



The Creek Critters Chronicle

CSB Battalion 2733

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CCC Gone Digital

Last month's Creek Critters Chronicle was our first fully digital issue. We no longer plan to mail or hand out printed copies. There were several reasons for this change, expense not being the only factor. We are in the process of encouraging people to sign up for a free subscription. There are still many Alumni who have not yet done so, and regrettably, there are a few active members who need to do so as well. So help us to pass on the word. The registration form is on our WEB site at

<http://2733.com/index.php/page/mailchimp>

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It is our intention to publish the Creek Critters Chronicle monthly, on the first day of each month of our Battalion calendar. We hope the CCC will help you to keep better informed and involved with our discipleship ministry. We welcome suggestions on how to make it more beneficial.

(Coit Morrison - Battalion Colonel)

Trip Changes

Our Battalion plans meetings and events well over a year in advance. We do this to make sure we have a good variety and a well balanced program. Doing so also helps us to put more focus on people and ministry and less on program and logistics. We believe it is easier to make a change in a well programmed schedule than it is to perpetually create new plans on a month to month basis. We recently had a few events beyond our control present a need to make some changes.

We planned to use our January trip to correspond with the Astronomy Activity patch. The plan was to go camping in the Aiken area with a stop to the university planetarium and observatory. Due to state budgetary reasons, the observatory and planetarium had to make changes with their Saturday programming which necessitated us to make changes as well. So, our January trip plan is now a camping trip to the James Island Climbing Wall. Check the [Trip Information](#) page on our WEB site for details.

In February our Leadership Team was to go on a leader's only trip to the Okefenokee Swamp. Due to drought conditions, fire, and downed trees - the Okefenokee is closed until further notice. Our team is currently working on a "Plan B". One possible replacement would be a canoe trip in the Crystal River area of Florida.

(Coit Morrison - Battalion Colonel)

What is N-Vision?

75 years is a milestone! The dictionary defines the word milestone as: An important event, as in a person's career, the history of a nation, or the advancement of knowledge in a field; a turning point. It is truly an achievement for a company to be in business for 75 consecutive years - but compounded for a ministry! CSB Ministries (Christian Service

Brigade) is considered a para-church ministry, in that CSB is an International ministry which is actively engaged in regional ministry right down to the local church. Building Godly Men of Today and Tomorrow is not typically the mission and calling of that local church, but rather it is CSB coming along side to compliment and enhance the local church's mission. Thus para-church ministries will usually come and go with its founder - making 75 years of consecutive ministry all the more an astounding milestone! "Uncle" Joe Coughlin founded Christian Service Squad at a church in 1937 and we celebrate him and all his efforts to see his God given vision spread throughout churches in the mid-West. But what makes this ministry so special, and long lasting, is the passion of countless men spanning decades of investing in young men.

What is N-Vision - and what is "Looking Forward Through the Past" mean?

N-Vision is a coming together to celebrate all God has done over the past 75 years of ministry in and through Christian Service Brigade, while looking forward to where He is leading us. N-Vision will celebrate and encourage all attendees from all over North America, it will celebrate all those who caught the original vision of men investing in and disciplining young men. N-Vision is a time to reflect and envision. To allow this current generation of Brigadier's the opportunity to experience a major camporee type event as previous generations used to have. N-Vision an army of men and young men coming together to celebrate, then ready to return home to turn upside down their communities for the Kingdom.

What does N-Vision mean to the 2733?

Currently the 2733 leadership is discussing the possibility of attending this milestone event. Due to the traveling distance, the length of the event and the registration cost there is much to consider. We are trying to decide if an invitation should be extended to the entire 2733 Battalion or to just the leadership team. Here is a list of details for the event that may help you understand our dilemma.

Registration Fee Covers:

- 11 N-Vision meals (The first meal served will be dinner on Thursday, July 26th, the final meal will be breakfast Monday, July 30th. Friday lunch will be at the EAA AirVenture Airshow.)
- Two N-Vision t-shirts, one N-Vision patch, one 75th anniversary Christian Service Brigade patch, ID badge and meal card with lanyard.

- Basic tent camping site with electric and water. N-Vision attendees may upgrade accommodations for additional fees.
- Memories to last a lifetime.

Payment Postmarked or Received	N-Vision Fee
January 1 – April 30, 2012	\$195
May 1 – June 15, 2012	\$215
June 16 – July 15, 2012	\$245

Please find more information about N-Vision at <http://csbnvision.com>

(Don Perkins - Captain of Blue Company)

Safe For Another Year



Along about October of every year the chatter really picks up about “who’s going to do it?” “It” refers to the annual Pinnacle Run record time and the question is, who’s going to break the record? There was a lot of speculation this year about breaking the record currently held by Joe Thickers. Joe nearly broke the 19 minute mark with a time of 19:03.9 back in 2005 when he broke Danny Burkhardt’s record which he held since 2003.

In 2010 the trail was modified adding an additional 3/10 of a mile but with a much more gradual slope. That same year, Kendal Shirley was the first to reach the summit with a time of 24:05.9. Technically, he holds the record for the new trail format, but with a caveat that clouds the overall Pinnacle Run record.

Kendal was a strong hopeful again this year as he gave it one last shot to forever wipe out the caveat after his time by beating Joe Thickers’ record running the new trail. However, it was not to be for 2011. Kendal finished with a time of 24:15.0 and John Zick was the runner-up with a very respectable time of 28:45.0.

For now, we still have a dual record so we’ll have to wait until next fall when the chatter picks up again and everybody starts wondering, “Who’s going to do it?” Stay tuned.

Pinnacle Run records can be found at <http://2733.com/index.php/page/pinnaclerun>

(Dave Taylor Sr - Captain of Red Company)

Upcoming Events

- **James Island Climbing Wall** - Friday, Jan 20, 2012 at 4:30 pm - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
 - **Senior Leaders Meeting** - Saturday, Feb 4, 2012 at 7:00 am - Rosie's Diner - 914 Riverview Rd
 - **Leadership Team Meeting** - Sunday, Feb 5, 2012 at 12:30 pm - Subway - 119 S Herlong Ave (continued at 1:30 in the Cave)
 - **Video Game Night** - Friday, Feb 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm - Rosie's Diner - 914 Riverview Rd
 - **Leaders Only Trip** - Friday, Feb 17, 2012 at 4:30 pm - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
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