



JANUARY 2011
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Capt. George T. Litchfield &
Capt. John L. Litchfield

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT



COMPATRIOT OF THE YEAR PRESENTED TO
JAMIE GRAHAM
BY SC DIVISION COMMANDER
MARK SIMPSON

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Terry Carter



Appreciation Award:
Ken Thrasher



Meritorious Award:
Matthew Page



John L Litchfield Ambassador of the Year Award:
Tony Anderson Sr.



Johnny Creel Envoy Award:
Fred Oakes



Appreciation Award: Dennis Fulmer



George T Litchfield Image Award:
Dotson Owen, Wilbur Huggins, Bobby Scarborough



Special Project Award/Scrapbook: OCR



Appreciation Award Jim O'Kelley



**Swear In of New Officers:
Adjutant Keith Edwards
Second Lt. Tony Anderson Sr.**

**Induction Service for
new members:
Web Williams
Jeremy Collins
Robert Shelley**



**Pinning New Guardian Members :
Glen Tyler, Bob Gray,
Henry Earl Altman**

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

May the ranks with Rino's not be filled?
 With them unnecessarily blood shall be spilled.
 May the ranks swell with a few good men?
 Whose passion is not superfluous within?
 May the pretenders be weeded out?
 Pluck them from our midst, cast about.
 Let not their poison dilute the blood
 or the properties of purest brotherhood.
 In the midst, does one spot the Rino here?
 Can clearly be seen on his forehead bare?
 A placard to announce his coming presence;
 a sign to make us cognizant his innate essence.
 His coming is akin to a thief in the night.
 His appearing, at first is much to our delight.
 Just as all who come to pledge and be pinned
 He too, raises he hand and commits before men.
 To contract, promise, affirm his loyal devotion
 With camp as witness, the bliss is no small commotion.
 Consequently one is added to the roll; nothing more.
 Far reaching however is the disdain of His name to score.
 Etched with the epitaph "posterity whimpered out,"
 'tis sad for one who fiercely charged the redoubt.
 Deplete of Rinos; replete with the likes of Gideon the judge,
 For with this metal Stonewall too, refused to budge.
 Whisper, resonate in the ear of those who are of heart, faint
 You may return home where hearth is quiet and quaint.
 Gideon of this generation presses forward with number
 Not 32,000, nor 10,000, but 300 who care not to slumber.
 For we gather at the brook with musket in hand and lap
 Refreshing water while watching, for which we're apt.
 Remain vigilant for the Midianites of ignorance are in front
 Those too, of political correctness; will face the brunt.
 We assemble as an army of faith not force, never lonely.
 Be, ye removed from our ranks, Rebels in Name Only.

Commander Carter

The Charge

"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."

GUARDIAN REPORT

Fellow Compatriots,

I trust and pray all had a safe and joyous Christmas. As you have heard me say many times, I am not the eloquent speaker. Nor, am I the eloquent writer. So, I ask you to bear with me. I want to first thank all of our Guardians. This year has been phenomenal. We started out in Jan 2010 with 7 Guardians, and 2 Guardian Pro Tem's. We had 12 soldiers in the program. One year later, I am very proud to say that we now have 14 Guardians, 16 Guardian Pro Tem's, with 128 Soldiers with their final resting places being guarded. Make no mistake gentlemen; You are the reason these men are cared for. Your dedication to that hero is what we are all about.

Compatriots.... If you are not a Guardian, then you should be. Remember our charge: "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." It's not that hard. Takes little time. And it's worth the world.

Happy New Year. And I hope to see you on the field. "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less...Gen. Robert E. Lee".

They shall not be forgotten,

Jamie Graham

Guardian Director

Litchfield 132

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| <p>Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Earl Altman • Bob Gray • Glen Tyler | <p>Guardians Pro Tem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Gause + • Steven Graham + • Anthony Martin • Olin Martin • Wilton Prince • Fred Oakes + • Bob Hood • Joe Hood • Larry Lightsey + • Jim O'Kelley + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Parker • Jarame Parker • Chris Tyler |
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JAN 8, 2011 Leadership Conference @ Batesburg Leesville
- JAN 15, 2011 Sat 11:00am Old Zion Cemetery Memorial/
Rededication Service
- JAN 18, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00pm
Oyster roast, Watson Funeral Home
- JAN 22, 2011 Sat 11:00am Latta, South Carolina
Lee/Jackson Banquet @ Latta Community
Center
\$15 per person, \$25 per couple
Please mail payment in advance to:
SCV camp 1576
PO BOX 6
Latta, SC 29565
- FEB 15, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00pm
Watson Funeral Home
@ 5:00pm New Members' Orientation
- FEB 19, 2011 Montgomery, Alabama
Sesquicentennial Celebration of President
Jefferson Davis' Inauguration
- FEB 19, 2011 Mobile, Alabama Memorial/Rededication
Service for Capt. George T. Litchfield
- FEB 26, 2011 9:00am Stalvey Family Cemetery Clean Up
- MAR 12, 2011 9:00am Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
El Bethel Rd
- MAR 15, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00pm
Watson Funeral Home
- APR 8 & 9, 2011 Division Convention
Charleston, SC
- APR 19, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00 pm
Watson Funeral Home
- APR 23, 2011 11:00 am Confederate Memorial Day
Old Horry County Courthouse

FROM THE SECOND LIEUTENANT:

Dear Fellow Compatriots,

First – let me say how deeply humbled I am today as I reflect on the confidence you have bestowed in me as your new Second Lieutenant.

I am a very proud man. I know... that - that pride sometimes causes me grief.

I am human and oh so fallible...! But pride gets in my way at times. What I want and desire (with such good intentions) just seems to slip from my fingers so often - and I take all the blame, for I sometimes try to handle things solely on my own and not do “as directed”. And what I mean by “as directed” is not taking the outreached hand of God in every single endeavor. He is always in charge. He is always in control, and He is always there - waiting to help us in our every need. Commander Carter sometimes says, “We have not because we ask not” and that is what I mean. But enough about that....

I make no excuses for yet another kind of pride - the pride I have in my family, my home, my community, my country, my state, my heritage and my little SCV camp. Or should I say “not so little” anymore.... I am not ashamed...! For I have no right to be. What I have is a deep rooted right of pride... and an honorable and noble bloodline that connects me to the greatest people, the truest of citizens, the brassiest and most deeply convicted of men. My heart swells with that same pride as I think of and hear of and read of... my ancestors and the trials and struggles they endured. I am a descendant of the most valiant of valiant. Oh who am I? I am the future generation that General Lee was speaking of long ago as he addressed the “Sons”. And so are you my dear friends....

2010 now soon closes with many memories. I have become so inspired and so moved by many of you who tirelessly and selflessly sacrifice for our camp and our dear Cause. We have now begun the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Cause for Southern Independence . We have a long way to go. The battles are coming. We must pledge to ourselves and to our forefathers our dedication to their honor, their memory and their defense.... 2011 will be a great year for us. It will also require (I’m sure) more affirmation of your commitment than ever.

May God bless you. May God bless our camp.

And may God bless our efforts in the coming year.

Thank you.

Your friend and fellow compatriot,

Tony B. Anderson, Sr.,

II Lieutenant SCV Camp 132 – Conway , SC

Pledge to the Confederate Flag

**I salute the Confederate Flag with Affection, Reverence,
and Undying Devotion to the Cause for which it stands.**



**Palmetto Guard
Members:**

- .Johnny Creel
- .Ted Gragg
- .Ed Thompson
- .Ken Thrasher
- .Jamie Graham
- .Terry Carter



CAMP OFFICERS:

- Commander:
Terry Carter 457-5079
- 1st Lieutenant:
Eddie Pippin 236-1757
- 2nd Lieutenant:
Tony Anderson Sr 457-5713
- Adjutant:
Keith Edwards 254-9941

Leadership

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| Guardian Program | Jamie Graham |
| Genealogist | Jamie Graham |
| Chaplain | Buster Benton |
| Color Sergeant | |
| Recruitment | Tony Anderson Sr. |
| Historian | Paul Gause |
| Greeter | Glen Tyler |
| Adopt-a-Hwy | Vernon Thompkins |
| Webmaster | Ken Thrasher |
| Newsletter | Terry Carter |
| Member Retention | E. K. Altman |
| Aide-de-Camp | Ed Thompson |
| Judge Advocate | Ricky Todd |
| Quartermaster | |

Prayer needs

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| Tinky Altman | Martha Altman |
| Ed Thompson | Lanny Anderson |
| Geroge Howard | JC Graham |
| Jim O'Kelley | Flora Belle Ed- |
| Pensa Cola Martin | wards |
| Johhny Creel | |
| Buster Benton | |
| Bobby Hill | |

LT. Commander's Report

Compatriots,

No one can deny that we have had a great year and I want to thank every one of you for your help in these achievements.

Our goal for this coming year will have to be a big one. We need to top the past year. This will mean more participation, more fundraising, and more recruitment. Let us make a New Year's commitment to make our camp even bigger and better in 2011.

In this Sesquicentennial year it is very important than ever to strive to carry out "The Charge" given to us. Let us make every effort to honor and preserve the names of our Confederate forefathers.

Eddie Pippin

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 OF A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR

I was very honored to get a request from Terry Carter to do a short article on the history of my Confederate Ancestor, Captain William Henry Edwards. Captain Edwards, affectionately known to his troops as Captain Bill, was a member of Company A, 17th South Carolina Volunteers. I'm very fortunate to have a copy of his memoirs, written before his death on August 8, 1920. My uncle, Robert Stevens of Darlington, SC, an avid historian, did reasearch, copied letters, and spent years gathering the legacy of writings scattered to various family members by Captain Bill. Some of the work included interpreting some handwriting penned in haste, and guessing at missing words where creases had torn away bits of paper from decades of being unfolded, read, and refolded.

Captain Bill was born near Fort Lawn, SC, on January 30, 1833. He promptly volunteered for service as soon as the war broke out, and was appointed First Lieutenant when his company was organized in Richburg by Colonel John R. Culp. The regiment had volunteered for 12 months of service. The company was mustered into Confederate service at Camp Hampton in Columbia, SC, on November 18, 1861. Prior to that day, the group had been in state service. The reorganization placed the company in Confederate service. After the company was formed, they were sent to Charleston, SC, and set up camp on the South side of the Ashley River bridge. Company A lost eight young men to measles between Christmas and March of 1862.

Around February 1, 1862, the men were transferred to camp at John's Island and Wadmalaw, doing picket duty and drilling. One day on John's Island, the yankees became troublesome and captured some Confederate soldiers on picket duty near Legareville. Capt. Edward's regiment was ordered to march there in defense of our nation. During the march, they encountered some Confederate Cavalry retreating at full gallop, who reported that they were being chased by yankee Cavalry troops. The Confederate troops took up defensive positions in the woods adjacent to the road in preparation for the approaching yankees. Unknown to them, there was another troop of Confederate Cavalry behind the first, also in retreat. The 17th Regiment, not being veteran soldiers, and eager to engage the enemy, opened fire on their retreating comrades, killing several and mortally wounding two or three others. The yankee Cavalry had halted and gone back before anyone had figured out what had happened.

On July 19, 1862, the 17th Regiment received orders to prepare rations and be ready to leave South Carolina on July 21st. The men were taken by rail first to Charleston, then to Wilmington, NC, with a final destination of Richmond, VA, where they arrived on July 24, 1862. Men of high rank were allowed to visit home long enough to say goodbye. Men of lower rank from Fairfield, York, and Chester were sent through Wilmington, and men of the Pee Dee area were sent via Columbia to prevent them from stopping off at home to say their goodbyes. Capt. Edwards called it a "dog-mean trick"! Some of the ladies who came to the railroad towns to look into the faces of their loved ones once more, went away sad-hearted and never saw them again.

A few days prior to August the 10th of 1862, my Great-Great Grandfather's unit was sent to the neighborhood of Malvern Hill to check for enemy troop movement. At around dusk, he says a small group of yankee cavalry rode up and two yankees and two horses were dispatched, the remainder fleeing. He reports that they lay on their arms all night, and could hear the rumbling of enemy wagons an artillery from dark till day. His memoirs state that as of the writing, he still had possession of the Sharpe's rifle and sabre as a trophy of the first yankee killed by the 17th S.C. Volunteers.

On the evening of August 22nd, 1862 they captured a Union spy, who had grey clothes over his yankee uniform! He had captured and killed a Confederate courier, and had possession of his dispatches. The spy was handed over to General N.G. Evans, who held what is called a "drum head courtmartial". General Evans ordered Capt. J.R. Culp of Company A to hang the spy. Capt. Culp didn't have the stomach for the job, but luckily for him, a batch of cavlarymen rode up and begged for the pleasure of carrying out the order. Captain Culp readily agreed, and the spy was taken a short distance from the road and hanged on a pine limb.

Captain Edwards was severely wounded by the explosion of a shell on the line at Petersburg, VA on June 17, 1864. He went into great detail about the Battle of the Crater in his writings, mentioning that when the yankees rushed in to finish off the Confederates in the hole left by a huge underground explosion planted by tunneling yankee troops, but none were there! He spoke of using his sabre to kill dozens of yankees, and stated that his pants were so stiff with their dried blood that he could barely walk. He was again severely wounded on March 25, 1865, at Fort Steadman, and did not recover until 18 months after the war was over. Until his dying day, he refused to wear any blue articles of clothing.

There is a book of his memoirs that is sold by the Chester District Genealogical Society which goes into much greater detail and makes for some exciting reading! The title of the book is Captain Bill, in three volumes, written by my uncle, Robert Stevens.

Web Williams

This Month in Confederate History

Camp Historian: Paul Gause

This Month in Southern History ~ January 1861

Americans were anxious as 1861 began. South Carolina had recently seceded from the Union, and President James Buchanan declared that the federal government had no legal right to stop it. While the South Carolina state militia began massing in Charleston Harbor, many still believed that a state could not defy the federal government for long, and there would be no violence.

In Charleston Harbor, a Federal garrison was isolated at Fort Sumter and soon in need of supplies. South Carolina had prohibited any assistance to the garrison. After weeks of contemplation, President Buchanan dispatched *Star of the West*, a merchant vessel, to reinforce Fort Sumter. On January 9, South Carolina artillery fired on the ship as it arrived in the harbor. These were considered the first shots of the war, and the ship turned back, leaving the garrison isolated.

The Crittenden Compromise

Explaining that the situation was beyond Executive control, President Buchanan urged Congress to adopt a compromise measure introduced by Kentucky Senator John J. Crittenden. The compromise consisted of four measures:

1. Extend the Missouri Compromise line to its original 36-degree, 30-minute line all the way to the Pacific, and prohibit slavery north of that line
2. Permit slavery on federal property in the South
3. Compensate owners of runaway slaves

Repeal "personal liberty" laws in the North

A Senate committee approved the measures, but a House committee defeated them. Then, on January 16, the Senate adopted a resolution that the Constitution "needs to be obeyed rather than amended." This effectively killed any chance of the Crittenden Compromise being adopted.

More Southern Secession

Throughout January, five more southern states joined South Carolina in seceding from the Union: Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. On January 21, five senators from Florida, Alabama and Mississippi resigned from the U.S. Senate. All of them, including Mississippi Senator Jefferson Davis, gave moving speeches expressing sorrow for leaving but determination to defend the South.

Meanwhile, southern state militias began seizing federal property, including forts and arsenals. Alabama troops seized the U.S. arsenal at Mount Vernon and secured forts protecting the vital naval port of Mobile Bay. Georgia troops seized Fort Pulaski near the Savannah River and the U.S. arsenal at Augusta. Florida troops took Fort Marion at St. Augustine. Mississippi troops secured U.S. installations along the Gulf Coast. And Louisiana troops seized the U.S. Mint and Customs House in New Orleans.

A special thanks to you all for a wonderful Christmas party. Dotson tells me we had 125 in attendance. It took great effort from so many to pull it off, but was worth every ounce of energy. Next year we'll have the experiences of 2010 from which to cull. In closing let me say that I adore my gift. Thanks for supporting me. (Commander Carter)