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# HARD TACK

Official Newsletter of the Copperhead Nation!

## September's Battle of Chickamauga



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On September 19-20, 1863, Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee defeated a Union force commanded by General William Rosecrans in the Battle of Chickamauga. After Union troops pushed the Confederates out of Chattanooga previously, Bragg called for reinforcements and launched a counterattack near Chickamauga Creek. Over two days of battle, the rebels forced Rosecrans to give way, with heavy losses on both sides. Bragg failed to press his advantage after the victory, however, allowing the Federals to safely reach Chattanooga. Ulysses S. Grant arrived thereafter with reinforcements, allowing the Union to reverse the results of Chickamauga and score a lasting victory in the region that November.

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NOTABLE SEPTEMBER

# History



September 3, 1861: Confederate General Leonidas K. Polk occupies parts of Kentucky to prevent Union occupation of strong points.

-September 5, 1861: Confederate Laird rams, ships being built in Liverpool, England, for the Confederacy, are detained by the British.

-September 10, 1863: Little Rock, Arkansas, falls to Union forces.

-September 19, 1864: The Battle of Opequon, the first engagement in Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley campaign, marks the beginning of the "Burning" of the Shenandoah Valley.



# Founder's Report



It seems only yesterday that we were getting ready for riding season and here we are in Autumn heading to Georgia for our 3rd National. Another season has come and gone. The older we get the faster time passes by. How do we slow it down? The answer is you can for short moments and one of those moments will be at the National. Sharing stories from the memories we have created over the summer. Checking in and catching up on how everyone's family is doing. Laughing, hugging, and enjoying each other's company. At times like this it seems as if everything slows down a little. It lets us know how much we really have in common even though we live 100's / 1000's of miles apart. Take the time to appreciate what we have created together when in Georgia, seasons change and you will never know when you will have another opportunity to get together.

CFFC  
The Founders  
Rocco and Brick

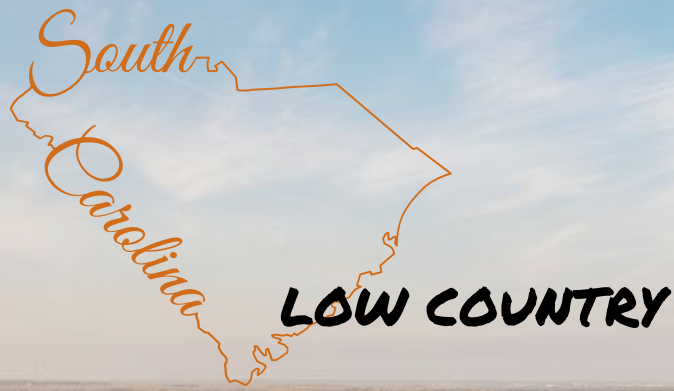


# North Carolina

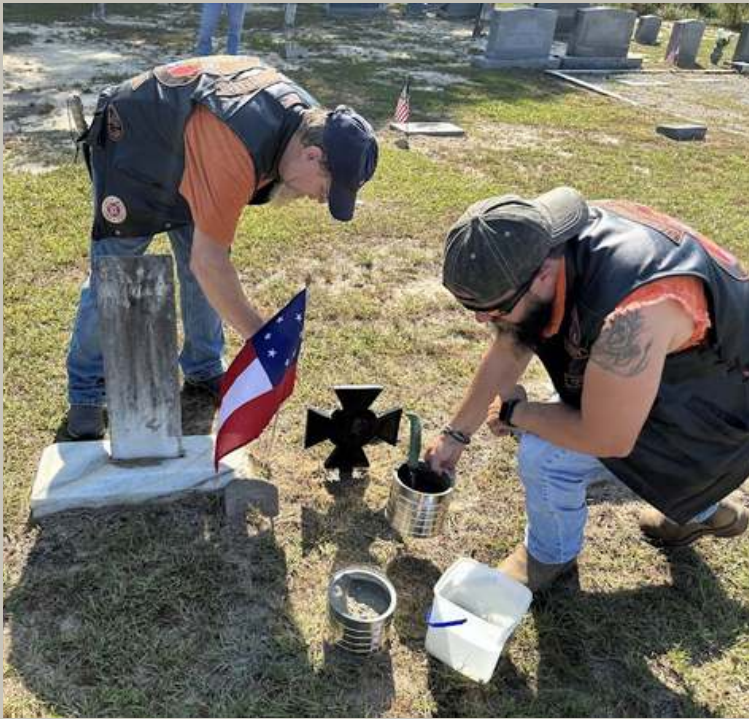
**JULY FOR THE N.C. COPPERHEADS AND THE LADIES OF LIBERTY HAD BEEN A VERY PRODUCTIVE MONTH. BETWEEN MEETING UP WITH CAPTAIN BULL IN TENNESSEE TO SEVERAL CEMETERY CLEANUPS. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW OF THE REASON FOR THE MEETING WITH CAPTAIN BULL. CAPTAIN CORN SNAKE**







**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, MEMBERS OF THE LOW COUNTRY CREW COPPERHEADS TRAVELED TO THE COMMUNITY OF HANNAH, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PLACE THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR AT THE GRAVES OF SEVERAL ANCESTORS OF BRANDON "COWBOY" JOHNSON.**



**1ST SGT. PAUL "TECH" FLANAGAN AND COWBOY PLACING THE SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR AND FIRST NATIONAL FLAG AT THE GRAVE OF PVT. JESSE SCOTT POWELL, 10TH SC REGIMENT, CO. I PVT. POWELL IS THE 5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER OF COWBOY.**



**TECH AND COWBOY PLACING CROSSES AND FLAGS AT THE GRAVES OF PVT. WILSON W. POWELL, 26TH SC CO. I AND HIS FATHER PVT. WILSON M. POWELL, 10TH SC CO. F.**



*South  
Carolina* **LOW COUNTRY**



**2ND LT. BIG LARRY FULTZ, COWBOY AND TECH**



**COWBOY BY HIS 5TH GREAT GRANDEFATHER'S GRAVE. PVT. POWELL ENLISTED AT THE AGE OF 42, AND SERVED NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED DUE TO LUNG COMPLICATIONS FROM AN ONSET OF MEASLES AND PNEUMONIA.**



# South Carolina LOW COUNTRY



ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, SC COPPERHEADS MET AT LUGOFF, SC TO DRAW WINNING TICKETS FOR A FUNDRAISER HELD OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO RAISE INCOME FOR HERITAGE AND OTHER VARIOUS PROJECTS. NEARLY \$1500.00 WAS RAISED AND THE AMOUNT MATCHED BY ONE SC COPPERHEAD MEMBER TOTALLING \$3000.00 IN ALL. THANK YOU TO ALL COMPATRIOTS WHO ASSISTED IN THIS ENDEAVOR.





*South  
Carolina*  
**UPCOUNTRY**



**Firing artillery, Aug 2, 2025**



**State Meeting  
Lugoff, SC  
Aug 9, 2025**





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**Litter Pickup on Aug 16, 2025**



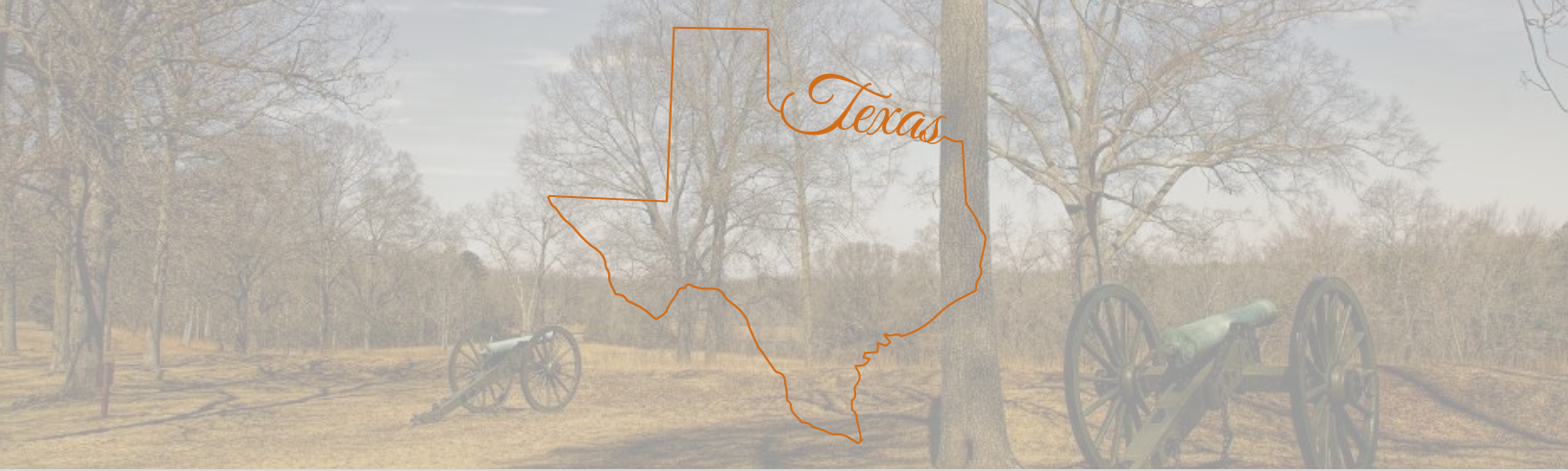
**Flag Raising on Dixie Hwy  
Aug 25, 2025**











**WE TOOK A BREAKFAST RIDE TO CELEBRATE OUR ONE YEAR IN TEXAS  
AND WE HAD THE SWEARING IN OF RAJUN CAJUN AND GHOSTRIDER**

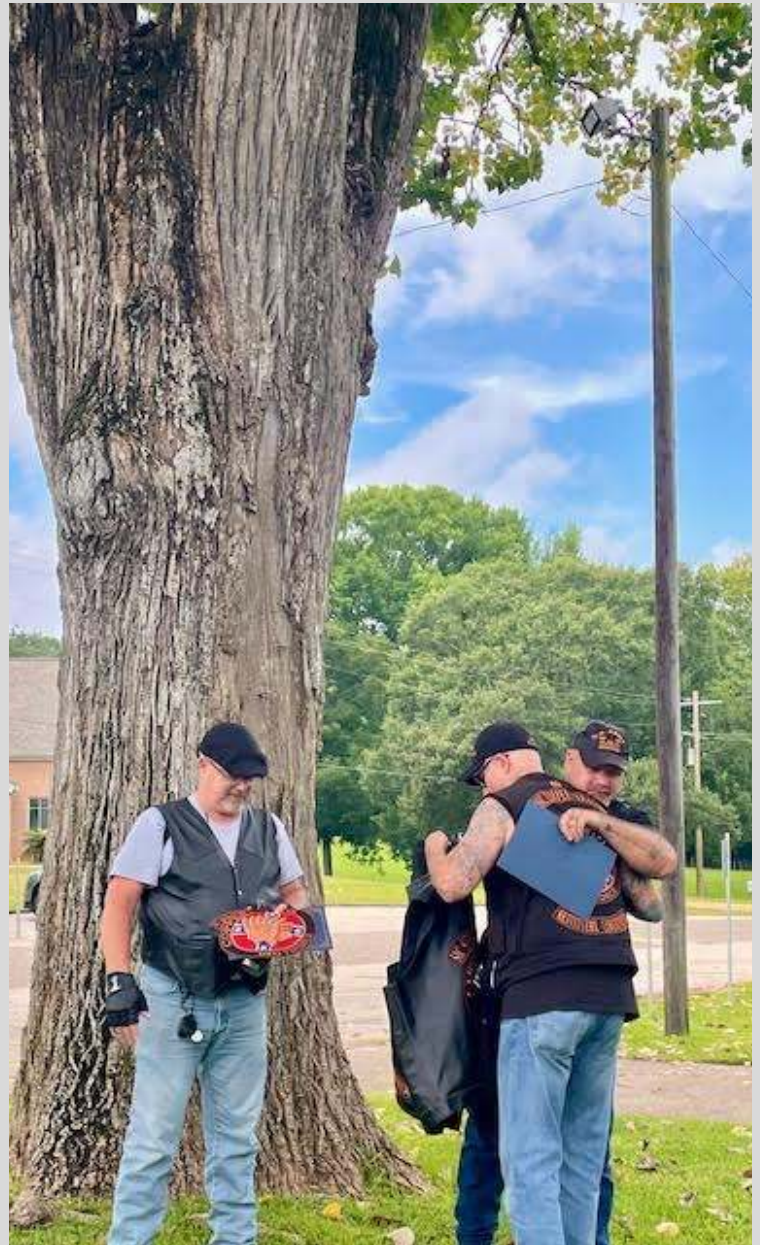
















## Leatherneck National in Richfield, Ohio























**Va swore in two new members at Gettysburg, Travis and Ronnie. We also swore in three new Ladies of Liberty Sara, Trudy, and Barbara and promoted Patrick, Eric and Redneck. It was a great time with great brothers**





# Tennessee

THE WAR HORSE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE CROW ON HIS RECENT PROMOTION TO FIRST LIEUTENANT! LT CROW WILL NOW OVER SEE OPERATIONS AND ASSIST CAPTAIN BULL WITH MIDDLE TENNESSEE, LT BOOTLEG IS STILL LIEUTENANT HE IS JUST NOW THE FIRST LIEUTENANT OVER SEEING OPERATIONS AND ASSISTING CAPTAIN BULL WITH OPERATIONS IN EAST TENNESSEE. I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH THESE GENTLEMAN ON THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK TO THE WAR HORSE COPPERHEADS! I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOSTS THIS WEEKEND THAT ALLOWED US TO MEET IN THEIR BUILDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF LT. CROW THEIR HOSPITALITY, FELLOWSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

**MORE BIG AND EXCITING NEWS TO COME OUT OF TENNESSEE SOON!**





# Needham's Notes



## NEEDHAM'S NOTES

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