

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT



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

South Carolina's Coastal Defenses

July brings thoughts of fireworks, celebration, and loud reports of mortars firing starbursts into the night sky. Go back one hundred and fifty years and there was a different thought behind the reports of the cannon fire. Not of celebration, but of defending of our homeland. It was the Waccamaw Light Artillery who was in full action along the South Carolina coast. From Fort Randall in Little river to Battery White at Winyah Bay in Georgetown the Waccamaw Light Artillery was charged with defending our coast from the Union invaders.

The Waccamaw Light Artillery was organized early in 1861 with men from Horry and Georgetown Counties. The unit was initially under the command of Captain Thomas West Daggett and later under the Georgetown planter John Joshua Ward. (And others) after Daggett joined the Tenth South Carolina Regiment in the Regular Confederate Army.

Along with the "coast guard" patrols of this unit, they were shuffled and deployed from one area to another as needed. One of the most traveled units in our area they were responsible for patrolling the forty-mile area from Little River to Georgetown. Some of the unit's members were to be posted at Fort Randall in Little River to guard the inlet, Fort Ward to protect the salt works in Murrells Inlet, and to keep Georgetown Harbor from falling to the enemy at Battery White. Later into the war the unit was called to duty to help defend Charleston Harbor from attack as well.

Compatriots I ask you to remember these brave men and their tireless efforts to protect our coast, plantations, and town from the invasion of the North. May our mortars never be silenced and our men never forgotten.



Waccamaw Light Artillery circa 1861



Waccamaw Light Artillery 2011

By:
Paul Gause
Camp Historian

Prayer needs

**Tinky Altman
Ed Thompson
Jim O'Kelley
Pensa Cola Martin
Buster Benton
Bobby Hill
Gene Elliott
Charles Page**

**Martha Altman
Lanny Anderson
JC Graham
Annie Graham
Doris Benton
Herman Hilburn
Tony Anderson & Family
Terry Carter & Family**



GUARDIAN REPORT

JOIN THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM TODAY! WE OWE THAT TO OUR ANCESTORS!



Litchfield Camp # 0132 Guardian Program

(W) denotes Wilderness Guardian (X) denotes Guardian in area's other than Horry County
12 Full Guardians / 17 Pro Tem Guardians / 101 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 **Olin L. Martin, Jr.** Sgt. John Skipper **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 **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 **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) **Web Williams** Pvt. William J. Waller, Sgt. Samuel J. Waller, Pvt. Benjamin Cannon (W)

ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE - NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Conway River Fest. We had a great day. We also are still collecting recipes for our cookbook, which we hope to have ready by our next meeting. Please send your recipes to Lisa Graham; e-mail jeg4833@sccoast.net or mail them to 3726 Pee Dee Hwy., Conway SC 29527.

Thank you,
 Lisa Graham

Quartermaster Report



The Annual Conway River Fest

Thank you Jamie and Lisa Graham, Dean and Connie Lewis, Tony B. and Danny Anderson, Tony Howell, Paul and Priscilla Gause, Mr. Jim O'Kelley, Jeff and Debra Edwards and Bobby and Mary Ellen Scarborough, for your generosity and work effort to manifest a successful fundraiser.

I really appreciate everybody who pitched in helping hand at the Conway River Feast Fundraiser. Your contribution and hard work to raise money meant that we all share the same vision to preserve the

heritage of our Ancestors.

The great fellowship with our camp members and others was fun for all and new friends were made.

Again, thanks so much for all you've done for Litchfield Camp 132.

Cordially,

Dean Lewis

Quartermaster



Palmetto Guard Members:

- Ed Thompson
- Jamie Graham
- Terry Carter



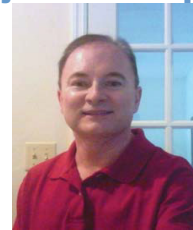
CAMP OFFICERS:

- Commander:
Terry Carter 457-5079
- 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

Adjutant Report



We had a success with the two recent fund raisers, Bike Fest & Conway River Fest.

We are saddened by the death of two of our Compatriots:

*Mr. Johnny Creel of Conway, SC passed 6-18-2011

*Mr William Gavitt of Surfside Beach, SC passed 6-26-2011

We now have 90 members left in our camp.

We are hoping to induct 4 new members at the July meeting.

Reminder!

Please remember to renew you membership.

We have about 32 members that have renewed so far.

July 4: A celebration, and a remembrance

By: Robert Holtz

Many young Americans, when they think of the Fourth of July, think of hamburgers, hotdogs, picnics, parades, and fireworks at night. Despite the festive nature of the holiday, we Americans have a solemn duty to educate our young and, indeed, all Americans of the true meaning of our most sacred national holiday.

We have many solemn holidays in our American calendar; some are religious, most historic.

Sadly, some of the historic ones may be associated with wartime events or remembrance of our war dead, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Luckily, more are associated with days of celebration, like Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, or even our nation's birthday on July 4.

The Fourth of July: A history of celebration, or sacrifice?

What happened on the historic day? Well, a number of learned, frustrated and concerned patriots sat down in Philadelphia and signed a document that Thomas Jefferson had penned, its second paragraph beginning with the words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident. . ." and in the end, declaring the hard-working colonies of America free from English rule, tyranny, and taxation without representation.

That was all fine and cause for celebration. It was also the line in the sand that led citizen-soldiers or farmer-soldiers to risk their lives against muskets and tremble under blankets and tents in brutal winters and snows at Valley Forge, Pa., and Jockey Hollow, N.J.

The sacrifice on this continent was almost universal. As young men marched off, young women were left at home to farm, raise families and support their heroes in their hearts.

And so, the Declaration of Independence was supported and carried, if not physically, then in minds of the regulars, militia, and volunteer troops operating in concert as a Continental Army.

Men left their families. Men put their lives on the line. Women, such as Molly Pitcher, moved up into the front lines under fire, to reload guns, feed the troops, and tend to the wounded.

Except for Benedict Arnold, there were almost no traitors or deserters. Nathan Hale regretted that he had "but one life to give to my country." It was an America with a vision, a purpose, and a steel will among Americans to accomplish it and make a better future for their country and their children. In the end, a great nation and concept were forged by America's strength and determination.

In a "Second Revolution," the reaffirmation of this young country came in 1814, with Francis Scott Key, the anthem, and the fireworks!

In 1812, 36 years after America had declared itself free, it found itself tested again by the great oppressor in Great Britain, bent on suppressing the rebels, their freedom and independence for once and for all. What that self-proclaimed European imperial power had forgotten is that Americans were not rebels – who lose – but revolutionaries – who win.

In 1814, as America defeated the British in our second Revolutionary War, Francis Scott Key sat transfixed as he observed the battle at Fort McHenry. The next morning he penned the words to our national anthem.

Imbedded in those words are ". . . and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air. . ."

These are the visible signs of struggle, sacrifice, American spirits and victory. These are what our beautiful Fourth of July fireworks really stand for.

So, what do we celebrate today? How do we celebrate?

First, we celebrate in support of our troops and the families they leave behind, some just scraping by. If we know of a family left behind, a returned serviceman, an elder veteran, cannot we invite them to a picnic, or a party?

Second, shouldn't we remember our first-responders: police, fire, and ambulance?

Third, and just as importantly, shouldn't we take our children to a parade and explain to them the meaning of the Fourth?

Shouldn't we display our flag the way it was displayed above Fort McHenry in 1814?

And, oh, as the night turns dark and the stars come out - as we await the first rocket's red glare - shouldn't we ally ourselves, bodies and minds, with our troops' safety?

Troops who, God forbid, may once again have to fight a War of Independence?

On that night, I can somehow dream and remember the words of our gallant ancestors, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. . ."

And so, on America's birthday, we are here once again, to celebrate the greatest nation on earth - hard workers, innovators, people who can work and build more than all the ancients.

We are here to be vigilant, to not forget and to figure out how to protect America and its children.

God bless us, every one!

Upcoming Events

All meetings are held at Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC, in the building at the back of the parking lot on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted here and in the newsletter. The May & October meetings are held at other locations. We gather for supper at 6 pm and the meeting starts at 7 pm.

- 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 HDThe Angel of Marye's Heights presented by Joe Mathes

Last Roll Call



Johnny Creel

April 3, 1919 - June 18, 2011

Johnny Creel was our great uncle (we are the grandchildren of his sister Bernice). We did not grow up in Horry County but anytime we visited (whether for family vacations or funerals), Uncle Johnny was always available for a conversation or to help in any way he could. He and Aunt LaVerne were those kinds of folks. Someone mentioned in an earlier comment, that Conway will never have another couple like them. So true.

I pray the Creel legacy will live on and strong in Horry County. Our prayers are with our family for grieving, for healing, for blessings.

Jeanette (Jordan) Lashare Spees

NO
PICTURE

William Henry Gravitt, Jr

September 3, 1923 - June 26, 2011

Myrtle Beach...William Henry Gravitt, Jr. died, Sunday, June 26, 2011 at Conway Medical Center. Mr. Gravitt was born in Halifax County, Virginia on September 3, 1923. He graduated from Cluster Springs High in 1941. Spent 3 ½ years in the United States Navy Amphibian Forces during World War II and participated in several of the Island Campaigns in the Pacific. After the war he entered the University of Richmond, in Richmond, VA., and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1949. Mr. Gravitt was pre-deceased by his parents, William and Mary Gravitt, Sr., a sister, Ruby Puryear, his son, William Gravitt, III., and a grandson, Robert Gravitt.

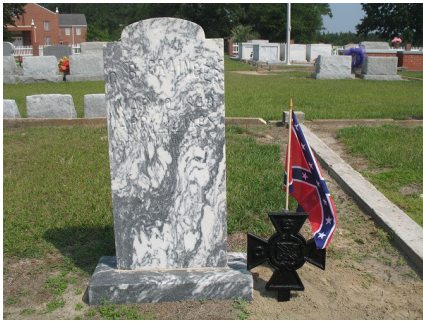
He married Louise Cameron Lynham on June 4, 1949 and is survived by his wife, Louise and their daughters, Cameron Chappell, Susan Francis and Nancy Fragala. Grandchildren, Mary Delp, James Chappell, Jon Francis, Bryan Francis, Sarah Francis, Michael Francis, Mandy Fragala, William Gravitt, IV, Sylvia Gravitt, Anne Gravitt and 6 great-grandchildren and his sister, Ida Frances Thaxton of South Boston, Va.

The Gravitt family would like to thank Mercy Hospice for their loving care.

Keep their families in our hearts and in our prayers. They will be missed

New CSA Soldiers found in Horry County.GPS'd by Compatriot Jamie Graham with the info provided by Commander Carter and Adam Emrick.

Sgt. Goldsberry B. Grainger



Pvt. John Hardy Brinson



New Grave Stones Installed

Work done by Compatriots Roger Montgomery and Jamie Graham

1Sgt. William Montgomery

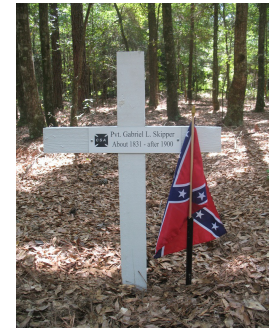


Pvt. John Green Waller



Wood Crosses placed on unmarked graves. Work done by Compatriots Anthony Martin, Jamie Graham, and prospect recruit Phil Mace.

Pvt. Gabriel L. Skipper,
Pvt. Edwin P. Benton,
Pvt. Randolph Sewell Johnson,
Pvt. Louis Madison Johnson,
Pvt. Francis Marion Johnson,
Pvt. David Henry Brown,
Cpl. Henry Cannon,
Pvt. Daniel Wilson Dennis,
Pvt. David W. Herring, and Pvt. Edward "Faithful" W.



**CHARTER OF THE HODDY ROUGH AND
READY'S CAMP 1026**

**ISSUED 14 FEBRUARY, 2011 AND
SIGNED ON JUNE 11, 2011**

WELCOME TO THE MAGNIFICENT 7TH



Sam Davis Youth Camp

Frankie Edwards receives his award from Jack Marlar



FROM THE 2ND LT. COMMANDER

Dear Fellow Compatriots,

I hope all is well with you and your families during this very hot July. I have been traveling a lot lately (work related – no vacation) and have had little time for many things including and ever – increasing “honey-do” list. I have a good bit of sickness in my family right now as well, and I covet your prayers.

At a recent training conference, one of our VPs was talking about culture. He made a couple of comments that really got my attention. So let’s consider the following....

What is culture?

The word culture has many different meanings. For some it refers to an appreciation of good literature, music, art, and food. For a biologist, it is likely to be a colony of bacteria or other microorganisms growing in a nutrient medium in a laboratory Petri dish. However, for anthropologists and other behavioral scientists, **culture is the full range of learned human behavior patterns**. The term was first used in this way by the pioneer English Anthropologist Edward B. Tylor in his book, *Primitive Culture*, published in 1871. Tylor said that culture is **“that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, law, morals, custom, and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of society.”** Culture is a powerful human tool for survival, but it is a **“fragile phenomenon”**. **“It is constantly changing and easily lost because it exists only in our minds”**. Our written languages, governments, buildings, and other man-made things are merely the products of culture. They are not culture in themselves. For this reason, archaeologists can not dig up culture directly in their excavations.

Men, you know as well as I do that our proud Southern culture is under constant attack both directly and indirectly. We seem to lose a little bit more nearly every generation. As the ever-changing world around us evolves into the newest era, we gradually and undetectably allow the very essence of our unique culture to erode from existence. Our children are taught not only to believe they are descendents of traitors and terrorists and that should be ashamed of who they are - but that even their Southern drawl is a speech impediment. Chivalry is dying as gentlemanly manners are looked upon as insensitive to the modern world. I for one am very proud of my Southern roots, raising, traditions and yes – culture. I urge you to cling to your Southern ways. Instill those traditions, ideals and values into your children and grandchildren. It is in deed a fragile phenomenon easily lost and sadly (as Mr. Tylor said) only seems to exist in our minds.

Tony

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

