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I would just like to state that this year so far has been a wild ride! Everything has been moving at a super-fast pace from development of the website in four days with current site views since February of 14,000, and now this Hardtack Journal. It has taken many to assist with getting these things up and running and the support and submissions have been excellent. Hopefully this newsletter will be something everyone looks forward to each month. I cannot do it without all of you supporting us.

Thank You!!

Havoc

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Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you all for the unwavering commitment and effort you all have put into The Copperheads. At the beginning of February 2023, The Copperheads were five strong; as of September 2023, we are totaling 91 brothers throughout MD, PA, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL and TX. We have grown rapidly in size, but more importantly we have grown in quality. Thank you to Capt. Crowbar, and all of Virginia for putting on a stellar 1st National event. We had a great turn out and it was nice to see those who live a little further away. During the national we swore in several new brothers, launched The Ladies of Liberty, and had our first meeting where we established:

- If any brother would like to create merchandise, they need to clear it with their state captain who will then clear it with headquarters. We agreed on this to ensure we know who is using our patch, and for what. Equally, this should allow better transparency for what is being made/sold so everyone has the best chance to sell what they are making.

I look forward to what we will accomplish in the years to come, and I am blessed to be part of The Copperheads.

Stay safe brothers,

General Lucky

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Chief of Staff Report

Gunny

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

Greetings brothers of The National Copperheads. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who have not met me personally, let me explain a bit about my role in this fine organization. First, my professional background started with 21+ years on active Duty with the United States Marine Corps. In my early years in the Corps, I served as a Marine Security Guard and Barracks Marine in Saigon and London. While serving in the Corps I completed Bachelor of Science Degree requirements for Business Administration and Business Finance. After retiring from the Corps, I went on to form my own non-profit organization that worked extensively in small business and industrial development. My expertise is best described as helping small businesses navigate their way through the requirements of the Federal, State, and local governments.

During September 2017 I was recruited into the SCV by Captain Pizzini (Rocco) and General Kevin Stone. By December 2017 I was officially sworn into the Mechanized Calvary and assigned precedence number 3036 and joined 1st Platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion of the "Old North State" NC. Although the State of NC had always been well represented in the MC, there were few MC Brothers in the Eastern part of our State. The 1st Platoon was led at that time by Shane Elder (Stringbean) who was recently elected as the new State Captain for NC. Stringbean and I quickly realized a few important facts about the National Mechanized Calvary. First, the MC was not and is not to this day a legally formed, non-profit organization in any State although nearly everybody thought they were. Here in the Eastern part of NC, Stringbean and I got to work and legally incorporated our MC unit, and we received tax exempt, non-profit status from the IRS. This was a key accomplishment because being an actual non-profit organization gave our unit legitimacy. When we held fund raising events donations from the public were tax deductible. My role in my MC unit was limited to the conduct of professional business, bookkeeping, filing taxes, and fund raising. Within just a few years our MC unit had more than \$20k in the bank. Our unit owned a cargo trailer. We also purchased a cannon. We made real contributions to hurricane and flood victims here in NC and even out of state.

Over the years, Captain Rocco and I had become close, personal friends. I was present at the MC Officers call in 2020 when attempts were made to expel Rocco from the MC because he simply supported the concept of the Copperheads as a support unit to the Mechanized Calvary. Finally, at that year's Officers Call, the other State Captains and General Stone decided they would at least "recognize" the Copperheads and allow the new

organization members to ride with the "old" 2F MC unit in MD that Rocco led. Rocco has always experienced troubles with the Mechanized Calvary, but this was primarily due to the Mechanized Calvary refusing to endorse any kind of change. One example would be the often-used concept of vetting new Brothers. So, Rocco was criticized for vetting his new brothers. Now, here we are just a few years later and at the last Officers Call when Rocco was expelled, the Mechanized Calvary adopted a formal vetting process. When I heard what had transpired at the last Officers Call with Rocco being expelled, I knew then I could no longer be a member in good faith with the MC and I resigned from my own unit of the MC. I remain a member in good standing with my SCV Camp.

After resigning from the MC, I was encouraged to serve as the first Chief of Staff of the Copperheads. I accepted my appointment to that position and immediately went to work organizing The National Copperheads as a corporation in the State of Maryland and recognized as a non-profit, tax-exempt entity by the IRS. I've also heavily contributed to the drafting of our organizational Bylaws and Standing Orders. I am proud of my contribution to our new organization. After all, in less than three months we did more to properly organize the Copperheads than the Mechanized Calvary has been able to do in 30 years. My position as your Chief of Staff is not a leadership position. My role is more of a consulting, advisory position, and Business Manager. I serve at the pleasure of the President of our Board of Directors and our Commanding General. I am 69 years old and I hope to continue my service to The National Copperheads until I either no longer ride a motorcycle or my age simply overtakes me. I live in New Bern, NC and my door is open to any Copperhead Brother. We have a very nice spare bedroom and an RV motorhome that's available to stay overnight in. I also have a well-equipped shop and a extensive cadre of tools. We can work on just about anything here. If you're in my neck of the woods and need a place to stay or place or work on your bike you're welcome here. My personal cell phone number is 252-772-5422. Any Copperhead is free to contact me for any reason at any time.


Robert E. Masters Jr.
Chief of Staff

From the Desk of the Founders

2023 has been a growth year for the Copperheads. We're now in 8 states and we will be opening 3 more chapters before the year is over. As we move forward, we will stay true to our roots of preserving the Honor of the Confederate soldier, Southern History, and limited government. We're an organization that welcomes all who support these ideals. We have full disclosure to accounting - finances, voting results and disciplinary action. In the end we're a family that will hold each accountable to stay true to our core principles. Honoring the Confederate soldier, Southern History, and limited government is what brings us together. Making it a fun family experience that can be passed on for generations to come is every member's responsibility. We are looking forward to what the future holds.

We're proud to Announce the Ladies of Liberty. At the national we swore in 13 Ladies. Each state will have a Ladies of Liberty representative that will take applications, swear in applicants, and will report to their state Captain. To join you must be the significant other of a Copperhead. We welcome the Ladies with open arms and are excited for the partnership.

Sincerely,

The Founders

Rocco, Brick

HQ Financial Report

Status Copperhead National is solvent with over the following paid in full.

100 sets of issued patches

45 sets on-hand

All the lady's patches paid.

Another 50 sets on standby being held by supplier (not paid)

Ladies Notes



The Ladies of Liberty are off to a great start. We recently swore in 13 ladies at the Copperheads First National in New Market, VA. As the Copperheads membership continue to grow the Ladies of Liberty will also grow. We are currently represented in 5 states and will be expanding, soon. Our main functions will be event planning, event supporting, fundraising, volunteering, and esprit de corps.

Recently, we were able to support the 1st Copperhead National by volunteering, sponsoring a 50/50 raffle and raffling other items. Our efforts lead to over \$500 being donated to Headquarters for the event. A big thank you to the Virginia Copperheads for being gracious hosts. A very big thank you to the following ladies for your support during the National: Corkscrew, Dolly, Ice, Country, Chrissy, and Puddin.

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



Swearing in March 2023 after 2-F disbanded

STATE DISPATCHES

Maryland, Pennsylvania, DC

Captains report: Maryland Rocco

It's incredible to think we have become a tighter Brotherhood/family this year with all the adversity we have faced. They say when the "shit hits the fan" you will find out who your true Brothers/Family/friends are, Well the question has been answered for me. I could not thank the brothers of Maryland enough for their support through the years. Lt Brick, my right hand and the brothers of Maryland THANK YOU.

Our big event this month is our 2nd annual Poker run in Remembrance of Capt. Hook. Early indicators show the event may double in size in 2023. 100% of the proceeds goes towards Suicide prevention. We donated \$1,000 last year. Later this month we will announce the date for our yearly holiday party. Getting ready for good riding weather, hitting the road, and meeting up with the brothers.

CFFC

Capt. Rocco Maryland

Founder

POSSE

A lot has happened fast, and everyone has jumped right in there to ensure success. Picture above was the mass swear in at LT Brick's in March included members from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia during this day. In addition, the Bikers Tailor was onsite for the completion of the new vests.



BLACK SHEEP

The Black Sheep platoon wishes to acknowledge one of our up-and-coming prospects, Ryan Taylor. He had every intention to make the trek from the Eastern Shore to our 1st National, but he was not able to as he was mourning with his family over the passing of his mother, Teresa Taylor. Both 1SG Taz and I were in contact with him offering both our condolences and support. In one such conversation with him he told me how she supported his desire to join the Copperheads to uphold and defend our heritage. It

was this strong support from his mother that he wished to donate \$100.00 to National Headquarters to honor her memory. We are looking forward to getting our brother "Fish Hawk" sworn in soon.

Teresa Ann Taylor
July 4, 1968 - August 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Johnnie R. Walters, "Stray Fox"
Corporal, Black Sheep Ptn
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Black Sheep also hosted a shore party in June. Below are some pictures from the weekend.



Virginia & West Virginia

Virginia State Captains Report

This has been a great challenge to get the Copperheads up and running in Virginia this year. We started off in mid-February with a few good strong Va Brothers and have been growing steadily. As of now we have right at 30 Brothers and 4 well running units, we have Black Horse, Mosby's Rangers, Morgan's Raiders, and the Mountain Rangers and working on more. I would like to thank all my Virginia Brothers that pitched in to make our 1st National a great success. I would also like to thank everyone from the Copperheads Nation for showing up and supporting our event.

Your Obedient Servant, Captain Crowbar CFFC

Mosby's Rangers



Corporal six guns promoted to Sargent of Mosby's Rangers (left)

Fuzzy made Corporal of Mosby's Rangers (right)



I would like to Thank all the Copperhead Family that showed up for Andrew' (Haybale) Iron Cross ceremony for his ancestor. Also thank everyone for coming to the Unknown Fools event, it was a great time.

South Carolina

The majority members of the Low Country Crew based out of Conway, South Carolina have moved from their former heritage biker association to the Copperheads. The movement began in mass with SC Copperheads

Captain Mike Waters swearing in four members on May 7th during Confederate Memorial Day at Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia, SC



L-R Capt. Mike Waters, Sgt. Major Larry "Big Larry" Fultz, 1st Lt. Larry " L. D." Davis, Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher and Corporal Skyler "Redd" Singleton. All were sworn in at the grave of Brigadier General Maxcy Gregg.

A second round of LCC members were sworn in, at the graves of crews of the H. L. Hunley at Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, SC on July 8th, 2023.



L-R Pvt. David Blackwell, 1st Sgt., Paul "Tech" Flanagan, Pvt. Larry "Stogie" Fultz, Pvt. Austin Futrell, and Corporal "B"



Captain Mike Waters presents LD with his 1st Lt. patch.



The Low Country Crew now members of the Copperheads



LCC makes the two-hour trip to Charleston, SC for the specific purpose of changing out flags at the crew's graves of the H. L. Hunley, several times a year.

During the recent national meeting of the Copperheads, members of the Low Country Crew met Ben "Cooter" Jones of Dukes of Hazzard Fame. Ben celebrated his 82nd birthday in August. He is also past Chief of Heritage Defense for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Big Larry Fultz, Ms. Anne Grice, Captain Mike Waters. Ben "Cooter" Jones and Larry "LD" Davis.

SC Up-country



- 6-3-2023 - swearing in the representative/Captain of the Copperheads in Georgia , Dobbie Lambert and presentation of certificate and patches at the Unknown Soldiers monument on Secession Hill in Abbeville, South Carolina ⚡⚡





Georgia

It's been a busy month for the Copperheads in Georgia, with a good distance covered in our journey to the First National in Virginia and with visiting key monuments in the State of Georgia. Our membership has grown to two full-patch and two prospects; as instructed by Copperheads National: "Quality over Quantity." We're following those instructions and our growth is projected to be slow but steady. Prospect "Rock" and Prospect "Magoo" have both attended two events as they continue to work towards their coveted center patch.



In August we enjoyed the company of some select Mechanized Cavalry riders in central Georgia as we rode to honor the Confederate Soldiers buried in Griffin. En route to that event, the Georgia Copperheads were able to stop and place a wreath at the Confederate monument in Milledgeville. The Milledgeville monument has now been official 'adopted' for protection by the Georgia Copperheads as it has been under attack by the NAACP.



Our first Lady of Liberty, "Karma" was sworn-in during the Copperheads First National rally in New Market, Virginia. She's already been actively supporting the Georgia Copperheads in our monument efforts and is a great addition to the Copperheads team here in the State.



Both First Lieutenant Shadow and Captain Doby were able to attend the Copperhead National this past month. A great time and exciting to be riding in the pack with our brothers from other States. Georgia was proud to attend and represent our State and all of us felt the format and more relaxed style of leadership has the Copperheads off to a great start throughout the South. Well done Virginia for hosting! While members did roll in with their cages, Georgia Captain Doby received the award for the furthest travelled to reach the National event by motorcycle.



And of course in the First National there were opportunities for some great food and beer. The Copperheads Sergeant-Major T-Bone joined our Georgia table for a night out at the Blue Stone Inn a few miles from New Market. When Captain Doby's Indian had some electrical trouble, T-Bone came to the rescue and got us back on the road. Many Thanks.

Captain Doby
Georgia Copperheads

Needham's Notes



John Needham
Copperheads Historian
www.civilwarfact.com

A RATIO OF THREE-FIFTHS APPEARS IN 1783 April 1783. After seven years of bloody conflict, the war with Great Britain was coming to an end. The British surrender at Yorktown had occurred more than a year and a half ago and the Treaty of Paris loomed only four months away. In debt to the tune of forty-two million to foreign lenders, the Congress of the Confederation proposes an amendment to Article Eight of the Articles of Confederation to enhance its taxing power to fix the debt problem. In the proposed amendment, a ratio of three-fifths appears for the first time ever in American politics. Under the proposed amendment, James Madison of Virginia suggested, State requisitions would be apportioned according to "the whole number of white and other free citizens and inhabitants, of every age, sex, and condition, including those bound to servitude for a term of years, and three-fifths of all other persons not comprehended in the foregoing description, except Indians, not paying taxes, in each state". What is a state requisition? Taxes. Taxes were levied on the States by Congress for the purpose of progressing the war effort against Britain. Here is the exact language from Article Eight of the Articles of Confederation supporting my claim: "All charges of war, and all other expenses that shall be incurred for the common defense or general welfare, and allowed by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be defrayed out of a common treasury, which shall be supplied by the several States in proportion to the value of all land within each State, granted or surveyed for any person, as such land and the buildings and improvements thereon shall be estimated according to such mode as the United States in Congress assembled, shall from time to time direct and appoint. The taxes for paying that proportion shall be laid and levied by the authority and direction of the legislatures of the several States within the time agreed upon by the United States in Congress assembled." The reason for counting three-fifths of slaves for the purposes of apportioning financial requisitions was that slave labor was considered less efficient than free labor because slaves had "no interest in their labor." Was the ratio created specifically for perpetuating or protecting slavery? No. There is no proof. If there was, I believe the WOKE would have written about it. Why is the ratio of three-fifths important to bring up? Because the ratio is used in the creation of the Rule of Representation in the Constitution of 1787 in what would become known as the "Three-Fifths Clause". For the purposes of population count and taxation, the Clause counted every FIVE slaves as Three freemen. The modern-day WOKE/Socialists take offense to the fact that slaves were underrepresented politically by our Founding Fathers and as a result, use the "Clause" to paint a picture of a nation founded in racism. A better question is, where did the Founding Fathers get the idea for the ratio? A subject for another time. The proposed amendment itself mentions no intent by the Founding Fathers to perpetuate slavery nor by language says its intent perpetuates slavery. If anything, the Founding Fathers' intent was an attempt to define American wealth and how to tax it to finance the early government. Mentioning the 1783 proposed amendment is important for another reason: Intent by the Legislature of the State of Virginia in amending the Articles of

Confederation. Virginia, in its authorizing act of 1786 to send deputies to the Philadelphia Convention in 1787, refers to a report made by the Committee on General Revenue to the Congress of the Confederation on February 15, 1786, about the Confederation's financial difficulties. Within that report, the 1783 proposed amendment is mentioned directly as a solution to the debt crisis. What was the Legislature's intent in the authoring act of 1786? To solve the debt crisis facing the young Confederacy of States and NOT A PLOT by slaveowners to keep power as the 1619 Project calms.

The Bougie Biker Quarterly

Capt. Crowbar



I was given the nickname of the Bougie Biker from Rocco and Lucky a few years ago at my Christmas party. We have had a very busy year with getting the Copperheads up and running and a very busy traveling schedule. So far this year we have been to Nags Head, a party on the eastern shore of Maryland (Taz's) the next weekend the Unknown Fools party and 3 days later to Gettysburg Bike Week. The first week of August we went to Sturgis Bike Week, we had a little bike trouble on the way on Rocco's bike and when we got it to the dealership, he started looking at new bikes and I told him he couldn't buy this one bike I said was mine. A few days later I bought the bike so now he must buy something else but not mine. After Sturgis and the 1st national I went on another road trip. I drove 4385 miles in 6 days and visited 15 states. First stop Denver and stayed there 2 days and had some great times. Next stop Santa Fe New Mexico it was great to see some amazing countryside and awesome buildings. Then on to Ft Worth Texas to see the cattle drive, eat some good steak, what a great party town can't wait to go back. Now I need an oil change and a good truck washing 10000 miles in 1 month. I will add a few pics.

Your Obedient Servant, Captain Crowbar CFFC





Copperhead First National Photos and More









The Copperheads Ladies of Liberty



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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.

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ADD Courtesy of Capt. Doby & LT. Shadow of Georgia