



## SRC Chairman Mike Shockley



Greetings:

I hope everyone had happy holidays! This edition of the SRC Herald covers the last quarter of 2023, as well as future events. I want to thank you for your submission to the Herald, and I encourage everyone to continue the good work.

A lot of transition occurred in 2023, including the first SRC Electronic Election, and the passing of former SRC Chairman Rory McConnell. Words cannot express how sad we are that Rory is gone, but we know he is riding with pride in Heaven 1.

The election resulted in the re-election of the current SRC Board. The SRC Board is grateful for the support we received. We will strive to continue to work hard and make improvements. We are here to help you.

In 2023 there were two excellent full SRC Conferences, the Spring in Venice, FL hosted by FL XVIII, and the fall in Biloxi, MS hosted by MS II. These events were successful even in the shadow of a post-pandemic economic downturn. Although we have no official bids for 2024 Conferences, we are confident we will meet twice this year as always.

In April 2024 an “SRC Meeting” is planned. It will be a two-day event in Statesboro, GA. It will include our Spring Business Meeting, and there will be rides, hospitality and comradery. Look for more information about the Spring Meeting to be available soon.

Membership renewals opened January 1<sup>st</sup>. Chapters will have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to process their renewal package without a late penalty. I encourage any Chapter that has difficulty renewing their membership in any way to please contact an SRC Board member or State Rep for assistance. We will work with any Chapter to ensure they can remain in good standing.

Also, this time of year, many chapters are holding elections and changing leadership. Please update the SRC Board of any leadership changes, email changes, etc., so that we may continue to deliver important communications to you.

I encourage everyone to work diligently to make 2024 a great year for the SRC, with tranquility and brotherhood.

As always, let's ride together with pride!





Greetings Brother and Sister Blue Knights,

I hope everybody had a good Christmas and a Happy new Year with your families and loved ones. I hope 2024 will be as good a year as you had in 2023.

2023 was a different year for me in the SRC Conference. In March I was appointed as the acting Vice Chairman by the Board. Then in October I was elected by vote by the Presidents to continue in this position. It has been a learning experience as well as an enjoyable position being able to work for the members in our Conference. I hope I can live up to the expectations that have been put out there while serving as your Vice Chairman. I am looking forward to working with the board and working for the members at this conference.

We have some ideas and have put some already into effect. I submitted a set of Guidelines to the Board for the Band-Aid fund so that we can keep it pliable to assist the members of the conference. I also Guidelines on how to host an SRC Conference which was approved and posted on our SRC Website. Both of these sets of guidelines I hope will help any chapter that would like to host an SRC Conference as well as making contributions to the Band-Aid fund to assist members in time of need.

We are working with Chapters helping them to get their registrations completed as well as helping some chapters on how to keep their chapters active. As renewal comes along there are chapters that have issues of renewing and keeping their chapters chartered. We ask that before you make a definite decision to close your chapter that you contact the Board so we can work with you to keep your chapter active. Mike and I are travelling to meet with some chapters to help them in finding a solution to keep them from closing the doors completely.

I want you to know as your SRC Vice Chairman my door is always open. You have access to me by phone or email. You also have avenues for help through your state reps who I work with closely. We are here to help in any way.

In closing I would like to again say Thanks for your support and am looking forward to seeing our conference in growing and advancing throughout time.





## SRC Secretary Justin Hartley

I have a great time in Biloxi Hosted my Mississippi II. The escort by the State Patrol motor unit was second to none. The buffet at the banquet was by far the best food I've ever had a an SRC.

I use the Blue Knights to make work connections. Several years ago I was able to meet someone who I heard about when I was a rookie. This guy have been gone for several years before I started working, but I would hear his name when some of the old guys talked about him. I was driving down the road at work when I recognized an out of state Blue Knights vest, but I didn't recognize the rider. I was on the way to a call and had only a few seconds to say a few words before the traffic light changed. After answering the call I made my way to a Police Week Memorial being held at in town and I ran into the member and I started connecting the dots. The member's name was Toby Schwartz. Over the years I got to run into Toby several times at conferences or when he would stop in town to see family and friends. Fast forward to 2023 when my department's SRT wanted to host an alumni day for former SRT members. Toby was an early member of the team and was the first person I called after the alumni reunion was official. When Toby pulled up, former members were happy to see his unexpected arrival. That is what this club is about. Not about politics, not about what color vest should be wearing, or any of the other mind numbing grumblings. I've made lots of friends and I can't wait to meet many more.

In short, get out, ride and make memories with friends....forget the stupid stuff.





## SRC Safety Officer Sal Anicito

Hello to all our Blue Knights family from GA XXII. We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you all a Healthy and Blessed 2024 and beyond. GA XXII has been busy these past few months. On September 30th we had a Chapter Social which was held at our Chapter President Eddie Henderson's home. Eddie owns beautiful property with a large pavilion and an awesome fire pit. Our members came together for some great camaraderie and awesome food that was all prepared by our members and their wives. We even had live music! Thank you to Eddie and Candy Henderson for opening their home for our Social.

Some of our members attended the SRC Fall Conference and had a great time and a great ride. Our October Chapter meeting was held at the Blairsville Restaurant Grits and Greens. Our guests were the Blairsville Chief of Police Michael "Bear" Baxter and Assistant Chief Shawn Dyer who both brought us up to date on the upcoming Shop With A Cop Event which our Chapter assists with each year. We also held our Chapter Elections at the Meeting. All incumbent Officers were unopposed. Also present at the October meeting was a distinguished guest from GA II, Bob DiNello. It was an honor to have Bob visit our Chapter, great guy and great Blue Knight. Thanks for your visit Bob!

At our November Chapter meeting, Candidate for Union County Sheriff, Shawn Dyer stopped by to speak to us. We all wish him the best. On December 1st we had our GA XXII Christmas Party at Vincents Copper Top Restaurant in Blairsville. The turnout was great and everyone had a great time. And yes, we even had Live Christmas music!

On December 9th our Chapter assisted in "Shop With A Cop" for kids in our community who are not as fortunate as us. It was a huge success and we thank Police Chief Baxter and Assistant Chief Dyer for letting GA XXII be a part of this awesome program each year and we look forward to doing it again next year!



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## Georgia II

### From a Chaplain's Point of View

As a club member, I serve as Chaplain. Therefore, I serve at the will of God and the club members. I think of the club as a social club for the members to relax and unwind with people that have life events in common. Motorcycles, Law Enforcement, stress of life... Biblical Fellowship can be defined as "Holding something in Common" derived from a Greek word Koinonia. Since I became chaplain, many things have taken place. Georgia VIII was large, so we split and started GAll. GAll is centered around Bulloch County Ga. Our clubhouse is in Brooklet, Ga. It has become home to Ga II members and open house for many Blue Knights that have visited from all around Georgia and even as far as Florida, Alabama, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

We have a home for meetings and usually have something going on most weeks. Of course, we support many of the charity rides in this area, but we are also active as a club. We recently Hosted a concert to raise money for GA C.O.P.S. As I am writing this in the middle of December, we have been active supporting 4 toy runs, one of them supporting the Sheriffs Boys home in Nunez Ga. As this year started, we have started having church services on the first Sunday of each month at the club house. I maintain a prayer list that I pray for each morning, I was fortunate to baptize two members along with two friends of members earlier this year. I pray before each group ride for safety. We did have two members go down on I95 while returning from the international meeting up north. Praise God as He was with these riders, and both was able to continue their way home after a short trip to the hospital. Both have replaced their destroyed Iron Horses and are riding again. God is good. Our international Chaplain has supplied bike blessings stickers, and I have been able to pray with most of our chapter members. The stickers are nice, and they open the opportunity for prayer with the riders.

Fellowship (Socializing) continues with grilling out, movie nights, group rides. But most of all the clubhouse has become a place where members can relax.

Georgia II has been busy as a club and as the year closes out, we have a Christmas party coming up and a Boston Butt sale where we will be smoking/grilling a couple a hundred fine pieces of meat before going home to family for Christmas.

In His Service

Harold Piet



# Georgia II



CHURCH



MOVIE NIGHT



GRILLING STEAK





## Florida I

10/31

3 members of Florida I attended an HR218 qualification course hosted by the Gainesville PD. We fired the current course as well as the new, more difficult course which will be implemented 07/2024. After qualification we responded to the original Sonny's BBQ in Gainesville and enjoyed a great lunch. Many thanks to GPD for hosting 3 retired M.O.S from outside of their jurisdiction.

11/14

Our chapter held our monthly meeting and election at Brown's Country Buffet. 21 members and guests were in attendance.

After many years of dedicated service to our chapter, our current President, Don S, and Vice-President, Don D, who is a charter member of Florida I from 1975, have decided to not seek another term and are stepping down. Our current secretary and treasurer, as well as one director will continue to serve our great chapter.

As of 01/01/2024 our new board will consist of:

President - Sean B

Vice President - Dennis H

Secretary - Dan B

Treasurer - Bob M

Director - Wayne M

Director - Ernie P

Director - Don B

12/09

3 members of Florida I made an approximate 400-mile roundtrip ride to attend the funeral and escort of past North America Vice President, Rory MacConnell. It was our honor to participate in this ride and help send our Brother home.

12/12

26 members and guests attended our annual Christmas party at Browns Country Buffet in Alachua. Excellent food and camaraderie, a good time was had by all. Lots of laughs with the ability to peruse the room and "steal" a previous gift.



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## Alabama VIII

On 7 November 2023, Alabama VII was honored to take part in the annual Heroes Week Ride which honors and celebrates some of America's Wounded Warriors. Local businesses from the Huntsville/Madison County area along with the Semper Fi Riders Motorcycle Club hosted 11 of America's Heroes with a week of festivities. Alabama VII proudly takes part every year in this short ride from the Huntsville International Airport to the Westin Hotel in Bridgestreet Shopping Center.

On 2 December 2023, Alabama VII took part in the annual Eldridge Children's Home Toy Run in Eldridge, Alabama. This is another event that Alabama VII proudly supports every year. At last count, this event had raised over \$157,846.00 to support the home. Ron and Barbara Merkh from Alabama VII are sponsors for a young lady who is a resident.





## Florida IX

BIKE WEEK 2024 MARCH 1 ST THROUGH THE 10 TH

Daytona Beach chapter FL-IX will be hosting a hospitality evening on Thursday March 7th , and a continental breakfast and ride on March 8th with a light lunch and refreshments along with an Auction and giveaways. All will be at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 40, 471 Old Mission Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL. Menu items to be determined. You are guaranteed to have a good time and meet up with some old friends. Camping is available at the FOP or at Dave Hinshaw's place in the country outside of Edgewater. Please advise by text at 386-689-0809 if you are interested in a camping spot. We are working on a BBQ ride at this time. Many in the chapter would like to return to the days of having a sponsoring Motel to provide rooms at reasonable rates for all Blue Knights® visiting the area. Interest in such lately has been less than enthusiastic from through out the organization. If any would be interested in participating in group rates please email [dmhinshaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmhinshaw@bellsouth.net) and we will venture back into the possibility of obtaining a sponsoring motel for 2025.

Until Bike Week, Ride with Pride, stay safe and keep all of our brothers still on the job in your prayers.

Dave Hinshaw, FL-IX



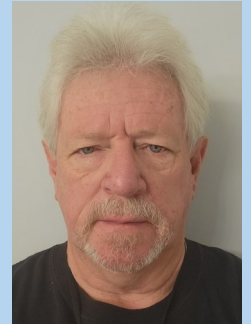


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