

MARCH 2025

# HARD TACK

Official Newsletter of the Copperhead Nation!

## This issue:

### MARCH HISTORY:

## Constitution of the Confederate States

ADOPTED MARCH 11, 1861

Earlier in February 1861, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas met in Montgomery, Alabama and drafted the Constitution of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States of America which was formally adopted by the Confederate States in March.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

We, the people of the Confederate States, each state acting in its sovereign and independent character, in order to form a permanent federal government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity—invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God—do ordain and establish this constitution for the Confederate States of America.

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# Luck of the Irish

## Irish Confederate ties

It was estimated that about 40,000 Irish-Americans fought for the Confederacy. On the Southern side, Irish-Americans, including their Catholic bishops and priests, sympathized with the defense of the South against Northern aggression, although they also generally supported the institution of slavery. Interestingly, **"The Bonnie Blue Flag"** was written by Irish-American minstrel Harry McCarthy, later a prisoner of war held at Johnson's Island, Ohio.



### Dixie

"Dixie" was written by Irish-American entertainer Daniel Decatur Emmett, born in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The catchy tune soon turned the song into one of the most popular patriotic songs in the Confederacy. Emmett was not happy that his tune was adopted by the south. Even Lincoln recognized the song's power and, at the end of the war, attempted to reclaim "Dixie" as an American, rather than Confederate, song. The tune received an

unofficial endorsement when it was played at Confederate President Jefferson Davis's inauguration in February 1861. The Confederate government never formally endorsed "Dixie," though Davis did own a music box that played the song and is rumored to have favored it as the South's anthem.

### Sons of Erin Confederate Irish Flag

This is a flag of the 10th Tennessee Regiment. Because of the large number of Irishmen in the unit the 10th was called the Sons of Erin (Erin meaning Ireland). It was called the Bloody 10th because of its casualties at the Battle of Ft. Donelson, about 50 miles northwest of Nashville. It fought to the end of the war, engaging in many brutal battles including Vicksburg. This flag was sewn by the Ladies Soldiers Friend Society of Nashville. It was green and gold, with an Irish harp. It has the embroidered words "Sons of Erin" and "Go Where Glory Waits You."





# March

## Notable dates in history

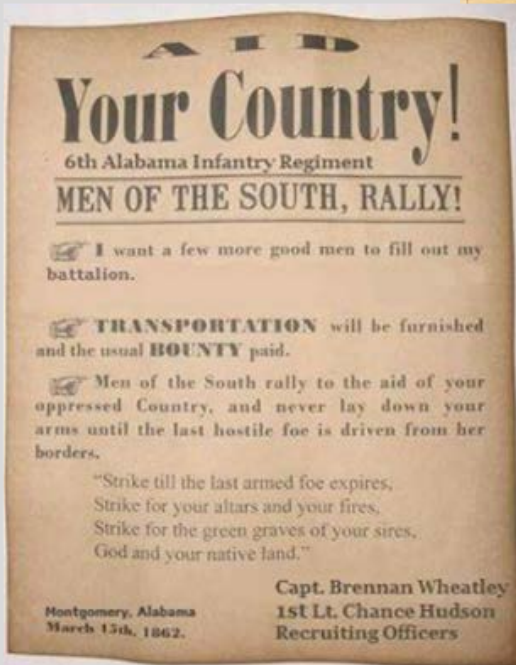
March 3, 1863 – USA passes first Federal Draft Act.

March 6, 1861 – CSA calls for 100,000 volunteers.

March 9, 1862 – Ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (Merrimack) fight to draw off Va. coast.

March 11, 1861 – Permanent CSA Constitution adopted.

March 31, 1863 – CSS Nashville, attempting to run blockade, sunk in Savannah River



BATTLE OF THE IRONCLADS





# General's Report

BROTHERS,

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, WE LOST A BROTHER IN ALABAMA RECENTLY, IRONMAN. PLEASE KEEP SENDING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALABAMA, REST IN PEACE BROTHER YOU WILL BE MISSED. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR SHOWING TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY; THEY ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE.

AS WE ALL GEAR UP TO HEAD TO STONE MOUNTAIN NEXT MONTH, PLEASE BE SAFE AND ENJOY TO RIDE. CAPT. SHADOW, AND HIS BOYS, HAVE PLANNED EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE LETTER AND IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT EVENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU ON THE ROAD IN GEORGIA.

Deo Vindice  
General Lucky



# Founder's Report

This year, Maryland is going to bring back an old tradition of cleaning up monuments on Confederate Ave in Gettysburg PA. In the past we would meet up with North Carolina SCV and do this twice a year. We reached out to the National Park Service at Gettysburg and their excited we will take this on. It may be a little too soon for April, but we should have a date shortly for October. What we have realized is we do not need the SCV to honor the Confederate Soldier, celebrate Southern Heritage and Support Limited Government. The SCV reminds us of the current Democratic party. Totally out of touch with their members. I was on the phone with a long-time SCV member last night and his comments were "It's nice to see an origination that has new ideas and lets their members have input". You will find this year the Copperhead Nation is going to do a lot of events without the SCV. All they bring is red tape and a handout asking for donations to support efforts most of the members no longer support. Our first National event will be at Stone Mountain in April. We're going to have a strong showing from across the Copperhead Nation to honor our Confederate ancestors. If you're looking for an organization that has fresh ideas and stays true to the cause. Come spend time with us at Stone Mountain and remember what it was like to enjoy what we do.

The Founders,  
Rocco and Brick



## Restoring Ft. Bragg

By: Christine Zhu - February 11, 2025 11:05 am

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has approved reverting the name of military base Fort Liberty back to Fort Bragg. Hegseth approved a memorandum on Monday to change the name, but with a different namesake. Located just west of Fayetteville, the base was initially named after Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg. It's one of the largest military installations in the world by population, with more than 52,000 military personnel. A naming commission set up by Congress to study rename military bases described Bragg as "considered one of the worst generals of the Civil War" and "widely disliked in the pre-Civil War U.S. Army and within the Confederate Army by peers and subordinates alike."

Congress proposed renaming the installation and eight other bases during President Joe Biden's tenure. The Fayetteville base's name was changed to Fort Liberty in June 2023 following a congressional decision to rename installations honoring Confederate generals. The efforts were part of the National Defense Authorization Act passed at the end of the first Trump administration. Then-President Donald Trump vetoed the bill, but Congress voted 81-13 to override the decision in January 2021. Hegseth on Monday instructed the Army to revert back to the Bragg name, but paying tribute to a different individual: Pfc. Roland L. Bragg, a World War II veteran "who earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his exceptional courage during the Battle of the Bulge," according to defense department press secretary John Ulyot. "This change underscores the installation's legacy of recognizing those who have demonstrated extraordinary service and sacrifice for the nation," Ulyot said in a statement. The action to return the bases to their former Confederate names would require approval from Congress.

It would also require millions of dollars for signage. The cost of changing the base signage from Bragg to Liberty less than two years ago was pegged at more than \$6 million. It's unclear how much this change might cost. U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-09) praised the announcement, sharing on social media: "Fort Bragg is BACK! Thank you, @SecDef!" Hegseth, a National Guard veteran and former Fox News host, has previously voiced strong opposition to removing the names of Confederate generals from military bases, calling the efforts "a sham," "garbage," and "crap" in various media appearances between 2021 and 2024, according to CNN.

Story credited to author Christine Zhu; article link included below:

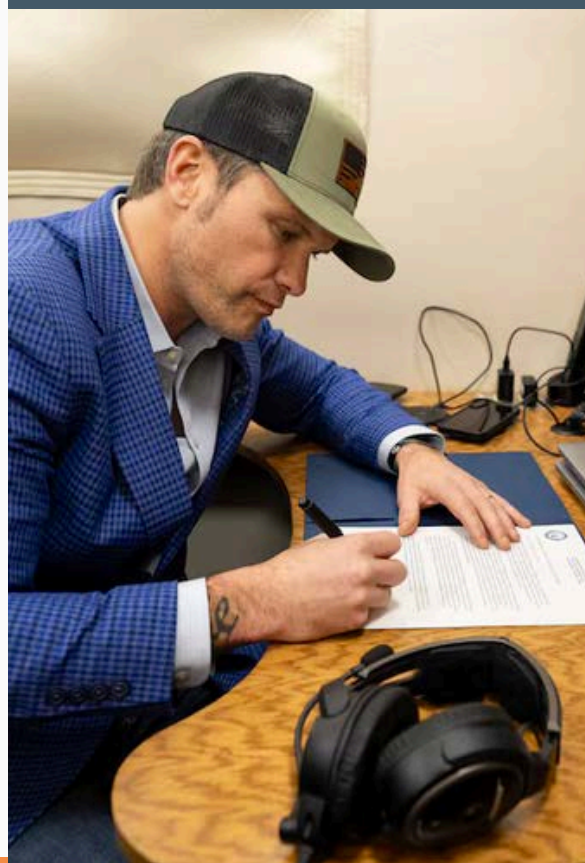
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[Pentagon moves to restore Fort Bragg name to North Carolina's Fort Liberty • NC Newsline](#)

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"I WAS HONORED TO BE ABLE TO PUT MY SIGNATURE ON THAT [MEMORANDUM,] BY THE WAY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO SET THE TONE ON THIS AND SAID 'I WANT FORT BRAGG BACK,'" HEGSETH TOLD REPORTERS DURING A BRIEFING TODAY IN STUTTGART, GERMANY. "WE'RE HONORED TO SUPPORT A PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WHO RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART AND THE SILVER STAR AT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE."

DEFENSE SECRETARY  
PETE HEGSETH





# In Loving Memory

## JAMES DONALD MCCURRY, JR.



### **"IRONMAN"**

**JAMES DONALD MCCURRY, JR., 62, OF SOUTH PITTSBURG, TENNESSEE WAS CALLED HOME TO BE WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOR ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025. ON MARCH 1, 1962, JAMES WAS BORN TO THE LATE JAMES DONALD MCCURRY, SR. AND PATSY REYNOLDS MCCURRY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF KIMBALL TABERNACLE OF PRAISE. JAMES WORKED FOR LODGE MANUFACTURING AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND THE COPPERHEADS. HE WAS A BIG CIVIL WAR COLLECTOR AND ALSO DID REENACTMENTS. JAMES WAS A HUGE FAN OF MARION COUNTY FOOTBALL AND HELPED THE COACHES DURING GAMES AND PRACTICES.**

**JAMES IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FATHER, JAMES DONALD MCCURRY, SR., AND MOTHER, PATSY REYNOLDS MCCURRY.**

**LEFT TO CHERISH HIS MEMORIES ARE HIS BROTHERS, ALLEN MCCURRY, CHARLES MCCURRY, GLEN (KRISSIE) MCCURRY; NIECES AND NEPHEWS, CRYSTAL RECTOR, SHAWN WHITE, TRESHAWN WHITE, ALISSA PARRISH; AUNT, GRACIE JOHNSON; SEVERAL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS.**



# South Carolina

## UPCOUNTRY



**UPCOUNTRY COPPERHEADS DOING ADOPT A ROAD CLEANUP ON HIGHWAY 25 SOUTH IN GREENVILLE SC ON FEBRUARY 22, 2025.**





# South Carolina

## UPCOUNTRY



CONFEDERATE FLAG CEREMONY AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY IN CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA, SHOWING SUPPORT FOR NORTH CAROLINA COPPERHEADS/ MOUNTAIN ISLAND PRESERVATION GROUP ON MARCH 1ST 2025





# South Carolina

## UPCOUNTRY





# South Carolina LOW COUNTRY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, MEMBERS OF THE LOW COUNTRY CREW COPPERHEADS WERE JOINED BY COPPERHEAD APPLICANT BRANDON JOHNSON AND THREE OF HIS DAUGHTERS FLAGGING SOLDIERS' GRAVES. 1ST SGT. PAUL "TECH" FLANAGAN TAUGHT THEM ABOUT PVT. DENNIS TODD OF THE 10TH SC INFANTRY CO. G. WHO WAS EXECUTED BY LOCAL CITIZENS AFTER RETURNING HOME ALLEGEDLY FOR STEALING GRITS TO FEED HIS FAMILY.



1ST. SGT. PAUL "TECH" FLANAGAN SHARES THE STORY OF PVT. TODD. STORIES VARY ON WHAT LED TO HIS EXECUTION, HOWEVER HE DID SERVE HONORABLY DURING HIS MILITARY SERVICE.



BRANDON AND HIS DAUGHTERS AT THE GRAVE OF PVT. DENNIS TODD. BRANDON HAS MADE AN APPLICATION WITH THE COPPERHEADS.

MEMBERS OF THE COPPERHEADS LOW COUNTRY CREW AND MS ANN FULTZ OF THE LADIES OF LIBERTY.



# North Carolina



THE CONFEDERATE FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY IN CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS BETWEEN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CONFEDERATE FLAGS TO SWEARING IN A NEW MEMBER TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF THE COPPERHEADS.

SGT. CORN SNAKE





# North Carolina







## **HELLO COPPERHEAD NATION!**

**FEBRUARY HAS BEEN A GOOD MONTH FOR VIRGINIA. ALL 4 OF OUR REGIMENTS HAD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE. WE ALSO HAD A WORK DAY AT SOLDIERS REST CEMETERY TO CLEAN IT UP TO HONOR SOLDIERS THAT FELL MORTON'S FORD. WE STARTED FRIDAY NIGHT BUBBA, LEON AND MYSELF ABOUT 3PM. WE GOT TO THE FIELD AND SET UP OUR REDNECK CLUBHOUSE, WE STAYED THE NIGHT LEON SLEPT IN HIS TRUCK BUBBA SLEPT IN MY CLUBHOUSE IN A COT WITH A TENT ON TOP AND SLEPT IN MY TRUCK BED ALL THREE OF US SLEPT WELL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ABOUT 13 DEGREES. WE HAD 10 OTHER BROTHERS SHOW UP AND HELPED US CLEAN UP THE CEMENT. I THINK WE DID A GREAT JOB CLEANING IT UP AND WE FOUND A LOT OF GRAVES WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THEY WERE THERE. AFTER THE CLEANUP WE COOKED UP SOME HOTDOGS WITH ALL OF THE FIXINGS.**

**CAPTAIN CROWBAR**



# Virginia







**MOSBYS RANGERS HAD OUR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2 NEAR WARRINGTON, VIRGINIA. LT. PARASITE BRIEFED THE RANGERS ON THE UPCOMING WORKDAY A SOLDIERS REST CEMETERY IN CULPEPPER COUNTY. THE RANGERS CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL EFFORT TO CLEAR THE CEMETERY OF BRUSH AND DEBRIS. IT WAS BONE CHILLING COLD, BUT ALL WORKED HARD AND ENJOYED FELLOWSHIP AND A HOTDOG LUNCH PROVIDED BY CAPT. CROWBAR. THE UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO STONE MOUNTAIN, GA WAS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE TO THE ARBITRARY CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

**1ST SGT. SIXGUN  
MOSBYS RANGERS**











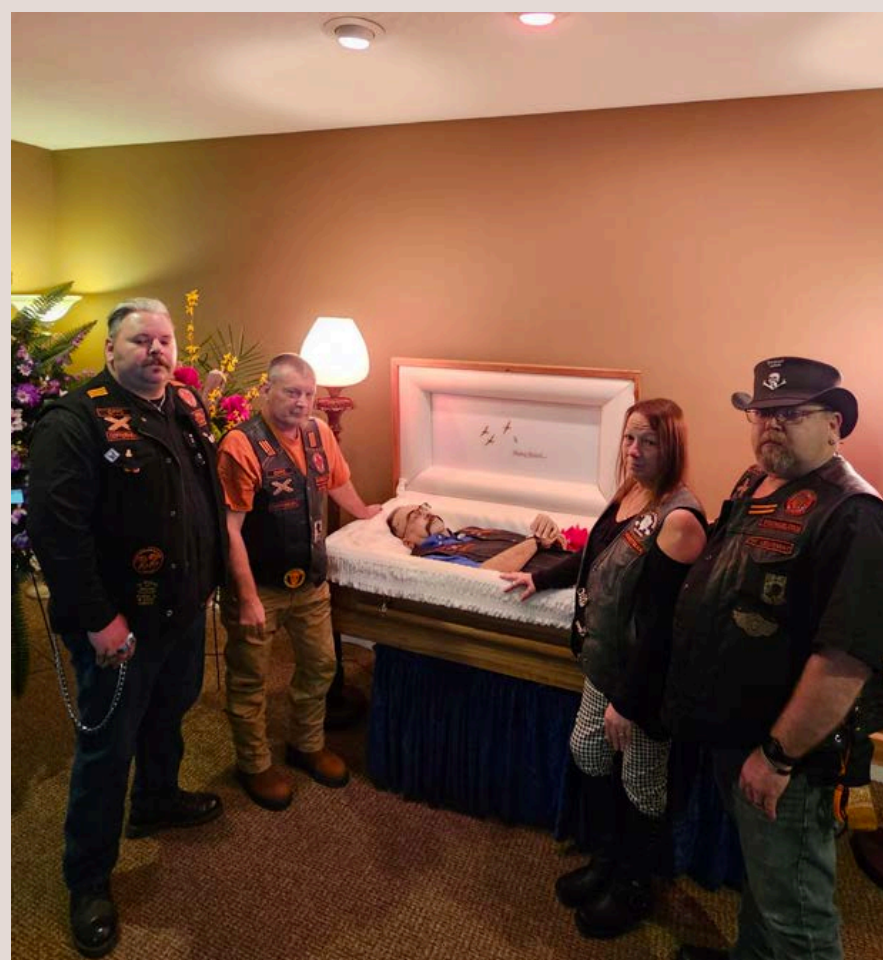
**ALWAYS A GOOD TIME AND GREAT BROTHERHOOD**







**CAPT. BULL TRAVELED DOWN TO JASPER, TN. TO MEET UP WITH CAPT. SOUNDMAN AND LT. YOUNGBLOOD TO PAY OUR FINAL RESPECTS TO OUR FALLEN BROTHER CORPORAL IRONMAN. IT WAS AN HONOR FOR CAPT. BULL TO ASSIST ALABAMA WITH PAYING RESPECTS TO IRONMAN AND HIS FAMILY.**



**TENNESSEE AND OUR SGT AT ARMS CROW SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS, WHEN WE FOUND OUT SGT. CROW AND HIS WIFE LOSS THEIR BABY DAUGHTER. ALL MEMBERS TRAVELED TO CHAPEL HILL, TN. TO SUPPORT SGT. CROW AND HIS FAMILY. TENNESSEE AND SGT. CROW WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FROM THE COPPERHEAD NATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.**



**FINALLY, WE ALL MET WITH BEAR TO PRESENT HIM WITH HIS BOTTOM ROCKER.**

**CONGRATULATIONS BEAR!**





**STILL NOT A LOT TO REPORT, THE WEATHER IS FINALLY TURNING WITH 60'S IN THE FORECAST, RIDING DAYS ARE IMPROVING. MARYLAND WOULD LIKE TO POST THE CURRENT RIDE SCHEDULE AS TO DATE FOR THE YEAR, SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING ADDITIONS.**

## **BULL AND SHRIMP FEAST SATURDAY MAY 12TH**

**1PM - 5PM**

**TICKETS: \$60/PP OR \$500/TABLE OF 10**

**1010 OLDHAM ST BALTIMORE, MD 21224**

**PIT BEEF, PIT HAM, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, STEAMED SHRIMP, SHRIMP SCAMPI, BAKED ZITI W/MEAT SAUCE, MD CRAB SOUP, GOURMET MAC N CHEESE, POTATO SALAD, PASTA SALAD, CAESAR SALAD, ASSORTED CAKES, DRAFT BEER, SODAS, ICED TEA, LEMONADE**

**DJ, MONEY WHEEL, PLANT  
WHEEL, 50/50 RAFFLES, SILENT  
AUCTION**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:  
GEORGE - 410-982-7612  
OR ANY COPPERHEAD BROTHER**



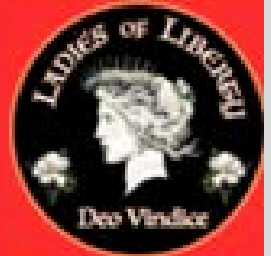
**IN MAY WE WILL BE HOLDING A BULL AND SHRIMP ROAST, SEE INFORMATION BELOW. STAY SAFE AND WARMER DAYS AHEAD.**



## MARYLAND RIDES



# COPPERHEADS MD 2025 RIDE SCHEDULE



### MARCH:

### APRIL:

12 - POSEE GETTYSBURG RIDE/LUNCH  
25-27 22ND ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFEDERATE  
MEMORIAL DAY - STONE MOUNTAIN PARK, GA

### MAY:

4 - POSSE RIDE/TUDOR HOUSE TOUR  
HARFORD CO, MD  
17 - 1ST ANNUAL COPPERHEADS MD BULLROAST  
BALTIMORE, MD  
31 -BAD COMPANY SHARPSBURG BATTLEFIELD RIDE  
HAGERSTOWN, MD

### JUNE:

7 - LEATHERNECKS SPRING BASH  
BROOKHAVEN, PA  
TBD: POSSE RIDE /LUNCH/MD STATE MEETING  
HARFORD CO, MD

### JULY:

10-13 - GETTYSBURG BIKE WEEK  
GETTYSBURG, PA

### AUGUST:

02- BAD COMPANY CAPTAIN HOOK RIDE  
HAGERSTOWN, MD  
TBD: SCV COL. WILLIAM NORRIS CAMP 1398 ANNUAL RIVER CROSSING  
DICKERSON, MD

### SEPTEMBER:

10-14 DELMARVA BIKE WEEK  
OCEAN CITY, MD  
25-28 3RD ANNUAL COPPERHEAD NATIONAL  
GEORGIA

### OCTOBER:

TBD: BLACK SHEEP RIDE AND PARTY  
DEAL ISLAND, MD

### NOVEMBER:

TBD: LEATHERNECKS MARINE  
CORPS BIRTHDAY RIDE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA  
TBD: GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY  
PARADE  
GETTYSBURG, PA

### DECEMBER:





**ITS BEEN A SLOW MONTH OF REST AND REFLECTING. CAPTAIN SHADOW AND KARMA VISITED CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AND GRAVES OF CONFEDERATE GENERALS AT OAKLAND CEMETERY IN ATLANTA. GA.**







**COPPERHEAD AND LADIES  
OF LIBERTY LOGOS IN  
EASTMAN, GA.**



**CAPTAIN SHADOW ADMIRING THE  
NEW LOGOS DISPLAYED AT THE  
GARAGE BAR AND GRILL.**



# Needham's Notes



## NEEDHAM'S NOTES

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Copperheads Historian  
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