

# Litchfield Independent

APRIL 2010



On Saturday, March 20, 2010, Blake Anderson, Tony Anderson, Terry Carter, Jamie Graham, Eddie Pippin, Bob Gray & Jim O'Kelley spent part of the morning collecting 23 bags of trash on El Bethel Road outside Conway. This is just one of our Community oriented projects that we do each year. Maybe next time, we **CAN** have a better turnout for the pick up.

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.

## CAMP LEADERSHIP

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### PALMETTO GUARD MEMBERS

Johnny Creel  
 Ted Gragg  
 Ed Thompson  
 Ken Thrasher

### Commander's Corner

Compatriots we have now gladly extracted ourselves from the throes of Winter and set our sights on the season of Spring, whereby our optimism is renewed. Let us thus break winter camp and abandon the lethargy that so easily besets us when in the state of dormancy. Men the campaign of activity awaits those who have shod themselves with a spirit of expectancy. For what, you must ask? Tis our make up to battle, strive and contend for that which is just and honorable. Join me if you will in revival and revolution to commit ourselves anew in keeping the Charge.

My first quarter as your commander has afforded me the privilege of my first Lee/Jackson, first State Convention, a television interview, an induction ceremony, a training session and visits to three other 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade camps, to name a few. It's still early to be evaluating our progress, but in an attempt to become the best camp in the 7<sup>th</sup> we must press forward with an occasional glance at the past.

Not a couple, not a few, not a handful, not a half-dozen, not two handfuls, but twelve men from Litchfield Camp 132 attended the SCV State Convention in Florence on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The camp won an individual award (2<sup>nd</sup> place-electronic newsletter) and a brigade award (1<sup>st</sup> place-David Keller Cemetery Challenge). Past Commander and newly elected 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Thrasher won the much coveted Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award. I believe we were bested in attendance only by the Camden Camp. Well done! You have won first place in my heart as the finest camp in the state. We'll not stop until that designation is acknowledged statewide.

There are, however a few gaps in Y our line, ones that can ill-afford to be. You see the enemy is a f O rmidable foe and seeks with stealth and ingenuity to weaken the resolve yo U have to reach and meet the objective. We can battle without you, but a R en't you needed here in the ranks with your brothers? We bend, flex A nd are stressed to a point that I fear will break us, then you come a N d take your rightful place alongside. The void shall be filled, we over C ome because you have joined the fray and thus victory becomes a r E alization. When the roll is called we need you to be present. I am mo S t vulnerable when by myself, but with you on my right, I'm streng T hened. I glance by the left flank and find you in place, there's my comf O rt. No doubt ahead of me my fellow warrior is steadily positioned. I ma R ch in the shadow of one who has my back. Who shall go when summoned? S urely your ancestors have answered the call. So shall you.

Your servant,  
 Terry Carter

MARCH Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's meeting on March 16, at Watson's Funeral home in Conway. Commander Carter opened the meeting by greeting everyone after a fine meal of BBQ, chicken bog, sweet tater casserole and dessert from Rad Dews BBQ. . Chaplain Buster Benton delivered the invocation. Color Sgt. Jim O'keely lad the salutes and pledges to the flags. Greeter Tony Anderson welcomed our many visitors. Adjutant Ken Thrasher gave the financial report and the minutes of the last meeting to the camp. Guardian director Jamie Graham gave a new update on placing flags and urged all to become Guardians.

Color Sgt. O'Kelley presented Jamie Graham with the SCV War Service medal. Commander Carter inducted Chris Miller & Paul Gause into the ranks of Litchfield 132 & the SCV.

Members were reminded of our upcoming Confederate Memorial Day service on April 17 at 12 noon at the County Courthouse in Conway. Past Division Chaplain Ed Westbury will be our guest speaker. Plan on coming and bringing friends. Everyone that would like to help set up the Courthouse grounds, be there by 11 am.

Our speaker was the Division Quartermaster, Carl Potter, a native born son of Conway.. Carl had several period pistols and other items that the Division is selling to raise monies for the sesquicentennial. Carl also spoke on other ways that camps raise money.

We had 48 people present for the meeting, 13 of them were visitors and 6 of the visitors turned in applications to become members.

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

Chaplain's Message

Easter is among us! It is at this time of year, we celebrate the death, burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. I trust that each of you, my fellow compatriots, will have a blessed Eater with family. Friends and neighbors. Always remember, the Apostle Paul wrote, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." I Corinthians 15:19

Joseph "Buster" 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](mailto: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.



Lieutenant Henry Lee Buck at 16, later Captain of A Company, 26th South Carolina Regiment (Volunteers), Army of the Confederate States of America. (See page 11)

This is a photo of Lt Henry Buck at 16 years old and a Lt in Co. A 9th Battalion, SC Infantry (Smith's) (Pee Dee Legion), CSA. He served under the command of my Great Great Grandfather 1st Lt Joseph F Thompson, who later resigned when the 9th Battalion was reorganized into the 26th SC Infantry Regiment. Lt Henry Buck was promoted to 1st Lt and later as Captain of Co A, 26th Infantry Regiment. The community of Bucksport got its name from the Buck family, who were prominent members of the community.

Ed Thompson

As Past Commander of Litchfield 132, I offer the following challenge. I will pay a bounty of \$200, in the form of a Division Life membership, to the first member of Litchfield 132 that recruits 10 new active members, between now and November 30, 2010.

Ken Thrasher  
Past Commander

### 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**

- April 17 Saturday 12 Noon Confederate Memorial Day Service Horry County Courthouse Members needed at 10:30 am to assist in setting up**
- April 20 dinner at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm**
- April 25 3 pm Latta Memorial Day Service**
- May 1 Division Memorial Day service Elmwood Cemetery 9am and then onto the State House grounds Columbia, SC**
- 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**
- June 15 dinner at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm**



Jamie Graham receiving the War Service Medal from Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley



Greeter Tony Anderson with his new cash box, courtesy of Henry Altman, Tommy Herring & Edward Altman

Right top: New members Chris Miller and Paul Gause with Commander Terry Carter after being inducted as members.

Bottom: Division Quartermaster Carl Potter showing one of the pistols the Division is selling.



**Litchfield Camp #132**

**Members of the Guardian Program**

Edward Altman (W)

Terry Carter

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)**

**Bill Martin**

W donates Wilderness Guardian

+ Multiple veterans





Past Commander Johnny Sessions carrying Litchfield's Colors into the Convention to be posted. On Right: Commander Terry Carter with the 2nd place electronic newsletter award.



Our newest Guardians being pinned at the State Convention. Jamie Graham on the left and Commander Terry Carter to the right.

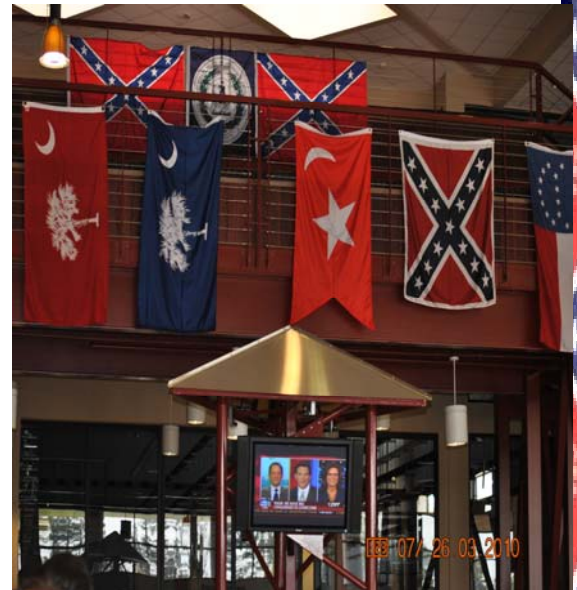
Bottom: Members of Litchfield 132 that were present at the Convention. Compatriot Edward Altman had already departed





Left: Past Commander Ken Thrasher being presented the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award by Division Commander Randy Burbage.

Below: Members of the 7th Brigade receiving the 1st place award in the David Keller Cemetery Challenge.



The next will be Meeting April 20, 2009 , **Dinner , starting at 6pm with the Meeting starting at 7 pm** at Watson's Funeral Home 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC. .

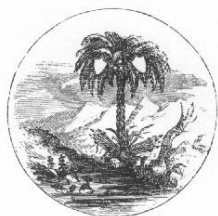


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