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## From the Captain

### Compatriots

Next month we'll start gearing up for the 150th anniversary of Kilpatrick's Saber Charge at Nash Farms which will take place August 22-24. This was the largest cavalry charge of the war. Evan Castel, aka Woodstock works with the Henry county Historical Society each year and he's volunteered The Mechanized Cavalry to assist this year. We'll be helping the elderly, distribute water and generally provide help any way we can. Headed South from Atlanta take Exit 221, Jonesboro Road (the second Jonesboro Rd located in Henry County). -Turn off the Highway and go west approximately 6 miles. Nash Farm will be on your left. Parking is on Babbs Mill Road which runs directly beside the Farm. The website is [WWW.HENRYCOUNTYBATTLEFIELD.COM](http://WWW.HENRYCOUNTYBATTLEFIELD.COM).

Capt. Bo is still working on the new International Mechanized Cavalry website and he'll have it up and running soon. For those that haven't been to the Georgia Mechanized Cavalry website yet the address is [www.gascvmc.org](http://www.gascvmc.org). You'll need to enter your name (user name) and Mechanized Cavalry number (password) to gain access. This site is full of information and it's continually updated.

While I was writing this (July 22nd) I was notified that one of our long time members passed away. RONNIE WATTS, age 72, of Cloudland, died Monday, July 21. Ronnie's Mechanized Cavalry number is 329. In case you didn't see his obituary here it is.

Ronnie was a member of the Sons of Confederate He was a retired plumber and electrician. Ronnie had a passion and love for motorcycles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Frances Watts; sister Sheila Carter; and brother Dennis Watts.

Survived by daughter Debra (Chris) Boyd, of Ringgold; sons Mark (Paula) Watts, of Chattanooga, and David (Karen) Watts of Rossville; sisters, Brenda (Bob) Brindle of Dalton, Trisha (David) Irwin, of Cleveland; Ruthie Spencer, of Dalton; and Judy (Kenneth) Lawson, of Chickamauga; brothers Allen "Pete" Watts, of Eton, and Mike (Sandy) Watts of LaFayette; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

Our next Quarterly meeting will be in Warner Robins on September 21st following our annual Tribute to the Veterans at the Carl Vinson VA center in Dublin which is always on the 3rd Saturday of September each year. More details to come.

Communication Sergeants, you're doing an outstanding job of keeping Captain Bo informed on upcoming events around the State. Keep up the good work.

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Wayne---Captain

## **Communications Officer**

The month of July has been a busy one. Independence Day celebrations, barbeques, charity rides, etc. We are now quickly coming in to the fall reenactment season. Please be sure to attend at least one reenactment event if possible. Our big event this year will be August 22-24 at Nash Farm with an exciting drawn sabre cavalry charge. 3rd Battalion Company B will assist in several duties including shuttling the elderly and handicapped to and from event areas as needed. Please stay current with your email, website and calendar for specific details that will be coming soon for this event. Nash Farm will be a great public relations event for us, and an excellent opportunity for new membership.

June and July have seen changes for the SCV with new leadership in many areas. Congratulations to all who have assumed a new position. Remember, the key to any organization, even with change is Communication. Our Communication officers around the state have been doing a great job reporting as requested. There are a few areas that have not had much reported in the last few weeks. This should pick up with the fall season coming. Remember, it does not have to be an SCV specific event to be added to the calendar. Bike nights, charity rides, city/town festivals, etc. Anything that promotes unity and fellowship is welcomed for calendar input. In fact, the more of these events we participate in, the more we are able to educate the public and potentially gain new members. We have had a few members doing awesome recruiting work this year. I have recruited two SCV members myself, and have 3 or 4 potential members I am still working on. I challenge everyone to recruit at least 1 new member before the year is out. Let's make 2014 a banner year for Georgia. Get out there and communicate with your friends, family, and neighbors.

If anyone has camp newsletters, sutlery items, etc. that would like them added to the website please let me know. With some limitations, these can be included on the national site as well. The National website, is near completion, and should be up and running very soon. Once again, for any Georgia member that does not have access to our [gascvmc.org](http://gascvmc.org) website, please send me your first and last name along with your Mechanized Cavalry number.

Troop 2 members, as a special request, please forward any/all present communication to your commanding troop officers, or to Communication Sgt. David Armour. Communication Sgt. Mark Hinson (Toombstone) is still recovering from his car accident. May God Comfort Mark and heal his injuries quickly.

Have a Great Dixie Day

Capt. Bo

## Safety Officer

Compatriots,

I've spent a good bit of the last month putting 1250 jugs and pistons on my 883 Sportster. The actual time would be maybe three days, if I had the time. And then, I'm no master mechanic either. I helped my son put the same kit on his bike awhile back, so I'd had a little experience. My biggest drawback is dumb little mistakes that cost a lot of that time I don't have. Then there's always mindboggling engineering idiocy. But as I've heard, it's just a big lawnmower on two wheels, though a little more complicated.

It's working right fine now, and I think I've caught all the major glitches, of which there were blessedly few (operator caused most of them). All that to say, again, that maintenance is a crucial aspect of the safety thing, especially on older bikes, or those with a lot of miles.

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"Never stand and take a charge,... charge them too."

Nathan Bedford Forrest

Men,

The month of July has come and gone. I hope to see some of you at 2 Dogs in Wilmington N.C. if you can make the trip. It is promised to be a good event by Kevin and those helping set things up. At least the scenery will be a lot different from Maggie Valley. I think they have a couple of charity rides planned with the usual chicken picking. These events are great to get to know brothers supporting the SVC and Mechanized Cavalry. Remember brothers don't have to be on 2 wheels to support the Mechanized Cavalry. We currently have a couple of very active brothers in Troop 3 supporting the Mechanized Cavalry.

As you have probably seen in the calendar, Nash Farms Cavalry charge is schedule for the same time as 2 Dogs. Many of the Troop 3 brothers will be supporting that event. It is planned to be an outstanding event with hundreds of mounted Cavalry Solders. So if you can't make 2 Dogs try and make Nash Farms, dates are in the calendar.

Troop 3 & 4 met up at the Infantry museum in Columbus for a ride and meet up on 19 July. The weather didn't cooperate and some of us made the ride in the rain. It was a good visit with the bothers and wives for a couple hour tour of the museum. Afterwards we meet up for a late lunch before heading home. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the museum you need to make the trip. They did an outstanding job documenting the different Wars and conflicts. While we were there Capt. Scarborough swore in Ken Arvin's son Kenny "Bones" Arvin. He is pictured with the group below in front of the museum entrance.







While we were there at the museum we had an opportunity to witness a veteran of 3 Wars get recognized for his service. It was an honor to see Mr. Davenport receive the awards for his service in the Korean War, WWII and Vietnam. We all shook his hand and thanked him for his service, not many of these heroes left.



As always if anyone has anything they would like added to the newsletter please send it to me. I normally release the newsletter at the end of each month to capture all of the month's events. If you have some event pictures send them to me with a narrative of what's going on in the pictures and I will get it in the newsletter.

On another subject, please continue to be watchful of what you place on Facebook or pictures in your Facebook account. Keep in mind anyone of your Facebook friends can copy pictures from your account and use out of context. Not to mention what our enemies can do if our account is public and not locked down to only friends. Just a reminder to be vigilant in managing your information on the internet. Many people use the internet for a variety of reasons and while that is not a bad thing, if you are careless and place personal information on sites such as Facebook, or give out information because of an e-mail scam you could be adding a piece to the puzzle of a larger picture... and that information could be used for the wrong reasons. The internet is a wealth of information and services that can be accessed easily with the click of a mouse. Simultaneously, diligence in the security of information and understanding the risks involved while using the internet and its associated forms of media is a must.

It is estimated that there are over one billion internet users worldwide. When posting information on the internet or sending an e-mail, consider the target audience. Not all of the one billion users are going to be friendly - various people use the internet to engage in illegal purposes such as identity theft, scams, or even worse, use social engineering to exploit you or your family.

We must understand that computers are now a valuable weapon system that can be easily targeted by enemies who constantly use the internet to gather and disseminate intelligence about you.

"The Manchester Document", is a captured Al Qaeda terrorist handbook which was confiscated in England in February 2000, states that "Using a public source openly without resorting to illegal means, it is possible to gather at least 80% of information about the enemy."

Every person must also be aware of phishing attacks on the internet and through e-mail systems. Phishing is a criminal activity that uses social engineering in order to acquire sensitive or personal information such as passwords, social security numbers and other critical information.

Phishing e-mails usually appear to be from an official source and typically use false internet links or attachments to get users to reveal information or to gain direct access to the computer or associated networks. If you suspect you have received a phishing e-mail, do not open attachments or follow any links in the e-mail, delete it.

Everyone should apply OPSEC as we called it in the Military, when using the internet or posting information to a web page, personal web pages, internet forums, chat rooms or using instant messengers. Remember that even though information may be not be important by itself, it can still be valuable if added with other information about you or your family. Even innocent information discussed on the internet can be pieced together to form a clear view of your family's activities for a robber needing to know when your home.

The same diligence must be applied when were out of town. The internet gives us a much easier way to



communicate with friends and family and share events while on vacation, but it also gives the enemy another intelligence gathering opportunity about you.

Family members also play a key role in OPSEC and information on the internet. As a family, you may have information that you are not aware of the risks involved when posting information on the internet. You must strive to protect information about your family members.

Be sure you do not talk or post information about:

- Upcoming vacations and length of time you will be away from home
- Specific details about your work hours when your family is home alone
- Schools your kids attend or if they ride the bus or not
- Personal information about your family including telephone numbers and address
- And protect credit card numbers or any other information that criminals could use to steal your identity

Remember that when you put information on the internet via e-mails, blogs, or web pages - once it's out there, it's public information and anyone with an internet connection can access it. Everyone needs to recognize the risks involved with internet use and practice good OPSEC accordingly.

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