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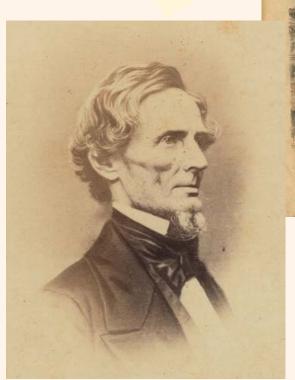
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Inauguration of President Jefferson Davis of the Southern Confederacy, at Montgomery, Alabama, February 18, 1861. (March 9, 1861, edition, Harper's Weekly) February Notable dates in history

February 1, 1861 – Texas becomes seventh state to secede February 9, 1861 – Jefferson Davis elected President of CSA. February 18, 1861 – Jefferson Davis inaugurated at Montgomery, Alabama February 19, 1862 – CSA Congress orders release of 2000 USA prisoners February 20, 1864 - Battle of Olustee, FL. Confederate victory. February 27, 1862 – CSA prison camp at Andersonville, GA opens







General's Report

As the winter comes to a close, I'd like to say I'm excited for this upcoming season. We have Stone Mountain coming up in April, I hope to see you there. Equally, this years national will be held in Georgia as well, registrations should be out shortly so please stay tuned for that.

As we start hitting the road again please be safe and represent The Copperheads in the best ways possible.

Deo Vindice General Lucky

Jounder's Report

Looking out the window and I see snow and ice; I know within a couple of weeks I will be riding my bike to work. We all have a love for the open road and the riding season is upon us. We will start to travel all over the Copperhead Nation getting together to honor the Confederate Soldier, celebrate Southern History and Support limited Government. We will catch up with brothers that we haven't seen for a few months due to weather and busy holiday schedules. When we get together -- Take a moment, look around and take a deep breath. Enjoy the time we get to spend together. Who knows how much time we have left? Reflect on what a great organization we have created and how bright the future looks. When you put a group of Men together that have the ability to put aside personal gain and ego for the greater good. There is nothing that we can't accomplish. Founder Brick and I are looking forward to seeing you on the road. We send prayers to our brothers, sisters and family members for safe travels in 2025.

The Founders,
Rocco and Brick

MOTORCYCLE PRAYER

MAY THE SUN RISE IN
FRONT OF ME, THE RAIN
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WIND FOLLOW ME. MAY
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WHAT IS AHEAD OF ME.
KEEP ME SAFE THROUGH
ROLLING HILLS AND
SWIRLING TURNS.
AMEN.





January was a cold for the most part not a lot happening with the exception of the Annual Holiday Party; as usual it was cold on the Bush river again. Swore in a new member "MISSISSIPPI" part of Bad Company. "Bull" received certificate of appreciation.

Maryland has scheduled a Bull and shrimp feast on May 17 th tickets \$60 ea. or \$500 for a table of 10. A flyer will be in next month issue.

"Pud" has been promoted to Seargent Major and "LGIII" was promoted to Seargent at Arms

Maryland



Mississippi



"LGIII" Seargent at Arm



"Pud" Seargent Major





Hello everyone,

January was a really good month for us here in Virginia/West Virginia. We started our new year making sausage and we made and sold 1490 pounds on our own and it was amazing. Our next adventure was to go to the National/Maryland Christmas party it was a blast as always. Our next adventure was to go to the LEE JACKSON day event in Lexington Virginia and we had representation from every Virginia Regiment and Brother from Maryland and South Carolina. We had a good time and I know it Pisses the Mechanized Calvary off for us to be there and have about the same numbers as they had and it's their event.

We also had a new Brother with us in Lexington for his first event Eric Pyles (Hijacker) and I think he will be a great fit to our organization. A few weekends later we swore in Brandon Sheets (knucklehead), so I have to say we had a great January.

Captain Crowbar Virginia/ West Virginia

















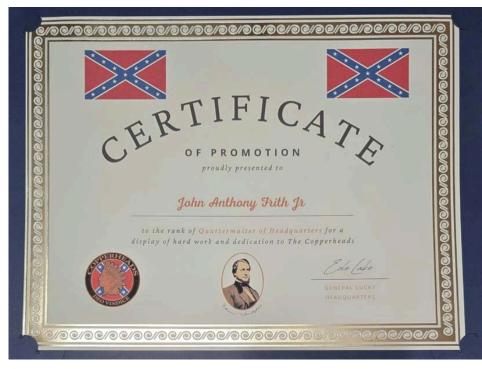








Congratulations to Bubba on his promotion to Quartermaster of Headquarters!









Lee Jackson banquet in Kountze Texas











Visiting a cemetery to honor a few Soldiers. It was a Copperhead group effort and always a fun time!





























The swearing in of Glen James. Congratulation GD!



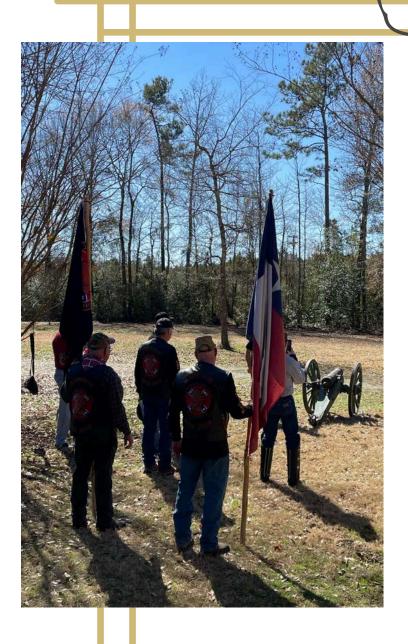














South Carolina

Low County Crew

Sunday, December 15th, the Low Country Crew Copperheads rode to the historic Millers United Methodist Church located in Marion County, SC, about an hour from our meeting facility.

The crew was impressed with the scores of Southern Crosses of Honor scattered throughout the cemetery. While a number of coldiers received flags at their graves, without knowledge of how many were buried there, we fell short of the number needed to place at every soldier's gravesite. Another ride to the church will be planned in the near future to finalize flagging and perform repairs and painting on existing crosses that have fallen into disrepair.

Of note was the resting place of Corporal James E. Norton, who served with the 1st SC Regiment Co. E. He was captured April 2nd, 1865 and held at Pt. Lookout until June 15th of that year. After returning to South Carolina, he engaged in public teaching and agricultural pursuits, served in the SC House of Representatives, as Comptroller General of the state, and was elected to the Fifty-Fifth and Fifty-Sixth sessions of the United States House of Representatives. He died in 1901.

A memorial marker at the church placed by the Isabella D. Martin UDC in 1979, informs us that it was the site of the first encampment of Confederate soldiers and sailors from Marion County, September 5th-6th, 1901.



COPPERHEADS RIDE TO HISTORIC CHURCH TO HONOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

South Carolina

Low County Crew

Christmas dinner, Litchfield Camp SCV #132, Conway, SC; Members of the Low Country Crew Copperheads met with Commander in Chief Walter D. Kennedy. One half of the famous "Kennedy Twins", he is co-author of "The South Was Right", "Punished With Poverty: The Suffering South", and "Yankee Empire: Aggressive Abroad and Despotic At Home".

In addition, a modern day Copperhead is Professor Chris Boyle of Coastal Carolina University at Conway, who gave an outstanding presentation entitled "The People Of The United States Versus Abraham Lincoln", in which evidence against Lincoln's actions were presented in a trial like scenario. A native of New York, Professor Boyle is a long time student of the War for Southern Independence and ardent defender of the South. He is author of "The Road To Secession In Antebellum Horry and Georgetown Districts"



L-R: John "Bugman" Fisher, SCV Commander In Chief Walter D. Kennedy, 1st Sgt., Paul "Tech" Flanagan, Corporal "B" and 2nd Lt. Big Larry Fultz



Professor Boyle puts Lincoln on trial



Bugman and Tech with Professor Chris Boyle

South Carolina Low County Crew

The Copperheads Low Country Crew started December by flagging Confederate soldiers' graves. In all five cemeteries were visited with 29 soldiers receiving new First National (Stars and Bars) at their final resting places.

As part of the SC SCV 7th Brigade, members are regularly flag graves about every 90 days.

In addition, in November, Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher flagged graves at Withers Swash Cemetery in Myrtle Beach just a few miles from his home. Commander of the Horry Rough and Readys SCV #1026 in Myrtle Beach, Bugman was asked by an elderly member of his camp to take over flagging the graves due to failing health.



(L-R) 2nd Big Larry Fultz, Corporal "B", 1st Sgt. Paul "Tech" Flanagan, and guest Brandon Johnson. This was Brandon's 1st time flagging graves.



South Carolina

Low County Crew









SC Copperheads Color Sgt. John "Bugman" Fisher and his wife Mary "Ladybug"
Fisher of the Ladies of Liberty flagged and cleaned Confederate soldiers'
headstones at Willow Springs Cemetery, Conway, SC.

North Carolina

During some down time we got to visit the Huiet Cemetery located in Saluda County S.C. and flag the graves of three Confederate veterans and one World War one veteran. I haven't been there for eight years. I've been unsuccessful so far contacting the land owner so a cemetery clean up can be done.

Sgt., Corn Snake



Tennessee

January was a slow month but Capt. Bull, 1LT Bootleg Tenn John, and Sgt Stone Cold traveled to Cleveland, TN. and we met with our newest prospect. We would like to introduce Haden "Bear" Entwistle. A young man with a good head on his shoulders and a love for Southern History and Southern way of Life! Bear is eager to get started with the Copperheads and will make a fine addition to our brotherhood! At this meeting we also promoted brother Stone Cold to Cavalry Scout, he has now taken on the responsibilities of all social media communications and preparing the routes for rides and events!

Congratulations Sgt. Stone Cold!





Tennessee









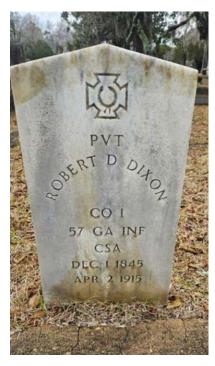


I was in Georgia so I had dinner with Captain Shadow and Karma in Dublin Georgia. It happened to be his birthday as well.......Good time!!! Nice to know you can meet with brothers anywhere.











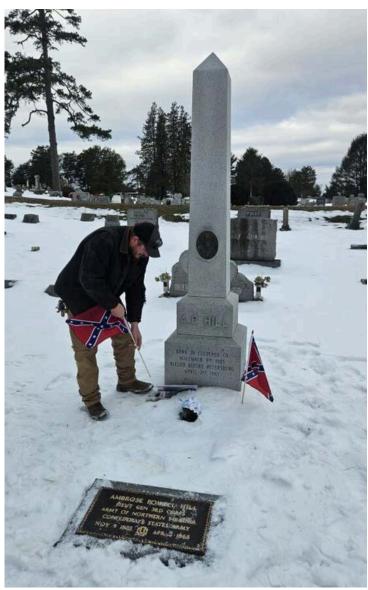














Some pics from Casey's recent trip to Virginia with John Hill





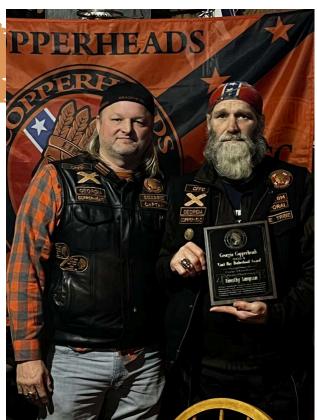






The semi-annual State Meeting took place on January 25, 2025. Congratulations to Phantom for earning the Captain's "Can't Buy Brotherhood" award, and to Dollar Bill for receiving the Leadership award. Great job!













Dough Boy and Scorpion were sworn in to the Copperhead Nation at the state meeting. Dollar Bill did the honors of swearing in his son, Dough Boy! What a great moment for the Georgia Copperheads.







Captain Shadow and Chaplain Frog had an opportunity to refresh the flag in Cochran, Georgia.



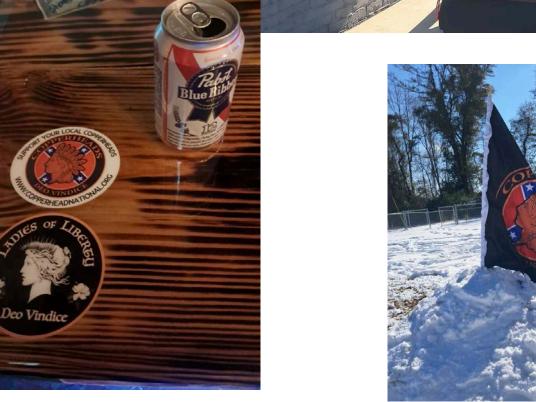












Needham's Notes





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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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