

Litchfield Independent

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On May 18, 2010, Sam Dusenbury, Anthony Martin, Jarame Parker and James Parker were inducted into Litchfield I32 and the SCV by Commander Terry Carter at Darlin Lake Hunting Club

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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PALMETTO GUARD MEMBERS

Johnny Creel Jamie Graham
 Ted Gragg
 Ed Thompson
 Ken Thrasher

Commander's Corner

In Columbia on May 1st I lost yet another shirt button as I got wind of a Litchfield compatriot having said, "I felt the need to come to show my support of our Commander."

This got me to thinking about the reasons we loyally support the camp's activities. I have long felt that it's not so much the Commander as it is the position of commander that commands respect. In serving under present Commanders, Simpson and Thrasher I hold in high esteem the man but perhaps even greater is my deference for the office. I find that no matter who holds the position, my regard for it is unchanging and should be. Shouldn't this be the case also for the highest seat in the land? Perhaps we'll be better served to parlay this argument at another venue.

The office of Commander of Litchfield 132 will continue to implore all its membership to give up two hours a month (.002%) of your time to support, at the very least our meetings.

The office issued a directive in the form of a request on May 27th via email to forty-three of its members and is very grateful for the eighteen responses which completed the Commander's Corner.

Please see their remarks to the question, "What was your motivation for initially joining the Sons of Confederate Veterans and now what compels you to support the camp's activities?"

"I fought and bled under the US flag so I do respect it but I respect the Confederate Battle Flag more because it's based on principle and it certainly was NOT slavery. These men were up against impossible odds. ...My God what bravery, what dedication..."

"The first and maybe not the most important thing was, that I was eligible. I was very proud to have found a Confederate Ancestor, and then finding four more. I always felt something for the South and the Southern Cause..."

"I joined the SCV to honor my relatives who fought for the south's right to gain their independence, to honor my relatives who are and were also in the SCV. The biggest motivation for me these days is to be around great minded people like yourself Terry and others in our camp and in other camps.I love setting the record straight about what a great organization SCV is."

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May 18,2010 Meeting

During the early afternoon hours of Tuesday, May 18, Past Commanders Jonny Sessions, Ricky Todd, & Ken Thrasher , along with Celia & Billy Todd and Betty Bowling arrived at the Darlin Lake Hunt Club and began cleaning the cabin & preparing a meal of 40 lbs of bacon, 12 lbs dried lima beans and hundreds of hush puppies, in preparation for Litchfield Camp's annual Confederate Memorial Day dinner.. As the cooking was winding down around 5:30 pm, Camp members and guests started filtering in for pre meeting socializin.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Terry Carter at 7 pm. Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led the gathering in the flag salutes and pledges. Then the line was formed to get vittles by the approx. 75 members and guests in attendance. After everyone had devoured a bait of bacon, beans, hush puppies and dessert, the meeting resumed. Commander Carter welcomed all the guests in attendance,. Members of the Prospect Camp in Johnsonville, Stackhouse Camp in Latta and the Benbow Camp in Manning were represented. Commander Carter inducted Sam Dusenbury, Anthony Martin, Jarame Parker & James Parker into the ranks of the SCV. Adjutant Ken Thrasher gave a financial report and the Camp's treasury is in great shape now. Camp Guardian Director Jamie Graham gave a report on the continuing growth of Guardians in our Camp. At the first of the year, we had a total of 7 Guardians & Guardian pro temps, that number has now more than doubled in just 5 months to 15. Commander Albert Jackson gave an update on the status of the Signer's Monument to be erected in Charleston and on the progress of the fundraising to pay for the Monument. Steven Graham was voted to become a member of the Camp, as well as Bryson Reed Cater, who will be our first Cadet. After a chorus of Dixie, all retired to their homes, after a night of Southern food and fellowship. A great time was had by all in attendance., after another successful campaign at Darlin Lake

H.L. HUNLEY AWARDS

This year was Litchfield 132's 4th year in giving the H.L.Hunley Award to deserving Cadets in the Counties high school JRROTC Programs. This year we presented awards to cadets in 8 of the 9 JRROTC Programs in the County. Thanks to all the members that stepped up and sponsored a medal and for taking their time to go to the Award Ceremonies and present the Award. Litchfield Camp can be proud, we presented more awards in the county than some of the other Brigades did as a total. Listed below are the schools and the recipients.

Aynor SGT. JEREMY CARROLL

Conway CADET DREW YOUNG

Green Sea 1ST LT. LATOYA JOHNSON

Loris 2ND LT. CIANDRA PATRICK

N Myrtle Beach LT. JG LAURENT MCCULLOUGH

Carolina Forest LT. JG JOSEPH COLLINS

Socastee CADET ALEXANDER HERNANDEZ

St James MASTER SGT. CHRISTOPHER LESLIE

Right: Past Commanders Johnny Sessions & Ricky Todd cooking the bacon for the meal.

Below: Members guests enjoying a fine meal of bacon, captured yankee rice, lima beans and hush puppies at Litchfield's yearly Confederate Memorial Day dinner.



WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PUBLISHER

If anyone is interested in becoming the Editor & publisher of the newsletter contact Ken Thrasher.

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

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

June 15 dinner at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm **Ronnie Roach** will be presenting a program on "The Charge"

July 20 Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7 pm

August 17 Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7 pm

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

September 21 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

October 16 Loris Bog off set up 2 tents 6:30 am

October 19 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7pm

November 16 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

December 21 Christmas Dinner



Join the Guardian Program!

Help keep the graces of the Confederate soldiers alive for the future.

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

First Compatriots, I would like to thank the Camp for electing me as Lt. Commander. I will perform my duties to the best of my abilities.

I've got some questions for the members of our Camp. Are you getting all that you want from the Camp? Do you want more from a meeting than just speaking to the few you know by name? **Answer Get involved!** Do you want the satisfaction of a job well done? Volunteer for a cemetery cleanup and help put in crosses and stones. So you want to get a heart felt thank you? Attend a Memorial Service for a family's Confederate Ancestor. Do you want to feel a pride like never before? Attend a Confederate Memorial Day service in Columbia, Conway, Georgetown, Latta or Marion.

We have a spot at the Aynor Hoe Down and the Loris Bog off. This is a good opportunity to spend time with and get to know other members helping out.

This is just speaking from my experience, but the more you get involved in Camp activities, the more you will be involved in the SCV.

For the Cause,

Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin

June's Guest Speaker

Dear SCV Camp 132 Member,

I would like to personally invite you to join me at the Camp's June 15th meeting.

I shall be speaking on the topic of "The Charge" which was given by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee.

Two events occurred during my research that caused me to ask myself two questions –

1. What am I, as a descendant of a Confederate Veteran, doing to fulfill "The Charge" given to me?
2. What am I, as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, doing to help make my camp the best possible camp that it can be?

One of those events was when I obtained and reviewed a copy of the entire speech Lt. Gen. Lee gave to the United Confederate Veterans at their 16th Annual Meeting and Reunion held on April 25, 1906.

The other event – I'll reveal that one during the presentation. So, you'll have to be there to find out what else caused me to ask myself the two questions.

Don't forget – Tuesday, June 15th at 6:00pm to eat and fellowship; 7:00pm for the meeting. See you there!

At your service in the Cause,

Ronnie S. Roach
Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp 813
Graham, NC

"I got interested in the SCV from a friend and co-worker by the name of Ken Thrasher... As a result of searching for one of my ancestors, I became more and more involved... I have put thousands of hours of research into this search and put many miles across Horry County searching for the graves of those CSA Soldiers...I can't do as much as I would like to do because of health issues, but I feel more comfortable now that there are younger men stepping up to the plate..."

"Big Ed turned me on to the Camp, after finding out I had Confederate soldiers as ancestors. I wanted to honor them in doing what I can for the Camp in honor of them and other Confederate soldiers."

"I have had a strong interest of history, especially that of my home town and state for many years. Following my graduation from the Citadel I taught SC history to eight grade students... Since my retirement, I have been able to verify my familial connection with a soldier of the Confederacy. Therefore, my next logical step was to seek membership in the SCV in order to pay my respects to my great grandfather and his comrades in the cause and help assure that their memory will not be allowed to fade away."

"I joined after learning that there was a camp nearby... I realized that as each new generation comes along, that people tend to know less about their ancestors. I wanted to do something to help keep the memory of these citizen soldiers alive."

"In my quest to find my ancestors and preserve their final resting places, I found the SCV was doing exactly what I was doing. The beliefs, morals, and values that my fore fathers and I share, are shared alike with my brothers in the SCV..."

"Our purpose is to honor our loved ones and learn about others we haven't discovered yet. Our heritage is our God given right."

"I wanted to preserve the southern way of life and pass this pride down to my children. I wanted to belong to an organization that would change the minds of how people looked at the Confederacy and learn the truth about the South. I joined this camp because this is where my ancestor was active. However, I live in South Florida, but I wanted my voice to be heard with your group. I wanted my voice counted with the SCV and keep the flag flying..."

"...My home is in SC. I am proud to be a South Carolinian. My ancestors died defending her-and so shall I if need be. Our heritage is of a people who were and are freedom loving, independent, make it my way or die trying, and for the most part-God fearing... God bless America. God bless the Southland. And God bless the SCV as we strive to preserve our heritage, honor the good name of our ancestors and educate this indoctrinated, brainwashed, uneducated, ignorant world around us..."

"To keep true southern culture alive for my family and community."

"Being a War of Northern Aggression re-enactor, and learning of my relative who fought in the very war I portray. It would only seem fit and honorable that I do him the honor and courtesy by bringing his name into the open so that the cause in which he felt so strong about that he enlisted and fought in would not be forgotten."

"I know I do not participate as much as I would like; But I believe in the work the camp is doing-especially in the area of grave recognition and repair."

"I joined Litchfield Camp 132, SCV, because it is a patriotic organization which promotes maintenance of the memory and history of our confederate veterans. The graves of these veterans should be located and maintained in perpetuity."

"I have always been interested in any war battles especially the ones my ancestors were in. My involvement is helping to take care of the grave sites we know about and do what I can to help find as many new ones as possible."

"I joined the sons due to a sense of wanting to know my heritage more deeply. I wanted to know the sacrifice my ancestors made and become more in touch with that part of my family's history. It also sets us apart as elite members of American society as we can trace our ancestors back to that time and show they were men of character who stood up for the common good and rights of others, even if it meant losing their lives..."

"My reason for joining the SCV was to draw strength to do my duty, from our ancestors who exhibited more courage and devotion to duty than I could image. Participating in moving the charge forward (as we are sworn to do) through camp activities is one of the ways to do this. I refuse to be a "sunshine patriot" in these trying times we live in."

Nuff said,
Your servant,

Terry Carter

The next will be Meeting June 15 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner will be at 6 pm, meeting will start at 7 pm. Conway native Ronnie Roach will be returning to visit with us and presenting a program on Gen Stephen Lee's "Charge" to the SCV. See page 6 of this newsletter.

Highway Cleanup Adopt a Hwy

The 2nd quarter highway cleanup will be on Saturday, July 10. Meet Mr. O'Kelly at 9 am at Hwy 378 & El Bethel Road. Come on out and help with the pickup. The more members working, the less time it takes to get the job done. Mr. O'Kelley will have vests, trash bags and water.



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