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Welcome to Osprey!



The Barony of the Osprey is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, representing Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Alabama, and we are within the SCA Kingdom of Meridies, comprised of Alabama, Georgia, most of Tennessee, and parts of Florida and Kentucky.

We work to re-create medieval times in Europe, Asia and the Middle East during a period roughly corresponding to 600 to 1600 CE, studying the arts, manners, and dress of the people in that time and place.

There are **classes** where we share the information and skills that we discover, **meetings** where we discuss our future plans and organizational needs, and weekly **fighter practice** where we hone our skills in the arts of war.

The goal of the group is to promote education, and we have a lot of fun doing that. One of the most popular activities is an **event**, sometimes involving camping in tents or sleeping in cabins, where we combine classes, combat, feasting, and just being together in a medieval atmosphere.

These events may be far or near and are scheduled by groups all over the **Knowne World**. Taken as a whole, we call this lifestyle *The Dream*.

Website: <https://osprey.meridies.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baronyosprey>

Discord: <https://discord.gg/ZkRFdZaUPD>

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Cover photo taken by Gloria Cox-Dockery, March 2024, of the Osprey Gulf Wars Camp.

Baronial Calendar

Business Meetings

- All meetings are hybrid unless otherwise noted.
- In-person location is at Gamers N Geeks at 7pm on dates listed below
 - 5701 Moffett Rd Ste N, Mobile, AL 36618
- Online location is “The Great Hall” voice channel on Discord server.
- 2024 Meeting Dates:
 - April 22
 - May 20 (*not 4th Monday/Memorial Day*)
 - June 24
 - July 22
 - August 26
 - September 23
 - October 21 – Gatalop Final Preparations Meeting
 - October 28
 - November 25
 - December – No meeting in December

Upcoming Local Events

Spring Coronation

- Date: April 5-7, 2024
- Location: Camp Bert Adams
 - 218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016
- Website: <https://depedale.meridies.org/springcoronation2024/>
- Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/4MtYHTmUI>

Fool's War

- Date: April 11-14, 2024
- Location: Camp Benjamin Hawkins
 - 2251 Boy Scout Drive, Byron, GA 31008
- Website: <https://tirbriste.meridies.org/fools-war/>
- Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/1O5S9BvnT>

Black Axe

- Date: May 3-5, 2024
- Location: Dalwhinnie Fields
 - 1515 Pine Flat Church Road, Marion, AL

- Website: <https://ironmountain.meridies.org/black-axe-2024/>
- Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/53ovvAdfz>

Spring Crown/Kingdom Arts & Sciences

- Date: May 24-27, 2024
- Location:
- Website: Keep an eye on the kingdom website for information!
- Facebook Event: Keep an eye on the kingdom facebook group for information!

Group Activities

- Baronial Bonding / Fighter Practice
 - Sundays at 12pm
 - Medal of Honor Park @ Bicentennial Pavilion
 - 1711 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile, AL 36695
 - Yoga begins at 12pm and is open to all participants.
 - Fighter practice and A&S Social to begin following.
- A&S Nights
 - Wednesdays at 6pm
 - Noemi's Home – See Discord for address

Help Wanted!

The Barony is seeking:

- *Bids for:*
 - **Gatalop 2024:** October 25-27, 2024 at Fort Gaines, Dauphin Island, AL
 - Bids are due April 1st – Selection will be made at April Business Meeting
- *Volunteers for:*
 - **Chronicler**

Letter from the Baron & Baroness

Greetings all, and the hope that this finds you and yours well and prosperous and looking forward to the coming spring - though it can't seem to decide if it's ready to arrive or not. For many of us, the time since the last newsletter has been taken up with Gulf War preparations in one form or another. There also seems to have been a lot going on with A&S nights for many members of the Barony and Fighter practice is growing. These are good things.

Regarding Gulf War, there are a couple of HUGE thank yous to pass along to a couple of folks for their herculean efforts. To Fuzzy, there are not enough thanks in the world for all you did to get the Baronial encampment set up. From packing the trailer, toting it all over to the site to seeing that everything needful was done there, Barony and her people and our guests in the encampment owe you a debt we'll not soon be able to repay.

To Jessica - ditto for all the work that went into the Newcomer's Social Monday night at war. We'll leave it to Jessica to thank those that helped with everything; from making sure the encampment looked nice and welcoming, to food prep, snack prep, having name tags available for both new and not so new timers, along with stickers to indicate interests and topics folks wanted to talk about. Their Royal Majesties and His Royal Highness graciously came to the social and were very generous with their time and energy speaking with people. The social was well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. We heard nothing but very positive comments from all the folks I talked to during the social, and they all seemed very grateful to the Barony for hosting it.

All in all, Gulf War was a great event, with so much going on. There was something for everyone and we hope that all those that attended had an awesome time. With spring here, the event calendar is going to heat up, along with the temperatures. There will be many opportunities for folks to travel, both near and far to a wide variety of events. A&S nights will continue with more in store for us all, as will fighter practices.

We would like to thank THL Sigrid the Unpronounceable for her efforts these past few months helping this group grow and run smoothly.

If you see something someone in the group is doing that in your opinion requires recognition please let us know.

Stay tuned for announcements regarding activities available not only in the Barony, but in the surrounding areas. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Ucla and Rhiannon

Letter from the Seneschal

To the members of Osprey,

It's hard to believe that the first 3 months of 2024 have already passed us by. They have been a whirlwind of activity, with craft nights, yoga, demos and events. As we get into the warmer months of the year, let's not let this momentum die (just move it inside where we can)!

If you have any ideas for the Barony, please share! This is your group, too, and I look forward to the group taking flight with new perspectives.

As always, if you need any help, please don't hesitate to reach out. I may not have the answer, but I'm sure I can find someone to help you.

If there are any issues, complaints, or even simple comments, please email me at Sen.Osprey@Meridies.org. This is the only official channel for contacting me, so any important business must be sent through email at this email address. Facebook messenger and text messaging are not considered official channels of communication in the SCA and therefore, any issues sent through these channels cannot be addressed in an official capacity.

Here's to another good quarter for the Barony!

Yours in Service,

THL Sigríðr Reiðubúinsdóttir

Letter from the Knight's Marshall

Unto the Barony of the Osprey comes greeting from Yesugai Naran called Ucla, group Knights Marshal

I hope this missive finds you all in good cheer and enjoying the weather. While it has not gotten hot yet at practice it will. Don't forget to bring water... HYDRATE. It gets hot in the south. Go over your armor and make sure everything is in working order. Keep them swords taped. Lets try to look good at practice.

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