

**Welcome everyone, hope everyone finds health and happiness during these winter months.**

**I would just like to state this past year has been amazing, everyone has worked hard in the efforts to gain the momentum we have in this last year. So many accomplishments. First this issue marks the 6<sup>th</sup> month of Hardtack publications. In addition, the copperhead national website has marked 1 Year online effective February 13<sup>th</sup>. During this time period the website has seen just shy of 20,000 site visits in only 1 year, absolutely amazing. Continued growth each and every month with membership and inquiries.**

**Please see in this issue details for the copperhead 2<sup>nd</sup> National to be held in South Carolina September 2024**

**SGT. HAVOC (JT) Chief Signal Officer**

# **HARDTACK Journal**

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The latest news, views, and announcements

Editor: Chief Signal Officer: Havoc

# GENERAL'S REPORT

Brothers,

Things are relatively quiet on the home front, as we are hunkered down for the winter. However, we are still receiving several applications a week which is great to see. I expect us to have a very good summer, recruiting wise.

Our next big event is Stone Mountain in April, I hope to see most, if not all, of you there. It is important we have a strong showing at this event so please attend if possible.

As the weather gets warmer and we start riding more, be safe brothers.

General Lucky

CFFC

## From the Desk of the Founders

**Founders report:**

**Now that spring is right around the corner, we're starting to map out what our event/ride schedule will be for 2024. Each state will have their own event/ride calendar. We're looking forward to traveling around the Copperhead Nation. Our 1<sup>st</sup> stop will be in Georgia April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> to attend the SCV Stone Mountain event & the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Confederate Memorial Day service. Capt. Doby has already sent out the itinerary with contact information for the Host Hotel. We have every State coming to support Stone Mountain. This will be a great event to start the riding season. Safe travels to our brothers, Ladies of Liberty, family and friends.**

**Sincerely,**

**Founders**

**Rocco and Brick**

# **STATE DISPATCHES**

## **Maryland**

### **Maryland's report**

- **Finalizing event/Ride schedule 2024**
- **April 26th to April 28th Stone Mountain - make sure you book your room. Riding down Thursday/Friday**
- **Final drive for Sausage fundraiser -Money due Feb 4th -Production Feb 24th-Delivery Feb 26th**
- **Chris "Bub" Earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> Rocker - Congratulations brother**



**CFFC,**

**Capt Rocco**

**Founder**

## **Virginia & West Virginia**

### **Virginia State Captains Report**

**Hi Everyone In Copperhead Nation,**

**January has pretty much been a slow month. We went to Maryland's Christmas/ New Year Party and officer meeting. We all had a great time and wish more Brothers could have made it. Virginia like I said has been slow except for the Lee Jackson Day ceremony in Lexington Va and it was a good event except we weren't allowed to walk in there parade so we washed away our tears at a local BBQ restaurant. We are all looking forward to good weather so we can get out and ride, then I will have more to report.**

**Captain Crowbar**

**CFFC**

**Report by LT Parasite**

**Mosby's Rangers held their monthly meeting today and presented Ms. Tracey and Northside 29 restaurant a plaque of appreciation for their support of our group over the years thank you Tracey Mr. Bill and Northside 29 restaurant**



**Mosbys Rangers have also scheduled two rides one will be to Melrose Caverns in Harrisonburg on June 8 the other will be to the Graffiti House and Brandy Station August 10 details on the rides will be posted at a later date**

**Up coming Cemetery clean up March 23<sup>rd</sup>. link below**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/490273409295334/permalink/918658569790147/?mibextid=W9rl1R>**

## **South Carolina**

**Low Country reported by Bugman.**

**Saturday, February 10th members of the SC Copperheads Low Country Crew inspected and flagged graves at four cemeteries in Horry County, SC. In addition, a Southern Cross of Honor was placed at the wilderness grave of Pvt. Michael F. Clardy, Ward's Co., Waccamaw Lt. Arty, SC Artillery.**



**1st Sgt. Paul "Tech" Flanagan places a new First National at the grave of Sgt. William Montgomery, Capt. Mayham Ward's Co., Waccamaw Light Artillery.**



**SC SCV Copperheads Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher placed a new Stars and Bars at the marker for Pvt. John Green Waller, Co. E, 26th SC Inf. Regiment, CSA, killed in action December 6th, 1864 at the Battle of Petersburg, Virginia.**



**Corporal "B" paid respects with a new flag at the grave of Pvt. William A. Bell, Co. C, 18th NC Infantry Regiment,**



**Tech and B Carrying materials to install a Southern Cross of Honor at wilderness gravesite.**



**Southern Cross of Honor placed at the grave of Pvt. Michael F. Clardy.**



**1st Sgt. Paul "Tech" Flanagan and Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher at the grave of Pvt. Clardy.**

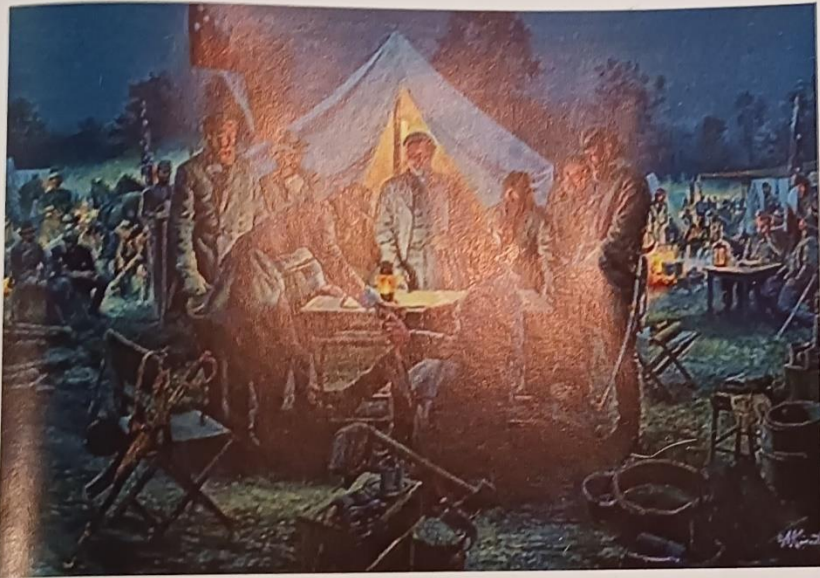


# Up Country

Lee Jackson Banquet Feb 3, 2024


*The Officers and Members of the  
10th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers  
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 36  
Welcome you to their annual*

## *Lee-Jackson Banquet*



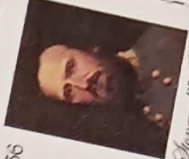
*Boiling Springs Fire Dept Training Center  
208 Blacks Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina  
7:00 P.M. Saturday  
January 20, 2024*

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Lee-Jackson Banquet





10th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers Camp 36  
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10th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers Camp 36  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Lee-Jackson Banquet  
Fire station #4 Training Building  
208 Blacks Drive, Greenville SC 29615  
7:00 PM



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Robert E. Lee

## Thank You to our 2024 Sponsors!

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2nd Brigade
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- Mark & Pam Poag
- S.C. Color Guard of Honor
- Csaba & Tammy Szabo ●
- Turpin/Raines Family Cemetery
- UAM Automotive - Anthony Furino
- Larry and Anita Waddell



Frank Tucker - In honor of:

- *Thomas Berry Tucker, Pvt. Co. H, 3rd Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery*
- *Elijah Tucker, Pvt. Co. A, 18th SC Infantry*
- *John P. Gault, Prv. 16th SC Volunteers*



Ezekiel Parro



Swearing in Larry "Leroux" Roel



# Georgia

## GEORGIA

### January

- Copperheads attended the Robert E. Lee Birthday ceremony at Irwinville on 13 January, all members braving the cold to ride. This sets a positive pattern for future collaboration by attending Georgia Division SCV events.

### Upcoming Events

- Georgia Copperheads will attend the April 27th Sons of Confederate Veterans ceremony at Stone's Mountain, Georgia. Projected National Copperheads participation continues to grow.



Copperheads in Georgia attend the R.E. Lee Birthday Ceremony in Irwinville, GA and a Platoon meeting in Griffin, GA the following week.



# Ohio

I met John Hill at Johnson Island a Confederate cemetery on Lake Erie. John told me of some of his ancestry buried there. Also informed me how he is related to A.P. Hill who in fact was good friends with General Robert E. Lee. Very informative and enlightened me more on the Confederacy. I am also working on prospecting new members



### CONFEDERATE STOCKADE CEMETERY

#### Confederate Prison

On November 15, 1861, the War Department leased one-half of Johnson's Island, in Sandusky Bay, Ohio, and began constructing a 14-acre prison camp on the southeast shore. When complete, the prison complex included a 14-foot-tall board stockade that enclosed thirteen barracks, one of which served as a hospital. Each barracks had two central kitchens. Foy structures outside the complex housed prison staff. A redoubt with artillery looked down on the prison to guard against insurrection.




Illustration of Johnson's Island, Ohio, showing the prison complex during the Civil War.


In June 1862, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton ordered that all Confederate officers held at Camp Chase prison in Columbus, Ohio, be moved to Johnson's Island. It became the official prison for Confederate officers; however, most officers were held there, and officers were interned elsewhere.

Over the course of the war, about 12,000 prisoners were confined on Johnson's Island. Compared to other Civil War prison facilities, a remarkably low number—239—died, despite the harsh climate and remote location. The first recorded death was David T. J. Wood on May 8, 1862; William Mitchell, who died in June 1863, was the month the prison closed, was the last.


#### The Cemetery

Prisoners who died at Johnson's Island were buried in a cemetery about a half mile from the prison. The soft, loamy island soil made digging easy, but 4-5 feet below ground was solid bedrock, which prevented burials at customary levels of 6 feet. Each grave was marked with a wooden headboard.

After the war, friends or relatives removed more than twenty bodies. Marble headstones—206 total—were erected in 1890 through the efforts of a group of Georgia tourists who visited the cemetery and reported in state newspapers the lack of permanent markers. Many of these headstones remain in place today.



Confederate Stockade Cemetery, c. 1865. Kentucky Library, Andrew R. Haysman Collection.




The cemetery after the headstones were placed. Kentucky Library, Andrew R. Haysman Collection.


#### Mary Patton Hudson

In 1905, the Robert Patton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), bought the cemetery and adjacent lot from private owners. This purchase limited the cemetery and Mary Patton Hudson, the chapter's leader for more than twenty years. Mrs. Hudson, known for her determination, worked diligently on behalf of the cemetery. After the Commission for Marking Graves of Confederate Dead was authorized in 1906, Mrs. Hudson immediately began lobbying for cemetery improvement, including a new fence. Commissioner William Elliott declined to pay to enclose a cemetery the federal government did not own. Mrs. Hudson refused to relinquish the property.

To honor the soldiers buried on Johnson's Island, Mrs. Hudson raised the money to erect a large monument in 1910—a bronze statue of a Confederate soldier sculpted by Moses Ezekiel. Her grounds to improve and beautify the cemetery continued until her death in 1920. In 1931, the UDC donated the cemetery to the U.S. government.



Monument "The Soldier" erected by Mrs. Patton Hudson, 1910. Kentucky Library, Andrew R. Haysman Collection.



Mary Patton Hudson, c. 1890. Hudson was the daughter of a National Army and Research Administration officer.

The Robert Patton Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, purchased the cemetery and adjacent lot from private owners in 1905.

## JOHNSON'S ISLAND PRISON 1862-1865

**CONSTRUCTION**

In 1861 it became apparent to Federal authorities that the war would not end quickly and plans were made for construction of prisons to permanently house thousands of Confederate prisoners. Lieutenant Colonel William Hoffman was assigned the task of managing the new Federal prison system. Hoffman arrived in Sandusky in October of 1861 and began the search for an appropriate prison site. Traveling around the Lake Erie islands aboard the *Island Queen*, Hoffman quickly responded and rejected several prospective sites. Middle and North Bass Islands were too close to Canada. South Bass Island with Fair-Harbor had an extensive civilian population and well established vineyard industry which would be subject to damage. Kelley's Island had similar drawbacks.

**THE PRISON**

The prison's stockade was a four-sided area of approximately 16 acres with a 15 foot high wooden fence surrounding it. At the base of the fence was a ditch to prevent tunneling, since the ditch reached back into the ground. Inside the stockade were 13 two-story prisoner barracks or "blocks," each roughly 28 by 150 feet. Twelve blocks were barracks and the thirteenth was the hospital. There was a yard down the center and behind each block was a sink or privy which was always full due to the poor drainage of the soil over the limestone shell.

The nearly built blocks were constructed of green lumber which quickly shrank as it cured leaving many gaps. Prisoners knotted out made and cut additional holes for ventilation. The refracting lake breezes so valued in summer become brittle as the bay froze in winter and a layer of insulating newspaper was used to ease the remaining cold.





Each block had a kitchen at one end with a small cast iron stove where the prisoners cooked and transferred when water was available and pumps were not frozen. Because of the number of prisoners in each block the mess process continued all day. An appetizing menu of salt fish or pickled beef in a stew with rice and beans was the standard fare.

Outside the stockade walls were some 40 buildings for the operation of the prison. Barracks for the officers and their families, enlisted men's housing, a horse powder magazine and two block houses were built in addition to the parade grounds and various barns and horse stables.

Unpopulated Johnson's Island within Sandusky Bay presented the best choice. Its size was about right, 300 acres, and the island was mostly wooded with Hickory and oak providing a good fuel source. Half the island could be leased for \$200 per year and the 40 acres already cleared made a good building site. The new owner, L. B. Johnson was more than willing to allow the government to clear the land thereby increasing its agricultural and limestone quarrying value when the war ended.

From Hoffman's arrival to the letting of construction contracts took a mere 30 days. The Sandusky builders William T. West and Prinsdorff Grogg were hired to build the initial buildings for \$20,000 and by mid-February 1862 a prison stood on the site. An additional contract was soon drawn for expansion of the facility.

On April 11, 1862 the weather finally allowed the arrival of the first 300 prisoners by train in Sandusky from Camp Chase. They were ferried to the island aboard the *Island Queen*. Initially the prison was to house any Confederate prisoners but in June 1862 enlisted men were shipped to Camp Chase near Columbus and the Lake Erie prison contained only Confederate officers, plus an occasional private due to clerical errors.

## JOHNSON'S ISLAND CIVIL WAR PRISON AND FORT SITE

HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A

### NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

THIS SITE POSSESSES NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AS AN IMPORTANT DEPOT FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF CONFEDERATE PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THE CIVIL WAR. THIS CONFEDERATE CEMETERY, A CONTRIBUTING FEATURE, CONTAINS THE REMAINS OF MORE THAN 200 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO DIED WHILE IMPRISONED ON THE ISLAND.

1990

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Welcome Visitors to this hallowed ground

Thank you for your kind donations for the new sign above and the exhibits at:

The Maritime Museum of Sandusky, Ohio  
located at  
125 Meigs St., Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Thank You!

Johnson's Island Preservation Society

IF YOU CARE TO DONATE TO OUR PRISON THE HISTORIC SITES OF THIS ISLAND AND THE JOHNSON'S ISLAND PRESERVATION SOCIETY THANK YOU

**Texas**



**FLORIDA**

# NORTH CAROLINA

The Old North States' latest member was sworn in David Carr.  
Sgt. 🇺🇸 🇺🇸



# TENNESSEE

**Not a whole lot to report for Tennessee, I will be swearing in a new member in the coming weeks. (Photos and name will be shared after SCVMC Officers call.)**

**Events that TN Copperheads will be attending we work periodically helping Gene Andrews at the NB Forrest Boyhood Home as well will be assisting him with raising 13 Confederate State and Battle Flags along I-65 near the Williamson Co./Metro Nashville this will done this week or next.**

**Attending Christian Motorcycle Association meeting on 2/20/24 invited by their current VP**

**Tennessee will be represented by Sgt. Bull at Stone Mountain 4/26-4/28/24.**



Respectfully Submitted,  
Sgt. Bull

## Up Coming Events

A poster for the Copperhead Ride To Stone Mountain. The background is a photograph of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial, showing several large statues of men on horseback. The text is overlaid on the image in a stylized, bold font.

**Copperhead Ride To Stone Mountain**

Join Us 26-28 April at:

**Day's Inn**  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
2006 Glen Club Dr.  
Stone Mountain, GA  
30087  
(770) 879-0800

Say "Copperheads" for the \$79.99 rate

26 April  
5pm until 7pm Icebreaker at the American Axes - Axe Throwing  
2316 Main St. Suite K, Tucker, GA 30084

27 April:  
0800: Line Up and Safety Meeting and Blessing of the Bikes  
0900: KSU for the ride to the Park  
1000: Ceremony Begins

This Ceremony is hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.  
We will be showing our support for the SCV's efforts to preserve  
this monument.

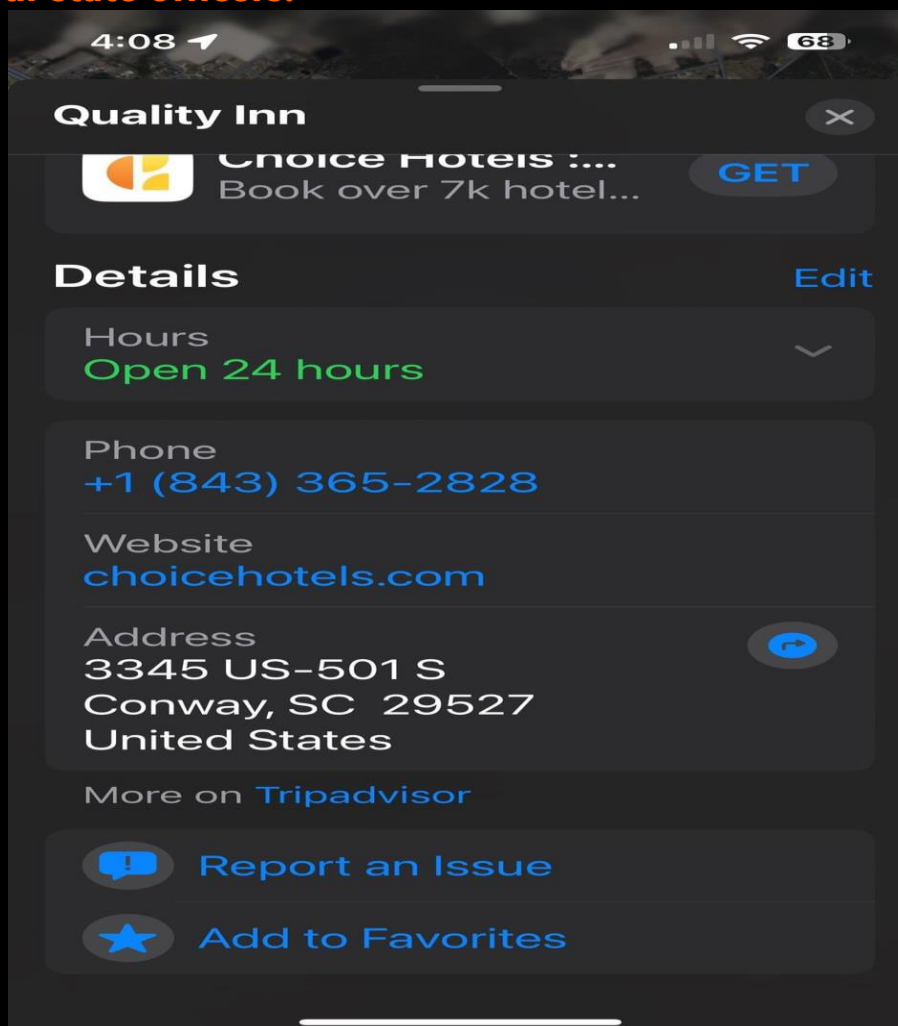
POCs  
Sir John-Boy (423) 333-8144  
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Monkey (478) 231-2284



# Copperheads' 2<sup>nd</sup> National South Carolina

The Copperheads yearly National Reunion will take place in Conway/Myrtle Beach South Carolina on 9/12/2024 through 9/15/2024. The address is Conway South Carolina 29526. We strongly advise using Rt. 22 rather than coming through Conway on Rt. 501 as Big Larry's place is just 3.5 miles from Rt. 22 and you'll avoid traffic. Accommodations are listed above. To get the room discount you must use the name Fultz. There are many other Hotels and Motels in the area. Plenty of camping is also available on Larry Fultz's property on a first come first serve basis. Contact Larry for info. Ladies, there is plenty of shopping and other interesting things to do locally including 90 miles of beaches and tourist attractions. Plenty of food and drinks will be provided along with Keg Beer. See y'all there

**P.S. I removed the exact address for this public publication, if in need contact your state officers.**



## **Needham's Notes**



**John Needham**

**Copperheads Historian**

<http://www.civilwarfactcheck.org>



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**Col. Copper has these coins available, If interested reach out to him.**

**Copperheads/Lady Liberty, coins  
1-1/2 inches round  
\$15**





Every motorcycle rider writes his own story and makes his own journey. It's time to make that journey count.

Our nation's Confederate Heritage is under attack. In nearly every town square across Dixie, and even up North and out West, the symbols of our People are being removed. Our Founding Fathers' belief in States Rights is precisely what those brave Southern men and women sacrificed for. Our adversaries intend to destroy any monument to that legacy. It's damn well gone far enough.

We're gaining new members daily, with chapters in Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Texas... and a *Ladies of Liberty* organization to support us. We're a family you'll surely recognize.

To join the Copperheads, Confederate ancestry is not a requirement. Being a true American is. If you have a motorcycle, if you are willing to saddle up and defend the memory of the Confederate soldier, and if you share our ancestors' desire for a limited government, we hope to hear from you soon.

Compatriots, we have the momentum, and we plan on keeping it. It's time for all of us to ride. Together.

[copperheadnational.org](http://copperheadnational.org)



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