



**A Month of Helping Our Communities**

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Let's be real here, there have been a lot of assumptions and slanderous accusations being thrown around. The Copperheads are a historical preservation organization with a 501 (c3) status with the IRS. This means your donations are tax deductible. The membership is involved in many communities' volunteer and fund-raising campaigns throughout the States. This Issue is dedicated to the members and their better halves who give their time and support to helping others and perpetuating the memories of patriots and their memorials.

**Thank You!!**

**Havoc**

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Brothers,

I hope you are all well and staying safe. We have steadily been growing over the last month and we are now 93 members strong with 14 applications that are pending. We should have over 100 brothers by the end of the year. We are all about quality, not quantity, and it's nice to see more quality brothers joining us every day.

The Ladies of Liberty have been growing rapidly and they are up to 20 members which is great.

On a more general note, I urge all of you to keep a level head on social media. There have been, and always will be, those who speak out negatively against us. Please do not get engaged. I understand that is easier said than done and tempers can rise quickly. We pride ourselves in being a quality group of brothers that operates above board; therefore, we must not stoop to their level.

Thank you, and stay safe,

General Lucky

CFFC

Chief of Staff Report

*The National Copperheads*

*From the Desk of the*

*The Chief of Staff*

**Greetings and salutations from your National Copperheads Chief of Staff and our second edition of our very own *Hard Tack* monthly magazine. I hope all of you are as pleased and excited as I am about the tremendous progress the Copperheads have made in such a short period of time. The work that has been accomplished thus far is truly phenomenal and a tribute to all of us.**

**But one issue I wanted to address with you early in the game is finances and fund-raising activities. The National Copperheads are recognized by the IRS as a non-profit, tax exempt, organization under the IRS Code 501(3). Simply put, this means that if we earn money pursuing our stated tax-exempt purpose, then we don't have to pay taxes on those monies. Furthermore, it means that a member of the public can make cash and property contributions to the Copperheads and claim that donation as a tax deduction on their tax returns.**

**Currently, the National Copperheads of Maryland are our only tax-exempt organization. However, as the State organizations grow and become autonomous with members exceeding 30, they will be authorized by Headquarters to obtain their own tax-exempt status from the IRS, and you will request your own Employer Identification Number. Total cost of getting this done will approach \$2,000 depending on which State your club resides in.**

**For this reason, it's important to start fundraising now! First though, let's address the word "donation" which can take several forms. Obviously, you can receive cash donations and contributions. Receipts should always be provided for any donation notating what the donation was for. A receipt should follow. Services and actual hours of work that someone performs that assists our organization, can also be tax deductible if their work furthers our historical and educational purposes. The person invoicing for the service can donate all the cost or even a partial donation, but the invoice must designate this. Remember! Simply riding motorcycles together is NOT a valid tax-exempt purpose. The Copperheads incidentally ride motorcycles to support their historical and educational purposes.**

**It is imperative that the National and State level Copperheads raise funds for the general operations. There are many options for raising money. Some are very simple while other attempts at raising funds are quite complicated. Just a few ideas to consider are motorcycle rallies, motorcycle shows, raffles of every type including gun raffles which a NC group has been very successful with. Remember. We're not here to gain personal wealth from the Copperheads but we should recognize that funding allows us to do more in the pursuit of our tax-exempt purpose which is a vital one.**

**I and the other Officers are working on the details of how we will assist the subordinate Copperhead units when they reach 30 members and are ready to take on the responsibility of being a legal, tax-exempt organization and recognized by the IRS. More will be forthcoming soon on all these subjects.**

Robert E. Masters

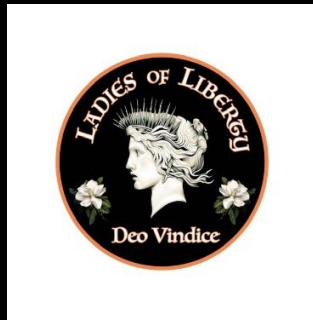
Chief of Staff

### **From the Desk of the Founders**

**As an organization we support the Confederate soldier, Southern history, his legacy and Limited Government. By honoring him we look to support the communities we live in. It's nice to see the captains take the lead and find worthy causes to get behind. SC Help 4 Kids / Backpack Buddies in Myrtle Beach \$3,000, MD C.A.W.A.T for Veteran Suicide prevention \$1,625, VA Clarke County Youth Football drawing November 5<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the Southern man leaving his home during the War of Northern aggression was to Support, defend and protect the community he lived in. We're proud to continue this tradition and look forward to expanding our efforts as we grow.**

Sincerely, Founder Rocco, Founder Brick

### **Ladies Notes**



**The holidays and cooler weather are around the corner! The Ladies of Liberty continue to grow, as the number of Copperheads grows. We have welcomed 6 new members this month. There are now 21 LOL members, representing 6 states (GA, MD, SC, TX, VA, and WV). We have continued to work on developing project ideas to support The Copperheads. We are sponsoring a fundraising initiative for Headquarters for the holiday season. Copperheads and Ladies of Liberty commemorative ornaments (plastic and wood options) will be available**

for purchase on the website, Facebook, and upcoming Hardtack editions. Please check back soon for details.



If you would like to learn more about the Ladies of Liberty and check your eligibility, please check out the website.

Thanks

"Karma"

## STATE DISPATCHES

### Captains report from Maryland

We had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride in Memory of Capt. Hook for C.A.W.A.T for Suicide prevention. It was a huge success. Lt Bud, Bad Company, and the Ladies of Liberty did a great job organizing and running the event. The ride is growing each year, we had over 60 bikes riding down the road in Memory of Capt. Hook. This is a cause we take seriously. Honoring, remembering, supporting the people and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. Our next big event will be our Holiday party. Lt Brick is trying to lock down a date in January. Hopefully by the next issue we will be able to announce the date and location.

Sincerely,

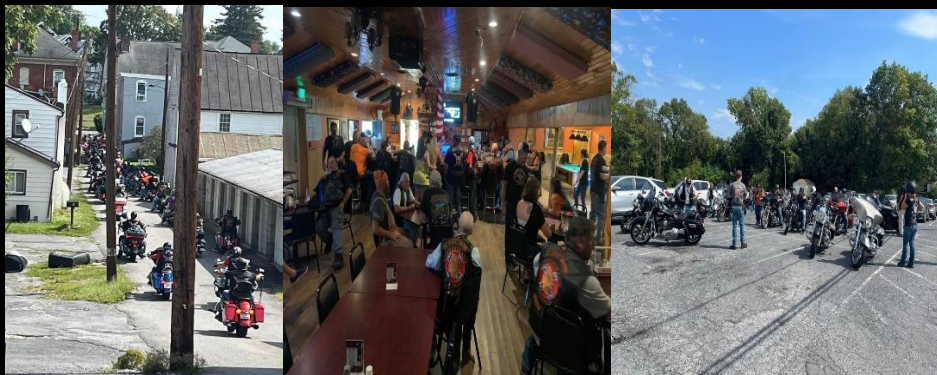
Captain Rocco

**CFFC Founder**

## **BAD COMPANY**

**Lt. Bud's Bad Company hosted the Captain Hook Memorial ride on September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fantastic turnout with about 60 Bikes and raising \$1,365 for C.A.W.A.T.**





## POSSE

**Lt. Brick and Sgt at Arms Pud made it down to Myrtle Beach bike week and the Posse caught up with some of the Low Country crew.**



# Virginia & West Virginia

## Virginia State Captains Report

Brothers I would like to say Thank You to the Mountain Rangers they helped a brother in need. Brother Patches (Patrick Hill) was riding his bike just before the National and wrecked. Patrick was at the National in in a wheelchair so most of you met him. Sgt Tony and the rest of the Mountain Rangers sold meals to the community to raise money to help Brother Patches with his medical bills that is real Brotherhood. Thank you.

Captain Crowbar

## Mosby's Rangers



Raffle tickets for sale contact Lt parasite ( Leon Lowe) by Facebook messenger or text or any member of Mosbys Rangers Va for information on how to get your tickets



Speedy recovery to Haybale for his tangle with some horns (left) Monthly meeting (right)



## Mountain Rangers



**The mountain Rangers Did a fundraiser Today for one of our brothers. We had a drive through meal pork tenderloin, Kettle beans Coleslaw and a fruit cup. For it being a Sunday and Labor Day weekend, we brought in a \$1000. I would like to thank everybody that was in on this project that helped get it done thanks thanks from the bottom of my heart praise Jesus.**

## Morgans Raiders



**Morgans raiders at their poker run and new brothers.**

## South Carolina

### South Carolina Captains Report Captain Mike

**I would like to start with how proud I am of LD and the Low Country Crew for the great job they have done for the kids they are helping. Also, we have a couple of possibilities for new members. We had a great time with the locals here at the Confederates motorcycle rodeo. We will be having a planning meeting in a couple of weeks to get the National going. Looking forward to having a great time with you all in South Carolina next year!**

## **Low Country reported by Bugman**

**For the last several years members of the Low Country Crew have been assisting in food and financial assistance for local charitable organization, Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies of Myrtle Beach, SC.**

**The community relief team was founded in 1989 by Mrs. Barbara Mains after doing a bit of volunteer work in our county and discovering families living in unimaginable poverty. Her life changed that day and she in turn changed the lives of thousands of families in need through her efforts.**

**In the past, the Low Country Crew has provided close to, but never exceeded a thousand dollars in donations, but this year, under the Copperhead banner, we were able to give Help 4 Kids/BackPack Buddies \$3000.00 in financial assistance.**

**In reference to our move to Copperheads, Ms. Barb said, "I like the new patches better than the old ones!"**

**Money was generated via a raffle for a \$500.00 Visa Card as well as individual contributions. Thank you to all those who sold and purchased tickets. This would not have been possible without your support. YOU are making a difference in someone's life.**



**Low Country Crew Copperheads motorcycles parked in front of Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies**



**Mrs. Barbara Mains, (far left) and two of her staff, help needy families in Horry County daily.**



**Ms. Barb and 1st Lt. Larry "LD" Davis. LD has been at the front of raising funds for Help 4 Kid/Backpack Buddies for several years.**



The Low Country Crew Copperheads with Ms. Barb and workers. Also present was past SC SCV Division Commander and current Camp Commander of Litchfield #132 SCV, Conway, SC Jamie Graham far right. His granddaughter Eden (far left) was along for the ride as well.



Young Ms. Eden Graham got the surprise of her life in route to the contribution to Help 4 Kids/BackPack Buddies, with her first ever motorcycle ride. Eden is the granddaughter of past SC SCV SC Division President Jamie Graham.

Eden Graham took her first ride with LD.



**A young lady on her first of what will probably be many rides.**



**Copperheads in route to Help 4 Kids/Backpack Buddies. Ms. Eden in the front with LD**

Several years ago, at the request of Camp Commander John "Bugman" Fisher of the Horry Rough and Ready's SCV #1026, Myrtle Beach, SC, Paul "Tech" Flanagan willingly took on the office of the camps Guardian Director. Since then, Paul has worked tirelessly on behalf of inspecting the graves of nearly 700 Confederate soldiers interred in Horry County, SC. One of the achievements Paul did last year was gaining access to the resting places of two Confederate soldiers when placing flags and Southern Crosses of Honor at their graves was denied to two SCV camps for over 20 years. Thanks to Paul's efforts and negotiations with property residents the soldiers' headstones have been cleaned and crosses and flags placed at their graves.

In addition, when notified of a cross broken by landscaping carelessness, Paul had the cross and a new flag placed within 24 hours. His selfless dedication to our Confederate dead is to be emulated by us all.



SC Copperheads 1st Sgt. Paul Flanagan inspects a cemetery in need of cleaning. Access had been previously denied but through his efforts the soldiers have received their due honor.



Two soldiers now have crosses and flags at their graves.



**A new Southern Cross of Honor and First National flag were installed at a soldier's grave by 1st Sgt. Flanagan within 24 hours after being notified the previous cross had been broken.**

**Up Country**



**Welcome "Shoes"**



**9-15-2023**  
**Colonel Chopper, Captain Mike, Sargent of Arms Adam Meek and Choppers Lady Tammy of Ladies of Liberty doing "PR" work, handing out flyers about the Copperheads**





**Visited Tammy's maternal great great grand dads grave site and placed a refurbished United Daughters of Confederacy cross in cement also visited some other graves of her paternal great great grandparents side in Saluda, SC**

## Georgia



**Copperhead Shadow and Ladies of Liberty Karma attended the Atlanta Harley-Davidson Mission 22 ride for suicide prevention on 30 September. In addition to keeping an eye on Confederate Monuments, the Georgia Copperheads, like other Copperhead State groups, have taken on participating in suicide awareness rides; a nationwide problem that affects all groups of folks (especially Veterans) across the USA and in the State of Georgia.**



**Copperheads Monkey (pending), Shadow, Rock, and Doby checking on a flag flying near McRae, Georgia.**



**Georgia Copperheads select a new (first-ever) Sergeant Major for the State. "Rock" hails from Denmark and further represents the diversity of the Copperheads. In our fight to protect the legacy of the Confederate soldier and his monuments, the addition of like-minded riders, including those without Confederate ancestry, remains a critical part of the Copperheads vision and future success. Congratulations Rock.**

## Texas



**Sgt. Johnny Ringo and Family donating time, truck and fuel to help peaceful acres farm this morning  
Copperheads-Confederate Rangers hauling some hay**

## Needham's Notes



**John Needham  
Copperheads Historian  
[www.civilwarfact.com](http://www.civilwarfact.com)**

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

**Two Documents. Just two documents survive giving the Founder's intent and context in seeking secession from the British empire.**

**The first was authored by Thomas Jefferson of Virginia and John Dickinson of Pennsylvania entitled, "Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms". (1) It was a Resolution adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 6, 1775, which explains why the Thirteen Colonies had taken up arms against King George III.**

**FOR THE WOKE: Perpetuating slavery is not included in the Declaration, but the threat of enslavement is. Go kick sand and feel better.**

**The Declaration describes that after the Seven Years' War, the Colonists saw an effort by the British Parliament to extend its jurisdiction over the Colonies. Abhorrent policies listed in the Declaration**

include the Declaratory Act, the Coercive Acts, the extended use of vice-admiralty courts, and taxation without representation.

The Declaration describes how the Colonists had, *for ten years*, repeatedly petitioned for the redress of their grievances, only to have their pleas ignored or rejected. Even though British troops have been sent to enforce these unconstitutional acts, the Declaration insists that the Colonists do not yet seek independence from the mother country. They have taken up arms "in defense of the Freedom that is our Birthright and which we ever enjoyed until the late Violation of it" and will "lay them down when hostilities shall cease on the part of the Aggressors".

Nothing in the document suggests the perpetuating of slavery but likens the Colonies as being enslaved to the Legislature of Great Britain by violence, against its own constitution, and gives that as the reason for the colonies taking up arms in the first paragraph:

"The Legislature of Great Britain, however, stimulated by an inordinate passion for power, not only unjustifiable, but which they know to be peculiarly reprobated by the very Constitution of that Kingdom, and desperate of success in any mode of contest where regard should be had to the truth, law, or right, have at length, deserting those, attempted to affect their cruel and impolitic purpose of enslaving these Colonies by violence, and have thereby rendered it necessary for us to close with their last appeal from reason to arms."

The second document is the *Declaration of Independence*. The Declaration justified the independence of the Colonies by listing 27 colonial grievances against King George III and by asserting certain natural and legal rights, including a right of revolution. Its original purpose was to announce the Colonies' independence.



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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.

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