



SRC Chairman Mike Shockley

Greetings:

I hope everyone is having a great time riding and attending Blue Knights events. I will be attending the Blue Knights International Convention in Harrisburg, PA and representing the SRC. Soon the International elections will be behind us, and the International Executive Board leadership for the next two years will be determined. I hope everyone has voted. I want to thank our International Rep, Bob Awtrey, for his service as Chairman of the International Elections Committee.

The SRC Board elections will be held this fall. The SRC election will be electronic and done in a manner very similar to the International elections. The elections will open on or about September 20, 2023, and SRC Presidents will have approximately 30 days to cast a ballot. The election winners will be announced at the Fall SRC in Biloxi, MS. Those elected to the SRC Board for the next two-year term will be sworn in at the fall SRC banquet.

The fall SRC Conference will be hosted by Mississippi Chapter II in Biloxi, MS on October 19-22, 2023. Information is available on the SRC website, or from MS II. Currently there are no bids for the Spring or Fall 2024 conferences. I encourage any chapters interested in hosting a SRC Conference to please contact me, or any SRC Board member.

I wish everyone a fun and safe summer!





A big shout out to Ernie Morgan and his crew from ALA VII for hosting the 2023 Alabama Challenge. A yearly event in Alabama and as usual a very good event. A very good time was had by all. We were treated to a great cookout on Saturday night. This was all free for the members attending. They had a 50/50 drawing as well as a silent auction with the proceeds. All the proceeds went to a seriously injured Huntsville Ala Police Dept. officer who was ambushed along with his partner responding to a Domestic Violence call. His partner was killed in this incident.

The event was held in Madison Ala. There were 15 chapters represented from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

On Saturday we took a ride down to Chef Troy's "Talk of the Town" Restaurant down in Houston Alabama. Started off with some rain as we left and ended up with some beautiful sunshine heading back to the hotel. Unfortunately, we had an incident where one rider was cut off by a pickup truck and he went down. Mike Greenspun from ALA XVI was taken to the hospital with some injuries and was released a couple days later. Our prayers were and are with him for his full recovery.

The weekend was a great and relaxing and our hats are off to Ernie Morgan and the crew from ALA VII. You guys went way beyond in hosting this event and couldn't have asked for a better event. Thank you for what you did.







SRC Secretary Justin Hartley

I would like to thank Florida XVIII for hosting the Spring 2023 SRC. It was very well put together and I had a great time seeing friends I haven't seen in quite some time. Its always good to get time off of work and just ride.

I attended the Alabama Challenge hosted by Alabama VII. Despite the copious amounts of liquid sunshine we had, it was a great weekend. Members from Kentucky and North Carolina decided to join us this year. More simple weekend events like this are needed in the SRC.

Elections are upon us, vote. After voting, get out and ride with your chapter, friends, by yourself, in support of other clubs, or for what ever causes you to ride. Go support other chapters, local charities, or ride for your chapter. Get out and been seen, that is the number one way we recruit.

I have been doing contracting work for a major police supplier over the past several months and will be doing so for the foreseeable future. I will be reaching out to chapters in the area in hopes to meet up.





SRC Int'l Rep Bob Awtrey

Greetings members of the SRC, the best Blue Knight Conference anywhere. I hope this finds you well and enjoying the summer. What a great place we have to live and ride.

Our International Elections will be closed on July 16. If you haven't voted, please do so and have a voice in who leads our club for the next two years.

Our SRC BOD Elections will occur at our fall meeting in Biloxi. This will be the first time our Conference has had an electronic (email) vote. Your President will make the choice for your Chapter, so be sure he/she knows who you would like to lead the SRC for the next two years.

Please continue to support each other and the other Chapters, as they have worthy events and rides. Also, and most importantly, please support your Chapter and fellow members, by getting together, riding and enjoying the time that God has given us on this earth. We have lost some very good Blue Knights this year. Ride With Pride.

Bob Awtrey, SRC IR

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SRC Treasurer Al Fryer

Hello to all of our Fellow Blue Knights!

As of this report all of our accounts are up to date! I will be submitting my Treasures Report to the conference along with the totals for the Checking, Money Market, Disaster Relief Fund and SRC Band-Aid fund Accounts. As I have stated in the past if anyone ever has any questions regarding any of these accounts please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I have records of all transactions that deal with the SRC Account.

Good luck to all those who are running for office both with International and the SRC!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the SRC Fall Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi! Safe Travels!

It as been extremely hot these past several weeks! Please remember to hydrate!

My wife and I will continue to Pray for our Brothers and Sisters who protect us every day along with our Military and 1st Responders!

Al Fryer II

SRC Treasurer





SRC Safety Officer Sal Anicito

Hello Blue Knights Family. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer getting in a lot of great riding. Be sure to keep those eyes moving looking for road hazards and crazy cage driver hazards. Sometimes I think we get to be invisible to some of these drivers. Please be safe and enjoy the ride. GAXXII has been doing some great rides. Our last Chapter meeting was June 17th and after the meeting we had a ride to the Cherochala Skyway up to Deals Gap. We participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Blairsville and we did a ride to a BarBQ Restaurant in Suches Ga. On Tuesday June 13th our Chapter President Eddie Henderson and his wife Candy hosted a Chapter Social at their beautiful home in Blairsville. They have a big covered pavilion in the yard. It was a great turnout of our members and some guests. There was lots of food provided by our members and we even had live music! How cool is that! We've had some really nice weather and we look forward to future GAXXII rides. Don't forget to get your votes in. Even though you may have friends running for an Office, do what's right for the good of all Blue Knights so our Blue Knights Family can prosper and thrive in the future. Good Luck to all the candidates.

Thanks for reading my article and enjoy that ride but most of all BE SAFE and RIDE WITH PRIDE!





SRC Elections

RE-ELECT **BOB AWTRY** SRC INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



As your SRC International Representative and a member of the International Board of Directors, I have always used my guidance and vote, as I thought the SRC would benefit from it. I feel that in my 15 years of being part of the SRC and living in the SRC, I do understand the wants and needs of all its members, not just the few who are loudest, when they talk.

Having said all of that, I wish to ask for your vote to allow me to continue to be your SRC International Representative for the next two years. There are chapters to be chartered and work to be done and I would like to complete what we have started. All that I have done for the SRC was for the SRC members, not for myself, but for each of you that contacted me and asked for help or guidance.



Major Accomplishments:

- *As your SRC International Representative, we have started 8 new chapters, which is more than any other conference in North America.
- *As your International Elections Chairman, we have handled two International Elections and were able to get the State of Maine to allow us to start voting by email, which had never been done. We had to get the law changed to accomplish this and we did, saving our Club \$25,000 during the last election.

BACKGROUND

- * 15 Years in the SRC:
- * SRC International Representative
- * Chapter President
- * Ride Captain & Safety Officer



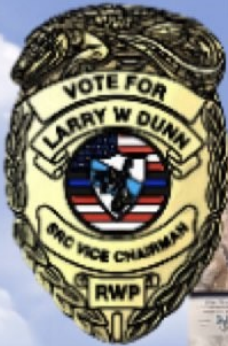
When I joined Blue Knights, 15 years ago, I joined the Southern Regional Conference. I have put over 250,000 miles on Harley Davidson and Indian Motorcycles. While traveling from coast to coast, from Maine to Montana, we have made many new friends in Blue Knights. We rode, fished, and ate together and always had a great time. We talked about our motorcycles, rides that we had made and rides we were planning to make in the future. There was never any negativity or back biting of any member. In the last few years, that has become common, and we must put an end to it if we are going to save our great Club.



SRC Elections

Larry Bubba Dunn for Vice Chairman SRC

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Hello to all my Brother and Sister Blue Knights

I am Larry (Bubba) Dunn and I'm running for the position of Vice Chairman Southern Regional Conference (SRC). I ask for your vote to be the next Vice Chairman of the SRC. I will work with the SRC board and all members within the SRC and continue to work with Blue Knights International.

Qualifications:

- Current President FLBK XXXII Space Coast
- Member of Blue Knights since April 2004
- Founding member of NC XVIII and FL XXXII,
- Former member of FL XII
- Held positions of Vice President and President for over 16 years
- Chaired the Fall SRC Presidents meeting 2022 in Titusville, FL
- Attended the SRC events in Pine Mountain, GA; Helen, GA; Alabama Presidents' Meeting, and more.
- Former US ARMY Green Beret, Vietnam Veteran
- Retired Chief Warrant Officer, United States Coast Guard, 30 Years of service.
- Owner and/or founder of several businesses including Bubba's Carolina Jerky, Won N Dunn Tack and Awards, and Dunn's Coffee Shop (4 locations)

With over twenty years of business ownership experience I have the knowledge to understand building relationships with suppliers, customers, staff, media, and government entities. Even more important is that I possess the knowledge and experience of turning those relationships into partnerships to benefit not only our organization but the community and our charitable efforts.





SRC Elections

Endorsed by Founding Father
and First Intl' President
Sir Chuck Shuman

RIDE WITH PRIDE

VOTE FOR CHUCKIE DIAZ SRC INTL' REP



Blue Knight for 23 years
Current Vice President of Florida XVI
Past President NYVII
Past Director NYVII

The SRC needs someone who will listen
and vote the way the majority of the chapter
Presidents want them to. Not the way International
or anyone else wants me to.

The Presidents and members come first.

I'm a 9/11 disabled responder. While others ran
from the fight, myself and so many others ran
towards it.

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SRC Elections



Bruce Verrette for SRC Chairman

I joined the Blue Knights in November 2002 with the Louisiana II chapter. In 2005 I became the chapter President for 4 years. In May of 2009 I chartered a new chapter in the city of Gretna Louisiana, Louisiana XII, which is just across the river from New Orleans, and I am still the Chapter President. I was elected your Southern Regional Conference Vice Chairman in 2011 and was the Vice Chairman until 2014 when I voluntarily stepped down from due to medical issues. I am back 100 %. I retired from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in 2017 after 27 years of service. I am still with the Sheriff's office in a reserve capacity. In the Fall of 2022, I successfully submitted a proposal to have our SRC elections handled electronically. I want to be your chairman of the SRC to ensure that we continue to follow all the bylaws and be transparent in any dealings within the conference, and to get back to the basics of motorcycle riding and camaraderie. I feel that with my past experience as Vice Chairman on the SRC Board I am more than qualified to handle the duties of the Chairman and promise to do the members of the SRC proud. I also pledge to step down as chapter President in order to devote my time to be an effective Chairman of the SRC. I will do my best to keep politics out of the Conference and try to unite us like we once were. Remember, you the Presidents control the Board, and the Board is there to serve you, not the other way around. Please vote for me in the Fall 2023 Electronic Election. I can be reached by phone at 504-382-0128 or by email at iwilcuffu@aol.com.

Ride with Pride

Bruce Verrette



SRC Elections

I am Michael S. (Mike) Shockley, I am a life-long resident of the state of Georgia and live about 75 miles northeast of Atlanta near Athens, the home of the University of Georgia. I am a former Major with the Athens-Clarke County Police Department. I attended the University of Georgia, and I am a graduate of the 201st Session of the FBI National Academy. I am retired with a total of 34 years in law enforcement. I am a former Detective and past president of the Georgia Auto Theft Intelligence Council. As well, I am a long-time member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). I served the last 12 years of my career on my department's Executive Leadership Team and was Commander of the Information Management Division.

Prior to my law enforcement career, I worked at a motorcycle dealership for approximately seven years, the last three holding the position of Service Manager. I renewed my interest in motorcycling in 2002. Since that time, I have ridden in all but two states in the continental United States, as well as in Canada.

I joined the Blue Knights while seeking a connection between the two things that are a substantial part of my life, law enforcement and motorcycling. I served as Secretary, Vice President and President of my Chapter, GA XI. My chapter had the honor of hosting the 2022 Fall SRC in Helen, GA. In 2016 I became a Georgia State Rep, and in 2019 I became SRC Vice-Chairman. In February of 2023, in an unexpected turn of events, I became SRC Chairman.

As your SRC Chairman I desire to have an open line of communication with chapter Presidents and members. I believe in the STOP, START, CONTINUE retrospective as a useful framework for requesting and delivering feedback. We can reflect on where the SRC has been, where we are currently at, and where we want to go. Hopefully, my leadership model will move us past "the way we have always done it" doctrine.

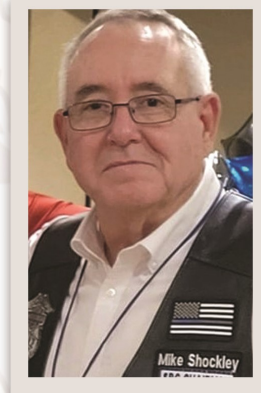
I will utilize my knowledge and experience from my information technology background to enhance our communication processes. I will improve communications, utilizing all forms of digital communication, including but not limited to social media, our website, and email. I am currently serving as SRC webmaster. I hope to develop an accurate email contact list at the MEMBERS level.

As SRC Chairman I will work closely with the SRC leadership team, Presidents, and members to conduct SRC business in a fair, simple and cost-effective manner. I hope to bring more transparency and fairness to many of our processes. I intend to seek and allow more input from the chapters on proposals and other issues. I plan to create polls and surveys in which real results can be shared with the membership.

At our events and meetings, I hope to foster more tranquility and positive accomplishments. I vow to shield the membership from political agendas and from negativity associated with past resolved issues. I would like to adopt the doctrine of "less politics and more riding".

I support having a strong state representative system. I believe that visiting and learning from as many Blue Knights events, Chapters and Conferences as possible is vital to be a good Conference leader. I am 100 % retired, thus I have the time and energy to devote to the Blue Knights and the SRC.

VOTE



MIKE SHOCKLEY SRC CHAIRMAN

EXPERIENCE

SRC Chairman - February 2023 - Present
 SRC Vice -Chairman - 2019 - February 2023
 President Blue Knights GA XI
 Former Chapter Secretary and Vice President
 Former Blue Knights Georgia State Rep
 Graduate of the FBI National Academy.
 Former Police Major and Division Commander
 Extensive Information Technology Background
 Host of the 2022 Fall SRC in Helen, GA.

VISION

Adopt the Start, Stop, Continue Principle
 Improved Communications
 Develop Members Level Email List
 Improve and Enhance the SRC Website
 More Input from Chapters
 Create Polls & Surveys
 Record and Publish Meetings
 Less Politics & More Riding

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SRC Elections

SRC VICE CHAIRMAN

VOTE

RANDY HOAGLAND



EXPERIENCE

Appointed Vice-Chairman to complete Mike Shockley's Term
 Member of Blue Knights since Nov '07 with GA XVI
 Assisted in getting this chapter chartered
 Founding Secretary for this chapter
 Became Chapter President in '09 until '11
 Vice President until '12
 Re-elected President in '12 to present day
 SRC Board appointed in '19 as N. Georgia State Rep
 Certified in Law Enforcement for over 43 years
 Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office April '09 - Jan '23

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2018, our chapter hosted the International Convention in Stone Mtn. GA with over 870 members from 9 different countries. I still hear from members all over how it was the best International Convention ever held.

A NEW LEADERSHIP

GOALS

- Work side-by-side with the board to help grow the SRC
- Create a conference that members can enjoy and be proud of
- Work with chapters and members to grow the conference
- Work closely with State Reps and Chapter Presidents
- Work with B.O.G. and B.O.D.

RANDY "PAPA SMURF" HOAGLAND (404) 384-1588 rhoagland@bkgaxvi.com



From the chapters of the SRC

I am currently a member of BK Florida XVIII as Sgt at Arms. My first chapter was Maine I, but switched when I retired to Florida. A couple years later I was asked if I would sit as chapter Secretary. I welcomed it with pride. A year later our chapter suffered a great loss with several of our brothers going to Heaven 1. I was later asked by our current President if I would relinquish the position and assume the duties as Sgt at Arms, in order to realign our chapter. It worked and we are stronger than ever under his leadership.

I was born and raised in Bangor Maine. After my tour in the Navy (1968-1973) I returned home and went to work with the Maine State Police. I became good friends with all of the founding fathers. I worked with them on many cases, socialized with some of them.

I remember when the Blue Knights was put on paper and Maine I became a reality. My closest connection was with Chuck Shuman, Mike Hall, Ed Gallant, Doug Miner, Bill Robinson and Mike Hall.

The Blue Knights was formed with hopes to bring brother and sisters from all law enforcement agencies. It was a way for each member to ride as a group, build relationships between different departments and include families. Politics was never even considered.

Who would ever think that the Blue Knights would grow into an International club for law enforcement, but it did. As the numbers increased the structure mandated changes. Unfortunately, along with the growth came political aspirations.

Summary: Founding Father (friend) said it all at the SRC conference 2023 (which by the way was a great success due to our leadership and membership in Florida XVIII). "Change in leadership is a good thing. It brings with it new ideas". "Let's get back to making new friends, building on the ones we have and supporting each other". We are family, let's stop the fighting amongst ourselves"!

Members from many chapters came to enjoy the camaraderie between LE agencies. Families enjoyed the social environment and rode as one group. This is exactly what the Blue Knights was intended to provide.

Jim Ryan
Sgt at Arms
BK Florida XVIII



From the chapters of the SRC

Blue Knights Florida Chapter XVI (Cape Coral, FL) recently celebrated 30 years in beautiful Southwest Florida with a special luncheon ride to Deep Creek (Port Charlotte, FL). The ride, led by Chapter President Thomas Gravagna, featured a special menu for the 30 plus members and friends in attendance. This Chapter has planned rides every weekend. Please contact President Gravagna for ride details should you wish to join us. Congratulations on 30 years of riding with pride!



Members of GA VIII present a check for \$2000 to the Two Hundred Club of the Coastal Empire. (The 200 Club supports the families of First Responders injured or killed in the line of duty.)

Mike Nichols
President
GA VIII





From the chapters of the SRC

On April 15, 2023, Five of us from Florida 1 rode from Gainesville, Fl. To St. Augustine, Fl. Our destination was “Riding into History” at World Golf Village where vintage and antique motorcycles were on display. The fee to view these beautiful and often rare machines was \$15.00, which helps fund Service Dogs for the disabled. The ride was approximately 80 miles each way. Thanks to Bob Daniels, our Ride Captain, we took some scenic back roads which extended the ride to two and one half hours. We arrived in time to each lunch at The Caddy Shack. After a great lunch and some bike viewing, we headed for home.





From the chapters of the SRC

Alabama VII hosted the Alabama Challenge in Madison, Alabama 19-21 May. Blue Knights from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky and North Carolina were represented. Over \$1500.00 was raised for a Huntsville Police Officer who was critically wounded responding to a Domestic Violence Incident. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported Alabama VII. Ride With Pride!



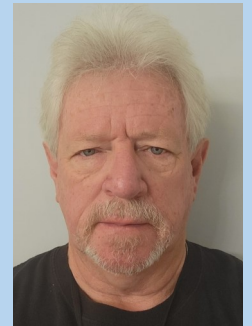


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Fall 2023 SRC

For more information : <https://www.bkmsii.com/event-details/>



Blue Knights International Fall 2023 Southern Regional Conference Hosted by Mississippi II



Schedule

Thursday, Oct 19

- Hotel Check in after 4 pm
- Registration (at Ballroom 2 Foyer on 2nd Floor) 4-7 pm

Friday, Oct 20

- Hospitality Suite 4 pm - midnight
- Registration 8am-6pm
- Vendor Room 12:00 pm-8:00 pm
- President's meeting 8:15 am-9:45 am
- Organized Ride from Biloxi to Dauphin Island and return 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Meet and Greet BBQ with Beer and Band at Coast Harley Davidson 4:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Hospitality Suite 7:00 pm - midnight

Saturday, Oct 21

- Registration 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Organized Ride along the beach and back country-Breakfast at Boogies 9:00 am - 10:30 am, KSU 10:30, Ride from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm
- Vendor Room Available 11:00 am-4:30 pm
- Cocktail Hour in Ballroom 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm
- Banquet 7:30 PM until 10:30 PM
- Hospitality Suite available following banquet until ???

Sunday, Oct 22

- Conference ends/Check out



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