

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS-MECHANIZED CAVALRY



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Picture 1. Sons of Confederate Veterans—Mechanized Cavalry participants at the Presidents Volunteer Service Award. CIC Michael Givens (front left) presents Colonel Stone (front center) with the Presidential Award with Capt Ron Colson (front right) with 2nd Lt Strickland looking on (back).

1. Presidents Volunteer Service Awards, Tampa, Florida July 24, 2011. The following is a report submitted by Lt Cecil Raulerson, "Let's talk about the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Cavalry 3rd Battalion, Company D Florida Presidential Awards Banquet held at the Hilton Gar-

den Inn, Tampa on July 24, 2011. I was so honored to be invited to the Banquet and then to be presented a Presidential award from the President of the United States....Then to have SCV Commander in Chief Michael Givens pin on my Presidential Pin. Needless to say, where he placed it, is where it will remain. It



Picture 2. Col. Kevin Stone #5 swears in SCV CIC Michael Givens #570 into the Mechanized Cavalry.

was a great event.....everything was just perfect. The conversation at breakfast the next morning with the C-I-C was very interesting and informative. The 3D is on the move for the CAUSE hope you keep up with the movers.....

And if you wanted to know more about the award then some of the back ground that follows will explain it:

“America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, vol-

Picture 3. CIC Michael Givens gives the keynote address to members of the 3rd Bn.





Picture 4. The SCV membership from Tampa includes David King #462 (2nd from Left) and CIC Givens 5th from left.

participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a cen-



Picture 5. The SCV Mechanized Cavalry. Front row left to right: Dave Tinnel, Larry Carpenter, Thomas McDaniels, Jerry Little, Shotgun from N.C. David Philips #15, Cecil Raulerson, Jerry Money. Back row left to right: Steve Little, Vern Gelser, David King (behind Strickland), Johnny Strickland, Ron Thomas, Ron Colson, Kevin Stone, CIC Givens, Mark Davis, unk, Leon Arthur, Kelly Crocker.

unteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation. The President's Council on Service and Civic Par-

tral part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard measured by the number of hours of service over a 12



Picture 6. The SCV CIC presents the Presidents Volunteer Service Award to 2nd Lt Cecil Raulerson. A total of 23 awards were given.



Picture 7. The morning after the Awards Ceremony CIC Givens, Cecil Raulerson Ron Colson, Karen Colson, and Kevin Stone sit around the breakfast table.

month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

To date, the President's Council has partnered with more than 80 leadership organizations and more than 28,000 certifying organizations to bestow more than 1.5 million awards to the Nation's deserving volunteers.

Picture 8. Col Kevin Stone in Tampa. .



Capt Ron Colson filed the following report:

“There’s somewhat of a range of activities we’re involved in that resulted in the awards our members received.

In West Florida, Joey Davis has been active for quite some time in the jail & prison ministry. Retired from the Air Force, Joey gives his time, weekly, in this endeavor.



Picture 9. Captain Ron Colson receiving the President’s Award from CIC Givens.

In the Tampa area, members of Squad 1 work throughout the year processing & salvaging donated goods that are distributed heavily in their area, and these goods are also shared with Mech Cav members around the state to distribute in other areas. There’s an annual event each December, the weekend prior to Christmas, where thousands of children (& their families) are given food and a variety of goods to help ensure that they are fed well and able to enjoy Christmas.

Among the items so frequently distributed are: Bibles, children’s bible story books, various animated DVDs created to teach children many moral concepts, motorcyclists’ pocket bibles, and a wide variety of packaged foods. Members are pretty well free to determine which local agencies and organizations they deem appropriate for distribution of goods in their area. Locally, we’ve done so through churches, youth organizations, toy runs & veterans assistance organizations.”

Ron Colson #1050

2. Andersonville Parade—October 1, 2011.

Please put this event on your calendar. Bud Canford submitted the following report to the E-group: “Most of the details for the Andersonville, GA Parade are in. Thank you to Lt Denny Forster for arranging for rooms at the Quality Inn in Americus, GA. With the special SCV-MC rate they are \$64.99 per night (about \$10 off the regular rate). Call 229.924.4431 and ask for Crystal. Do Not Book your room online. They might not give you the special rate.

The parade starts at 11:00 sharp but we must be at the staging area by 10 am. Do not exit the grounds after the Parade or you will have to pay the \$4.00 entry fee.

My “Moosen Around Country Dancers” team will perform at the Opry Stage at 12:30 PM, right after the parade.

Troop 3 Sgts. Shannon and Scarborough will host another ride after the Parade (location to be announced) which likely includes a visit to the Andersonville P.O.W. Museum and the Andersonville Prison site.”

Report by Bud Cranford, 1st Lt, SCV-MC, 3rd Bn, Co B, Troop 3.

In a report sent in by Voodoo on August 8 to the egroup he writes: “I just spoke with Crystal at the Quality Inn in Americus, Georgia. I reserved a block of 20 Rooms and I asked that she block as many as she could on the first floor. The days for the reservations are from Sept 30th to Oct 1 2011. The discounted SCVMC price for the rooms would be \$64.99 a day plus tax. I know it is more than the Days inn down the road, but, I remember the problems that some compatriots had with there rooms. Besides if you share the cost, it makes the rate a little nicer. She is available for your call at 229-924-4431 from 7:00 AM - 4 PM M,T,W,F and up till 12 noon on Thursday. She has more than 20 available, but she did say that if this block of rooms were not reserved

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We
have a

SCV-MC at the Andersonville GA. Parade

**Andersonville Historic Village
12 miles north of Americus, Georgia
01 October, 2011**

**Riders coming southbound, Meet at the cracker barrel near I-75, Exit 134—The Cracker Barrel will be about 1/4 mile east of I-75—8:30am
About 1 hour riding time to Quality Inn, in Americus, GA**

**Riders travelling northbound, meet at Quality Inn, in Americus, Georgia (1205 S. Martin Luther King Blvd on U.S 49) at 9:30am.
229-924-4431—Ask for Crystal**

**Meet at Andersonville Parade staging area at 10:00am.
Parade starts at 11:00 sharp.**

Free admission to the Festival if you do not leave the grounds after the Parade

Optional Activities:

Karaoke at the Warner Robins Moose Lodge, Friday Night.

**Moosen' Around Country Dancers at the Opry Stage
12:30pm—shortly after the Parade**

Mud Boggin' in Elko GA, Saturday night. \$10.00 per person.

This is an Official Georgia Mechanized Cavalry event.

the 30th of August, the reservation discount would be lifted. As I see it, it is about a 10 dollar discount off of the normal price. This location is approximately 10 miles south of Andersonville Georgia. Below is a link for more info.”

Quality Inn in Americus
VuDu #274
Georgia SCVMC First Troop
vudu@gascvmc.com
SCV - Mechanized Cavalry
3rd Battalion Co. B

3. 12th Annual Two Dogs Invitational Meeting and Ride.

An invitation from Col. Stone is as follows and was sent to the egroup:

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 12th Annual NC SCVMC State ride/meeting otherwise known as Two Dogs!

change of venue moving from our wonderful host Joe Mason in Asbury NC to our new hosts at Smoky View Cottages and Resort in downtown Maggie Valley, NC!!!

It is a first to be taking to the hills and we are excited to host you for this fun filled educational weekend! Our headquarters for the event will be the Smoky View Cottages and RV Resort at 72 Crider Circle, Maggie Valley, NC 28751. Phone is 828.926.1245. Please tell them you are with the SCVMC Group to get our group discount. I have a map above as well as a pic of one of their cozy cabins but everything you want to know about the place can be found on the website www.smokyviewcottages.com or by calling them directly. I am awaiting finalization of details for the itinerary and preregistration sheet to be completed over the weekend but in a nutshell we will have rides leaving at 9 AM Friday and Saturday that will introduce you to the valley and beyond and will include history, friendship, great food & spirits, and some of the best scenic riding in

the country!!! How could it get any better? There will be a chicken pickin' Friday nite and pig pickin' Saturday nite in the usual 2 dogs tradition and of course we'll have a 2 Dogs special on Carolina red hot dogs out on the ride for lunch Friday! (Tom & Doug Sutton's favorite tradition) We'll be providing BBQ sandwich, chips, and a drink for lunch at Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson on Saturday as our way of thanking you for attending!

RAYWWF

Kevin Stone

Colonel SCV Mechanized Cavalry, Commanding

Alternate lodging can be found at:

Microtel Maggie Valley

3777 Soco Rd Rt 19

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Phone 828.926.8554

info@microtelmaggievalley.com

Www.microtelmaggievalley.com

Rates: Thursday Aug 25 is \$55.00

Rates: Friday Aug 26 is \$70.00

Rates: Saturday Aug 27 is \$70.00

2011 12th Annual 2-Dogs Event Preregistration



August 1st return deadline



Event is: AUGUST
26 - 27 - 28, 2011
Maggie Valley, NC

Name _____ SCVMC # _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____ Cell _____

T-Shirt size (circle one)
S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

EXTRA T-SHIRTS - \$20.00 each - How many _____ Sizes needed _____

EVENT HQ LOCATION: Smoky View Cottages & RV Resort
www.smokyviewcottages.com 72 Crider Circle
Phone: 1 - 828 - 926 - 1245 Maggie Valley, NC 28751



EARLY DOG RAFFLE - \$12.00 to win a FREE 2 person
Cabin #128 for the ENTIRE event (Friday thru Sunday)

Stimulus Package Cost \$50.00 BEFORE August 1st - After the deadline Cost \$60.00

Event includes: 2 Rides - 1 T-shirt - Lunch and Supper Saturday

Saturday Night Pig Pickin' \$15.00 extra for non SCVMC (ALL YOU CAN EAT)

Friday Night Chicken Pickin' \$10.00 extra (ALL YOU CAN EAT)

For more information Contact:

Captain Ricky Womble - scvmc56@hotmail.com (910)658-6191

Cpl. Todd "Biscuit" McMahan - tcmahan01@bellsouth.net

Colonel Kevin Stone - scvmecav@hotmail.com (919)721-1231

Send preregistration money to:

Capt. Ricky Womble

1666 Autry Road

Lillington, NC 27546

Commanders Comments:
GENTLEMEN,

AS THE NATIONAL COMMANDER I ROUTINELY GET CALLS FROM HIGH AND LOW REGARDING THE SCVMC. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT'S AN EMERGENCY OR AS I CALL IT A "FIRE" THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT OUT. WHEN DEALING WITH ANY LARGE GROUP THERE WILL BE ISSUES AND THAT COMES WITH THE JOB, BUT WHEN I SAW CAPTAIN COLSON IN MONTGOMERY AT THE REUNION I WAS GREETED WITH AN INVITATION TO ACCEPT THE AWARD GIVEN TO OUR CAVALRY AS A GROUP FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK THE FLORIDA BOYS ARE DOING. BOY WAS IT NICE TO HEAR ABOUT GOOD NEWS! MADE MENTION OF THIS IN MY REMARKS THAT NIGHT JOKING TO CIC GIVENS THAT IT WAS NICE TO SEE HIM ON SUCH A FINE OCCASION INSTEAD OF SOME ISSUE THAT NEEDED FIXING! HE SAW THE GREAT WORK GOING ON IN FLORIDA AND THAT SAME WEEK THE KENTUCKY BOYS WERE RECEIVING MULTIPLE AWARDS FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK THEY ARE DOING IN THEIR AREA. IT MAKES ME PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A FINE GROUP OF MEN AND TO BE ABLE TO COUNT YOU AS MY BROTHERS IN THE CAUSE! I FEEL SURE THE MAJORITY OF STATES ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY FOR THE CAUSE AS WE SPEAK AND ARE NOT DOING IT FOR RECOGNITION BUT FOR THEIR ANCESTORS. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND REMIND YOU TO KEEP THE SKER ON! I LEAVE YOU WITH THE INSCRIPTION ON THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AT

Confederate War Horse

Contributions to the newsletter should be addressed to my email address: gregor999@aol.com.

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 if possible.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IT APPLIED TO OUR ANCESTORS AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES AND WE HAVE NOT I THINK THIS APPLIES IN A LOT OF WAYS TO YOU MEN-THE MOST DEDICATED AND DRIVEN GROUP OF MEN IN THE SCV – Not for fame or reward—Not for place or for rank— Not lured by ambition—or goaded by necessity—but in simple—obedience to duty—as they understood it—these men suffered all—sacrificed all—dared all — and died-

RIDE AS YOU WOULD WITH FORREST!
KEVIN STONE



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