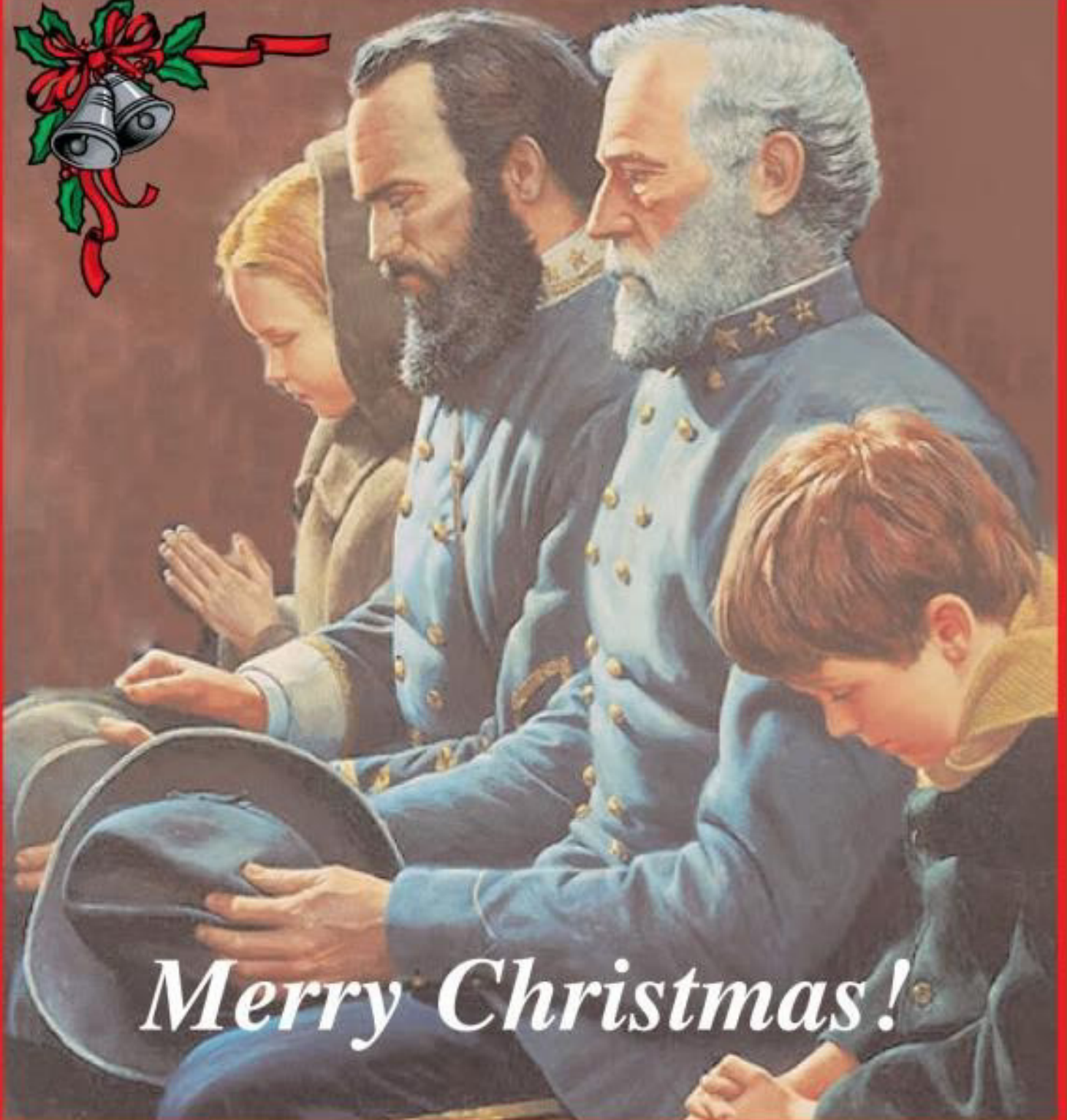




DECEMBER 2011

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT

*In Honor of
Brothers Major
George Litchfield
and Captain
John Litchfield*



Merry Christmas!

Don't forget....



Our CHRISTMAS PARTY is on Tuesday night December 20th - 6 PM, at Watson's Funeral Home, 2300 Hwy 378, Conway. Our menu will be BBQ, Chicken Bog, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, 2 Desserts, along with Tea and sodas. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. There will be numerous items there for a silent auction. We have Ronnie Roach visiting as our guest speaker. We also will have a Camp Awards Ceremony. Please RSVP to Litchfield0132@aol.com or Jamie Graham @ 254-7320.

2nd Annual Turkey Shoot **November 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th**

TURKEY SHOOT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS 6:PM

**HOSTED BY:
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
LITCHFIELD CAMP #132**

WWW.SCVI32.ORG

The Turkey Shoot was a great success. Lots of hard work, great fellowship and fun. A special thanks to Compatriot Dennis Fulmer for the use of his farm.



Lisa , Ken , and John helping to get set up and ready.



John, Paul, Ken, Bobby and Dean trying to warm up.
Who's the tallest?



Debra, Dean, Paul, and Larry. What are they doing?



It was a Kodak moment



Just Clowning around



Our OCR set up and ready

COMMANDERS COLUMN

Greetings Compatriots and Ladies,

My goodness, what a year it has been. Litchfield Camp 0132 is the Army of Northern Virginia's Camp Of The Year because of you. The work we did last year made us camp of the year in the South Carolina SCV Division. The work that you Gentlemen and Ladies have done this year has certainly put us in the lead for camp of the year again. The team work that this camp displays is admirable and most commendable. I wish to thank you all and applaud you for your efforts and accomplishments. You are all well deserving.

As the year winds down we have only a couple of chores left for 2011. This Saturday morning we will be at a small family cemetery to clean it up. Brinson Family Cemetery is a small cemetery in the edge of a field that time has taken its toll on. The following week end we will have a small re-dedication ceremony for the family. Hopefully we can bring the dignity and honor back to Pvt. John Hardy Brinson's final resting place.

I want all of you to stop for a moment and remember what we are truly about. We have worked functions all year to help support our cause. We hoist our flags high to be seen, and we speak loudly to be heard. Our cause.... We must always remember that our charge tells us what our mission is. "Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations." As Sons Of Confederate Veterans, daughters and supporters we have a duty to preserve our history. These small little cemeteries are the final resting places of our heroes. I am so proud when I pass by a forgotten cemetery that has been brought back from the brink of destruction. When I see a Southern Cross Of Honor placed, a Confederate flag fluttering in the breeze, I know we have been there. So do our communities, and our children. Our fore fathers are proud. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas party. There will be a great speaker, great fellowship, and the Camp Awards ceremony. Remember our Charge and keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. May God bless and keep you all in his grace. Deo Vindice!

They Shall Not Be Forgotten,

Jamie Graham
Commander



LEADING THE CHARGE BY EXAMPLE *Deo Vindice*

CAMP OFFICERS:

Commander:
Jamie Graham 254-7320

Lieutenant Commander
Paul Gause 241-0250

2nd Lieutenant:
Bobby Scarborough 457-8600

Adjutant:
Keith Edwards 254-9941

PAST COMMANDERS:

Terry Carter
Johnny Sessions
Ricky Todd
Ken Thrasher

OCR OFFICERS:

President: Lisa Graham
Vice Pres: Priscilla Gause
Secretary: Debra Edwards
Treasurer: Myrtle Owen

LEADERSHIP:

Chaplain: Vernon Thompkins
Color Sergeant: Paul Gause
Historian: Keith Edwards
Greeter: Glen Tyler
Adopt-a-Hwy: Vernon Thompkins
Member Retention: E. K. Altman
Aide-de-Camp: Ed Thompson
Judge Advocate: Ricky Todd
Quartermaster: Dean Lewis
Web Master: Jamie Graham
Genealogist: Jamie Graham
Newsletter: Jamie Graham
Guardian Program: Bobby Scarborough

Lt. Commander's Report

Greetings Gentlemen,

What a year it has been for Litchfield, I applaud you all who have worked hard to maintain the momentum as camp of the year for the Army of Northern Virginia. It is because of your dedication to attend meetings, service projects, fund raisers, and grave guardianship that we are able to achieve these accolades. Men, let us come together this month and celebrate our accomplishments of the last year service. This month's meeting we have a great guest speaker who will fill your heart with pride to be a Son of a Confederate Veteran.

Merry Christmas to ALL!

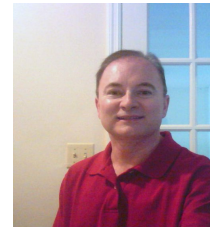
Paul Gause



ADJUTANT'S REPORT

We now have a total of 99 members. This includes 5 life members, 4 cadets, 1 associate member & 88 regular members. We still have about 20 that have not yet renewed & that gives us about 78 members in good standing. If you have not renewed please see me at the next meeting or mail your renewal to Litchfield Camp 132, 426 Bethel Drive, Conway, SC, 29526. The amount will be \$65. per member, cadets pay \$10. & associate members pay \$15. At our November 15, 2011 meeting we had 24 members present, 12 guests & 5 Order of Confederate Rose members. Mr. Jack Marlar was the guest speaker. The Outer Limits Restaurant catered the meal. It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since you elected me as your adjutant. I have enjoyed serving in this capacity & now am also serving as the camp historian. If anyone has any history of this camp in writing please let me know. Thanks! *Don't forget to bring someone with you to the next meeting which will be December 20, 2011 (Christmas Party).

For the Cause,
Keith Edwards
Adjutant & Camp Historian
Litchfield Camp 132



Quartermaster Report

Have you ever wondered why go to a SCV meeting? The most profound reason I've found is the reverence that honors our Southern Ancestor's Heritage. It's beneficial to teach our children the legacy that our ancestors' fought so hard to preserve. It's been a great honor for the past year being Litchfield Camp 132 Quartermaster. It's been a successful year for our camp; the fellowship, and memories will last a life time. The act of obedience to our pledge for Litchfield Camp 132 is restoring our ancestor's history, and to preserve our ancestor's graves. To educate the public and help raise money for our camp has been an honor and has made me proud to be part of our organization. With us meeting on a regular monthly basis it serves us as a reminder of our Heritage and it leads to ways to help promote a successful fund raiser. We need to show everybody that we are believers in our ancestor's past struggles and we are here to help face today's issues and preserve it at all cost. Because we are believers of our Heritage and we need to reflect on the past and see it as a small part of the journey of life. Therefore, we need our camp member's to help make it through tough times and arise to the cause of helping raise money for our camp. To all that attended; helped through out the year I sincerely thank you. A Special thanks to Mr. Dennis for the use of the land, lights, and etc. and to Absolute Pest Control for their unforgettable donation and sponsoring the Turkey Shoot. In conclusion; the value of a man resides in what he gives and not what he is capable of receiving. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Deo Vindice
Dean Lewis



Guardian Report 2nd Lt. Bobby Scarborough

As of 28 November 2011, referencing Mr. Ed's numbers, we have:
 676 Soldiers accounted for in Horry County
 97 being guarded by compatriots in Litchfield 0132
 43 being guarded by Rough & Readys 1026
 24 applications pending
 512 Soldiers awaiting entry into the program*
 165 Cemeteries containing Confederate Soldiers
 65 with Guardians & Guardian Pro tems tending graves
 99 Cemeteries remaining to be brought into the program*

A special effort is being made to have all of the cemeteries with Confederate Soldiers in Horry County brought into the Guardian Program. Please check out the maps marked with the locations of these cemeteries and locate one in your area that YOU could assist with. We are currently looking for someone to take over the Guardianship of Pvt. William J. Sessions. Pvt. Sessions is a former High Sheriff of Horry County and is at Sessions Cemetery on Norris Road between Creek Dr. and Still Pond Rd. (Four Mile area.) His current guardian is having to relinquish his duties The grave is marked with a veterans marker and a cross of honor. Anyone interested please contact me and we'll make the arrangements. Call me or see me at the meetings with any questions & we'll find the answers.

b.Scarborough 843-457-8600



Palmetto Guard:

Ed Thompson
Jamie Graham
Terry Carter



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.

GUARDIAN PROGRAM



SC Division Guardians

Edward Altman (W)
Henry Altman (W)
Terry Carter (W)
Jamie Graham (W)(X)
Olin L. Martin, Jr.
Roger Montgomery (W)
Rusty Richardson (X)
Robert Scarborough
Johnny Sessions
Ed Thompson (W)
Ricky Todd
Glen Tyler

Guardians Pro Tem

Tony B. Anderson
Leo Cooper
Larry Davis
Jeff Edwards
Keith Edwards
David Fair
Paul Gause
Steven Graham
Joe Hood
Wilbur Huggins
Jonathan Hyman
Dean Lewis
Larry Lightsey (W)(X)
Anthony Martin
Steve Maupin
James O'Kelley
James Parker
Jarame Parker
Wilton M. Prince
Vernon Thompkins
Chris Tyler (W)

National Guardians

Jamie Graham
Robert Scarborough

(W) Wilderness Guardian
 (X) Guardian outside our County

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Greetings Brothers & Compatriots,
I come to you in the name of Jesus, to say if you need me, you need prayer, or if you are sick. I'll never know if you don't let me know. If don't have a home church, I would like to invite you to come to Soul's Harbor Ministry Church. It is on Hwy. 378 about three west miles of Conway. Our Pastor is Paul Thompkins.

Prayer needs

Pensa Cola Martin	Tony Anderson and family
Charles Page	Lanny Anderson and family
Ed Thompson	Tinky and Martha Altman
Jim O'Kelley	J.C. Graham & Annie Graham
Herman Hillburn	Buster & Doris Benton
Bobby Hill	Jeff Edwards and Family
Gene Elliott	Bill and Isla Anderson



Vernon E. Thompkins
Chaplain
Litchfield 132

OCR NEWS

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE HELP WITH THE TURKEY SHOOT. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. OUR COOKBOOKS ARE SELLING VERY WELL, HOWEVER WE STILL HAVE A FEW LEFT. WE WILL HAVE THEM AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO BUY ONE.. LADY'S WE WILL BE DECORATING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 20TH , SO PLEASE BRING YOUR DECORATIONS AT 1PM. ANYONE WHO CAN HELP WITH SET UP PLEASE BE AT WATSONS AT 1PM.

THANK YOU
LISA GRAHAM



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * December 3 2011 Brinson Family Cemetery clean up @ 8AM
- * December 10 2011 Brinson Family Cemetery Re Dedication Service @ 11 AM
- * December 20 2011 Christmas Party @ Watsons Funeral Home

Next Year - 2012

- * Jan 17 2012 Meeting @ Watsons Funeral Home 6:30 PM - Bring a friend !
- * Jan 21 2012 The 7th Brigade Lee Jackson Banquet - 6:00 PM at Gapway Baptist Church in the Christian Life Center. The Church is located at 2305 South Hwy 41, Mullins, SC. 29574 (3 miles south of Mullins).
- * Feb 4 2012 Leadership School Saluda Park, Columbia SC 8 am
- * Feb 17 & 18 2012 Confederate living history encampment- Long Bay Rd off Hwy 90
- * March 23 & 24 2012 State Convention NMB- registration forms are available on our website @ www.scv132.org
- * April 21 2012 Confederate Memorial Day - Horry County Courthouse
- * April 29 2012 Confederate Memorial Day Observance at Socastee Methodist Church @ 3 pm . Refreshments on the grounds afterwards
- * May 5 2012 Division Confederate Memorial Day Service , Columbia, SC

7TH BRIGADE LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

The 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet will be held on Saturday January 21st, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Gapway Baptist Church in the Christian Life Center. The Church is located at 2305 South Hwy 41, Mullins, SC. 29574 (3 miles south of Mullins).

The menu for the banquet will be fried chicken, chicken bog, sliced boneless pork loin, string beans, Sweet peas, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, rolls and tea, and there will also be a choice of 3 deserts.

The costs for the banquet is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple, registrations need to be sent to R. Jeff Johnson, 402 North Nichols Street, Nichols, SC 29581. We would like to have everyone who will be attending registered by January 16th so we can give the restaurant a number to prepare for.

The speaker for the evening will be ANV Councilman Eugene G. Hogan II.



THE LAST MEETING

Confederate Living History Encampment

(February 17 & 18 of 2012 , Long Bay Rd off Hwy 90)



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March 23rd and 24th 2012

Ocean Front Rooms for \$69.00 plus tax per night, and Ocean Front Suites for \$84.00 plus tax per night. We will be having a Seafood Supper Friday night, Saturday Prayer Breakfast, and a Southern Style Saturday Luncheon. Visit our website www.scv132.org to download the Convention Registration Form, Ancestor Memorial Form, and Program Advertisement form. We are looking forward to a big crowd, and a great time.



A SOLDIER'S STORY FROM CHRISTMAS PAST

Photograph - Bill Yopp

May God bless the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who defend our freedom. This Christmas story is dedicated to all who sacrifice their comfort to help keep us free. Christmas was once a wonderful time for celebrating with family, friends and supper at Grandma's house. Grandpa would gather the children around the fire place and tell them the story of Jesus Christ who was born on Christmas Day. Grandma would make ginger bread cookies for the young folks as daddy brought the Christmas tree in the family room for decorating. Mother would lead us in the singing of 'Silent Night—Holy Night' as the Christmas star of Bethlehem was placed on top of the tree. Some people, now, call it a 'holiday.' People stand in line at malls, after Thanksgiving, then rush through the doors to buy, buy and buy some more. Is this Christmas? Partly, but this story is about the true meaning of Christmas. The year was 1919, one year after the end of World War I, and the people of Atlanta, Georgia were celebrating the Christmas Season. Many people attended Church or Synagogue and gave thanks to God for his many blessings. Folks, while shopping, were uplifted by sweet sounds of Christmas music played by the Salvation Army Band. There was a friendly and charitable atmosphere during this time of the year. There were, however, some who were not as fortunate! The aging veterans, in the Confederate Soldier's Home, were proud men who had braved many a battle in the 1860s. One of these men was former Captain Thomas Yopp who saw such battles as that of Fredericksburg where a cannon shell burst knocked him unconscious. The man who stayed with him until he recovered was his servant who had also joined the 14th Georgia Regiment, Company H. Bill Yopp was more than a servant; he and Thomas Yopp were friends who hunted and fished together. Bill Yopp, a Black Confederate, was sympathetic to the men of Atlanta's soldiers home who had been his compatriots in arms over fifty years earlier. During the War Between the States, 1861-1865, Bill Yopp was nicknamed "Ten Cent Bill" because of the money he made shining shoes. He did this for the soldiers at a dime a shine and ended up with more money than most of his comrades. These men, also, cared for him when he was sick. During the Christmas of 1919, Bill wanted to pay back the kindness that was shown to him. He caught a train from Atlanta to Macon, where he was offered help from the editor of a local newspaper [The Macon Telegraph]. He then caught a train to Savannah to raise Christmas money for the old veterans. Bill met many generous people on his trip. Just weeks before the Christmas of 1919, he had raised the money and Georgia's Governor Hugh Dorsey helped him distribute envelopes of three dollars to each veteran. That was a lot of money in those days. The old Confederates were speechless. Tears were shed because of Bill Yopp's good heart and kind deed. Many of these men had little or nothing. Bill was invited to come into the home's Chapel and say a few words. Bill Yopp was later presented a medal of appreciation for his support of the old soldiers and also voted in as a resident of the Confederate Soldier's Home. Bill died on June 3, 1936, the 128th birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He was buried at Marietta, Georgia's Confederate Cemetery with his compatriots. The Confederate Soldier's Home was located at 401 Confederate Ave., in Atlanta, Georgia. Christmas is about love, forgiveness, old friends, family and the Child who became a savior. Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Jesus!!