

Litchfield Independent

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New markers placed on forgotten Confederate soldier's graves at Pauley Swamp Church and Moore's Cemetery. They are not forgotten men.

"LEST WE FORGET"

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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Commander's Corner

Often I have thought how it would be to have served under the genius, Forrest. When studying the "Wizard of the Saddle", without fail I try to convince myself that this man, I would follow to the very gates of Hades. I keep trying to assure myself that "Devil Forrest" would find in me a very capable and willing soldier and eventually I realize how foolish I am to make those claims on this side of history.

In Columbia on Saturday while marching the last little bit on Main with the Soldier's Monument in full view I glanced about 9:00 and low and behold there stood a longtime friend from Conway who happened to be there in a landscaping capacity. He later shared with his father who was a few blocks away that he had seen me. In seeing the father at church the next day, he shared with me that he said to his son, "Oh yea, Terry's 'into it' big time".

Into it, what does that mean? Will somebody tell me what exactly is its meaning? You know how articulate and proper folks once were. It seems to me that it's a lost art these days, especially with young people and for that matter a lost cause as well.

Let's assume for a moment that a young person of our century was a fly on the wall in the Commander-in-Chief's tent at Missionary Ridge where Bedford Forrest tore into Braxton Bragg. This is an historic event told by the absolutely reliable chief surgeon, Dr. Cowan. Perhaps this is how it would have been reported by the youth.

We rolled together but the General was unusually quiet. I didn't know what was up w/ dat. I knew he was trippin' about sumthin'. The look on his face was mad ill. I had no clue the Brigadier wrote and sent before our arrival a wrathful letter. Was also clueless on the purpose of our visit. We passed the dude in the suit in front of Braggie's crib and paid no mind to his salute. We went up in General Bragg's crib; he was flying solo. The officer got up, said "wassup" and tried to give Ole Bedford dap, but he wasn't having it.

Forrest said, Yo, civilities I have none, I'm here on business. You been disrespecting me since Shiloh. You just mad cause I told Richmond nothing but truth, while you spit lies plenteous. You took what was mine in Kentucky and gave it to one of your hommies. Then you drove me into west Tennessee in the winter of '62 with men I raised up and taught that were lackin' on the ammo. You tried playin' me to ruin what I built for my career. I still came back at it with my boys, who came loaded and ready. You still tryin' to disrespect. S'all good if only you'd give me props. Big up to me for bringing this second brigade who got nothing but love for doing their thing. You still tryin' to take my boys. I'm just sayin'.

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MARCH Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's meeting on April 20, at Watson's Funeral home in Conway. Commander Carter opened the meeting by greeting everyone after a meal of baked ham, tater salad, beans, chicken bog and desserts furnished by Paul Gause & Priscilla Townsend. Chaplain Buster Benton delivered the invocation. Color Sgt. Jim O'Keely led the salutes and pledges to the flags. Adjutant Ken Thrasher gave the financial report and the minutes of the last meeting to the camp.

Compatriots Fred Oakes, Francis Hardee, Edward Altman and Edward Thompson were presented the SCV War Service Medals. Mr. Hardee served in Europe during WW II, Mr. Oakes during the Korean War, and Edward Altman & Edward Thompson served during the Viet Nam war.

Past Commander Thrasher presented Past Adjutant Dotson Owen with a Past Adjutant medal for his service to the Camp as Adjutant.

The Camp voted to have a funnel cake booth as well as a recruiting booth at the Loris Bog off this year.

Van Horton was inducted into the Camp and applications were tendered for 3 new memberships.

We had 23 members present, 2 visitors, and 14 ladies present.

The meeting was adjourned by the Camp singing our National Anthem "Dixie".

Chaplain's Message

April 2010 is now history for all of us. May is now here. (Happy Mother's Day to all of our ladies who are mothers)

Lest we forget our Tuesday night meeting on May 18 at Darlin Lake. It too, reminds us of history past as we reflect back in time and let our minds wonder into our heritage and also think of our future, the days ahead. It is at this meeting, we will be celebrating the Memorial Day at the Hunting Club at Darlin Lake and after the meal, we Will have our business meeting. Come!, Invite! Bring a friend! Enjoy yourself!

Let us all Compatriots join in the remembrance of the past, enjoy the present, and look to the future, always remember, we as individuals, a group, etc, we are making history. In some situations, history can repeat itself. The Bible tells us that our lives are as "a tale, that is told, some are long, some are short, some dull, some interesting." What matters is who the HERO is. Who we pattern our life after.

Let's each one keep our HERO, the greatest 'COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF' who ever lived and lives on today. He will keep our life interesting as we do reflect back and press toward the future.

Joseph B Benton III
Chaplain

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.

On Saturday May 1, 2010, Litchfield Camp Members Edie Pippin, Matthew Page, Vernon Thompkins, Tony Anderson, Ken Thrasher, Terry Carter and Perry Richardson attended the UDC Service at Elmwood Cemetery and the SCV Memorial Day service at the Statehouse in Columbia. They were joined by hundreds of SCV members and families to honor the memory of our Confederate Ancestors. Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin (seen below approaching the Soldiers' Monument) carried the Camp colors from Elmwood Cemetery to the Statehouse in the parade down Main St. In Columbia and was joined in the parade by Commander Terry Carter, Tony Anderson and Matthew Page.



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**

May 8 Georgetown Memorial Day Service

May 14/15 onion pickup & delivery

May 18 7 pm Meeting and Confederate Memorial Day Dinner at Darlin Lake Hunting Club, Wildlife Ln, off Pee Dee Hwy 1.4 mile south of Hwy 378 down dirt rd. across from the cell tower. Wildlife Ln is about 8 miles from Hwy 701

May 22 11 am Brigade Executive meeting 1 pm Presentation of Flying the Flag certificate at 493 Hwy 521(just past Andrews)

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

ARE YOU A GUARDIAN OF A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S FINAL RESTING PLACE? Why not? On an overcast and sprinkling rain Saturday, April 24, Commander Terry Carter, Bobby Scarborough, Edward Altman, Paul Gause, Priscilla Townsend, Edward Thompson, Eddie Pippin, Jamie Graham, Larry Lightsey, Betty Bowling and Ken Thrasher reclaimed the gravesite of Pct. John S Thompkins & his wife Alafair. The graves are located in the middle of a sod farm on Browns Way Shortcut off Cates Bay Rd



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)**
- Tony Martin**
- Paul Gause +**
- Fred Oakes +**

W donates Wilderness Grave
+ Multiple veterans

The next will be Meeting May 18 at Darlin Lake Hunt Club. Dinner will be fried side-meat, lima beans and fried cornbread, a meal that our ancestors dined on when they could get rations during the war. Dinner and meeting starts at 7 pm. Come early if you can to help cook and socialize. Take Hwy 378 from Conway toward Lake City. At the caution light at Pee Dee Hwy turn left, go approx 1.4 mile turn right onto Wild Life Lane, Jst about across from a cell tower. Follow Wild Life Lane until it ends in the woods at the Hunt club. From Hwy 701, turn onto Pee Dee Hwy and go approx 8 miles the cell tower will be on your right, turn left onto Wild Life Lane . From Georgetown, cross the Great Pee Dee River , into Horry Co., at Yauhannah and go approx 2.3 miles and turn left onto the Pee Dee Hwy

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I have taken all I'm gonna take from you. You ain't nothing but a fool and scared. If you were half the man you thought you were I'd slap your face and force you to resent it. Don't worry 'bout me doing a thing for you now, cause it ain't happening. Alls I got to say is you better watch your back dude, cause you don't know who you messin' wit. If you ever again try to interfere or cross my way it will be at the peril of your life. I'm just sayin'.

It was widely known that General Nathan Bedford Forrest shot those of his own who covered from the fray and ran to the rear. Camp let the challenge reverberate through the ranks of Litchfield 132. Get "into it" or get out of the way.

You have made your Commander very proud. We're going places thanks to you!

Your Humble Commander

Terry Carter



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