



July 2023 Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings from SHMC!

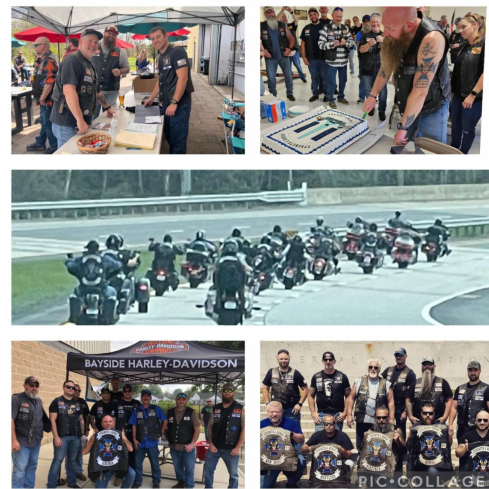
It's Summertime and things are heating up with Strength and Honor MC! In addition to taking advantage of some great riding weather, fundraising activities are picking up as we look to fulfill our primary mission of providing assistance to the families of fallen public safety personnel and veterans. In addition to the events we host and sponsor annually, we continue to look for new opportunities to serve our community. Follow us on Facebook to get the latest information on upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you there!



Brotherhood

Our Strength is in our Brotherhood

Whether its celebrating chapter anniversaries, participating in poker runs and other club activities or just getting together to hang out and support each other, the strength of SHMC Nation will always be in our brotherhood and our commitment to one another. This past quarter SHMC celebrated the anniversaries of our Point Lookout, Stonewall and Bastion Iron chapters and supported poker runs hosted by our Hog Snout and Treadgear Iron chapters.



Annual Billy Bo / GBNF Ride

In April, SHMC packed up our bikes and headed for West "by God" Virginia to remember our fallen brothers, reflect, reminisce and spend a weekend enjoying good food, good drink, making memories and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood. A great time was had by all!



Fundraisers

Sweet Julia Grace

When the Sgt. Mac Foundation unexpectedly closed it's doors earlier this year, SHMC's Gray Ghost chapter wasted no time identifying another worthy cause to support in their community. This year SHMC will be raising money to support the Sweet Julia Grace Foundation. Founded by Sara Knight in honor of Sara and Jason Knight's daughter Julia, who passed away in 2013 due to complications of a rare disease called I-cell, SJGF's mission is to assist children who are seriously ill, have special needs, or are currently facing a medical crisis. They do this by filling in the gaps other services are unable to fill, and provide support with day-to-day needs for families going through the unimaginable with their child. Please consider joining SHMC at Jimmy's Olde Town Tavern in Herndon, VA on July 29th for a poker run and fundraising event to help us support children like Julia.



SHMC Bike Night

SHMC Bike Night is back at 6 Bears and a Goat in Fredericksburg, VA held on the 3rd Thursday of the month May– October from 6-8pm. In addition to the entertainment, there are door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Each week a local charity or family in need is selected to receive the proceeds from the event. Proceeds from June's Bike Night went to War Horse Forge to support their mission of providing free, hands-on learning programs for veterans, active-duty military, first responders, and their families to improve their physical and mental well-being and create a community of support.



Chili Cook-Off / Guns & Hoses Softball

Tournament

SHMC's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off will again be hosted at the Fred Nats Stadium in Fredericksburg, VA. This year's event will be held on November 4th so mark your calendars! The event has grown each year since the inaugural event in 2021 and we hope to see that continue in 2023. We are planning for a rematch of the Guns & Hoses and expecting to see even more Chili Teams serving up some delicious homemade recipes. If you are interested in putting your chili recipe up against some of the best in the Burg or if you know of someone that is interested in being a sponsor for this year's event, **contact Lindsay Martin at HickorySHMC@gmail.com**. This is a great opportunity to support your local community while enjoying a day out at Nats Stadium!



Motorcycle Safety

SHMC World Famous Cone Course

It's not just a good idea but every rider's responsibility to hone and maintain their skills and ability to handle their motorcycle. As a club, SHMC rides in formation and places a great emphasis on safety. Before anyone is allowed to ride with SHMC they must have a current motorcycle safety inspection and pass a check ride with one of our Road Captains. This quarter our Road Captains hosted their World Famous Cone Course to provide SHMC members with an opportunity to demonstrate and improve their skills. In addition to navigating the cone course, there is a "slow ride" competition to see who can maintain control of their motorcycle at the slowest speed. And this year's winner is.....Troubador!



That's all for now. Until next quarter, remember:

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a Ride!"

— Hunter S. Thompson

So get busy and enjoy the ride!

*"Serving community needs and
inspiring community service
with our time, talents, and
treasures." - ZUKO 2018*



Other community organizations and causes supported by SHMC

Law Enforcement United
Veterans Assistance
War Horse Forge
Stafford Food Security
Childhood Cancer Research
Medical Expense Assistance
Sgt. Mac Foundation
Boulder Crest Retreat
Law Enforcement Equipment
Habitat 4 Humanity
Suicide Prevention



Driven by a desire to make a positive impact on our community by supporting those in need and honoring the fallen, SHMC is riding into our 18th year of community service. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all of you that have supported us on this journey. We appreciate your continued support.

Please consider coming out to one of our events. We look forward to seeing you!

In Service,
SHMC

Key Dates in 2023

Event	Date	Time
SHMC Bike Night at 6 Bears and a Goat; Fredericksburg, VA	Every 3rd Thursday May-October	6-8pm
Annual SHMC Gray Ghost Poker Rund for Sweet Julia Grace Foundation at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon, VA	July 29	Registration starts at 0800
Davey's Battle Brothers Ride / Fredericksburg, VA	September 30	TBD
Beirut Memorial Ride / Jacksonville, NC	October 21	Registration begins 0930
Chili Cook-Off / Softball Tournament at Fred Nats	November 4	TBD

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SHMC is a registered IRS 501(c)(3) public charity. Our primary mission is to provide assistance to the families of fallen public safety personnel and veterans. This is accomplished via grants, scholarships, etc. These are funded by private donations, sponsorships, and a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year.

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