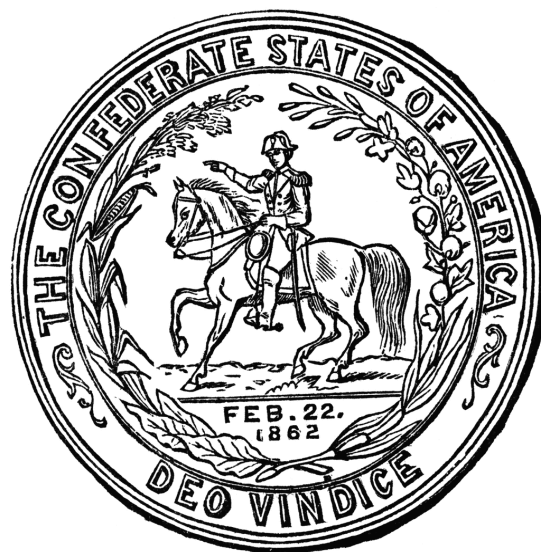
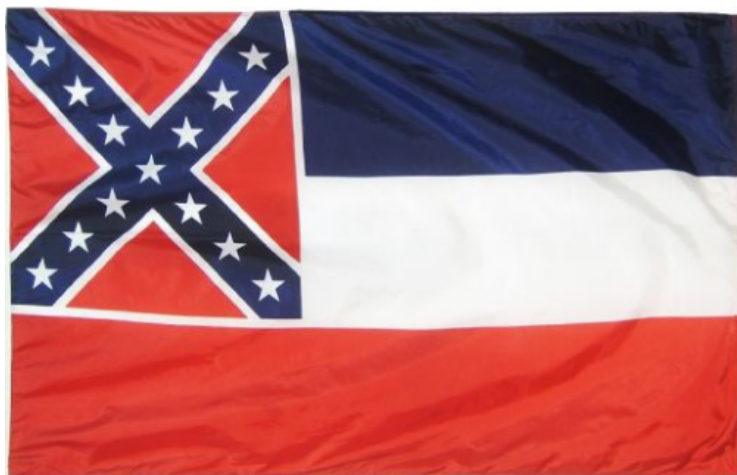


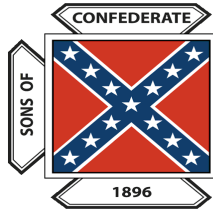
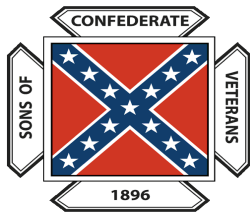
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Newsletter of The Rankin
Greys
SCV Camp 2278



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Commanders' Report

By Commander Billy Bryant

Congratulations to our newly elected 4th Brigade Commander Bruce Warren and newly elected 4th Brigade Councilman Ian Powell. I know you will both represent the 4th well. Great turnout at the picnic, all 10 camps represented. I hope to see that energy at all 4th Brigade events in the future. Fantastic meal cooked by the Rankin Greys cooking team. Thank you all for being there.

Billy Bryant
The Rankin Greys
SCV camp 2278



Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant:

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

03/11/2023 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 18:57

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Pledges – Phillip Griffin

Bruce Warren:

- Welcome guests, Bridget Iupe and Bridget Smith.

Bridget Iupe & one of her counselors spoke about RAD and our involvement.

Bruce Warren - Introduce speaker

Speaker: Bridget Smith, author of Where Elephants Fought

Bruce Warren:

- Quartermaster news, we have patches, coins, and shirts.

- No news for Grey Roses.

- Beauvoir news, we have a workday coming up this weekend, 3/17-19, there will be cots available for people to stay overnight.

- RAD fundraising to date \$1584

- On Confederate Flag Day, some members went to Bruce, MS to check on monument dedication happening on April 15.

- Next month's speaker is Adam Southern, ED of Elm Springs, and our Candlelight Memorial

- March 25 at 10 a.m. will be 4th Brigade picnic; we need to be there for the brigade vote. We need to retain our seats on the EC. Vote will be after lunch. Food will be by the cook team, jambalaya. There will be burgers for the kids, too. Terry Arthur, on the credentials committee, will be running the election. Lee McCoy and Bruce Warren running for commander. Ian Powell and Alexander Allen running for councilman. Stan Rhoda will be present as well to oversee election. There will be no constitutional discussion at the picnic. 2 amendments were submitted but rejected by the bylaws committee. Precedent set by 2th, 4th, 5th brigade in the past, one man-one vote, which will be how the election is held. Division JAG opinion on voting style was read

to camp, stating that time and place and style of vote to be determined by brigade commander. Letters presented to show that national cannot be involved in voting

process of brigades.

- June 9-11 Division Reunion at Beauvoir, will be an election year.
- June 14-18 SCVMC National in Eddyville, KY. Bruce, Hooks, Smiley and some others will be attending.
- July 19-22 SCV National Reunion in Hot Springs, AR.
- July 23 Bobby Joe Denton ride for RAD.
- July (TBD) 4th annual Magnolia Ride hosted by Upper Platoon
- September 16 1G annual meet at Legion State Park in Louisville, MS
- September (TBD) 3rd annual Battle of the Big Black camp out
- Reminder to use Kroger
- Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award, any nominations other than Billy Bryant, none, Hooks made motion, 2nd Glenn Hays, unanimous Ayes for Billy.
- JJ – 14 tickets left for gun giveaway.
- Thanks again to Bridget Smith for her presentation.

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Meeting Adjourn – 19:45

4th Brigade picnic

We had a large number present at this year's picnic. We had great food and fellowship. Following the picnic was the voting for 4th Brigade commander as well as 4th Brigade councilman. Congratulations to Bruce Warren for being voted in as 4th Brigade commander and Ian Powell as 4th Brigade councilman. Congratulate these men for doing what they do because they love it.



Bruce Warrens Comments

I would like to thank the good men of the 4th Brigade for electing me as Commander and re electing Ian Powell as Councilman. My main objective besides honoring our ancestors is to bring the 4th Brigade together in order to better serve our cause and honor our ancestors. With April approaching there will be memorial services going on throughout the month and throughout the state. Let's all get together and attend as many of these as we can, let's show the people who are trying desperately and (sad to say) successfully to destroy our heritage. And I would like to thank AOT Commander Jimmy Hill for attending our picnic. Also thanks to Lt Commander of the John M Bradley Camp 384 of Louisville Murrey Black for the fantastic program on "Why I Joined the SCV. And thanks to Ms Division Commander Conor Bond, 1st Lt Commander Stan Rhoda and 2nd Brigade Councilman and member of the Credentials Committee Terry Arthur for running our election. Thanks to Commander Billy Bryant and the Rankin Greys Camp 2278 for hosting the picnic and for the Rankin Greys cook team headed by Chef Jerry Dupre for the excellent meal. And thanks to Adjutant Lee McCoy and Commander Alexander Allen for stepping up and running for Commander and Councilman and I sincerely hope we can come together to make the 4th Brigade a force to be reckoned with. I greatly look forward to the next 2 years to be your voice on the Division Executive Council. Again thanks
your humble servant

Bruce Warren

Confederate History Month

April is Confederate History Month. I know we do things all year long to remember and honor our Confederate Dead. The month of April is recognized as a special opportunity and is set aside to do special events of remembrance. Each of you are encouraged to do something to celebrate and highlight our Confederate Ancestors. Members, Camps, Brigades, Divisions and Armies are encouraged to promote our Southern Heritage and to show our true love and appreciation to all our beloved Confederate Ancestors.

You have so many ways to honor our heroes. Visit the grave of your ancestor, a mass grave at a battlefield and the grave of an Unknown. Have a Memorial Service or Dedication. Clean a cemetery. Let people know you are having these events so people can attend. Attend and support other events. The National event is going to be in Stone Mountain Georgia on Saturday April 29, 2023. Please make plans to attend so everyone will see we take the respect, honor and remembrance very seriously.

A Proclamation announcing April as Confederate History Month is going to be issued. Make sure to share this Telegraph announcement and Proclamation on your social media, your newsletter and even in your local paper or radio station. The Confederate Legion has great radio ads that you can run on your local radio stations.

“Don’t hide your pride”

If not us, who? If not now, when?

R. S. Jason Boshers Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations

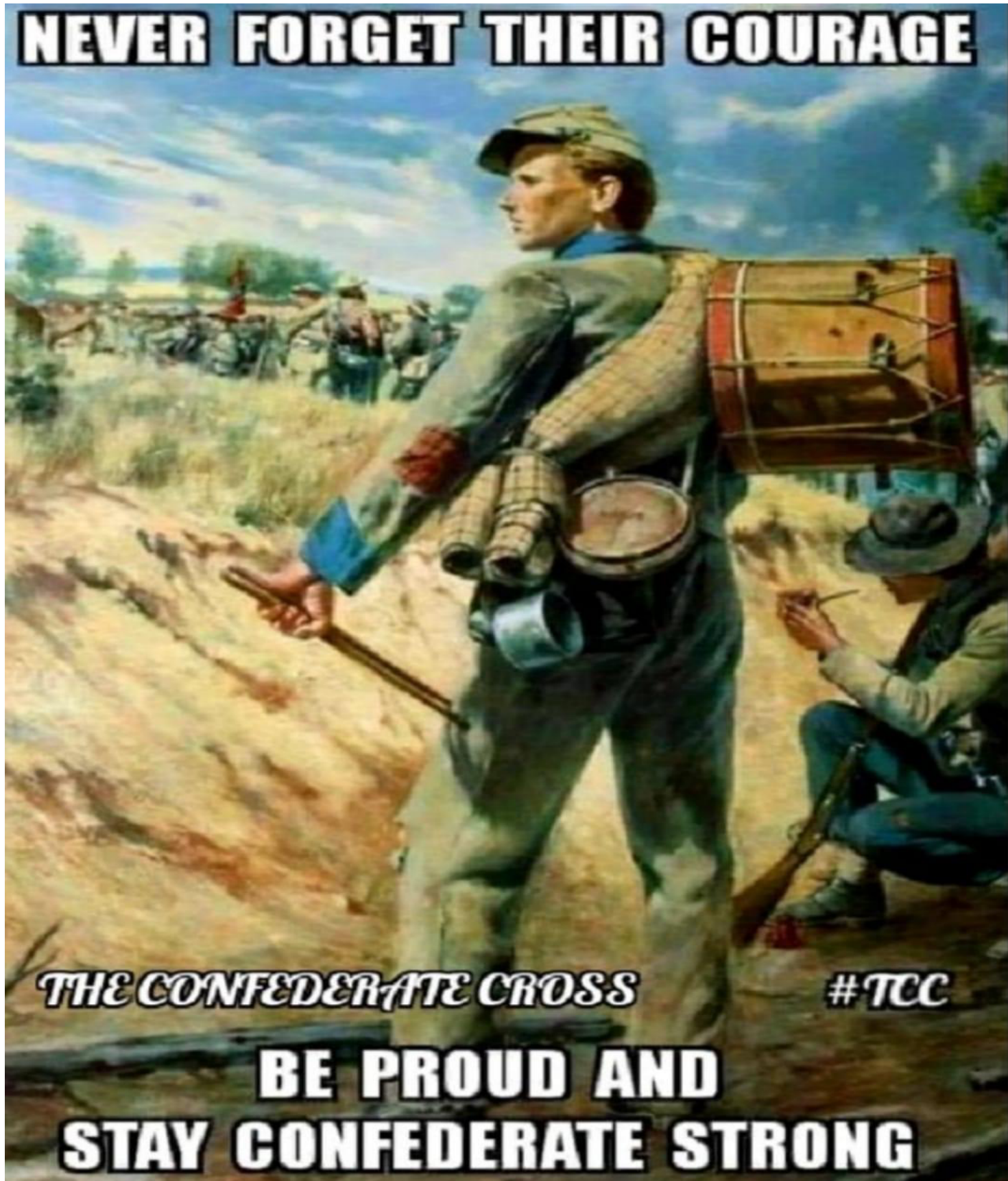
Lets all congratulate our very own Jeff (Hooks) Ainsworth for being selected by the Board at Beauvoir to be on the Board of Trustees at Beauvoir. This is a huge honor and responsibility that Hooks will fulfill with unquestionable integrity.

Answering the Call Work Day at Beauvoir

Our camp has scheduled a work weekend at Beauvoir for Saturday May 20 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. 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.

We are also going to have some camp members at Beauvoir on April 22 for Confederate History Celebration. Please try to make that if possible.

Billy



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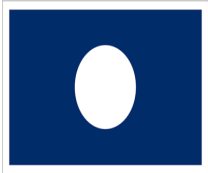
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**BE PROUD AND
STAY CONFEDERATE STRONG**



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



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

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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