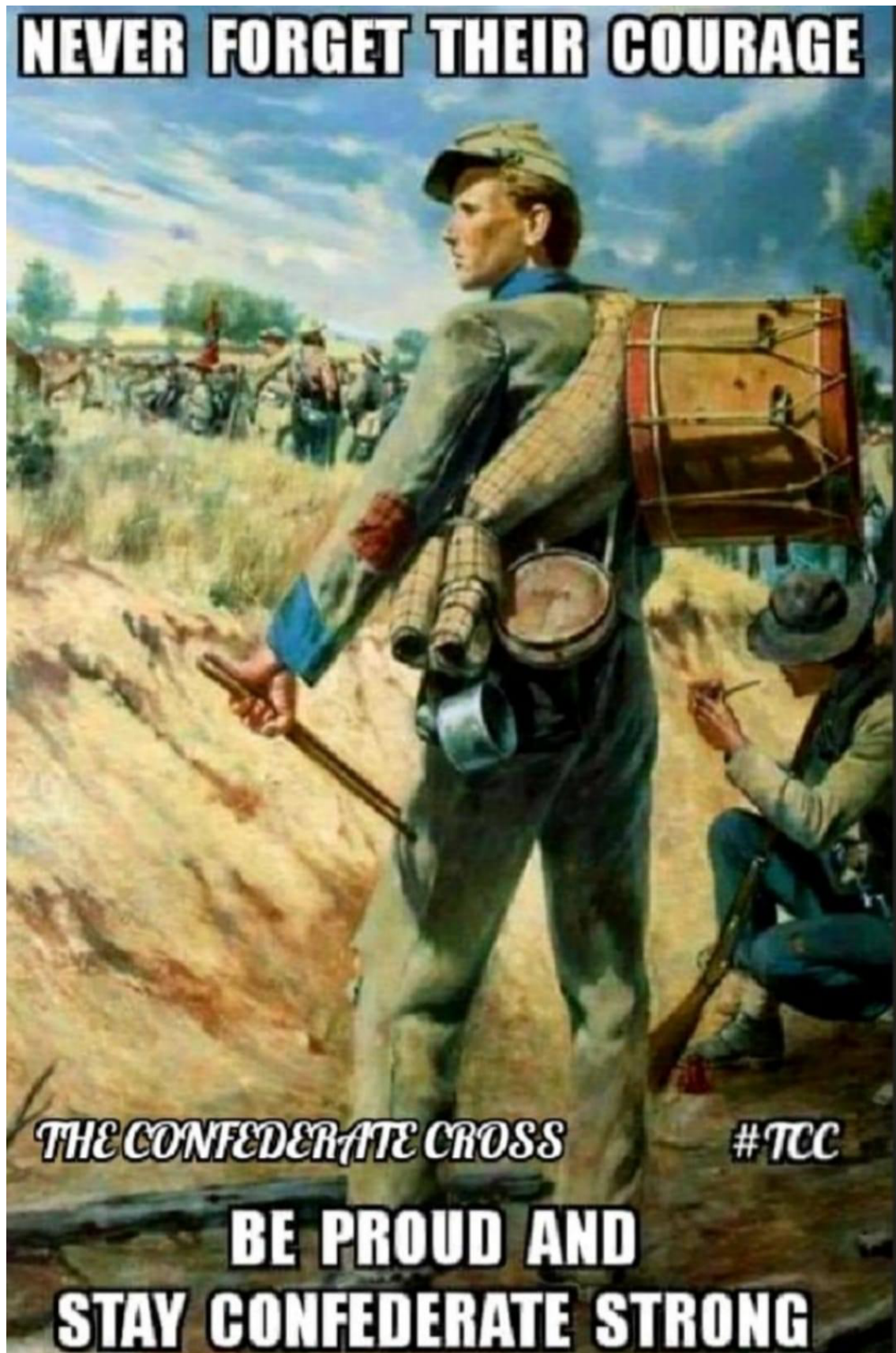
Chris Bryant – 1G bylaw amendments review

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 20:15

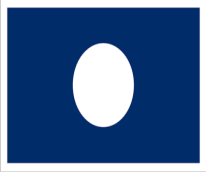
The first Rankin Greys camp meeting. Lol. I would say we have come a long way.
This is where it all began.
We should be extremely proud of what family we have assembled from this.







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.



Great weekend with the Rankin Greys 2nd Annual Battle of the Big Black. This year we held the 1st of many smoked ribs competition between camp members Marty "Smoke" McAlilly and Vince "Chopper" Windham. The ribs were fantastic but could only have 1 winner. The 5 none camp member judges final decision Vince 3 and Marty 2. Congratulations Vince and a BIG thanks to these 2 fine camp members for doing this. And actually WE were the winners because we got to enjoy some fine ribs.



The Rankin Greys 2nd Annual Battle of the Big Black

Another one in the books. Great weekend spent with my brothers and sisters at the 2nd. annual Battle of the Big Black in Edwards Ms. This annual event, hosted by The Rankin Greys, is getting bigger and better every year, with the final head count this year of between 70-75. We camped Friday, and Saturday at Askews Landing RV park in Edwards Ms. Great atmosphere camping on the site of the old Bridgeport Plantation established in 1859 by Duklet Askews, and still held by the Askew family. This is near where the Battle of The Big Black River Bridge took place during the War for Southern Independence. Askews Landing is a very special place to The Rankin Greys, steeped in Confederate history. A well maintained RV park, that welcomes The Rankin Greys with open arms. There is nothing better than spending the entire weekend with your like minded brothers and sisters. As usual our resident chefs Jeff Ainsworth, Jerry Roden, Jerry Dupre and many helpers handled the feeding of the group in fine fashion. Friday's menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and desserts. Saturday's menu started with a huge breakfast of pancakes, link and patty sausage, bacon, scrambled and fried eggs, and coffee. The evening meal consisted of a huge black pot of jambalaya, baked beans, potato salad, deviled eggs, and many desserts. In addition to the fine Jambalaya we had a rib competition by Vince Windham, and Marty McAlilly. These 2 Rankin Greys brothers smoked up some of the finest ribs you ever put in your mouth. Judging was very close with a split decision going to Vince, although all judges said it was a tough call because they were both delicious. Activities were ax throwing, horseshoes, fishing in the lake, and swimming in the pool. All in all a great, relaxing weekend spent with family. The camaraderie and brotherhood within this camp far exceeds friendship. We are family, bound by great leadership, mutual respect, and the love of our ancestors that fought for our beloved Southland. We also welcomed 2 new Rankin Greys into the fold, Jerry Lacey and Tim Lacey. While camping we received news that our brother Eddie Farish lost his father. Many prayers and condolences to the family. God bless Dixie and all that love her.

Glenn Hays (Smooth)



Though mostly attended by Brazilians, the festival also draws Confederate enthusiasts from as far as Alabama, though mostly attended by Brazilians; the festival also draws Confederate enthusiasts from as far as Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia.

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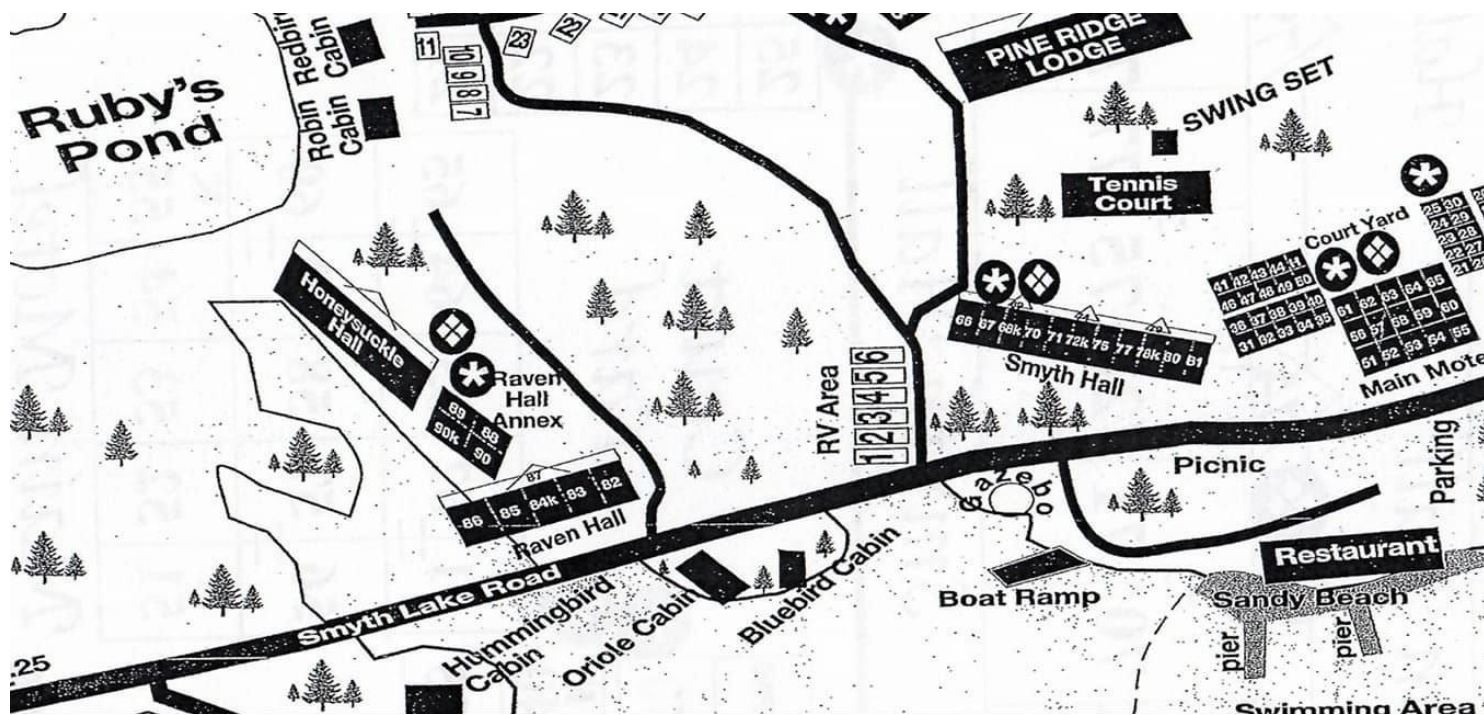
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BRAZIL'S CONFEDERACY TOWN

After the US Civil War, **more than 10,000 confederates fled to Brazil** where they **rebuilt their plantations with slave labor**. A town called Americana was created near São Paulo where English was spoken for generations. Over time residents married into the local population, and although the Brazilian identity has now taken over, **they gather for an annual festival to celebrate their confederate heritage**.

Per Captain Nelms:

1G Annual State meeting will be October 8th at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Honey Suckle Hall. Arrival at 10:30 lunch will be at 12. Please spread the word to all members of 1G. This is an important meeting, its an election year for the Captain and the Lieutenants.



Motorcycle Group Riding Positions



Today was a very important day in our organization and our camp. We had men attending our fellow camp member Eddie Farish's Fathers funeral and we had members attending the Ms. Div. special meeting. Thank you to all that took their time today to participate in both.



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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