



SSMC National Newsletter
4th Quarter 2023
Dedicated to Shipmates far and near

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2023 National Rally

Hosted by: Cumberland Chapter

May 29-June 2

Johnson City, TN

Information is available through Facebook,
National Website and 1MC's

National Board Meetings:

January 11 @ 2000 EST

February 8 @ 2000 EST

March 14 @ 2000 EST

National Presidents Meetings:

January 3 @ 2100 EST

February 7 @ 2100 EST

March 6 @ 2100 EST

Chapter Presidents: If you are not available to attend this meeting, please have another chapter officer stand in on your behalf. Let the National Secretary and myself know and we will get the meeting invite to them.

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From the President:

Season's Greetings from the SSMC pinnacle of leadership. I hope you all are enjoying time with your friends and loved ones over the holidays. For those lucky enough to live in the South, your riding season is in full stride. For those of us in the North, we are riding less and less as winter approaches. We have enjoyed an outstanding year as a club. We have welcomed numerous new members, and our chapters are growing like wildfire. We had the largest national rally to date. It was extremely well done by the Mason-Dixon Chapter – Bravo Zulu to Mason-Dixon. The Cumberland Chapter is gearing up for next year's rally in Johnson City, TN. Be sure to follow our National Website and Facebook page for the latest updates.

The saddest part of the year is that so many of our brothers stood their final watch. Our hearts and prayers go out to their friends and loved ones during this difficult time. The number of active-duty members is growing, but most of our membership are... let's say 'a bit older'. Safety as we go about our daily lives, especially when riding, needs to be our number one focus. Every chapter has a Road Captain that should be safety checking your bike and you before starting out on a ride. We all have the responsibility to have each other's back in all we do.

In closing, I would like to thank you for everything you do for the club and for each other. The SSMC is an assortment of the finest people I have ever known. Every time I am with fellow members the sense of brotherhood is ever present and I am proud to be in your company.

Keep the shiny side up!

Bill "Chief" Kingery
SSMC National President
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From the Vice President:

Dear Members of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club, As the Vice President of our esteemed group of veterans, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have had this past year. It has been a thrilling ride, filled with camaraderie, adventure, and a shared love for the open road. Together, we have explored the winding highways, conquered challenging terrains, and witnessed breathtaking landscapes. We have experienced the thrill of the wind in our hair, the rumble of our engines, and the freedom that comes with being part of this incredible community. But it is not just the exhilarating rides that make our club special. It is the bond we have formed, the friendships that have blossomed, and the support we have provided one another. We have stood by each other through thick and thin, celebrating victories and offering a helping hand during tough times.

As the year comes to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment have made this club what it is today. Together, we have created a family, a brotherhood/sisterhood, that extends far beyond the confines of our motorcycles. Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement for what the next year holds for us. Let us continue to explore new horizons, discover hidden gems, and create lasting memories. Let us embrace the thrill of the unknown and the joy of the ride. But before we embark on new adventures, let us take a moment to celebrate our accomplishments and cherish the memories we have made. Let us raise a toast to the end of this incredible year and the beginning of a new chapter in our club's history. Thank you once again for being a part of this extraordinary journey. I am honored to serve as your Vice President, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for us.

Ride safe, ride free, and may the road always lead us to new adventures.

With warm regards,

TAZ

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See you all in Tennessee this summer.

From the Secretary:

Brothers and Sisters,

As the year comes to an end, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year.

Barb Wire

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From the Treasurer:

Hello "Gents" hope your holiday season is going well. Just a reminder to you all that dues have been raised to \$20 per member regardless of Qualified, Associate, QFM and are due Jan 1 thru March 30. I will be sending excel spreadsheets to chapter presidents and treasures for your respective dues.

"Detroit" Tim Hardoin

MM1/SS(Ret)

SSMC National Treasurer

COB's Corner:

Well, another riding season is in the books and those that are unfortunate to live in the snow

belt must now endure a long winter anxiously waiting for spring to come.

As the SSMC COB I would like to express my gratitude to each and every member in our organization and eagerly await seeing new and old friends at the 2024 rally. The winter months is the time I personally plan the next season of rides, gatherings and update my vest as well as my personal riding gear. Your chapter is the perfect opportunity to get out there in the wind, gain new riding experiences for more stories to tell!

Be grateful for our National Board members in keeping each members best interests at the center of our mission.

Tim Wollenslegel

SSMC National COB

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From the Storekeeper:

As we close-out the 2023 year, the Ship's Store went through a lot of changes this year! We have new ballcaps, dolphin flags, beanies, knives, etc.! Many times, the best ideas come from our members. Culminating the year and

the new products was the addition of the SSMC Kilt! Our kilt is made from a unique "tartan" that only members of the SSMC can purchase. It was the product of more than five years of work of one of our member's, Don Bright (our National Chaplain), who not only worked with multiple entities in designing the tartan, but he also had to plow through a lot of red tape in getting us approved with various formal registries. Without Don, this doesn't happen! Thank you, Don! They are now available for purchase in the Ship's Store!

Throughout all of these changes we are always looking for new ideas, items, and vendors. If you have an idea or know a vendor with a unique product (the vendor must be a LLC or Corporation), contact the Storekeeper at storekeeper@silentservicemc.com.

Mike
National Storekeeper

From the Commo:

Dear members of the SSMC. I want to take this moment to introduce myself you.

I grew up in Wyoming on about 1000 ac. farm raising Malt Barley for Coors, Pinto Beans, Alfalfa, Angus cattle and Suffolk Sheep. I went into the Navy in 91' and my CC was a bubblehead and told us about the Brotherhood of the Phin and that is all it took. I was on the USS Michigan, SSBN727 and I fit right in "A" Gang.

After my service, I returned to Wyoming in 96'. I have worked for the same federal agency for the past 23 years.

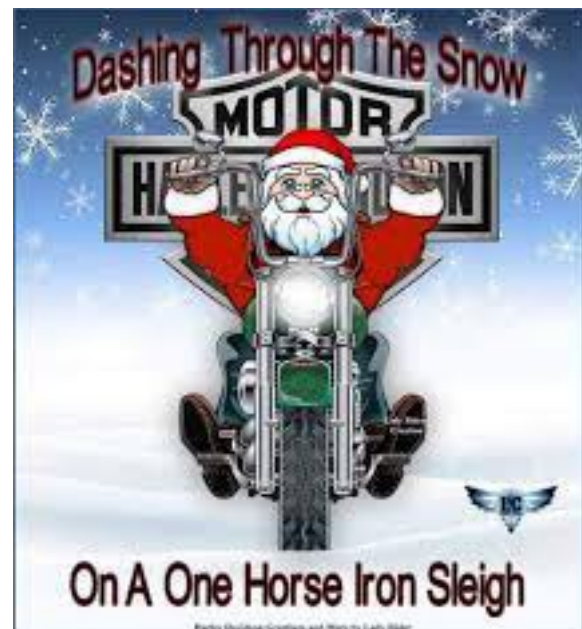
I have been a member of the SSMC since 2021. When I lost my chapter, "Chief" and I talked about standing up a chapter. He put me in touch with another member in the next state over. We went to work recruiting and the Rocky Mountain Chapter was born December 2022.

I look forward to serving as your Commo.

In future newsletters, my plan is to not only have chapter submissions from you, but to also do a full chapter spotlight on a couple chapters per newsletter and work through all chapters as we put newsletters together.

Respectfully,

Monte Bush
National Commo
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Eternal Patrol:

We take this time to remember those of us that have went on Eternal Patrol this past year.

- WT Housley - Lewis & Clark (Former President)
- Jerry Goin - Lone Star DFW (President)
- Bruce Selby - SUB City (Former President)
- Robert Murphy - Albacore (Former President)
- Ted Vorce - Old Domion (Former National President)
- Ron Harter - Lone Star
- Roger Druin - Gulf Coast (President)

Rest easy Shipmates – We have the Watch

Welcome Aboard!
New Members for 2023:

Welcome to the most recent members of the Silent Service Motorcycle Club! We are glad you found us!

Chapter	Name	Member Type
USS Albacore	Truitt Gore	QFM
Carolina's	Rachelle Bailey	QFM
	Susan Brown	QFM
	Andy Chochran	Qualified
	Carl McLaughlin	Qualified
	Anthony Schaick	Qualified
	Charles Williams	Qualified
Cumberland	Suki Williams	QFM
	Tim Karr	Associate
Great Lakes	Florence Sippel	QFM
	Anthony Angeletti	Qualified
	Jim Bridgens	Qualified
	Iris Bridgens	QFM
	Sean Hughes	Qualified
	Anthony Pike	Qualified
Gulf Coast	Eric Thurman	Qualified
	Caytlyn Reeves	QFM
Lewis & Clark	Kenneth Fields	Qualified
Lone Star	Shawn Partanen	Qualified
Lone Star DFW	Donn Gilray	Qualified
Old Dominion	Xavier Cina	Qualified
	Robert Morris	Qualified
	Michael Oliver	Qualified
	Ricardo Perez	Qualified
Piedmont	Chris Sears	Qualified
Rocky Mountain	David Abercrombie	Qualified
	Cece Bush	QFM
	Robert Condom	Qualified
	Sarah Cress	QFM

Debbie Deboodt	QFM
Ken Hoff	Qualified
Tom Hool	Qualified
Jim Kay	Qualified
Randy Moy	Qualified
Steven Saint	Qualified
Chad Truax	Qualified
Phil Warren	Qualified
Jonathan Wells	Qualified

SoCal	Scot Schuman	Qualified
Sub City	Claude-Robert Brown	Qualified
	Christina Cushman	QFM
	Richard Fowler	Qualified
	Kelsey Fowler	QFM
	Jeff Langwothy	Qualified
	Lori Langwothy	QFM
	Trevor Mendenhall	Qualified
	Andy Myers	Qualified
Saguaro	John Willis	Qualified
	Lisa Klepper	QFM
	Jay Allen Rahi	Qualified
USS Thresher	John Stevens	Qualified
	Steven Frederick	Qualified
	Chad Magendanz	Qualified
	Kyle Martiny	Qualified
	John Offerguild	Qualified

Welcome to the riding community of the brotherhood of the fin!

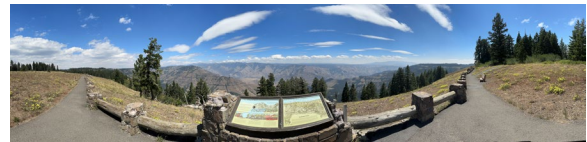
Chapter News, Rides and Events from around the SSMC!

Bonefish/Thresher

Bonefish held a Submarine Veterans gathering this last June in Richland, WY at the TRITON sail memorial. Joining Bonefish were members of the Thresher Chapter. This event was televised/reported by the local media.



July 2023 ride – Members of Bonefish and Thresher Chapters spent four days riding through Washington and Oregon states. Last day of the ride, myself, Jarhead (Steve Lewis) and Chad Magendanz dropped off a memorial stone I made to honour Roy Burt. Left it in Yakima Canyon on our last day home, at one of Roy's crash sites.





Carrollina's

The Carolina Pirates jut completed all scheduled rides for the year. Fortunately, our weather here provides yearlong riding, but it can get a little chilly during the winter months. We usually try to get together on some short rids as we pick our days throughout these months.

As far as our scheduled rides are concerned, we had some excellent riding and even some fantastic weather this year. We tak advantage of rides along the East Coast, Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Smoky Mountains. Places with names of Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Wilmington, Maggie Valley, Deals Gap and Little Switzerland to name a few. We even ventured out and combined some rides with other Chapters to Savannah, GA, Helen, GA., and Daytona, FL.

Looking forward to the upcoming riding season with new officers and Road Captain with new ideas and planning. Also, we should have our new ride schedule posted by the end of January 2024. Should be very exciting – come join us!

The Carolina's would like to with All of our Brothers and Sisters a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!!



Lewis and Clark

Please welcome our newest member to the Lewis and Clark chapter. Triple-T, a native Missourian, whom is currently on active duty as a recruiter in his home territory. James "Doraemon" and Fred "Doc" flanking the new member.



Lone Star

The Lone Star Chapter was founded in 2010 and currently has 28 members. We cover most of the state of Texas (nearly 270,000 square miles). As such, we are divided into 4 divisions: Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Piney Woods and West Texas. We try to hold 8-Chapter meetins (in person/conference call) and 2 State meetings each year. Our state meetings are combined meetings with Lone Star and Lone Star DFW. This year we had meetings in Granbury (Jerry Goin's Celebration of Life), Bastrop, San Antonio, Schulenberg Wimberly and Madisonville (Lonnie Smith and Ron Harter's Celebration of Life. It was a hot year for riding and did our best!!



Lone Star DFW

October was a rough month for LSDFW, with two of our members involved in motorcycle accidents. Scott Case was hit by someone running a red light on Main Street in Grapevine. Turned out it was an older gentleman that hit the gas instead of the brake. Four broken ribs, broken teeth and a lot of bumps and bruises. Paula Starks choose not to follow the road and go her own way. She fractured her right hand ring and pinky fingers, fractured hand bone, crushed wrist bones, plus fractured right ankle, fractured left heel, and bruised left ribs.



We held Lone Star State Meeting, with great riding down to Madisonville and back. Thirteen folks made the trip, to include Girlyly "Tang" Smith and family, and Lisa Harter.



December started out with LSDFW participating in the Snowball Express at DFW Airport, sponsored by American Airlines and the Gary Sinise Foundation. There were at least 150 volunteers that escort 1,750 Gold Star Family members through DFW Airport to their flights to Disney World. A very cool experience.

November's Chapter meeting had 22 Members and guests in attendance. It was a good venue, good food and service. We discussed our upcoming elections seeking new candidates, plus the status of our accident victims and the binnacle list. And upcoming events such as the USSVI's Texas Round-Up and next year's National Rally in Johnson City.



Afterwards, Doopie led John Rose, Marty Moe, PPD & Erin on a nice 100 mile back roads ride up to Runaway Bay.



We held our Chapter meeting and Christmas lunch at Bab's place. There were 19 of us that got together to celebrate great food and great company. We even got some time in for a meeting. Seeing as the morning started out in the upper 30's, only two bikes made the trip, PD and John Rose. But a nice sunny day made for good, albeit chilly ride. But Babs, with help from Chris Gancarz, had everything set up in fine order. So we all had a great time eating, joking as only good friends can, and enjoying the White Elephant thievery. As far as the meeting, we held out elections with the only change being Phil Anaya taking over Secretary duties from Scott/PD next year.

Finishing out this month, LSDFW supported Wreaths Across America at the DFW National Cemetery, where three of our chapter members are buried. Plus a cold ride to support three smaller, less served cemeteries south of Fort Worth, a very humbling and worthwhile activity.



Mason-Dixon

Mason-Dixon kept busy these past few months! In October we had our fall party! This one we normally have during Gettysburg Bike Week, but because of this year's National Rally, we moved it to October. Day of the party, with 50+ guests planned, Mother Nature dumped more than 1.5" of rain throughout the day, but in true Submariner fashion, the band played on and the party was a hit!

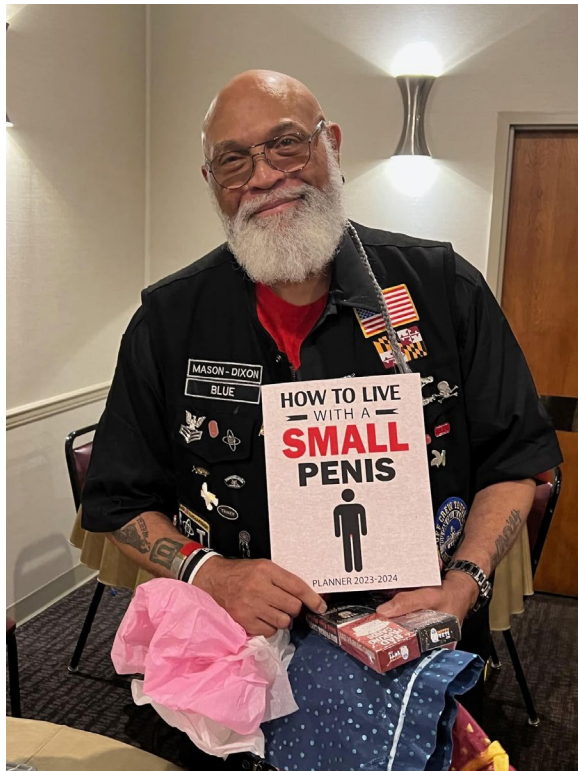
In November we held our End of Year Party in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Awards were given, speeches were made with two very poignant moments! Ralph Lydick was recognized for his four years as Mason-Dixon's Chapter President (he made the tough decision to step down at the end of 2023), receiving some memento's and making a speech. During the gift exchange, one of our member's received a gift that is helping him come to terms with a life-long condition/affliction! As all can see in the picture, Blue seems quite relieved to finally come to terms with it!

We have wrapped up the year with a by-laws revision and officer elections. We are pleased to announce Mason-Dixon's new officer's (effective 1 January 2024):

- President – Mike Breaux (Crunch)
- Vice President – Chris Gamble (Shredder)
- Secretary – Chris Kingery (Curly)

Treasurer – Joe Forster (J4)

We wish everyone a Happy Hollidays and a Happy New Year!



Piedmont

Sadly, Piedmont Chapter's riding season has come to an end. Because of rain, the last scheduled ride for 12/3 was canceled, but hopefully we can all get together on 12/10 (in the cages) for end of year holiday celebration and meal.

Our chapter is small and spread out throughout the central, western, and northern parts of Virginia. So not everyone is always able to join the rides. Looking back at some of our activities from the past year, our rides included destinations: Macedo's in Farmville, Herb Cottage in Blackstone, Tim's at Lake Anna, SSMC National Rally in Gettysburg, a poker run in Richmond that was sponsored by CVMA, Cockeyed Roster in Smishfield, Rocco's in Williamsburg, Ralph's in Weldon, NC and Taver on the James in Scottsville.

Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain Chapter had a successful 1st year. As we are so spread out geographically, (10 states), it was hard to get together and ride together, but we did have monthly meetings via Zoom to get to know each other. We have grown to 24 members in just the first full year.

We held a chapter ride/weekend in Sheridan, WY. We rode over the Big Horn Mountains, got to watch some old school drag races on one ride, and got to see some historical sites. But mainly, it was great getting to know each other with a few sea stories.





YESTERDAYS HEROES POKER RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Brought to you by: **SSMC, Rocky Mountain Chapter**

Registration 8:00-9:30 a.m. @ Bucks Travel Stop, Sheridan, WY. Kickstands up at 9:45 a.m.

<p>Stop 1: American Legion, Buffalo. Will leave together as group to parade at Wyoming Veterans Home, with a return to American Legion.</p> <p>Stop 2: Spotted Horse Bar, food and drink available.</p> <p>Stop 3: Wyrano Bar and Grill, food and drink available.</p> <p>Stop 4: Buckshot Saloon, Ranchester.</p> <p>Stop 5: Luminous Brewhouse, food truck and live music. Last card draw no later than 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>\$20 Poker Hand</p> <p>\$10 Additional Hands</p> <p>High/Low hand WINS!</p>
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All proceeds go to helping Veterans
All vehicles welcome— Open to the public

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The chapter held a Poker Run in September in honor of veterans that are living at the WY Veterans Home. We rode through the property in parade like style to wave and rev those bikes. We wanted them to know we know they are there, honor and say thanks. CVMA came out to support us.



One of the riders from the Rocky Mountain Warrior Foundation gave a challenge to those on the poker run. In honor of "22 A Day", he offered a \$22 donation to the chapter for every person that did 22 pushups. A \$300 donation was made.



We look forward to this coming year riding and getting to know each other more.

SoCal

SoCal enjoyed a great chapter ride attended by six members on Veterans Day. The meetup spot was in Old Town Temecula, from there we rode through Fallbrook and then down the coast through Carlsbad to Cardiff by the Sea where we enjoyed some amazing food and beverages.



From the Editor:

Well, as this is my first newsletter ever.... I hope I have met the high-quality standards as a bubblehead.

Please let me know if you have any thoughts, ideas of what you want in the future and how I can make this better.

Thank you to all the Chapters for their submissions.

Next newsletter to come out in March.

Monte

65 free films of submarines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SzQK1fHyAA&list=PLqqgqZrD37h6-yi5cBaHKgqIAbLF1VEO3&t=20s>

