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Bugler Dennis Fulmer plays taps at the Headstone and Cross of Honor Dedication for Pvt. John Lewis at Antioch Baptist Church after the mortar salute by the Conway Lt. Artillery

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Commander's Corner

I was first introduced to the secret of success one score years ago on a flight to New Orleans, although oblivious to it at the time. Some years later it became crystal clear, being contained in a vessel that could be held in the palm of one's hand. In that epiphenomenal moment my senses, save one were opened to its unquestionable truth. Yet on arrival in Horry County in 1990 there it was shelved on oak alongside voluminous editions of truth and fiction only to collect the dust of undiscovery. Since its unearthing I have shared my findings with Pastor and Chaplain, convention attendee, friend and foe. We shall return momentarily after chasing rabbits.

Not a few have asked the secret of our camp's success and I hesitate to share "the long version" with them. The account I most often use is the one of doing the right thing. Our ancestors, with few exceptions did the right thing, but on occasion their life in a War Between the States camp was fraught with boredom, mischief, fear, disease and death. A Confederate soldier wrote, "If there is any place on God's fair earth where wickedness 'stalketh abroad in daylight' it is in the Army."

Commanders attempted to control vice in camps, both gambling and drinking were rampant, especially after payday. Gen. Braxton Bragg concurred: "We have lost more valuable lives at the hands of whiskey sellers than by balls of our enemies." Men on both sides found ways around Army regulations as it pertained to the purchase of alcohol for enlisted men. Members of a Mississippi company got a half gallon of whiskey past camp guards by concealing it in a hollowed-out watermelon; they then buried the melon beneath the floor of their tent and drank from it with a long straw. Perchance were these Mississippians precursory to Hogan's Heroes?

First and most notably, Gen. Grant had a drinking problem and there are many documented instances of his reliance on alcohol throughout the course of the war. Joe Hooker's propensity for drink tarnished his reputation. Gen. Longstreet was known for drinking and gambling early on in the war; however, after the death of his son in late 1861, Gen. Longstreet seems to have settled down. Gen. John Bell Hood has been the subject of suspected drug use (laudanum-tincture of opium) during his service in the war. Lastly, at the Battle of the Crater by drawing lot, Union Brig. Gen. James H. Ledlie's 1st Division was selected to lead the assault. Not only did he fail to brief the men on what was expected of them, but he also was reported during the battle to be drunk, well behind the lines, and providing no leadership.

In returning to the initial point it was a mini bottle given to me by the stewardess on that flight and because of the fear of becoming impaired, which some of you may contend that has indeed happened here, I have not broken the seal of that one ounce, 40% alcohol, 80 proof bottle. Grab a hold of this. Apart from Vodka success may be elusive. Yes, Smirnoff or more specifically and seriously a principle of that company is the reason we may excel in any given endeavor. Smirnoff was introduced in the U.S. in southern Ca. in the 1950's. Sales were dismal, ranking near the bottom of distilled liquor companies. Americans associated Smirnoff as being a foreign drink, alien and Russian to boot. After several attempts by ad agencies to boost sales, finally the 6th one studied, and looked for something distinct and unique about the product. A copywriter found that after drinking Smirnoff it couldn't be detected on the breath. The ad campaign was twofold; it takes your breath away and it leaves you breathless. From 1954 to 1956 sales went from \$19 million to over \$100 million and they soared to #2 in the distilled liquor companies in the world. Why? It's because they found a unique selling feature.

So it is with Litchfield 132 and the entire Confederacy; we must not fall into the rut of doing things the way we've always done them, lest we expect the results we've always gotten. (study assignment-Luke 16:1-15)

Proud to lead, humble to follow,

Terry

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting was held at Watson's Funeral Home. Our newest members Bob and Joe Hood prepared a meal of Top Lion, mashed potatoes, green beans and slaw, with the aide of Fred & Natalie Oakes & Eddie & Ginger Pippin. Commander Carter called the meeting to order, Chaplain Benton gave the invocation, and Color Sgt. O'Kelley led us in the salutes & pledges to the flags. The visitors were welcomed. Commander Carter inducted our 7 newest members and 1 cadet into the Camp. Adj. Thrasher gave the financial report and reminded all that we will have a tent on Sept. 18 at the Aynor Hoe Down and that embers were needed to man it, during the day. Commander Carter and the 8 Members that presented the Hunley JROTC award, gave a report of all 8 awards presented, with the aid of a replica crankshaft of the Hunley, by light of a period candle lantern. We had 35 members and 12 guests present, 7 of the guests were from the Pee Dee Rifles Camp in Florence, for a total of 47 present for the meeting. The meeting concluded with Compatriot Bob Gray leading all in the Confederate National Anthem "Dixie".



Scenes from the Cross of Honor and new headstone dedication for John Lewis at the Antioch Baptist Church near Aynor on Aug 14

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

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

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

September 21 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm Speaker Johnny Sessions Causes of the Secession

October 16 Loris Bog off set up 2 tents 6:30 am Recruiting & Funnel Cakes

October 19 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7pm Guest speaker Jack Marlar— topic Slavery was not the cause of the war

Nov 6 David Keller Cemetery Challenge Herrington Family Cemetery Old Stage Rd, Mullins SC north of Hwy 917 time to be announced

November 16 Dinner 6 pm Meeting 7 pm

December 21 Christmas Dinner Family members welcome

Jan. 22 7th Brigade Lee/ Jackson Dinner 11 am-2 pm in Latta, Sc hosted by the Stackhouse Camp

Chaplin's Report

Fellow Compatriots of Litchfield 132, I bring to each of you and your families—Greetings.

It is my wish that each of you could have been with those of us, that participated at the 3 services on August 14, 2010. It was such a delight to see those 3 families, the Lewis', the Prince's and the Martin's know that their family member had not been forgotten. That is just like God, He never forgets us. He cares for u, each and every of us. The Bible tells us that the very hairs upon our head are numbered and He knows when a sparrow falls to the ground. We were created in God's image and His likeness.

Remember, that our last meeting the Hunley reports were give. Each of the 8 men, who presented an award was given the opportunity to give a report of the presentation he made, at the various schools in Horry County. Also, Commander Carter had a "crank" system made up of pvc pipe by Larry Lightsey, and each of the 8 represented the 8 men of the Hunley crew. They gave biographical sketches of the 8 men, that were on the Hunley. (Please take note of the number 8 used 3 times) It was the 8 people spared, when God destroyed the world, the first time. Genesis, the 1st book in the Bible records the story of the flood and the world being destroyed. Noah, his wife, their 3 sons, and their wives(8 people total) were spared. The number 8 in scriptures represent the grace of God.

Relating to this, over in the book of Matthew, 1st book in the New Testament, Jesus, Himself refers to Noah, in the 24th chapter verse 37. " But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of ma be." Yes, all the things mentioned have been previous— eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, but it is more known today because of tv, radios, newspapers, internet, etc. Before the War between the States, there were problems in families, but strife became ever the more, brother against brother, family against family, etc. They, the people, ate, drank, married, as today, but as noted, news of that natured was never noted. Today, it is brother against brother, family against brother, etc. God is NOT the author of confusion, but of love, peace and tranquility. Let us all look to him, the author and finisher of our faith.

Chaplain Joseph Benton

Facts of the War

3 of Mary Todd Lincoln's brothers died in service to the Confederacy

Stonewall Jackson's cousin, Major Gen. William I Jackson, also had a nickname _____ Mudwall.

Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest had some 30 horses shot out from under him. At the war's conclusion, he was a founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mary & Molly Bell served 2 years with Jubal Early under the names Tom Parker & Bob Martin before being discovered as women in 1864.

Ellen Goodridge fought beside her husband for 3 years.

Join the Guardian Program!

Help keep the graves of the Confederate soldiers alive for the future. Become a Guardian of a Confederate Soldier's final resting place.

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****Olin Martin****Paul Gause +****Wilton Prince****Fred Oakes +****Bob Hood****Joe Hood****Bob Gray +****Jim O'Kelley +****James Parker****Jarame Parker**

W donates Wilderness Grave

+ Multiple veterans

Lt. Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Let's make every 3rd Tuesday Family Night. We have been trying to start a program for the whole family. For the ladies, led by Betty Bowling, you have the OCR, lineage not required to join. The ladies are looking to start a rose bud group for the young girls. If you are willing to help contact Betty Bowling. For the young men, they can join the SCV as a Cadet, provided they have a Confederate ancestor. See Commander Terry Carter for the paperwork.

We will be needing help for the upcoming recruiting & fundraisers at the Aynor Hoe down & Loris Bog Off. Hope to see you there.

Lt. Commander Eddie Pippin

Aynor Hoe Down Saturday Sept 18

Litchfield 132 will have a Recruiting & fund raising tent in the small park at the Aynor Hoedown. Set up of the tent will be around 6:30 am, and we will be able to take down everything around 5 pm. I will be there all day, At least 4 compatriots are needed to help set up in the morning & 4 to help pack up in the afternoon, as well as compatriots to help meet the public and sell goods during the day. Last year we had a very successful fund raising at Aynor, and we have gained members, by informing the public of Who We Are and What We Do. So come on out and help get our message out and Support the Camp.

Ken Thrasher**Camp Quartermaster**



Scenes from the Cross of Honor dedication for Cornelious Price at the Rogers Cemetery near Aynor on Aug 14



Scenes from the Cross of Honor dedication for Hugh Rogers at the Rehobeth Methodist Church near Aynor on Aug. 14. Above, family members hold the sword of Pvt. Hugh R. Rogers

The next will be Meeting Sept 21 at Watson's Funeral home. Dinner will be at 6 pm, meeting will start at 7 pm. Plan to attend and bring a like minded friend, if you can. Compatriot Johnny Sessions will be speaking on " Causes of the Secession"

Highway Clean up Sept 11 9am

The 3rd quarter highway cleanup will be on Saturday, September 11. Meet Mr. O'Kelley on El Bethel Rd at Hwy 378 at 9 am. He will have the bags & vests . In July , 14 Compatriots took part in the Cleanup.



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