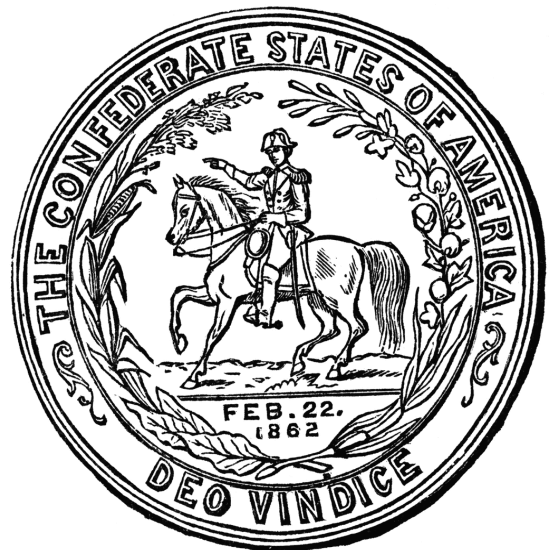


Grey Matter

Newsletter of The Rankin Greys
SCV Camp 2278

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Commanders' Report

By Commander Billy Bryant

The Rankin Greys Camp meeting, Central Platoon Lt Bruce Warren presented our new officers with their promotion certificates. We also swore in two new platoon members. Kaiden White and Robert Allen. I have no doubt these men will do a good job. Thanks to South Platoon Lt. Eddie Womack and his wife Angie for attending as well.

Billy



Kaiden White



Robert Allen



New officers SCVMC1G. Honorable men for sure, Jeff Ainsworth (Hooks), Glenn Hays (Smooth), Phillip Kuriger (Butch), Billy Bryant (Big Show), Bruce Warren (Huckleberry), Jerry Dupre (Swamp Thing), Jerry Roden (Sleepy), Dwayne Stringer Packman, Kerry Putt (Rooster) and Chris Bryant (Rocket Man)

Let's welcome our newest Rankin Greys camp member. Steve Mooney . #91
Welcome Steve to a great Camp of Brothers.



If you follow our camps page and activities you know there are 2 really big events we focus on. One is the Veterans Christmas and the other is Camp RAD.

Camp RAD is for kids that suffer from Muscular Dystrophy. Each year Bridgette lupe and others host this camp. It has become one of our favorites. We have all other fundraisers behind us and THIS is our next one. It cost an average of \$300 per child to attend camp. Last year our camp raised \$7000.00 to send 23 kids with MD that otherwise would not have the opportunity. We also have a big ride down there the opening day of camp to visit with the kids and let them checkout all the motorcycles. Camp is usually in July but we have already started taking donations. WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO. There will be more info on exact date but until then, if you are able to help us achieve our goal it will be greatly appreciated. For those that donate, we can provide you with a tax-exempt donation letter as well. Thank you.

MORE TO COME SOON...



Meeting Minutes February 2023 Camp Adjutant- Chris Bryant

I make a motion to add the following minutes from the February 11, 2023, meeting to the permanent record of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278:

02/11/2023 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 18:55

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Pledges – John Evans

Billy Bryant:

- Welcome guests
- Mech Cav news:
 - o Update on trip to Officer's call at Columbia, TN
 - o LTs were presented rank certificates by General Stone
 - o Had officer's representing at COC meeting, dues are paid, patches bought
 - o Status of donations for give away
- Quartermaster stock update
- No new members present for certificate presentation
- RAD camp donations are just over \$1500, please keep up progress. Tax donation letter available.
- Bridget Smith is next month's speaker, author of Where Elephants Fought
- Nominations are open for Chuck Bond Heritage award
- Oddfellows pilgrimage to the tomb of the unknown soldier was this weekend
- Confederate Flag Day at Beauvoir is March 4. Billy planning to ride down. Some men on the same day will be riding to Bruce, MS to plan for monument dedication.
- March 11 meeting is AOT meeting at Foley, AL
- March 17-19 are work days at Beauvoir
- March 25 will be 4th brigade picnic at American Legion in Forest. Elections for Brigade Commander and Councilman will happen and will be one man one vote. Camp cook team will be cooking. Our camp is hosting so we need to make a good showing.
- April 8 meeting will be the candlelight memorial meeting
- Confederate Memorial Day happening in April
- June 9-11 will be Division Reunion at Beauvoir. This is an election year.
- Steve Mooney is our newest and 91st member

- Introduce speaker

Speaker: Rickey Pittman of Monroe, LA

Billy Bryant:

- Thanks to Mr. Pittman
- Changes to info to Chris
- March 4 Daryll's party
- Daryll has been going around to monuments in the state
- February 25 @ 1pm at Beauvoir Confederate Heritage Committee meeting discussing Confederate Memorial Day and Fall Muster
- 1G will be providing security and parking assistance during Fall Muster, 3rd weekend of October

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 19:55

Great monthly meeting. Our guest this month was singer, songwriter, author, storyteller and teacher, Rickey Pittman. Great music and story about Jim Limber. The young black boy that Mrs Varina and President Jefferson Davis adopted.



The very talented Ricky Pittman



Young Jim Limber Davis



NEVER FORGET THEIR COURAGE

THE CONFEDERATE CROSS

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**BE PROUD AND
STAY CONFEDERATE STRONG**



SCV_CHAT

**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 great things happening around the confederation. It will lead into a topic about how we fight as 21st Century Confederates.

General Robert E. Lee and his prized stallion

Robert E. Lee and Traveller are one of the most iconic horse-man duos in history. Every statue of Lee which he is depicted on a horse, is Traveller. Traveller saw all of Lee's greatest moments in the Civil War as the horse he rode during Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Appomattox.

He acquired the horse in 1862 for \$200 and named him Traveller, and described him in a letter to Markie Williams

"If I was an artist like you, I would draw a true picture of Traveller; representing his fine proportions, muscular figure, deep chest, short back, strong haunches, flat legs, small head, broad forehead, delicate ears, quick eye, small feet, and black mane and tail. Such a picture would inspire a poet, whose genius could then depict his worth, and describe his endurance of toil, hunger, thirst, heat and cold; and the dangers and suffering through which he has passed. He could dilate upon his sagacity and affection, and his invariable response to every wish of his rider. He might even imagine his thoughts through the long night-marches and days of the battle through which he has passed. But I am no artist Markie, and can therefore only say he is a Confederate gray."

Traveller was an absolute unit, a gray American saddlebred of 16 hands who was known for speed, strength, and stamina. Traveller was a horse of great stamina and was usually a good horse for an officer in battle because he was difficult to frighten. He could sometimes become nervous and spirited, however. At the Second Battle of Bull Run, while General Lee was at the front reconnoitering, dismounted and holding Traveller by the bridle, the horse became frightened at some movement of the enemy and, plunging, pulled Lee down on a stump, breaking both of his hands. Lee went through the remainder of that campaign chiefly in an ambulance. When he rode on horseback, a courier rode in front leading his horse.

After the war, Traveller accompanied Lee to Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. He lost many hairs from his tail to admirers who wanted a souvenir of the famous horse and his general. Lee wrote to his daughter Mildred Childe Lee that "the boys are plucking out his tail, and he is presenting the appearance of a plucked chicken.

In 1870, during Lee's funeral procession, Traveller was led behind the caisson bearing the General's casket, his saddle and bridle draped with black crepe. Not long after Lee's death, in 1871, Traveller stepped on a nail and developed tetanus. There was no cure, and he was shot to relieve his suffering.

Happy Birthday Sir

James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart (February 6, 1833 – May 12, 1864) was a United States Army officer from Virginia who became a Confederate States Army general during the American Civil War. He was known to his friends as "Jeb," from the initials of his given names. Stuart was a cavalry commander known for his mastery of reconnaissance and the use of cavalry in support of offensive operations. While he cultivated a cavalier image (red-lined gray cape, the yellow waist sash of a regular cavalry officer, hat cocked to the side with an ostrich plume, red flower in his lapel, often sporting cologne), his serious work made him the trusted eyes and ears of Robert E. Lee's army and inspired Southern morale.[3]

J. E. B. Stuart



Lt. Bruce Warren presented certificates and patches to 3 new members and Corporal Jerry Dupre swore them in. Welcome Vince (Droopy Mac) McMinn, Dylan Dupre, and Robert Allen...



I hope you have enjoyed this issue of the Grey Matter; if anyone would like to submit an article for publication, please send to.

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We always have something to put out there to show what this camp does best:

ANSWER THE CALL

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