

Litchfield Independent

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During the July Adopt a Highway Cleanup, a record number of members of Litchfield 132 participated l to r: Jamie Graham, Bob Gray, Tony Anderson, Terry Carter, Blake Anderson, Jarame Parker Matthew Page, James Parker, Eddie Pippin, Windell McCrackin, Paul Gause, Danny Anderson Jim O'Kelley & Bob Scarborough.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendents of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

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Commander's Corner

One thing we can be certain of is that adversity is no respecter of persons, or camps for that matter. Coming in I knew its arrival would be inevitable and true to form it has come as faithfully as the advent of torrid July weather, but thank God we are facing it as being malleable and manageable in nature. We shall hammer at it and our response to it in hindsight will reveal that the estimate we place on it was such that we delighted in its coming and in fact are better for its arrival.

What about the great conflicts our ancestors faced? At Shiloh, April 6, 1862 the second highest ranking officer in the Confederate Army was struck just below the right knee by a .577 caliber minie ball from an Enfield rifle. General Albert Sidney Johnston would be the highest ranking officer of either army killed during the war. The tragic irony was that in his coat pocket was found a field tourniquet, which might have saved his life if used quickly and properly. His death engendered a "lingering despair" throughout the Confederacy in the spring of 1862. The president remarked, "Our loss is irreparable."

The "Wizard of the Saddle", too knew a thing or two about hardship. His 15 day raid into West Tennessee in late December, 1862 proved to be a typical Forrestesque expedition. With frightful weather: heavy rain, intermittent sleet, snowstorms and travel on mud laden roads he marched his men, half armed with flintlocks and squirrel rifles over 300 miles deep behind enemy lines. It was at Parker's Crossroads that there appeared to be another sweeping victory. In his front, one of his colonels reported later that during a ceasefire the feds were parleying about surrender and as this was taking place a staffer, now galloped up on a sweat-flaked horse and told the general that another Union force was approaching to assail their rear. His words to Forrest were: "General, a heavy line of infantry is in our rear. We're between two lines of battle. What'll we do?" With characteristic alacrity to the emergency the response came, "Charge them both ways."

There's bulls-eye veracity in the quote, "Adversity introduces a man to himself." Wish we knew who said it. No doubt was a South Carolinian of the nineteenth century. The trials that our ancestors faced are exactly what made them. For us today to be able to enjoy the indescribable fruits of this amazing "Southern Vineyard" there had to be an interruption of rest, riches and health.

Let us then meet adversity not as foe, especially since it so often frequents our door. We have and will face brothers led astray. We'll not blink when assailed upon from within. We have and will lose some in the ranks who claim unfulfillment, seeking that which we do not subscribe. We assuredly shall be fired upon from the blind side unawares and perhaps even by friendly fire. What'll we do? We shall check the bleeding and by God charge both ways.

Humbly leading,

Commander Carter

JULY MEETING

The July meeting was held at Watson's Funeral Home. Tony , Kandi, Danny & Blake Anderson cooked steaks and Jamie & Lisa Gram prepared potato salad and peach cobbler . A delicious meal for all that partook.

Commander Carter called the meeting to order and Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led the pledges and salutes to the flags, after our new camp color guard marched the flags in and posted them. Welcomes were made to the members and the 8 guests to the meeting.

Commander Carter reminded all that the yearly dues are now due.

Mr. O'Kelley gave the report on the July Adopt a Hwy trash pick up. There was a record number of members present 14 for the trash pick up and 20 plus bags of trash was collected on El Bethel road in just over 1 hour.

Danny Anderson gave a report on his experience and what he learned at the Sam Davis Youth Camp, earlier in July, which was held outside Columbia, SC

Paul Gause gave a short presentation on Ft Randall, which is at the end of Little River Neck in N Myrtle Beach.

Commander Carter inducted new member Larry Lightsey into the Camp. He also presented one of our members, who re-chartered the Camp. Johnny Creel, with his War Service Medal, for service in World War II. The camp then voted on accepting for membership 7 applicants and 1 applicant for the Cadet program.

The meeting was closed by the Camp singing Dixie and the Recovery of the flags by the Color Guard.

Come join us Saturday Aug 14 , as the Camp installs a Headstone and 3 Crosses of Honor.

You are asked to be at Antioch Baptist at 9:00 for the purpose of installing a memorial stone and cross at the grave of [John Lewis](#).

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery - GPS N 34 01 459 - W 079 11 708 - located at 2080 Highway 129, 3 miles outside Aynor near intersection off Hwy 129 and Pearl Road.

Pvt. [John Henry Lewis](#), Co. K, 1st SC Infantry, CSA - (1846 - 1916) - *u

From Conway take US 701 N to SC 319. Travel SC 319 past Cool Springs and turn right on Nichols Hwy (S-26-23). Pass Midland Elementary School and turn left on Vaught Road. Travel Vaught Road on past where it changes to Pearl Road. When Pearl Road ends at the intersection of State Road 129 you will see Antioch Baptist Church directly in front of you.

At 10:00 we are asked to be at Rogers Cemetery to install a cross at the grave of [Cornelius Prince](#).

Rogers Cemetery - GPS N 34 04 591 - W 079 07 064 - located on Sarvis Road on private property between Sunflower Road and McQueen Road (Hwy 308) near Ketchuptown.

Cpl. [Cornelius J. Prince](#), Co. K, 26th SC Infantry Regiment, CSA (17 Jan. 1847 - 14 July 1910)

Leaving Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, cross Hwy 129 and travel Pearl Rd./Vaught Rd. back to Nichols Hwy. Turn left on the Nichols Hwy. and go past Methodist Rehobeth Church to the intersection of Hwy 308 (McQueen Road). Turn right at the store there and go down past Sunflower Road. Turn left at Sarvis Road and go a little over a tenth of a mile and you will come to a trailer on your right with an old house beside it. There is a dirt lane between the old house and trailer that leads to a field.

The cemetery is in a clump of trees in the edge of the field. It is hard to see from Sarvis Road so look very closely.

At 11:00 we are expected to be at Rehobeth Methodist to install a cross at the grave of [Hugh Rogers](#).

Rehobeth United Methodist Church Cemetery - GPS N 34 03 150 - W 079 08 792 - located on the Nichold Hwy (Hwy 23) st the intersection of Barnhill Road (Hwy 309) North of Cool Springs. .

Pvt. [Hugh R. Rogers](#), Co. K, 26th SC Infantry Regiment, CSA (24 June 1843 - 8 March 1920)

Leaving Rogers Cemetery, go back out to Sarvis Road and turn left. When you get out to Hwy 308, turn right on Hwy 308 and go back to the Nichols Hwy. Turn left on the Nichols Highway

and go back up to the intersection of the Nichols Highway and Barnhill Road where you will find Methodist Rehobeth Church on your left.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PUBLISHER needed

I will be resigning as editor of the Litchfield Independent, upon publication of the December 2010 issue. Someone needs to step up and become the new editor. I have enjoyed being the Editor the last 4 1/2 years, but with my work and duties to the SCV., I feel it is time for someone else to take over as editor.

Ken Thrasher

Editor

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

All meetings at Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC, unless otherwise noted

August 17 Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7 pm

September 18 Aynor Hoe Down set up tent at 6:30 am Recruiting

September 21 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm Speaker Johnny Sessions Causes of the Secession

October 16 Loris Bog off set up 2 tents 6:30 am Recruiting & Funnel Cakes

October 19 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7pm Guest speaker Jack Marlar— topic Slavery was not the cause of the war

November 16 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

December 21 Christmas Dinner Family members welcome

Kindness in the midst of Horror

Born in Flat Rock Township, Kershaw County, South Carolina, Richard Rowland Kirkland was a poor farmer's son that fate would not allow to see his 20th birthday, Yet the world would always remember his selfless actions of December 14, 1862.

Thousands of dead and wounded Union soldiers late covering the acres of land in front of the stone wall at the base of Marye's Heights after a day long battle on December 13, 1862 that netted no one the victory. All night long the Confederate troops entrenched behind the wall heard the pitiful cries, screams, and moans of the wounded on the other side calling out in agony for help, for water, and yes, even for death.

The next day, one young soldier from the 2nd South Carolina, went to see General Kershaw And ask permission to go over the wall to aid those desperate wounded men. After being warned it in certain death, Kershaw reluctantly gave his permission to the determined young man.

As the young unarmed Kirkland climbed over the wall, draped with canteens, and stood exposed to the Yankee sharpshooters, not a single shot rang out. The went from one wounded soldier to another, giving each a long, deep drink of water. The union Sharpshooters recognized his act of mercy and held their fire as he went over the wall and crossed the field many times to make sure that all the wounded were attended. For over an hour and a half, Kirkland helped those who were most certainly going to die, covering the ones who could still feel the cold winter air, propping up the heads of others to make them more comfortable, and when he felt he could do no more, Kirkland climbed back over the wall for the last time and retrieved his arms to prepare for the next attack.

For this brave act of kindness, this South Carolina farmer's son is reverently remembered as the "**Angel of Marye's Heights**". He courageously fought on in all of his regiment's battles and was killed a few months later at Chickamauga.

NOTE: His grave in the Quaker cemetery in Camden, South Carolina, is mysteriously draped with period canteens year-round and no one ever sees who places them there or when.

Reprinted with the permission of Stephen Douglas, Col. Henry Laurens Benbow Camp, Manning, South Carolina

New National officers of the SCV

SCV Commander in Chief—Michael Givens, South Carolina

SCV Lieut. Cmdr. In Chief — Kelly Barrow, Georgia

Army of Northern Virginia Commander — Frank Ernest, Virginia

Army of Northern Virginia Councilman — Gene Hogan, South Carolina

Join the Guardian Program!

Help keep the graves of the Confederate soldiers alive for the future. Become a Guardian of a Confederate Soldier's final resting place.

Litchfield Camp #132**Members of the Guardian Program**

Edward Altman (W)

Terry Carter (W) +

Jamie Graham (W) +

Eddie Pippin +

Rusty Richardson

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ed Thompson (W)

Ken Thrasher (W) +

Ricky Todd

Guardians Pro Tem**Henry Altman (W)****Paul Gause +****Steven Graham +****Anthony Martin****Paul Gause +****Fred Oakes +**

W donates Wilderness Grave

+ Multiple veterans

Lt. Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Thanks to everyone that attended the last meeting. What a crowd we had, also thanks to those who invited guests. We should have new members to induct at every meeting. We need to keep Cmdr. Carter busy you know. Also thanks to Fred and Natalie Oakes for representing us at the convention in Anderson.

Everyone tried to plan to attend the dedication services on August 14. Let's show those families that we are interested in their ancestors. Nothing would do that like a big crowd. See you there.

For the Cause,

Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin

Did you know?

Soldiers would often pin their names and addresses(on paper or handkerchiefs) to their uniforms so they could be identified if killed.

The first plantation mansion seized by federal forces belong to Mrs. Robert E. Lee at Arlington, Virginia.

Robert Anderson taught P.G.T. Beauregard artillery at West Point in the 1830s. In 1861, US Major Robert Anderson surrendered to Confederate Brigadier General Beauregard at Fort Sumter.

The last reunion of the Confederate veterans of the civil war took place in 1951. There were 3 attendees.

Capt. Abner Doubleday, said to be the founder of baseball in the 1840s, was among the Union soldiers who surrendered at Fort Sumter. He and 83 other soldiers were allowed to return to the North.

Robert E. Lee wore size 4 1/2 shoes.

The last veteran who fought in the Civil War, Walter Williams, died December 19, 1959, at age 117.

The next will be Meeting August 17 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner will be at 6 pm, meeting will start at 7 pm. Plan to attend and bring a like minded friend, if you can.

Highway Clean up UPDATE

The 2nd quarter highway cleanup was held on Saturday, July 10. 14 members took part and completed the trash pickup in about 1 hour and 15 minutes. 20 plus bags of trash was collected along El Bethel Rd.



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