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Official Newsletter of the Copperhead Nation!



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NOTABLE MAY

History

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
Lieutenant General (CSA)
January 21, 1824 — May 10, 1863

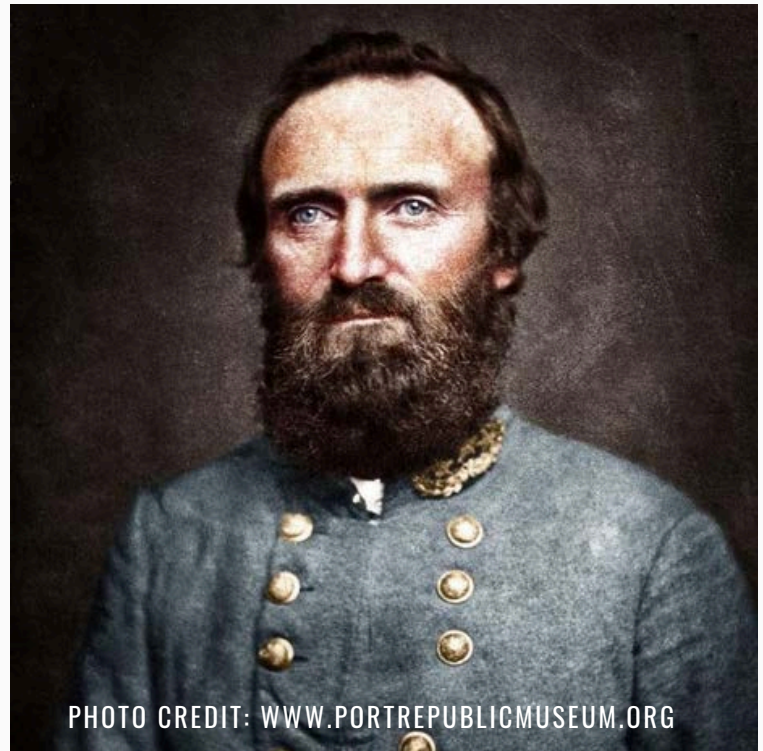


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On May 10, 1863, the Confederacy mourned the loss of one of its most formidable generals, 39-year-old Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, who succumbed to pneumonia. His death occurred a week after he was mistakenly shot by his own soldiers during the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia. For the initial two years of the Civil War, Jackson had instilled fear in Union commanders.

Born in Virginia, in the mountainous region of Clarksburg (now West Virginia), Jackson experienced a childhood marked by poverty and the early loss of his parents. Raised by relatives, he developed into a reserved and solitary young man. Despite limited early schooling, he secured an appointment to West Point after another candidate from his district declined. Overcoming his initial academic disadvantages through diligent effort, he graduated 17th out of 59 cadets.

With the outbreak of war in 1861, Jackson was appointed a brigadier general, commanding five Virginia regiments in the Shenandoah Valley. His leadership at the Battle of Bull Run in July 1861 proved pivotal, as his attack secured a crucial advantage for the Confederates. During this battle, Confederate General Barnard Bee's attempt to rally his troops with the exclamation, "there stands Jackson like a stone wall," bestowed upon him a lasting and iconic nickname.

By 1862, Jackson had established himself as one of the Confederate army's most effective commanders. That summer, he orchestrated a brilliant Shenandoah Valley campaign, outmaneuvering three Union armies and providing critical relief to Confederate forces under pressure from George McClellan's army on the James Peninsula. Subsequently, he rejoined the Army of Northern Virginia for the Seven Days Battles, and his command was exceptional at Second Bull Run in August 1862. He soon became General Lee's most trusted corps commander.

At the Battle of Chancellorsville, despite facing an enemy force twice their size, Lee divided his army, sending Jackson to flank the Union troops – a strategic move that resulted in a significant defeat for the Army of the Potomac. As nightfall brought a pause to the fighting, Jackson ventured forward to scout the terrain for a renewed assault. However, on his return to the Confederate lines with his staff, they were mistakenly fired upon by Rebel soldiers. Jackson sustained three gunshot wounds, with one Southern bullet shattering his left arm, necessitating its amputation the following day. Shortly after the surgery, pneumonia developed, and Jackson's health rapidly declined. He passed away on May 10, 1863, uttering his now-famous last words: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."



NOTABLE DATES IN HISTORY:

DEAGOSTINI/GETTY IMAGES

1861:

MAY 6: ARKANSAS ADOPTS ITS ORDINANCE OF SECESSION.

MAY 8: THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE PASSES AN ACT TO RAISE 10,000 TROOPS.

MAY 13: GREAT BRITAIN FORMALLY RECOGNIZES THE CONFEDERACY AS A BELLIGERENT IN THE WAR.

MAY 20: NORTH CAROLINA AND KENTUCKY ADOPT ORDINANCES OF SECESSION AND DECLARE NEUTRALITY, RESPECTIVELY.

MAY 21: THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS VOTES TO MOVE THE CONFEDERATE CAPITAL FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

1862:

MAY 3-5: THE UNION ARMY UNDER MCCLELLAN OCCUPIES YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA, INITIATING THE PENINSULAR CAMPAIGN.

MAY 5: THE BATTLE OF WILLIAMSBURG TAKES PLACE.

1863:

APRIL 30 - MAY 6: THE BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE IS FOUGHT.

MAY 10: STONEWALL JACKSON DIES FROM COMPLICATIONS OF HIS WOUNDS SUSTAINED DURING THE BATTLE.

1864:

MAY 5-7: THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS TAKES PLACE IN VIRGINIA.

MAY 8-21: THE BATTLE OF SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE IS FOUGHT.

MAY 11: JEB STUART IS MORTALLY WOUNDED.

MAY 31 - JUNE 12: THE BATTLE OF COLD HARBOR IS FOUGHT, RESULTING IN A UNION DEFEAT.



VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

PHOTO: BATTLEFIELDS.ORG

MONUMENT RESTORED IN SYLVA, NC: “BLACK LIVES MATTER” PLAQUE REMOVED FROM 'SYLVA SAM' CONFEDERATE MONUMENT



Photo Credit: Lilly Knoepp

In April 2025, officials in Sylva, North Carolina, removed a plaque bearing the phrase "Black Lives Matter" from the Confederate monument known as "Sylva Sam." The decision reflects a growing effort within the community to preserve historical integrity and ensure public spaces remain free from politically charged messaging. The "Black Lives Matter" plaque was not officially sanctioned by local government and was installed as part of a broader activist campaign.

The plaque previously covered the "Silva Sam" inscription at the base of the monument. Along with the "BLM" plaque, officials also installed a plaque to cover the "our Heroes of the Confederacy" inscription. Many residents saw it as an inappropriate addition to a historical monument, asserting that such messaging—while important to many—does not belong on a statue meant to commemorate those who served in a specific historical context.

The monument, erected in 1915, honors Confederate soldiers and has stood for over a century as a symbol of local heritage. While some view it as a painful reminder of the past, others in Sylva argue it represents the town's history and the sacrifices of those who fought in the Civil War. Now the Confederate hero's message has been restored!

Supporters of the plaque's removal argue that politicizing historical sites risks rewriting history rather than learning from it. Sylva residents feel that public monuments are not billboards for current movements. They have said that there are better venues for community dialogue that don't involve altering historic landmarks. "We do not erase history..." has been the sentiment of supporters as towns like Sylva, NC grapple with how to handle monuments from a divided past. Many see this as a necessary step toward maintaining unity and respect for public spaces without erasing or distorting history.



General's Report

Brothers,

I'd like to extend a big congratulations for the state of Georgia for the wonderful event they put on at Stone Mountain. Once again, Capt. Shadow and his boys have knocked it out of the park. Unfortunately I wasn't able to make it but from all the photos, videos, and stories I've heard/seen it was a great time.

Equally, congratulations to Captain Cornsnake for his promotion. You have been doing us proud in North Carolina and you are the right man for the job.

As always, we continue to have a steady stream of applications coming in on both The Copperheads side, and the Ladies of Liberty side. For all of you who are actively recruiting, keep it up as we've been experiencing quality growth. Our organization is growing strongly.

One thing of note, we have been getting a lot more public visibility lately and I want to remind everyone to keep everything above board. As with any press, there will be positive remarks, and negative. The true mark of what our organization stands for is how we handle both forms, namely, do not stoop low and engage with the nay sayers.

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the riding season and as always, be safe out there.

General Lucky
Deo Vindice



Founder's Report

We just got back from Stone Mountain. We would like to Thank Captain Shadow, the Tribe, Georgia brothers, Karma and the Georgia Ladies of Liberty for a well-run event. We would also like to thank Stone Mountain Park for welcoming us with open arms. When we reached the gates, they escorted us to a restricted area to park. On the way out they had a drone follow and video tape us as we rode through the park. Once we left, we headed over to the Confederate cemetery that was vandalized. Going to the Cemetery to clean the monument was a great honor and privilege. This event keeps getting better and better. There are plenty of events throughout the Copperhead Nation this summer. When you attend make it a quality go. Brothers, we're all Copperheads. We're not divided by state lines. We're one Copperhead nation.

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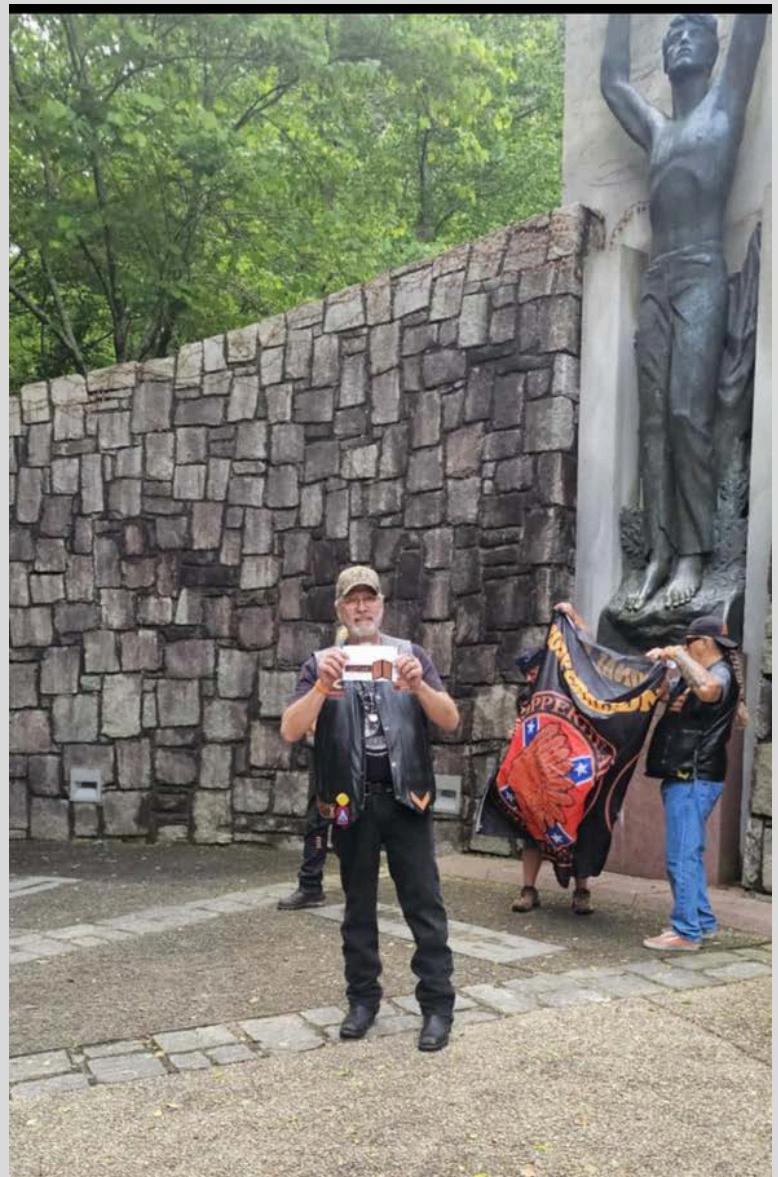
The Founders
Rocco and Brick

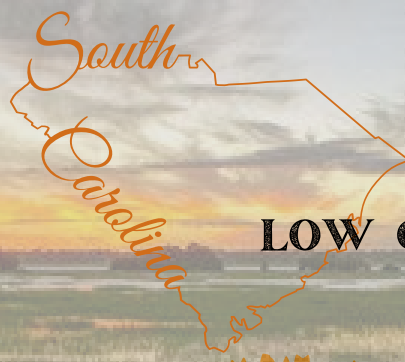
North Carolina

APRIL WAS CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH. IT WAS A VERY BUSY AND REWARDING TIME FOR THE N.C. COPPERHEADS. FROM A CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SECESSION HILL IN ABBEVILLE, S.C., TO FLAT ROCK CEMETERY IN MT.HOLLY N.C., HONORING THE FLAT ROCK 7 AND FINALLY TO STONE MOUNTAIN GA FOR THE COPPERHEADS CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT THE PARK, WHERE I WAS PROMOTED TO N.C. STATE CAPTAIN.

CAPT. CORN SNAKE

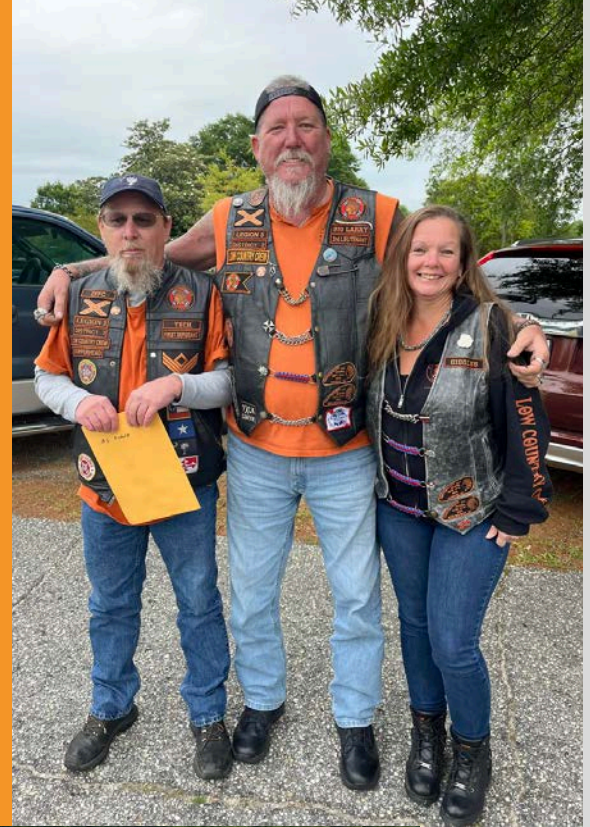






LOW COUNTRY

On Sunday, May 4th members of the Copperheads Low Country Crew along with Ladies of Liberty, flagged and honored Confederate soldiers at Martin Cemetery #2 outside Loris, SC. The following weekend several members rode to the Pee Dee Rifles SCV #1419 Confederate Memorial Day service at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Florence, SC. Guest Speaker for this event was Mrs. Teresa Roane, Historian for the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



(Photo credit of Mrs. Roane to the Pee Dee Rifles camp)



UPCOUNTRY



South Carolina

UPCOUNTRY

ON APRIL 12, 2025, THE UPCOUNTRY, LOW COUNTRY, AND NC COPPERHEADS ATTENDED AN EVENT AT SECESSION HILL. THE UPCOUNTRY AND LOW COUNTRY CREW ALSO ATTENDED THE EVENT AT BURT-STARK MANSION IN ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA ON APRIL 30, 2025.



South Carolina

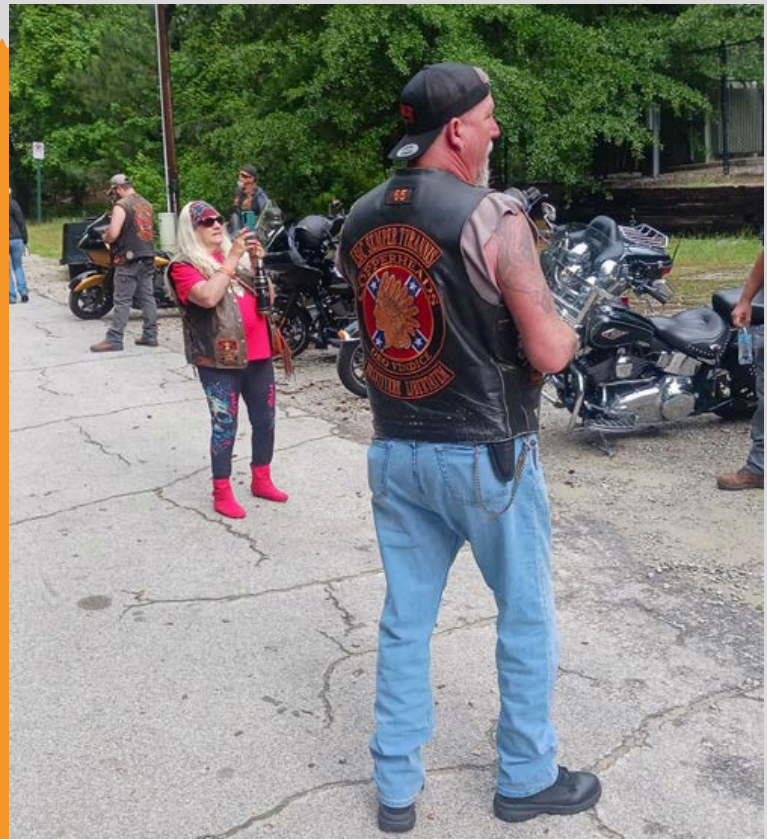
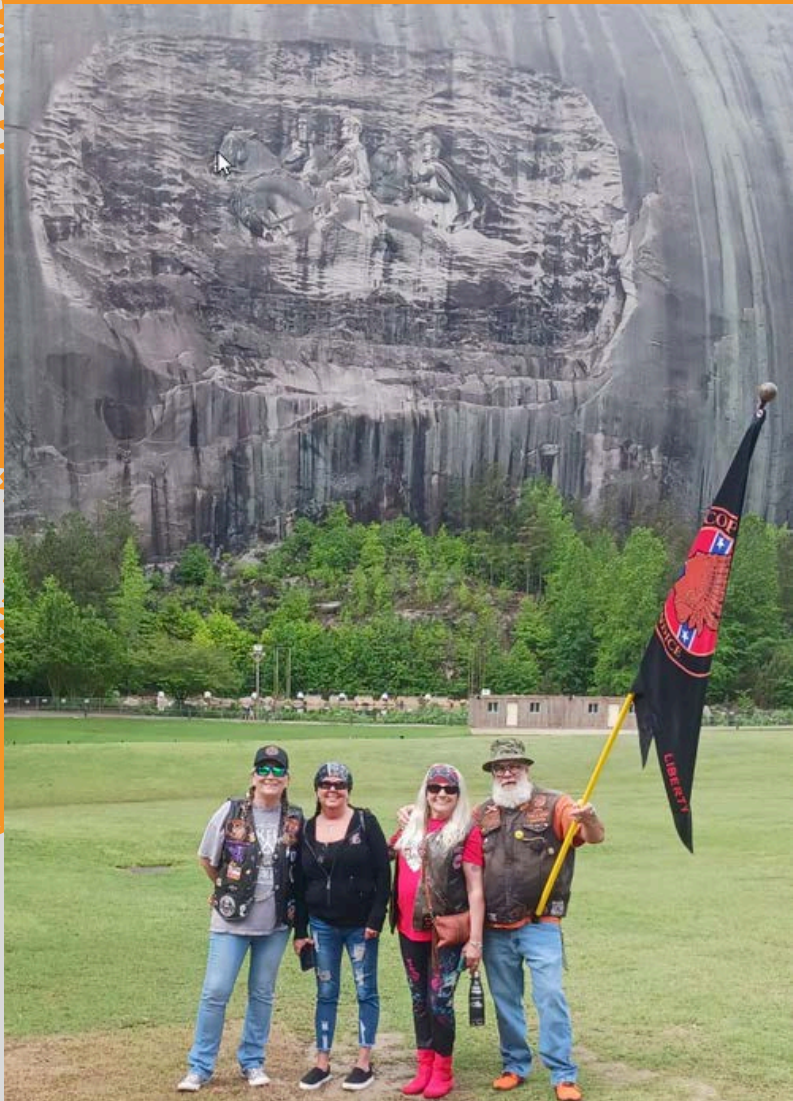
UPCOUNTRY



South Carolina UPCOUNTRY



**THE UPCOUNTRY AND LOWCOUNTRY
CREW ATTENDED STONE MOUNTAIN
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL WEEKEND!**



South
Carolina
UPCOUNTRY





On April 26, 2025, The Tribe attended the Stone Mountain event, where we had the pleasure of connecting with our brothers from across the country. We were honored to contribute to the success of the event and are already in the early stages of planning for an even bigger and better experience in 2026.





On April 19, 2025, Members of the Tribe participated in Bike Night hosted by the Faith Riders Motorcycle Ministry in Griffin, Georgia.





THE TRIBE HELD ITS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED
MONTHLY MEETING ON
APRIL 12, 2025





Texas is growing we gained 2 new prospects at the meet in Anderson we look forward to adding quality men as always heritage not hate the mechanized. Calvary made a showing as well and invited us to the river run.







Bad company and Posse in Gettysburg

Again, Maryland weather has been uncooperative, as we finally shed cold weather, and the warmer weather arrives so does a rainy period. April Gettysburg ride most of bad company with Posse members present happened in April, however Posse ride hosted by Opie to Tudor Hall home of John Wilkes Booth 1852-1859 in Bel Air Md. had to be postponed due to rain.







Posse & Bad Company





Hello Everyone!

April was a very busy month for Virginia we all were out riding.

BlackHorse

April 13th we rode out to Namazine Church where there was a Calvary battle with the rear guard of the Confederate army and the Union. This battle was on the Army of Northern Virginia retreat from Petersburg. We also swore in a new Brother Eric Pyles (Hijacker). After swearing him in we rode to eat the rode to Jamestown and rode the ferry across the river. The end of the month had Quartermaster Bubba or (RainMan) to Stone Mountain in which we had a great time even after the assassination attempt.

Crowbar

Captain Virginia

Mosby's Ranger's

Mosby's Rangers had their monthly meeting at Northside 29 on Sunday April 6, 2025. Minor changes to upcoming rides were discussed and rendezvous times and locations finalized. A motion was made to support a charity organization as our philanthropy this year. Details will be voted on at the May meeting. Lt Parasite brought up a family in need of relief in the local community which had lost all their belongings in a house fire recently. All members present were requested to lend Mosby's Rangers had their monthly meeting at Northside 29 on Sunday, April 6, 2025. Minor changes to upcoming rides were discussed and rendezvous times and locations finalized. It was decided the rangers would support the local community as our philanthropy this year. Lt. Parasite brought up a family in need of relief in the local community who had lost all their possessions in a house fire recently. All members present were requested to lend all available assistance. all available assistance. Discussions were also planned for a future fundraiser to support our charities.

1st Sgt. Six-gun

Mosby's Rangers



Mountain Ranger's

The Ranger's had a ride for a fallen Brother Sgt Sammy and it was a great success. Sammy was to be one of the first few Brothers to be a Copperhead here in Virginia but he passed on a ride up in the mountains and he is missed. The Rangers also picked up a new Prospect that is joining their ranks.



Morgan's Raiders

The Raiders are our none stop Brothers in Southwest Virginia. First Sgt Bo is always on the move riding the Mountains of Virginia. The Raiders are a great bunch of Brothers.

Virginia



Virginia





Capt. Bull, 1stLT Bootleg, and our newest member Snuggle "Bear" had a blast during the Confederate Memorial Day weekend hosted by Georgia! Our hats off and multiple thanks to Capt. Shadow and his guys from the Tribe putting on a wonderful event! These guys have paved the way for a relationship with Stone Mountain Park that Tennessee feels will continue for years to come! Great job Georgia!

Cavalry Scout Sgt. Stone Cold "MOTH" was able to attend the bike week in Panama City Beach this month and proudly represented the Copperheads! Thanks Moth!

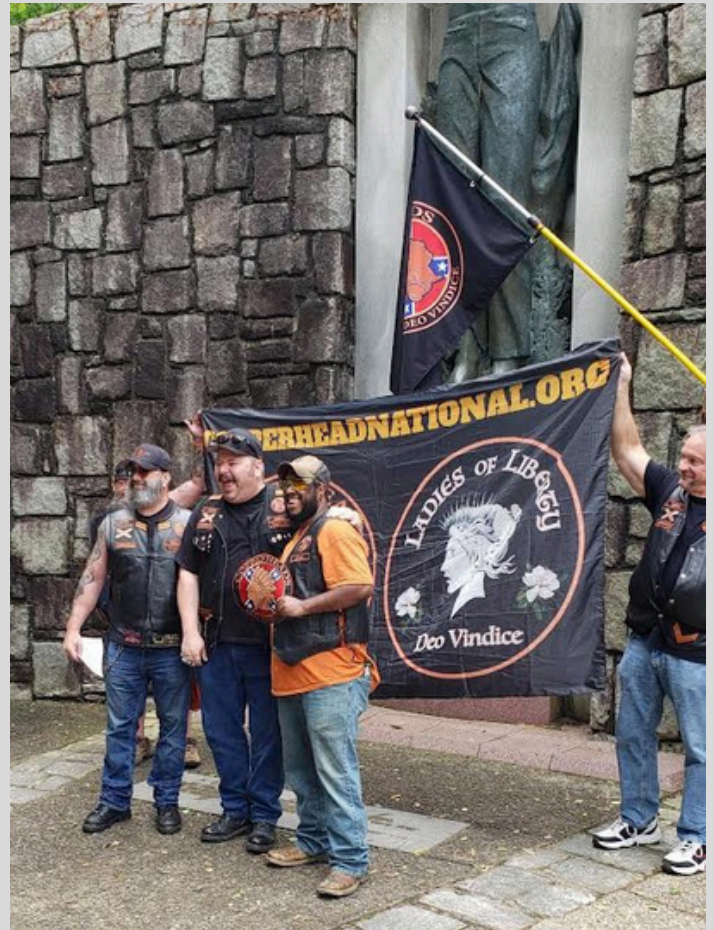
We are also happy to introduce our newest member Snuggle "Bear", Who has made a great addition to Tennessee, he will be helping 1stLT Bootleg with recruiting and fund raising efforts in East TN.

We will be having a state meeting and cookout at the home of Capt. Bull on Saturday May 10th, where we are hoping to be able to swear in Prospect Diesel.

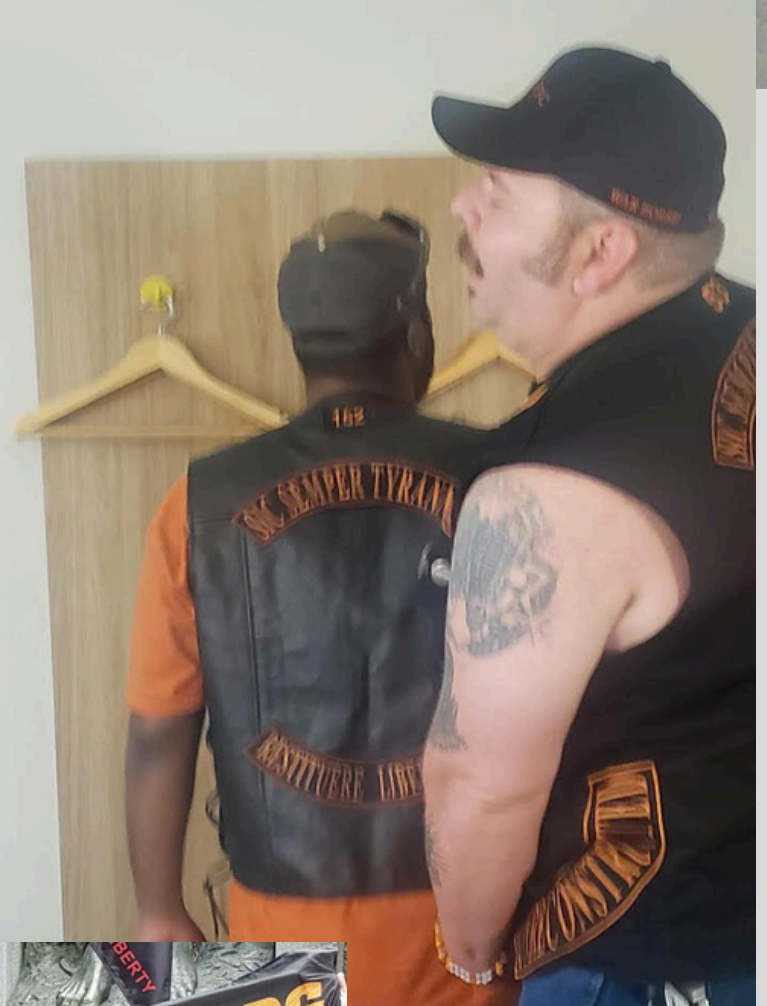
We also have multiple events planned for the next coming weeks throughout Tennessee. Until the next edition! CFFC!

Capt. Bull

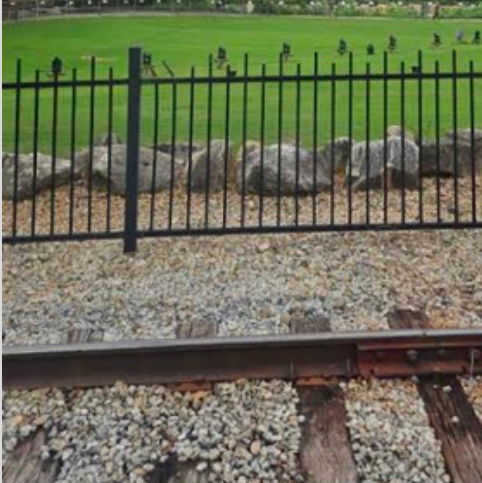
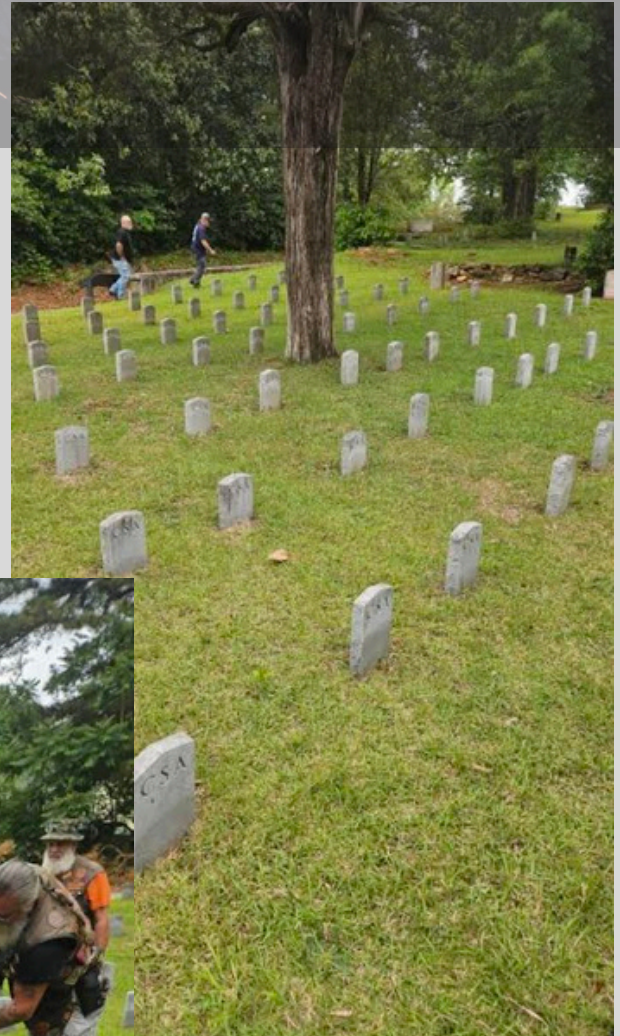




Tennessee









Ladies of Liberty



CONGRATULATIONS KEM, TEXAS!

COUNTRY IS GETTING HER RIDE ON!



Needham's Notes



NEEDHAM'S NOTES

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Copperheads Historian
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