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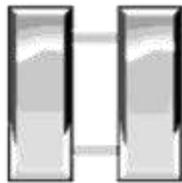
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FROM THE CAPTAIN.

The weather is changing and this is the time for some of the best riding all year but it will not last very long so get out and show your colors before hibernating for the winter. And yes there are some of us crazy folks that like to ride in the cold as well so bundle up!

It has been a great year so far and is slowly coming to an end and I hope everyone can go out with a last exciting ride. There are toy runs and memorial rides still on the books in all areas so try to make what you can.

The Rebels Ride in August was outstanding, flags and Mec. Cav. all over the State Capital steps and grounds. We made our stand and they know we were there. Thanks to all who made the effort and planned this event. After doing a swearing in we headed for some chow and then the fun ride back home, can you say rain!

Mississippi Monument at Shiloh was outstanding and if you missed it you missed out on a perfect day. Close to 100 bikes, plenty of flags, and food afterwards, it can't get much better than that! All of our men were on their best behavior and I am very proud of all of the 1G. We had members on bikes, in uniform, behind the scenes, and support from our dismounted. We had support from all our Mec. Cav. neighbors from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and some other groups as well. People are always excited to see us rolling in! The day was even more eventful as the whole NE Squad was sworn in at the mass Confederate grave at Rhea Springs. I think this was the largest swearing in I have ever been a part of or seen anywhere.

Fall Muster was another successful weekend and I hope we can get a larger turnout next year, even though we did have a very good turnout. Parking cars is kind of boring but the company is outstanding! To top the day off I got to swear in 4 more new members and welcome them to our brotherhood.

Other events and rides were made by members from all over our great State of Mississippi including the COC meeting both North and South of which nothing much worth going in to. Thanks to the men who were able to attend as I can't make everything.

Thanks also to those men who were able to attend the funeral for one of our Texas brothers who passed. These are rides that I do not like to make and hope I never have to again.

Don't forget our 16th Annual is coming up in June so start making plans now as it will sneak up on you in a hurry. This year it is in Cedar Key Florida and is a long ride for many of us but is something you should try to do at least once. Also our Division Reunion is coming up as well in June and we need to make the effort for it as well. I consider these two events very important to the SCV and SCVMC.

1G is doing an exceptional job throughout the state and we are becoming one of the top Companies in the 1st Brigade due to our love for the SCV and what it stands for. I thank each one of you and my officers as you are the reason we are where we are. We are working on the next State meeting for Jan and will get the word out as soon as we get it wrapped up so be thinking about that and ideas to lead us into the future.



WHAT IS CARRY THE FALLEN?

Carry The Fallen is a Ruck-March (Hiking) EVENT with a purpose by and for ACTIVE HEROES, a 501c3 Charity coordinated by Volunteer Team Leaders.

Teams ruck-march for 3, 6, 12 or 22 hours while carrying weight that symbolizes the burden that many veterans carry post-war or post-trauma. The ultimate purpose of Carry The Fallen is to reduce veteran suicide and assist Military Families by:

1. Establishing camaraderie to cope with Post Traumatic Stress (anger, depression, loneliness, substance abuse and suicidal tendencies). Uniting veterans, families and supporters to care for each other in times of need.
2. Training Team Leaders how to interact with suicidal veterans and the steps to assist them.
3. Developing a Peer Mentor and Ambassador community of veterans, military families and civilians who support struggling families and/or veterans.
4. Supporting Active Heroes programs including the retreat, community center, home repairs, and active challenges from donations raised by the Carry The Fallen events that will help reduce veteran suicide with outdoor activity programs and educational programs.
5. Visit their Face Book page for further information.



CHAPS AND THE CAPTAIN

1G HEADED FOR COC MEETING

Billy Bryant, Terry Cook, Tim Broome, Micahel Boteler

JAMES ALLEN HARRIS FUNERAL

Rode to Amory Mississippi to the funeral of Mechanized Cavalry member James Allen Harris. He was laid to rest in Smithville, Mississippi. After the services we went to eat at Mel's Diner, where Mr. Pickle (the gentleman who owns the funeral home) had told the waitress he would pay for our meal. That was an unexpected surprise. When you do good things you are rewarded.

Kevin Nelms



***Thank you brothers of SCVMC
1G Mississippi for representing
at our Texas brother James
Allen Harris' funeral. Special
thanks to you Sgt Kevin Nelms.***

***Paul Franklin Smith
Texas***





The Captain's Safety Briefing

MISSISSIPPI



MONUMENT

A sunny autumn morning greeted us as we arrived at the long awaited dedication of the Mississippi Monument at the Shiloh National Battlefield. It took more than four years to do this. The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy were major financial contributors. (More pictures on following page).



READY FOR KSU



POLICE ESCORT



ENTERING THE PARK



LOOK AWAY, LOOK AWAY, LOOK AWAY DIXIE LAND



CROWD TOPPED 1,200



READY TO MARCH



RESTING "BENEATH THE SHADE"



THE CAPTAIN HOLDING "CHOIR PRACTICE"



RIDING ACROSS DIXIE



CORINTH



CARROLTON

SAVE OUR FLAG RALLIES

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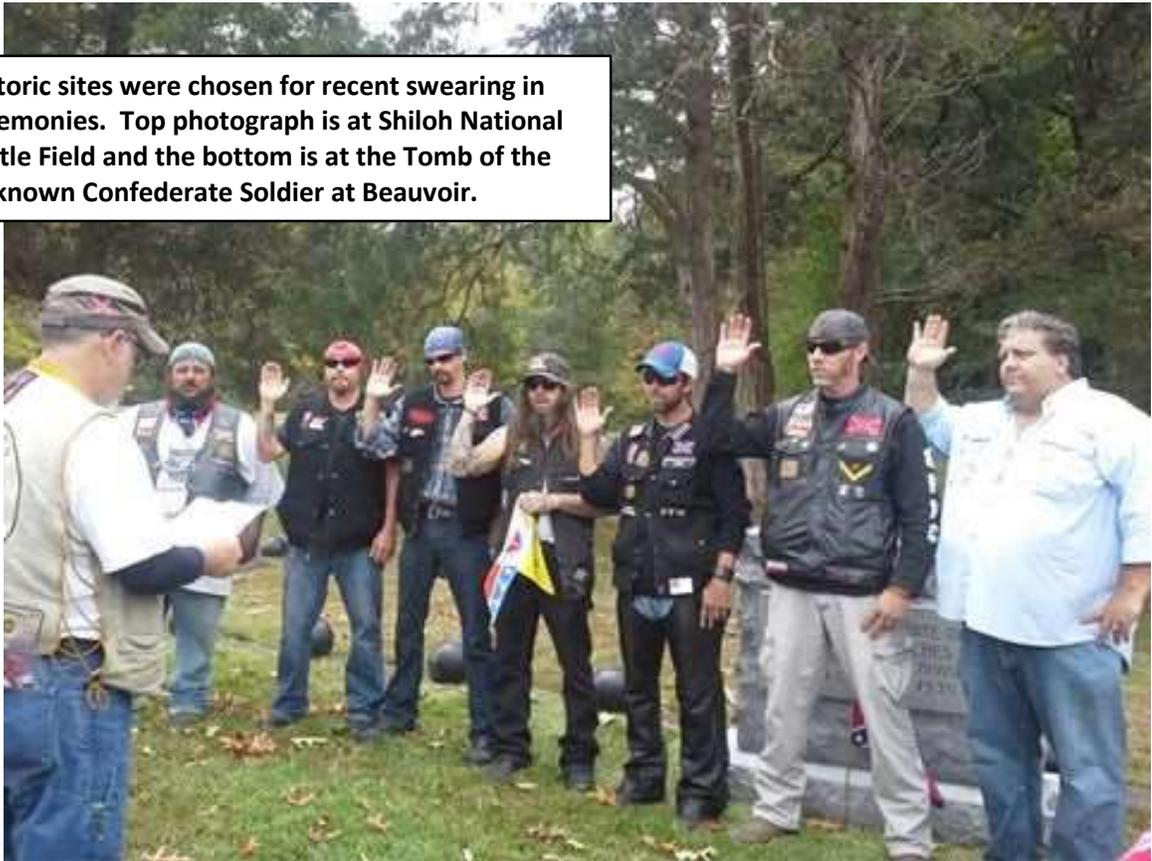


FALL MUSTER



SOUTH SQUAD

Historic sites were chosen for recent swearing in ceremonies. Top photograph is at Shiloh National Battle Field and the bottom is at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir.





**LARGEST STATE FLAG IN MISSISSIPPI
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI**



Stanley Wyatt Rhoda, Chris "Chaps" Haley, Richard Dillon, Marc Allen, Richard Mills, Kevin Nelms



FORWARD THE COLORS

Chaps and Kevin

Ole Miss



There were 139 male students enrolled at Ole Miss in 1861. When 135 of those men enlisted in the Confederate Army, the remaining 4 students showed up to class but were told the university had to close temporarily due to such low enrollment. The 139 students joined Company A of the 11th Mississippi Infantry regiment in the Confederate Army. Unfortunately, they fought in some of the bloodiest battles in the war. They were dubbed the "University Grays" because of the gray uniform they wore and the fact that they were all students at Ole Miss. The University Grays were all killed or wounded during the Battle of Gettysburg when the Confederates made a desperate charge against the Union at Cemetery Hill. After the devastating losses, the few remaining Grays merged with another company and fought until the end of the war. The story of the University Grays has inspired novels and even an opera that debuted in 1961 at the University of Mississippi.

LEST WE FORGET!