



As the holidays Approach Tis time to give Thanks for Blessings!

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As we approach the Holiday Season, this is the time most associated with Thanks for the Blessings we have all been granted. Let us Give Thanks to the Lord above for bringing us all together. All brothers and sisters alike who have been brought together to fulfill the memory of our history of the good men and women who have given much. I would like to give thanks to all who have the faith in me to be the voice and communication operative for this Great Organization; that in such a short time has brought so many likeminded high-Quality persons together. If you build it, they will come! God blees each one of you and your families.

Thank You!!

Havoc (JT)

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Brothers,

Things have been calm and quiet on the home front as we continue to grow at a steady pace. I am proud to announce we have started issuing member numbers in triple digits, namely 100 and 101. Equally, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes, specifically The Copperheads will be opening chapters in a few new states over the next several months. More details to come as things develop.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Stay safe.

General Lucky

CFFC

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Eole E. Lake

Chief of Staff Report



**From the Desk of the
National Copperheads
Chief of Staff (Gunny)**

November 4, 2023

Greetings Brothers of the National Copperheads. The holidays and Winter with colder weather are closing in on many of us and unfortunately many of us will not be riding as much as we have been. With the New Year right around the corner, now might be a good time to reflect on what we've been able to accomplish as a brotherhood in just eight months. As we look back at what we've done, we are constantly looking to the future. The future of the Copperheads is in the hands of each one of us.

Reflecting for just a moment, we have now attained the somewhat magical number of 100 Copperheads. Truly, there is an abundance of great news. Our counterparts in the Ladies of Liberty already number 25 with 15 more sisters waiting in the wings to join. Today, we have a Copperhead presence in nine States.

As our numbers grow it will become important that we manage the Copperheads in a business-like manner. Once a State has 30 Copperhead members that will trigger a series of events regarding our business organization. One important ingredient to organizational management will be an individual state's designation as a non-profit corporation in the relevant State of origin. Once incorporated at the State level, the next critical step is to request tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Next the unit will request its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) which is required to establish a business bank account. Worry not! When the time comes, Headquarters will be there to help you and lead the way.

These efforts to properly organize yourselves as a business will cost money. The cost to do this will vary from state-to-state. Here in North Carolina, forming the corporation will only cost \$60. However, the filing fee to be recognized as tax exempt by the IRS will cost each State \$275. For planning purposes, I would advise each State to plan on expending no more than \$1,000 to become a fully functional, tax exempt, non-profit corporation.

Now would be good time to ask the question. Why bother with these administrative and business details? First and foremost, organizing your unit as a corporation in your State gives your entity "perpetuity". Once incorporated, no single person "owns" your corporation and no one person totally controls it. Once incorporated, the business is managed by a Board of Directors who are accountable to the membership. If people come and go or even pass away, the corporation lives on. Becoming incorporated demonstrates to others that you just don't belong to a "club". In fact, each of you are a part of a corporation that manages its own finances and affairs in a true businesslike manner. Once recognized as a tax exempt, non-profit agency by the IRS, donations to your organization are tax deductible by the contributor. It is your tax-exempt status which will allow you to go to Lowes for example and convince the store to donate items to your unit that you

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can subsequently sell raffle tickets to win. That item that Lowes "donated" to you can be written-off by Lowes as a charitable contribution. Each raffle ticket sold is also tax deductible for the person purchasing that ticket. In simple terms, it's your business organizational structure that will greatly assist you in raising funds that are necessary to any business organization.

Today, the National Copperheads (HQ) is a registered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Maryland and it has attained tax exempt status from the IRS. But I believe that 2024 will truly be a "breakout" year for the Copperheads across this nation. I see several State organizations becoming incorporated in their home state as becoming tax exempt by the IRS.

Next month I will attempt to specifically address the various methods that I have seen used effectively to raise funds by a tax-exempt organization like the Copperheads. Remember, when you see other organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Shriners, or the Moose Lodge holding a fund-raising event of their own, we can do the same thing once incorporated and designated tax exempt. Organizations such as those have been raising funds for years as non-profit organizations. The Copperheads can use the same methods. But how you raise money to begin with is only part of the equation. How you spend it and account for your funding is just as important. Always remember, that the Copperheads will always seek accountability and transparency when it comes to our financial operations.

Warmest Regards,

Robert E. Masters Jr.
AKA "Gunny" USMC (Ret)
Chief of Staff

From the Desk of the Founders

Founders report

We're heading into the season where you remind yourself of what you're Thankful for. What are the Copperheads thankful for from the Founders point of view?

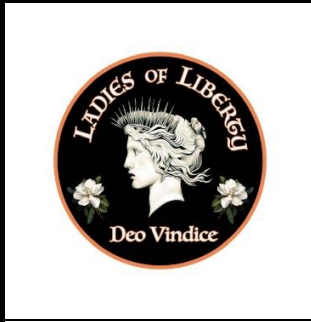
- **For all the support from of our Family, Brothers and Friends**
- **For brothers staying True to our cause of Remembering the Confederate Soldier, Celebrating Southern History and pursuing limited Government --- Keeping America Free!**
- **The growth of quality chapters in 9 states, with more to come in the New Year**
- **For the Ladies of Liberty**
- **Knowing that all the adversity we have faced has only made us a stronger, tighter group and confirmed we're on the right path.**

The list goes on and on --- As the Copperheads roll into the fall season, we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with Family, Brothers and Friends.

The Founders

Rocco and Brick

Ladies Notes



Our membership continues to grow with 22 current members. As the holiday season approaches, we continue to be thankful for many things. We are thankful for our sisterhood and the support we give each other.

Our holiday fundraiser is in full swing. We are selling holiday ornaments that showcase the partnership with the Copperheads. Each ornament is engraved on both sides. Every ornament has a Copperhead logo and a Ladies of Liberty logo. You could also hang these in your car and at home. These ornaments were handmade by a Copperhead in Virginia.

I have sent several ornaments out to the Ladies of Liberty State Reps. You can also contact Rocco for your order.

All proceeds will be given to Headquarters to assist with the cost of mailing patches to members.

The ornaments are a great quality product.

The current prices are:

1 for \$10

3 for \$20

5 or more \$5 each

Shipment for ornaments is free to any current member.

Ladies of Liberty



STATE DISPATCHES

Maryland's Report from Capt. Rocco

Things are not slowing down for Maryland as we head into fall and look forward to gathering with family and friends for Thanksgiving. Bad Company attend the Millie run Nov 4th in Memory of Mildred Von Stenberg. The proceeds will benefit Children in Need. We have the Marine Corps birthday ride in Philly, PA Nov 10th, and Remembrance Day parade in Gettysburg Nov 18th. Dec 3rd we will be attending a Gravestone dedication for Confederate Joseph Scronce in Culpeper VA, 2 of his direct descendants will be there. We will be swearing in a new brother and the event is sponsored by Mountain Island Preservation Society. They will be bringing a cannon for the ceremony. After the event we will pay our respects to General A.P. Hill. Please come out and support. Information about these events is listed on our Facebook page.

Maryland wishes everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. "Thank you, Lord, for the blessing you have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions. In Jesus amen."

Below are a few photos from the Millie Run – over 80 bike onion this ride.



Virginia & West Virginia

Virginia State Captains Report

I hope this finds all of Our Brothers and Sisters in the Copperheads and Ladies of Liberty well. October has been a little bit on the slow side for Virginia in the riding area, but we all have been having our monthly meetings and working on new members. The Mosey's Rangers sold raffle tickets for Hay-bale's son's football team, and I think they raised around \$2000 for the kids and a local Lady won \$ 500 cash. Morgan's Raiders had their meeting on the 4th and promoted TJ Taylor to Sgt at Arms and Derek Snodgrass the corporal. The Mountain Rangers had a good meeting and ride this month and swore in Buda an ex-MC member into our ranks and have two more to swear in at our 1st Virginia Copperheads Officer's Meeting. Black Horse had our meeting on the 1st and discussed current events and had some good fellowship and Black Horse has a new Brother to swear in at the Officers meeting also.

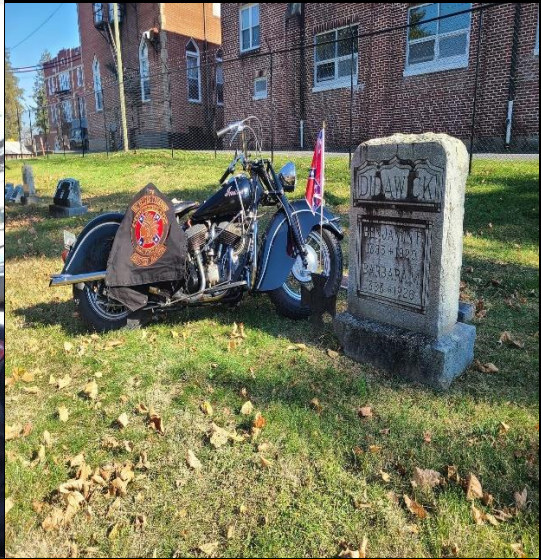
We are having our first State Officers meeting the 11 th of November. We are holding our meeting to discuss every unit's plan for the future, and how we can grow Virginia and the Copperheads Nation and how we raise funds to help us for our future.

Crowbar

Virginia Captain

CFFC







Morgans Raiders

Morgan's Raiders had our meeting today. Our squad is pleased to report 2 promotions tj Taylor our new Sgt at arms and Derrick Snodgrass our new corporal.



South Carolina

Low Country reported by Bugman.

On Sunday, October 15th, members of the SC Low Country Crew Copperheads travelled to Whiteville, North Carolina, to the Columbus County Volunteers SCV #794 to meet and hear John Hill, nearest living collateral descendant of General Ambrose P. Hill. The general's monument was the last Confederate monument to be removed from Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Hill gave an excellent presentation on his legal battles over the monument's removal and relocation of General Hill's remains to Fairview Cemetery at Culpepper, Virginia, as well as his military career itself.



From the SC Low Country Crew Copperheads, 1st Sgt. Paul "Tech" Flanagan, Color Sgt., John "Bugman" Fisher, Sgt. Major Big Larry Fultz along with John Hill

On Sunday October 29th, 2023, members of the SC Low Country Crew Copperheads attended the Confederate Memorial Day held at Magnolia Cemetery, Latta, SC by Colonel E. T. Stackhouse SCV #1576.



1st Sgt. Paul "Tech" Flanagan, Corporal "B" and Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher attended the service. "B" is also a member of the Waccamaw Light Artillery.



Corporal "B" makes some noise with his Coehorn Cannon.



Members of the SC SCV 7th Brigade Honor Guard



Archie Herring, Camp Commander Col E. T. Stackhouse #1576, Latta, SC. Archie is a fine Christian gentleman and dedicated Confederate descendant.

Up Country



With joint efforts with the Commander of SCV CAMP 36, Volunteer #16 Frank Tucker and Tammy of the Lady's of Liberty, cleaned up a orphaned cemetery in the Upcountry, Greenville SC



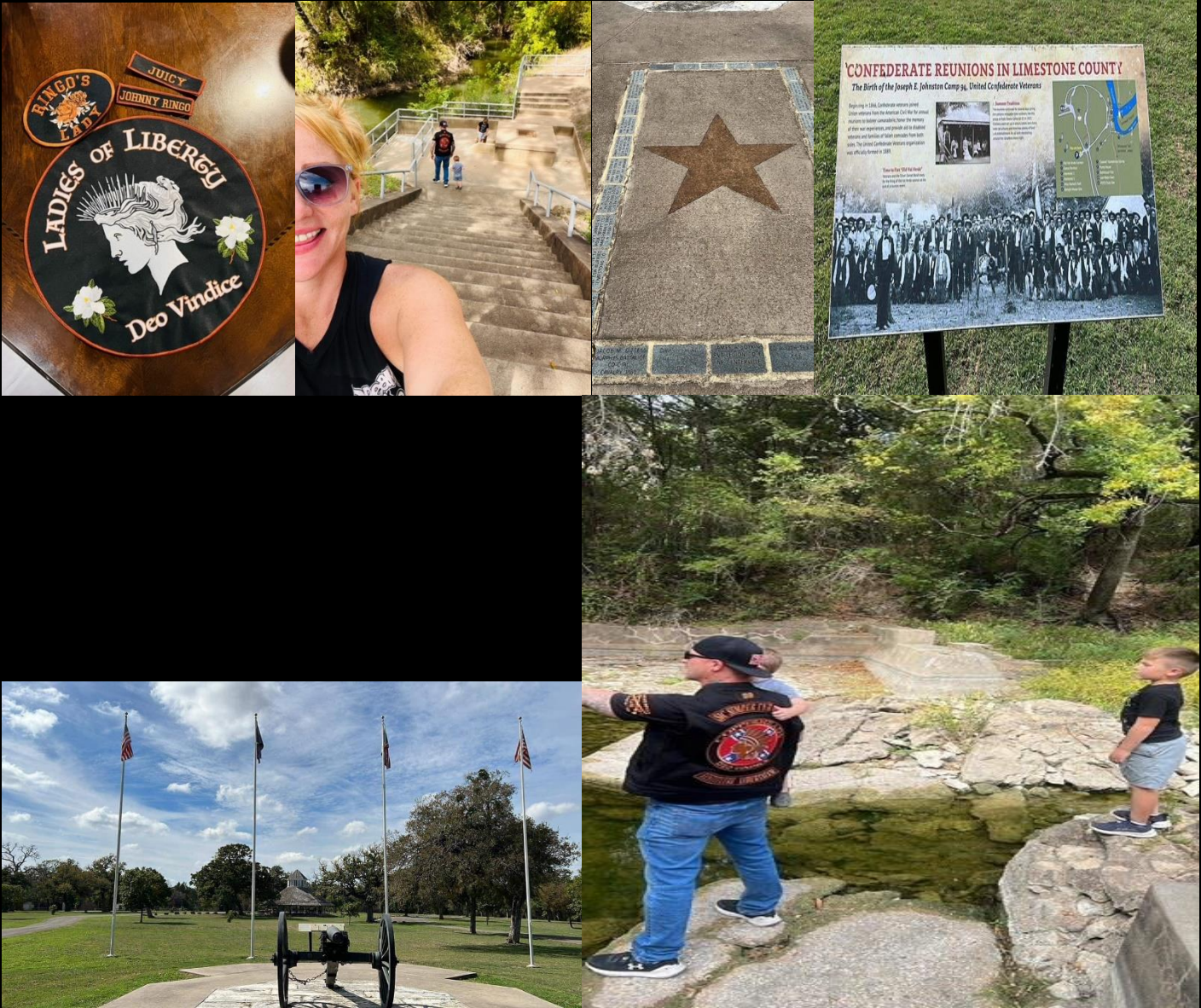
Upcountry Members and Low Country Crew met in the Midland, Lugoff, SC to talk about the National for the upcoming year in South Carolina and Tammy Szabo sworn in Michelle "Redneck" McCurry to the Ladies of Liberty on October 28th.

Georgia



In Georgia, the Copperheads welcomed new members Bad Company, Magoo, and Monkey.

Texas



Well slow motion In Texas, Juicy my wife is going to get sworn in after we get her vest and patches sewn on

FLORIDA



Welcome brothers from Lake Placid in south central Florida. I am starting to get a few asking about the group. Plus, it's now winter and that's the riding season down here. The summer can be brutal. We do have the SCV Mech's down here.

Needham's Notes



John Needham

Copperheads Historian

<http://www.civilwarfactcheck.org>

WHAT WAS THE FOUNDER'S INTENT IN SECEDING FROM THE BRITISH EMPIRE?

Even historians make errors. Last month, I reported to the membership: "Two Documents. Just two documents survive giving the Founder's intent and context in seeking secession from the British empire."

Those TWO documents I identified included the "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms" and the Declaration of Independence.

Well, there is more.

Several documents, ranging from State and Congressional resolutions and declarations, survive supporting the argument that the Founding Father's intent of leaving the British Empire was independence rather than protecting the institution of slavery as the 1619 Project claims:

"Conveniently left out of our founding mythology is the fact that one of the primary reasons the colonists decided to declare their independence from Britain was because they wanted to protect the institution of slavery." And not just independence but forming alliances with foreign nations and creating a new national government through a confederacy of States, or self-governance.

What is one of those documents? Let's look at that.

THE HALIFAX RESOLVES

On April 12, 1776, the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina empowered its delegates to vote for independence from Great Britain in the Second Continental Congress, along with other actions including support for foreign Alliances and forming a new Constitution.

"Resolved that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be impowered to concur with the other delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency, and forming foreign Alliances, resolving to this Colony the Sole, and Exclusive right of forming a Constitution and Laws for this Colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of a general Representation thereof to meet the delegates of the other Colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out."

This resolution, known as the "Halifax Resolves," carefully outlined North Carolinian grievances against the British Empire, including the Crown's support for slaves to rise up and kill their Masters throughout the Colonies.

"That Governors in different Colonies have declared Protection to Slaves who should imbrue their Hands in the Blood of their Masters."

North Carolinian's fear of slave revolts was a justified one. On November 7, 1775, Virginia Governor Lord Dunmore signed a proclamation encouraging slaves to fight for the British Crown in exchange for freedom. As a result, hundreds of slaves across the Colonies fled to British lines and picked up a musket.

What other grievances did the North Carolinians list? The seizing of colonial ships is another:

"That the Ships belonging to America are declared prizes of War and many of them have been violently seized and confiscated in consequence of which multitudes of the people have been destroyed or from easy Circumstances reduced to the most Lamentable distress."

During the American Revolution, the British Royal Navy seized colonial vessels as part of their naval blockade and enforcement of trade restrictions. This was one of the strategies used by the British to exert control over the American colonies and disrupt their trade and supply lines. This policy contributed to the unofficial policy of 'War Famine' on both sides.

Denouncing 'War Famine' was also mentioned in the Resolves.

"War famine as a policy" refers to a situation in which a government or military deliberately uses food scarcity as a strategy during a conflict or war to weaken an adversary or achieve specific objectives. This policy involves manipulating the availability of food and resources to create hunger and suffering among the civilian population, which can, in turn, have various effects on the enemy's ability to fight or maintain public support.

War famine as a policy can involve several tactics:

- 1. Blockades:** The enforcing party may blockade ports or supply routes to prevent food and other essential supplies from reaching the affected region. This tactic can lead to food shortages and malnutrition among the population.
 - 2. Scorched Earth:** The deliberate destruction of crops, livestock, and food storage facilities in enemy territory to deny sustenance to the opposing army and induce famine among civilians.
 - 3. Forced Relocation:** Forcing civilian populations to move from their homes, making it difficult for them to access food and causing displacement-related hunger and suffering.
 - 4. Seizure of Food:** Confiscating or requisitioning food from the civilian population to feed one's own troops while leaving the local population hungry.
 - 5. Economic Warfare:** Implementing economic policies or trade restrictions that hinder the ability of a nation to import or produce sufficient food.
- The British Royal Navy not only seized colonial ships but also captured their sailors. Captives had two choices: Serve the Empire in His Majesty's Royal Navy or die. The Declaration of Independence refers to it as one of the reasons for leaving the British Empire.**

The practice of impressment, which involved forcibly conscripting individuals into the British Royal Navy, was a common practice during the 18th and early 19th centuries, particularly during times of war. It was a controversial and often resented practice that played a significant role in British naval manpower recruitment.

Impressment involved the seizure of men, from various locations, including merchant ships, coastal towns, and even foreign vessels. The British Navy used impressment as a means of maintaining an adequate number of sailors, especially during periods of conflict when the demand for naval manpower was high.

Benjamin Franklin compared the practice of impressment to slavery.

In the end, perpetuating or protecting slavery wasn't provided by the North Carolinians as a reason for colonial independence other than addressing the reality of slave insurrections.



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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.

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