

WATCHFED INDEPENDENT

MERRY CHRISTMAS Gen. Lee

By: Mort Kunstler



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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 descendants of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

CAMP LEADERSHIP

Camp Commander: TERRY CARTER 397-2479
 1st Lieutenant: EDDIE PIPPIN 236-1757
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 Adjutant: Ken Thrasher 293-4082
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PALMETTO GUARD MEMBERS

Johnny Creel	Jamie Graham
Ted Gragg	Terry Carter
Ed Thompson	
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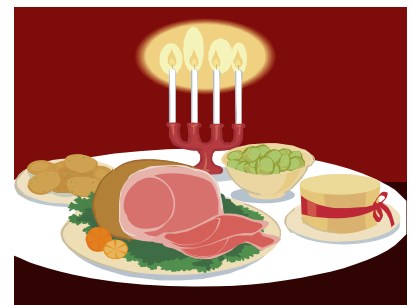
Litchfield Camp 132 is now the owner of a 5' X 10' enclosed cargo trailer. Thanks to the anonymous donor for the donation. The trailer was presented to Commander Carter on Nov. 12, and the title was delivered to Commander Carter on Nov. 16, 2010.

Camp Election Results

At the Nov. 16 meeting, Tony Anderson was elected to become the 2nd Lt. Commander and assumes his duties immediately. Keith Edwards was elected to the post of Adjutant and will assume his post come January 2011. Both men will be sworn in as Camp officers at the Dec. Meeting.

Christmas Party and Meeting

December's meeting on the 21st, will be the Camp Christmas Party. If you were not at the November meeting and wish to attend, contact Dotson Owen at 756-8764, before Dec. 14. Richard's BBQ will be catering again this year and the cost is Adults \$10.00 per person, children under 12 yrs is \$5.00. **Please note that we will be gathering at 7 pm, instead of 6 pm.**



NOVEMBER MEETING

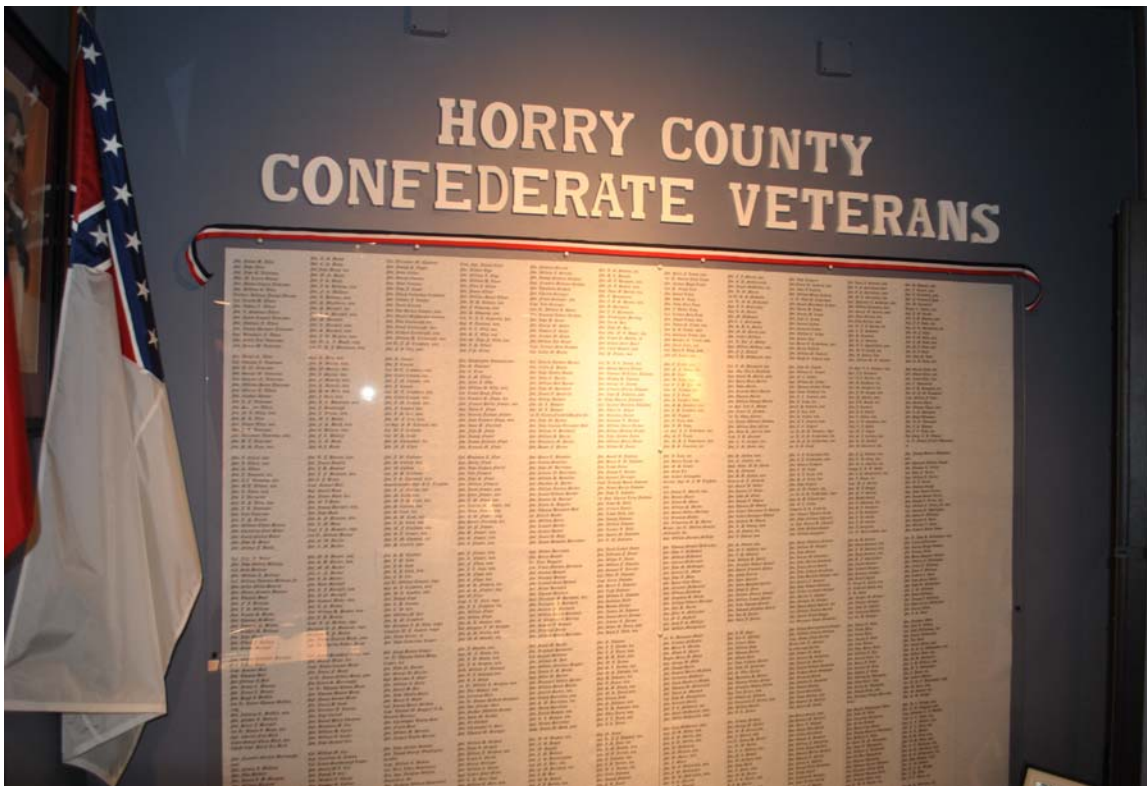
The November, 2010 meeting was held on on Nov. 16. Commander Carter opened the meeting and our new Color Guard presented the Colors to the Camp. Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led the camp in the salutes and pledges to the flags. Tony Anderson welcomed the guests to the meeting. We had a total of 52 in attendance, guests & members. Adjutant Ken Thrasher gave the financial report and minutes from the last meeting. Tony Anderson presented the camp with the \$983.00 proceeds from the turkey shoot of the previous weekend. Dotson Owen-gave details of upcoming Christmas meeting. Richard's BBQ will be catering again. Paul Guase gave history of the Camp and thanked all for participating in the Cross of Honor dedication for his ancestor. His Family dmade a donation to the Camp to buy more crosses. New members Leo Cooper, Jeff Edwards and Neal Floyd were inducted into the Camp. Robert Shelley, Web Williams, Steve Maupin and Joe Collins petitioned to join th eSCV and were approved.

Tony Anderson was elected to the post of 2nd Lt.. Commander and Keith Edwards was elected to the most important job in the Camp as Adjutant.

Edward Altman supplied 4 food baskets for the Camp to donate to needy families for Thanksgiving.

Past CIC Ron Wilson was our guest speaker and told of the creation and workings of the Sam Davis Youth Camp.

The encampment was adjourned until Dec 21 with the rousing rendition of our National Anthem "DIXIE".



Compatriot Ted Gragg & his wife, Connie has just completed remodeling their Civil War Museum at the Myrtle Beach Indoor Shooting Range. They have added many, many new items & displays. Please support them as they bring the past to us. Hrs. Monday thru Saturday 9 am-8 pm. Admission \$4.00, \$2.00 for Seniors and children and SCV members with their membership card or member pin.

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

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

**Dc 11 9 am David Keller Cemetery Challenge Herrington Family Cemetery Old Stage Rd,
Mullins SC north of Hwy 917. WE will be finishing the cemetery cleanup and
holding a re-dedication that day.**

December 21 7 pm Christmas Dinner Family members welcome \$10.00 per person

Jan 7 & 8, 2011 SC Division leadership Conference. Camp Kinard, Batesburg, SC

Jan 18 2011 Camp meeting

**Jan. 22 7th Brigade Lee/ Jackson Dinner 11 am-2 pm in Latta, Sc hosted by the Stack-
house Camp**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AND PUBLISHER NEEDED

Compatriots,

This is the last newsletter that I will be editing and publishing for Litchfield Camp 132. The Camp has seen a steady growth and willingness of new members to participate and work on our projects. With my work and duties to the SCV as Brigade Commander, I feel it is time to pass the torch on to someone else. I hope & pray that someone steps up to the plate and takes over as the editor of the newsletter. I hope that I have brought enjoyment to the members of Litchfield 132 over the years with the newsletters. Thanks to all the members, that have contributed with stories, etc., with your help, the newsletter has been an award winning newsletter for the last 2 years. May it continue on.

For the Cause

Ken Thrasher

War Between the States facts

Dec 20, 1860 SC secedes from the Union

Jan 9, 1861 Confederate forces fire on the Star of the West , bringing supplies & reinforcements to Ft Sumter

April 12, 1861 Confederate forces start bombardment of Ft Sumter

April 19, 1861 Lincoln calls for blockade of the South

July 21, 1861 Battle of Bull Run (first Manassas)

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

Olin Martin

Paul Gause +

Wilton Prince

Fred Oakes +

Bob Hood

Joe Hood

Bob Gray +

Larry Lightsey +

Jim O'Kelley +

James Parker

Jarame Parker

Chris Tyler

Glenn Tyler

W donates Wilderness Grave

+ Multiple veterans

Lt Commander's report

Compatriots,

November sure was a busy month. Thanks to everyone who made all our projects such a success.

For some, December will be equally busy. There is a lot of planning and work going into our Christmas party. I'm sure any volunteers for work and set up would be greatly appreciated. If you have not contacted Dotson yet to sign up, the sooner the better.

Also, don't forget that we are to finish the work on the cemetery challenge in Mullins on Dec. 11 at 9 am.

I hope everyone and their families has a good holiday and remember to keep Christ in CHRISTmas.

For the Cause,

Eddie Pippin Lt. Commander

Scenes from the Cross of Honor and headstone dedication for William C Gause, Waccamaw Lt Artillery



Commander's Corner

Some may be wondering just when will we be entering "Winter Quarters"? Based on the past eleven months I'd say you are deserving of a little R & R, especially after the frantic pace of November. But then again look at the size of the camp, some 90 plus members. By George we have the means to turn some ground here, if we have a mind to. Looking back is good and we'll recap all of 2010 at the Christmas party. Please be there! This meeting will be sure to knock the stockings off of you.

What happens though, when we become fixated with our accomplishments? I remember, as a youth bottom plowing and while admiring my work, I soon became mesmerized at the flow of yellow, black, orange and red earth. Forgetting to remain vigilant, as well as not having trip plows, quickly brought me back to my senses. You see a fat lighter stump doesn't give way, nor does a Hardee bottom plow. What gave way was my position on the tractor seat. Beaten and bruised, rattled and awakened to reality I scampered back onto the Ford 3000 and quickly throttled down and placed the shifter in neutral. Needless to say, I "got my mind right" for the remainder of the day.

We find firm scripture on this thought in Luke 9:62. "...no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." In short we're told not to hanker after the worldly life as Lot's wife did to Sodom. Another point is that ploughing is in order to sowing and if one cannot hold the plough better, then he's not fit for the sowing of seed. Lastly, those who begin with the work must resolve to go on with it, or they will make nothing of it. Looking back inclines of drawing back and drawing back is to perdition.

Men, on January 1, 2011 we'll pass from an old year to a new. Two thousand ten will be history and nothing can be done about that diminishing speck in the rear view mirror. We have an opportunity to make history in 2011 in this camp within our community. What should we expect? We held seven very special Memorial/Rededication services. With a 100 man camp why can't we do more? If we are to reach the other side of the field we'll have to make better time. Compatriots, we doubled our membership and need a more suitable place to meet; a good problem to have. Yet our meetings are running about 33% of membership. Should we expect better? I most certainly and unswervingly do because I know of the metal of men in these ranks.

Now, here's what I'd have you to do: Let's not rest on our laurels. Let's strain as does the bodybuilder all the while tearing the muscle for that's where the growth comes. With exertion we shall wear new crowns. Come Hell or high water let's resolve not to become complacent. To plateau is to die. I believe the central element of our continued success is love for one another. For out of love all things are made complete: peace and passion, unity and understanding.

In closing think with me about a thousand marathoners and along the way one woman is holding and increasing her lead. She refuses to look back at the competition and knows not of whether they're gaining or fading. In fact at every curve, every shady point on the street, every descent and every watering station she consciously chooses to pick up the pace. She knows others will rest for a stride or two, but not her, and that demoralizes the field. We shall defeat ignorance by keeping our hands firm on the "Charge". We shall cast aspersion on lies as we scatter the truth of who our "Proper" Ancestors were and are. And we shall gather golden grain to feed and sustain an otherwise wanton generation.

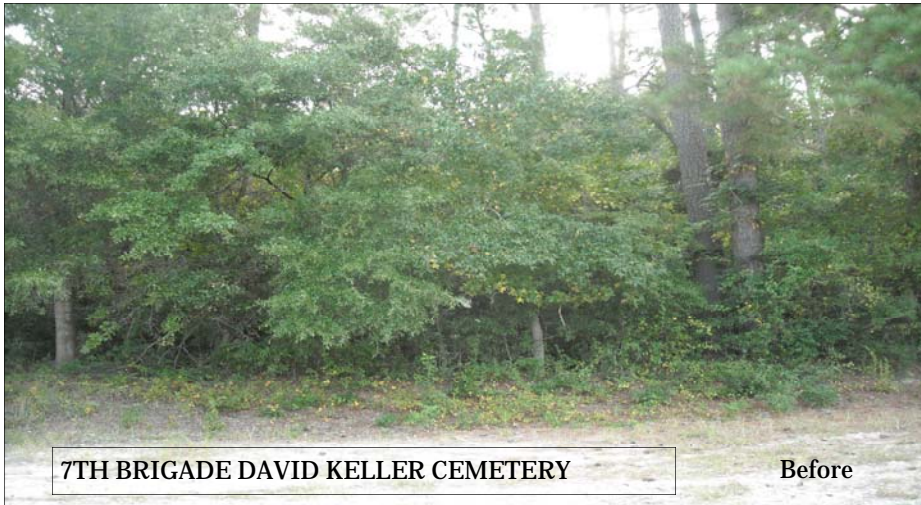
I trust you'll have a grand celebration of Christ's birthday. I pray that your holiday is Immanuel-centered. I'm confident that you'll delight in giving, for that's your nature. I'm hopeful that we shall face the New Year with a resolution to allow God to "Take the Wheel".

All glory to The Great I Am,

Terry

**Scenes from the November turkey shoots.
Thanks to Dennis Fulmer and the Tony
Anderson and family and members of Litch-
field 132**





On Saturday, Nov.6, 2010, 55 men and women from 7 of the 9 camps of the 7th Brigade, descended upon the Harrington Cemetery, near Mullins, SC. After several hours of cutting trees and hauling many trailers of debris away, the cemetery and part of the black cemetery on the backside were reclaimed from the dense forest. The Marion Camp was the host camp and provided a lunch of chicken bog, slaw, green beans & baked beans. Good times was had by all and new friendships forged. All left tired, but with a new feeling of accomplishment for their hard work.



THE CREW



The next Meeting will be the Camp Christmas party & Meeting. December 21 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner and meeting will start at 7 pm.

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