

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT

JUNE 2011

In honor of the Litchfield brothers:
Major George T. &
Captain John L.

Confederate Memorial Day Columbia, SC May 7, 2011



Litchfield 132 garners much family support.



10 Compatriots and 1 Cadet attended the Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia



Photo Credit: Commander Carter



Compatriot Olin Martin receives his Guardian pin from Commander Simpson



Compatriot Roger Montgomery receives his Guardian pin from Commander Simpson

Litchfield 132



Compatriot Blake Anderson shares "The Charge" at May's meeting.

Litchfield Independent



Compatriot Jimmy Cox pins his son, Cadet Justin Cox

Conway SC

**Induction
Service
May 17th
Darlin
Lake**



Compatriot Web Williams receives an appreciation certificate for serving on the Confederate Memorial Day Committee



Past Commander Johnny Sessions pins Compatriot Luke Hardy



Order of Confederate Rose president, Lisa Graham receives certificate of appreciation for serving on the Confederate Memorial Day Committee



Compatriot David Fair pinned.



Compatriot Tony Howell pinned.

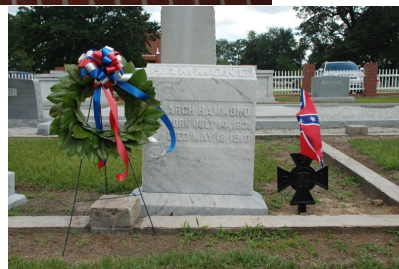
Spring Branch Baptist Church Cemetery Cross of Honor Memorial Service May 28, 2011



At 176 feet above sea level... the highest point in Horry County



- Crosses of Honor installed:
- Private J Fletcher Anderson
- Sgt. John Johnston Anderson
- Private Samuel Purdee Anderson
- Sgt. Hugh Giles Bullock
- Private William Henry Enzor
- Private William Flowers
- Private Archibald Hammond



70 of the 130 attendees pause for a photo op

2011 H. L. HUNLEY AWARDS



Compatriot Matthew Page presents to Cadet Ryan Oxfurth with support from Compatriot Steve Maupin

Compatriot Jonathan Hyman with the blessing of Colonel Steve Cellucci presents to Cadet Jefferson Jewell



Color Sgt. Paul Gause presents to Cadet Gregory Jackson

Commander Carter with the blessing of Colonel Oscar Carter presents to Cadet William Bell



Compatriot Jeremy Collins with the blessing of Captain Ross Word presents to Cadet Brittany Hood



Commander Carter with the blessing of Chief Allan Watkins presents to Cadet Jesse Shollenberger



Compatriot Blake Anderson presents to Cadet Zachari Brooks



Chaplin Buster Benton presents to Cadet Christina Ruksenas



Waller
Cemetery
April
23, 2011



Litchfield Camp # 0132 Guardian Program

(W) denotes Wilderness Guardian (X) denotes Guardian in area's other than Horry County
11 Full Guardians / 18 Pro Tem Guardians / 98 Soldiers final resting place being guarded

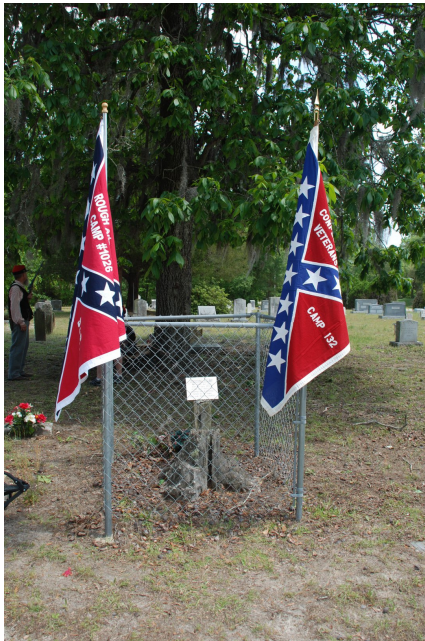
Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman Sgt. Benjamin B. Cox (W) Henry Altman Pvt. William J Session (W) Terry Carter Pvt. James J. Cook, Pvt. Alpha A. Graham, Pvt. Robert L H Branton (W) Jamie Graham Pvt. Moses Paul (W), Pvt. Isaac Graham (W) Pvt. Alex Bourn (W) Pvt. Thomas Parker (W) Pvt. William H. Parker (W) Sgt. Gause A. Smith (W) Cpl. John S. Tompkins (W) Pvt. Henry Brown (W)(X) Sgt. John R. Hucks (W)(X) Pvt. George G. McElveen (W)(X) Pvt. James Hucks (X) Pvt. Moses Larimore (X) Pvt. Samuel W Cannon, Pvt. James Brown, Pvt. William H Alford, Pvt. John T. Tompkins, Pvt. Levi Moore, Pvt Isaac Shelley, 1st Lt. Benjamin Moore Roger Montgomery 1Sgt. William Montgomery (W) Rusty Richardson Pvt. Wade H. Richardson (X) Robert Scarborough Pvt. Franklin G. Burroughs, Pvt. Duncan Calhoun, Pvt. George Gatlin, Pvt. Russell Hardee, 1st. Sgt. Charles Johnson, Sgt. Jesse H. Jollie, Sgt. John A. Mayo, Pvt. Henry Moore, 1st Lt. Evan Norton, Pvt. John M. Oliver, Pvt. John T. Proctor, Sgt. Jeremiah Smith, Pvt. Paisley Snowden, Pvt. Asbury Staley, Pvt. Kelley Tisdale, Pvt. Joseph Todd, Pvt. Henry Tuton, Pvt. Isaac Williams, Artificer William Joseph Abrams, Capt. Samuel Bell, Pvt. Benjamin Collins, 1st Lt. Thomas Cooper, Pvt. William Currie, Pvt. William Hardwick, Pvt. Isaac Lewis, Sgt. William McAnge, Col. Benjamin E. Sessions, Pvt. Abijah Hollingsworth Skipper, Pvt. Malcolm V. Wood Johnny Sessions Pvt. John Marion Sessions Ed Thompson Pvt. Wesley F Todd (W) Pvt. Edward T. Ricks, Pvt. Joseph M. Thompson, Pvt. John Grainger Ricky Todd Sgt. Joseph J. Todd Glen Tyler Pvt. John J. Coats

Guardians Pro Tem
Tony B. Anderson Pvt. Henry M. Anderson Leo Cooper Pvt. John R. Cooper Jeff Edwards Pvt. Russell Cooper Keith Edwards Sgt. John E. Collins Paul Gause Pvt. Asa G. Causey, Pvt. David Levi Anderson, Pvt. Edward J. Gause Pvt. Reuben Gause, Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. Zebedee J. Causey Steven Graham Pvt. Dennis Cannon, Pvt. Samuel W. Cannon Joe Hood Pvt. Joshua Johnson Robert R. Hood Sgt. Miles W. Hardee Dean Lewis Pvt. Isaac Lewis Larry Lightsey 2nd. Lt. William L. Prince (W) Pvt. Lexington E. Tompkins (X) Cpl. James E. Tompkins (X) Anthony Martin Pvt. William Martin, Pvt. William Jordan Olin L. Martin, Jr. Sgt. John Skipper Steve Maupin Pvt. George W. Jacobs James O'Kelley Pvt. James Jordan, Pvt. James E. Dusenbury, Pvt. James Horry Dusenbury, Sgt. Robert Green, Pvt. Benjamin Hardee, Pvt. Zebedee Jordan James Parker Pvt. Daniel Stevens Jarame Parker Pvt. Daniel Franklin Prince Wilton M. Prince Pvt. Isaac J. Parker, 1st Lt. Ethel D. Richardson, Pvt. Samuel D. Stanley, Pvt. Asa D. Parker Chris Tyler Pvt. W.P. Edge (W)

Guardian Report

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Cemetery
Cross of Honor Dedication Service
April 23, 2011



Compatriot Hoyt Chestnut's ancestor:
Private Daniel Henry Chestnut

QUOTES...

“Mr. Carter,

I hope that you are faring well, and I wish you and your family a wonderful Memorial Day. Things are looking up for me this summer. I am currently working for a park here in Middletown, VA in the Shenandoah Valley. First off I thank God for this job (although just seasonal) because it is allowing me to get established and "back on my feet." In addition to financial and academic/historical fruits, it has re-ignited within me the zeal for our glorious cause that has been buried within me due to trials and tribulations. Working up here and doing interpretation programs on the Battle of Cedar Creek, has shown me a new side of the Civil War that I was previously unaware of. I am dumbfounded at the mockery and blatant disrespect for the South and for our ancestors who paid that ultimate sacrifice for their (and our) cause in which they and we so deeply believe in. Several of my co-workers are ardent northerners and clearly ignorant on the reasons, causes, and outcome of the civil war, claiming our flag is nothing more than a symbol of "racism, bigotry, and ignorance." Now, working for a government agency I understand that I can only express myself so much, and I personally do not want to lose this job that God has so graciously bestowed upon me, however I can't help but to feel troubled at the course our country is taking in regards to its history.

Just yesterday I was assisting in a program, and a family from the DC area was watching the program, and afterwards commented to my co-worker(from Illinois) saying "Those silly southerners are still fighting their war..." and this caused everyone except for me to burst out in laughter. I couldn't help but be offended, hurt, and disgusted, that people have the audacity to make such comments. More and more each day my pride and respect for our cause grows, and I would really like to get back "inside" with fellow like minded individuals who feel the same way that I do. Now that I am more financially stable, I would really like to reinstate my membership if that is possible. I am also in the process of finding the local SCV camp in the area so that I can "do my part" while I am up here.

I just felt the need to express this issue and situation to you, I am also curious if you have any book recommendations, for me to read up on that might better help me to be able to defend our cause, instead of standing back and being silent. If our ancestors were willing to step up and sign with their lives, it is the least I can do to step up with my voice! I thank you again for your continued service to our wondrous cause, service to the SCV, and above all your service to our Heavenly Father, and I am ready to step back into the ranks and join my brothers on the front line against ignorance and oppression. Thank you again!

In His service, and in the service of our Cause,

Most Respectfully,

Christopher Miller”

“I know that there are people in JROTC units that are ‘antsy’ about awarding one of their cadets your award. Our Navy boss has told us to do so at our own risk. I have no problem with it and will continue to honor one of my cadets with the award until someone tells me not to. Our current principal supports it. Thanks.”

~Ross A. Word
Captain USN (Ret)
Senior Naval Science Instructor
Carolina Forest High School

“Thanks for the pictures and what you do to preserve our heritage. It was indeed a pleasure meeting you and hopefully promoting our organization. We’ll see you next year for sure.”

~Allan Watkins
CW4 (R) , SAI
Army JROTC
Aynor High School

“I overheard one of the ladies there tell another that her father was unable to come to the service due to sickness. He had been looking forward to coming for some time now. She said that he was overcome with emotion when he learned that he would be unable to come and wept openly. Wouldn't it be nice if more of our members were that anxious to come to our events? “

Ed Thompson

Lord I Pray for Martha (Altman), I Pray that you will just lift Martha up Lord I pray that you will comfort her in this time Lord I pray that she will win this battle against cancer. In Jesus Name Amen!!

-Lee McDade (Socastee Student)

“Commander Carter, The service was absolutely fantastic. Of the 7 families in our church that were apart of this service 6 did not know that they had a Confederate ancestor.”

~Mary Alice Thompson

A Good Name

Proverbs 22:1 says, "A Good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

One of the saddest things I've ever seen is a funeral procession with only one car following the hearse. I was at a visitation once when I overheard a man say that he would need to hire mourners for his own... funeral.... As the years of my life have gone by, I have often wondered how long I would be here. When I reached 20, I had already outlived some of my school friends. At 30, I had outlived many of my teenage icons (celebrities, stars, and idols). By my mid 30s, I had outlived the time that my Savior spent here on earth. And now that I am in my 40s, I realize that I have outlived so many more - including heroes such as Jackson. General Jackson once said that his Christian faith taught him to feel as safe in battle as in bed and that if all men had Salvation through Christ - then all men would be equally brave.

I don't think I fear death, but feeling as safe in battle as in bed is a strong statement. I am in no hurry though to leave like some seem to be.... I do wonder however (maybe more than I should) just how long I will be allowed to reside in this old world. I wonder if I will ever accomplish the desires of my heart. Maybe I am simply not as content as I should be. My father told me when I was young that once we are gone it is as if we never were. It's like looking at a cleared field that was once a lush forest. And as I look out across the field behind my home, I try to picture in my mind the two houses that were once there 150 years ago where Anderson brothers had married Cartrette sisters and raised families that flourish on to this very day. There are no houses there now. It is... as if it never were.... My father told me that our family had never had a whole lot, but what we did have was a good name. He cautioned me to always remember that and to keep my name clean and untarnished. A man's name and his reputation is what he has... when all else is gone.

As a young man I was walking into a building one day. I was told later that two men were watching me and that one said to the other, "Look at him. Who does he think he is? He's walking in there like he's somebody". The other man shared with me that he replied to the first fellow, "He is... somebody. That's Tony Anderson". As I reflect on my life, there have been times of which I am not so proud. As I have said before, I fall short daily and show my fallibility. But I try. As a young father, I taught my sons (and my daughter) to be respectful and mindful of the feelings of others. I taught the Golden Rule and instilled in them certain values as I believe with all my heart I will be judged before an Almighty God one day for the way I raised my children. I made them understand integrity, responsibility, patriotism, honor and duty. I was a little hard on them, but it was because I loved them. There shirt tails had to stay in. They were not allowed to wear certain clothes. I kept their hair cut. I wanted them to be exemplary. I told them (after listening to their complaints) that when they walked down the halls of the school house - I wanted the teachers to say, "Hey, Those are Tony Anderson's boys". I did not spare the rod with them and as Hebrews teaches us the value of chastisement from an all loving father - my attempt was just that. I believe that having the right character begets a man with a good name.

A couple of weeks ago, I was quite humbled by a statement from my wife. I had just told her that I had seen my eldest son grown and married. I have held in my arms the precious gift of my first grandson. My youngest son is mature, seeking an education and is off to a good start. I only wish to see my daughter who is just fourteen (14) - grown, settled and established. I worry about her so. I just don't trust the world around her. My wife knows that my love for my (not so little anymore) angel is so great. I have always had to explain that I love my children equally - but differently. There's just something about that girl.... But my wife told me that she did not want anything to happen to me, but that if I had died that day - the values I had instilled in her were there - and that she was firmly grounded - and that she would be fine - and that I did not have to worry.

About two months ago, my character and my good name was challenged. I was accused of shortfalls and breaches that simply broke my heart. The person who verbally attacked me (with 1% fact and 99% other) was very close to me. But they almost never see me anymore and really don't know who I am. The fruits of jealousy, resentment and animosity mixed with have-truths and misunderstandings had created one heck of a story. When I tried to set the record straight, my words fell on deaf ears as their mind was completely made up. I remain hurt from this episode, but I guess the harder you try to do what is right, the more you get thrown under the ole' proverbial bus. And I seek to use this as yet another learning point. I find myself now though questioning and over-analyzing the things I do and say and the decisions I make. I have become much more self-conscious of perception. And though I know I will continue to fall short as I am but a human being, maybe I will be on a little closer guard of my good name..

I know not where my final resting place shall be. I do not know what my epitaph will read. I know not if I shall make some great accomplishment worthy of the history books. I may never have a great monument placed in my honor. But when I do leave this world and Providence calls me to His Glory - I pray that I leave here with a good name.

As brothers and fellow compatriots, I believe that our ancestors who we seek to honor in the Sons of Confederate Veterans were men of a good name. Some had more means than others as it is today, but they were all men of great value. They were for the absolute most part, men of integrity and of great moral standard. They were in deed men of a good name. Sometimes we lose sight of who we are. We act out of character. I know I do. But let us all remember that just as a child watches and imitates his father - we should live a life that would imitate the forefathers we remember and celebrate.

Ask yourself these questions. If my ancestors could see me today - Would they be proud of the life I live? Would they be proud of what I have done with the sacrifice they made? Am I upholding the hope that they fought and perished for? And lastly, am I worthy of what they left me - a good name...?

God bless America. God bless Dixie. God bless the SCV and our Litchfield Camp 132.

In the bonds of the old South -I salute you my brethren.

May God forever bless you and keep you.

Yours in the Cause,

Tony.

Tony B. Anderson, Sr., Second Lt. Commander

Palmetto Guard Members:

- Johnny Creel
- Ed Thompson
- Jamie Graham
- Terry Carter



CAMP OFFICERS:

- Commander:
Terry Carter 457-5079
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- 2nd Lieutenant:
Tony Anderson Sr. 457-5713
- Adjutant:
Keith Edwards 254-9941

Leadership

Guardian Program	Jamie Graham
Genealogist	Jamie Graham
Chaplain	Buster Benton
Color Sergeant	Paul Gause
Historian	Paul Gause
Greeter	Glen Tyler
Adopt-a-Hwy	Vernon Thompkins
Newsletter	Terry Carter
Member Retention	E. K. Altman
Aide-de-Camp	Ed Thompson
Judge Advocate	Ricky Todd
Quartermaster	Dean Lewis
Web Master	Jamie Graham

Prayer needs

Tinky Altman
 Ed Thompson
 Jim O’Kelley
 Pensa Cola Martin
 Johnny Creel
 Buster Benton
 Bobby Hill
 Gene Elliott

Martha Altman
 Lanny Anderson
 JC Graham
 Annie Graham
 Doris Benton
 Herman Hilburn
 Charles Page

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JUNE 18, 2011 Adopt-a-highway Trash Pickup El Bethel Rd 9am (Saturday)
- JUNE 19-25 Sam Davis Youth Camp Thaxton, Virginia
Frankie Edwards III
- JUNE 21, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting @ 6:00pm
Watson Funeral Home
Guest speaker: Attorney David Rutledge and H.L. Hunley drama by Litchfield Camp
- JULY 15, 2011 SCV National Convention-Montgomery, Alabama (Friday)
- JULY 16, 2011 Bay Minette, Alabama (Mobile) Memorial/Rededication service for Major George T. Litchfield (Saturday)
- JULY 19, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting @ 6:00pm
A new film on Richard Kirkland in stunning HD-The Angel of Marye’s Heights presented by Joe Matheson



Compatriots Keith Edwards & Jamie Graham receive an award from the Horry Historical Society



Attorney David Rutledge descendent of Confederate General Micah Jenkins will be the guest speaker at our June meeting.



Commander's Conduit

Remember May. Wow! You men and women have made some fantastic memories for the camp and community. In the past five weeks there was held perhaps the best Confederate Memorial Day Service ever. On that same day we proceeded to the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery and placed four Crosses of Honor and held a Memorial Service specifically for Compatriot Hoyt Chestnut's ancestor, Pvt. Daniel Henry Chestnut. While daylight continued so did we. Awaiting was a long forgotten burial place, Waller Cemetery. The memory of reclaiming this abandoned, forgotten and threatened (development) parcel will always have a special place in our hearts. After arduous labor that resulted in blistered and bloodied hands, respect and dignity were once again restored to this plot of ground. There, two Wooden Crosses and three Crosses of Honor were placed. That Saturday will ever be etched in our spirits as one of fond remembrances.

The following Saturday we took delivery of 390 bags of Vidalia onions and over the following few days the camp set to delivering and collecting payment. This effort was tops again in the Division and really buoyed our bank account. This type of teamwork makes for good memories because the load is indeed lightened when we all share in the work.

Another trip to Columbia produced fantastic visual images that fade not. Ten members of Litchfield 132, one Cadet and a host of family members answered the call from Commander Mark Simpson to duty. Will the senses ever be dulled for those of us that witnessed such a moving spectacle?

May 10th we were featured on WPDE (ABC-TV 15) which engenders some not so precious memories. It was said that if we have a day to honor the Confederate soldier then there should be a Nazi soldier Memorial Day as well. We realize that not all of "the way" is broad and level, but we must make every effort to inform the public of who we are and for what it is that we stand. When we achieve the victory we shall look back on moments such as these and remember fondly the mini trials and see in hindsight that they were but a stepping stone.

May 17th we had another phenomenal meeting at Darlin Lake Hunting Club. Past Commanders Johnny Sessions and Ricky Todd as well Cecilia Todd labored in love to prepare the perfect meal. It's good to reflect on the pinning of Compatriots David Fair, Tony Howell, Luke Hardee and Cadet Justin Cox.

May 19th, 20th and 21st (Bikers' Fest) holds in the minds and hearts of a dozen of the faithful, recollections of many hours on their feet, hot temps and thunder showers. Again our coffers are the beneficiary of the tireless efforts of these committed men and women.

A visit down memory lane can be no more pleasant than for the nine compatriots of Litchfield 132 who for eight nights in May visited eight of the nine area high schools with HL Hunley Award in hand.

How shall the center of our being be any more warmed that when we reminiscence on the happenings this past Saturday at the "highest point in Horry County"? The "apex" is to place a Cross of Honor and we placed seven on Saturday, May 28th. Perfect was the setting; splendid the day. One hundred and seventy six feet above sea level may sound insignificant, but we can agree that 29,028 feet Everest was no more lofty than Mount Spring Branch. For it is when a descendent of a Confederate soldier kneels to place a Cross of Honor he is transported to the top of the world.

WPDE brought our message of truth to the masses on Saturday night, May 28th and the ever faithful Loris Scene kindly and transparently aided us in their coverage on June 1st. Please don't forget to remember.

Terry

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." **Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee**

VISITORS @ OUR
MAY MEETING:
Jacob Richardson,
Dave Compton,
Hoyt Chestnut,
Terry Chestnut,

Tommy Super,
Dale Altman,
Nick Lilly,
Shane Altman
and John Rist

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 descendent of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed services.

REFLECTIONS ON A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR



5-01-11

Dotti and I went down to Baxley, GA today to the Memorial Service for her GGG Grandfather, Bryant Leggett -

Co B - 54th GA Infantry, CSA



The Appling Greys SCV Camp 918 (Commander Bill Bowers) & Bear Creek Artillery, Stewart Cannon - Vidalia, GA conducted the memorial along with the local UDC 785 Chapter.

It was an honor to participate on behalf of Dotti and to represent Litchfield 132

Always Faithful



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Olin L Martin Jr
1SG(R) USA

