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NOTABLE JUNE *History*



Confederate Postal Service Begins, June 1, 1861

Mystic Stamp Company, (June 1, 2025). https://info.mysticstamp.com/confederate-postal-service-begins_tdiH/

On June 1, 1861, the Confederate States of America took control of their own postal operations. As North and South grew closer to war in early 1861, the federal government continued postal service in the South for a limited time. However, US post offices across the South held substantial stamp inventories and the federal government feared they would be used or sold for profit to fund the war. To this end, the US government declared that all existing US stamps would be demonetized (declared invalid) as of June 1, and US postal operations in the South would cease on that day.

As a result, the Confederate Post Office Department was formed in February 1861. John Henninger Reagan was appointed postmaster general of the Confederate Post Office in March of 1861. Reagan persuaded some of the US Post Office's bureau heads to follow him to the Confederacy. Several brought their records and account books with them.

Reagan was able to establish a Southern postal service within six weeks, but was hamstrung by shortages of ink, paper, and printing companies with the resources to produce sufficient quantities of postage stamps. When the June 1, 1861, deadline approached and mail service between the two sides ended, the Confederacy lacked stamps. Some postmasters handstamped the word "PAID" on envelopes, while others in major cities like New Orleans produced provisional stamps to keep the mail moving within their region. But the first government-issued stamps did not become available for twenty weeks.

Express companies suddenly found themselves busy carrying mail between the North and South. The US Post Office Department ordered an end to the practice on August 26, 1861. After that date, mail between the Union and the Confederacy had to be sent by flag of truce.

A 5¢ stamp picturing Jefferson Davis was issued on October 16, 1861. It was produced by the Richmond firm Hoyer & Ludwig using stone lithography. In an era before television and the Internet, the 5¢ Jefferson Davis stamp offered some people in the South a first glimpse of the new Confederate president. This also marked the first time a living politician appeared on a stamp used in the US.





Second Battle of Winchester VA, 1863

Photo: J. Minde, konreicivilwar.blogspot.com

JUNE NOTABLE DATES IN HISTORY:

1861:

June 3: The Battle of Philippi, in and around Philippi, Virginia (now West Virginia), is the first organized land action in the war.

June 8: Tennessee votes to secede, the last state to do so.

June 10: The engagement at Big Bethel in Virginia takes place.

June 14: Robert E. Lee becomes a full general.

June 22: The Confederate Postal Service begins operations.

1863:

June 14-15: Battle of Second Winchester, Virginia.

June 27: The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain takes place.

June 27: Confederate flag officer Josiah Tattnall loses the ironclad Atlanta.

1864:

June 15-18: Siege of Petersburg, VA.

June 11-12: Battle of Trevilian Station.

1865:

June 22: The Confederate cruiser Shenandoah fires its last shot.

June 23: General Stand Watie surrenders to Union forces.

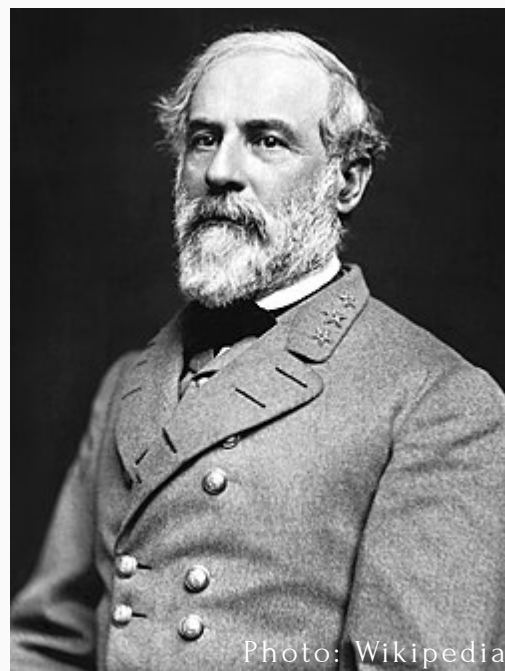


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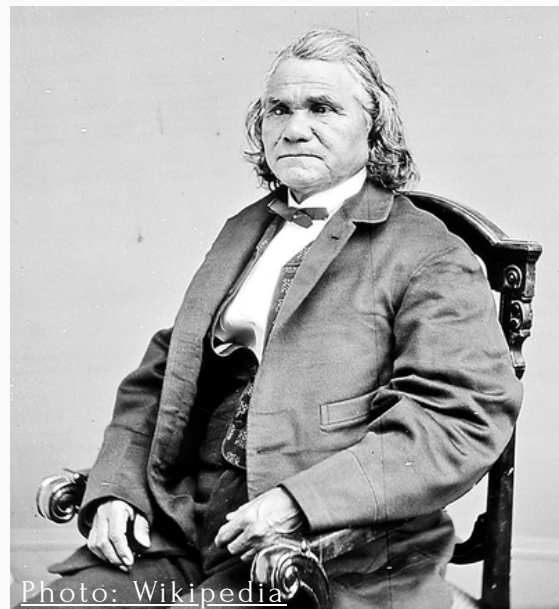


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General's Report

Brothers,

I hope you are doing well and taking advantage of the great weather to get on the road and put some miles on your bikes. Our organization is growing steadily, as expected. We recently just issued #160 and have about 15 others currently going through our membership process. Equally, the Ladies of Liberty have gained a few more members as well, which is great to see.

I'd like all of you to keep our brother, Colonel Chopper, in your thoughts and prayers as he just had major heart surgery. I'm happy to report he is home and doing well but has a way to go. Praying for a speedy recovery brother.

Be safe and I'll see you all soon,

General Lucky
Deo Vindice



Founder's Report

The riding season has started off strong. We have a lot of brothers out and about honoring the Confederate soldier, Southern history and Limited government. It has been a great time meeting up with brothers we haven't seen much of over the winter months. As time goes on the Copperhead Nation grows stronger and stronger. We have a lot of men interested in joining our ranks. We need to stay true to our core message of quality over quantity. This has served us well since the beginning and we need to stay on course. As we grow there will be struggles. With having quality brothers in our ranks, we will overcome all obstacles that are thrown our way. Looking forward to seeing you on the road. CFFC

The Founders
Rocco and Brick

North Carolina

May was a very busy month for the N.C. Copperheads. It was a sad and hopeful time. From losing a true compatriot to helping cadets during a Memorial Day service that attend Calvary church in Charlotte N.C. we also participated in the Confederate gravestone dedication of private Paul Yost, Company G 5th N.C. Infantry Regiment. We also cleaned the Austin - Little cemetery with help from the Ladies of Liberty.

Capt. Corn Snake







**UPCOUNTRY SOUTH CAROLINA COPPERHEADS AT CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA**



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UPCOUNTRY SOUTH CAROLINA COPPERHEADS PROMOTING BRAD "SPANKY" HULLETT TO SARGENT OF ARMS RANK AND DOING THE QUARTERLY ADOPT A ROAD CLEANUP ON DIXIE HIGHWAY (HWY 25)



South Carolina UPCOUNTRY





FROM SGT. DOLLARBILL

Most of you already know but for those that may not, I lost my mother May 20th. It's been very hard on my family these past couple of weeks but all of you have made it so much easier. All of the calls, messages, fb comments, thoughts and prayers show that y'all are my family as well. My father, sister, brother and I have been amazed by the amount of respect everyone has shown us! It meant so much to us that all the guys here in Ga showed up for her viewing and funeral. And to National, I can't thank you guys enough for the card and gift that was sent although the gift wasn't necessary but greatly appreciated. For those of you blessed to still have your parents here with you I urge you to spend the absolute most time you can with them! Yes our lives will go on but the regrets will tear you apart! Love you guys and from the bottom of my heart Thank You!!

Dollarbill





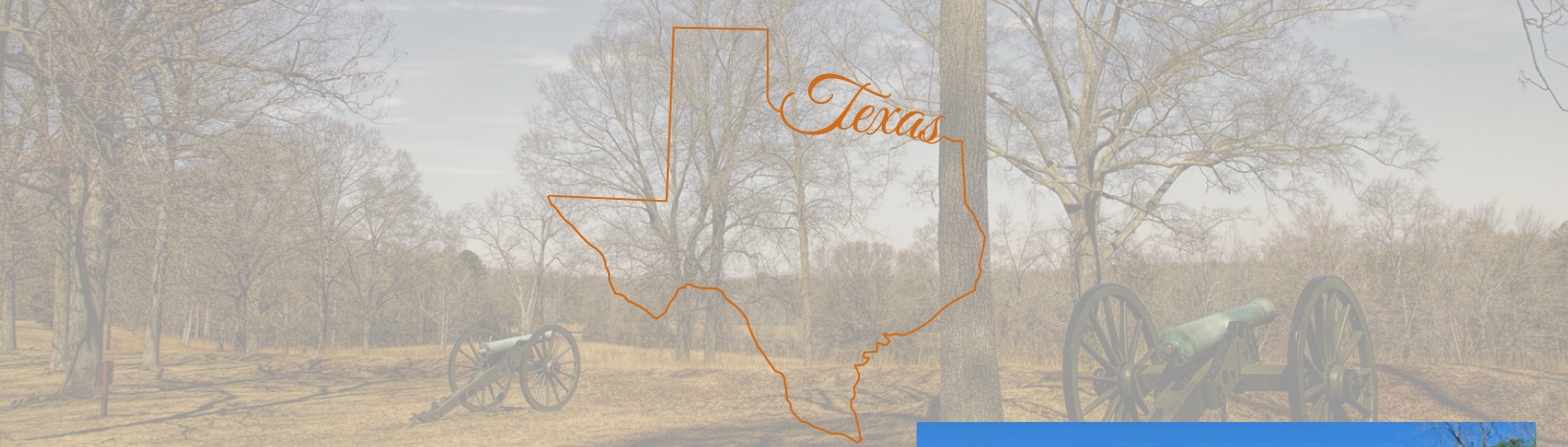
TRIBE TRIP TO FORT PULASKI





A RIDE TO A RANCH IN VIDOR TEXAS, FLAGGING GRAVES ON MEMORIAL DAY AND A RIDE TO THE BIRTH PLACE OF TEXAS WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS







The New Nation



David G. Burnet
President Burnet had lived in Texas since 1835. He was one of the founders of the Republic of Texas and served as its first president.



Lorenzo de Zavala
Vice President Zavala had been a leader in the Texas independence movement and served as the second vice president of the Republic of Texas.



Thomas Jefferson Rusk
Secretary of War Rusk had been a leader in the Texas independence movement and served as the first secretary of war of the Republic of Texas.



Robert Potter
Secretary of the Navy Potter had served in the U.S. Navy from 1812 to 1835. He was one of the founders of the Republic of Texas.



A temporary government, selected by the delegates on the last day of the Convention, served until elections could be called. All, except David G. Burnet, had been Convention delegates.

David G. Burnet, President
Lorenzo de Zavala, Vice-President
Samuel P. Carson, Secretary of State
Bailey Hatfieldman, Secretary of the Treasury
Thomas J. Rusk, Secretary of War
Robert Potter, Secretary of the Navy
David Thomas, Attorney General





May was a good month for Virginia we had a lot of go riding and Fellowship. We also had a state Officer's meeting.

BlackHorse was busy we got some good rides in and got to see brothers from all of Virginia. We were given the honored of riding with a few friends of Knucklehead's in a funeral for a coworker. We also rode down to a cool restaurant and I called a buddy and he met us and ended up buying our lunch. We also rode to the Graffiti house and we had representatives from all four of Virginia's regiments. We also had our monthly meetings and promoted Hijacker to Sgt. and I got to say my goodbyes for a few months.

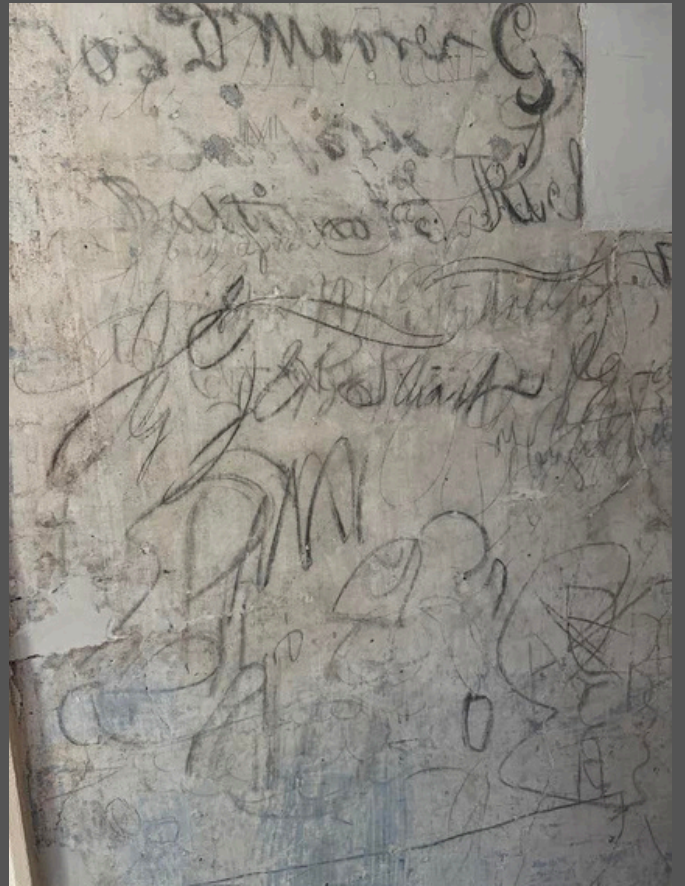


Mosby's Rangers has their regular monthly meeting on the first Sunday of May. Discussion of plans to attend the Copperhead national reunion were discussed as well as Gettysburg bike week and other rides and events to support the brotherhood. Lt. Parasite also reiterated his desire to include a family in need who is saddled with enormous medical bills. Motion was made by Lt. Parasite to name Capital Hospice as our philanthropic project this year. Representative will be coming to our next meeting to familiarize the rangers with the work they do in the community. Our meetings are open to all to share fellowship and comradery

Mountain Ranger's had a good month also they rode to the Graffiti House with us all and had a go showing of Brothers.

Morgan's Raiders had their 1st Sgt Bo ride up to the Graffiti House. Bo made the long ride up by himself because of the rain. Bo and the Raiders are also planning on their T2T ride in August.







Maryland had a few events in May; the main one was Maryland's first annual bull and shrimp roast With Posse, Bad Company and Black Sheep all represented. Lt Bud with Bad Company rode to Gettysburg to meet up with Iron Scouts RC in town from South Carolina to show some hospitality.





Maryland First Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast







Needham's Notes



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