



April 2023 Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings from SHMC!

Spring is finally here and Strength and Honor MC is going full throttle into another year of engaging with our communities and identifying opportunities to support and assist those in need. There will be plenty of fundraising and participation in activities that pay tribute to and show respect for those that have fallen. 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!



Remembering the Fallen

Quantico National Cemetery Wreath Project

SHMC started off 2023 much like it closed out 2022. After having placed over 16,000 wreaths in support of the National Wreath Project to honor the memory of our fallen veterans in December, on January 28th the Club reconvened at Quantico National Cemetery to complete the removal of the wreaths. Led by SHMC's Gray Ghost chapter, fundraising has already started for this year's Sgt. Mac Foundation campaign. With your help the goal is to exceed last year's highly successful campaign when SHMC raised \$39,220 in support of this worthy cause.



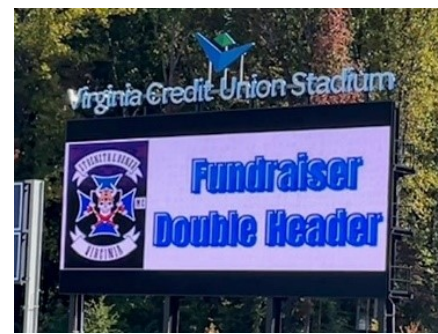
After gathering up all the wreaths, SHMC paid a visit to one of their own fallen members. Master Gunnery Sergeant Ira Benner "Ratchet" Baker II, USMC Retired. A true patriot and friend, Ira lived a passionate life committed to helping others as evidenced by the way he lived and those he touched. GBNF



Fundraisers

Chili Cook-Off / Guns & Hoses Softball Tournament

Planning is already underway for SHMC's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off that 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. This is a great opportunity to support your local community while enjoying a day out at Nats Stadium.



SHMC Bike Night

SHMC Bike Night returns to 6 Bears and a Goat in Fredericksburg, VA on Thursday May 18th at 6pm. This event generated over \$5,000 last year with the proceeds going to assist local families or organizations in need. In addition to the entertainment, there are door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Bike Night will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month May– October from 6-8pm.



Community Outreach

SHMC Open House

In an effort to foster a spirit of support amongst like minded clubs and organizations, in March, SHMC hosted an Open House and Cookout. All who attended had the opportunity to share information about upcoming events that would benefit from support of the riding community. The event was well attended by local riders and a good time was had by all.



***"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
Christmas in July for Sgt. Mac Foundation at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon, VA	July 9	TBD
Davey's Battle Brothers Ride	September 30	TBD
Chili Cook Off / Softball Tournament at Fred Nats Stadium	November 4	TBD
More events coming soon!		

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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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