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Confederate History Month

APRIL 2025

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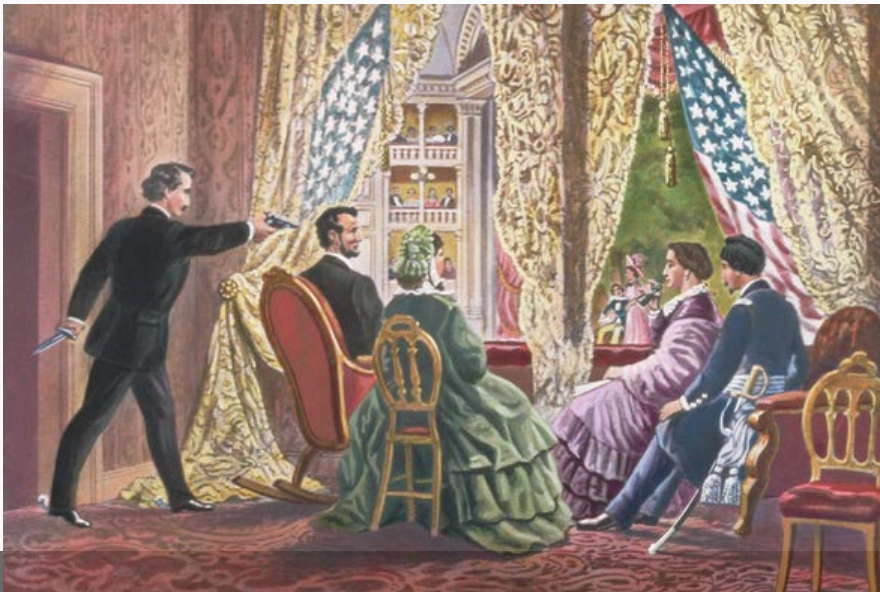
Official Newsletter of the Copperhead Nation!

APRIL HISTORY:

Assassination of President Lincoln

THE DAY LINCOLN DIED

April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth while attending a performance of Our American Cousin at Ford's Theater in Washington D.C. Booth, an actor from Maryland, was determined to seek revenge for the Confederacy's losses. Lincoln endured hours of suffering before ultimately succumbing to his injuries the next morning. Booth managed to escape to Virginia but was eventually shot by a Union soldier after nearly two weeks of avoiding capture. In total, ten courageous individuals were involved in Lincoln's assassination: four were hanged, four were imprisoned, one was acquitted, and Booth was shot while fleeing.



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NOTABLE DATES IN HISTORY:

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April 1861 proved to be a busy month for the Confederate Army.

April 11 - The Confederates demand the surrender of Fort Sumter

April 12 - The Confederates in Charleston bombard Fort Sumter

April 13 - Fort Sumter surrenders to Confederate forces

April 17 - Virginia adopts an Ordinance of Secession and schedules a referendum for May 23

April 18/19 - Federal troops burn the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers Ferry to prevent it from falling into the hands of secessionists. The Confederates are nonetheless able to seize valuable military supplies when they occupy Harpers Ferry

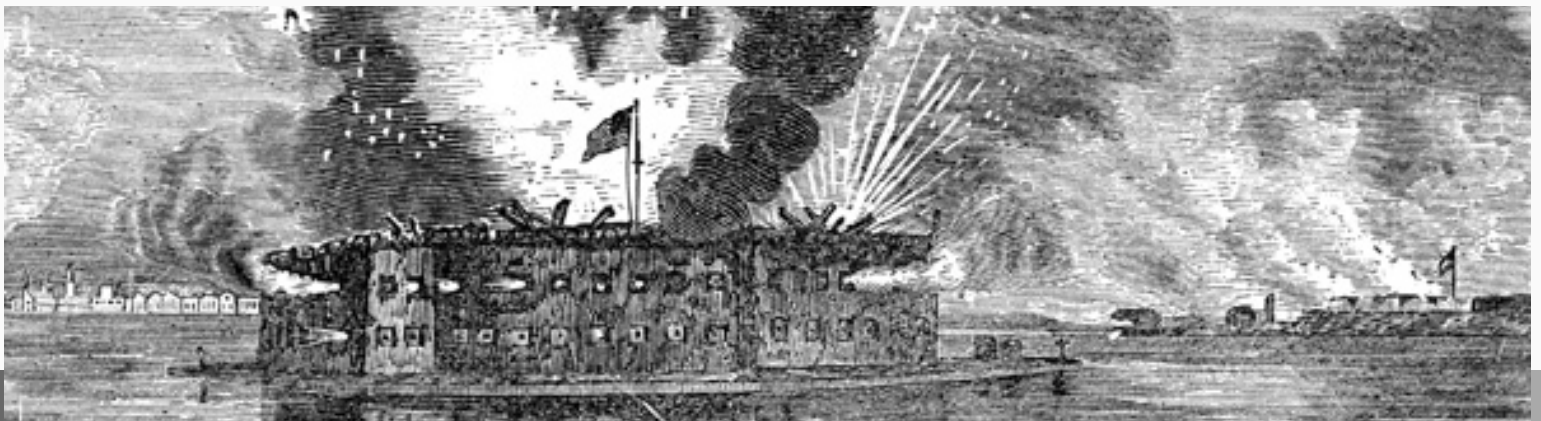
April 19 - President Lincoln declares a blockade of Southern ports

April 20/21 - Federal forces attempt to destroy the Gosport Navy Yard at Norfolk, Virginia by setting it ablaze. Secessionists put out the fires and salvage a large portion of the facility

April 21 - The slave ship Nightingale is captured by the USS Saratoga

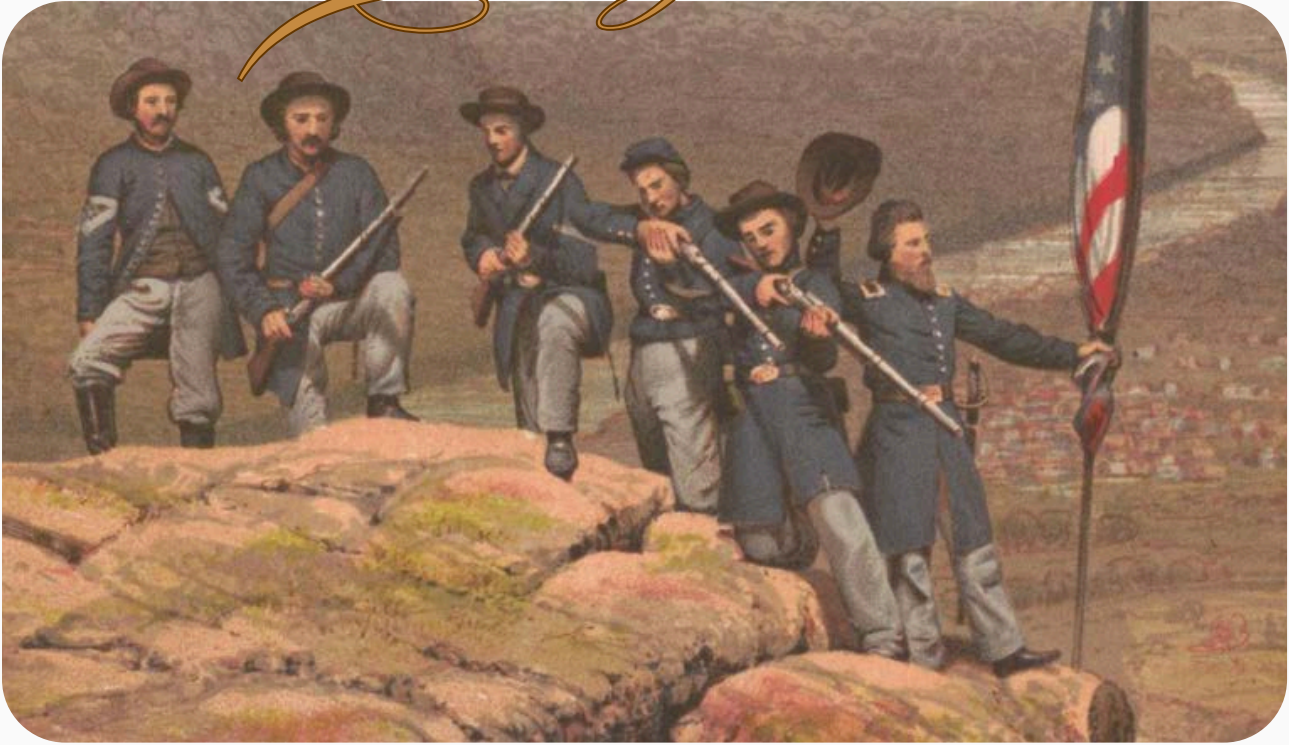
April 22 - Robert E. Lee accepts command of Virginia forces

April 23 - United State Army Officers in San Antonio, Texas are seized as prisoners of war.



BATTLE OF FORT SUMTER

PHOTO: US HISTORY IMAGES



Two Civil War sites in Hamilton County to receive funding for preservation

March 31, 2025 by Rainey Randolph

HAMILTON COUNTY, Tenn. (WDEF) — The Tennessee Wars Commission has awarded grants to preserve key Civil War battlefield sites in Hamilton County.

This funding is part of the Civil War Sites Preservation Fund (CWSPF) for the 2025 fiscal year.

This year, \$1,935,250 in grant funding was distributed across the state, including allocations for Hamilton County battlefields:

- American Battlefield Trust received an additional \$125,250 to acquire 30.7 acres at the Wauhatchie Battlefield, bringing total funding for the site to \$469,500.
- American Battlefield Trust also secured \$22,500 for the purchase of 0.46 acres at the Chattanooga Battlefield.

These grants contribute to the preservation of historically significant battle sites, ensuring their protection from development and maintaining their cultural and historical integrity.

Since its establishment in 2013, the CWSPF has allocated more than \$20.3 million in matching funds to safeguard over 1,100 acres of Tennessee's Civil War history.

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<https://www.wdef.com/two-civil-war-sites-in-hamilton-county-to-receive-funding-for-preservation/>



General's Report

Brothers,

Stone Mountain is finally upon us. The Georgia boys have put a lot of planning into this event and it should be a great time, just like last year. I hope to see you all there. As everyone gets on the rode, enjoy the ride and be safe.

We have been seeing a steady trickle of applications come in and we expect that rate to increase as the riding season gets underway. As always, we want to focus on quality and not quantity. We pride ourselves in the quality of our brotherhood and there is no need to deviate from how we have been operating.

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General Lucky



Founder's Report

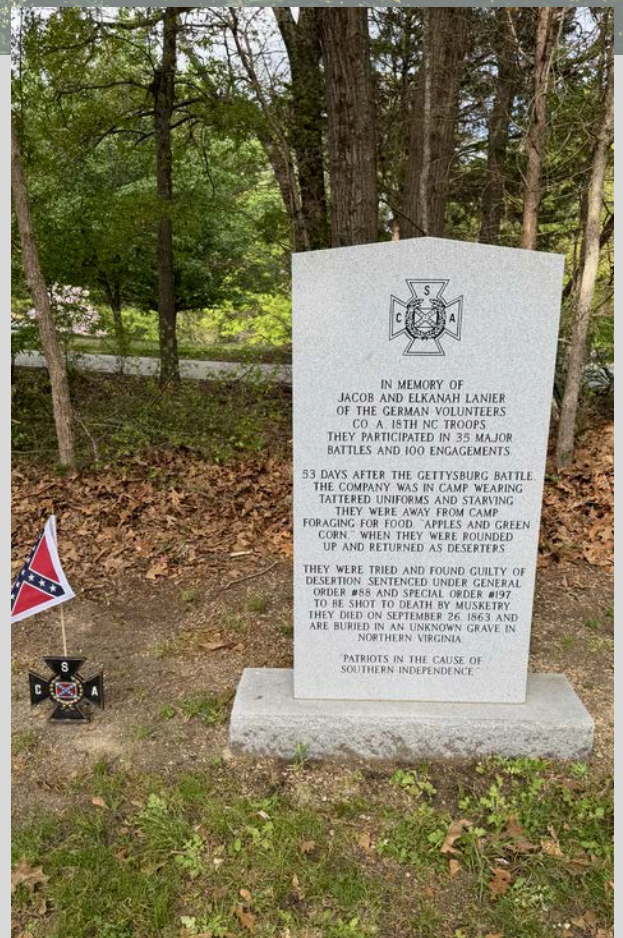
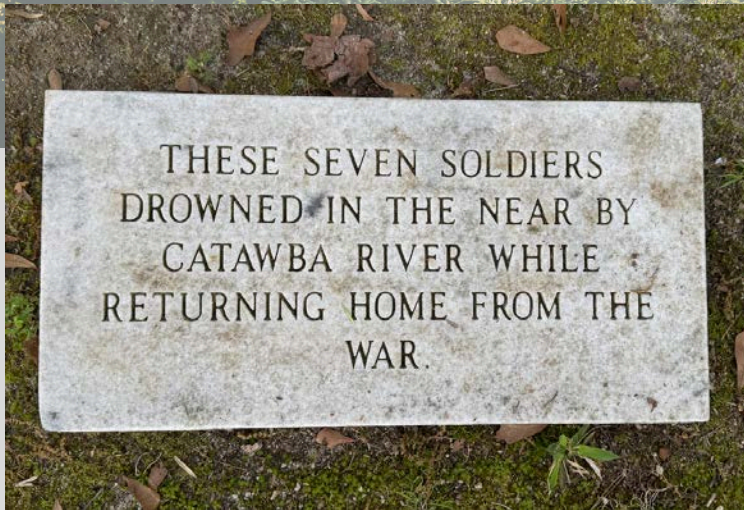
Stone Mountain Georgia, here we come at 625.7 miles one way. Looking forward to getting back on the road with Capt. Crowbar and putting some miles down. We will be meeting up with brothers as we travel south. Nothing replaces the joy of riding a motorcycle over the open road while surrounded by your brothers.

We know Capt. Shadow and his officers have a great event planned for us. It's an amazing monument and park. We have a few brothers attending this year for the first time. I'm sure they will not be disappointed. These are the events that you remember for a lifetime. We will see you in Georgia.

Prayers for Safe travel -- CFFC

The Founders,
Rocco and Brick

North Carolina



April is Confederate history month. We will be having our annual Confederate Memorial service located at Flat Rock Cemetery on April 19th starting at 1pm. The address is 505 Flat Rock Cemetery Road, Mt. Holly N.C.28120.

After the service is over we will be swearing in 2 Copperheads and 1 Ladies of Liberty.

Sgt. Corn Snake

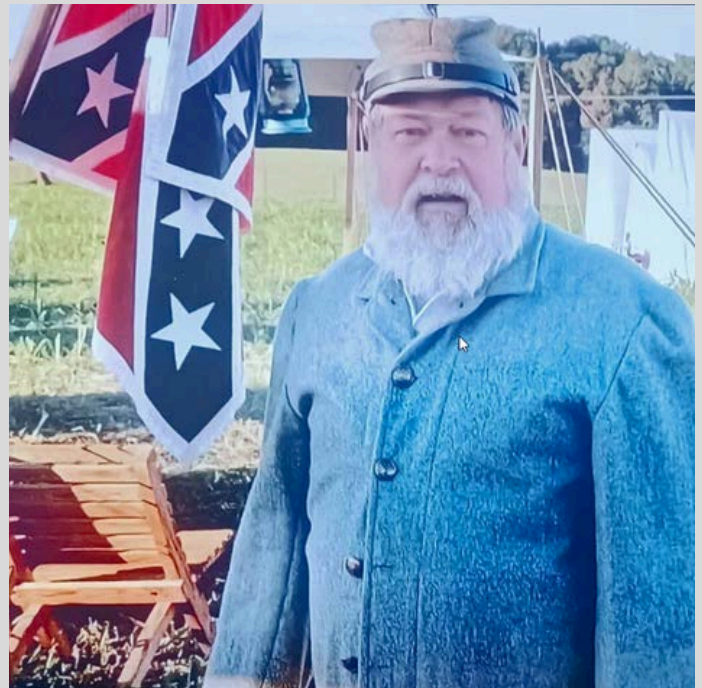


At the recent meeting of the SC Copperheads, Brandon “Cowboy” Johnson was sworn into our ranks. Upcountry and Low Country, along with the Ladies of Liberty were able to witness Cowboy’s swearing in and to welcome him to the Copperhead Nation!

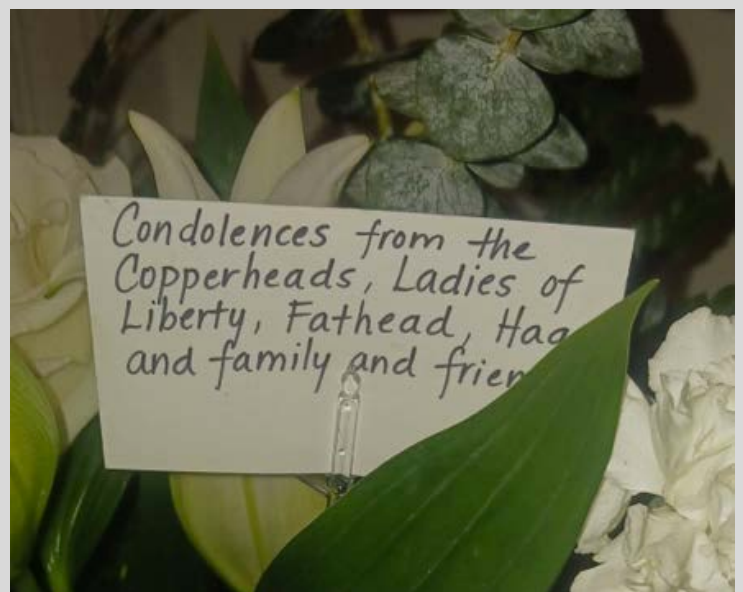
Locally, Cowboy will ride with the Low Country Crew.

South Carolina UPCOUNTRY

SC Copperheads were able to pay their respects and attend the funeral services for Earl Faith Waters Jr., the Father of Captain Mike Waters of South Carolina.



Earl Faith Waters Jr.
January 22, 1945 - March 26, 2025



South
Carolina
UPCOUNTRY





On March 29, 2025, The Georgia Copperheads hosted the "Ride for a Hero" in honor of Sgt. Mark Bradley Tippens Jr. The event was a huge success with 55 bikes, raising a total of over \$2300 for the family. A big thanks from The Tribe for all the support for this ride!



50/50 Raffle

Ride For A Hero

Sgt. Mark Bradley Tippens Jr.

Gun Raffle



Saturday March 29, 2025

Ride will begin and end at Black Smoke Coffee.
Address: 2914 Macon Rd.
Griffin, Ga 30224

Please join us as we ride to honor the life of a loving son, brother, uncle and soldier! Sgt. Mark Bradley Tippens Jr. loved his country and the history that it has behind it! Riding was also a big love of his life, so what better way to honor him than a ride in his name!

Registration starts at 10:00
KSU at 11:00
\$20 per bike or vehicle



***** All proceeds will go to the family. *****









We had our monthly meeting on March 8, 2025. with lots of planning going on and gearing up for Stone Mountain. We do have one new member in the works. (Casper) Triston Dollar. He has supported us for a while now and will be a great member once his vetting is done.



We donated candy to Black Smoke Coffee for their upcoming easter event.



A few guys attend the Redrum Remembrance ride on March 22.





ALWAYS A GOOD TIME AND GREAT BROTHERHOOD





Hello Copperhead Nation from the Old-Line State of Maryland. Now that winter is behind us, we look forward to warmer weather. Weekend of 4/11 a Gettysburg event is scheduled. Don't forget the up-and-coming bull and shrimp roast which will now include a motorcycle show with awards.



BULL AND SHRIMP FEAST SATURDAY MAY 12TH

1PM - 5PM

TICKETS: \$60/PP OR \$500/TABLE OF 10

1010 OLDHAM ST BALTIMORE, MD 21224

PIT BEEF, PIT HAM, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, STEAMED SHRIMP, SHRIMP SCAMPI, BAKED ZITI W/MEAT SAUCE, MD CRAB SOUP, GOURMET MAC N CHEESE, POTATO SALAD, PASTA SALAD, CAESAR SALAD, ASSORTED CAKES, DRAFT BEER, SODAS, ICED TEA, LEMONADE

DJ, MONEY WHEEL, PLANT WHEEL, 50/50 RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
GEORGE - 410-982-7612
OR ANY COPPERHEAD BROTHER**





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LGIH attended a car and Bike show, he walked away with a first for his bike





Black Sheep (eastern shore)

As the weather gets warmer we all start to get the itch to get out on the road and put a few more miles on the steel horse. For the leader of the Black Sheep Platoon it's been a busy off-season. Since the end of oyster season ISG Taz and his wife Stitches have been hard at work getting ready for the 2025 Maryland Blue Crab season, which officially starts April 1st and runs through the fall.



They have been building crabpots from scratch, performing maintenance and repairs on their crabbing vessel "Macy Michelle" to include overhauling the boat's power plant in order to install a new engine and preparing their shedding operation. In this profession there is always something to do and personal time is short lived. They have been successfully working this operation together for over 40 years, please help me to wish them a safe and prosperous season as they continue to bring Maryland's Blue Crab from the Chesapeake Bay to our tables.



Bad Company

Had lunch at Captain Benders then stopped by the General Lee monument in Sharpsburg to present Charlie aka CJ with his lower rocker. CJ is going to be a great addition to the Copperheads. CFFC





BlackHorse

BlackHorse had our monthly meeting the last Wednesday of every month to discuss our upcoming rides and new members coming on. March was a very up and down weather month but we got in a few riders. Knucklehead and me were riding to Sailors Creek and over to Farmville but rode through Mechanicsville and the 7 days battlefields and to his son's baseball game. The Brothers of BlackHorse and Mosby's Rangers met for my birthday ride to NC and to a whiskey distillery , it was a great time and everyone had a good time I think we even picked up one new Brother and maybe another soon.



Mosby's Rangers

In March Mosby's Rangers met at Northside 29 diner to enjoy an excellent breakfast and discuss upcoming events and the part the Rangers would play. Good times and fellowship were shared by all.



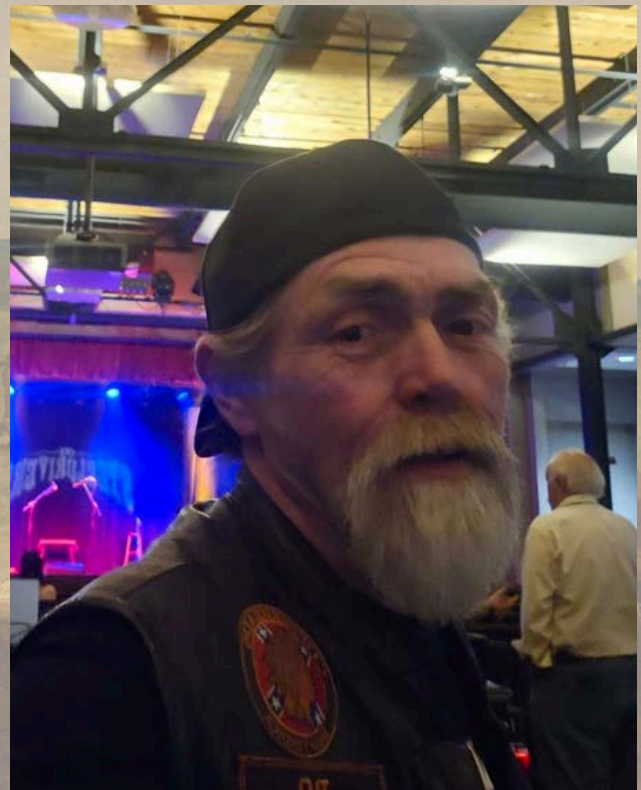
Mountain Rangers

Had a few rides in March the main ride was to New Market Va to the Civil War museum. The museum in New Market is a great place to visit and see real life history not corrected history. They also had a monthly meeting.

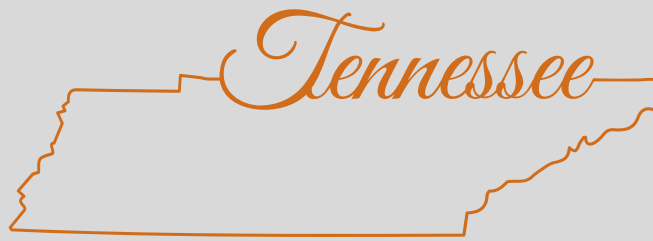


Mosby's Raiders

The Brothers in the southwest of Virginia are always ready to ride and have a good time. They like all of Va have their monthly meeting for business and fellowship.







We hope everyone is finally getting to enjoy the nicer weather! Tennessee is eager to start its riding and event season. With the warmer weather we have had some much needed rain for our State but also with that came some pretty intense storms which put us on a minor set-back.

Sunday April 13th Captain Bull and ILT Bootleg met with Bear in Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga then went on to Chickamauga Battlefield to present Bear with his top rocker! Captain Soundman from Alabama and his wife also came to show their support! Thanks Capt. Soundman.

Tennessee is eager to be at Stone Mountain later this month to honor our ancestors and enjoy some quality brotherhood with brothers from all over Copperhead Nation! See you soon brothers!

Saturday May 10th at 12pm we will be having a cookout, meeting and celebrating Captain Bull's 40th Birthday at Capt. Bull's house, everyone is invited. If you would like to attend reach out to Capt. Bull!

Respectfully Submitted,

TN War Horse



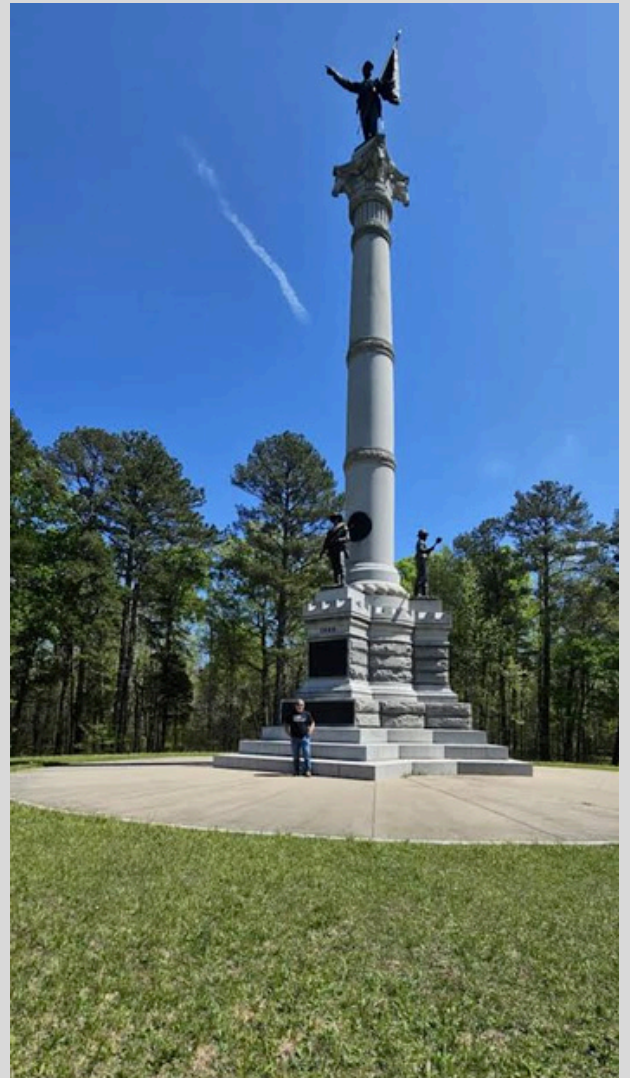


Alabama has been out scouting cemeteries. Found a few that needed attention.

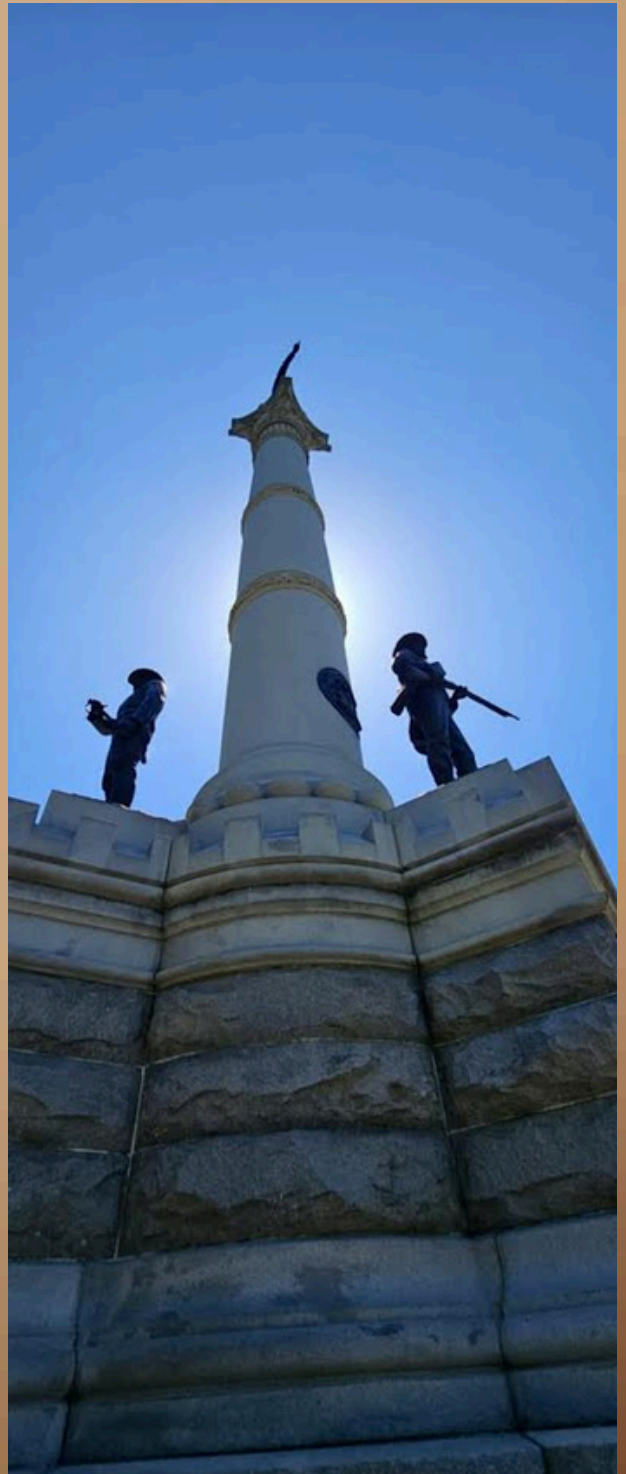
Youngblood, HoneyBear, and I are definitely looking forward to seeing everyone at Stone Mountain.

We also want to thank everyone in the Copperhead Organization for the prayers and support sent to us with the passing of Ironman

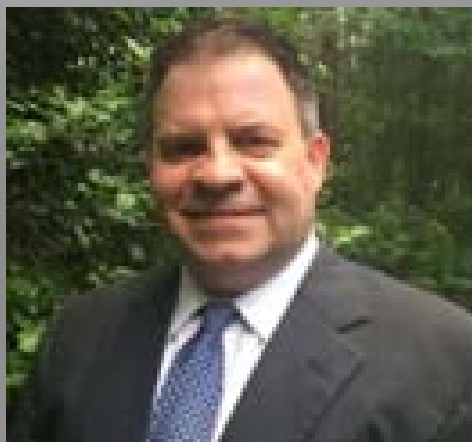
We also traveled to the Chicamauga Battlefield in Ga for the presentation of Bears rocker. Thanks to Captain Bull for the invite







Needham's Notes



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