

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS-MECHANIZED CAVALRY



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Picture 1. Sons of Confederate Veterans—Mechanized Cavalry participants at the April 9th event at Stone Mountain in Georgia.

1. Confederate Memorial Day Celebrations at Stone Mountain, Georgia—April 9, 2011. In a report from Deacon Rawdin: It was a glorious day at the rock, Stone Mountain, Georgia. The blue skies broke thru the grey morning and the heat lamps were turned on. For the compatriots that could not make the event, you missed a great time. When the cannons blasted off and the gun power smoke rose towards our president and the two greatest generals this country has ever seen, it put a frog in the throat of all the attendees.

Colonel Stone took his rightful place as the Commander of the Cavalry and the rocket was blasting out the orders to get them pictures made. Captain

Rocket (Ga.), And Captain Carroll (SC.), swore in several new members to the SCV.

Thank you heavenly Father for a wonderful and safe ride.

God bless the Compatriots of the SCV/MC.

Ride with Forrest.

Deacon.



The Stone Mountain 2011 patch is available from Col Kevin Stone:

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Picture 2. COLONEL STONE AS ZOOMASTER IN CHIEF OF SCVMC HERE WE HAVE AN ALABAMA REBEL "DOG", A GEORGIA "CARP", AND AN ALABAMA "BEAR" GATHERED AROUND THE COLONEL!

MEN OF THE CAVALRY (Col Kevin Stone's Report)

A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY MYSELF AND ALL WHO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT STONE MOUNTAIN! IT WAS MY SECOND TIME AND IT IS NOW A YEARLY JOURNEY FOR ME AS IT IS A WONDERFUL RIDE DOWN TO SEE MY MECH CAV BROTHERS AND WE DO OUR ANCESTORS PROUD BY SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS GROW EVEN BIGGER EACH YEAR WITH MORE STATES BEING REPRESENTED SO PLEASE PENCIL IT IN NOW FOR NEXT YEAR. I HAD EATEN AT A LITTLE GEORGIA BBQ STAND CALLED CRAZY RON'S LAST YEAR AND HAD CONVINCED SEVERAL SCVMC MEMBERS TO MEET

THERE BEFORE THE SERVICE AND WE WERE ALL SATISFIED UPON OUR DEPARTURE! RON IS A PRO CONFEDERATE BLACK BUSINESS OWNER AND ROCKET HAS PROMISED TO HAVE ALL HIS GEORGICANS EAT LUNCH THERE AS A GROUP AFTER THE SERVICE NEXT YEAR!! WE TOOK A GROUP PIC WITH RON AND HIS FAMILY TO BE SENT IN TO THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN HOPEFULLY! CAPTAIN SPARKS TOOK US TO WILD MAN'S MUSEUM AND I HAD TO DO EVERYTHING I COULD TO KEEP CUZ HUTCHESON IN LINE DUE TO A NEW ACQUAINTANCE... AFTER A GROUP PIC WE SAID OUR GOODBYES TO WILD MAN (AND PRECIOUS) AND CAPTAIN SPARKS TOOK US ON A SCENIC RIDE TO THE BATTLE OF ALLATOONA PASS WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIA AND NORTH

CAROLINA SCV PLACED AND DEDICATED A MONUMENT EARLIER THAT DAY. WE SAID OUR GOODBYES AND STRUCK HOME FOR NC WITH A GREAT SENSE OF BROTHERHOOD RETURNING EARLY IN THE AM HOURS...

2. What It Means to be SCV and Mechanized Cavalry, Written by Jesse 'Kreeker' Hay. "To start I will say I have always been a Confederate flag waver. I have always felt a love and connection to the Confederacy but it took many years for me to understand



Picture 3. At Wild Mans in Kennesaw, Georgia. Having been there many time I'd like to say that the store is unique and run by a gun toting Confederate, Dent Myers. For what it is, I give Wildman's 5 stars. If you are easily offended by racial insensitivity or Confederate Pride, I suggest you not venture inside. Wildman'' Dent Myers has been running his Civil War Surplus Store & Museum on Main Street in Kennesaw for quite a few years (since 1971). The place is stacked to the ceiling on all sides with interesting memorabilia. Some of it is funny just for the novelty and some of it has deep historical merit. Ask him about anything in the store, the man is like a Civil War encyclopedia. The back room is his private museum, and there are some fascinating things on those walls. you could go back every day for a week and still see something new every time. There's a selection of white power literature and CD's, if you're into that, and some great rightwing bumper stickers. all of his prices are very reasonable and the man himself is a very nice guy. If you are ever near Atlanta you might want to visit: 2879 S. Main Street NW, Kennesaw, Ga 30144, Phone 770-422-1785, www.wildmans-civilwar-surplus.com.

the true meaning of defending your ancestors and learning the proper way to show it and I am learning still. I sometimes have a hard time controlling my reactions to people who don't agree or are unaware of the truth and

something we are not. I don't mean the items that show our heritage and honor our Confederate Military. What says something about our lifestyle, interests or the things we like or just



Picture 4. The SCV MC was well represented at Stone Mountain.

reasoning that are tied to the War of Northern Aggression. In my earlier days I would act first and think later. With this said I will move on. As the Mechanized Cavalry has grown since I joined, there seems to be some members moving in the wrong direction. The majority of the members who were there before me and many that have entered since have all the right qualifications to carry us in the direction we should be heading. Lately there appear to be some that have the wrong idea of what it should mean to them to be a member of this beloved organization. As I have learned you have to be aware of your surroundings and people you meet, like the elderly couple in line with you as you wait at the local market.

The way we talk, act or the attachments to our vest or other clothing could mean the difference between them being curious and interested or labeling us as

think amusing may be offensive or even be considered profanity by the public. I speak of this from experience.

Some years ago I would have considered myself to be one not suited or even acceptable as an SCV member. I hope that I continue to change for the better and grow as our ancestors would expect. In the last couple of years as we have grown I have noticed the actions and overheard conversations by members at gatherings and the reunions which makes me aware of some that have joined our organization with the wrong ideas or for the wrong reasons.

First and always we are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. By belonging to this we must keep aware of our actions so as not



Picture 5. New troopers being sworn in by Col. Kevin Stone at Stone Mountain. April 9, 2011.



Picture 6. Captain Johnny Sparks with the Georgia recruits, Stone Mountain, April 9, 2011. The carving on the mountain is the largest bas relief sculpture in the world, the Confederate Memorial Carving depicts three Confederate leaders of the War of Northern Aggression: President Jefferson Davis and Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson (and their favorite horses Blackjack, Traveller, and Little Sorrel, respectively).

to bring any negative publicity upon the SCV or ourselves. I know that we are not nor ever will be perfect but there are many just looking for a small bit of anything to blow out of proportion against all we believe and work to educate the public about.

All who join us should realize this and know we are not an will never be a 'motorcycle club in any way. I make it a practice to let any that I recruit or talk to that if they are looking for this type of brotherhood they should look elsewhere. If it were not for the SCV there would be no Mechanized Cavalry. We are all members who ride, some new and others that have been brought up in the 'biker lifestyle'.

For us it is usually harder to control our actions when confronted by those totally uneducated and not willing to research the truth that would completely wipe out the way they were taught and lied to.

I believe most of you that I know and know me have the feeling deep inside yourselves and are always wishing they had more time and could more for the Cause we Love so dearly. I would just suggest to any who don't feel this way might need to reevaluate their membership. I don't like losing members but think it is better to have one for the right reason than twenty for the wrong. It would also take on only one of us to offend one of the many clubs we have to coincide with and the Mechanized Cavalry as we know it would end.

As we grow larger the line we walk will continue to become thinner.

Jesse 'Kreeker' Hay.

1st Lt 1st Bn, Co A

Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Cavalry.

The Dedication of the Monument. The **Battle of Allatoona**, also known as the **Battle of Allatoona Pass**, was fought October 5, 1864, in Bartow County, Georgia,

as part of the Franklin-Nashville Campaign of the American Civil War. A Confederate division under Maj. Gen. Samuel G. French attacked a Union garrison under Brig. Gen. John M. Corse, but was unable to dislodge it from its fortified



Picture 7. Members of the SCV MC from North Carolina and Georgia gather together for a photo opportunity just after the dedication of the monument. April 9, 2011.

position protecting the railroad through Allatoona Pass.

After the fall of Atlanta, Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood moved the Confederate Army of Tennessee northward to threaten the Western and Atlantic Railroad, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's supply line. Hood's corps under Lt. Gen. Alexander P. Stewart attacked a number of minor garrisons and damaged track from October 2 to October 4. Hood ordered Stewart to send a division to attack the Federal supply base where the railroad ran through a deep gap in the Allatoona Mountain range and then move north to burn the bridge over the Etowah River. At Hood's suggestion, Stewart selected the division of Maj. Gen. Samuel G. French, three brigades commanded by Brig. Gens. Claudius Sears, Francis M.

Cockrell, and William Hugh Young.^[2]

The small Federal garrison was commanded by Col. John Tourtellotte, a partial brigade (1st Brigade, 3rd Division, XV Corps) consisting of the 93rd Illinois, 18th Wisconsin, and Tourtellotte's own 4th Minnesota Regiment. Before the Southern division arrived, Sherman sent a reinforcement brigade (3rd Brigade, 4th Division, XV Corps) to Allatoona, under the division commander, Brig. Gen. John M. Corse, who took command of both brigades. The Federal troops occupied strong defensive positions in two earthen redoubts on each side of a 180-foot, 65 feet deep railroad cut and many of the men, including the entire 7th Illinois, were armed with Henry repeating rifles.^[3]

French's division arrived near Allatoona at sunrise on October 5. After a two-hour artillery bombardment by Captain Alcide Bouanchaud's four-gun Pointe Coupee Artillery,^[4] French sent a demand for surrender, which Corse refused. French then launched his brigades in an attack—Sears from the north (against the rear of the fortifications) and Cockrell, supported by Young, from the west. Corse's men survived the sustained two-hour attack

Confederate War Horse

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The content of your report or submission should contain the following: the four "w's" who, where, what, and when. Please provide pictures because we like to look at pictures and as they say a picture is worth a thousand words. Be sure to identify the people in the pictures: first and last names, mechanized cavalry number, and state.



Picture 8. Col. Stone issuing the oath to SCV Mechanized Cavalry recruits in the shadow of the Confederate Monument at Stone Mountain.

against the main fortification, the Star Fort on the western side of the railroad cut, but were pinned down and Tourtellotte sent reinforcements from the eastern fort. Under heavy pressure, it seemed inevitable that the Federals would be forced to surrender, but by noon French received a false report from his cavalry that a strong Union force was approaching from Acworth, so he reluctantly withdrew at 2 p.m.^[5]

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