

Litchfield Independent

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The members of Litchfield 132 and guests that participated in the cleanup of the Stalvey Cemetery on Feb. 20, 2010

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PALMETTO GUARD MEMBERS

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Commander's Corner

I remember quite vividly the question, the locale of its utterance, the tone of the ones asking it, the question's motive, as if it had a life of its own and my reaction to it. I believed then, as I do now that it's a justified inquiry. I unabashedly believe it bears repeating. As a matter of fact you'll come to agree, if you haven't already that it echoes from eternity past to the present and to eternity future.

It was my first year in the Camp and on the third Tuesday evening I was, in the eyes of at least two old geezers conspicuous in absence. Compatriots Ed Thompson and Edward Altman approached me the following day, not with a typical salutation but rather the proverbial, "Where were you?"

Why do you suppose they cared to know? What difference would it make anyway to expend precious breath, oxygen that these old geezers didn't have in the first place? What gain, for them could possibly come from asking?

The two Ed's, were at that time and remain today simply a mouthpiece for which my Ancestors convey their message. Big Ed and Tinky both, are the agent, which by the way we all need to get us and keep us on task. At all cost I try now, not to have to face that ubiquitous question. I'm sure many of you have eaten at Firehouse Subs. Do you remember the inevitable question from the cashier, asked before completing the order? "Do you want that totally involved?" Compatriots, these two men are just that, totally involved. Their gain is to see a compatriot grow to be a leader in SCV. Their profit is to realize the growth of our noble organization. Their increase is to see the consummation of due respect and honor to our Ancestors and if that takes confronting you or me, so be it. They cower not.

The coming celebration of our Sesquicentennial is upon us. At the Centennial I was but a seven month old embryo. At the Bicentennial I may be excusable in absence. It is your destiny and mine to be sandwiched between. What we do with our time is a choice that may or may not engender, "Where were you?"

Your servant,
 Terry Carter

FEBRUARY Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's meeting on Feb. 16, at Watson's Funeral home in Conway. Commander Carter prepared a fine meal of hamburgers baked beans and cole slaw. Prior to the meeting starting, Jim O'Kelley urged members to participate in the Adopt a Hwy on El Bethel road on March 20 at 9 am. Mr. O'Kelley will have the vests and trash bags.

Commander Carter called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Color Sgt Jim O'Kelley led the camp in the pledges and salutes to the flags. Greeter Tony Anderson acknowledged the guests and introduced them to the camp. Adjutant Ken Thrasher read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved.

Commander Carter reminded the members of the State Division Convention in Florence on March 26 & 27 and urged members to attend if possible. He also urged members to sell onions. The onion sale last year netted the camp and nice cushion in the bank account.

A motion was made by Ken Thrasher & seconded by Bob Gray to send someone to the Sam Davis Youth Camp this year, if we had a successful onion sale. The motion was passed by the vote of the camp. The members of the camp chipped in and purchased a paver for the Signers Monument to be erected in Charleston this year. Coin #132 was requested when the form was sent in for the paver. Hopefully, we will get the numbered silver coin #132, when they are issued. Bob Scarborough made a motion to send Ronnie Holmes a letter to come to the March meeting, the motion was seconded by Dotson Owen and passed by vote of the camp.

Motion was made by Bob Scarborough to send \$100 to Division for a going away gift for State Division Commander Burbage. Dotson Owen seconded the motion and it was passed by vote of the camp.

Our attendance was 24 persons present including 6 guests.

The meeting was adjourned and Bob Gray led the Camp in the singing of our National Anthem "Dixie".

Request from the editor

Compatriots,

If anyone has any pictures, ideas for short articles, or would like to submit an article on your ancestor for the newsletter. Please help me out with the newsletter. Just email ideas or articles to me at kt007@sprynet.com or by mail to Ken Thrasher 726 Racewater Dr, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588. I try to get the newsletter out by the first weekend of each month.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Compatriots,

As this cold winter slowly turns to spring, March finds the Camp in the best shape financially that it has ever been in. We lost about 15 members, because they did not renew this past summer, however we are seeing an increased interest in the Sons of Confederate Veterans with potential new members calling and coming to our meetings. Be sure for everyone to welcome our new members and guests at the meetings. Don't let the guests and new members go home thinking that they are strangers at our meetings, these men have the same birthright as the present members. The Blood of a Confederate soldier flowing in their bodies, the same as you and me. There are many men that wish they could say the same, but can't.

Be sure to let Commander Carter have your total onion sales at the meeting. We have to turn in the total number of bags on March 20. This was one of our best fund raisers last year. A good return for just asking.

For the Cause

Ken Thrasher

Adjutant

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

March 16 dinner 6 pm meeting 7 pm

March 27 State SCV Convention in Florence all day 8 AM-5 PM INFO AVAILABLE FRO Commander Carter

April 17 Saturday 12 Noon Confederate Memorial Day Service Horry County Courthouse

April 20 dinner at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm

May 18 7 pm Meeting and Confederate Memorial Day Dinner at Darlin Lake Hunting Club, Wildlife Ln, off Pee Dee Hwy



Top: Bridge and sign at entrance to Stalvey Cemetery and the crew that cleaned the cemetery on Feb 20, 2010.



Left and Bottom: Matthew Page and Commander Terry Carter read some of the life history of Gen. Robert E. Lee to the 1st grade at Aynor Elem. School on Feb 19,, 2010

Litchfield Camp #132
Members of the Guardian Program

- Edward Altman (W)
- Jamie Graham (W)
- Eddie Pippin
- Robert Scarborough
- Johnny Sessions
- Ed Thompson (W)**
- Ken Thrasher (W)**
- Ricky Todd
- Guardians Pro Tem**
- Terry Carter
- Rusty Richardson

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The next will be Meeting March 16, 2009 , **Dinner , starting at 6pm with the Meeting starting at 7 pm** at Watson's Funeral Home 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC. Our guest speaker will be Carl Potter, the State Division Quartermaster. Carl will be speaking on fundraising projects for the Camps and for the State Division. We will have a BBQ dinner from Rad Dew's Bbq with sweet tater casserole, cole slaw and nanar pudding.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup

Saturday March 20, 2010 at 9am. Meet Mr. O'Kelley on El Bethel Rd at Hwy 378. 5 members have already volunteered to help, the more members helping the less time it takes to cleanup El Bethel R from Hwy 378 to Hwy 501. Wear heavy shoes or boots and bring gloves. Mr. O'Kelley will have the safety vests and trash bags.



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