

# Litchfield Independent Litchfield Independent

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Let us not forget the Men of Color that fought under the banner of St Andrew for the Confederate Cause. Though the PC crowd said that Black Confederates did not exist, above is a picture of the members of the Louisiana Native Guard in 1861.

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### Commander's Corner

My message to you this month, compatriots will be one of praise, acknowledgement, encouragement and challenge. I know very well that everyone of you cannot participate in all the goings on. That's a given. So hear me loud and clear when I say that I am proud of the efforts put forth by each of you.

I'm especially proud of Past Commander Thrasher who spearheaded the Lee/Jackson Banquet effort. Ask Compatriots Scarborough, Pippin, O'Kelley, Holmes, Tyler, Foakes, Owen, Anderson, Page, Gragg or Past Commander Sessions about this amazing event. The aforementioned will agree that the standard is now set by which all following Lee/Jackson Banquets will be judged and Litchfield 132 did it.

I want to acknowledge the nineteen Compatriots and the one visitor who helped me with my first meeting as Commander in January. A special thanks to the Camp's leadership team who were all present and accountable: Eddie Pippin, Lt Commander; James O'Kelley, Color Sgt.; Buster Benton, Chaplain; Tony Anderson, Greeter; and Jamie Graham, Guardian Program Director. I'm also grateful for Glen's incredible bog and Compatriot Gray's powerful lead of "Dixie".

Along with Compatriots Gray, Huggins, and Page, I will sponsor and present the Hunley Award to Carolina Forest, Aynor, North Myrtle Beach and Green Sea High School respectively. Men please step up, as these have and take Socastee, Saint James and Lorris High.

Brothers, my challenge to you is that I expect our Camp to be not a loser this year. Runner-up is not the winner. The winning Camp in the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade again this year was Camp #859, Colonel Henry Laurens Benbow out of Manning. Their Camp is essentially the same size and makeup as ours. How did they beat us two years running? Join me, in outworking them. Come to the meetings, men. Meet me at Stalvey's Cemetery February 13<sup>th</sup>. Join me at the Convention in Florence, March 27<sup>th</sup>. I defy you to sell more onions. I summons you to become a Guardian. Recruit, retain! Hold my feet to the fire. You too, are answerable, as I am for many things, not the least of which is the accountability to our Ancestors.

Your servant,  
Terry Carter

## January Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held its January meeting Jan. 19 at Watson's Funeral Home. Compatriot Aubrey Tyler prepared another of his wonderful chicken bogs for our dinner. Commander Carter opened the meeting, Chaplain Buster Benton gave the invocation and Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led the members in the pledges and salutes to the flags. There was 19 members and 1 guest present.

Commander Carter and Bobby Scarborough told of their delivering a food basket to the family in Loris, who were very grateful for receiving it. Commander Carter told the members that we had 7 HL Hunley medals on hand to give out to deserving ROTC Cadets this year. We still need someone to sponsor St. James and Loris High Schools.

The Camp decided to clean Stalvey Cemetery, behind Silver Creek Subdivision on Hwy 707, again on Saturday, Feb 13 at 9 am. Commander Carter made the following appointments Greeter- Tony Anderson and Guardian Director- Jamie Graham. He reminded the members of the upcoming State Convention in Florence on March 27. Commander Carter went over the events of the Lee Jackson banquet that we hosted at Springmaid Beach on Jan. 16 and reported that Past Commander Thrasher was awarded the Compatriot of the Year award at the 7th Brigade. Commander Carter spoke of what a good experience, new friendships and what he learned at the State Leadership Conference in Columbia. He attended with Past Commander Ken Thrasher.

Past Commander Ken Thrasher presented the Past Commander's medal to Past Commander Johnny Sessions. He also presented a proposal to the Camp members about attempting to host the State Convention in 2012. This was voted on and passed to pursue a venue for making a proposal to the Convention Committee later this year.

Our Guest speaker was Professor Vernon Burton of Coastal Carolina University. Prof. Burton gave a good presentation on Abraham Lincoln.

The meeting was adjourned with a rousing chorus of the Confederate National Anthem "Dixie".

#### Stalvey Cemetery Cleanup Feb 13 9am

We will be cleaning the Stalvey Cemetery on Hwy 707, behind Silver Creek subdivision on Saturday Feb 13 at 9 am. Bring rakes and brush cutters. The more that participate the faster it will get done. From Socastee High school take Hwy 707 toward the back gate of the airbase. About 1 mile down 707 turn left into the subdivision just past the Socastee Station and go straight back to the end of the street. The cemetery is in the woods at about a 45 degree angle from the street end.

#### 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.

**ADJUTANT'S CORNER**

Compatriots,

I have been asked to fill in as Adjutant, due to some unfortunate events as of late. These will be addressed at a future Camp meeting. I promise to do a good job serving as our adjutant. At the present time, we are in good shape financially. We will be having some fund raising events coming up soon, so I ask all to participate, so we can get a second account opened, so that we can apply to hold a State Convention in 2012. The bank balance will no longer be posted to the newsletter, but the Camp books will be available at each meeting for all members to look at what we have taken in, and spent each month. I will have membership cards available at the meeting for members, who are current but do not have a current membership card. Just ask me at the meetings for it.

I look forward to assisting the Camp and it's in the upcoming months

For the Cause

Ken Thrasher

Adjutant

**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**

**Feb 13 9 am Cleanup Stalvey Cemetery Hwy 707 Socastee bring rakes, & Brush cutters**

**Feb 16 dinner 6 pm meeting at 7 pm**

**March 16 dinner 6 pm meeting 7 pm**

**March 27 State SCV Convention in Florence all day 8 AM-5 PM INFO AVAILABLE FRO Commander Carter**

**April 20 dinner at 6 pm meeting at 7 pm**

**May 18 7 pm Meeting and Confederate Memorial Day Dinner at Darlin Lake Hunting Club, Wildlife Ln, off Pee Dee Hwy**

PICTURES FROM THE 7TH BRIGADE LEE-JACKSON BANQUET



**Litchfield Camp #132**  
**Members of the Guardian Program**

Edward Altman (W)

Eddie Pippin

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

**Ed Thompson (W)**

Ken Thrasher (W)

Ricky Todd

**Guardians Pro Tem**

Terry Carter

Rusty Richardson

Jamie Graham

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The next will be Meeting FEBRUARY 16, 2009 , **Dinner , starting at 6pm with the Meeting starting at 7 pm** at Watson's Funeral Home 2300 Hwy 378, Conway, SC. Our guest speaker will be Carl Potter, the State Division Quartermaster. Carl will be speaking on fundraising projects for the Camps and for the State Division.

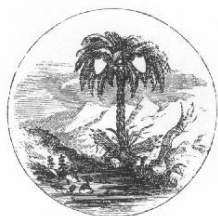


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