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Above: Mort Kunstler's "Merry Christmas General Lee"

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### Commander's Corner

Greetings Members of Litchfield 132 & Compatriots,

Halloween and Thanksgiving is now memories for this year. The Christmas Season is now upon us. Let us not forget the true meaning of the season and give thanks to the Lord for our bountiful good fortunes and our lives. This year, Edward Altman and Ed Thompson came up with the idea to give back to the community to the needy folks, 5 of us presented food baskets the Monday before Thanksgiving to 2 families. More on this in the newsletter.

At the December meeting, I will be ceding the office of Commander of Litchfield 132 to our newly elected Commander Terry Carter. Terry has been an outstanding member and asset to the Camp, since he returned to our ranks. I urge all members to support him & the Camp, as you have supported the Camp under my leadership the last 5 years. The camp has achieved beyond my wildest hopes in our endeavors in the community and the projects that we have started.

Just a reminder, our Camp is hosting the 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan. 16, 2010 at 6 pm at the Springmaid Resort. We have to have a head count by Jan 4, for the resort staff to make final arrangements for the meal. The cost is \$30 per person and you can stay the night for \$59 plus tax, just inform the desk when making reservations that you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Registration forms can be found at our website, [www.scv132.org](http://www.scv132.org). I will have some forms at our December meeting for anyone interested.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas party. Richard's is catering again with BBQ and Chicken Bog. Please contact me at 293-4082 or [kt007@sccoast.net](mailto:kt007@sccoast.net) before Dec. 8. Richard needs a head count so he will have enough food prepared. The cost is \$10 per person.

In closing for the last time as Commander, let me say that I have enjoyed the trials and tribulations of the past 5 years as your Commander. Together, we have accomplished many things and I am proud to say that I belong to one of the best Camps in the Confederation. I will continue to support the Camp and the Cause in the future and look forward to our Camp becoming the premier Camp in the State. Let's keep working together and strive to keep Litchfield in the front as we start a new year. Thank You Compatriots for letting me be you Commander.

Keeping the colors unfurled,

Ken Thrasher

Commander Litchfield 132

## November Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's November meeting on November 17 at Watson's Funeral Home in Conway, Ken Thrasher prepared a meal of chili beans, must have been good, as none was left. After everyone had dinner, the meeting started at 7 pm.

Commander Thrasher opened the meeting by greeting members and guests to the meeting and reading the Charge of Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee. Chaplain Buster Benton gave the invocation and Commander Thrasher led all in the pledges and salutes.

## Business:

We discussed the December meeting and Christmas party to be held at Watson's on Dec 15 at 7 pm. Richard's is catering the dinner again at \$10 per person. The meal will be BBQ, Chicken Bog and all the trimmings.

Hwy Cleanup has moved roads to El Bethel Rd. and will be Nov. 21 at 9 am  
Chris Barnes spoke to the Camp and stated that he wished to join the Camp and was approved for membership.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan. 16, 2010 and the State Division Convention I Florence in March.

Elections were held: Terry Carter was elected as the new Commander and Eddie Pippin was elected to the Lt Commander 's post.

The meeting concluded with the singing of our National Anthem "Dixie".

We had 24 members present along with 5 guests , for a total of 29 present for the meeting.

## Adopt a Hwy results

Members of Litchfield 132 cleaned up El Bethel Rd from Hwy 378 to Hwy 501 on Nov. 21. They worked 2 1/2 hrs and picked up 32 bags of trash. Job well done men.

Roll call of Meeting

Bobby Scarborough

Ed Thompson

Ken Thrasher

Edward Altman

Henry Altman

Tony Anderson

Joseph Benton

Terry Beverly

Terry Carter

Jamie Graham

Bob Gray

Francis Hardee

Tommy Herring

Ronnie Holmes

James Holmes

Wilbur Huggins

Wendell McCracken

Fred Oakes

Eddie Pippin

Russell Richardson

Johnny Sessions

Ricky Todd

Billy Todd

Glenn Tyler

Guests

Dale Altman

Shane Altman

Danny Anderson

Blake Anderson

Chris Barnes

## 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.

**ADJUTANT'S CORNER**

Adjutant Litchfield 132nd

Compatriots

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones doing fine. As we are Entering the Holiday Season it is a time for family and friends. We all have to remember how lucky and be thankful for all gods gifts this year. Congratulations to our newly elected Camp Officials. I am sure brother Terry Carter and Eddie Pippin will do a fine job as our new Commander and 1st lieutenant. Words cant say how much our Current Commander has done for our Camp. He has helped a great deal into making what our Camp is today. He will still be a strong part of our Camp as we all know and keep our Camp name well known with the taking of his new Position. For those of you that haven't signed up for the Christmas party and want to come need to contact me or either Commander Thrasher so we can get a good head count. Again thanks for all the hard work this year for the Cause and the Camp. As of right now we have 2,136.40 in the bank. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Christmas party. Keep those in your prayers that are sick or healing.

Ronnie Holmes

Adjutant

Let us keep the sick members of our Camp and their families who are sick in our prayers. Compatriot Wilbur Huggins' wife and Compatriot Edward Altman's Wife recently lost their mothers, so say a special prayer for them.

**UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS**

**Dec 6 2 pm Southern Cross of Honor dedication for Pvt John Roberson Cooper at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hwy 544, Conway. Wear your uniform if you have one.**

**Dec.15 7 pm Meeting and Family Christmas dinner Watson's Funeral Home Cost \$10 per person**

**Jan 16, 2010 6 pm 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, Springmaid Beach resort \$30 per person**



#### GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

On Monday before Thanksgiving Ed Thompson, Edward Altman and Ken Thrasher delivered a basket for Thanksgiving dinner to Benjamin & Geraldine Small of Socastee. The basket contained a turkey, ham, assorted and a pie. The Small's were very surprised and grateful for the generosity of vegetables the members of Litchfield Camp 132.

Bobby Scarborough and Terry Carter delivered a basket identical to the one given the Small family to the Cushing family in Conway on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The Cushing's had recently fallen upon hard times and were most thankful for our efforts to insure a Thanksgiving meal for their family. Bobby & Terry went dressed in uniform and the Cushing kids were excited that the "Cowboys" had appeared at their house.

Just before Christmas, 2 more families will be selected and receive identical food baskets, so they can enjoy a wonderful meal for Christmas. This is one way that we can give back to the less fortunate among us.



#### Litchfield Camp #132

#### Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman

Eddie Pippin

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ken Thrasher

Ricky Todd

#### Guardians Pro Tem

Terry Carter

Rusty Richardson

The next will be Meeting DEC. 15, 2009 , **MEETING & CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL START AT 7 PM.** at Watson's Funeral Home 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC. **This is our Christmas dinner, cost is \$10 per person, must have head count by Dec. 8 Contact Commander Ken Thrasher at 293-4082 or kt007@scoat.net to make reservations for the dinner.** New officers will be installed and the meeting is open to all family members.



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