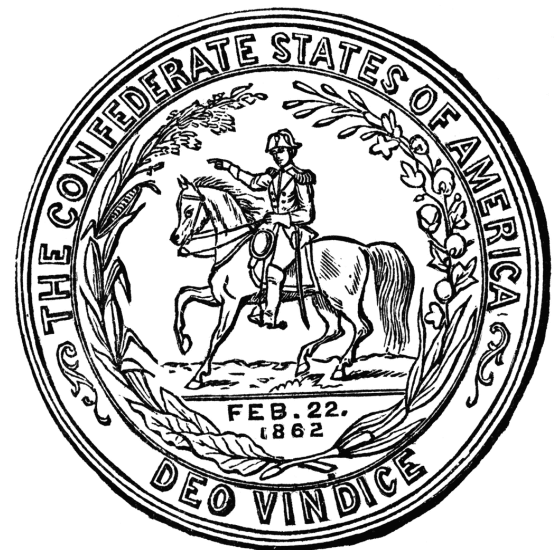
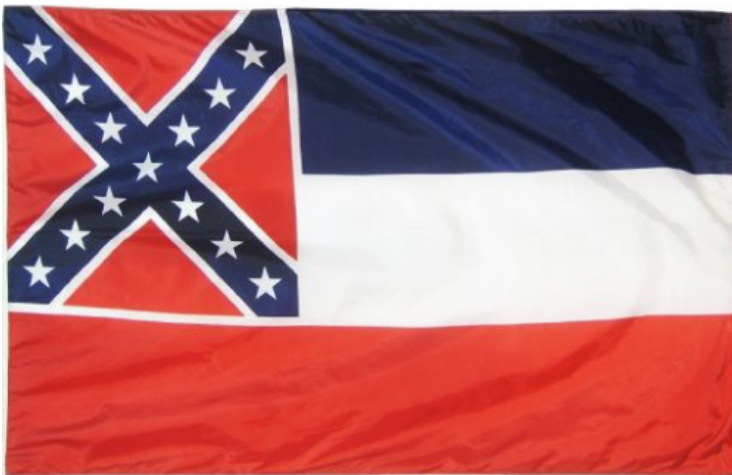


# Grey Matter

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Greys  
SCV Camp 2278



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## Commanders' Report

By Commander Billy Bryant

If you have not registered for this years Ms. Division 2023 Reunion yet, I urge you to do so asap. It will be held at Beauvoir and it IS an election year. Following the Division business meeting there will be a Beauvoir Cooperation business meeting. There will be a vote for one of the seats on the Board of Directors. This vote will be a 1 man, 1 vote election. It is imperative that you be there to cast your vote. If you don't vote, don't complain. This will be June 9-11. Rankin Greys members, our camp will be hosting next years (2024) Reunion so if you have never been please make every effort to be there and see all the hard work and time this type event takes. SEE YOU THERE.

Great weekend at Beauvoir for Confederate Memorial Day. Lots of Mechanized Cavalry men in attendance. The property is really starting to look good, still a long way to go, but can definitely see the progress. Another fine meal cooked by the Rankin Greys cooking team. Thanks to all that helped in making this an awesome event. We have another workday scheduled for May 20th, sure could use some help, so hope to see you there. Keep the Shiny side up and the rubber on the road. RAYWWF

Billy Bryant  
The Rankin Greys  
SCV camp 2278



### **Camp Adjutant Chris Bryant:**

I make a motion to add the following minutes from the April 08, 2023, meeting to the permanent record of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278:

04/08/2023 (location Los Cazadores, 2855 Hwy 49 S. Florence, MS 39073)

Meeting Start – 18:45

Prayer – Tommy Symon

Pledges – Connor Bond

Billy Bryant:

- Welcome guests, Paul and Linda Gramling
- RAD fundraiser – at \$3700, about half where we need to be
- 4thbrigade picnic, Bruce Warren elected as commander, Ian Powell elected as councilman
- Ian Powell is doing better, moving to a rehab facility next week
- Bruce Warren's Aunt Rose passed, condolences to family
- Member certificate presentation for Steve Mooney

Paul Gramling: present staff member pin to Billy Bryant for SAA

Connor Bond: update on Division Reunion plans for next year. Medals are designed, working on getting hotels, there will be a surprise for the reception, needs volunteers for the committee.

Chris Bryant: Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award presentation to Billy Bryant

Billy Bryant:

- Beauvoir work day was a success, lots of volunteers. There has been a threat to the site during Black Spring Break, and volunteers are going to act as security.
- Introduce Adam Southern, executive director of Elm Springs, as tonight's speaker.

Adam Southern speaking on Elm Springs

Billy Bryant:

- Phillip to start passing out candles for ceremony
- Apr 15 Bruce MS will be attending Calhoun Avengers monument dedication
- Apr 22 Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir
- Apr 30 South MS COC meeting at Pop's

- May 20 work days at Beauvoir
- Confederate Heritage Month we have our Candlelight Vigil for Confederate Ancestors  
Candlelight Vigil and the playing of Dixie  
Linda Gramling: Thanks to the camp for their prayers and support  
Glen Hays: Bruce Warren has tickets for donations for the NBF Pistol for Camp RAD  
Phillip Griffin: Ryan Griffin is graduating May 12, 7pm at Mississippi Coliseum  
Prayer – Tommy Symon  
Meeting Adjourn – 19:30



## Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir

*Thank You*

RANKIN GREYS SCV CAMP 2278

The Beauvoir Historical Events Committee would like to thank you for your dedication to Beauvoir, your commitment to honoring our Confederate Ancestors and for your time, talent, and effort into making the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir a complete success.

While we don't have an official number of participants, we do know that this is the biggest crowd Beauvoir has seen for Confederate Memorial Day in many years. Our combined goal is to display Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library in a positive and welcoming manner to anyone stepping foot on the property. The Dinner on the Grounds held on Saturday did just that! Although the majority of our guests were "home folks," we met and entertained guests from other states who only had wonderful things to say about the warm welcome and delicious meal they received.

We would also like to recognize two special ladies who jumped in, without being asked, and helped host not only the Dinner on the Grounds, but also helped with the post service refreshments at the cemetery. Although this was nothing they "had" to do, they did it because of their loving nature and serving hearts. Wanda Dupre and Darlene Hays, THANK YOU! You truly walk the walk, not just talk the talk!

Again, thank you for everything you did to ensure the success of the event and all you do for Beauvoir!

*With Our Most Sincere Gratitude.*

BEAUVOIR HISTORICAL EVENTS COMMITTEE



George Conor Bond



Forrest S. Daws



Harrison Daws



Callie Bunter



Suzi Bond White



One of the speakers at the ceremony is our very own Camp member and Division Commander Connor Bond. Next photo is Harrison Daws as he approaches the tomb of the unknown soldier to lay the ceremonial wreath.



Photo of all the wreaths displayed around the tomb. What a beautiful ceremony.



## Monument Dedication in Calhoun County

Camp Commander and 2nd Brigade Executive Councilman Terry Arthur serves as master of ceremonies.



**Terry Arthur**



**As many statues and monuments are being taken down across the country, this is a huge victory to be able to be putting one up. Congratulations and a huge thank you to all those that made this possible.**

## The Rankin Greys Answering the Call.

The Rankin Greys left before daylight in pouring rain, headed to Rolling Fork MS to cook for it's people and first responders. 2 trucks, pulling trailers loaded with food, tables, chairs, canopies, coolers of ice and bottled water. Cpl. Jerry Roden pulling "The Chuck Wagon" and Cpl. Jerry Dupre pulling the "Caboose". With Captain Billy Bryant, Lt. Bruce Warren, Sgt. Jeff Ainsworth, JJ Dafferner, and myself riding with them with Charles Smith joining us on site in his own vehicle. I for one wasn't ready for the devastation we saw when we got there. The images on the evening news don't do justice to the actual carnage. Rolling Fork looks like a war zone with huge trees down everywhere, vehicles upside down, twisted and mangled and buildings leveled to the foundation. Most people escaped there with literally the clothes on their backs !

We set up in the Southern Ag parking lot and went to work chopping onions, cutting up chicken, and sausage for a huge black pot of jambalaya. After about 3 hours of constant stirring the jambalaya was ready and I must say delicious. The brothers started making up to go boxes with jambalaya, a roll, and utensils. People immediately started pouring in getting to go boxes and bottled water. The police even came by and picked up 15 boxes for their on duty officers and staff. The turn out was so great that we soon emptied that huge pot. It was wonderful seeing so many people enjoying our food and so appreciative of our efforts. It made getting up in the middle of the night, leaving in a thunderstorm, and spending a Saturday working very worthwhile. All in all a great day and another chance to "Answer the Call" helping people in need.

Sgt. Glenn Hays (Smooth)  
God Bless Dixie

## Radically Against Dystrophy

We are getting close to our goal for Camp Rad. Last year we raised \$7000.00 to send kids with Muscular Dystrophy to camp. We are hoping to make it at least \$7200.00 this year that will send 24 kids that otherwise may not get to go. Most of these kid's families struggle both emotionally and financially and if we can put a smile on their faces, that my friends is priceless. Come be a part of our Bobby Joe Denton ride to see this for yourself. Thanks to all that has helped and to the ones that will help. God bless you all.

Billy Bryant





## The Chuck Bond Heritage Defense Award



This award probably means more to me than all the medals and Certificates I have been blessed to receive. GBNF my friend. Thank you all for this honor.

Billy Bryant

## **Answering the Call Work Day at Beauvoir**

Our camp has scheduled a work weekend at Beauvoir for Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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. We now have a “B” team for a cooking team and they will be cooking up some hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch on Saturday the 20th. 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.

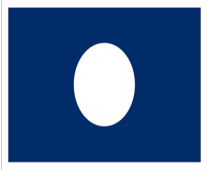
Billy





Join us as we Look Around the Confederation! Remember you can submit your stories to [scvyouthoutreach@gmail.com](mailto: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'all  
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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